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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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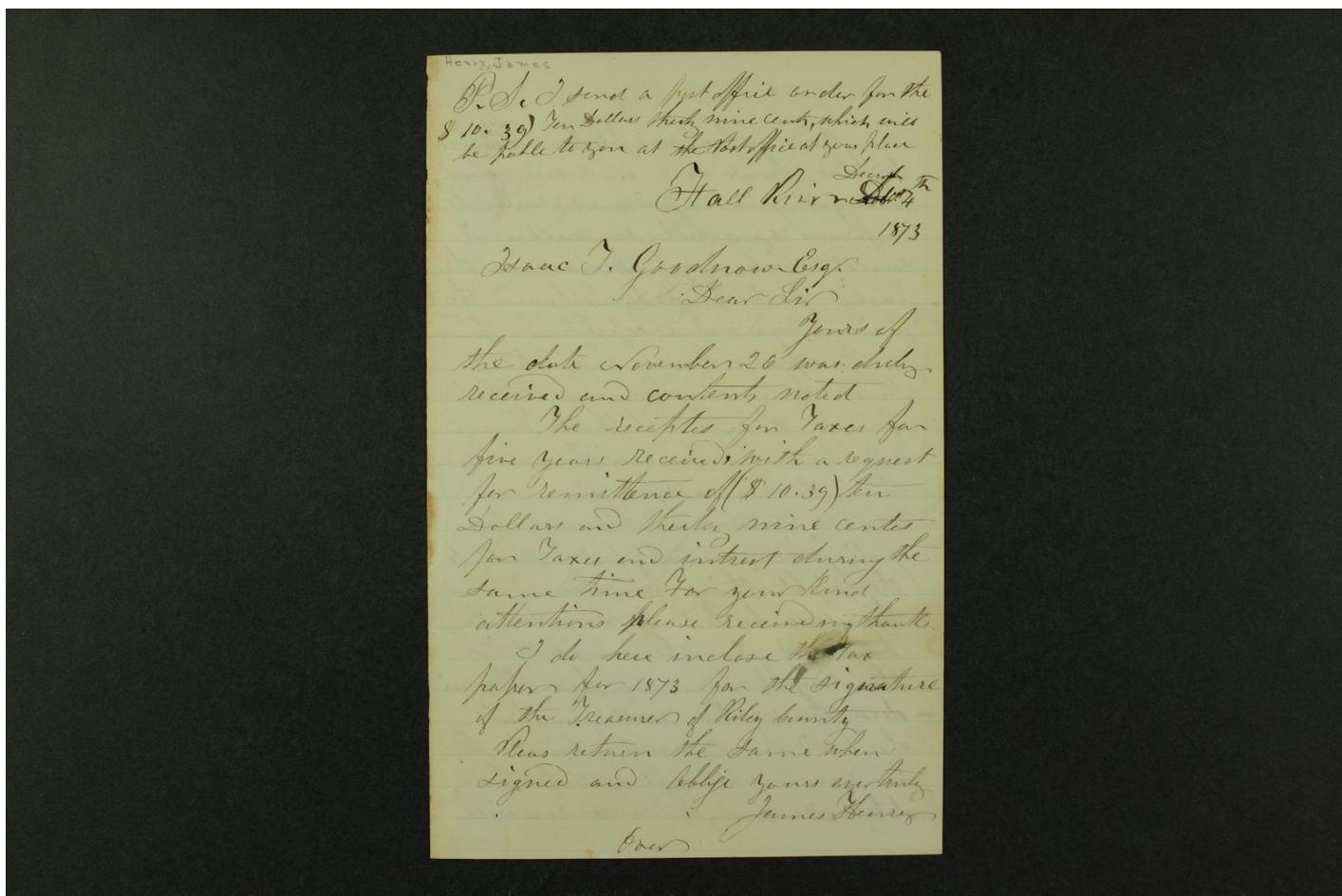
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You also expressed desire
to hear how me and my family
was getting along, I am sorry to
inform you not so well as I
could wish, I got married in the
early part of July last, and the
woman was not acceptable to them
as it appeared, for on my return
home from my marriage trip I
found they had left the house,
and have not been with me since,
this I do assure you gives me
much sorrow and harrows upon
feeling very much, but I shall do
the right thing for them I trust
they will be led to see that they
have not done the wisest thing
they might have done, had they consi-
dered the matter well over, but
should I have an opportunity to
see you I will give you further
details. the Lady I married you will

most probably not know she
is sister to Mr John D. Hinton
wife you will remember them

Now as it regards myself
I have resigned my situation as
Manager at the Print Works, and
am doing nothing at present but
resting upon my oars, after my long
tale of nearly forty years service at
the American P. W., I think I have
lived long enough, I am largely
concerned in Manufacturing cotton
goods, for Print cloth. Mostly print
the business has and is now
very bad, we are running short
time in all the cotton Bills in
this place, the Money panic as
affected business very much in this
place and all over the country,

And I do assure you affects my
financial interests very much, as all
my resources I derive from this source

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which at present looks very
bad, but I must trust something
will turn up for the better by and by.

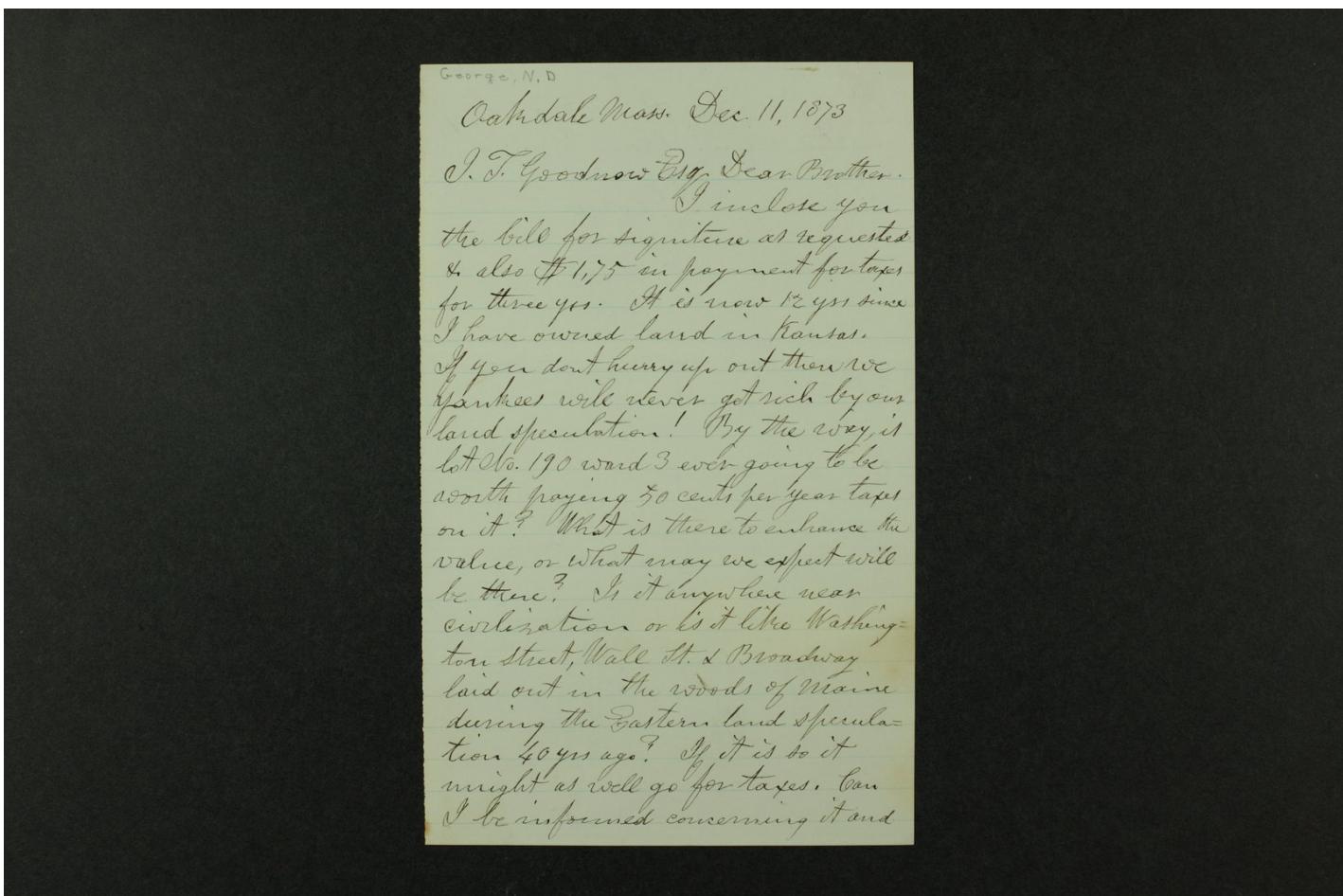
Now I have given you a little
history of my self. I will endeavor
to say a little something of my
family, they are about all as well
as usual, and Robert has full charge
at the Seminary & ^{3d} he took
very suddenly and is acting as manager.
Robert William Sarah Alice & Mary
Anna, are keeping house and live all
together young son John is married
and also James which you will probably
be aware of, as James has been married
some time but no family yet.

