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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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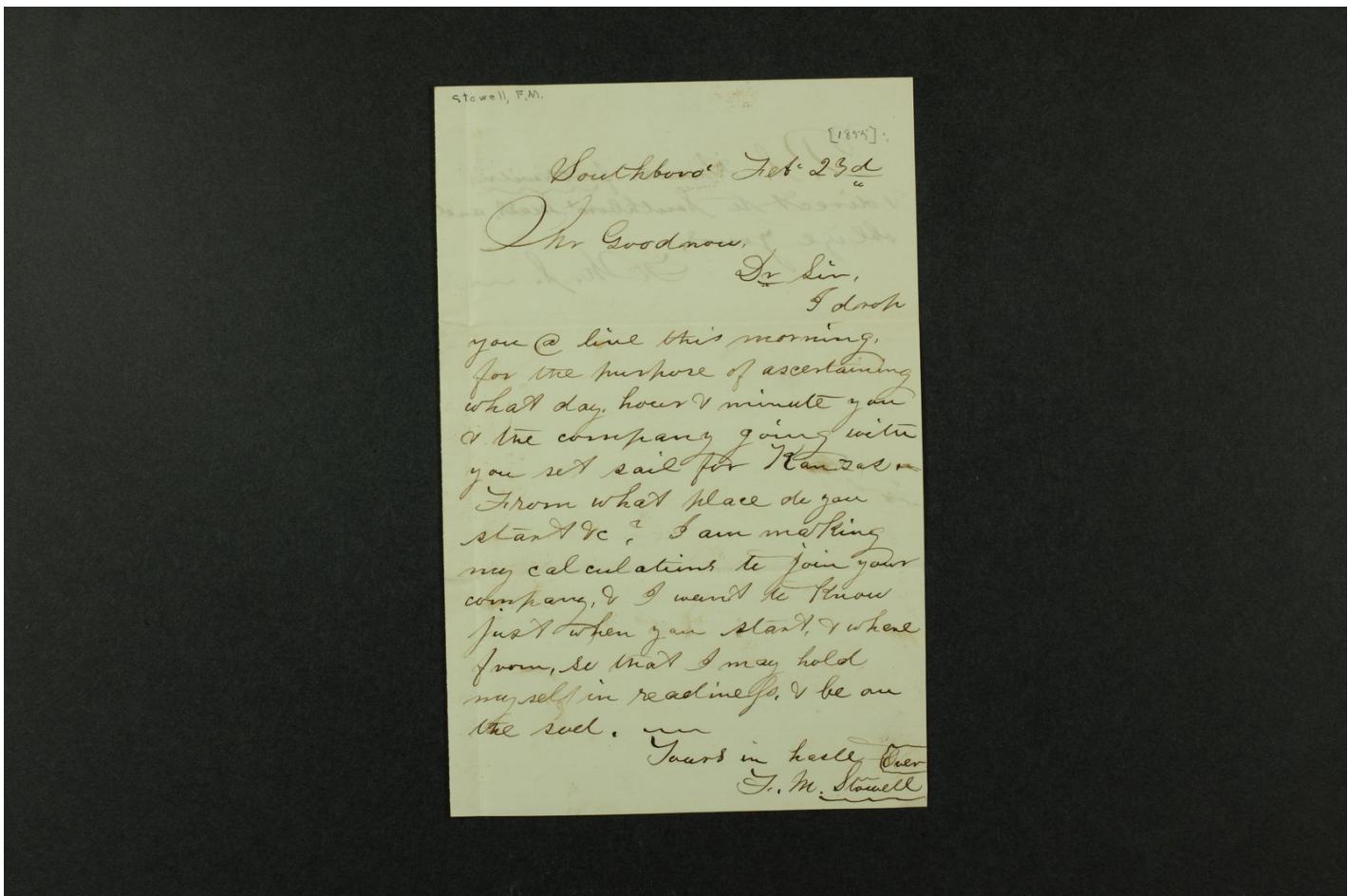
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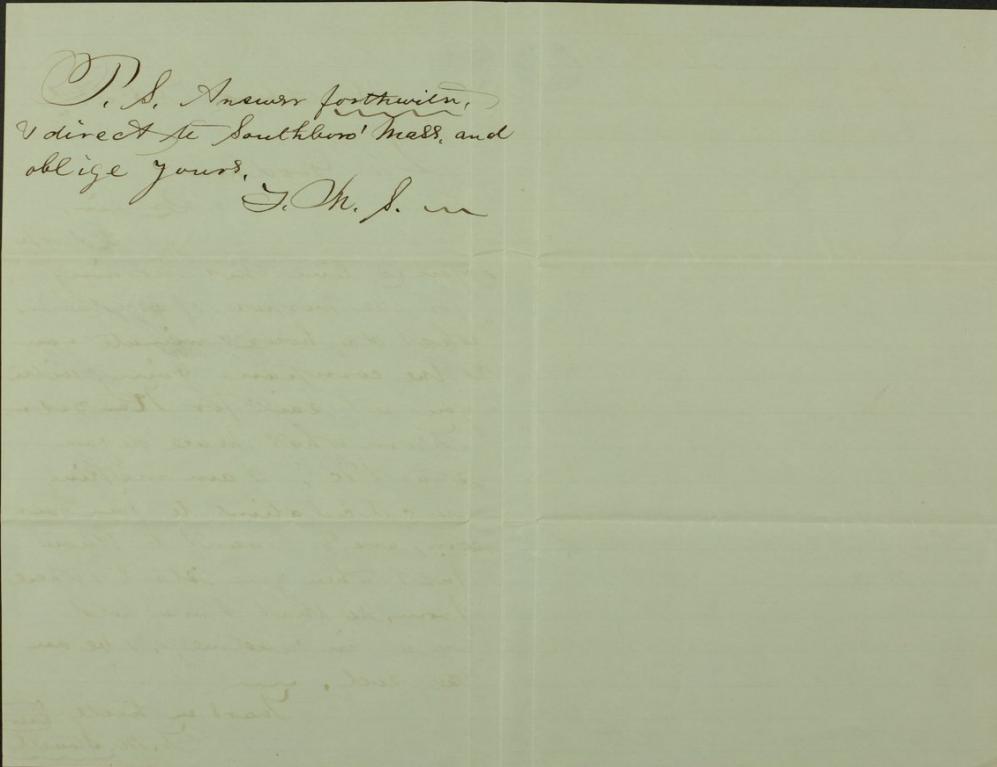
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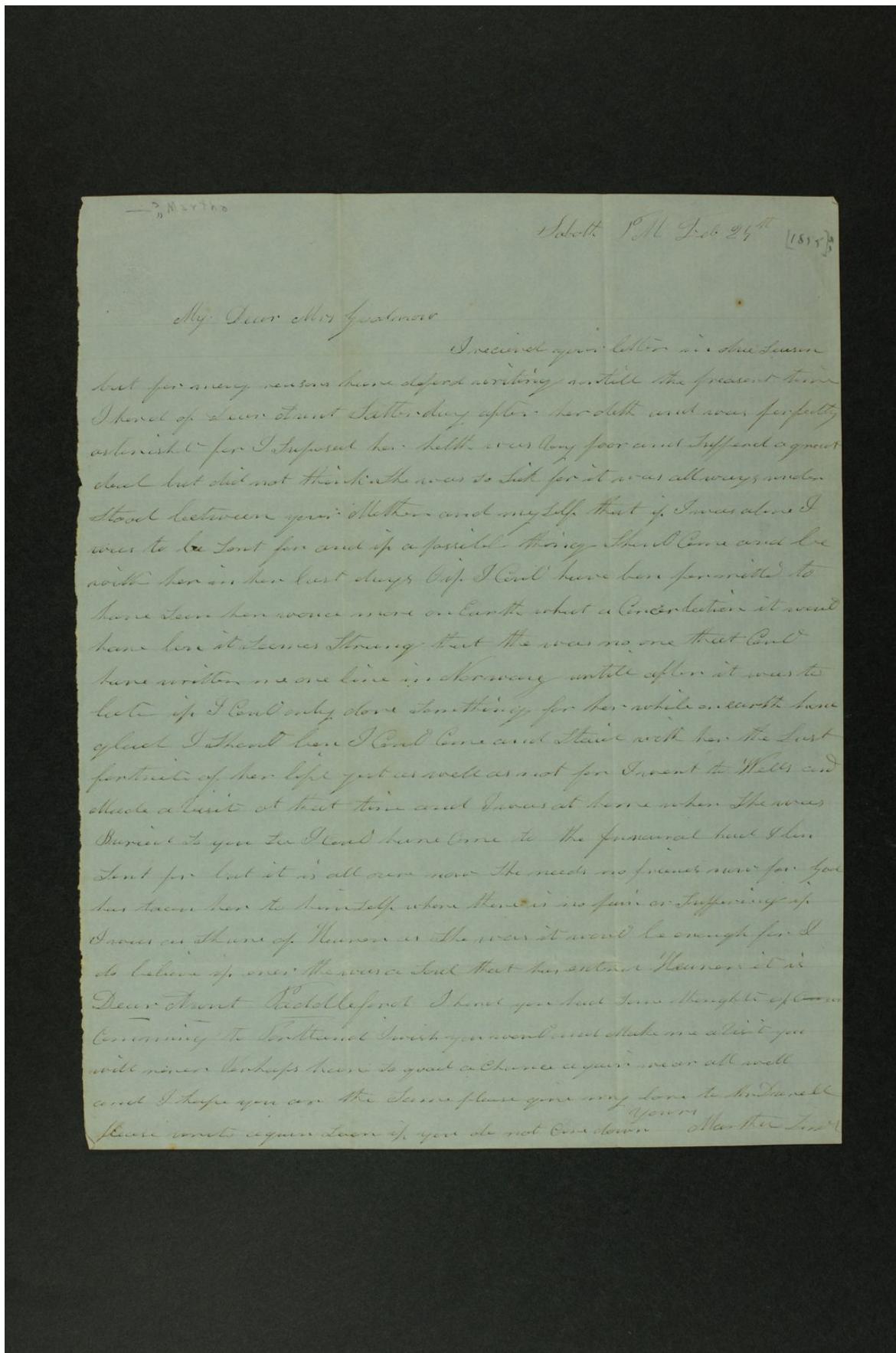


