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## Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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This series of the Isaac Tichenor Goodnow collection includes sent and received correspondence of Isaac T. Goodnow (1814-1894) and also the correspondence of his brother, William E. Goodnow (1807-1876). This correspondence includes early courtship letters between Isaac and his future wife, Ellen Denison, as well as letters between William and his future wife, Harriet Paddleford. There are also several letters written by their brother, Jotham Goodnow. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Box 6 includes undated letters arranged by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Isaac Goodnow moved to Kansas in 1855 and established the town of Manhattan and Bluemont Central College. He died on March 20, 1894.

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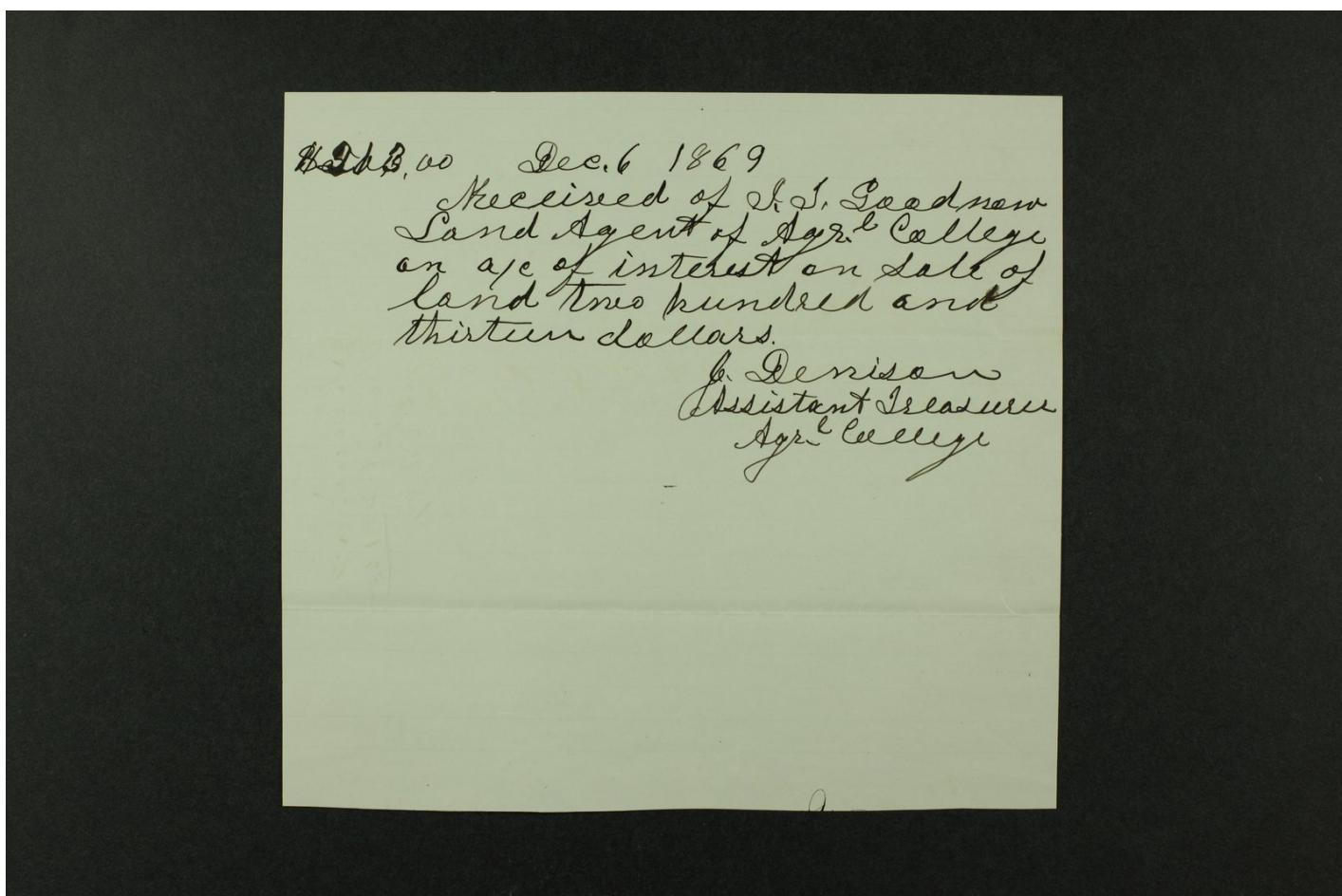
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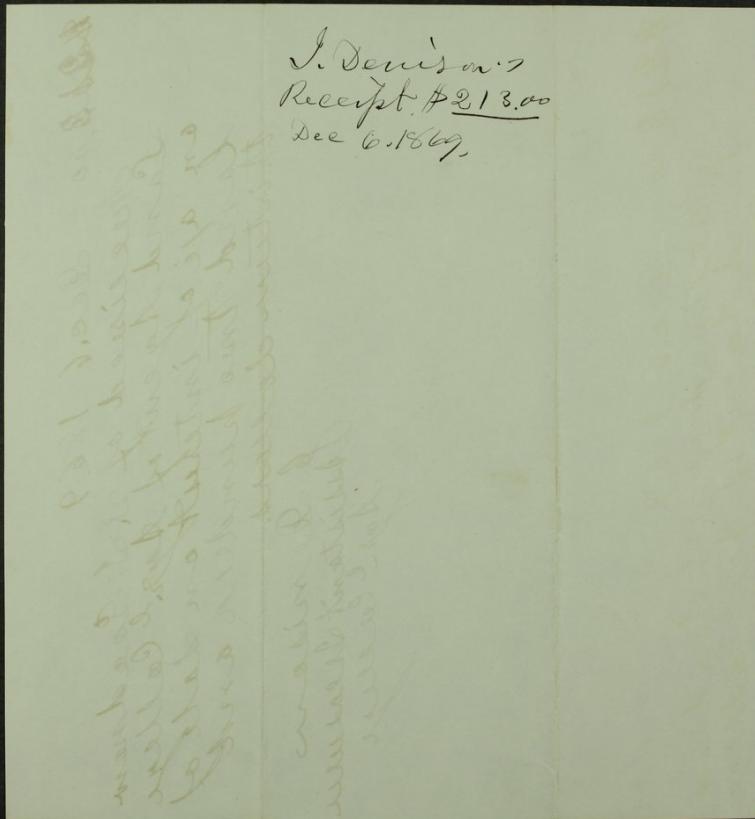
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Croxton, John H.

Nebraska City, Nebraska, Decr, 17<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Mr. Goodnow,  
Dear Sir:

Rev. P. J. Remond

late of New England, has died. His first family of children are located here. He brought them here last summer, and established them in a school in the interest of the M. E. church. The older daughter informs me that there is some property in Manhattan Kansas which belongs to them. Though it is in his name I am acting for the children and will be appointed the guardian of the minor children. Those lots will perhaps have to be sold. Please advise me what they will bring now, or what they will bring next spring if any thing more. In your reply I will communicate further with you.