Now I have given you a short sketch
of myself and things, my Brother Abbott
and Sister are well they have had a
daughter married about one year ago she
has got a baby a fine little girl we
all wish to be very happy in finding
time to give you and wife shall be glad to hear
from you whenever you may have time.

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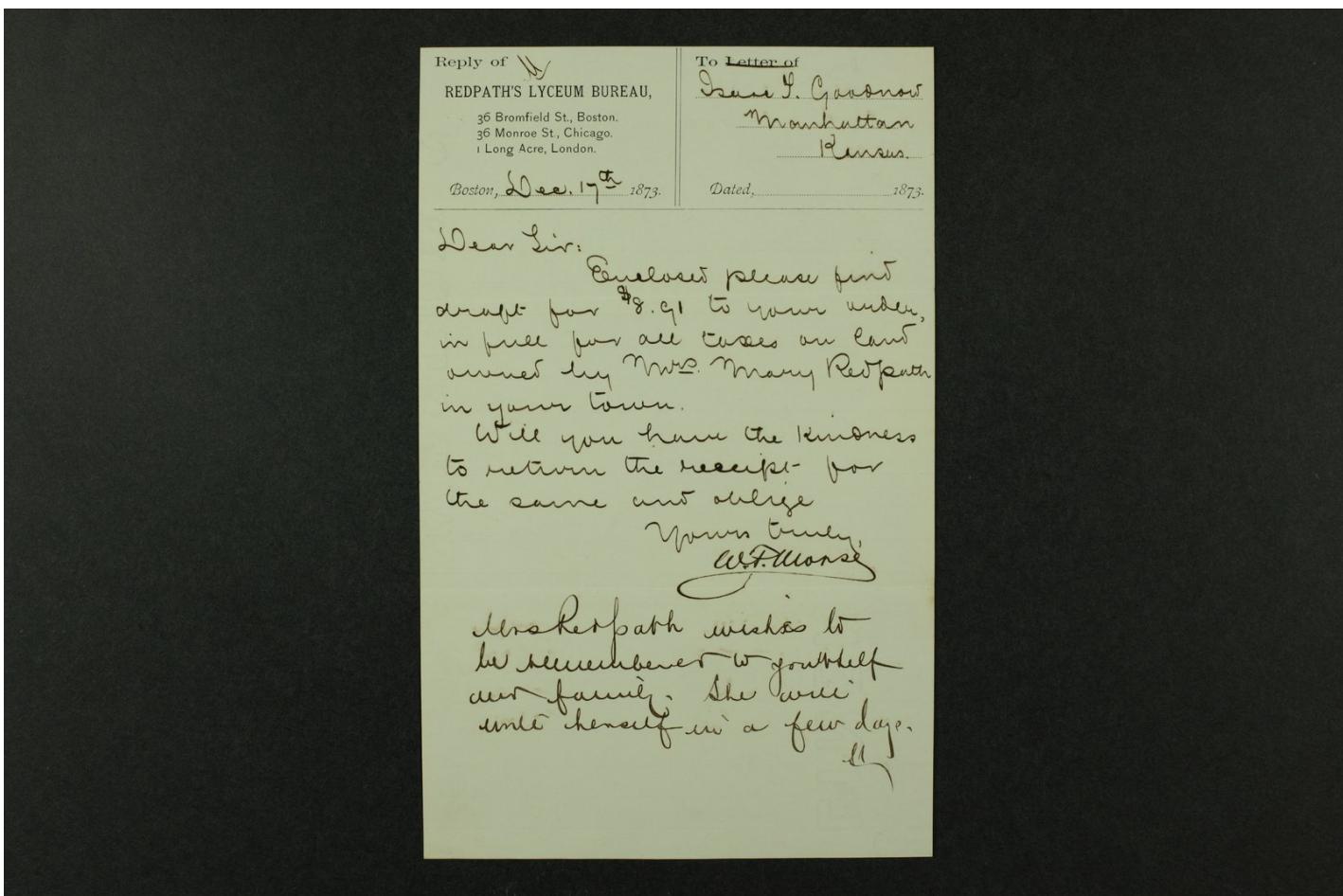
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Dear how near the spot is to living
mortal men? Please return the
receipt.
Yours etc M D George

