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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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child I used to extract of the N.Y. "Globe" gives consent."  
plums, the best of a Yankee      "The day was bright and blank  
for old, and by them away to full," school was suspended, and  
enjoy them in prospect. Well away we went to see the country,  
just as I have done with this and the House of Refuge. A  
letter-writing. So now you will      If I were not in such a hurry  
forgive me won't you, and      to tell Dr. Loring I would stop  
regard me as kindly as you were      to say that Goodnow, we, me and  
won't do when I had visited Miss Merriam, her uncle, Miss Phillips  
a lesson well!

Having fairly come over to N.Y. a Disfranchise had members  
this contribution. The only question of the New School Presbyterian general  
that troubles me is what shall Assembly, and I would also tell  
I write about N.Y. The query arises you several other equally important  
not from any source. I hope  
subject to but from the difficulty  
of holding what will now be  
entirely to you. I anticipate  
your answer, "whatever most  
interests to you!" What most interested me last night was a  
little excursion which we made  
into the country. Shall I tell you of  
seating ourselves in on airy corners  
of the very comfortable sheet  
car we were very soon flying away  
as rapidly as one horse could carry  
us. At the first start we were so  
what crowded, but like voyagers  
in life's journey one after another  
dropped away till we four and one

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more, were left alone. We wished  
done you down to this odd-looking  
person, and in her reply she said  
she disapproved all Ignorantical laws  
of construction that we were  
infinitely amused. Seeing her  
and others so cordially interested  
we had little trouble in drawing  
her out and inducing her to abide  
the Queen's English to our hearts  
content. We had neglected  
to furnish ourselves with permits<sup>5</sup>  
and were speculating on the  
probability of getting in without  
them. Whereupon she told us if they  
showed any hesitation about admitting  
us, to say we came down in the car  
with Mrs. Ryle and she hoped we'd  
have no difficulty in getting in.  
Fortunately we had none; at the entrance  
was a man old acquaintance  
to Captain Superintendent, who very  
cordially received us and politely  
escorted us through the Park still. The gate  
was open to privileged visitors.

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No. 2.

He first took us to the chapel, a very neatly kept hall where they meet for worship. The boys enter on the lower floor, the girls on the gallery above; both can hear and see the chaplain in the pulpit though they cannot see each other.

Piping into a school room we found about forty little boys of the primary class, learning to spell. The day's recitation hours are from 5 till 4 o'clock A.M. & P.M. The remainder of the day is devoted to play and to work. At 4½ they retire to their own rooms and are locked in for the night. Each apartment is about 6 by 8 feet, containing a long narrow bed, a stand, a single chair or stool. The boys seem to possess a decided taste for the beautiful in art. Many of their walls and low ceilings were festooned with wreaths of fantastically cut paper while the

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doors were literally covered with prints and curious engravings.  
Books too they have which they seem  
very fond of displaying. One  
boy had a collection of Bibles. He  
arranged one above the other in the  
most advantageous manner  
for effect. The location  
of the building is really very fine.  
It is situated on the right bank of the  
bright, blue river and surrounded  
by lovely hills and lofty trees; its rare  
beauty and the purpose of the institu-  
tion suggested this conundrum.  
How were our first parents unlike  
the inmates of the House of Refuge?  
Mrs. Garrison sent from New York  
and the same has brought off these lists.  
This called up another which maybe  
you have seen elsewhere. Why  
is the Ohio river like a drunken man?  
Ans. It takes a large quantity of old Monongah-  
ela, goes by whaling (Whaling) gets a kick

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(Licking) at Cincinnati and falls at Louisville. The next time you come to Pittsburgh we hope you will stay longer and let us have the pleasure of taking you to see the beautiful retreat, the refuge from crime.

Jacob H. P. M. June 3d.

The above was written several days ago but not sent as the others were not ready. Mr. Stephens is now ill, confined to his bed and the others are very full of business so we will just send ours along alone hoping it may find you very well and happy.

Very truly yours  
H. Parson

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[Signature] H. I. G.

the Hall, the society  
is small & I have written  
you good have half  
of your time less.  
We are invited to go  
over at 3<sup>o</sup> p.m.  
John Chapman being  
invited to give a lecture  
in the hall of the Academy  
of the University of  
Denison, Ohio.  
I will go  
there Saturday & Sun-  
day evening here.  
I have written to Uncle to the Society,  
but really intended to write you  
several days ago, one thing and  
another has taken up the time  
until a week slipped away since  
our arrival here. I almost before  
we knew it, we came from  
New York by way of New Haven  
Springfield & Greenfield, so saw  
some parts of the Lower Valley,  
Montgomery & Tom. Uncle showed  
me theugar loaf, where he first  
bought you to ride, were making hay  
all along the way, raw fields of

July 20th  
Dear Ward & Ellen!

