

Keep every quart of your ashes, and mix it with mud if you can get it, if not, with earth and sods from the road side; if you don't want it the year you make it, it will improve by keeping. Some will say, we are obliged to sell ashes, and every thing else that will make a penny. I know that some new settlers are so destitute, that present subsistence can only be obtained by means injurious to their future operations. The poor emigrant, when he arrives, has more obstacles to overcome than the native settler; anxious to form a home for himself and the little family dependent on his exertions, but unacquainted with the climate, and unskilled in the use of the axe, he attacks the forest under disadvantages which a strong arm, a bold heart, and indomitable perseverance can alone overcome. Necessity may compel you, and many in like circumstances, to sell what should be kept as a valuable manure, to be harder on the land you first clear than you would wish, and to do many things good husbandry forbids. To such I would only say, do not persevere in taking repeated crops of grain or hay on the same land, or in selling ashes, or neglect collecting every thing which will make manure, one year longer than you can possibly help; and after you once get fairly under way, the stumps out of a few acres, and the plough to work, you will have no excuse for treating the land you clear each year badly. Then commence at once with the proper system; each acre of new burnt land will yield you turnips to feed your stock, will give you a crop of grain, and a crop of hay; then pasture it until it is fit to stump, and then, not having been exhausted, with very little manure will carry another rotation.