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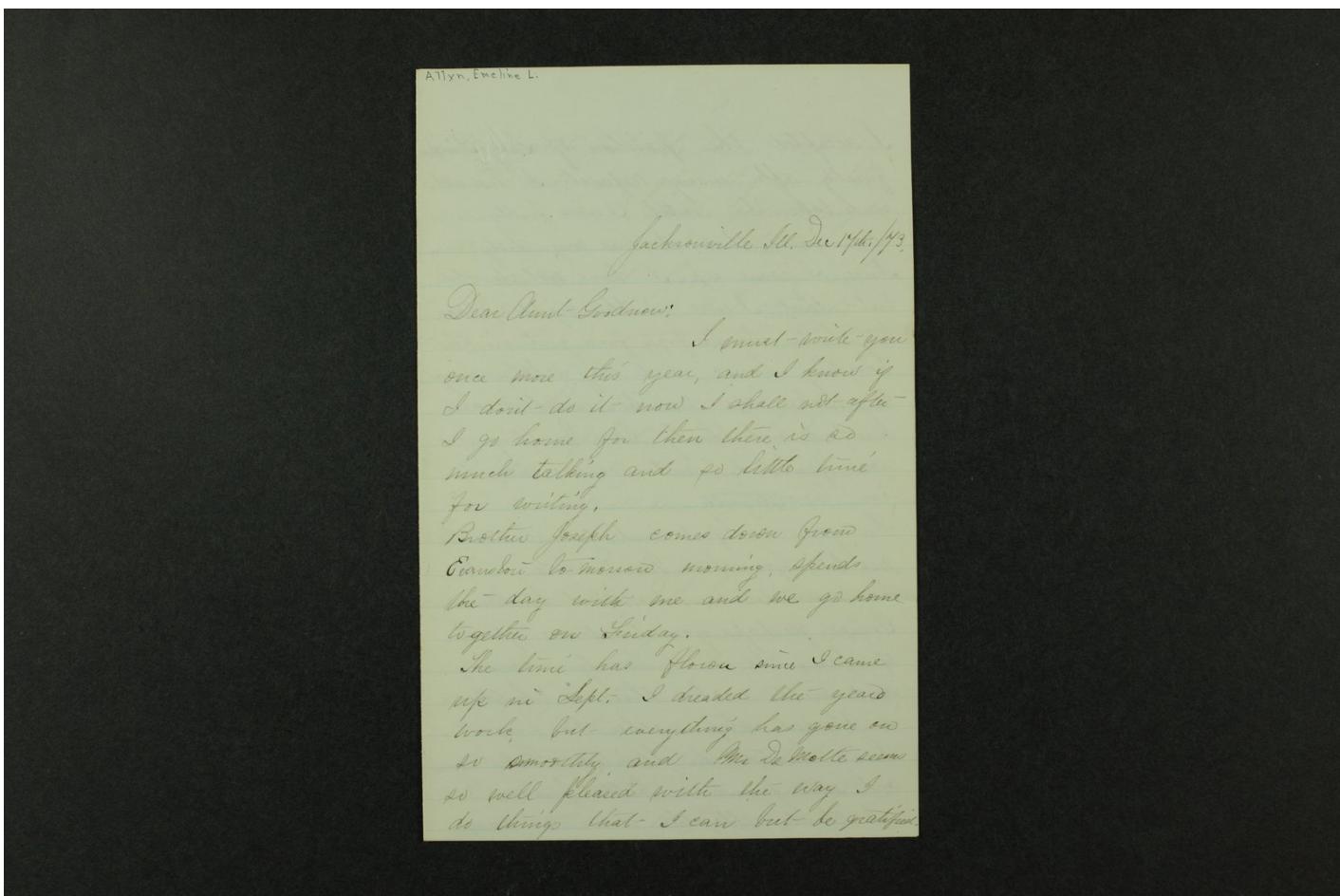
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I accepted the position of Lady Pimp's vice mate, I like them both very
finely after many refusals, I did not much and am glad they are to be
marriage. Mr. De Mott's oldest daughter
was married in Oct., so there are only
five children at home, quite an
undertaking isn't it? But then she
loves him and so love makes things
more easily.

Brother Charlie is still out of business.
I was in hope he would be home at
Christmas but it seems he cannot.
We have not all been together since
Charlie was married.

Ella said possibly you would come
on and visit us. I wish you
would, and if I am not then
couldst you come up here, I would
entertain you as well as I know how,
I have a bed room and sitting room
of my own, you should share it.

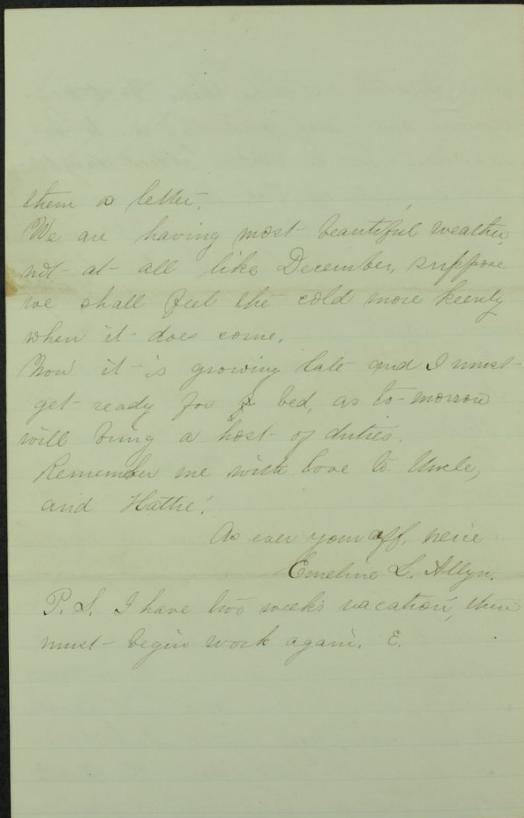
I have not heard from the Kema
folks for a long time, I am

For your comfort and consolation let
me tell you that Mr. De Mott is to
be married on Dec. 2nd, to Mrs.
Graues, perhaps you heard me speak
of her, she is a lovely woman
and will make those 5 children
a blessed step mother. He might
have hunted the United States over
and not found a better person.
I think altogether it is a very

