

## Edmund Burke Whitman to Franklin B. Sanborn

In his May 18 report to Franklin Sanborn, agent Whitman of Lawrence again cast shame on Massachusetts for its failure to provide needed financial support for the cause in Kansas but focused on his efforts to provide aid for "the school project." Whitman claimed credit for establishing both an elementary school and a high school, the latter of which "is fast becoming a Model," and he hoped his financing would not disappear. He also comments on the political situation, especially the fact that Charles Robinson had "to a large extent" lost the "confidence" of the people.

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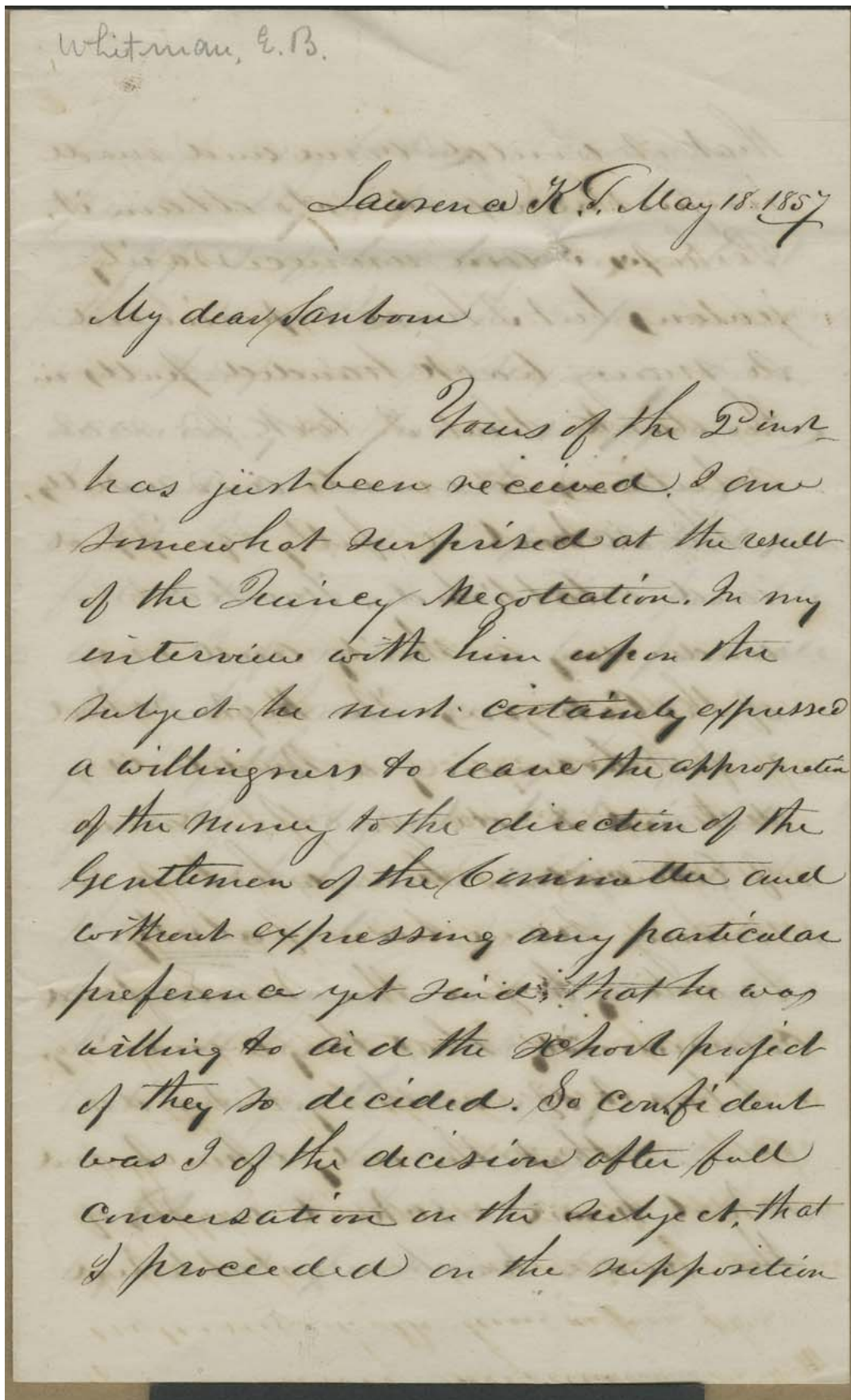
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that it would come and made  
no further exerting to obtain it.  
Perhaps I am unnecessarily  
jealous, but I have experienced  
so many back handed pulls in  
the dark that I look for such  
solutions to events and results.

The school is fully equipped  
and established. Two teachers  
under my authority and one  
of the Citizens. The High school  
is fast becoming a Model is  
destined to do for the cause  
of Education here what so  
many have been falsely  
boasting before the New England  
Community that they were doing.  
I boast of nothing, but I do  
claim that the only Church and  
school house & school worthy of  
the name has been established



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through my labors. I am now  
personally responsible for the  
support of two teachers at least  
for three months. The Experiment  
was proposed for six only, and  
according to present appearances  
I must assume the entire expense  
or let this most important enterprise  
fall to the ground. It is possible  
and I do not know but probable  
that Mr. Lawrence will allow a  
part of the income of his fund  
go to this object. Mr. State will  
do what he can to obtain it. In  
the mean time I am not to  
be discouraged or stopped off.  
We will have a school and the  
best one in the Territory.

Three barrels of Potatoes  
Nos 2, 3 & 4 have arrived and  
by much personal labor are

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now in my possession in  
Laurence, No 1. is not to be  
found which I the more regret  
as it contains <sup>seeds (?)</sup> from Concord.  
Perhaps it will yet make its  
appearance.

Stanton is doing what he  
can to corrupt our people &  
reduce them from their integrity.  
I fear he is corrupting the  
leaders. The game now is to  
discourage the members from  
attending the meeting of the Legislature  
at Topeka and thus vitally  
destroy the Free State Organization.  
Robinson, although he began to  
treat for terms, has been drawn  
out to commit himself against  
voting - but his tendency now  
seems to be to bring about the  
other result and in such



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a way that the blame shall  
fall upon the members and  
not upon himself. The people  
to a large extent have lost  
confidence in him, not his kind  
minions the letter writers, but the  
bona fide people of the territory.  
I speak advisedly and on good  
authority. After much solicitation  
his ~~signature~~ signature has been obtained  
to a circular (tho emasculated to  
some degree to meet his views)  
urging the members to be present  
at the opening of the session. One  
thing is certain that he is closely  
watched by many an eagle eye  
and if he lapses it he will be  
exposed and the blame be  
made to lie where it belongs.  
I send you enclosed a

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most extraordinary document,  
a second declaration of  
Independence issued and published  
by a handful of boys who formed  
a part of the famous Chicago  
Company. