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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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I sent Mr Purcell, yesterday  
\$ 947.60 & paid him April 22,  
3350.00  
\$42976.00 Amount.

Is this & the thousands of  
of dollars idle at Topeka  
so long being invested?  
I presume Mr Gale is do-  
ing what he can.

I say to Joseph to ask  
L R Elliott, if they have  
communicated with Col.  
Sooines relative to his  
payment, &c.

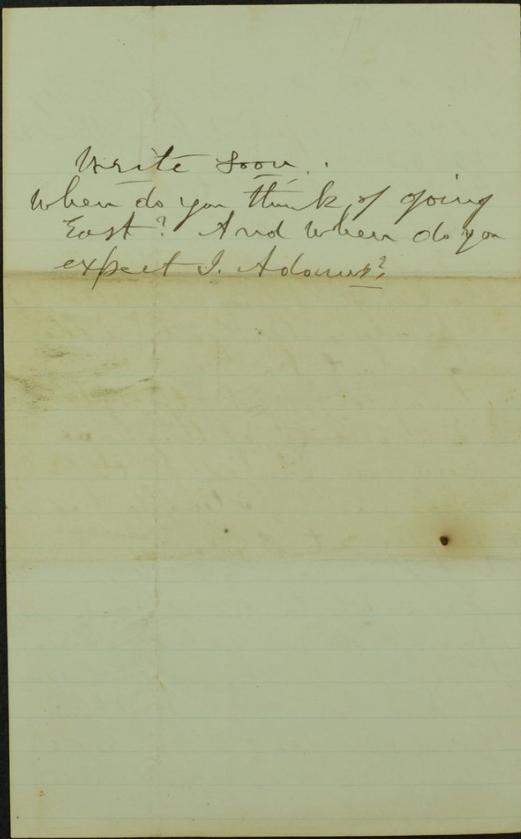
Have you shown him  
French's letter, French speaks  
poor! He would like some  
help or mother. Can't you  
put in for a share? I have  
paid \$20.00 a year for  
some 12 or 15 years I guess!

Yours truly I. T. Goodnow.

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an enclosure to all  
Friends & etc.  
Dear Sirs & Friends  
I am writing to you  
from my office  
in the city of  
Baltimore, Md.  
I have just  
arrived from  
Washington D. C.  
where I have been  
so much occupied  
with the work of  
the Anti-Slavery cause  
that I have had  
but little time to  
spare for myself.  
I am inclined to pen you  
a few thoughts. I received  
your letter stating that  
you would visit me,  
next from Ohio I had  
hoped & come to the  
conclusion that you might  
be on your way & that  
I should have the privilege  
of meeting you this week  
about the 17th. I cannot  
say that I feel quite  
disappointed Circumstances  
are such that you will  
not leave Kansas until

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the last of this month  
I am sorry that you are  
not feeling in normal good  
health, doubtless you have  
done to much hard labor  
getting things completed to your  
mind. Am very sorry that accomplished besides a great  
some portions of your hard  
days work, have been washed  
& destroyed by high winds  
& unruly cattle we have  
experienced an unusual  
dry time & a great deal of  
cold weather. Which winds  
it gives a damage to all crops  
There it thunder this morn  
as a storm, perhaps we  
may be blest with rain in  
the course of the day  
My vines & plants are suffering  
in the gardens for the  
want of drink to quench their  
thirst. I hope to get  
things completed by  
next week & then I will  
have time to go home  
I have felt almost tried  
out, but I hope to get rested  
I am awaiting my Pa from  
Georgia & Sister & Husband  
now, my time probably  
they will all be home  
at the time you arrive  
I am anticipating a pleasant  
visit in your society. When  
providence permits us to  
meet once more. Hope  
you will be here now  
at the time your boat  
arrives. The first of July

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Dear friend, I have the pleasure of  
remitting tokens of good  
affection & by the different  
processes flowers. I  
wish I might soon be sent  
in return. I received a  
letter from Mr Isaac a few  
days ago. he mentioned  
of visiting you, was sorry  
to find you feeling rather  
poorly, hoped your visit  
last would prove beneficial  
I shall write him soon. Now dear  
William what can I add to  
cheer your drooping spirits if  
this word letter finds you rather  
sad & gloomy. When we permitted  
to sit side by side, we could  
impart much of consolation &  
properly touching the heart with  
that congeniality which is so much

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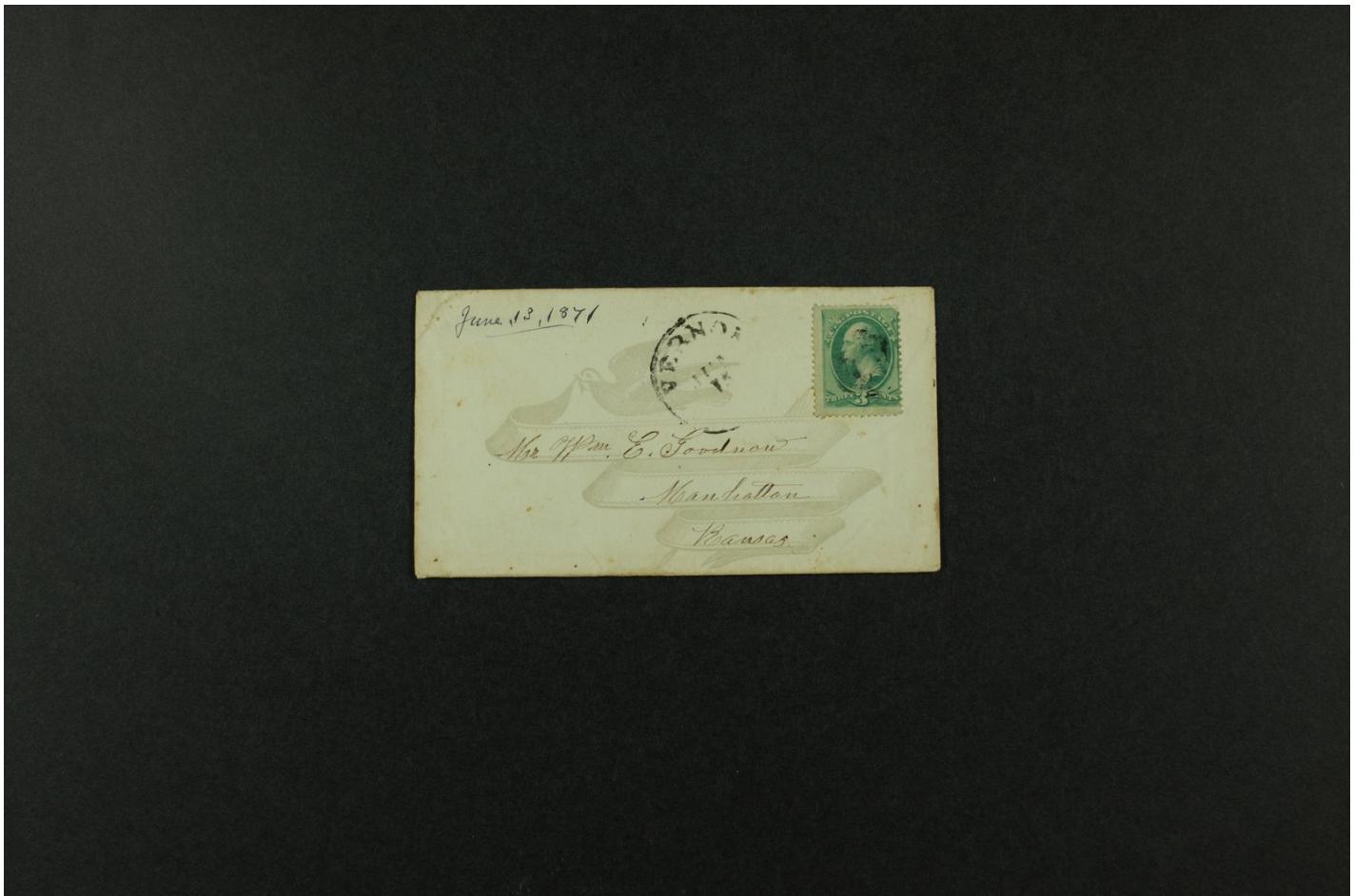
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Dear Willow, While I have been  
listing of the various plants  
I measured a few flowers  
in bloom, some June roses.  
I will send them as I find  
them here. The bushes  
probably they all will be in very  
good condition before mailing them.  
Yours truly  
Hattie Rawle

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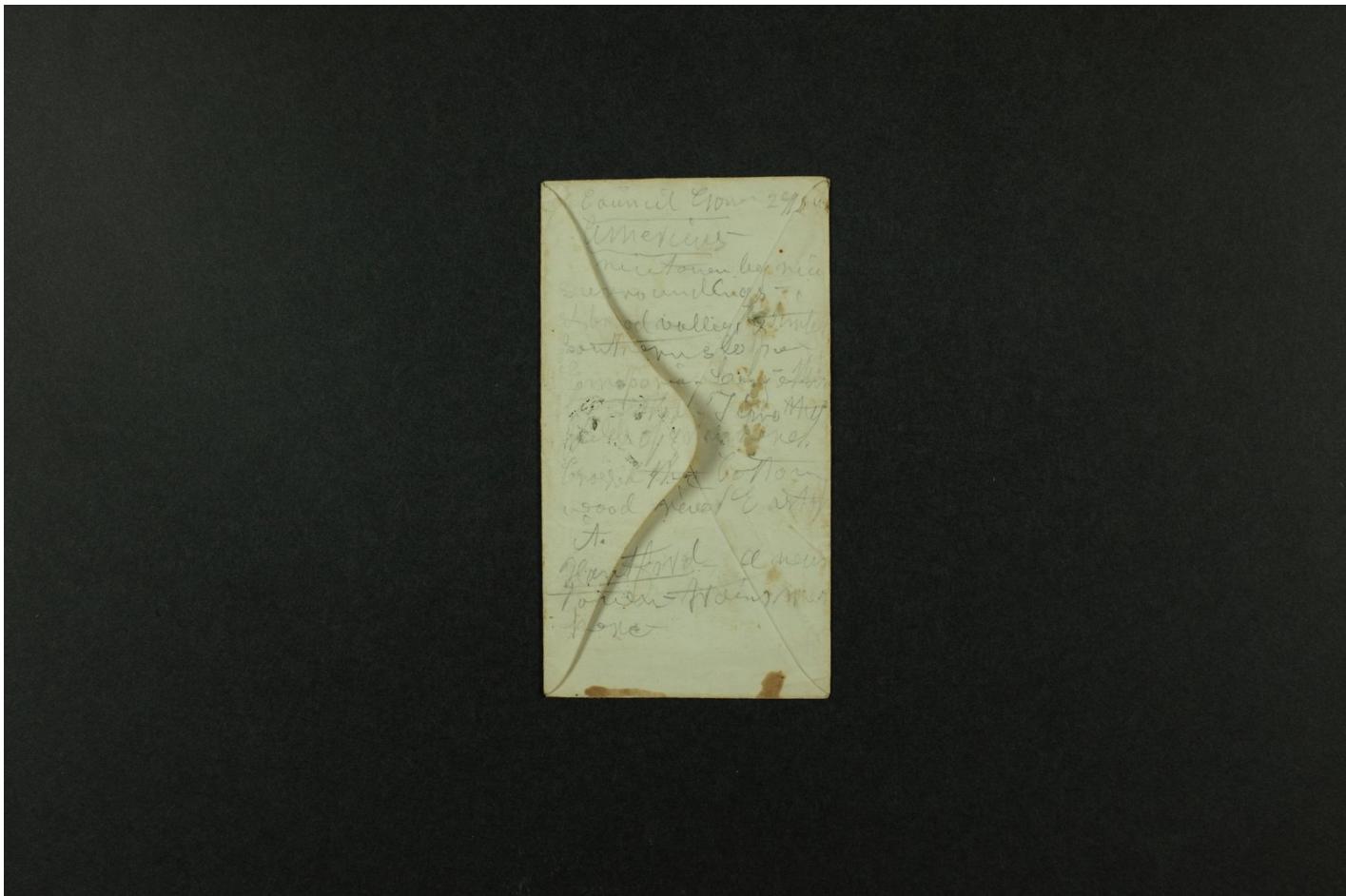
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Monday P.M. June 19. 1871  
Dear Dr. Gray  
I leave this P.M.  
with Dr. Elllyn with Ellen  
& Hallie, expecting to  
meet you somewhere.  
If I fail to do so & you  
come here, go to the Hall  
House & make yourself  
perfectly at home as my  
guest! And I will  
 settle the Bill. I telegraphed  
to Junction City this  
morning to intercept you  
there but you could not  
be found! I conclude you,  
like a sensible man,  
decided to remain till  
our folks reach Manhattan.  
If by any means I miss you,  
return with your lady  
this way & we shall be a good  
will. We shall expect it.

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write me about every  
thing you wished to say to  
me & leave at the General  
Office with Col Wheat or  
Capt. Loumer.

A pleasant visit to you.  
Take things leisurely & don't  
get up some before you  
expense before Wednesday. Have  
those new shirts, & clothes  
like the one I give you.

I put your best foot forward,  
I don't hear any thing from  
Hector yet! I will tell all  
to you & answer what  
is just as well. Don't  
worry about the business  
you leave behind!

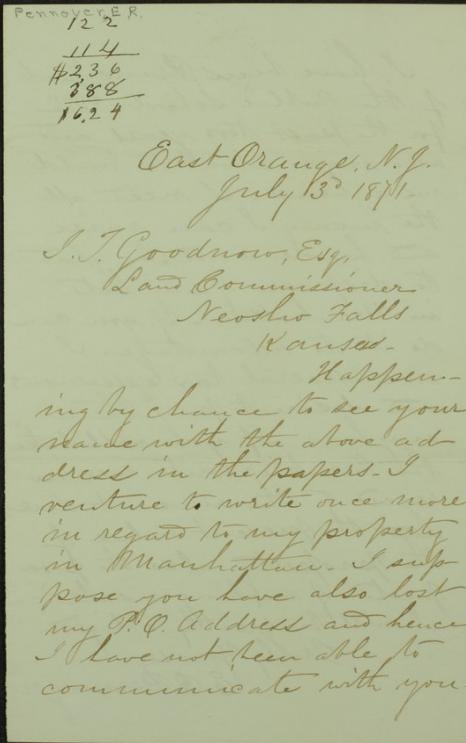
All well, but disap-  
pointed you did not come  
before they left.

Yours truly  
I. D. Goodnow

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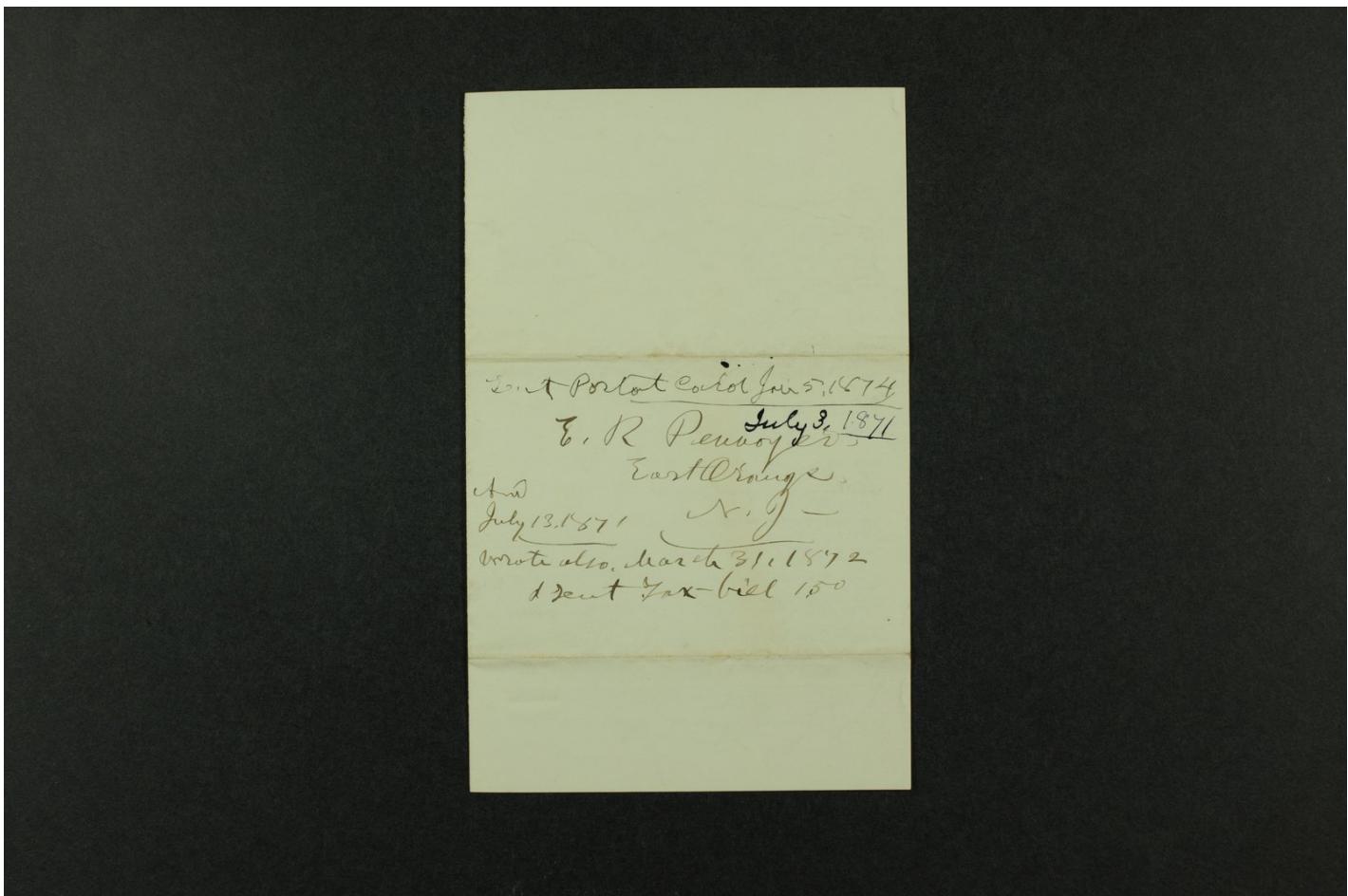
I have been Principal  
of the Public School here  
for the past two years and  
am now about to build  
me a house. I need all  
the money I can raise  
and hence would be glad  
to dispose of my lots  
in Manhattan. If you can  
do it to advantage. I  
owe several tax assessments  
and desire to pay them  
any how. If you will take  
the trouble to write me in  
regard to the amount due  
and the present value of  
the property, also the pros-  
pects of making a sale  
I will be greatly obliged.

Truly Yours  
E. R. Penroyer

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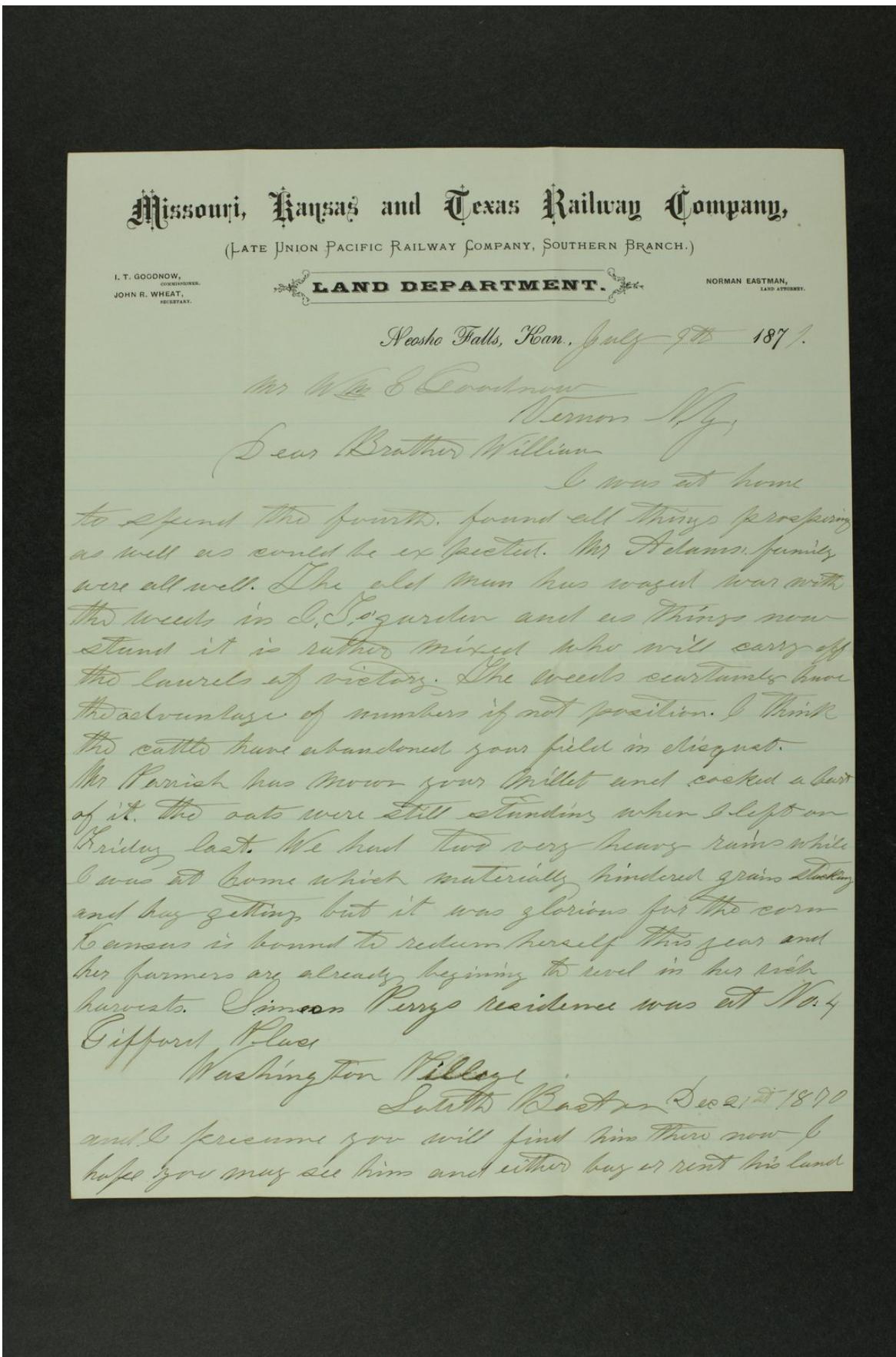


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Melville Kimball never intended to fence or improve it, as he represented to Mr. Perry. You can show him how the matter stands and I presume he will make some arrangements with you. I am here assisting in the appraisement of the odd section in Neosho & Lacobell's Counties belonging to the M., K. & St. P. R. R. shall return to Parsons as soon as I get through. What say you to putting up a lot of hay we can do it this year, perhaps we could not get a straw next. If you will bear one half of the expense we will put up about 200 tons, and perhaps we might get the cattle to eat it some day.

Please answer soon and often  
and remember me as yours most truly

Solomon Whitney

I presume dear Brother you are enjoying yourself finely in the society of a nice little body of his relatives on this beautiful Sabbath morning! Wish I could step in, all of a sudden, & quicken up your ideas!, all round! Love to you all.

Write me all particulars, & tell Hattie too also, next Sabbath, & hope you will take things easy & not hurry anywhere. You have worked hard enough & deserve rest, & a good time, which I presume you are having! Best regards to W. Elliot Woodward & family. You had better authorize Solomon to bill you soon immediately with good hay. Good grass this year, hay not be

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Manhattan July 16. 1871  
My Dear Dr. Williams, Yours from  
Vermont was duly rec'd before  
leaving home; & up here Mr. Brad-  
dums rec'd yours of the 10th Yes-  
terday. All are interested to  
hear from you & know how  
you progress in your eastern  
journeyings. We are all glad  
that you found so good a  
place of rest at Vernon &  
hope that all things will work to-  
gether for good, that you will  
soon & strong & better.  
I forget whether you had  
any instructions about Frank's  
land. I can't tell whether  
the Regents wish <sup>buy</sup> it or not. They  
have bought Elder Gale's & Col. Hos-  
ters, & Mrs. Preston's farms  
& 160 acres over on the bottom.

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between Mr. Dennis & friend the old Adams. He has done well but Rosa poor. don't know whether a good deal remains to be done yet. - You needn't I guess are all right. I am rather thin this summer & think a journey East with you would do me good. ("big heats") Land sales rather dull - expect to make it up in a few weeks around Pocatello & Below.

How do you find our dear mother & Aunt & husband & the babies! write us all about them, & the particular of your stay at Vernon & last is the conclusion of the whole matter? Take things easy & don't drive around too much in hot weather.

Ellen Dennis I left at my home on Friday, I came here yesterday eve & had quite a turn sicking up, around with her.

Remember especially to all the friends where ever you go, & especially to Mr. Elliot Woodward & family. You will have a good time there I should enjoy it with you much. How I wish we could both be at Bi. Friends at the same time! Perhaps we may sometime -

With often, Your truly

I. T. Goodnow

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in the month of June  
Can find  
nothing more  
of yours  
than  
I have  
had  
since  
you  
left  
for  
Wilk-

Received your letter in  
due time, glad to learn  
that your arrival  
to your mother's safety  
& found your relatives  
nearly well. Dr. Daniel  
spent the night in Leaven-  
worth born in the mining  
stage. He seems very  
much pleased with the  
excursion at Verde Hills  
Be sure tell Mr. Goodnow  
I accept of the money you  
sent - with great reluctance  
feeling it a pleasure to  
pay your fare by stages

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but thanks you kindly  
for the remittance.

He also says he has not  
received any message from  
the Quaker Community.  
Should he receive any  
tidings would forward the  
same to your funeral  
He hopes to be home on  
your return - Mr H.  
& wife come last  
Wednesday morning.

Mr Thompson is getting  
into comfortable shape.  
He feels better in some  
respects since his com.  
Sister's health is good I  
am afraid will help as  
I anticipated. Although my  
time is much occupied  
I have thought of you  
very often since that

hour of departure. Hope  
the crops are growing very  
pleasantly & full of  
ripenation until your  
return & numerous flows  
of which has this long  
been your anxiety. Yes  
disappointment. Luck  
is on every hand.

What seems bright - to day  
before commencing setting  
out we may be led to  
exclaim, How changed  
is the scene of time.  
Uncle Orin seems better  
than when you left - we  
have had considerable rain  
The crops are looking finely  
The weather was so cold  
yesterday we were prompted  
to make a fire in the  
parlor, very cool for the

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Season. Mr Ruyjer  
& his daughter called  
last evening the injured  
in your cohort if you  
were to call on your return  
I expect that probably  
you would. I did  
not attend church to day  
Brother & Mr H. went with  
the Ruyjer. Suppose you  
have returned to their -  
peaceful Gospel. Perhaps  
the continuation of our  
sewing. All the family  
now laid their babbles  
away to rest. But my self  
I did not find time to  
babble you during the  
day thinking you all be  
expecting to hear from me  
reg. soon I did expire  
my eyes from sleep till early

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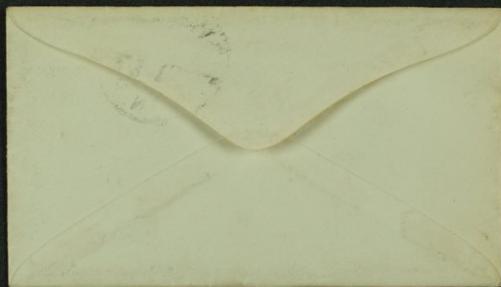
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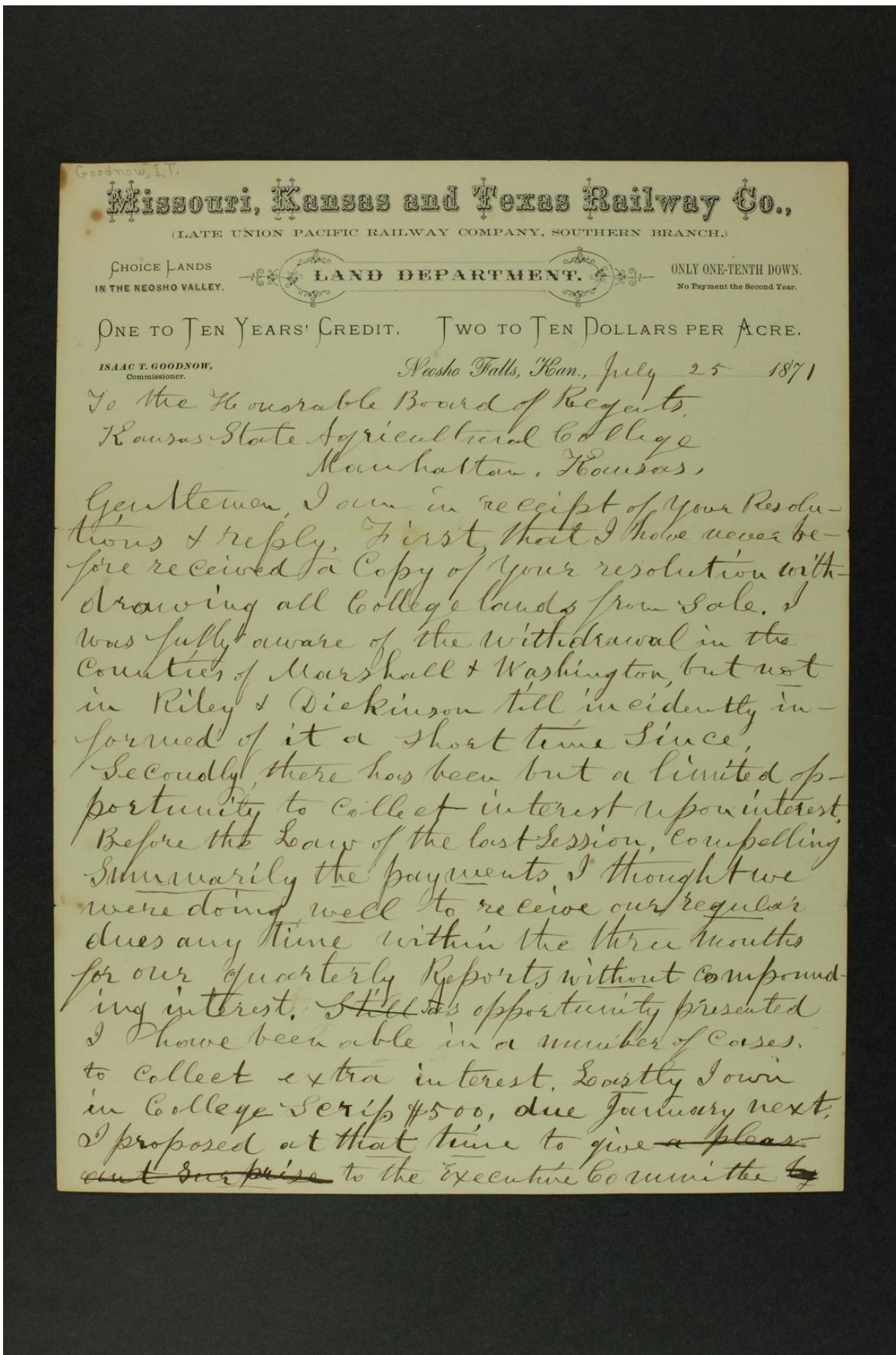