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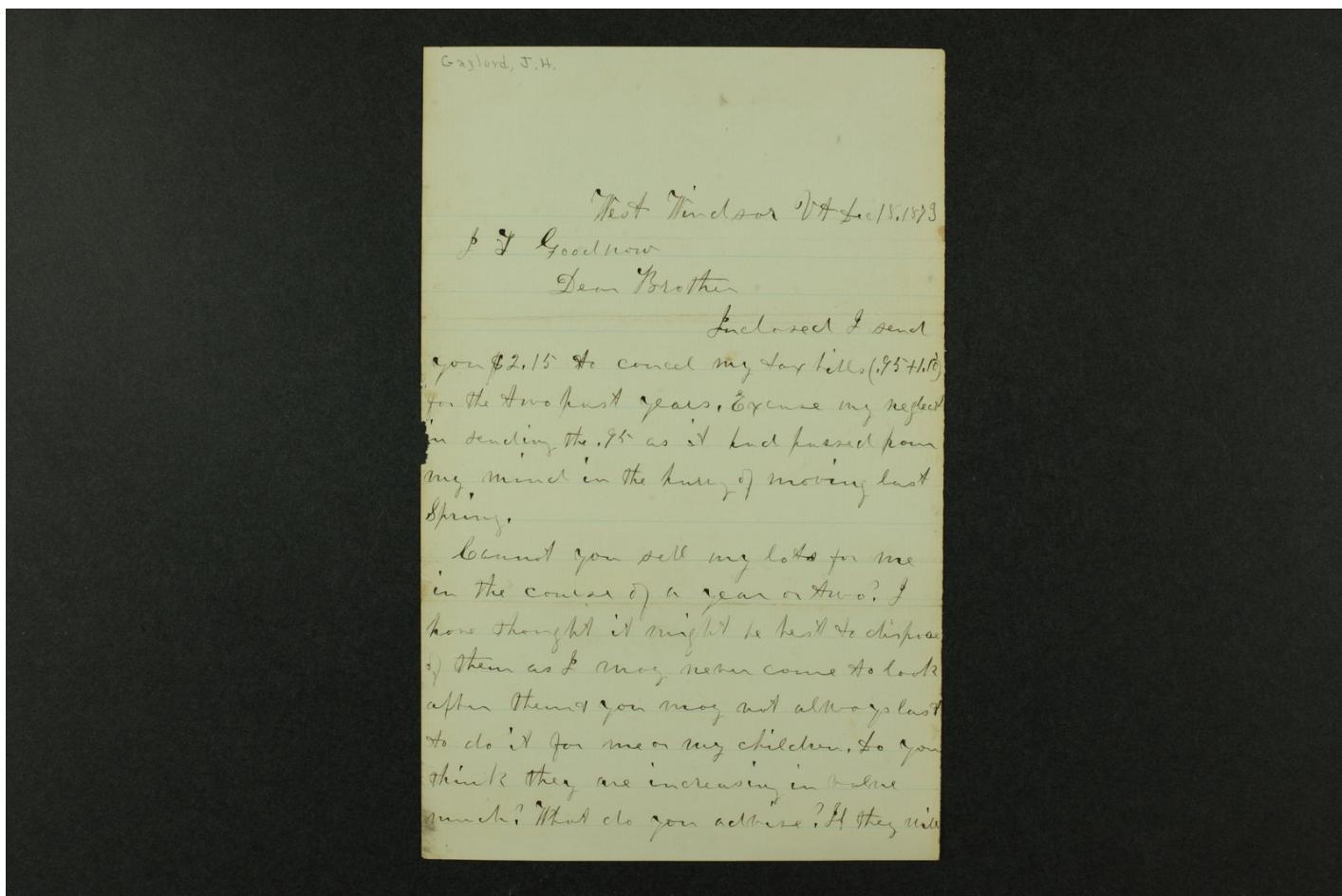
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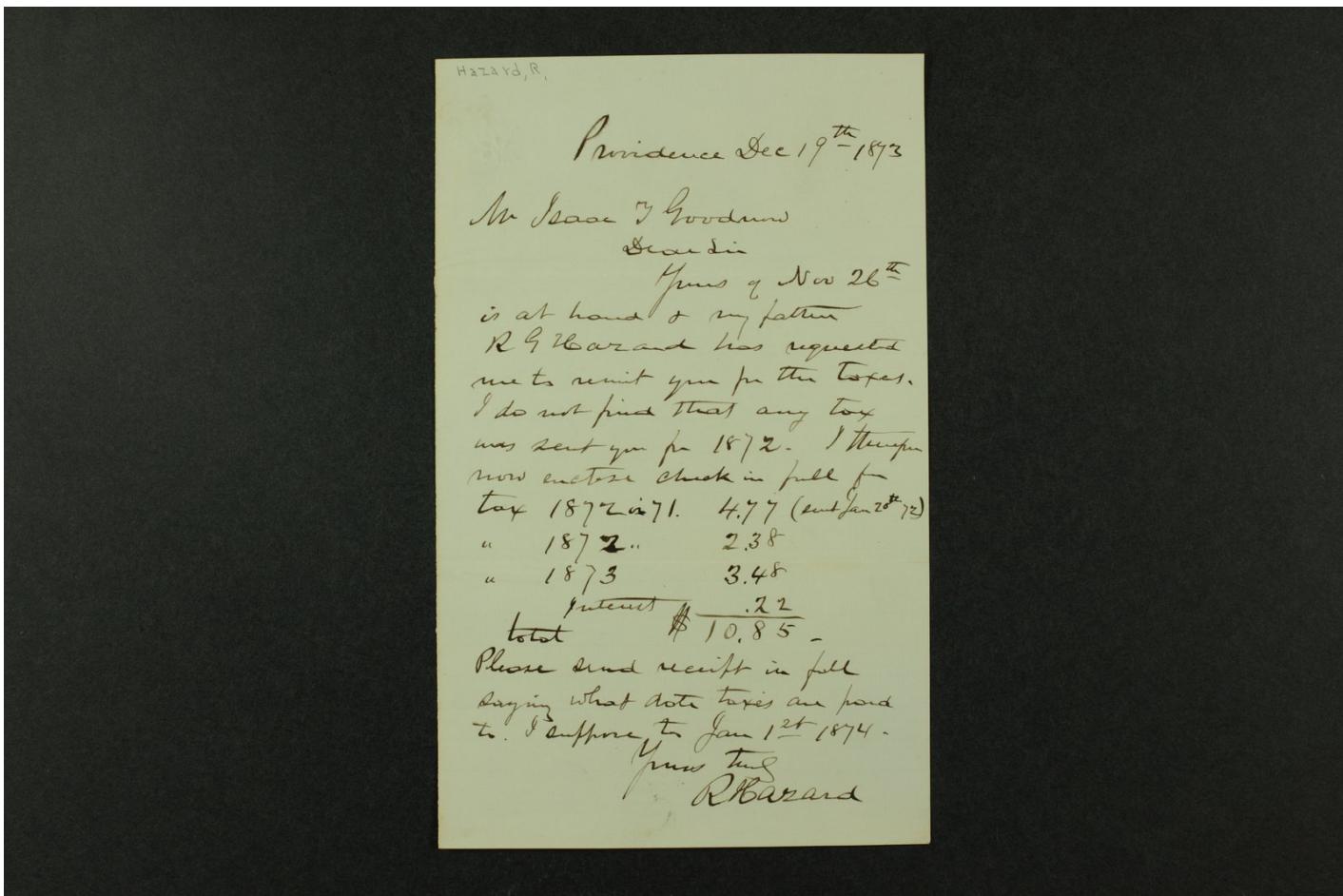
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enrich me by remaining unsold for
a few years I will be content to wait.
It seems to me in view of all uncertainties
it will be best to sell them if I
can get their cost with interest.
What say you?
We are all in our usual health &
quite pleasantly located in our new
field of labor - a quiet rural Ft town.
Our children are growing up & attending
school. We often think of our old
Wellesley associations & remember
friends far away in the distant west.
Mrs G joins in love to Sister G & sons etc
Affectionately yours
J. H. Gaylord.