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Fourth inst for me year of my life 1878 to 1879, my wife, think she is a superior little woman. the American Home is only two recares from here, & Ella is up every day, sometimes eve go down there. On a Mrs Hazel on long ago mor  
yours of Uncle, he & his wife called last week she is a very pleasant woman. Uncle went to Boston  
Wednesday to smoke some of his  
as soon as the clock struck 12 M<sup>o</sup>,  
Monday, & continued during the day  
& until late at night, the only  
excitement of the day was a visit  
from a party of "Abol" Horribles, so  
not think they were much impore  
ment on the Horribles at No. last  
year. Many of the people here went  
to Lake Pleasant to hear Samponer  
Sam Small & others speak. In the  
afternoon we were all invited  
to friends to lake increasing, & rode  
out boats, swimming. we are all  
very much in love with Knaps

weighed 105-pounds a few days  
ago, you see the cold hard time  
we gain much flesh since our  
leaving home, but am feeling  
fine. Aunt Ann has a girl  
& we are having first-rate times  
they have a splendid jessies &  
Belcher, Everett & Grace play  
considerable music out of it.  
The ride out every <sup>day</sup> to see if we  
feel like it, & they are very pretty

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Dear Father & Mother how are you? How is the family? I am well & so is my wife. We have a nice home & good company. I have a good deal of time to myself & I am very happy. The weather is fine & we have many flowers, & enjoy the hills & woods very much. Evie has just come in with his hands full of lovely jewel lillies. He is clerk in a clothing store this vacation, is very much interested in Botany & has great tress of pressed flowers, is as tall as his Father. Uncle Stephen recovers well & is cheerful as ever, but I feel as though I could cry for him sometimes to see him hobbling around on crutches, & think he must always go so. Aunt Anna & I attended Methodist service this morning, they have no church but meet at

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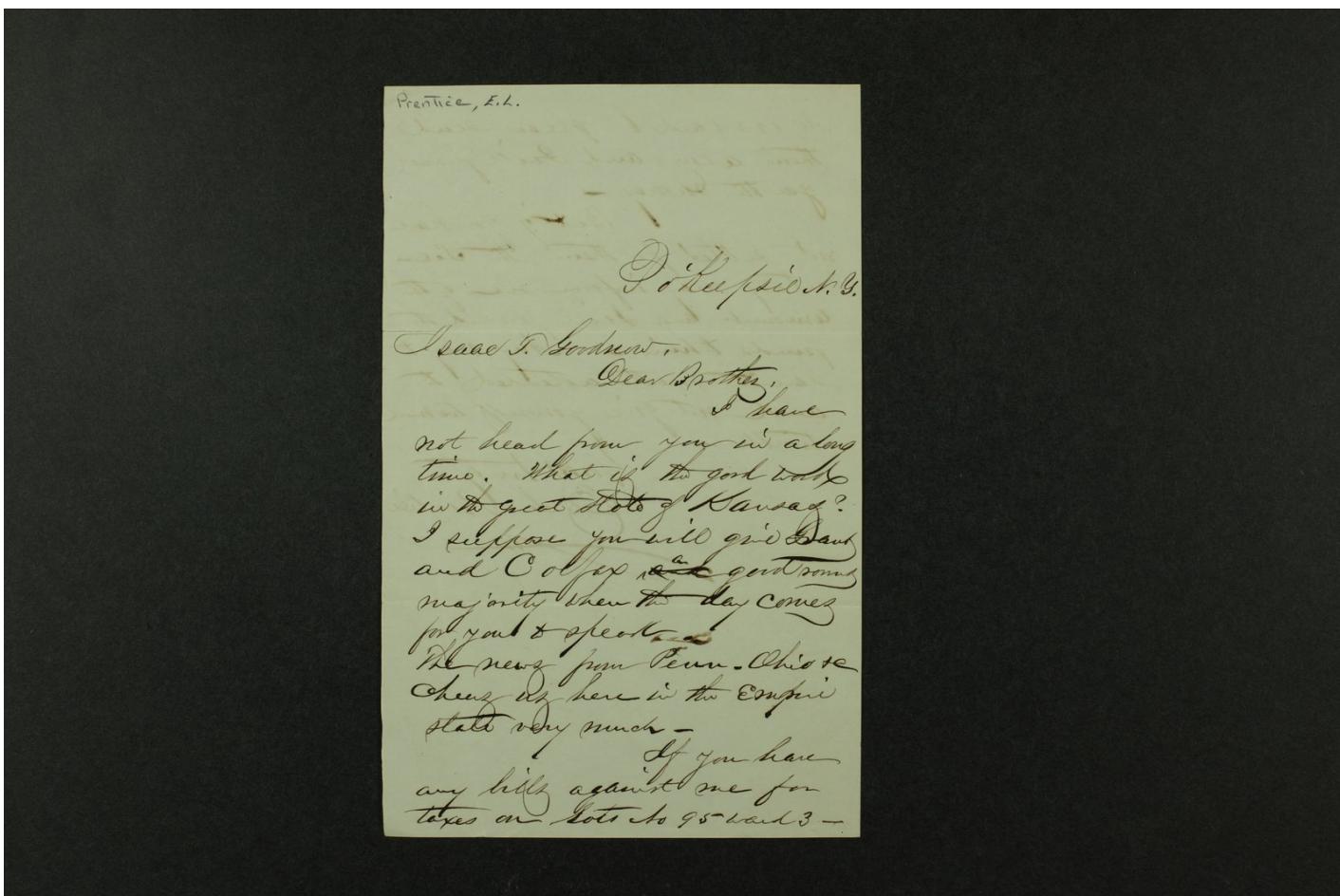
Since finishing my letter we have  
been out to ride, some 5 miles to  
what is called the Cheyenne division,  
the piece of land has been in the  
family a good many years, the  
present owner is in business in New  
York, a few years ago he built a  
handsome house here where his  
families spend their summer.  
is a very nice place. Tell Uncle  
Hiram on the way out we passed  
quite a good many farm houses  
& some pastures quite good, others  
& suppose were much as I have  
heard of, where they have to pile  
the sheep's noses so they can  
pick around among the stones  
for grass.  
Last week I helped brother make  
a little bonnet, & lined one for  
Uncle Tom.

