

or less amicably a government about
building a new dam. If we win a
lawsuit he would only get back
a dam like the old one. and it
seems foolish to me. to spend
a hundred dollars in a lawsuit,
when the hundred could be used
towards building a new concrete
dam which would be satisfactory
and what we intend to have.
A lawsuit may cost many hundreds
and in the end we would only
have an old wooden dam.
and be no better off than before.
even if we succeed at law.
Of course Peter Point would like to

John
Gibson

Birney, May 6. 14

My dear Lutzey -

We leave here for Biddeford
to-morrow. and then cross France. at about
at 10 o'clock to break the journey to Geneva
and expect to pass the summer in
Switzerland and in the Austrian Tyrol.
I wrote a long letter to you in the frontier.
and I hope you will receive it all right.
Since writing I am more than ever
convinced that an effort ought to be
made to come to some agreement
with Newton if possible. before going to
law if it is not too late. and
I am writing to urge you to see if you
can not bring about some result.

make some money but I don't see
how it is going to benefit the rest
of us. His boat house now was
in the water and he can't be working
injured in any case. Want Newton
and the State allow us to build a
new dam as proposed. if the
less water be at the expense.
If Newton gets his back up too
hard he may cause us endless
trouble. + expense to get things even
as they were before.

If a new dam is ~~not~~ ~~not~~
built this summer. and if the
ridge of rocks near the bridge
is now sticking out of water

it would be a good step towards
to have it started arising. before
the water is raised. This is
only a suggestion. I kindly
write me as often as you can
and keep me informed of
about the course of events.

Please consider what I have
said as we need a new concrete
dam. and the dam we got to
be built as soon as possible.

Without waiting for a long
contracted dam suit. With kind
regards to you and yours. Truly,
Yours sincerely

Francis P. Smith

was I could immediately my
property had been injured
as I would be unable to get
boats into it. without making
extensive alterations. I think I
had better write to Hubert Moore
and ask him to run you down
to the boat house and help
take the measurements for
of water proposed water level.
When the time comes as he knows
about the boat house and how
high the water usually comes
over the log. which raises the
front and come to the pier.
Of course in the spring when
the ice breaks up it wouldn't

make much difference if the
water did flood over the platforms
a little. if it didn't make the ice
jam against the building.
If the flood soon goes down
I hope you will let me hear from
you at once and when you get
to the lake kindly let me know
just how the lake looks and full
particulars as regarding course of the
Of course you will treat this letter
as strictly confidential. as some of
the removals are a triple personal
regarding one of them. I hope you
can build a new dam without a dam
mit as proposed. but if not go ahead
as you propose and alterations. I will
appreciate whatever you do for me.
and trust a dam can be built that will
satisfy every one regarding water level.
I am
Sincerely yours
Hubert Moore

a new dam is put up. - -
Of course some allowance
should be made for high
flood water in the spring,
but usually not over an
inch or two of water passes
over the dam when the lake
is at its usual level and that
is the height that should be counted
on in relation to the boat house
and joists. I don't know how
the keys to my boat house if
you ever want to go in it.
To see about regulating the height
of the water, as far as my boat
house is concerned. If the dam
were made any lower than it

in a dry season without making
alterations. When you are up to
at the lake if it is not working
too much of you to take
some measurements for me.
You could tell how much
higher you a dam could be
built than the old one without
flooding over the platform
of my boat house and the
dock and when the lake
is level with the top of the
proposed new dam.
You could see how high the
water comes up now in the boat
house and on the docks
at the present level, and
how high it would come when