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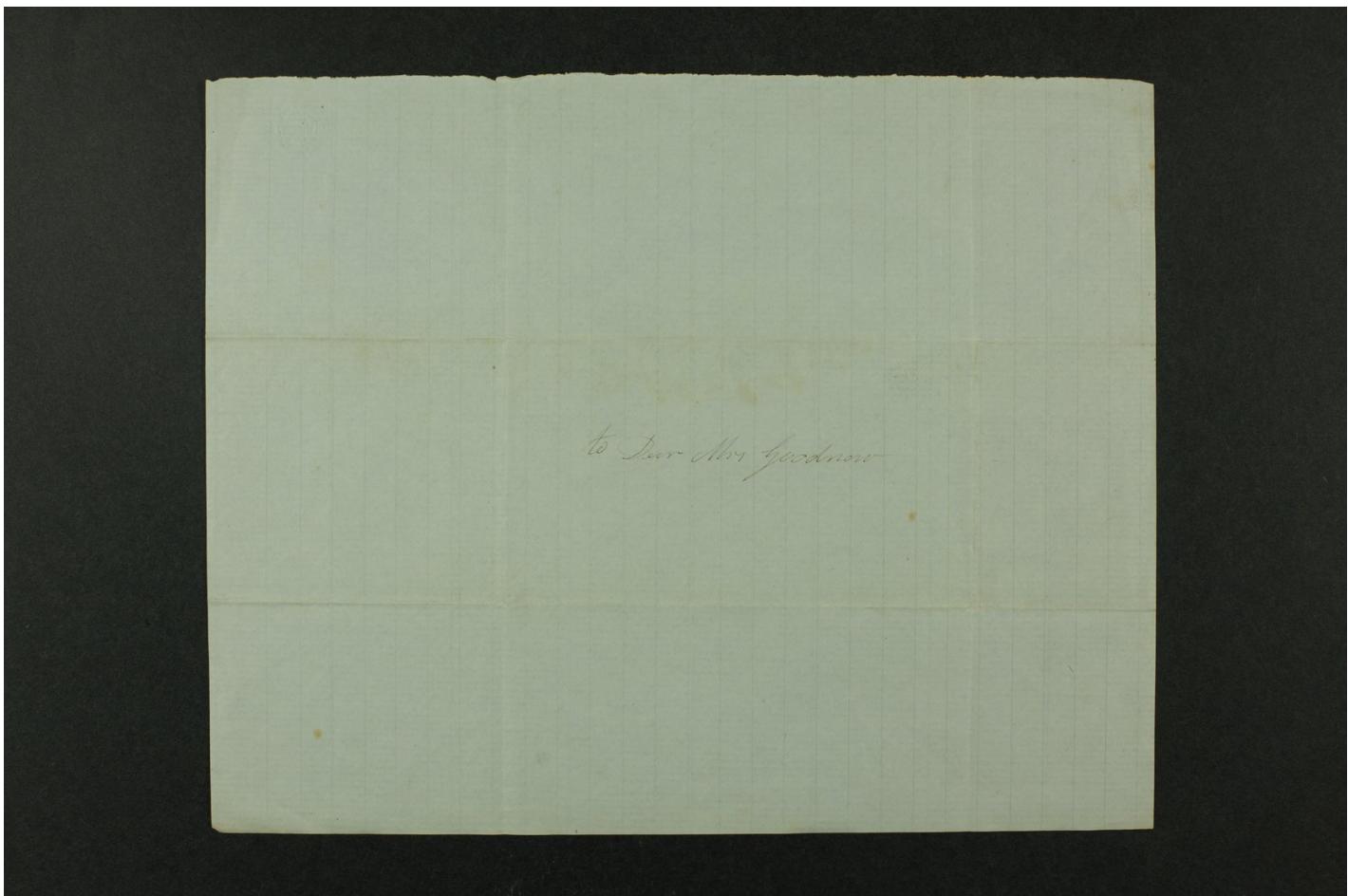
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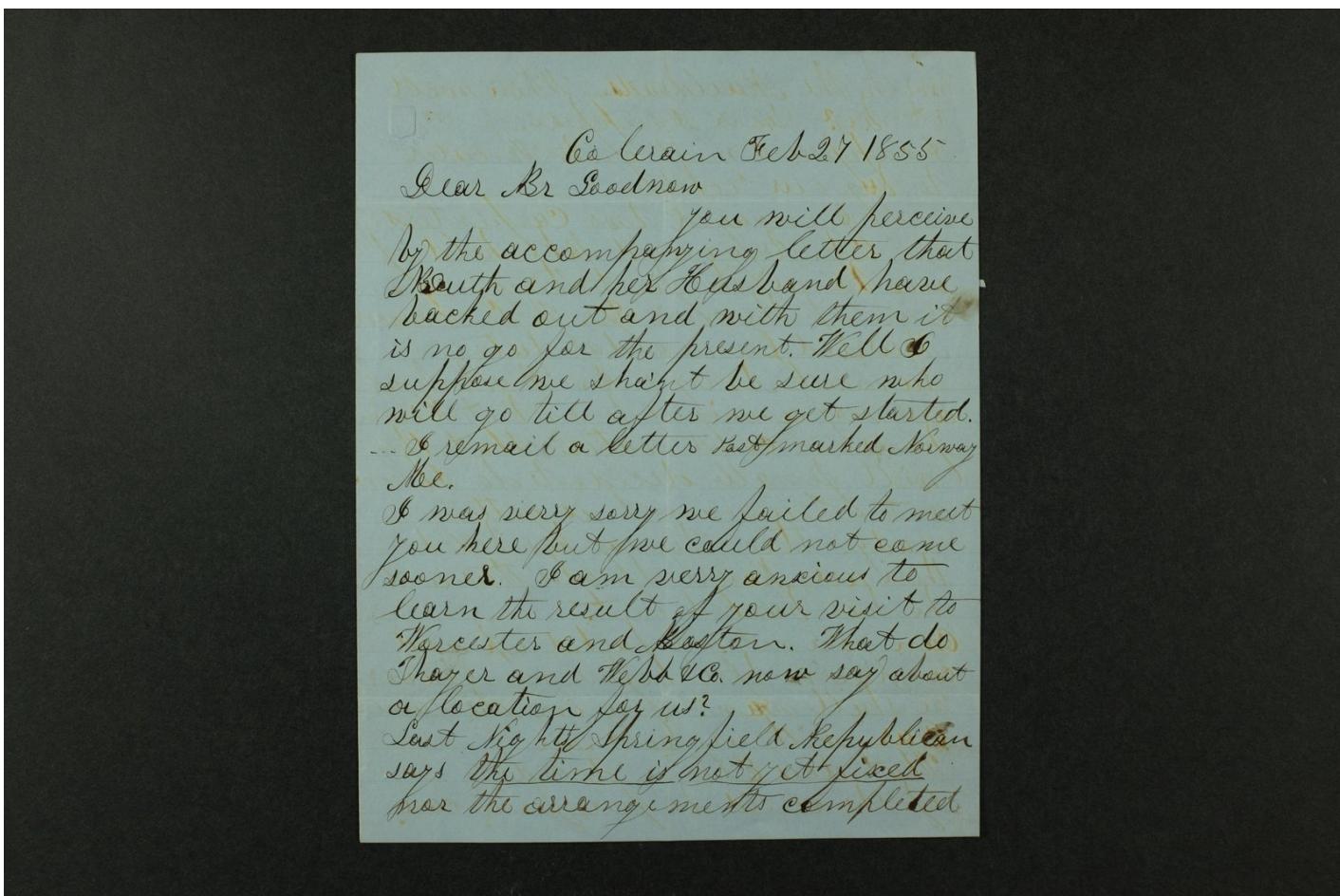
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with the Railheads. When will it be? Soon I suppose. I suppose I must go to Worcester to buy our tickets. I engaged two carpenters in St. Louis and take hold of our house the first thing. One of them via Geo. W. Lockwood married bands old dat sister. Samuel Avery & Mr. Weatherhead are very anxious to go but Hiram hours in cold water. What they will finally decide to do I know not. Truman is getting ready. Stacy they say has regard. There are salt & Spokes there and he has backed out. Can you not get packed up and come on here before we leave? We shall want you in the same car with us. Don't fail. What does Ellen decide. If she could be free from care