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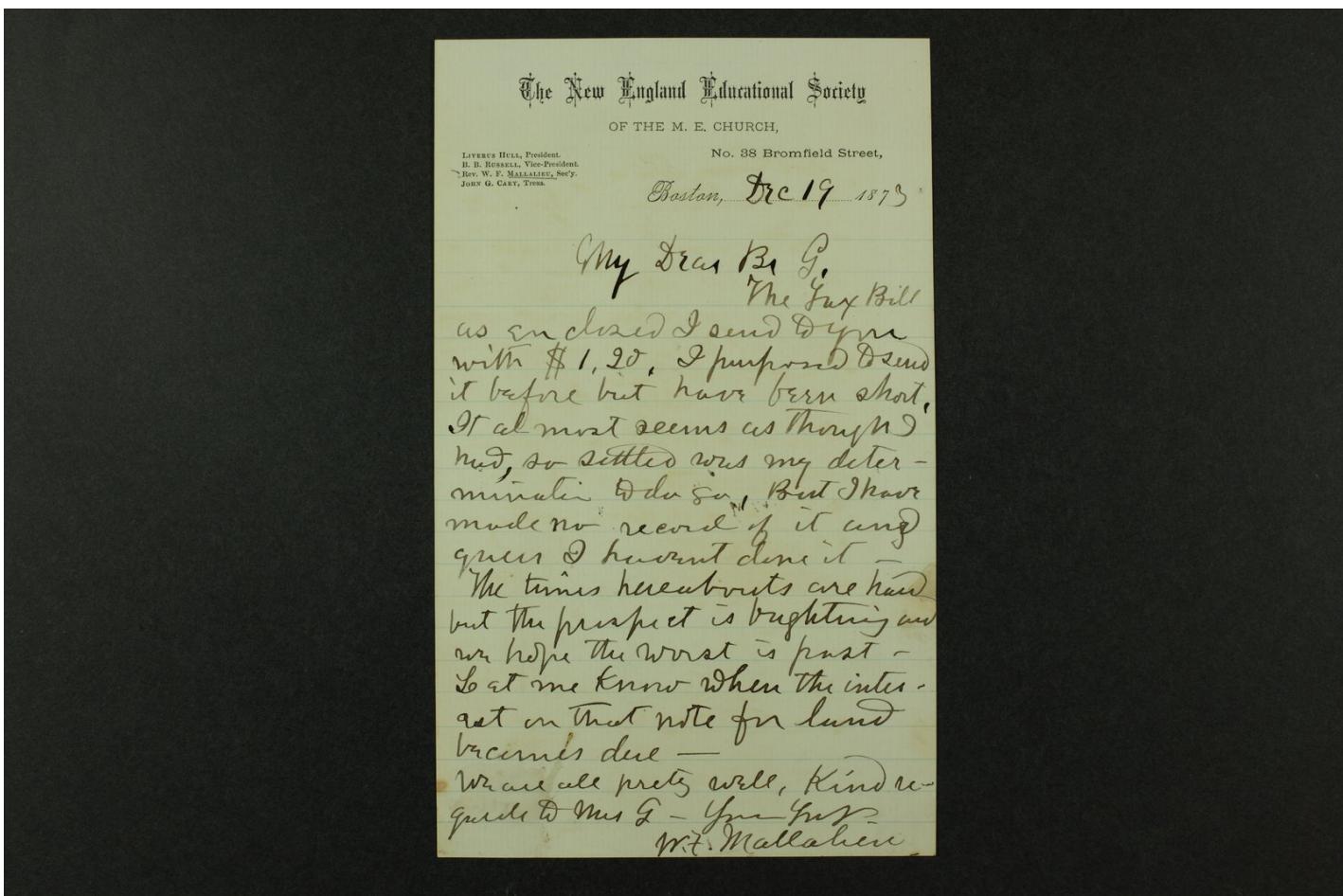
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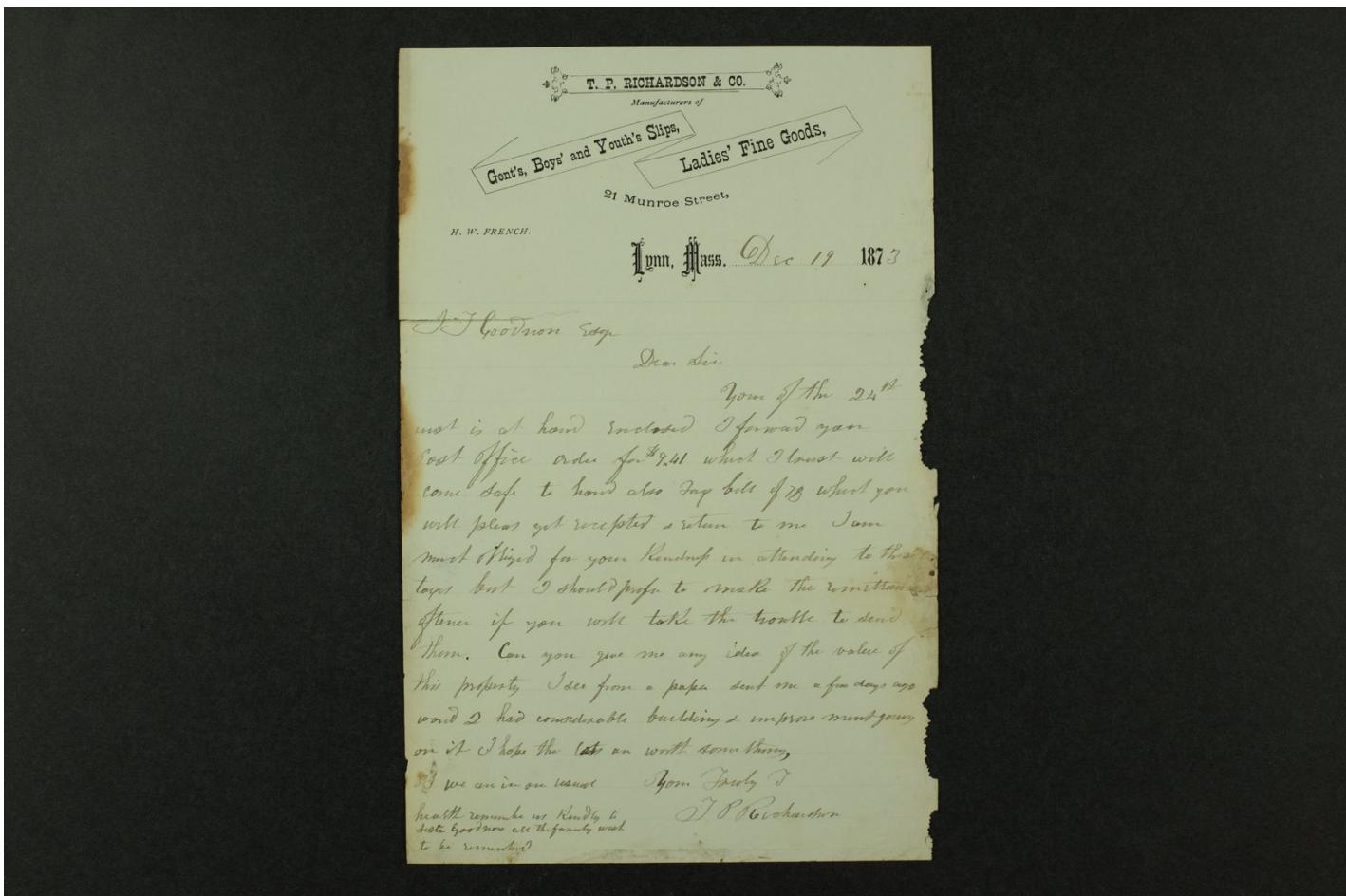
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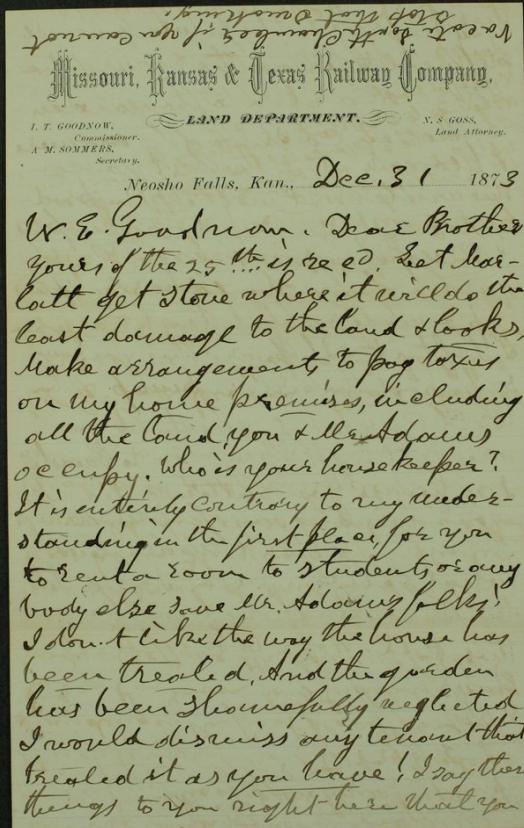
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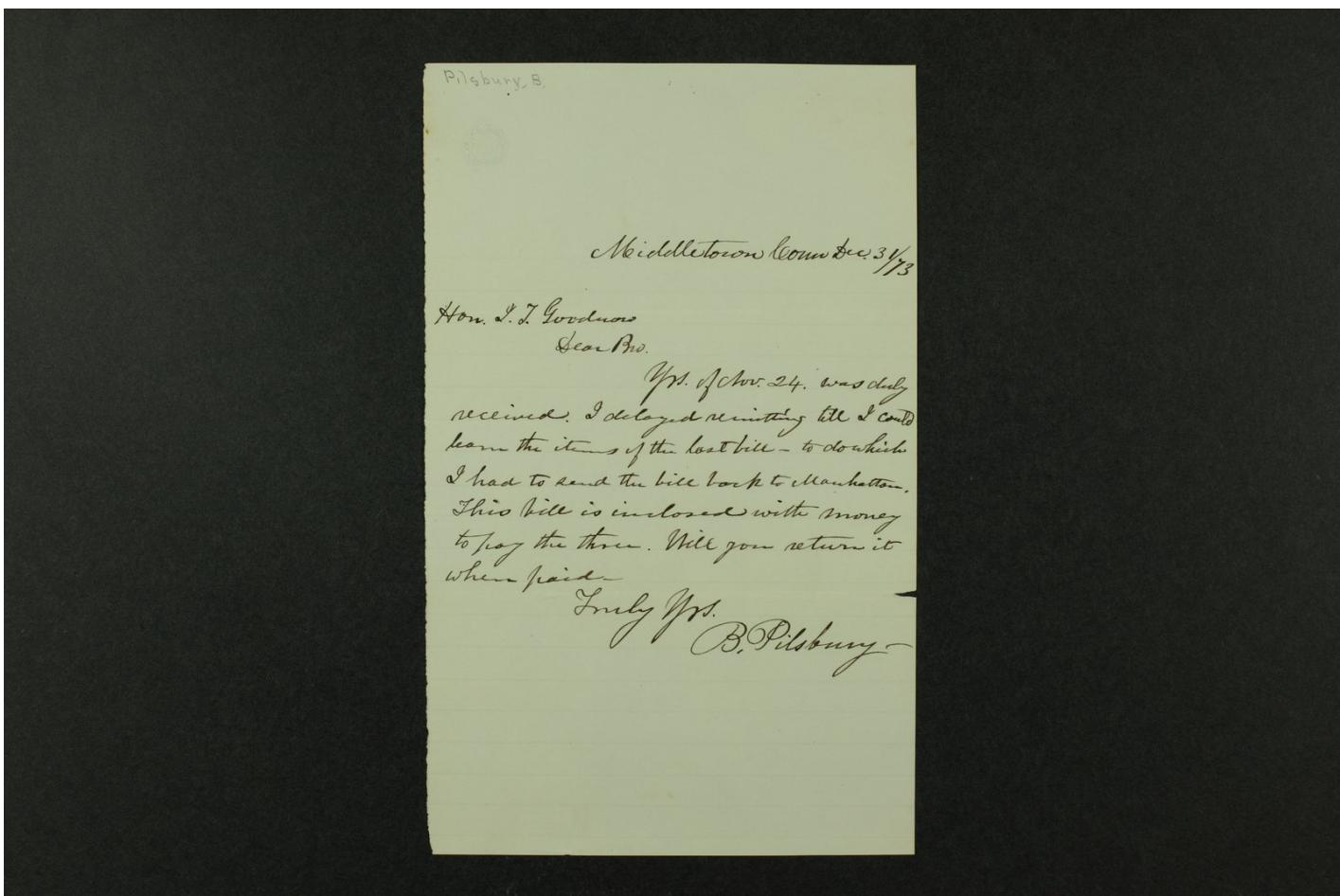
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May improve in the future. You will
do well to fix up the rooms of the
House, & Cart on to the garden
a dozen cart loads of manure
& plough it in the best you can;
this winter! It will help the produc-
tions now & summer & winter fully.
& Kill off the grass & weeds! That
garden fence should be straightened
up & made rabbit tight as when
I left it. I hope ere this you have
repaired the Cistern pump. & the
Well Curb! I often think you
are letting the place go to decay;
I reharsce these matters to stir up
your mind by way of remear-
brance. I don't understand
what lots you wish! I send this
by Mr. Dawson who leaves for home
this P.M. Hope to be rep in 10
days. Affectionately. Your
N.B. You must J. F. Goodnow
arrange to stop that smoke in Parlor &
Chamber! You will have the expense but
not Put your kit together & your friends
turn out & occupy it for a few weeks.

