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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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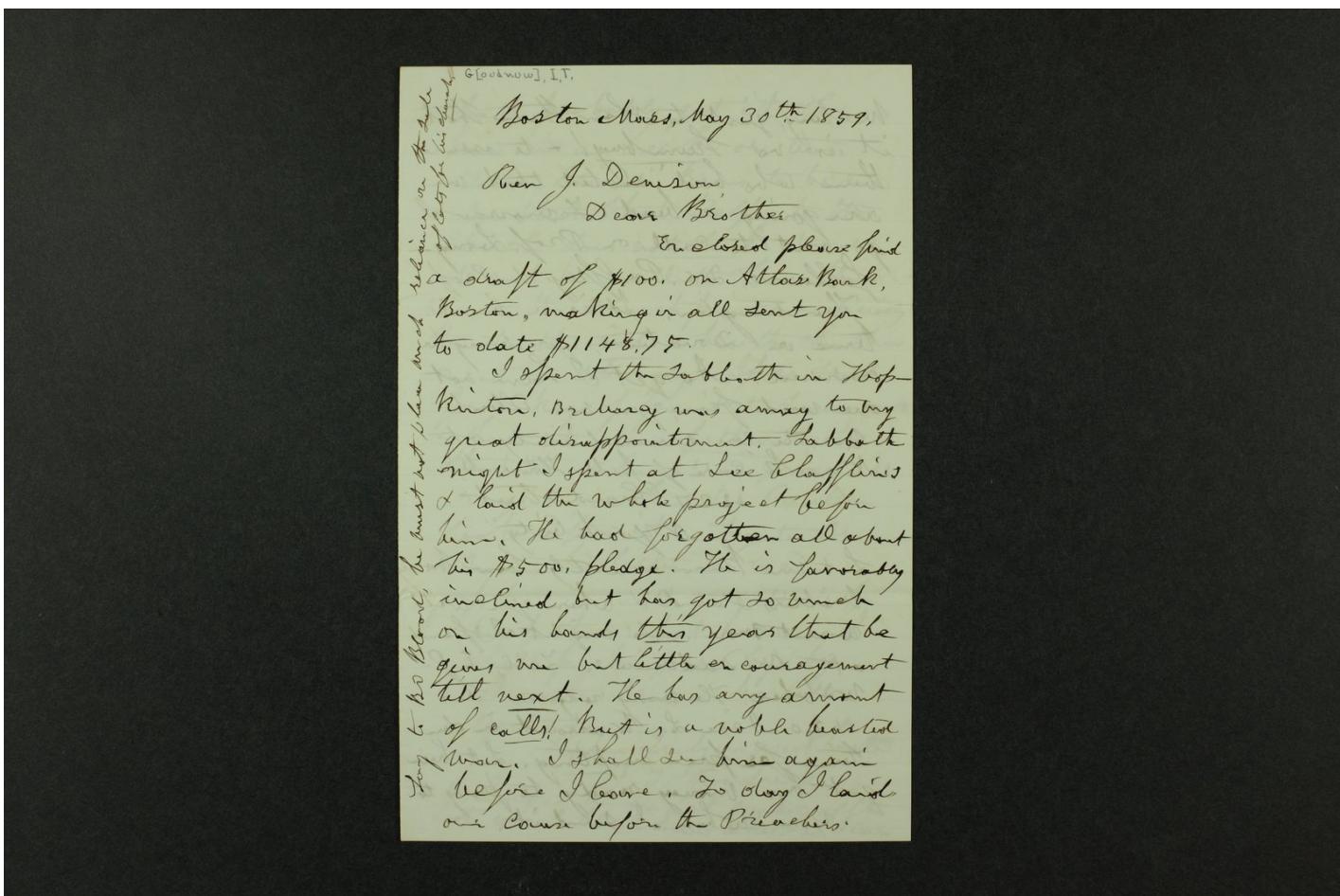
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Meeting, just to show them that it is no humbug! & to assure them who bad jested that we are going a-head. Tomorrow I go out to call on Prof. Longfellow & Dr. Pelegrey & Prof. Huntington. It is a hard time on donations, you may be assured. As yet I have not one word from you nor Ellen!

Write me immediately at N.York "care of J. M. Howe, M.D.

•227. Grand street

N.York City."

Let me know exactly how money matters stand & when you will want more. To night I spend at Dr. Adams'. Tell E. P. Webb. He may rely on his 120 Acre L. to account in due time for pre-empting. Let him get his money ready to pay to you when I send it.

I shall probably get it for him in a week or two.

Tell Friend Brown to be sure & see that that Belpy to the Church does not leak. Would it not be well to have the banner to the Church painted—especially the South end where the Sun shines on it so strongly? If so send for a key of paint to Leavenworth & have it done forthwith. See that the Church is fixed all right or have Dr. Paulson look after it. Long to Dr Barnes his letter is recd.

John is well & will do for his father what he can, & shall pay him \$100, by & by.

I wrote Brown & Marlatt, yesterday.