here I think she would enjoy staying here. I hope her health is improving.

Mr. Leigh of Northampton has decided to go.

I suppose my goods are half way there. They are marked with large clear letters as all ought to be. I think we shall want to purchase some articles in St. Louis.

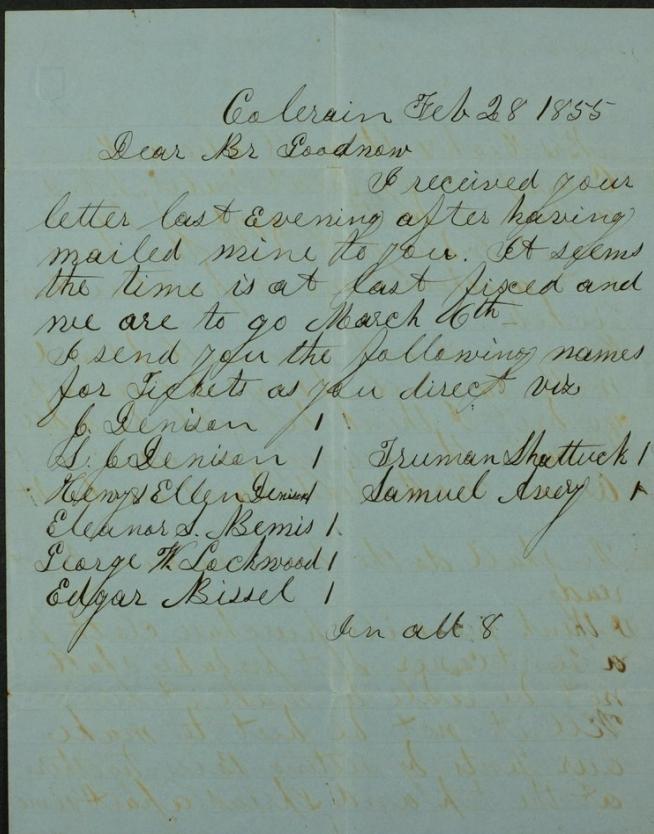
As to the guns - Volcanic repeating pistol we have you purchased yet? Well we shall need to use the weapon of prayer most of all I think.

All unite in kind regards
very truly yours
Joseph Denison

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Brs High & Stowell also a Mr Crawford of Great Falls N.H. & a family by the name of Lane in New Haven port but they have not authorized me to purchase their Tickets.

Hiram is not very well pleased with Samuel Avery's decision to go but I think he will be able to raise the money for us.

Oscar Weatherhead hangs in doubt

We shall do the best we can to get ready.

I think we will purchase cloth for a Tent cover but probably shall not be able to make it here. Will it not be best to make our tents by setting poles together at the top and spread apart some

12 feet at the bottom and then cover it with cloth & fill the cloth with white paint. We can make such a tent 20 or 30 feet long & that will give us two or three rooms. But enough of this for the present.

The money for the tickets I order I will endeavor to have ready when I meet you at the cars. I suppose if any one should be taken sick or for other sufficient reasons fail to go they will refund the money.