Respectfully yours etc  
John H. Croxton:

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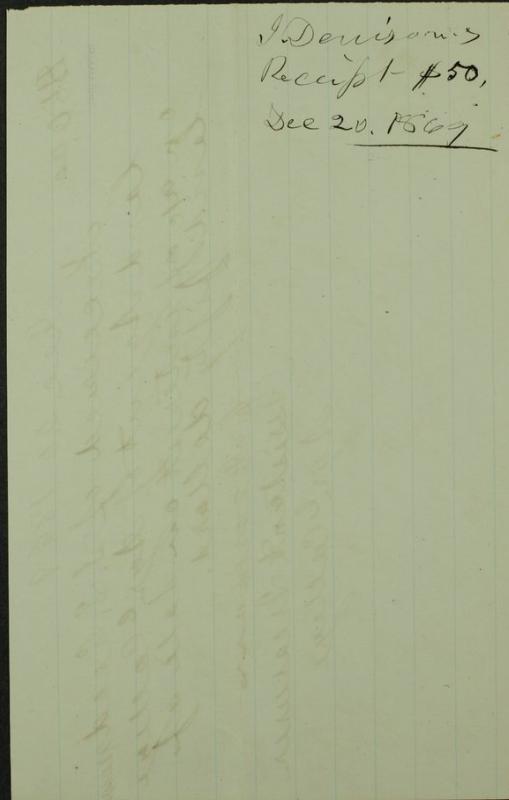
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Dec. 20 1869  
\$50.00 Received of I. J. Goodnow  
Land Agent of Agr<sup>c</sup> College  
on ac<sup>c</sup> of interest on sale of  
land fifty dollars.  
J. D. Garrison  
Assistant Treasurer  
Agr<sup>c</sup> College

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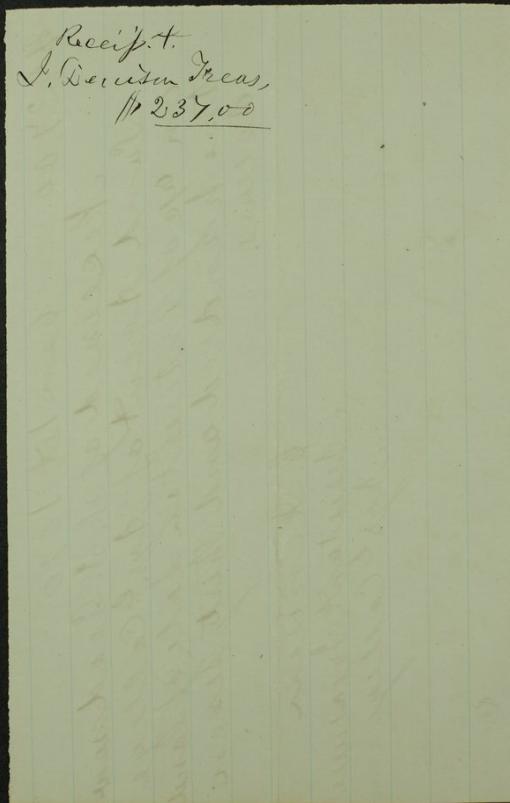
\$237.00 Jan 1st 1870  
Received of I. I. Goodnow  
Land Agent of Agr<sup>b</sup> College  
on acc of interest on sale of land  
two hundred and thirty six  
dollars.

J. Garrison  
Assistant Treasurer  
Agr<sup>b</sup> College

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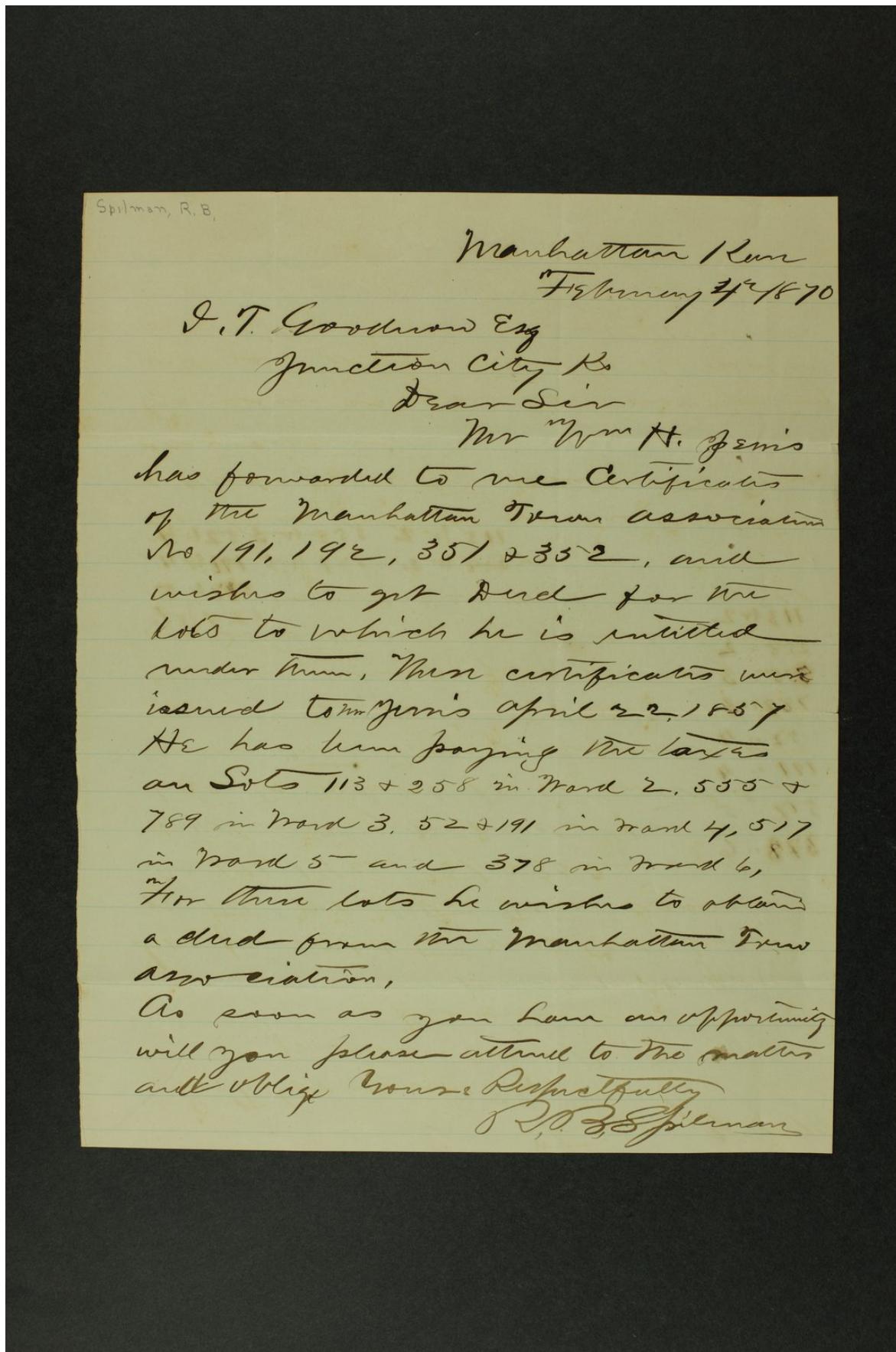