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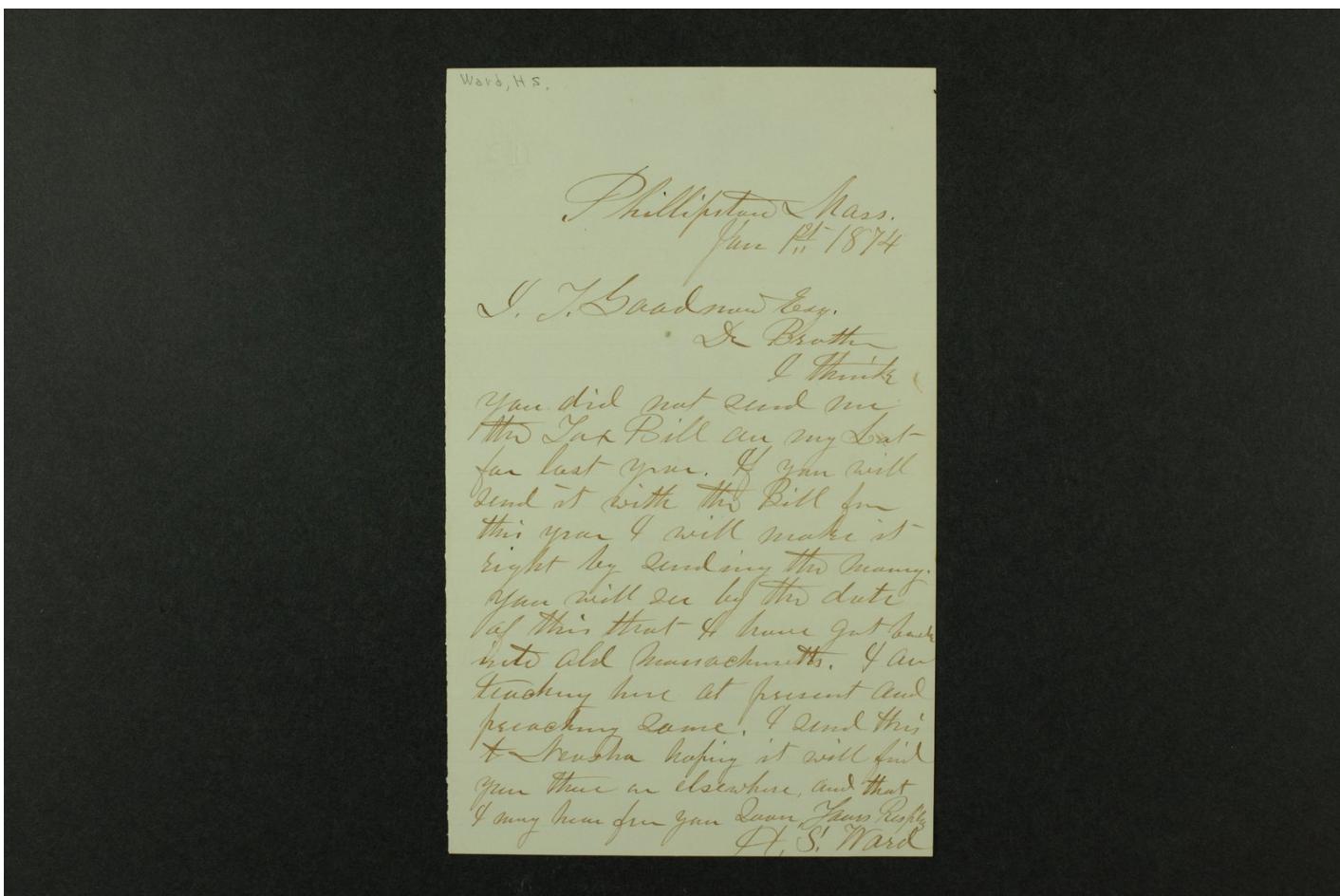
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Eastman, C. L.
(Charlestown)
Boston - Bunkerhill
District Jan 1-1874.
Dear Brother G.
First of all
let me wish you & your good
wife a Happy New Year and
then let me explain my loca-
lity. It is really it is not quite
so clear where I belong - whether
Charlestown or Boston -
a transition just about this
time -
I intended & should have
answered your letter before
this. hope you will pardon
the delay. Glad to hear
from you. Of all your
prosperity. Almost concur-
red - and slipped out of mind
should much like to sit
in & have an old fashioned