Yours truly in great haste

J. I. Goodnow

N. B. I want the exact number of the lots which Clark Lewis takes.—so soon

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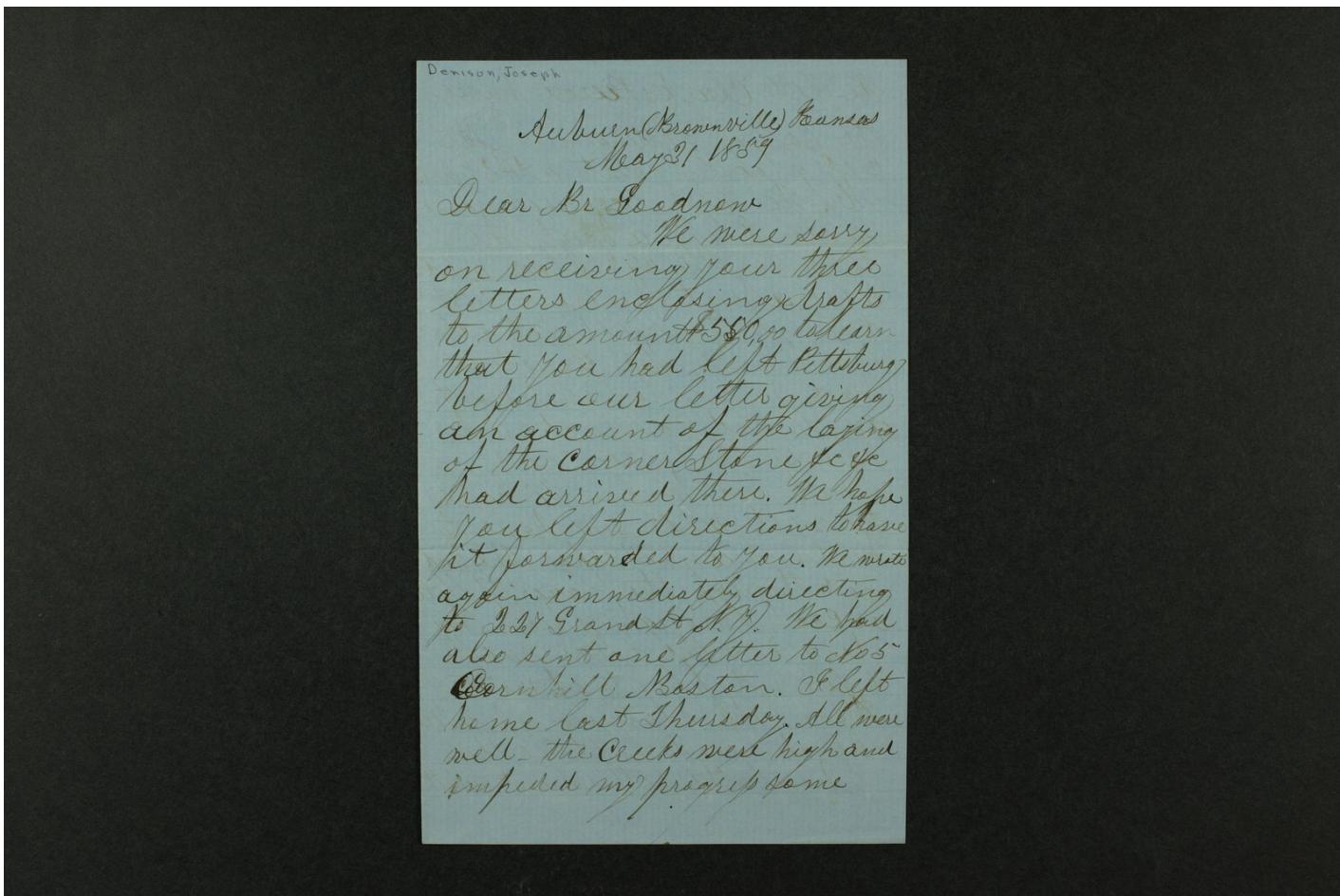
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Sell the balance. Has Gen Pomroy been
up & selected the 60 Lots? If so
Send me the Nos & titles, forth-
with. I need them. If Brown or
Lewis need any of them let them
select, or if they can wait till I
return perhaps it will be
better. Much love to Ellen
& all the children. I.G.G.

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We let Clark & Pierce have the job of getting out the B&G floor joists at \$438 per M. We were exercised some when I left about the ties for the B&G floor and also about the iron but I think they will get all in time. Mr. Cawton had gone to Leavenworth and had so much on his hands that they could not wait for him. We hope the well will not have to be sunk any deeper. They had got through the layer of slate or coal through which they dug in the other well & found plenty of water there. The stopping up will be deferred till fall. About the settlement with

Heays & you we think it is the best we could have done even though we had gone to Law and got the case.

C. In Vivaldo has been up and Mead and Co have joined in partly to support the paper. Some suspect with the hope of controlling him but we trust not. The subscription and pledges for the paper as it is from the property pledged by the Manhattan Town Association when I left was about \$1400.00 and we had gone down to end up the trip by the Steam Coal Supply. That boat will no doubt successfully navigate the Kansas & I hope you will succeed

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in getting Waters to give
the lot he owns in Manhattan
Wyatt. He received them in
pay for the Blast same as
Williams did. If some man
would give a little over
\$60000 in addition to what
the Building will cost.
We could buy at the coming
Land Sale 3000 acres of
choice Land and that would
endow the Institution at
once forever. Next Sat. I
hold Quarterly Meeting in Tecumseh
the 20th home and the day after
I must be at Leavenworth.
Kind regards to all. Take care
of your health.

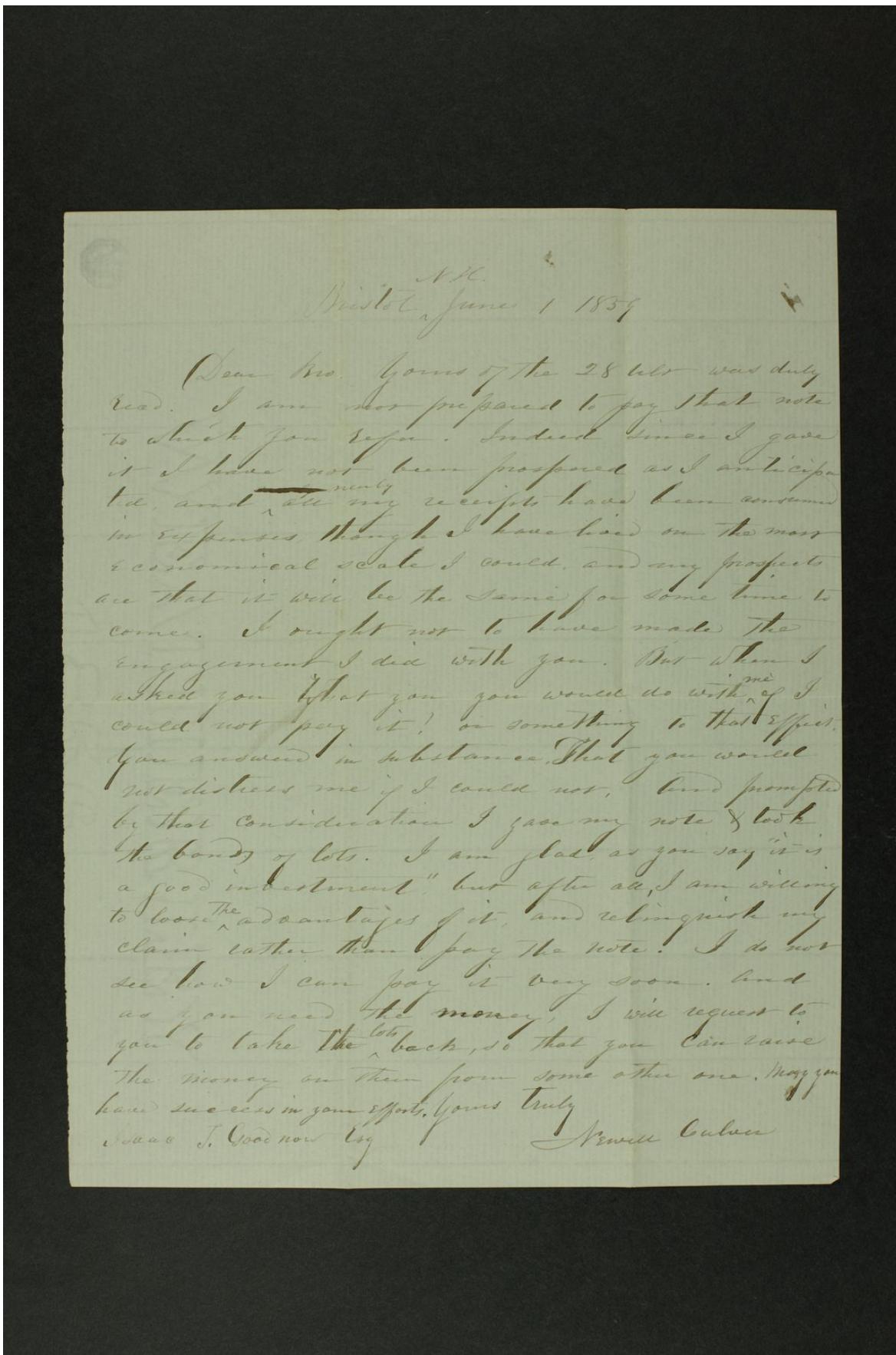
Very truly yours
Joseph K. Denison

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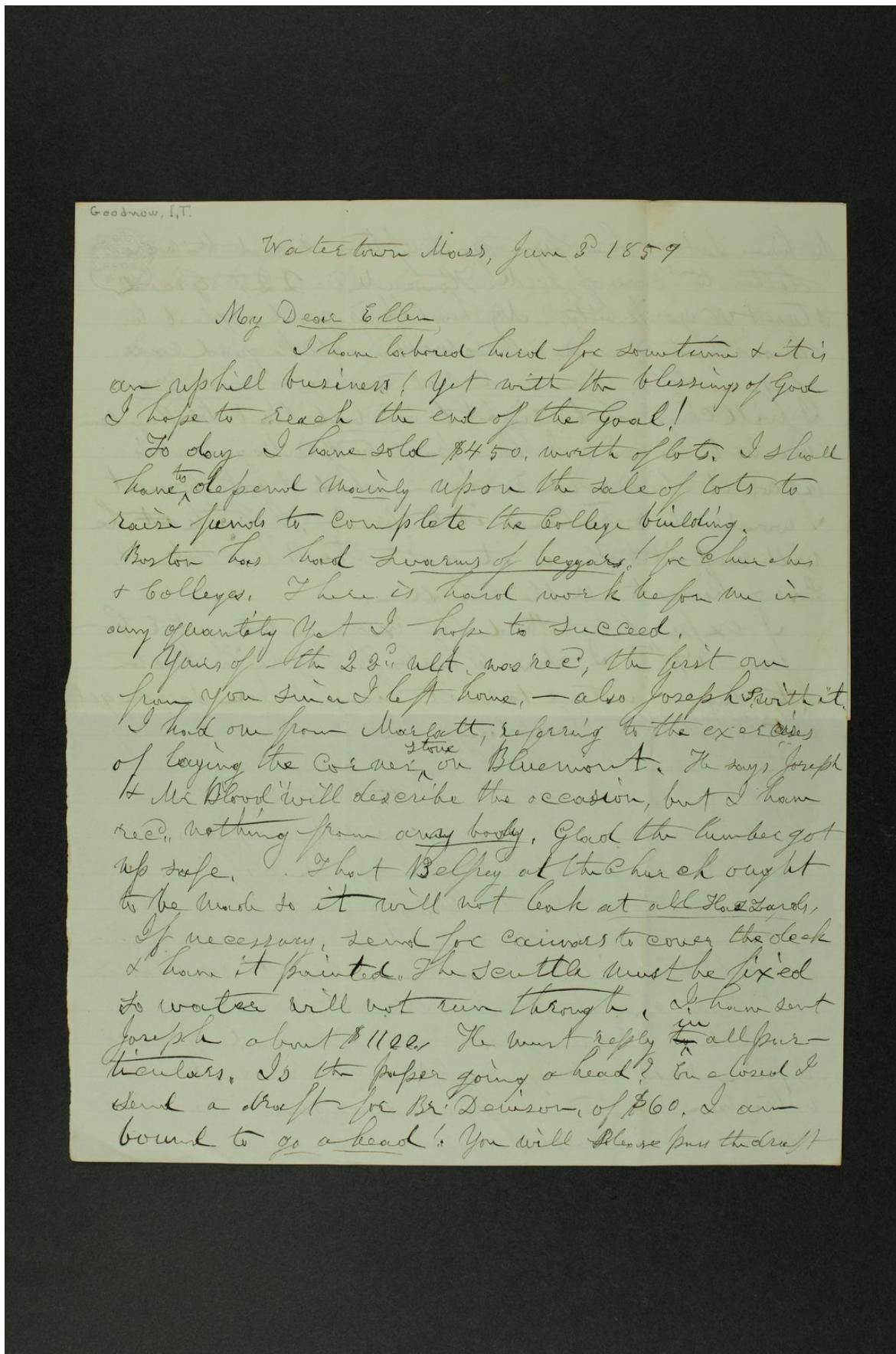


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to him. Let us hear from you of two. Send the next letter to "Care of J. M. Howe M.D., 227 Grand street, New York City." My health is good, - glad to know that you are all so well! Take good care of yourselves. You need not worry about me. I will come out right, too bad that Dr. Paulson has lost his eye. I have paid to Dr. Mayes on his account for David Harram; had I not done it I would ~~have~~ turned it to Dr. P., I think & he will need it. How is it with the Pikes Peaking? Love & kisses to all the children.

I expect to attend the examination at E. G. June 27th. I saw Charles H. Poynter in Boston to day. I intend to visit him, when do you get into that new building? How do you get along with the work? Be careful of yourself.

Are the boys regaining health after being in the cold? What a pity! They must feel badly! Why did it not take off over roof?

Dear George M. Steele, His wife has a boy 7 months old; — ~~sister~~, I shall spend the Sabbath with Mary Thorneston at East Boston, I have spent the night with one excellent friend B. R. Edmunds. He has promised to do so again next Monday night & on Tuesday he is to introduce me to his friends & acquaintances to beg money for the College!