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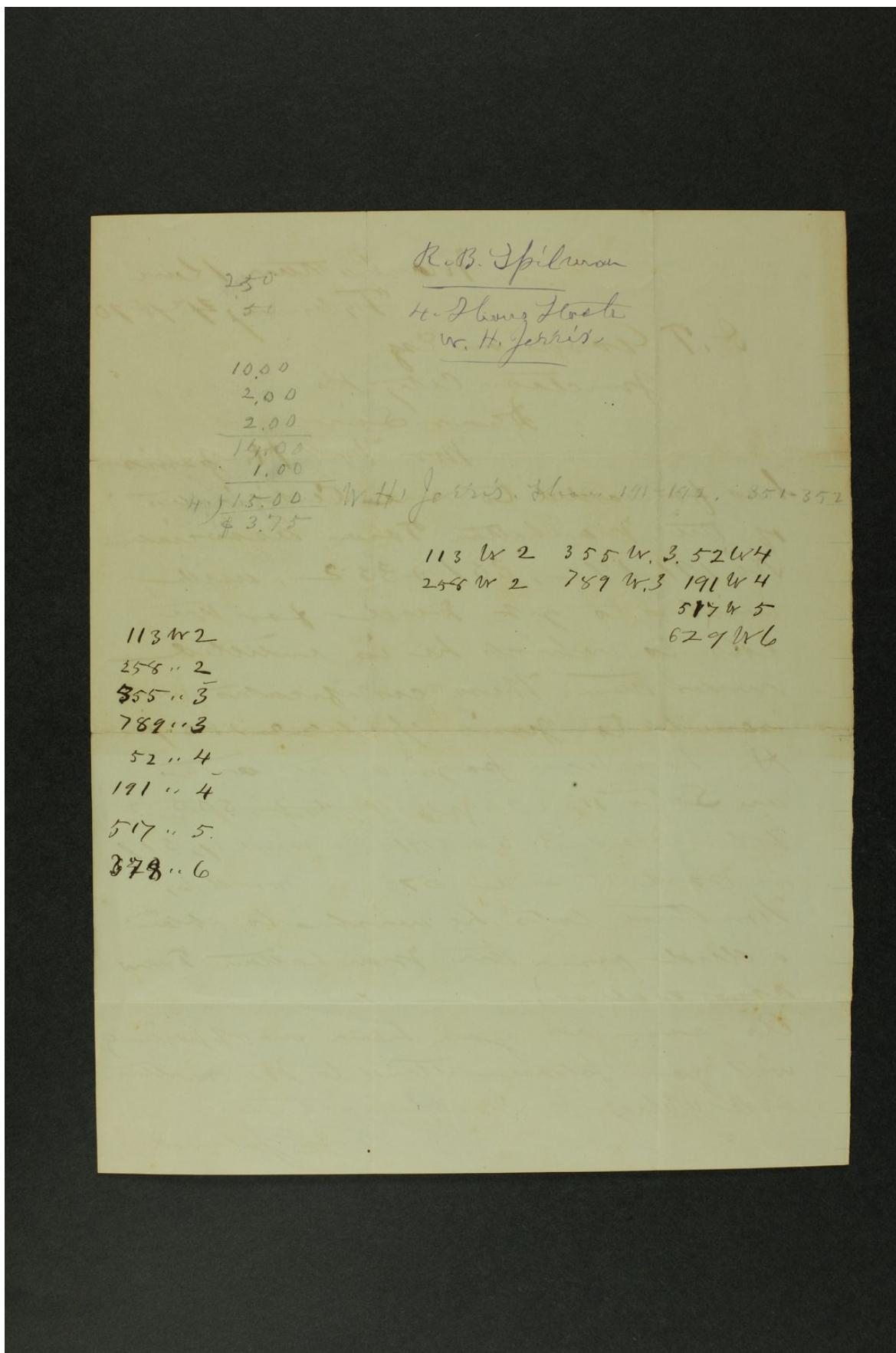


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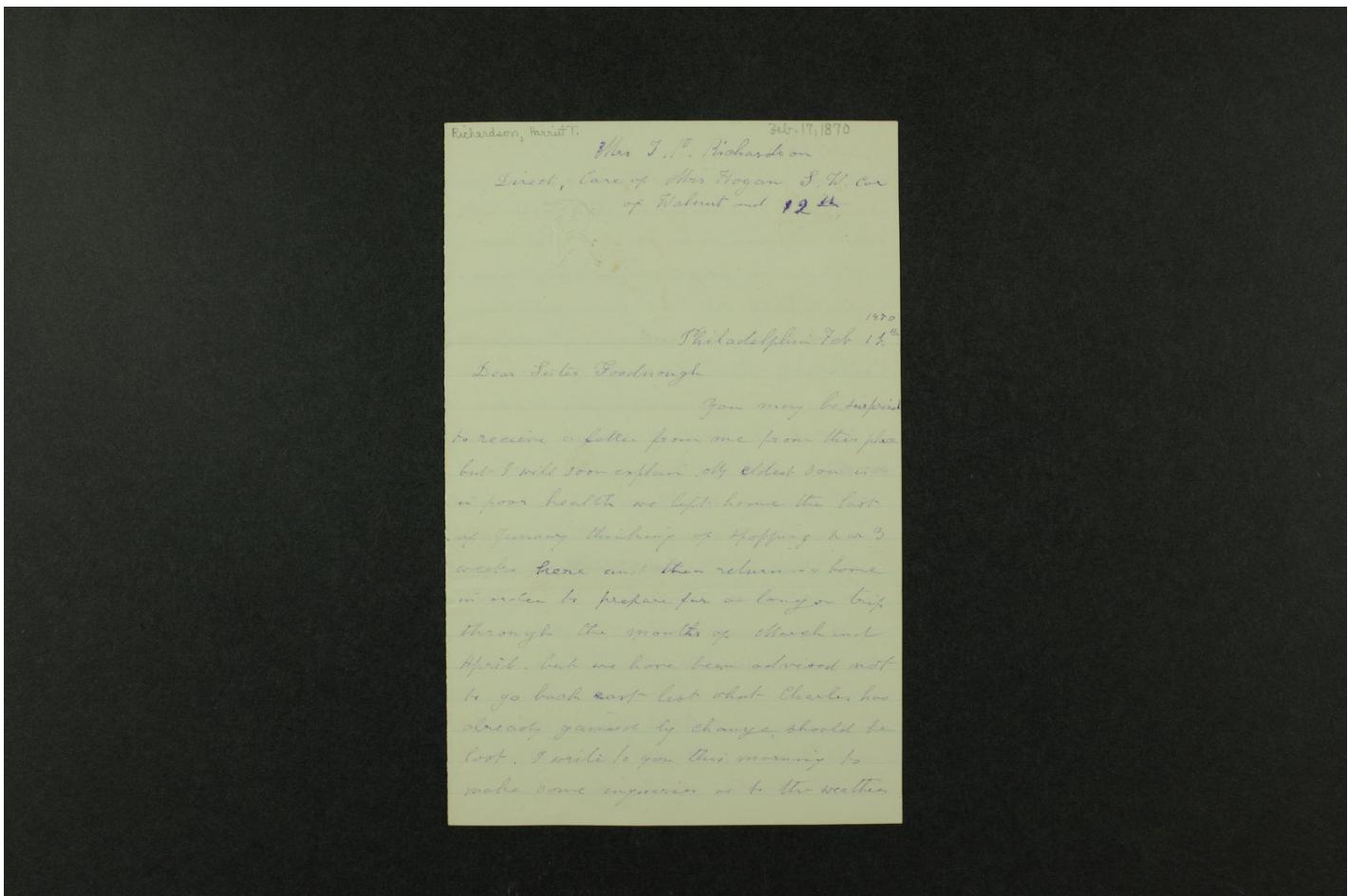
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with you at this season. Some say go south but I remember the favorable accounts given me while I was with you of people with lung diseases being entirely restored by a residence in your vicinity, but still I did not feel sure that the early spring was a good time to arrive there. Now is that, & it cold or warm or neither even, has suggested me of this sorrow or to it cool and rainy. We are a little afraid of the South lest it might as our ways, has his thoughts as our debilitate. Would it be otherwise there. And is that little Hotel still in operation that Lt Governor Green had the control of. So I remember that it would be a very comfortable home for a while, and the air to me seemed very invigorating. I little thought when I was with you a couple of years ago that I should at this time <sup>be</sup> penning such a letter as this, but life has a great variety of changes both adverse and prosperous. I trust I recognize the hand of a Father in all this dispensation of Providence and especially take it more that He does not willingly afflict his children and also "that whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" and still another very precious is that "God is love" His ways are not thoughts. "Excuse me for intruding on your kindness but if you will on receiving this write and let me know all the favorable and unfavorable (if there any) news in regard to the benefit to be derived from a visit to Manhattan you will greatly oblige us all. We have letters almost every day from home and the friends