I.C.G.P.

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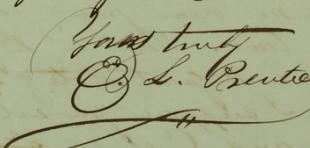
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them along and I will forward  
you the money - But if you have  
not settled for them the Sec-  
retary may inform me of the  
amount and I will forward the  
funds to him - Any way to  
have the matter attended to  
and not give yourself too much  
trouble -

Yours truly  
O. L. Prentiss



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Plumb, P.B.

Father, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friend Goodman -  
I have got of it. You are  
Correct about ~~Keynes~~ <sup>some</sup>,  
Hope it is a fully meritorious  
case.  
Send me list of books ap'd.  
I shall commence sending out  
soon - & will supply all I  
can to you  
Yours truly  
P. B. Plumb

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Prairie City Kansas  
Stein. D. 66

Gen. Come Dear Sir

In reply to your suggestions in regard to the terms upon which I would sell my Printing Office I have to say that I have a complete newspaper office, with material nearly new, and a good press large enough to print a paper of the size of the "Lancaster Journal" and also a variety of printing material, probably a sufficient amount to do all the job printing that will be a demand for in the country.

The New terms are \$500. payable one-half down, one-half in three months, and balance in six months.

In regard to the proposition of my going to Manhattan with my printing office and publishing a paper at that point I will say that it would be impossible for me to entertain any notion of the kind before Spring. I am so situated that it would be impossible for me to remove before that time. Perhaps during the month of April it could not

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with sufficient encouragement. I might  
be induced to go to that place with  
my press - not before

If you desire to purchase my press  
you have it every time.

Very respectfully yours  
I. S. Party

Dear friend

I am with speaks  
far itself - I send by this  
mail a copy of the  
paper referred to  
Yours etc

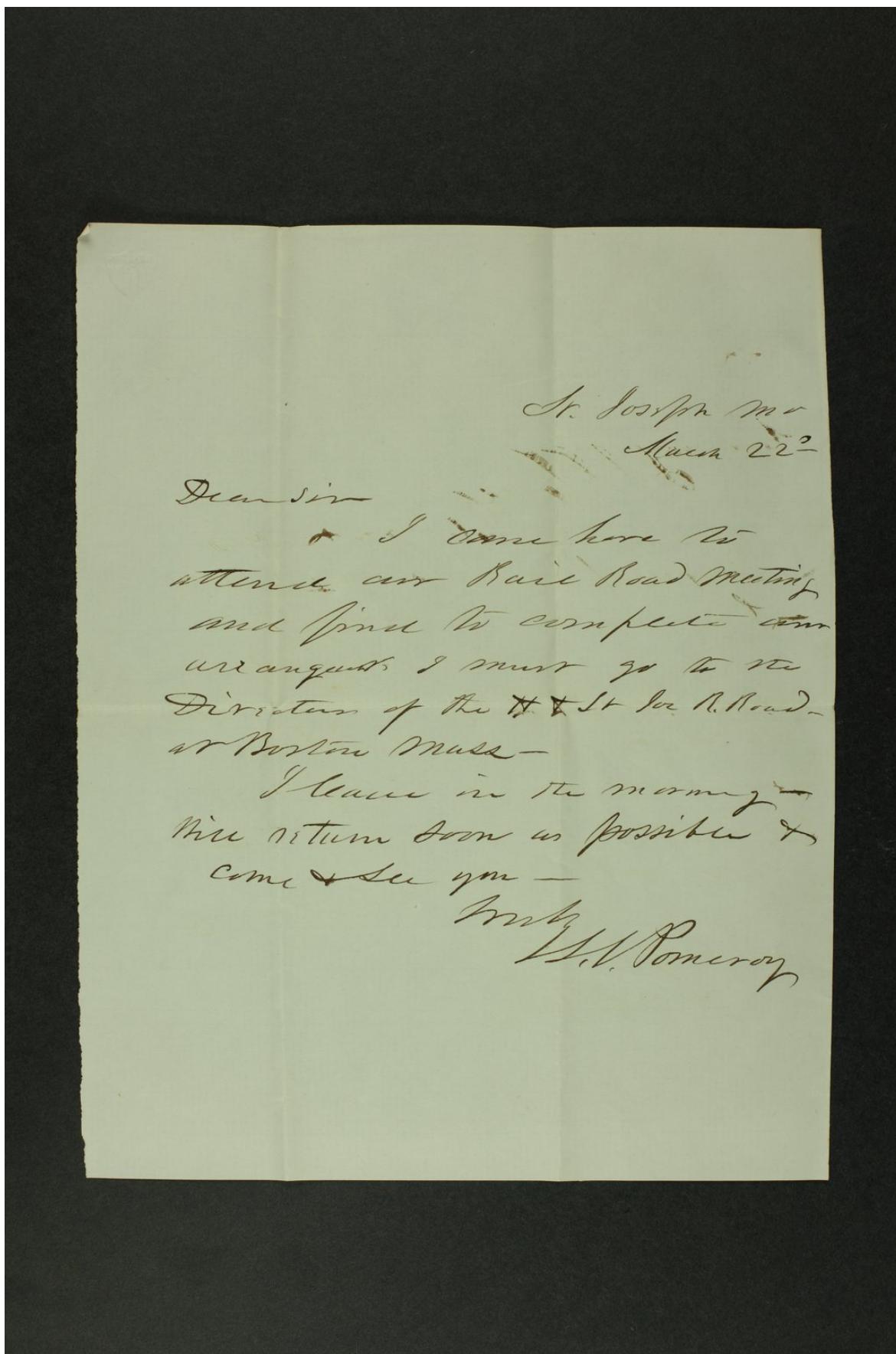
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Atchison K. T.  
Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir

I have been for  
some time sick - I am  
better now, and hope to be  
able to visit Manhattan  
in Dec - I go to Osawatomie  
Dec 19 - and shall try to go  
from there to your place  
But if my Ague returns  
I shall not go -

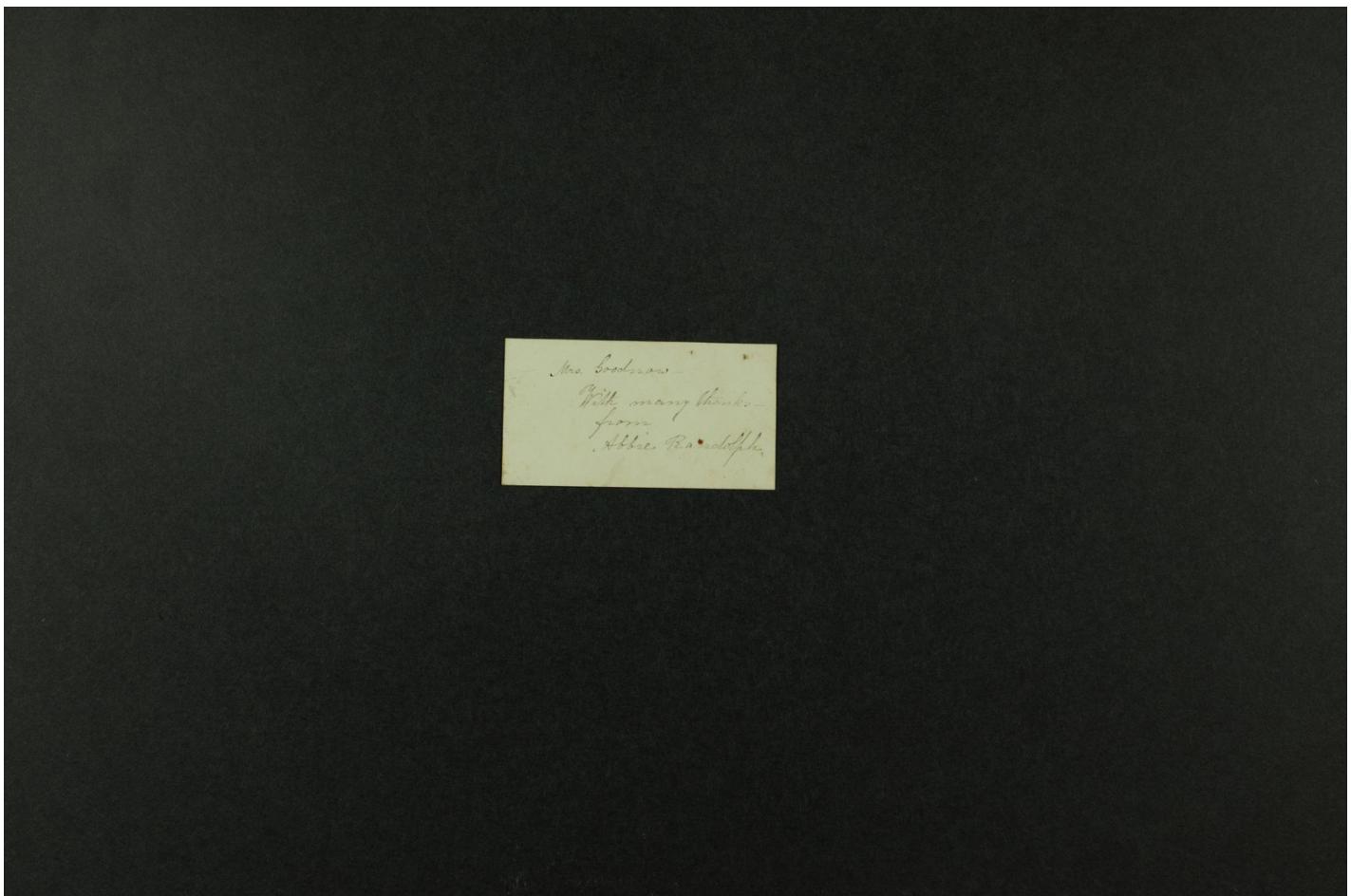
Truly S. B. Bonney

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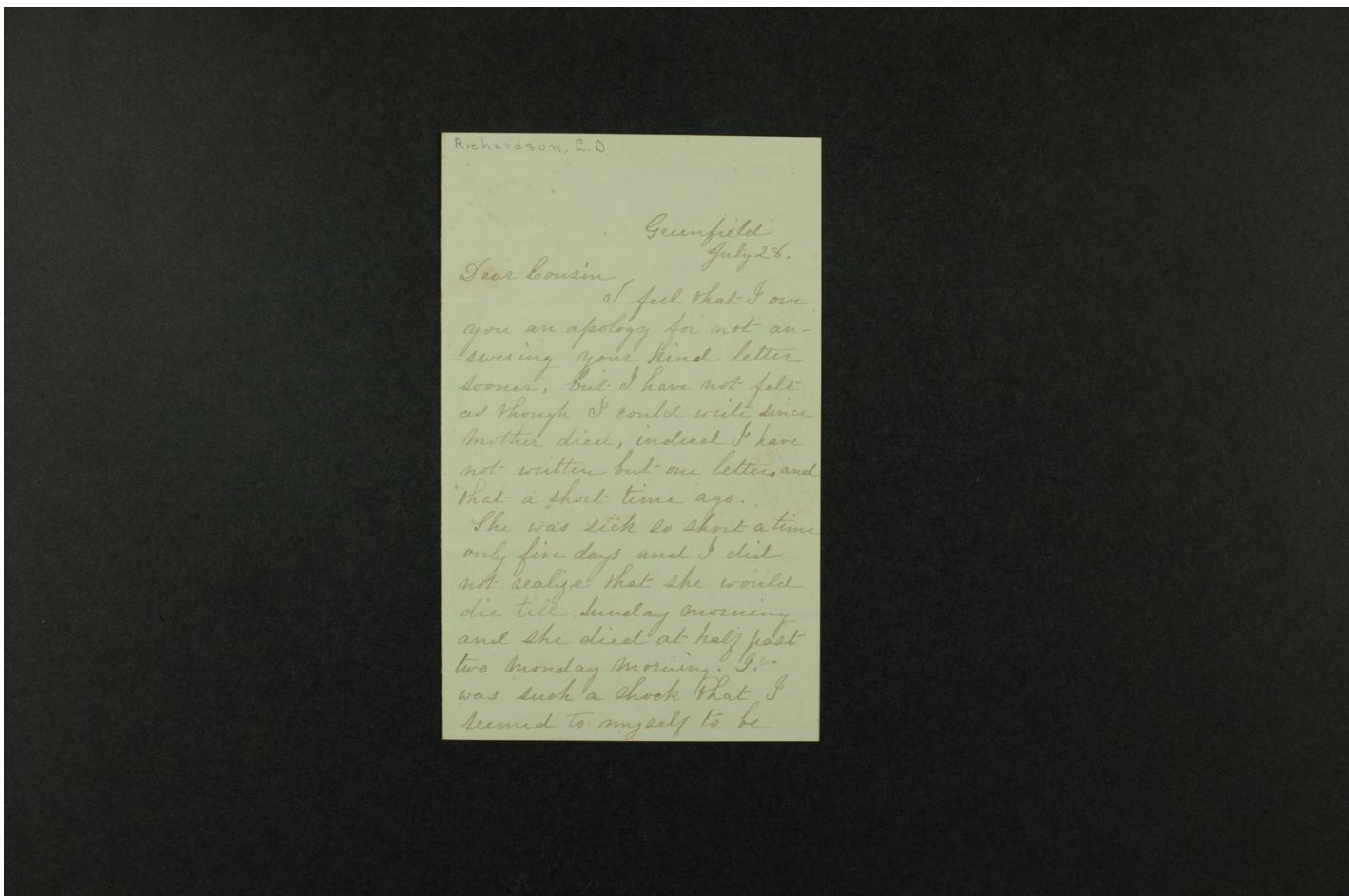
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Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1883 say you my  
numbed, and it seems  
now like a terrible dream.  
She was taken with Pleurisy  
but it at last changed to  
pleura pneumonia.  
She had seemed quite well  
all winter, and was telling  
a caller how well she felt  
only a few minutes before  
she was taken.  
I have not felt as well as  
usual this summer, and  
Nellie has had the whooping  
cough for two months, she  
went home with her father  
last week for a visit and  
I hope the change will benefit  
her. I hope you all keep  
well and are enjoying

The summer, we had very  
hot weather here the middle  
of this month, though not so  
fatal as in the cities I think  
every one felt the effects of it.  
I had a letter from Mr. Atlyn  
recently, she enquired about  
the Henry's & Hirane, said  
she had not heard from you  
for a long time. I feel quite  
anxious to hear how Hirane  
succeeds and how he likes  
etc. I suppose it is pleasant  
for you to be back at your  
old home. I have not seen  
Uncle Burlington's family for  
some time, suppose they have  
been busy, and afraid of the  
whooping cough. Do you see  
the Greenfield paper, if so  
you have some idea of the