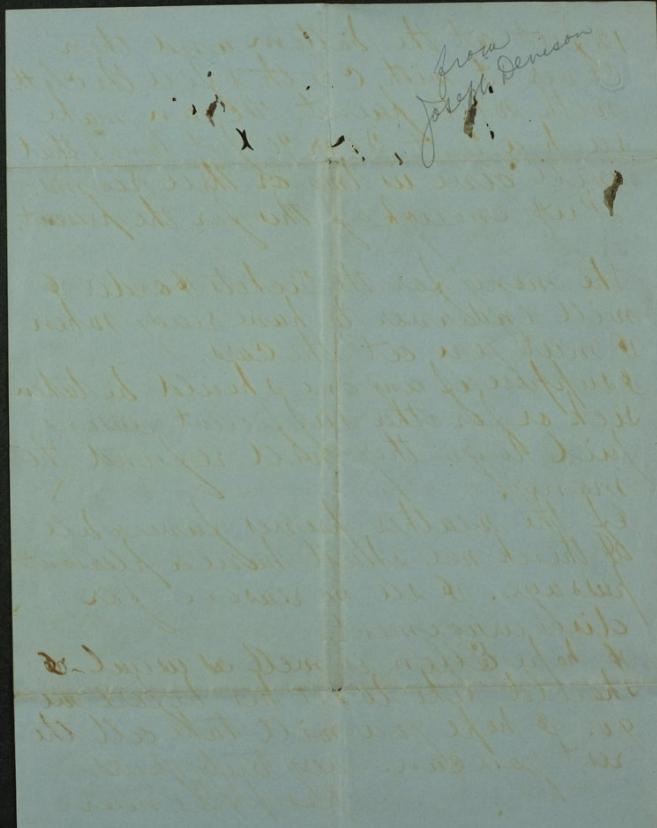
If the weather proves favorable I think we shall have a pleasant passage. I see no reason for discouragement.

I hope Ellen is well as usual & she'd like to see her before we go. I hope you will take all the rest you can. very truly yours Joseph Denison

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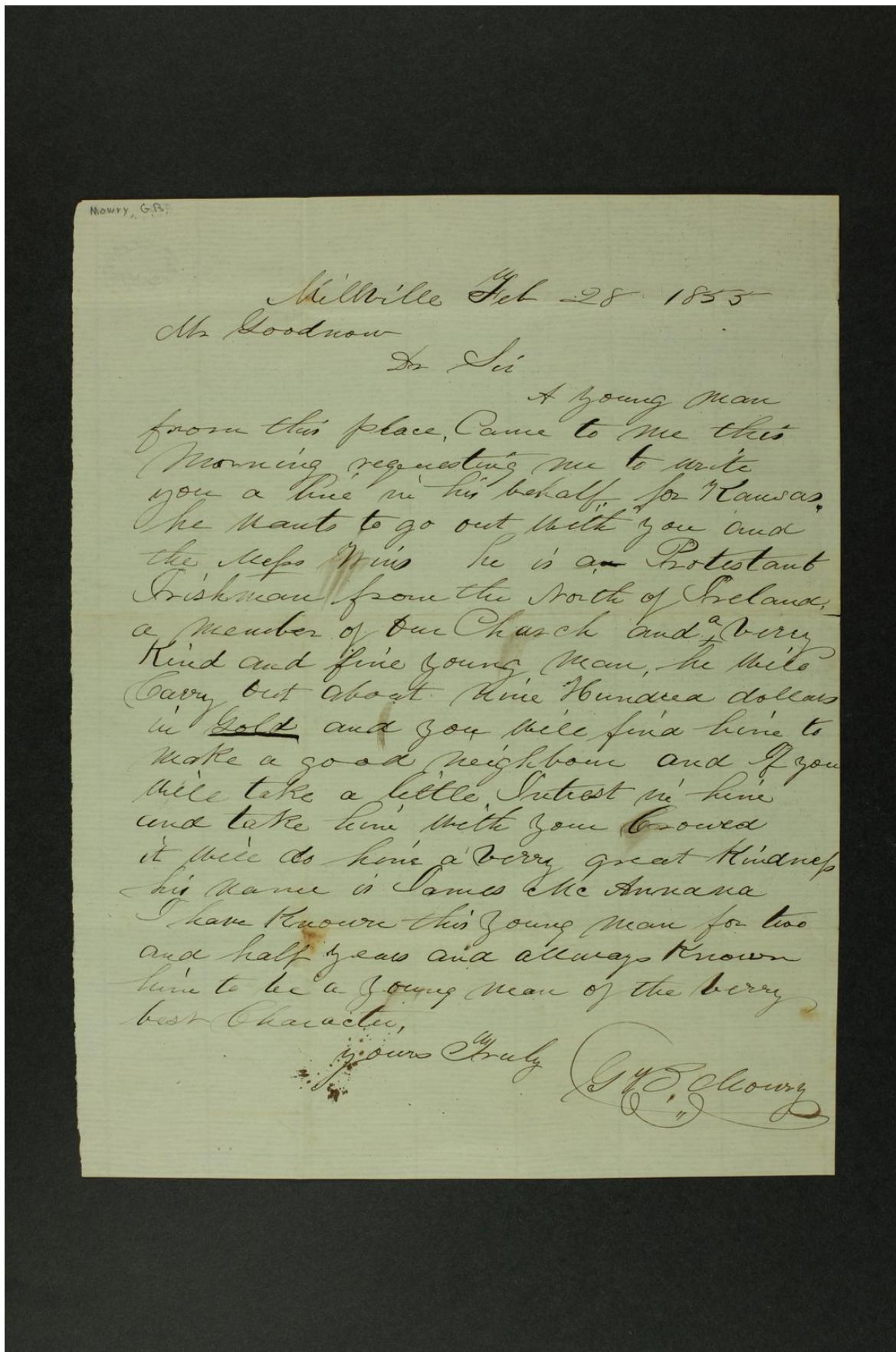


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Wynn, Samuel A.

Willmills feb 28th 1835

Mr Isaac T Goodnow

Dear Sir

I sent a

letter yesterday to John Moors in order to get some information about your company for we feel very anxious to know when we are to start. I did not know at the time that you were at home if I had I should have written to you. I saw Mr Moors last evening and he told me when we are to start. Please write and tell me if there is any thing more that is necessary for us to know.

There is a young man here that wishes to go with us he is a very steady young fellow from the north of Ireland a Protestant I think he will be a good man to have. He wanted me to write to you to find out if he could go out with your company if he can please write as soon as possible and let me know please to tell us where we are to get our tickets. There are two Dishmen (Cabolies) which want to go with us but we don't want them one of them is going to Boston tomorrow to see if he can get some tickets. if you can prevent him from getting them we should feel very much obliged to you their names are Peter Kelly & Hanhard