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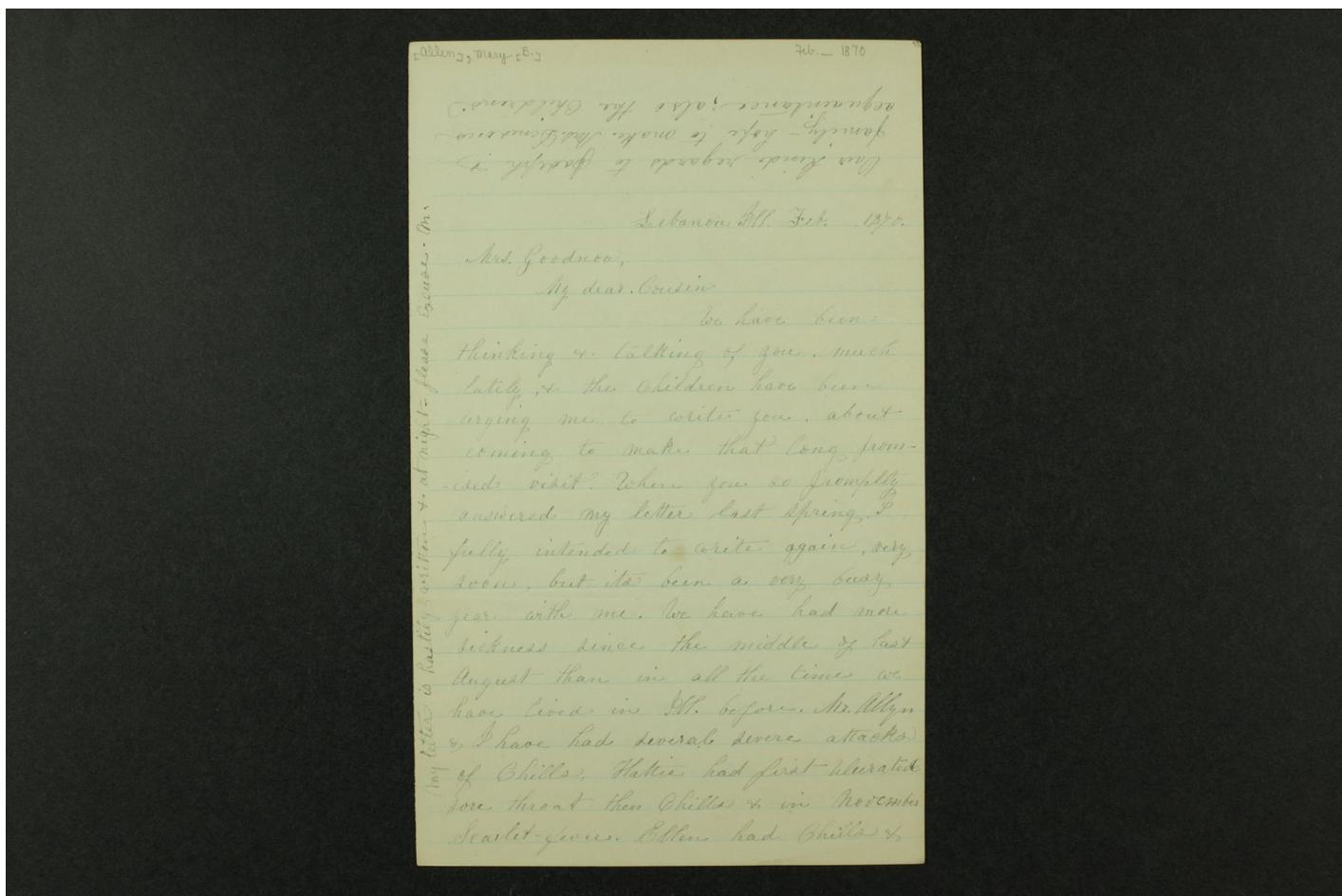
There are all well. Yesterday we had the great pleasure of listening to a sermon from Bishop Linsinger it was a wonderful treat, a feast of fat things. Only the serpent was Christ. His text.

"And unto them shall the gathering of the people be" Dan 48.10. He spoke so beautifully of the prophecies of the Messiah being depicted, hung up before the eyes of those to study, the Prophets themselves, not having the depth of meaning contained in them, and so many other thoughts that one loves to cherish in their hearts in respect to the reign of our Jesus as the center of all nations. I love to hear preaching that gives you ideas to dwell upon. I wish I knew how to convey to you some of the real enjoyment derived from hearing such a great God's my love and respects to the friend I met - when will you expect up a busy share for yourself. Hattie and I are good husband & wife. Yours in bonds of Christian love  
Harriet T Richardson  
[Jan 25, 1841]

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Erne had Bilious fever in Sept.  
& is pan. Pneumonia. She gave  
up her school - is at home - is now  
very well. Fannie was very sick in  
pan. with Rheumatic-fever, but  
we are all pretty well now except  
colda. Our fall & winter were very  
wet & cloudy, with sudden  
changes & there has been more  
ofague than for 20 years - so  
the Dr.s say. Mr. Allyn's "Aileen" is  
affected, & he suffers at times  
with severe pain in the side &  
back. We are neither of us as  
& strong as 6 years ago, - age &  
clase work have made their mark.  
Fannie will graduate the 2<sup>d</sup> of June  
Can you realize that he will be  
21 years old this spring - the first  
of April? And Ellen will be  
18 the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. She is in  
College intending to take the full  
Classical course. She is not strong  
but any amount of energy &

Hattie is 6 - we think pretty smart,  
& very happy, loving child. These all,  
are very anxious to have "Uncle &  
Aunt Goodnow" come here & make  
a good visit before Commencement,  
- spend May here - see Fannie graduate,  
& then go East with us, & be at  
Grandpa's Brundington's, the 27.<sup>th</sup> of  
June, the 35.<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our  
Marriage. What think you of that  
programme? Stephen & wife are trying  
to be here at that time, & we  
are trying to arrange our matters  
to do so. How many of the children  
will go we can't tell, perhaps all, &  
perhaps none but Ellen. Erne was  
there last, & thinks she will be  
housekeeper at home. I think Stephen  
has a good wife - they seem happy  
& contented. Fona is still here.  
Uncle Joseph is almost a hermit.  
Aunt Cushman & Lizzie live together  
divide the house with Henry, who  
has four children.

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I suppose you saw a notice of  
the death of Br. Eastman's third  
wife - how strange & sad.  
Father writes his own health  
is better than five years ago;  
that although lame, he can walk  
better & suffers but little pain  
~~in his limb~~. He is 76 years old this  
month. Aunt Priscilla lives with Uncle  
Aaron who has not married again.  
I suppose you are so nicely fixed  
in your new house & enjoying the  
luxury of plenty of good room.  
We live very crowded & sadly need  
more room, but have fine yard  
& garden, with a great variety of  
fruit & shrubbery. May it be very  
delightful here. I hope you can arrange  
to spend the month here. All join  
in love to yourself & husband, &  
earnestly hope to see you here soon.  
May we not hear from you  
very soon? Ad Ever Your  
affectionate Cousin Mary

July 25, 1941

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STATE OF KANSAS.  
Office of  
Treasurer of State.

Topeka April 1<sup>st</sup> 1870.

I. P. Goodnow, Esqr.

Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing check  
for \$2415<sup>00</sup> and draft for \$250<sup>00</sup> have been  
received, and so soon as I can look into the  
new laws on the matter, if I can find any  
authority for receiving the money, formal receipts  
will be forwarded you.

Yours Respectfully,  
Geo. Graham.

State Treasurer.

P. S. Mr. Graham, is absent at present and I have not  
seen the new law as yet, so I concluded to leave the  
matter until the return of Mr. G-

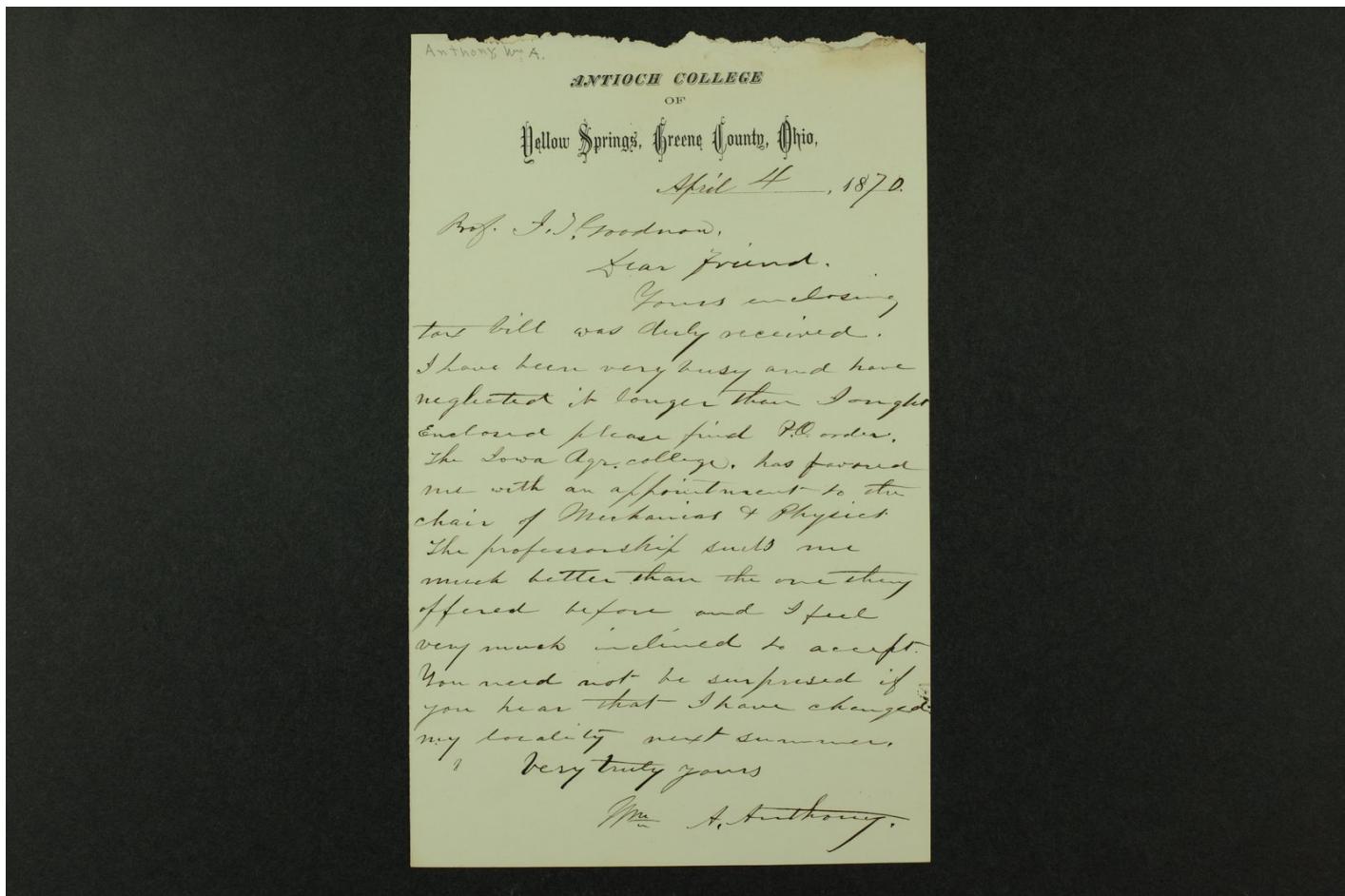
Yours &c.

