

Halifax, 14th July, 1853.

Sir,—In answer to your note of the 12th inst., I consider the use of your "Artificial Slate Paint" on shingled Roofs, as greatly diminishing the risk against Fire—I have frequently reduced the premiums on Buildings in the Country, upon its application,

I am, sir, your ob'dt serv't,

ARCHIBALD SCOTT,

Insurance Agent.

John Ross, Esq., Halifax.

NEW AND IMPORTANT TO RAILROAD PROPRIETORS.

MESSE^{RS}. THOMPSON & OUDESLUYS—*Gentlemen*: It affords me great pleasure to testify to the excellency of Ross's Colchester Metallic Paint, supplied by you for this Company's use. I have used the purple and tried it extensively for twelve months on the cars, iron roofs and bridges of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and can safely recommend it for that kind of work to be as good as any I ever used. I have never tried it fairly on wood, but have every reason to believe it will suit any kind of work, and for body and durability it cannot be surpassed.

DANIEL LEPSON: Foreman Paint Shop, Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co.
Mount Clare Depot, Baltimore, Oct. 14, 1853.

MR. J. B. JORDAN, who has used this Paint largely on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, says it is the *best* of the kind he has ever met with, and he has tested a number of kinds.

Baltimore, October 11th, 1853.

MESSE^{RS}. THOMPSON & OUDESLUYS—*Gentlemen*: I have used the Ross Colchester Purple Metallic Paint, purchased from you, on the decks of the ships Powhatan, and Isabella, belonging to this port, and after a trial of twelve months, find it the best article of the kind for the decks of vessels I have ever met with.

Yours, respectfully,

WILLIAM GRAHAM.

Harper's Ferry Armory, October 18th, 1853.

MESSE^{RS}. THOMPSON & OUDESLUYS—*Gentlemen*: I procured from you some years since "Ross' Colchester Metallic Paint," and used it on a metallic roof at Fort Monroe. I found it to answer well, and during the year it was under my observation it bore exposure to the weather in that climate. From this favourable result I was induced to try it on the metallic roofs of the large workshops at this place, in the fall of 1851 and spring of 1852. These roofs are now well covered, and the workmen report it superior to any similar paint heretofore used.

I have also used it extensively in painting the exterior walls of brick buildings, for which purpose it seems to answer very well. A longer period of time would of course test its durability more fully. With my present experience (about two years) of it, I am of opinion that it is economical and useful.

Very respectfully, your ob'dt servant,

BENJ. HUGER, Col. U. S. A. Com'g.