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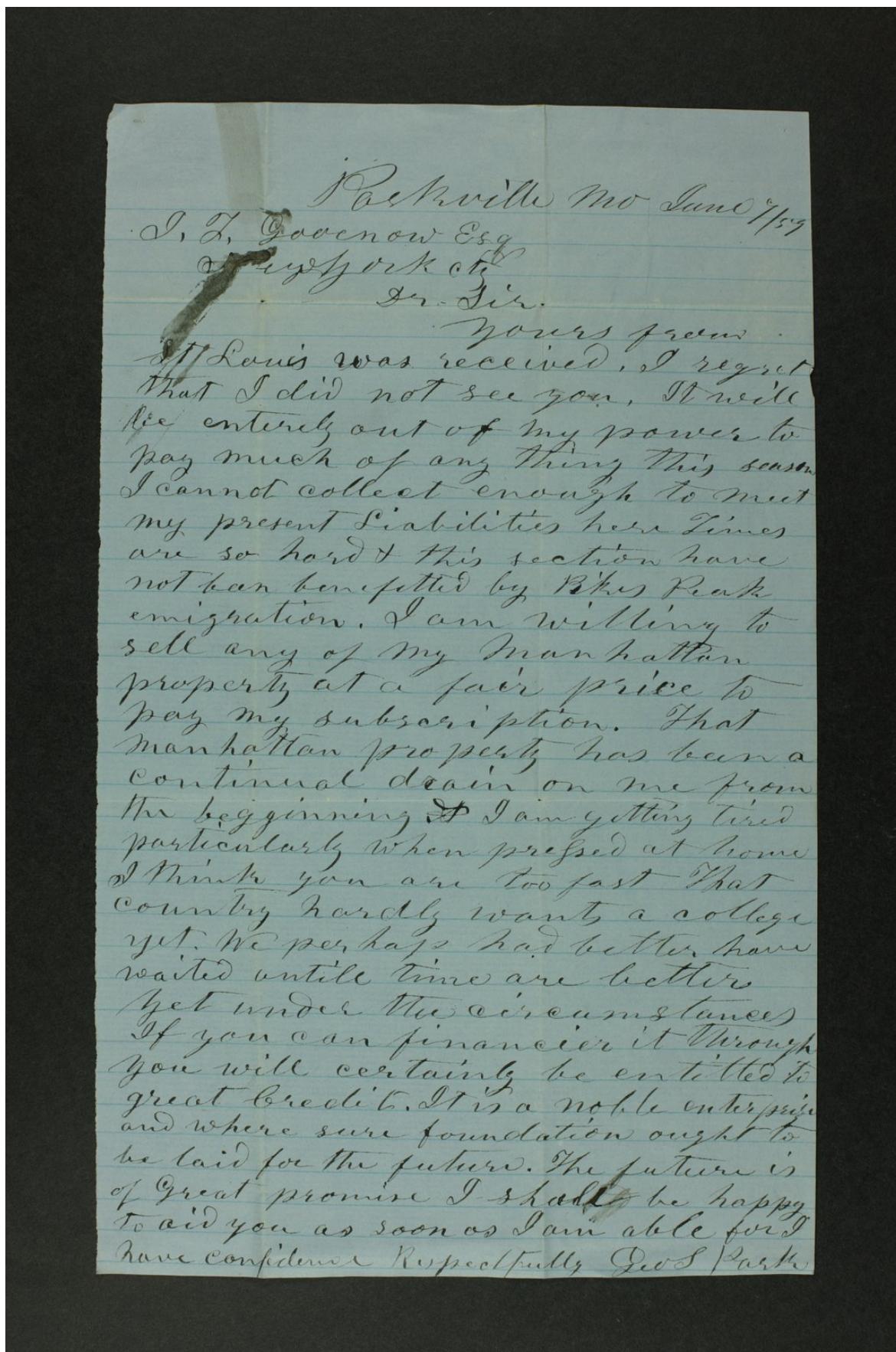
Last night I took two with Naomi Cook & Mother in Boston. So you're all there? Tell Mrs. Robinson & Mother that I design to go to Lynn next week. Regards to all the family. My friend, Miss Jose in particular!
Love & Kisses to the children. How does my Assistant Meteorologist "succeed"? Has he sent me any chart since I left? Regards to all
As ever truly yours
I. D. Goodnow.

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June 8th Another draft after Bank Col. Manford
Recd but not come to hand
Manhattan Kansas June 8 1859

Dear Mr Goodnow

I returned yesterday from Leavenworth and found your letter mailed at Boston May 8th &c &c. I have now received in all in drafts since you left the States & the Manhattan Town Association \$1348.75

Mr C. L. McCurdy sending \$94.50 of the above. I have paid out for freight on lumber \$426, to Lewis on his first payment \$400, adding others to him not included above \$5.00. For the Wells about \$100 and for taxes \$26.85. Some \$40 has been paid on joist &c for second floor and we have not far from \$50 in the treasury. \$40 has also been sent for iron.

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We are financing as faithfully
and as economically as we
can. I think Lewis will
be up to his next payment
in about 4 or 5 weeks.

The joist &c must also be
paid for as we can along.
We have given the whole
a new lower floor to
Clark & Pierce. I regret you
have not got our letters
either at Pittsburg, N.Y. or Boston
as we have written you at
each of those places.

Lewis is now on the Kansas
Br Brew gives him all the
lower window frames to day,
I should think he would get
the Mason work ^{on the house} done in about
three weeks. Br Marlatt gave
him some extra cut work
on the College - because
the Building really required

it and I because he and all
his men must stop waiting for
lumber if he did not have it.
The Steamer Gov. Linn has
made two successful trips &
Divaldi is coming with the Rep.
Land Warrants are the great
want here now. Br Heimball
wishes me to write you that he
must have one one hundred
and twenty acre land warrant
as soon as you can get it here.
If you can sell city lots pay
out of them and get two if
you can, both 120 acre ones.
If you cannot sell ^{his} city lots
get one 120 acre for him and
he will pay on to the College
on the 1st of July as he then
gets his pay for his Corn