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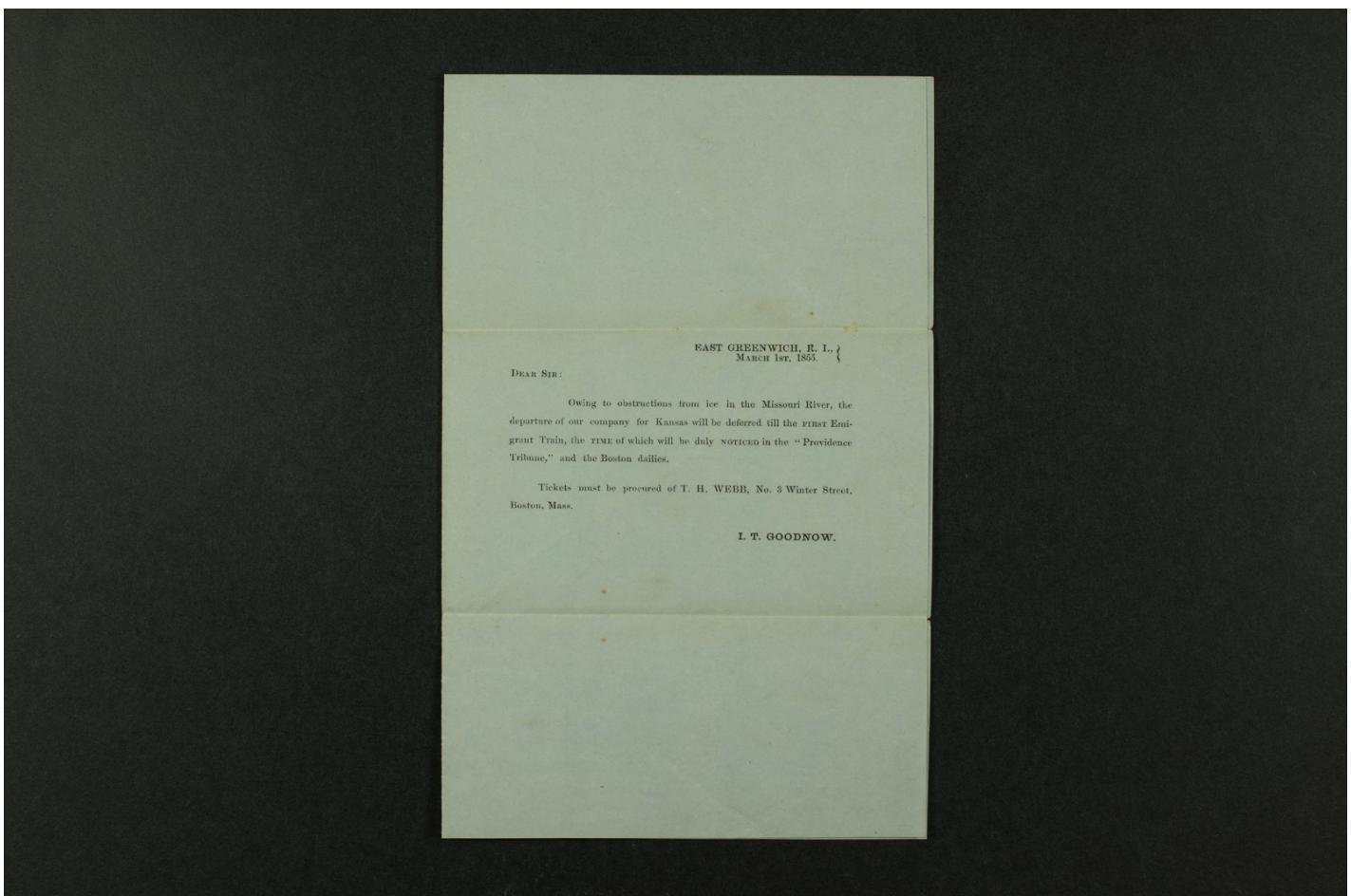
we are all ready to be off at any time
My Father Brother & Myself are going
There are no more going from There
at present that I know of Please
So that we can know by tomorrow
night and oblige

Yours most Respectfully
Samuel A. Myrick

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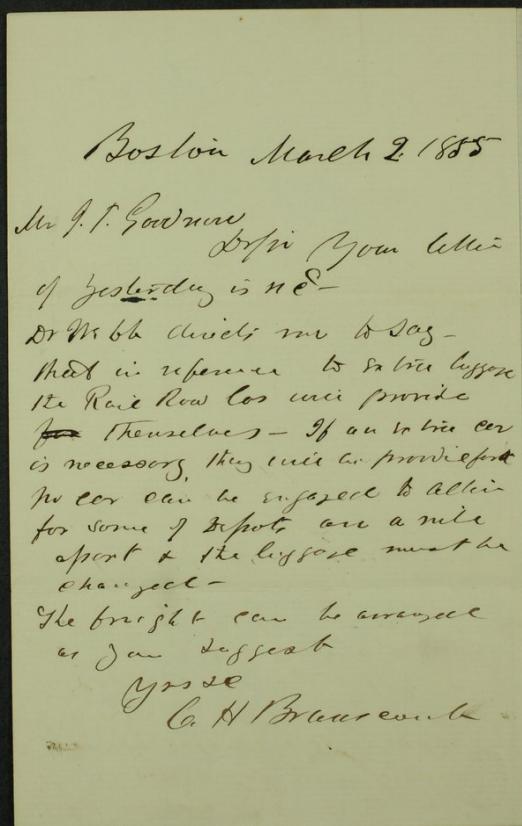
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N^o 3 Winter St.
Boston March 6th 55
D. C. Pomeroy Esq. Dear Sir

This will introduce to you I. Goodnow
Esq. who not only is good
now, but I trust will re-
main good thro' all time
for freedom & justice.

Mr. G. is with us
heart and hand, in the glo-
rious cause in which we
are engaged, and will battle
manfully for Liberty.

I wrote you a few
days since respecting cer-
tain outsiders. I would now
state that Mr. G. & associates
are the advance guard of a
Party; and whatever arrange-

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ments you think best to make
with him for the mutual ben-
efit of his Party and the Co.
will be satisfactory here.

yours truly
Thomas H. Webb
Secy. A. G. Smith & Co.

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Goodnow, Ellen D.

Wednesday eve

East Greenwich Mar 1875.

My Dear Dear Gearland.

I have just

received your letter which of course was happily received, but brought the tears to think you were really gone, and I should not meet you this eve at the Depot, as you spoke of when you left. But hope it is all for the best. I have received a letter from T. C. Wells which I have answered and one from Mr Jones Willbraham that I thought would not be best to answer, and one from John Fuller Florida who was at the boarding house in Willbraham when we were there. He is going to Key West soon and wanted information, and I sent him our last ^{article in the} Herald. One letter from Newport, and one from Smith that I thought would not matter when they knew you were gone. They all had received your circular, and wanted more information. I have felt that I was alone in the multitude, but have been supported beyond what I anticipated. Am well as usual, and have all done to make me happy that can be, and shall enjoy my visit as far as I can away from you. All are interested to hear from you, and I hope you will be able to write in St Louis. This letter I shall send to the steam boat train this eve for fear you will

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Here before it reaches you I might have written a little more if I had thought as soon as the mail came in, that it would not do to wait until tomorrow. Shall put D Williams letter into this, and would rather if it were not so long. What did you do with your notes? I am afraid you will loose them. Had you not better deposit them in some safe in Lawrence. Did Joseph go with you? Write how your trunks get on and all that will interest me. and believe me sincerely your affectionate wife.

Ella De Goode

A. I. G.

P.S. Should write more if I were not afraid the carves would miss this. E.P.

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Boston March 6 1855

Friend Remond

This will be handed you by I. G. Goodnow, A. M., of the East Greenwich Academy, who is going to Kansas to make a free State, & who will be followed by a large number of first class men & women. He wishes to found the best city in the Territory, & I have promised him that you will either show him where to build it, or get some one else to, who is equally well qualified to do so.

Mr G. & friends are deserving of special consideration & I know you will give it.

I shall start next Tuesday (13th) with a crowd so "look out for the engine while no bell rings". Mr Lincoln conducts this party as you will learn from him.