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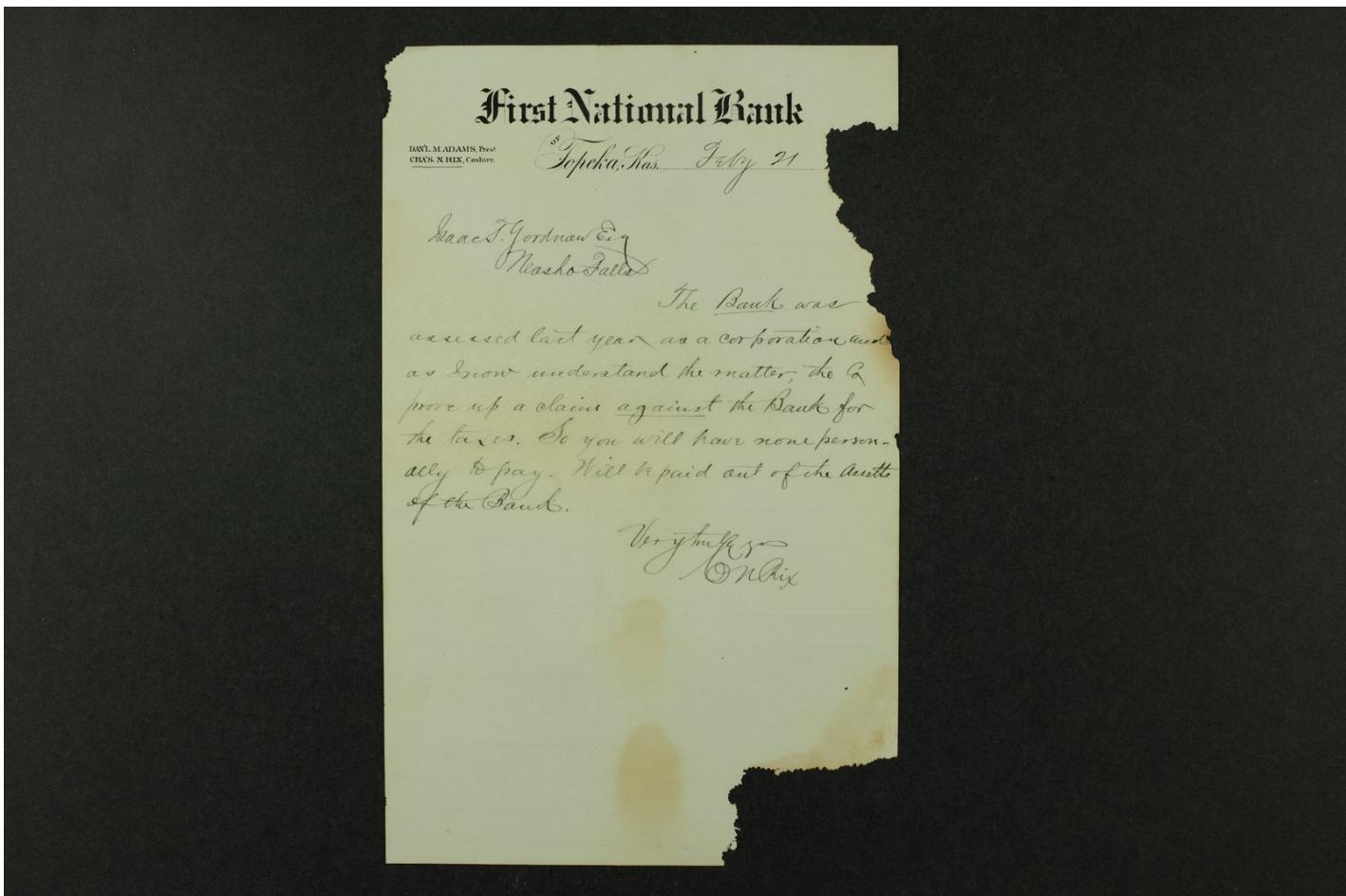
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great temperance movement  
that has been going on here,  
it was wonderful to see such  
an interest in Greenfield.  
I went to Chicopee to a conference  
saw Avery Denison's widow &  
Sophronia & Anna had quite  
a pleasant talk with them.  
I should be glad to hear  
from you, and from Mr. <sup>the</sup> ~~Denison~~  
my regards to him and to Mr. Goodnow. I do not  
think of any news. there <sup>seems</sup>  
but a few of our family left  
here, and I am very very  
lonely; it is now almost five  
months since mother died  
and I am as lonely as I was  
the first day, I must close  
as it is time to go about dinner  
I have had a boarder since  
the loss of Mrs. a milliner but

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There put all my  
in you and when  
you will do the art.  
you can for the  
missionary and  
from the friends  
with one such a  
return as my  
you desire. We  
I will make  
a long time  
and often  
and satisfy.  
in this along the  
not so much  
Goodwill  
Dr. Ross,

Worwick Augt

Respected friend

It is a long time  
since I rec'd from you & cannot  
recollect which of us wrote the  
last letter - I have been desirous of  
hearing from you for a long time  
and have intended to write long - my  
time has every moment of it been  
occupied with my business, & may  
almost say night and day as I seldom  
ever allow myself more than six  
hours for rest, & find myself so  
nearly worn out this season that  
I feel at times ~~that~~ if I should live much  
longer ~~that~~ I must have a permanent  
rest, and give up my business, & I should  
like to do so but I have so slight an  
income here that I have nothing to depend