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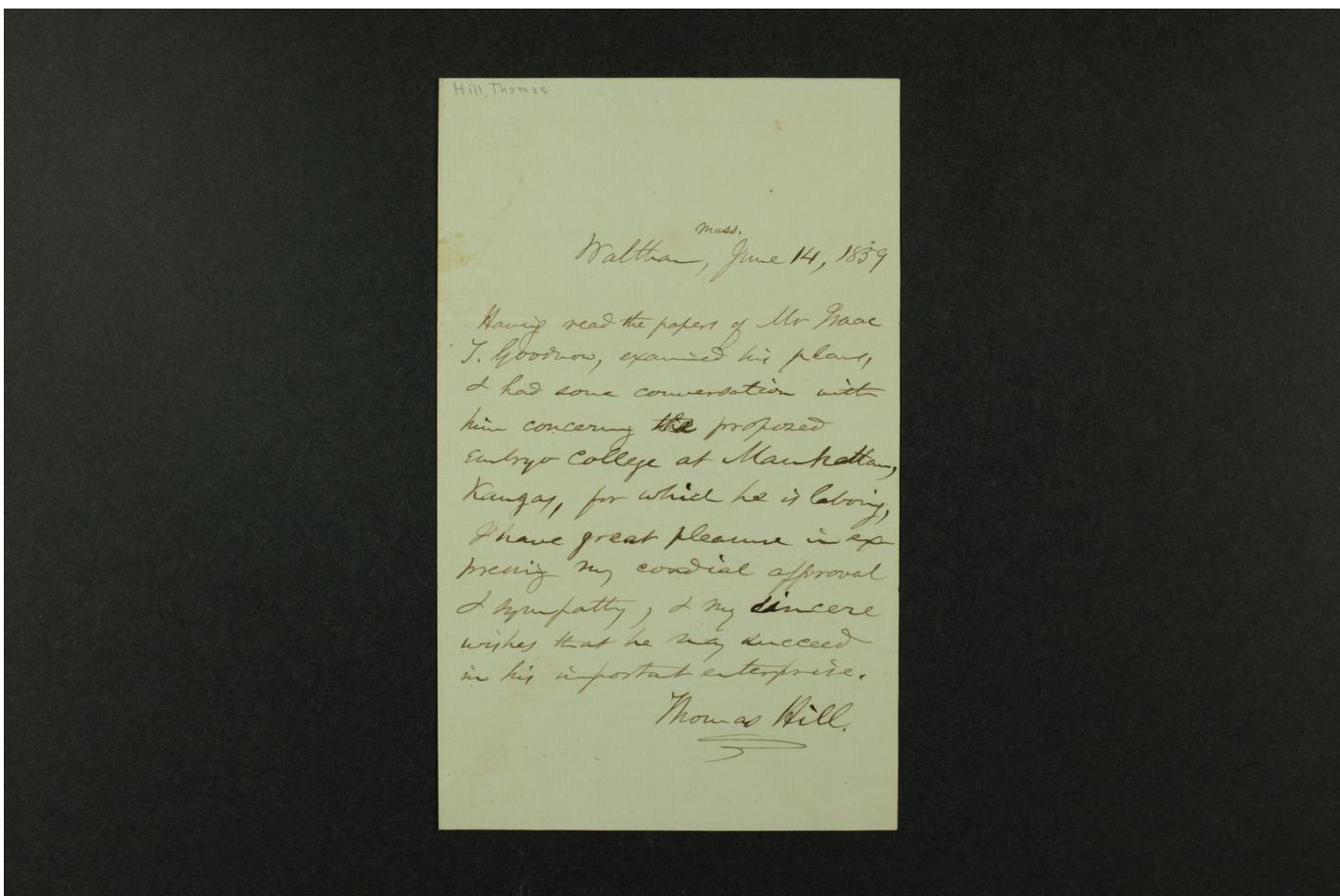
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Mr. Willard Smith writes me
offering to sell some lots for me
~~of my lots~~
I send him in Ward 8
also in Ward 2
Lots No 4403 Let No 146 2800 each
" " 482 " 925
" " 371 " 925
" " 315 - and refer him to you
Perhaps you can sell them to best
advantage. Please confer with him
& will allow you or him 5 per
cent on what they bring.
Wm's health is better. Mr. Griffin
could not get Bonds but got
Scrip now bearing 8 per cent &
I have it here subject to your
or Wm's order. We are under the
sad necessity of informing you
that the Draft Pny is dead. She got
cast by the Kope ~~one~~ while I was gone
We are all very sad about it but
it is too late to help it. We are
all usually well.
Very truly Joseph Denison

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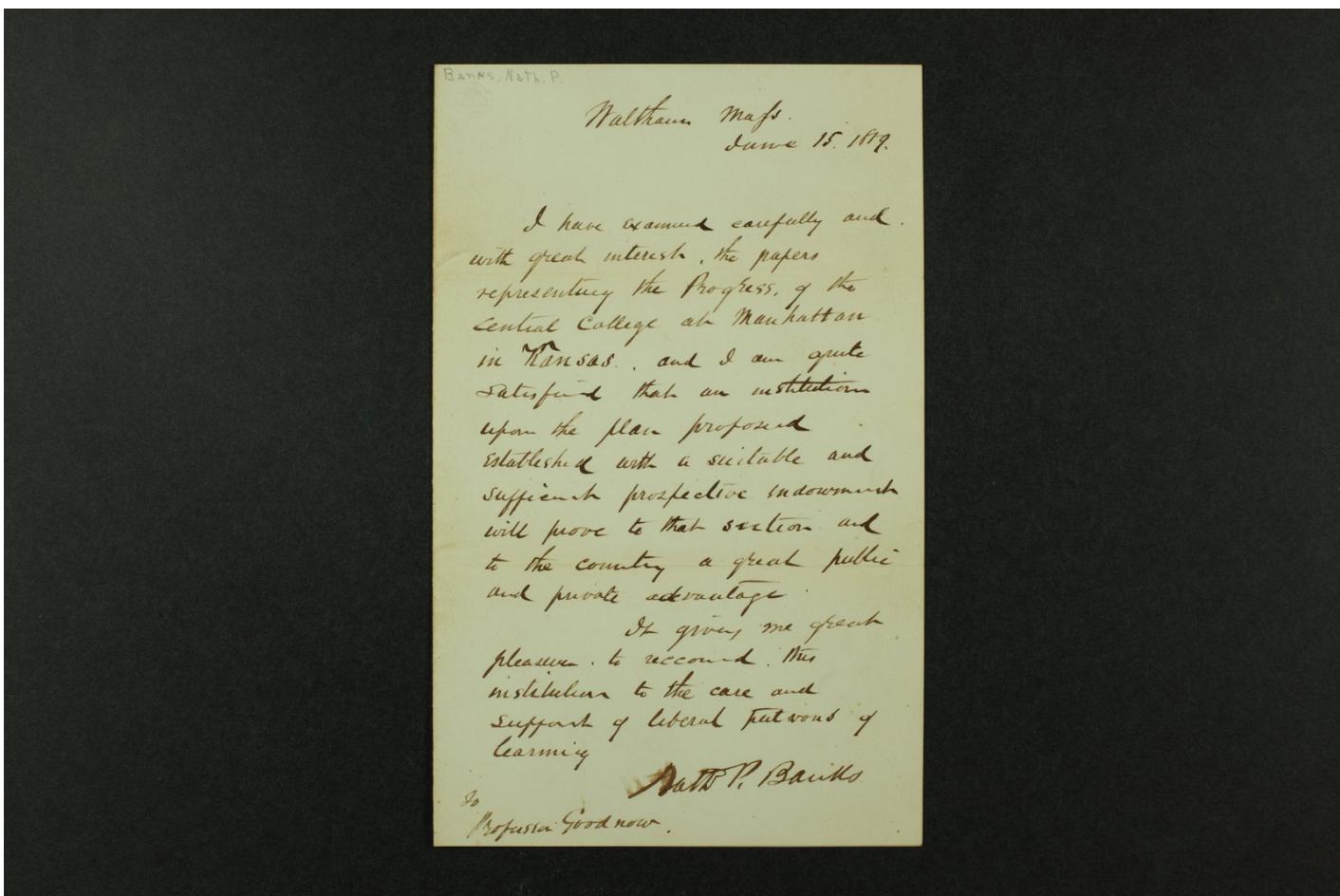
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Denison, Joseph
I shall be home probably a week from next Monday

