"History informs us that many of the countries in Europe, which now possess very mild winters, at one time experienced severe cold during this season of the year...Some have ascribed these climate changes to agriculture, and the draining of the great marshes.

We do not believe that such great changes could have been produced on the climate of any country by agriculture, and we are not certain that any such theory can account for the contrary change of climate – from warm to cold winters – which history tells us has taken place in other countries than those named."

- United States Magazine of Science, Art, Manufactures, Agriculture, Commerce and Trade, page 243, 1854.