S. S. McDade, clk.

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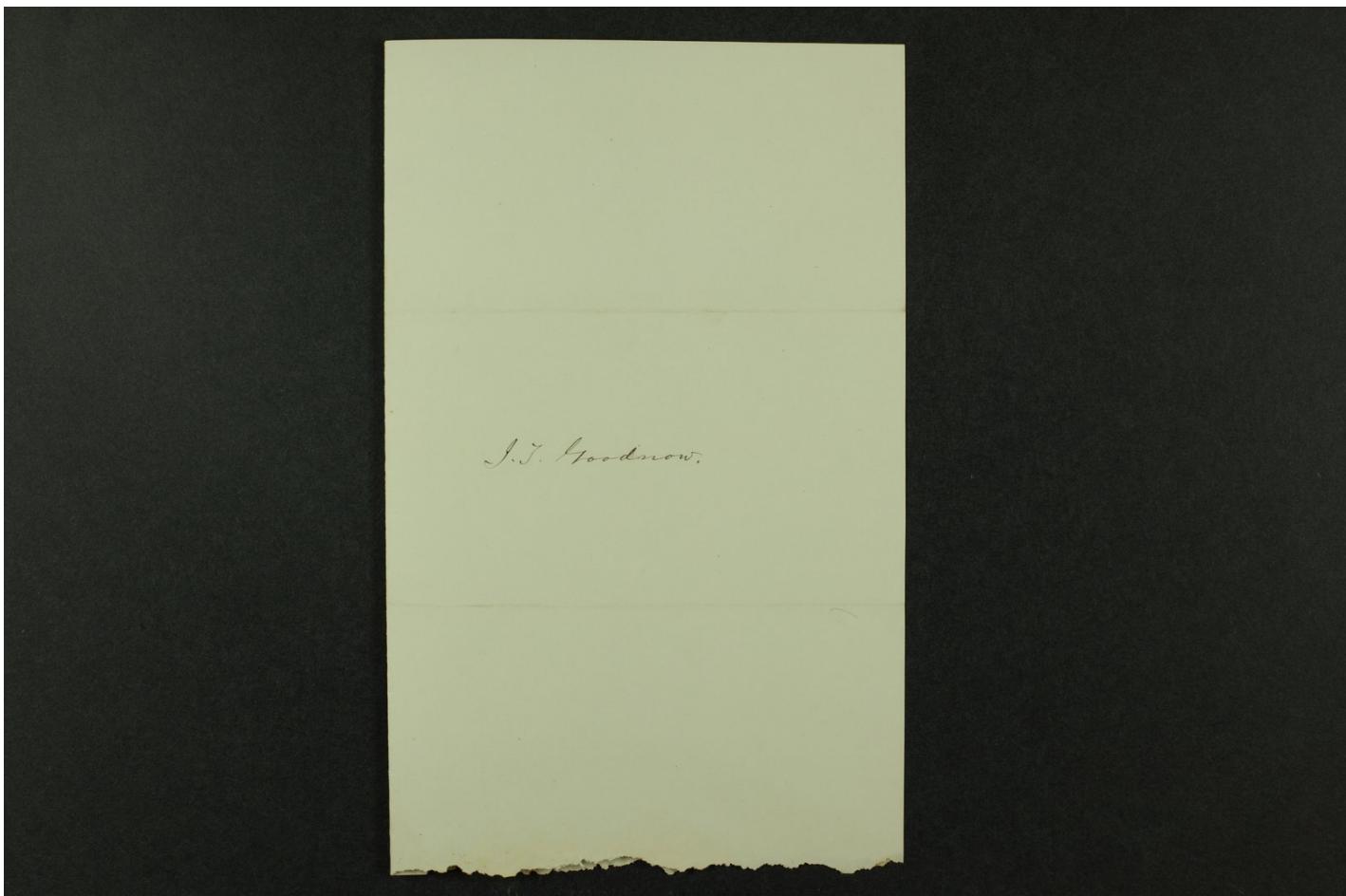
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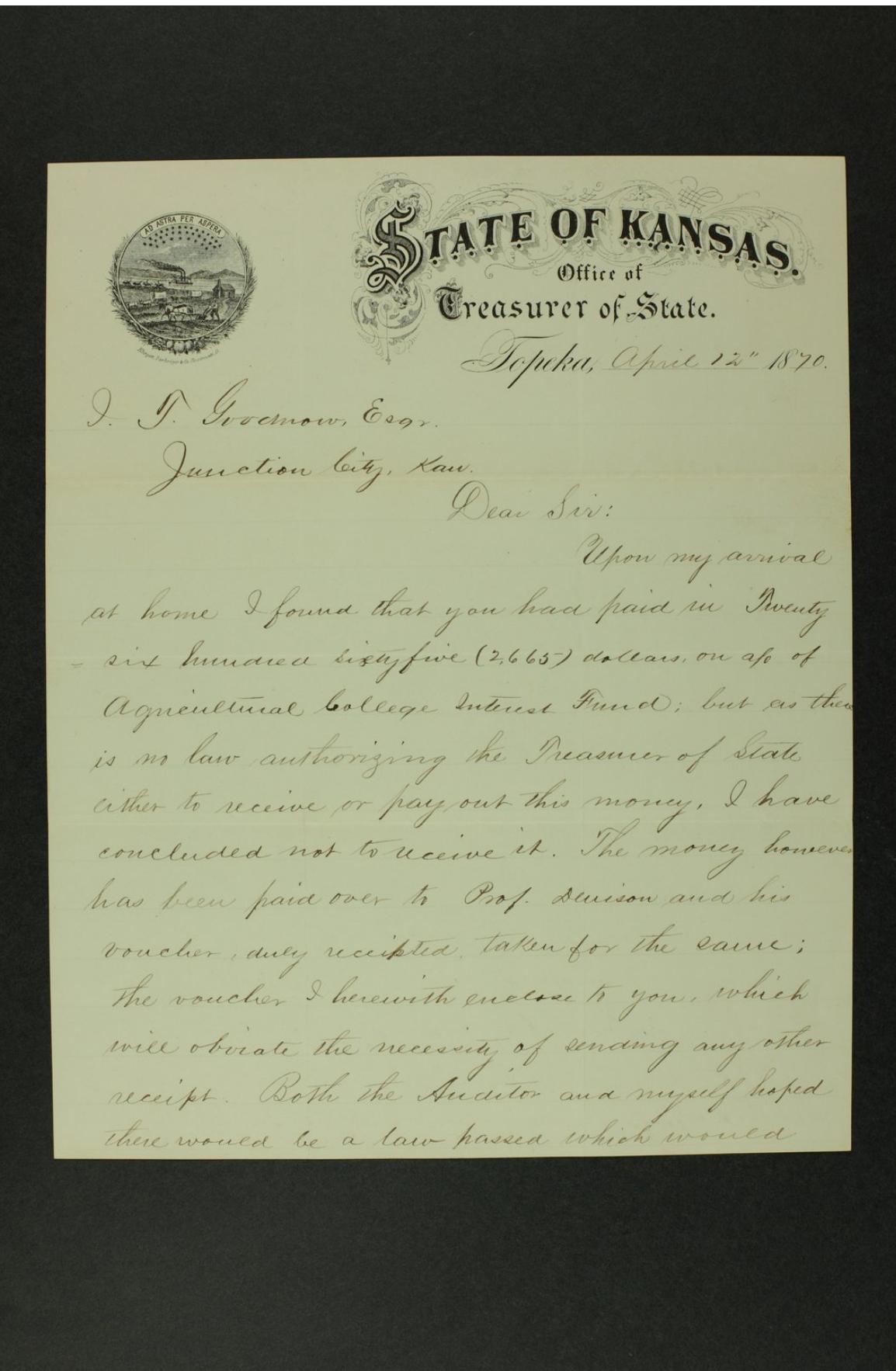