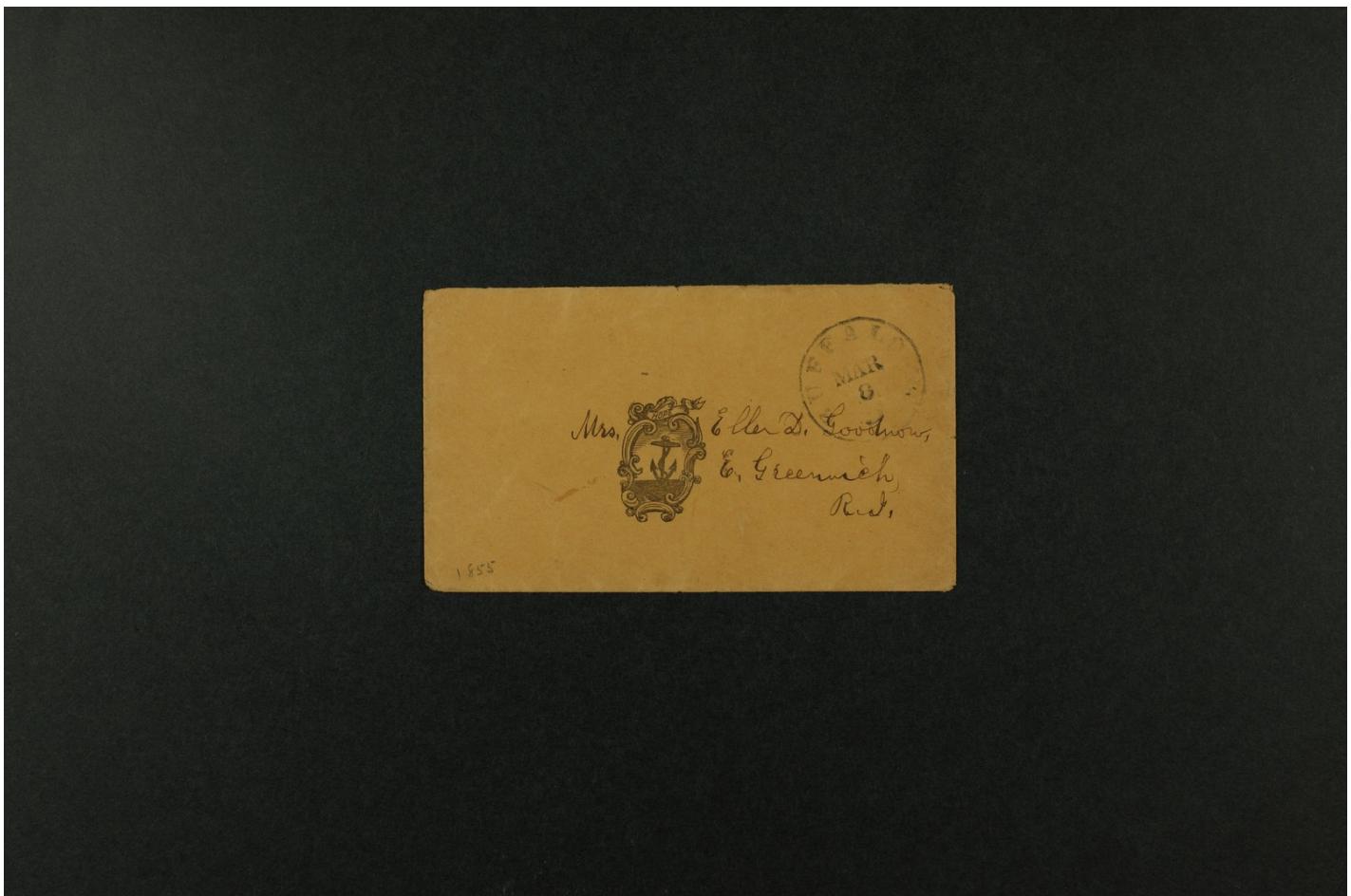
Very Yours

C. Robinson

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9 o'clock P.M. Buffalo, March 7th 1856

My Dear Ellen

While waiting for the cars I improve the occasion to scribble.
I slept last night but little or nothing
Did not arrive in Albany till about

2 o'clock. I found Jothen at the Stern's
Hotel & after talking ourselves tired went
to bed, but probably did not sleep 10 minutes,
Took breakfast at the Delavan House & with

I - at ~~1~~ ¹/₂ A.M. started West. At Syracuse
he left me; his departure made me a little sad
but I soon recovered my usual spirits, as I ap-
proached this place. At 11. P.M. we shall again
be on the road to Lyons, again; not much sleep
for me to night. We have about 75 immigrants
aboard. — one woman has several little children,
quite a job before her, Poor things!

We have several whole families, from
various states of the N. Eng. On the whole they are
quite respectable. I have but few of my old acquaint-
ance with me. — Much responsibility devolves upon me
relative to selecting a location.

Tell John A. Brown he had better
go to Boston, buy his ticket, & be sure to get
baggage checked for St Louis. — He had
better consult Dr Webb, 3 Winter street, Boston, on
point. or Mr H. Holt 71 State street, &
to have them go as far as possible without
charging. It will save much trouble.

Furthermore tell him to bring up few
St Louis any letters he may find directed to
there or to have them to Mr E. F.

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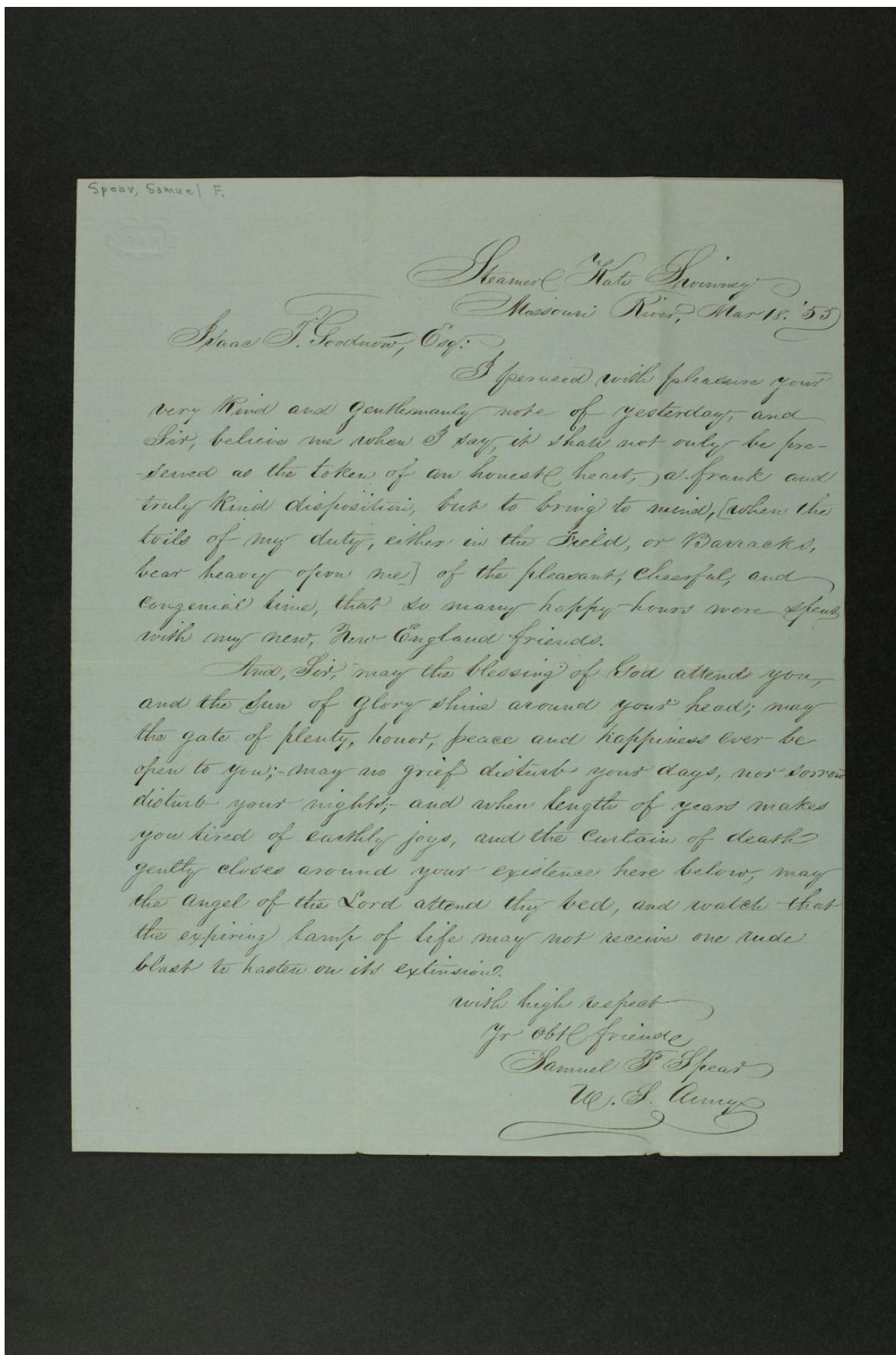
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I feel somewhat able to night
& must retire to the car & get myself
rested a bit. Take good care
of yourself Yours affectionately
Mrs. Edw D. Goodnow I. G. G.

