Samuel Lyle Adair to John Brown

From Osawatomie, Samuel Adair wrote his brother-in-law John Brown regarding monies Adair had received for the "free State men in Kansas" and specifies how these funds were distributed.

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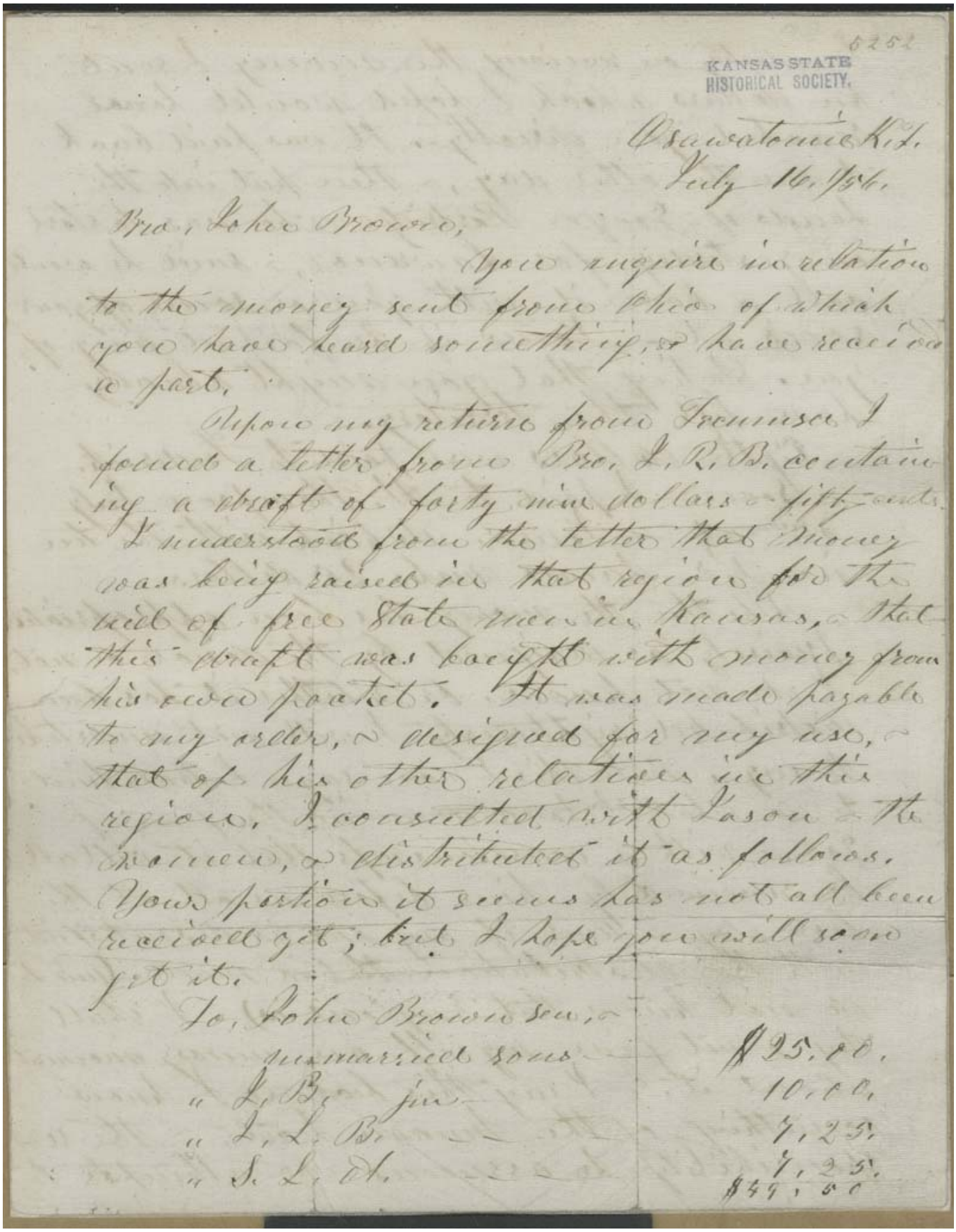
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Osawatomie Kt.
July 16. 1856.

Bro, John Brown,

Your enquire in relation to the money sent from Ohio of which you have heard something, & have received a part.

Upon my return from Tennessee I found a letter from Bro. L. R. B. containing a draft of forty nine dollars - fifty cents. I understood from the letter that money was being raised in that region for the aid of free State men in Kansas, that this draft was bought with money from his own pocket. It was made payable to my order, & designed for my use, that of his other relatives in this region. I consulted with Jason & Townsend, & distributed it as follows. Your portion it seems has not all been received yet; but I hope you will soon get it.