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visit with you & Sister H.
but a little too far off now -
I should like to see a little
of the Master world if could
find time & courage to
start out. I love to be at
home, & in home work,
as well as ever -
I am very pleasantly
situated in my present
field & rejoice in seeing
some good done. The Lord
has given us & the souls
saved some justified. some
sanctified. Praise his name.
Full salvation is the want of
the church to day - this will
be an investment of power
which will make terrible to
her enemies as an army
with banners. we want more
real living Christian life &

comfort & ~~wine~~ the world &
Christ want ~~the~~ where we
can invite the world &
something ~~that~~ ^{the} saved & satisfied.
Religion has the ~~key~~ ^{key} to ~~the~~ ^{the} kingdom.
I had never more to me than
now - I am satisfied with
Jesus. I think I never saw
the church & world setting
towards the cross as now - the
world it to be taken for the
glorious Son of God. God
grant we may have a hand
in this work Amen -
I think things are improving
in New England & some
terrible sinners - yet I believe
the world is growing better -
I like to look on the sunny
side -
I send you P.O. order for taxes
I am greatly obliged to you for

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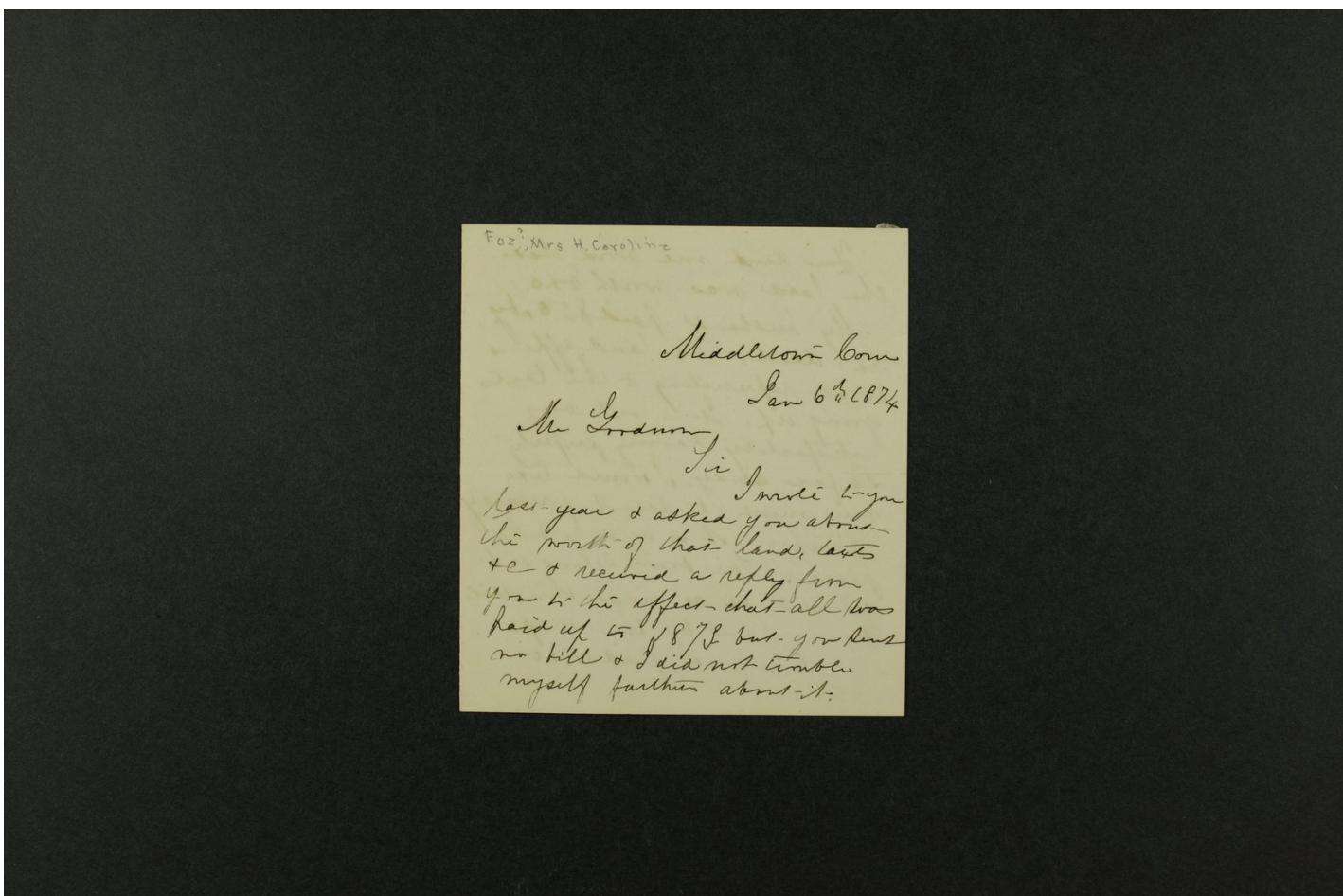
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looking after my interests
in Manhattan is very bad
worth anything. Could it
be sold for anything? had
it better be sold? what would
you advise? please write
me about this.
I see Dr. Allyn has been elected
to a new position. Friends
are usually well & bear
from Lyden quite well.
Visited there last fall - great
sad changes since I first went
there.
All in usual health - wife was an
old Wilbraham student - Jane C. Marsh
when there from West Springfield.
Love to Sister Goodnow. The
Good Lord bless you with all
spiritual blessings. Anna as ever
B. E. Eastman

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You send me word that
the land was worth \$40. per
My husband paid \$38 by
the deed. The land appears
to be depreciating & the taxes
going up. It is not very
satisfactory having property
so far away. I would like
very much to see it for myself.
I suppose it is a very wild
place. The town seems to be
situated or near the rail
road. I see by the map
Enclosed find \$1.40