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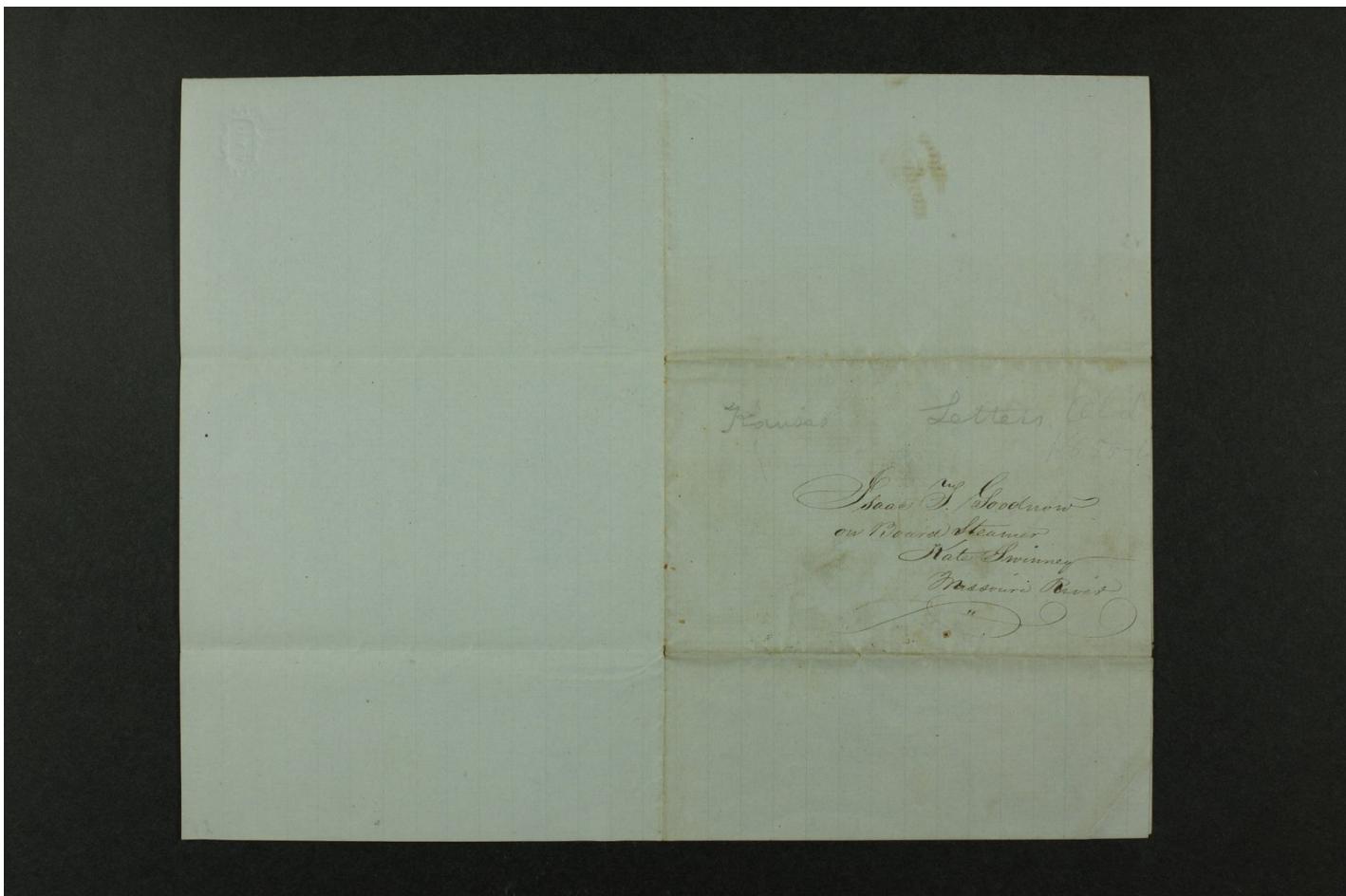
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Dowse, C. P. [added a note from
Goodnow B.D.]

Malvern (Mass.) Mar. 19. 1855

Spina Goodnow

In conversation last Saturday
with the wife of Rev. Barrows Methodist Clergyman
located in this town - she told me you were about
to start for Nebraska with a company - I hear
you started very soon; now I want to know
all about this movement - where do you locate
What do you do - what are the incasements
presumably. sanitary &c?

I want to get out
of New England - its sudden changes bring
on my Hypochondria severely - I would be
glad to have a farm - where I could obtain
the necessities of life easily & if I could
make some I would be glad of that
or in fact anything I could do.

Years are
heaping themselves upon my head - I am heart
sick of artificial life incident to my profes-
sion - Rather to make a simple professional life
& I would rejoice to have a landed home
that I could adorn to my taste - live
for a higher object than Making Money.
I am only 10 miles from Boston, if you chance
you visit that City you may spend an hour
with me. Most glad shall I be to see you

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I am on the Pitchburg Rail Road about
two minutes (your walking) from depot.
There are several "good men stores" that
would join me if a location could
be found where health & living could be
made - Please write me before you
go or after arrival in your care of him
My cordial regards to Mrs. Goodnow
I believe me as on long years gone
of your sincere friend

Isaac S. Dowse

Monday eve

My dear Husband. I am sorry I could not
have carried this, I took out the bill of the Boston weekly
Telegraph for fear you would have to pay double postage
What will you do? had you not better send on and have
the paper stopped, or sent to Mr. Sister Hall has heard
that Thompson & Gaerney had a letter from some one in
greenwich that was going to Kansas without that did
not sign their name. So they wrote Holoway to know if it
was him. It comes to night so that we may not go
tomorrow but shall as soon as it is pleasant. You spoke
of sending for me in May or June, nothing would please me
better if I thought it would do for me to go so near the hot
weather. short I do not have to go in cold weather to get
acclimated. Every body that knows you want to hear
where you are, and how you like. The post is aster
brought in a bill of \$56 for postage that I paid.
Mrs D. says she will pay me for the carpet tomorrow.
I have packed bag beside writing case and am some tired
to take good care of yourself, and not for me to pray for Eliza & G.