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authorize the receipt and disbursement of this fund  
the same as other moneys, but it was not passed.

Very Respectfully, sc.

Geo. Graham  
State Treas. m.

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Chicago June 9th 1820

Memorandum of Agreement made  
and entered into this day by and between  
Isaac T. Goodnow and James H. Moore  
Witnesses

The said James H. Moore has this  
day paid over to said Goodnow fifteen  
hundred dollars the receipt of which  
is hereby acknowledged - and the said  
Goodnow agrees to invest the money  
in lands according to his best  
judgment on joint account -  
on each piece of land after returning purchased money  
one third of the profits to belong to  
the said Goodnow - and two thirds to  
the said James H. Moore - The title  
to all the lands purchased shall be made  
to James H. Moore - It is also  
agreed that the commission of twenty  
per cent on the money paid allowed  
to O. E. Moore for the sale of lands  
shall also be invested in lands in  
the same manner -

In witness whereof we have  
this day signed this agreement  
Settlement to be made on each <sup>part</sup> as  
follows

I. T. Goodnow

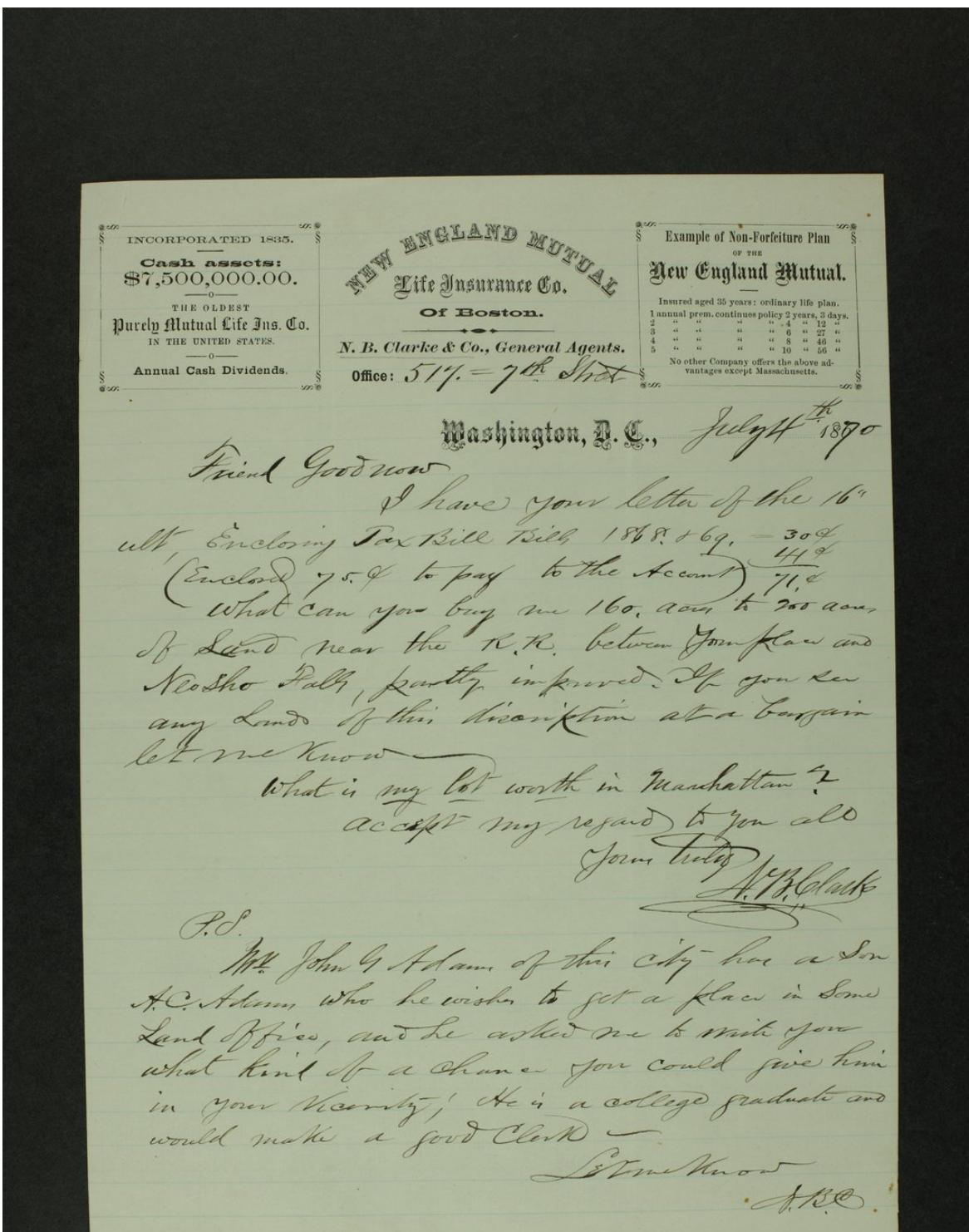
James H. Moore

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Norway, Maine,  
July 29, 1870.—  
Messrs. Elliott, Tay & Co.  
Renewth please find enclosed  
as per your request, duly sign-  
ed & acknowledged. Our County  
Solicitor Captain of Mr.  
Upton being a duly qualifi-  
ed Justice of the Peace, is  
in our County Registry—  
You may pay the money  
to my brother J.S. Goodnow  
& take his receipt, & it will  
save sending the money here,  
as I purpose to remove to  
your place soon, & shall be  
pleased to have a more exten-  
ded acquaintance with you.  
Very truly,  
Isaac E. Goodnow

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Wiscasset, Maine, Aug. 7, 1870  
Dear Brother Isaac Davis off the  
31<sup>st</sup> month Ellen & Mattie was  
duly received, & read with much  
pleasure - I received one also from  
brother Webster in Ohio yesterday  
before ever expressing sympathy.  
They is my great loss, which I  
shall feel more & more no  
doubt. I am glad to hear of  
the general prosperity of all  
of our western friends - glad to  
hear that Frank has pro-  
bably got settled in Kansas -  
I am now bending my ener-  
gies to effect my own set-  
tlement there as soon as  
practicable. I feel too much  
alone here now - I have not  
yet heard from either of you  
since I wrote them. Have  
you heard from them this  
summer? —

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Tues. 9 - I have had some talk with two very industrious respectable men that think of going to Kansas with their families this fall, if they can get some land to cultivate not far from the Colleges. How would you let some 20 to 50 acres of your prairie to be put under fence & in good cultivation? These men are thorough yankee farmers & would work night & day has a wife & son & his wife - the other a wife, 2 sons & 3 daughters, all able to pay their way. I shall probably want to buy a few acres of your woodland that I sold you.