Atchison Kansas June 16 1859

Dear Mr Goodnow

I came here yesterday from Holton having been there to attend Quarterly Meeting. Mr Pomeroy when up at the laying of the Corner stone May 10th with myself & Mr Blood selected the 60 lots from those Mr Mead bonded to him & found a mistake in four lots when comparing with Mr Blood's Books. Mr P after going to Mr Mead to correct these mistakes came away without leaving me the title as he intended when we parted. He has now done it without charging a cent except Meads corrections and as far as Mr Blood and I could judge the selection was a fair one. So far as I can judge the Bond is all right (the Lawyer here in the office says it is) and is acknowledged before Notary Public etc. I keep the Bonds & send you the numbers of the Lots as follows to wit

<u>Ward One</u>	<u>Ward Three</u>	<u>Ward Five</u>	<u>Ward Six</u>
Lots	Lots	Lots	Lots
258 84	668 869	388 8 884	778 78
182 8 204	5778 540	441 8 442	298 8 299
286 8 321	<u>Ward Four</u>	5748 5-75	270 8 271
391 8 398	Lots	5388 539	449 8 450 = 450
452 8 470	3578 358	5928 593	<u>Ward Seven</u>
493 8 494	3468 347	6248 625	Lots
535 8 547	2318 232	6608 661	171 8 172
672 8 686	4858 486	6988 694	183 8 184
	5388 539		
	4898 490		

Mr Brown I think will have to have some money ready before his time of payment. The Church is still waiting -

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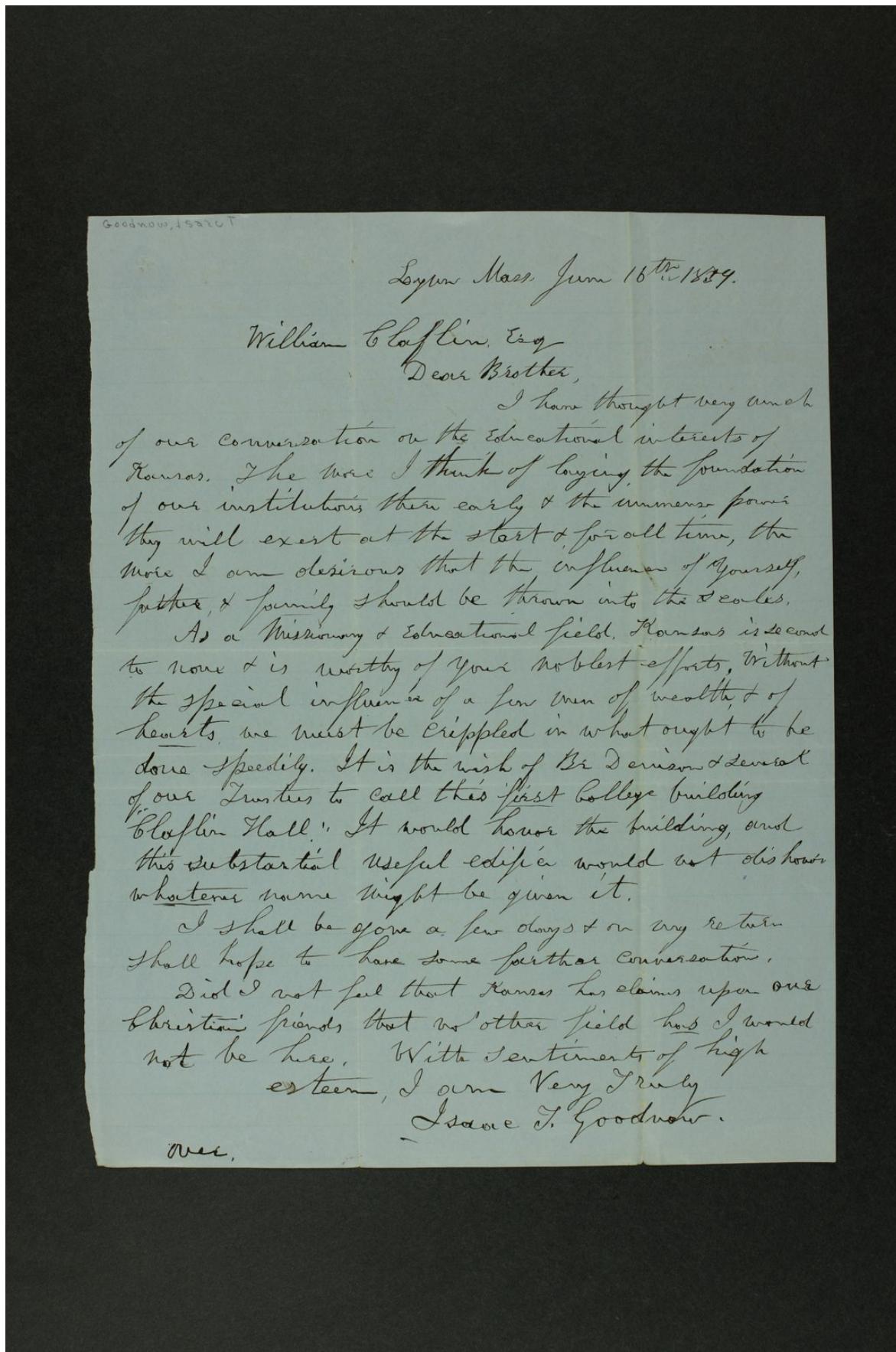
Mer. Mr. P. Waters owns the same number of Lots for the other half of the Fleet and perhaps he will give them to you for the College... Br. L. A. Gripping had got your Territorial Scrip audited but could not yet get the Bonds it draws 8 per cent interest from the time the Treasurer received it. I have it. I sells here at 90 per cent. I conclude to hold on to it till further orders except the fraction over Two hundred which I think Migg in bottom will take at par to make ~~it~~ \$100. I must have one more land Warrant and some fear Andrew will not send it off in season. Can you not send me one by getting it and others through Dr. & Mrs. Hovey on time if in no other way and pay for it as you sell the Lots I sent. If you succeed in sending us money herewith as well as heretofore I think we shall get through. I trust you will. The tug will be on the last payments. When you send Br Barnes his Land Warrant just say that you will pay the when you learn the lumber is delivered. They have delayed ^{some}. Don't fail to send us some Land Warrants at once. I hope you have had the letters we sent to Pittsburg sent on to you at N.Y. They would post you up. It is hard times here for money and will be till after the land sales. I left home last Friday they were well as usual. Mr. Palmer says he will do what he can to help us out on the last payment if we get hard up but makes no definite pledge very truly yours Joseph Denison