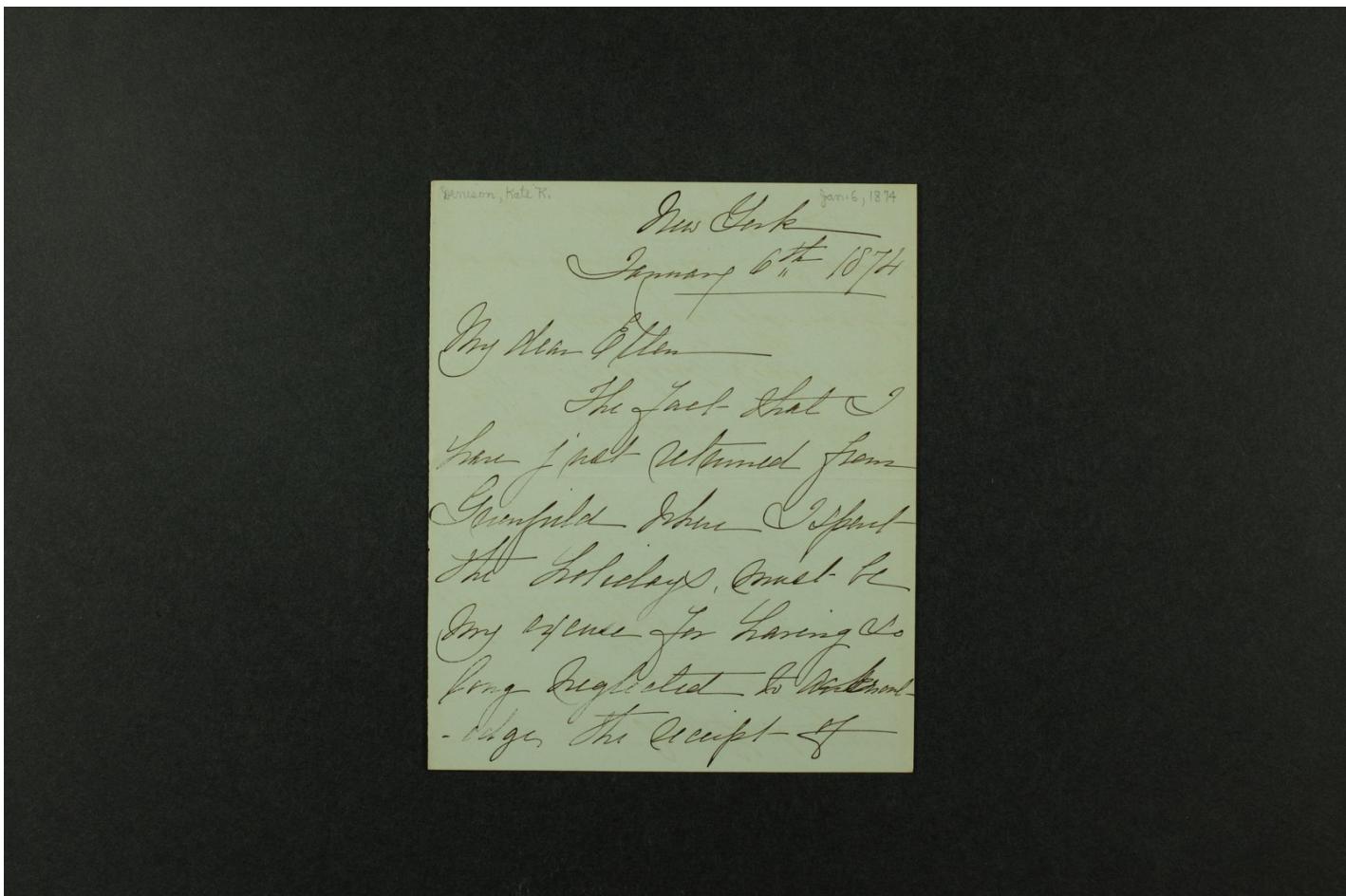
for last years taxes,
Yours respe[ctfully]
Mrs H. Goodnow

Box 823

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Yours charming friend, I
thank you very much, and
thank it very kind of
you to send me such
beautiful, and valuable
minerals. And hope that
in so doing you have
not robbed your own
collection of its finest
specimens. George
admires them as much
as I do. I am glad to
say that he is quite
well this winter. Although
he lives as you know him
through much sickness
nearly. He has had
a wonderfully mild
winter so far. though
almost the snow tempe-
rature is agreeable.
At Greenfield it was

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Wider, clear, bright and
altogether delightful.
I hope you are all
well, and prosperous.
George joins me in
kindest remembrance.
Yours affectionately
Kate P. Dixson

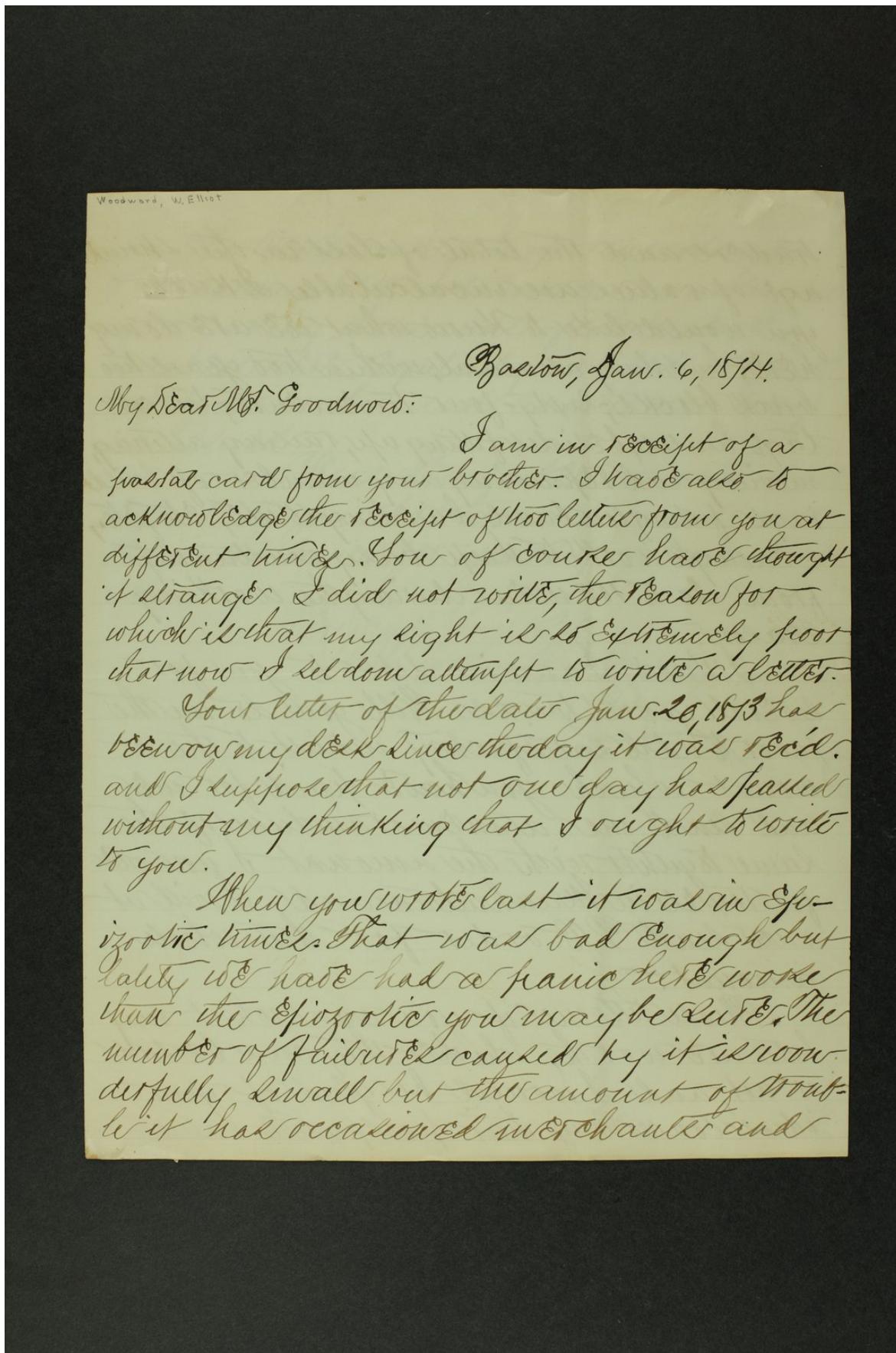
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trades and the total of loss in the shrinkage of values are incalculable. I know to you would like to know what we are doing here, building as usual; within two years two brick blocks, sixty-four tenements, few cottage houses; besides fitting up, razing, altering, moving and repairing any number of buildings, filling lots and building streets, &c., &c., - enough work to keep busy constantly from 20 to 100 men during the working season.

I know I am in debt to you for several years taxes. Will you do me the favor to add satisfactory interest to the amount which you have paid for me and send me a memorandum of the same together with the amount I now owe for taxes in Manhattan and I will at once send P.O. order for the whole amount.

Please tell me if you can what my lots are worth, whether they can be sold or not, and I would be glad of your ideas concerning their prospective value.

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The Belknap & Co. Shop was obliged
to succumb to adverse circumstances
owing after sinking thousands of dollars, the
numbers were regularly mailed to your-
self your brother and another as long
as issued.
Please remember us with kind
regards to your brother and family and
receive the same for yourself from all of
us.

Very truly yours
W. Eliot Woodward,

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