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a Report on interest to liquidate in  
part the dues on the aforesaid Scrip.  
Now if any other <sup>mode</sup> would be more  
agreeable to your Honorable Board

I am at your service.

And very truly yours,

Isaac T. Goodnow, Agent.

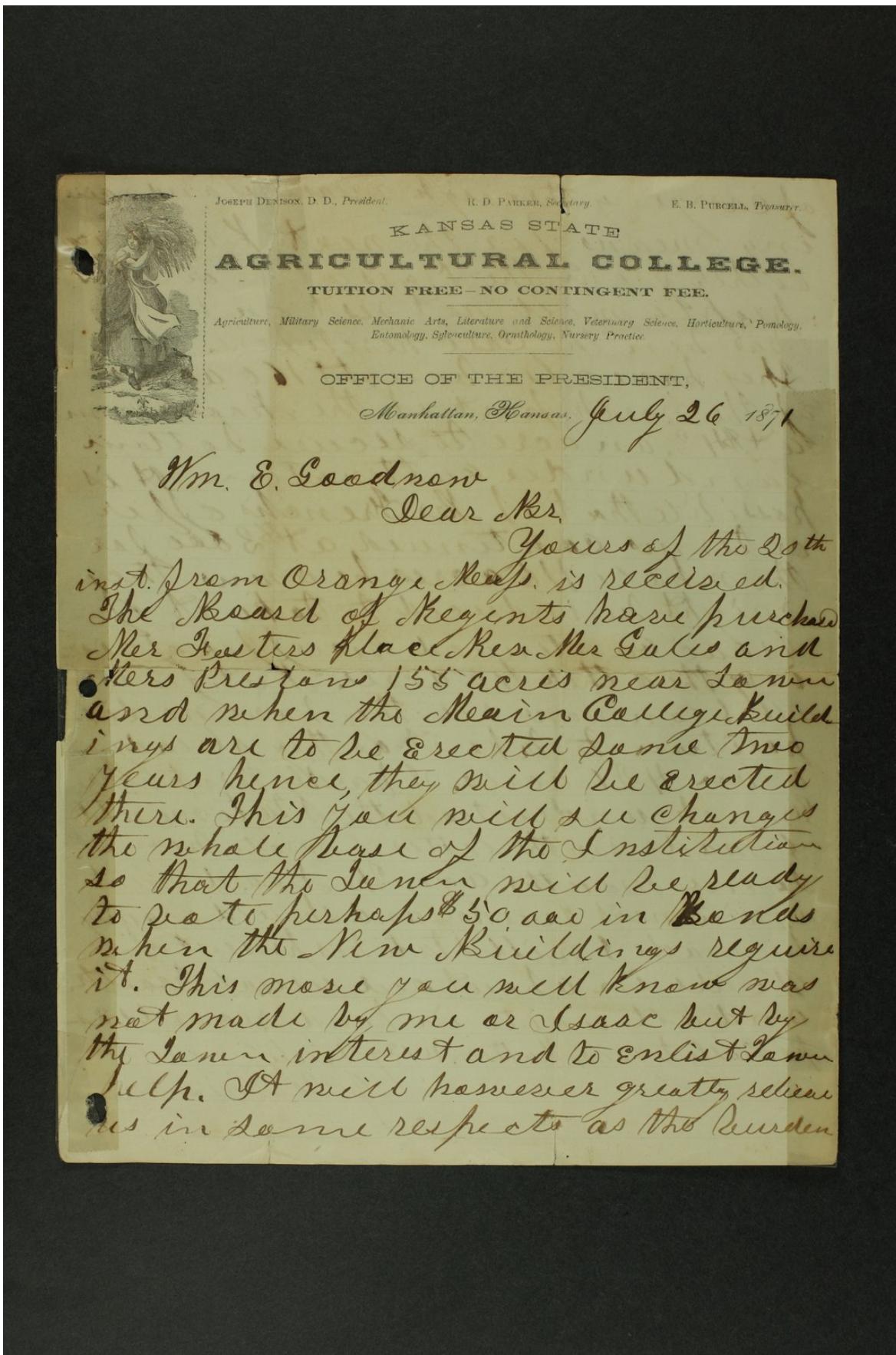
Report to Regent  
in reply to Resolution, etc.  
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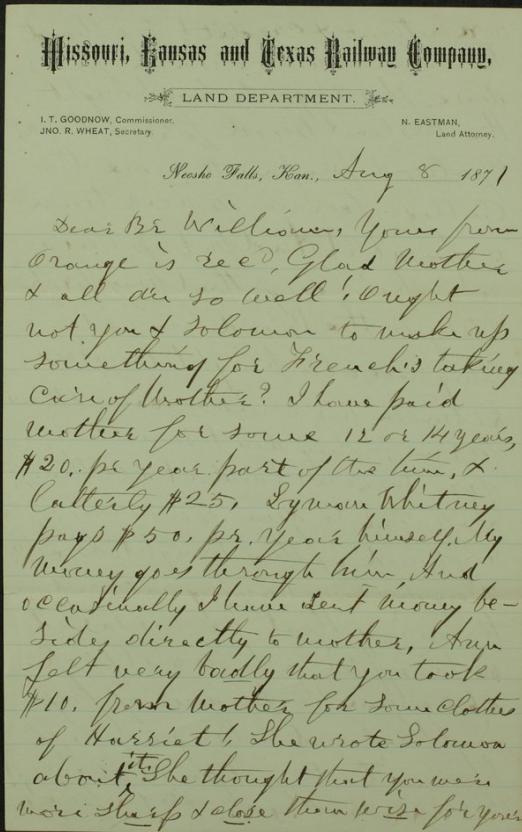
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of carrying through measure and again  
any means for the next building  
either from the Legislature or the  
people will not rest on us as  
has been the case heretofore.  
They have also bought 160 acres  
at the north part of the Rose Farm  
at \$43. an acre to secure bottom  
land under cultivation. It is  
possible that if Mr French's offer  
or terms continued at \$300 per  
the whole 115 acres he owns, they  
might be induced to take it.  
Isaac contineued his offer of giving  
the other 80 acres. But from  
all I can now see they have no dis-  
position to take it as they already  
own 420 acres. I hardly think Mr  
French understood the statements  
I made in the letter I wrote him  
some months ago. The Board met  
again ~~on~~ Tuesday and should inquiry  
be made I will state his present offer.  
We are in about our usual health  
and all unite in kind regards, es-  
pecially to your mother. Very truly yours  
J. Denison