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N. B. In your comparison of objects on which to bestow your beneficence please note one marked distinction; in the older states every thing is more or less stereotyped; the same money & labor will not begin to have that moulding influence as they will in an infant rising state where every thing is in process of formation! Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined." At present Kansas is a little twig. We wish it to grow up a beautiful strong oak.

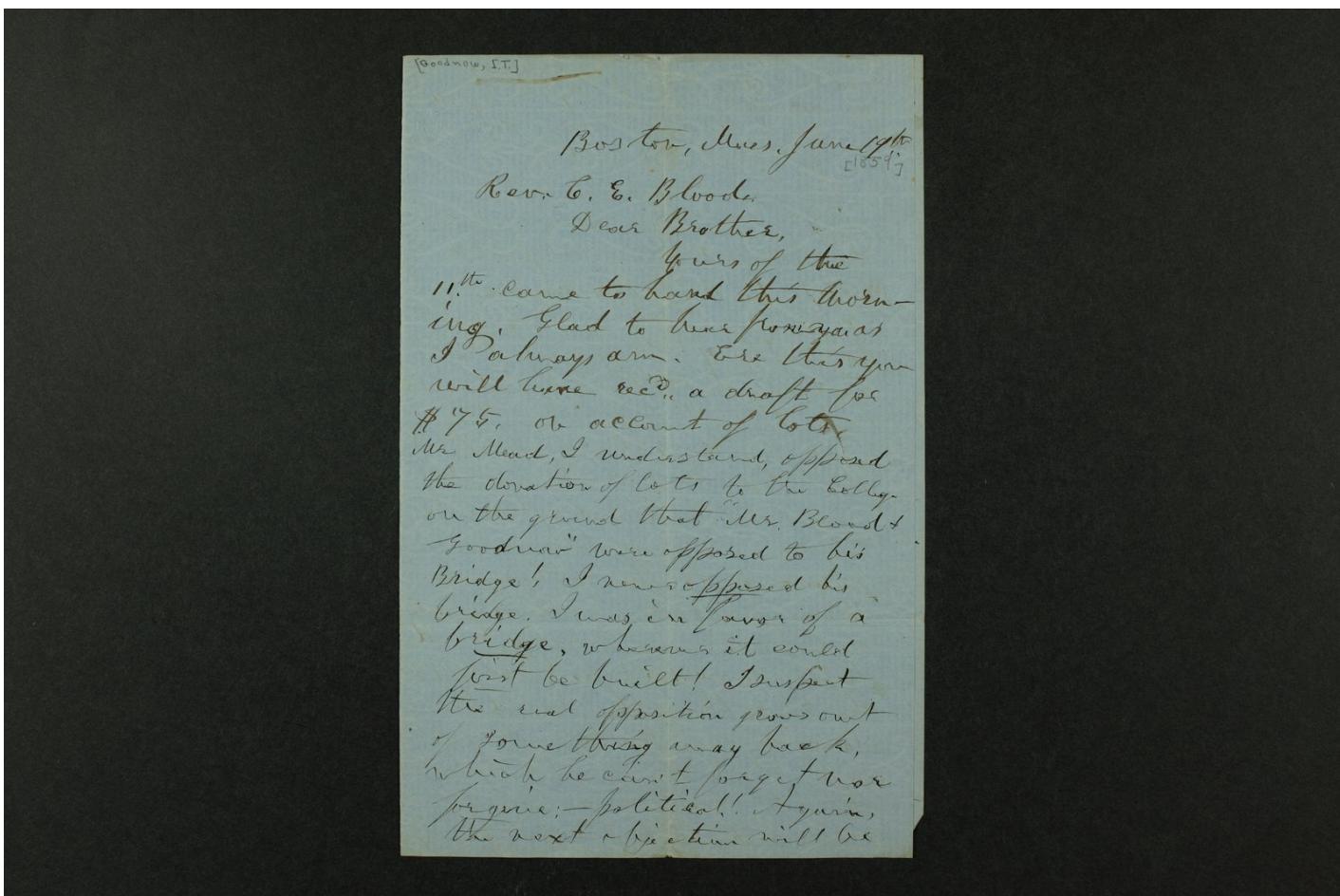
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Central
Hod River, Elizabethtown College Way & young
to become the "Howard college" of New Eng.

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because the blood of slaves not give up 40 acres to them? Then to say that kind of men to stay on for material aid is like having one broken reed!

They are willing to have all the advantages of improvement, but if they can not rule every thing, they will do nothing! Very well, the world will turn round without them! Of course they will make a hue & cry about the 40 Acres! Who cares?

Now, my Mr. Blood if you can feel clear to devote that, or even equivalent, to the College, in place of what the Cincinnati Company were morally bound to do, would it not be capital the best thing that could be done under all the circumstances? What care you & I do better than to devote a good share of our property to the building up

of the great Central College?

I rely upon you greatly in this matter. Were it not for you & a few others of similar feelings, & devotion to the interests of education in Kansas, I should leave the Territory & except of my old position which is now left open for me; or I have a standing call! It is very inviting.

Old & young, almost every one I meet, greet me with the invitation, "Well, you will come back, won't you?"

This is very pleasant in a place where I taught 7 years. Many old students say "if you will come back, we will go to school again". Nothing but duty to Kansas would keep me from complying. And not to remain there

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I must have the cooperation
of others & suitable help from
the people there, it will like
Bennet College, cannot be carried
on one man's shoulders, it will
be most difficult, it will be large pa-
cificing sacrifices, as well as of
feeling.
Col. Park ought to pay his 5000.
in cash! And the best that he
ought to think of, is to give us
the same offer as made by you &
Mr Houston, viz., to give the Col-
lege half what all the lots
will sell for. The demand for lots
this year will be far less than last.
First class lots sell for better
than 2⁰ or 3⁰, I have no ob-
jection to friend Griffis' arrangement,
if the lots are well selected
& are put low enough, the same
as you could buy in New Haven
for cash down, Mr Park has
done but little towards improvement.