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upon I begin to feel anxious and desire  
of knowing something respecting the  
investment of the money and how  
would wish you need from me  
so many years ago. I have not my  
paper with me so I can't more  
than date of the money which I gave  
in your charge so nearly as I can recollect  
I think it must be nearly 18 years and then  
Lord would you had a few years ago  
had the been sold and the money  
put on interest at 7 per cent which I  
could have drawn off those long years  
it would have amounted to quite a  
large sum. At the time I let you  
have it, I thought you held out the  
inducement that it would give me in  
a few years a few greater <sup>sums</sup> than the  
interest could possibly be since then  
as you are probably aware I have been  
unfortunate owing to the War and have lost  
way out that I possessed at the South

I am now visiting for a week a friend  
who has a summer residence at  
Warwick about 12 miles from Roanoke  
on the Bay one mile from Rocky Point.  
It is a delightful spot, almost unmetted  
by man. The morning was perfectly  
bright and glorious after a day of  
facing wind, it was inspiring to look  
out upon the sparkling water, and see  
here and there the white canvas flying  
before the breeze, steaming ships, sailing  
without shipper or in number  
the shore from Roanoke to Norfolk is but  
broken with summer retreats, several little short  
houses, here sprung up within a year or two long hills  
and more and then a cluster. It is very  
invigorating to me to be by the sea  
water & would like to board here a long time  
but I find no end of going to Roanoke

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Mr & Mrs - about the time next 2d year,

in that case I must leave my money to those 2 days before his death. it made travel with cousin young & Stevens has it say ~~and~~ for her his wife was almost recently returned from Minneapolis before herself with grief. Mr Stevens and I were in Minn. I presume you ~~want~~ with her family and young come or to many have heard of her brother Rufus Stevens Death last Spring nor very suddenly.

My daughter had not been very successful in getting a place to teach she wished to do something for her self and thought she would like to be a little of the western world; so she without my knowledge wrote to Minneapolis to see if she could find a situation as teacher there believed to be a vacancy and she was requested to come at once, with only day's notice she packed her things and started off to Minneapolis and unsuccess- and went directly to cousin Rufus Stevens to the room on the upper floor young-received her she remained with them about 2 weeks when her mother came sick and died in less than a week, she went to New Berning

it say ~~and~~ for her his wife was almost before herself with grief. Mr Stevens and I were in Minn. I presume you ~~want~~ with her family and young come or to many have heard of her brother Rufus Stevens Death last Spring nor very suddenly.

the Park the cost of passage Mrs S will return in Sept. cousin young will remain month for the first.

Other felt very lonely after his leaving left. She went out intending to remain a year & do not know how long she will remain.

I feel very lonely without her but trust we shall both live to meet again and be together.

I have been trying to finish my rooms and next there to buy a bed of renting there unsuccess- and unsuccess- and went directly to cousin Rufus Stevens to the room on the upper floor to the room on the upper floor I think I shall go west in about a month and shall return by the middle of Sept if you do not hear from you before & you expect to be back <sup>very</sup> time & other

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Received this  
yesterday & have  
been writing  
and I am  
about ready  
to send it  
you

When do you expect to return us  
with Canterbury? I have been  
tethering myself a better body yet & get  
from your writing that you had a point  
in mind to have me and some of  
the members of our family large  
enough for other to teach Miss  
I think you did not specify the term  
sufficiently plain enough to induce  
her to make so long a journey  
I think she is comforted to fill my  
vacancy as teacher in all the branches  
first and getting a much increased  
stake as well as myself very anxious to  
have her a winter in some Seminary  
but we had no one to interview for her  
I trust on opportunity will offer some time now  
at home where she can spend her vacation  
with me if she chooses

had I foreseen the event and named  
my Powers of the Month, and kept it upon  
interest of most moment to between 2 & 5  
thousand Dollars by this time so you see  
my great misfortune & have toiled in vain  
a long life spent with carelessness and poor  
ambition trifling night as well as day  
to lay aside a little to comfort me  
and provide for my wants when both  
father and old age (which we are  
now) comes upon me  
I at times feel very heavily heart broken and broken  
as & see nothing and no other way but to tell  
on to the Lord & have written thus my feelings  
as I experience them from day to day so you  
may realize why I am so very anxious  
to learn something about what you have invested  
and have in your possession for me & now feel  
that I want to know something definite  
about my effects, I begin to feel that it  
was a great oversight in me to conceal  
having so much laid out in the first  
place which we are so much in debt.