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Cedar Creek, April 2^d. 1855.

To you all men by these presents that I John Wilbur in consideration of the sum of Seventy five dollars this day rec'd of Isaac D. Goodnow, do hereby transfer to him all my right and title to all my improvements, (and the benefits accruing therefrom) made upon a certain claim of one hundred &六十 acres, situated upon Wild Cat Creek next east of the Elaina held by Samuel D. Houston. Said claim containing a mill seat with some fifty acres of good wood land be the same more or less, in witness whereof I have hereby placed my hand & Seal this second day of April, eighteen hundred & fifty five. (A.D.).

Attest.
D. Russell
John Balcock

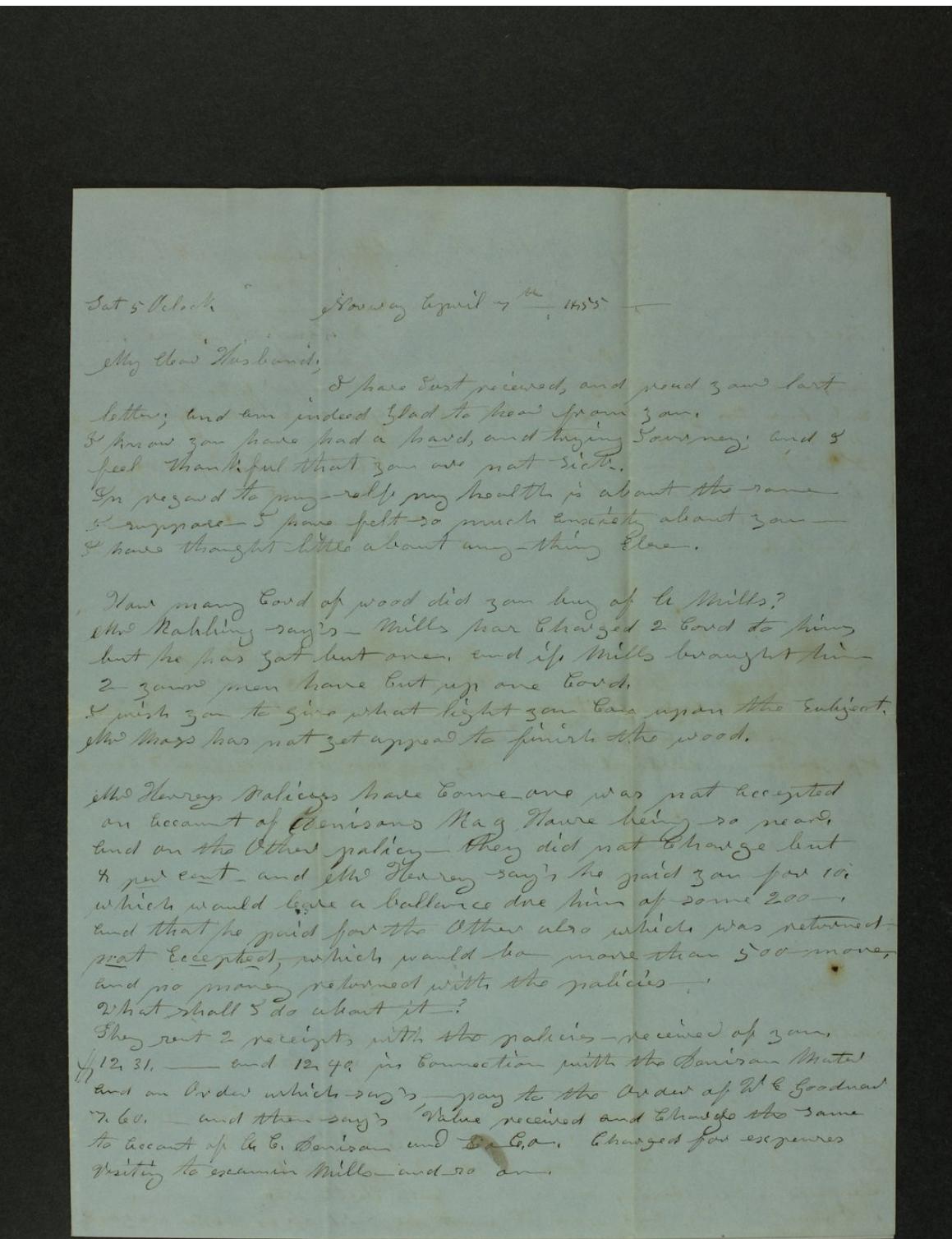
John Wilbur

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I will send you a copy of Mr Hayes letter as near as I can read it. He says -

Friend Goodnow.

Yester even, I am sending 20 for on
Owing you \$20.00 in the Dennis & Co
matter and send a light draft on them for \$7.60
and have you on Long Street \$12.40. and charged myself,
making the 20.00.
I will send you the rest of same bill, in Long draft
in a day or two, but may not be able to make
the full bill street in the form you want rendered
a week as I am now much disabled.

Then he says / Confidential.

There were a few items of expenses
in the Dennis & Co. matter which I have charged to
profit and loss acct, was actually chargeable to them which
leaves us a balance of \$26.00 apiece.

If you can understand the above, you can do more than I can.

Yester & to-day - Have just returned from meeting, pleasant day but
walking bad. Mr Loring Warren Superintendent, I had 8 in my class.
Last Thursday eve the prayer meeting was here. Good meeting.
But often we do miss you every where!
How have you spent this day - and where are you?
I expect you are sick; but if you are - I can do you no good except
by my prayers - which you daily have.

Mother and I are here in the Market as usual sale days -
and you know how that is with you as with us, as as
well as I. but I know that cannot be.

Little Beauteable what was buried last week, died sudden
with swelling on the brain. And what is failing fast.
The report is, that Uncle Joseph Tracy is dead. - and Mrs
Severance is just gone, and so it is - death death everywhere.
• O what is life! And soon it must be said of us we too are gone

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I am wrote of enclosing something for Mr Whirly - but there was nothing.
The weather since you left has been extremely cold, and windy.
Next Thursday is the public part, Mr Loring is the preacher on the
Dinner at Duxbury -.

Often my heart and eyes do admit some scarcely-reio the writer,
if I could, I would say much more. Strange I have nothing
interesting to communicate. I shall endeavor to have this
Wrote Early in the Morning (Sunday).
Give much love to Brother, and Sister Goodman, and expect a good
share and help. Tell them both the writer now.
I shall expect to hear from you after -.

I am sorry to hear so unfavorable news in regard to Kansas
election, but the Lord reigns - and we must leave the event with him.
I felt very sorry that we should omit putting ^{the} and Medicine
and things, - I know you must have needed them.
I wish I could send them to you -

I want nothing about Mr Goodman's Calculations
but presume he has given up the idea for the present,
of having a Boarding -
Did you ^{hear} that Sac Steven Coburn had buried his wife
and 2 children recently?

O this life is a stormy sea at best
But in the silent grave there's rest.

Mather is well, and sends New Compliments to you.
I suppose you have received the Newpaper advertised
before this time Mr Millett says he mails it to you weekly
and gives me one day week into the bargain.

3 years as editor of W. P. Goodson.