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Manhattan Kansas June 20. 1859

Dear Bro. Goodnow

You kind favor ^{of 120 inst} was received this evening. I am sorry to say that the \$100. draft has not been received. Do not get any letters registered. Please request the bank to send me a duplicate of my can. & not to pay the draft until I write that I have received it. I fear it has been stolen from the mail. I heard through you wife that one was sent. I thank you heartily for your kind exertions for us.

May the Lord reward you greatly.

Have written you 3 letters. — The roof is on again tho' not paid for. The plastering will shortly be done. The loss is a little more than \$400.

The Gun Sln has made her third trip. Surely the Kansas is Navigable.

Deriville is here with his press & 12 pointees. He came up on the Gun Sln. His family is here. They have taken rooms in the stone hotel. His press is at present

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in Wilson's hall. It is to be in the new
stone store Whitesides, L. Story, De-
nivill has hired it for 3 years. The paper
is a fixed & permanent fact. This
week there will be an account of the
laying of the corner stone, in the Express.
I will enquire about the land warrant.

I do not know whether your brother has
gone tho' I think he has. The stone work
on Bro Dennis' house is I think done
& now they will make rapid work with
the College.

It is said that there are some 10 Republi-
can Majority in the Constitutional Con-
vention. I hope

The Lord prosper you in every thing

C. E. Blood

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Goodnow, I.T.
Boston Mass. June 26th 1859
Rev. T. E. Blood,
Dear Brother
I have spent
the night with Mr. H. C. Blood
I have learned many things
in relation to him & the
Democrats against him in
Marshalltown. The fact is, he
is not "made of money" more
than some other men. Though
I suppose for his personal
wants, he can have all that
is necessary. He is very friendly
to Marshalltown & has power to
help us as a town, - & will
use it. As to those lots he
got off Robinson, I don't
feel he is all right. I should
not press the matter further, at
present with Mr. H. - He is es-

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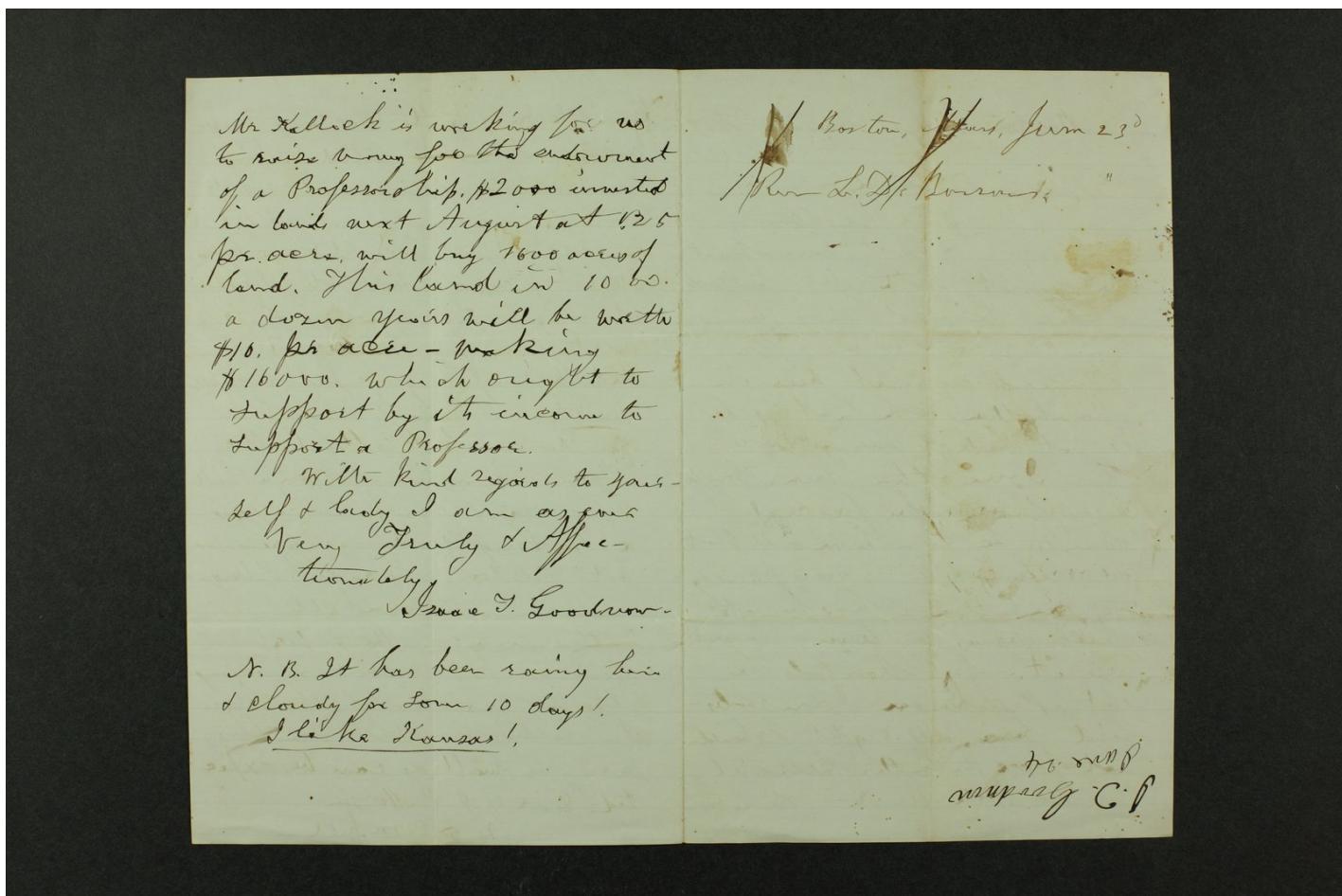
possible only to the Doctor & Draper
is not ~~trust~~ indebted to him!
Mr. Field will remit you to
pay \$50 or \$100. I have written
to Dr. Clegg to forward \$200 more
all to be paid for in lots. I hope
it may be used, & in season to
meet your pressing wants. I
that the work may be put on, forth-
with. I have to day for
S. Greenwich to attend the
examination, & then shall
go on to Nigock to be gone
a fortnight. Please write me
at Boston, care of J. P. Morgan.
5 Cornhill,
How comes on the paper?
Give us that report on laying
the corner stone of the College.
In college matters I am pro-
gressing as well as can be expec-
ted. Care of J. P. Morgan
No 5 Cornhill

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