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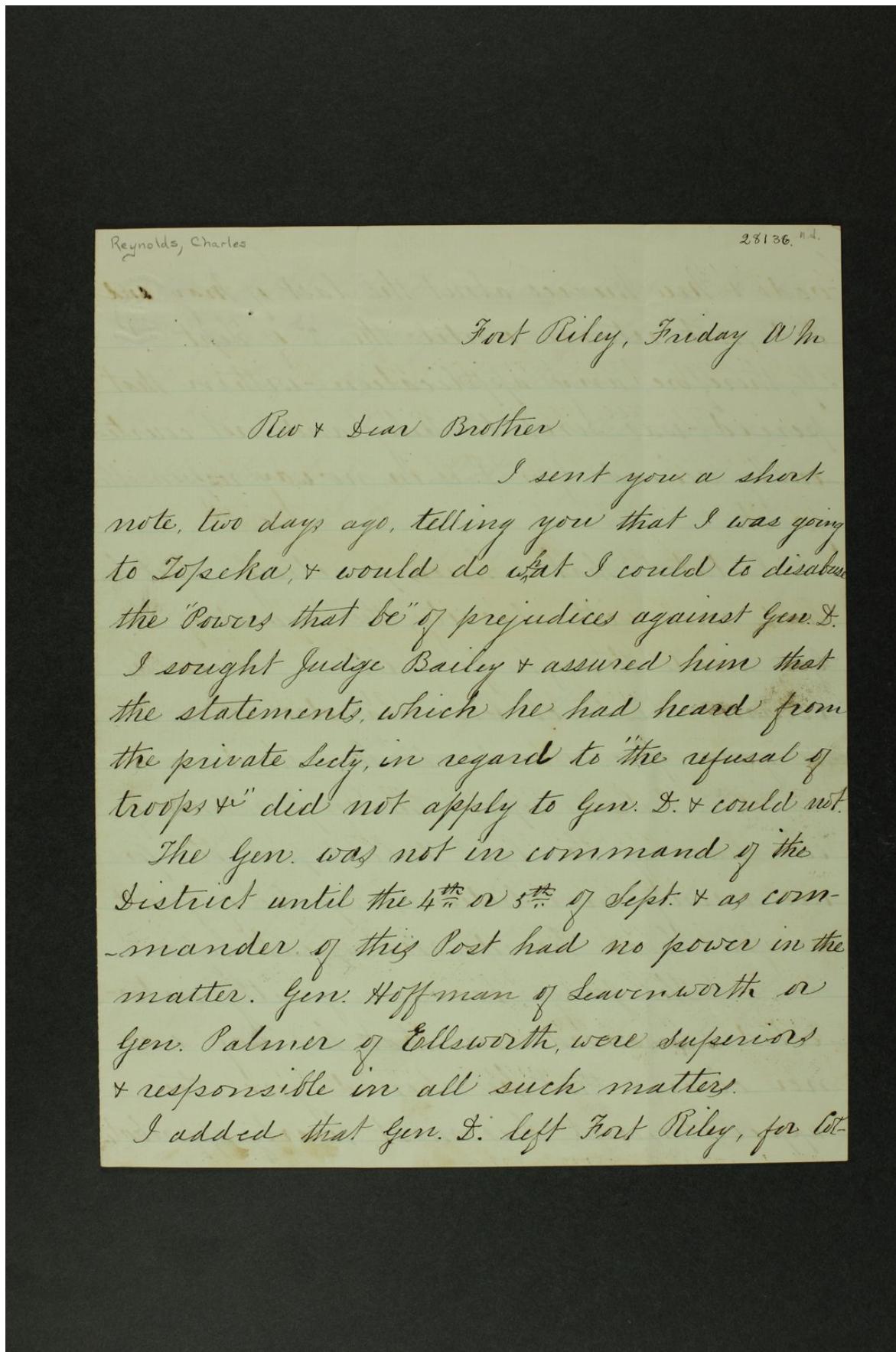
I soon to feel that it may benefit you  
in every way and more I want you to  
tell me how and in what way it is  
going to benefit me. am I to receive  
any return from the sale of First  
yearly, sufficient to make it an object  
I ought to have had it understood before  
you addressed anything in what way I  
was to profit by it, and then again  
who could or would buy my portion  
to give a fair price for it, I understand  
as it is with you. All these things  
I want to understand perfectly. And then  
again I want you to tell me exactly  
how much money there will be  
invested for me and also what would  
it profit if it was sold or what the year  
value it at. I begin to feel more and more  
nearer home what will be  
concerned in it. You must work your  
giving more business letters and send at a fair  
price. You have it all in your own hands  
I rely upon you as a Christian gentleman  
and want your advice when I will be best to sell

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nado & New Mexico about the last of May and did not return until the 3<sup>d</sup> of Sept. If, therefore, any application, within that period, was sent to Riley, and not courteously received, Gen. D. is in no way responsible with for it.

I stated that I knew positively that he had met, with alacrity, the request of the Gov. made through Gen. Cloud, since he became District Commander. He gave Gen. Cloud all he asked,

I dwelt upon the importance of our having the best talent possible for our using Institutions, & spoke of Gen. D. as you have heard me speak before.

The Judge became greatly interested & assured me that his way was now clear, & that he should give the appointment his most hearty approbation.

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He added - "the Gov. must, even if he has  
any personal prejudice, yield for the ben-  
efit of the College & the State.

I went over the same ground  
possible with the Secy of State, & found that he  
was glad to have his mind disabused  
of the prejudice which the private Secy  
had been diffusing.

I will endeavour to have an  
interview with the Gov. this P.M.

Let me add, that what you  
do, must be done quickly, or the Gen.  
will be away, and beyond our reach.  
Gen. D. Set us by no means be content with half  
a loaf, when a whole one is within our  
inter- grasp.

Sincerely your friend

Chas. S. Reynolds

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P.S. Saturday Morning. The Gov: is  
my guest. The way is clear.  
McAfee was mistaken in the  
man. Press the matter at once  
GR