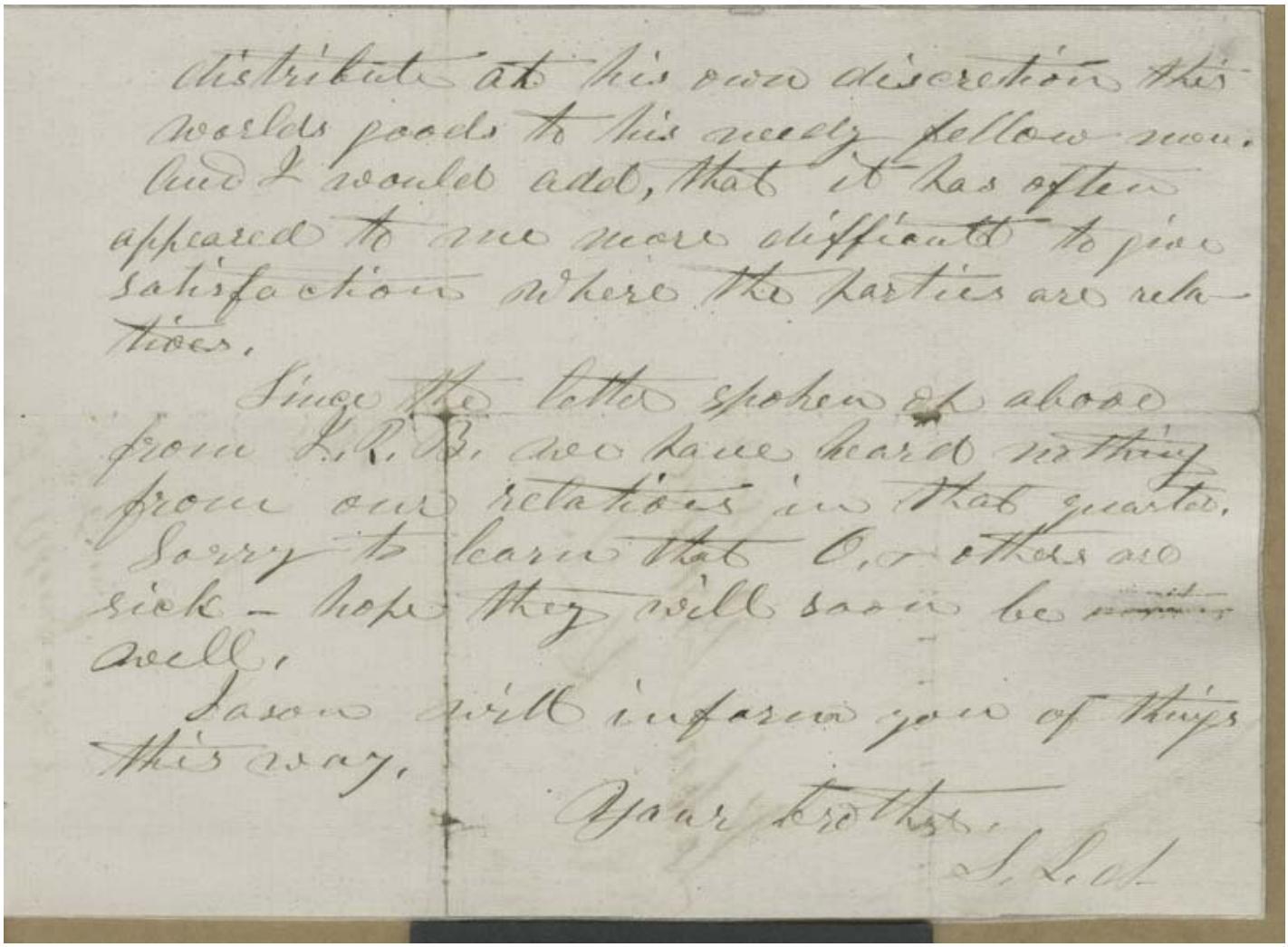
To, John Brown sen,	$25.00.
" unmarried sons	10.00.
" L. B. jun	7.25.
" L. L. B.	7.25.
" S. L. A.	$49.50

Immediately on receiving the money I sent
five dollars which I hoped would have
reached you directly. It was paid back
to me the other day, & then put into the
hands of George Partridge who was to start
on yesterday for Lawrence, & said he would
call & leave it with you or some of your
sons at — Jones if he found any of
you. Stating that you might already
have left the Territory.

Eight dollars were paid to Frederick
Brown — & paid to H. Thompson July
2nd at — Jones. Which with the ten
in P.'s hands makes 25 dollars.

Whether the money has been appropriated
precisely as designed by the donor or not,
I do not know. Or whether it has been
distributed righteously I will not undertake
to say. But this I can say. I have tried
to do what I have done in the fear of
God, & with a consciousness that it will all
be reviewed by him before us all at the
last day. And if any one is dissatisfied
with the distribution that is made — (and I
do not know that any one is) — I shall
try & not give my self any uneasy moment
about it. I say this because I know
something of the human heart, & the re-
sponsibility he assumes who attempts to

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distribute at his own discretion this worlds goods to his needy fellow men. And I would add, that it has often appeared to me more difficult to give satisfaction where the parties are relatives.

Since the letter spoken of above from L. P. B. we have heard nothing from our relations in that quarter. Sorry to learn that O, & others are sick – hope they will soon be well.

Jason will inform you of things this way.

Your brother,

S. L. A.

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