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own interest & credit, we should be liberal with French's folks etc. The Regents have bought the Preston & Blood farms like Gales, I propose to move the College farm as near town as possible! And put up there new buildings that way; probably on the Blood place! They have also bought 160 acres between Dr. Stevens farm & Ross' farm - They don't seem to care for French's land at all though I offered to give 40 acres of my land if they bought French's. They decline buying without knowing what he has asked or his price!, He will probably leave the pleasure of keeping the land a long while, if he wants to get \$35 per acre, there is such a thing as being too grasping!

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I was at Leavenworth, last Wednesday, all well, Major Fred. Miller is just elected Prof. of Agriculture & Home Superintendent. Prof. though am, taking the Choice of the Fine Arts, &c., Ambrose Todd & family go into the Boarding House of Steward & Stewardess! So you see the changes! Progress! is the watchword! I am Glad you had so nice a time with Hattie & B. You will of course call on your way back. When may we expect you here? Hatty is thinking of going to School at Leavenworth. Sarah Kimball of taking her place here in our family. We have just won our Case against the Kansas Pacific R.R. Co. & you

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Lone 125,000 Acres of  
land, we are now selling  
the Osage lands through  
Solomon & Co. He was with us  
last night. He says he has  
got a splendid well at  
home, just along!

All would send love if  
they knew I am writing.  
Did you call on Friend  
Woolbush? Write  
often & all the parté-  
culars.

Yours truly  
I. D. Goodnow