Wednesday 10th Yours & Ellens letter of other month Aug. (no other date) is just received - glad to hear so much of specific kind - will just say, in short that I know of no particular woman that will go out with me to keep

house, & I shall be likely to find one out there to help. That will be all night when I get ready for her I shall probably be able to furnish all needed house-hold stuff, & shall take an ample supply of beds & bedding, & some ornamental fixings that will make a fair & honorable show - I shall not encourage any small children about the place if I have my say about it, but purpose to have some help that will be glad to greet all my friends with a hearty welcome, & that will make their stay agreeable every way. I am putting things in shape here as fast as practicable & purpose to leave my ruffles in the best possible shape.

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I shall try hard to be there in  
October & hope to find my  
dear friends all prospering  
finely & happily

In haste,  
Wm C. Goodnow

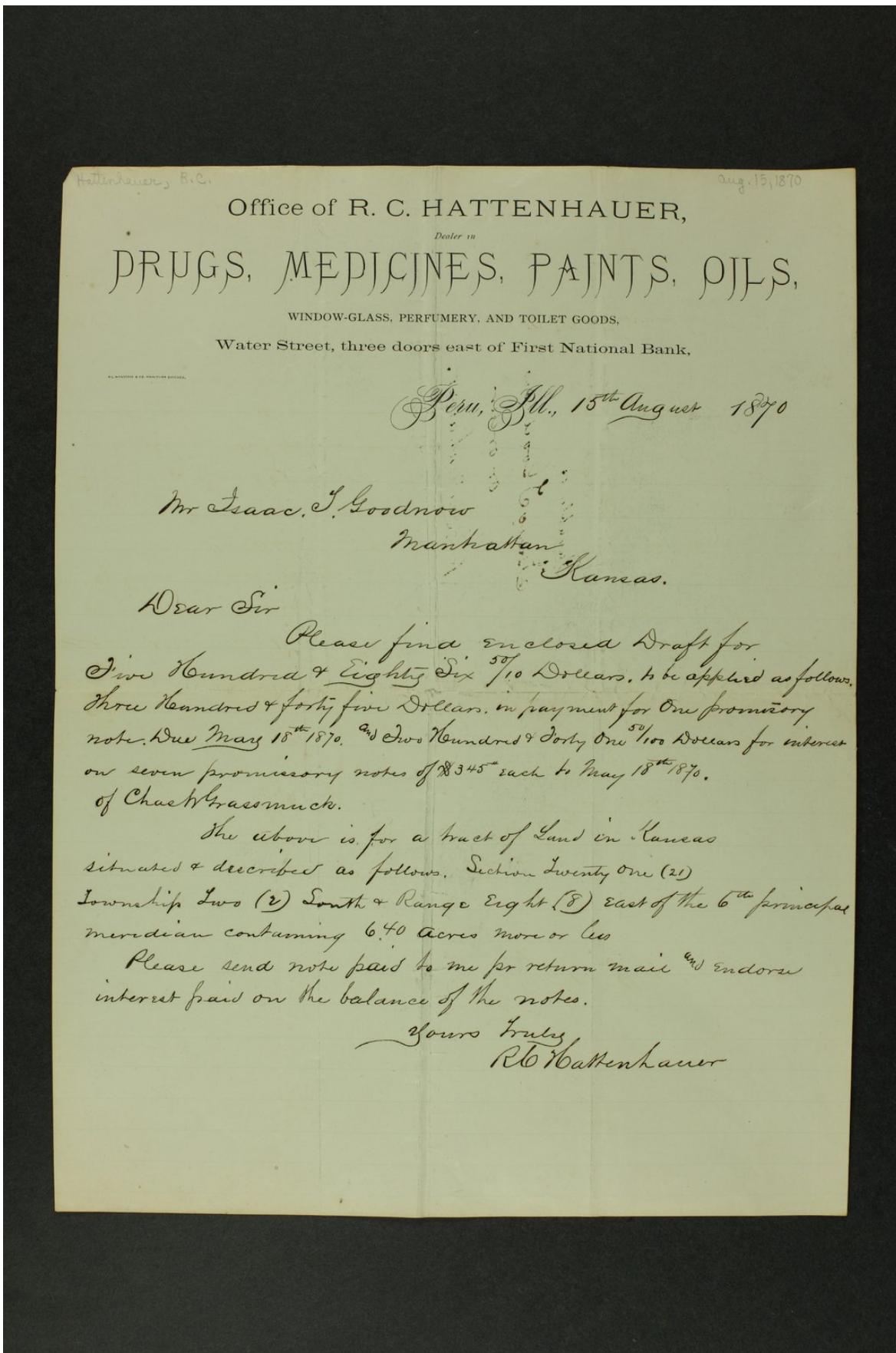
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November 1858  
Two little visitors arrived at the house  
yesterday a pleasant winter with  
some improvements, their winter  
passes and the next spring their  
latter and my husband go east  
the college means to travel a college  
Spent the time until last Friday  
~~Wednesday~~ and got business with Mrs.  
Harriss and her husband in  
prosperity. For by process we  
are saving and we have it though  
will ~~fall~~ get when Dr. Denison's  
stolen on ~~fall~~ a year when die the  
kind of taught me good lesson  
in every respect.

The day after the first of November  
she gave birth to a son and  
go with one piece to her all that  
we only female relation ~~right~~ and  
orphans. Those that do not know our  
one or two years old. I provided a  
bed large enough for us three. As  
their father was away from home during  
the time, the woman of 59. I had  
my charge of six children to the  
living of the corner stone of the  
college

July 25, 1841

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Whinnard? C.

at Mr. Rosenick's house  
Monday morning Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1870

Hon. J. T. Guelman  
Hawthorne Falls.  
My dear friend.

After considerable trouble  
two days delay in passing Cottonwood River  
I arrived here safe & ready last Friday Evening  
Anx. meets pleasure with kind people  
and surrounding friends. Have determined  
upon the P.W. & W. hauls.

But my excellent  
friend, please find me something to do  
by which I can make the ready cash  
to send for my family when ready.  
Mr. McEvonnis has plenty of Native lumber  
on hand and I am going to forward  
progress by selling Cello, wood myself.  
I am very happy while laying these plans  
for the future welfare of my dear family.

With much respects  
Yours ever truly  
B. Whinnard

Swis  
St. George  
Kanass.

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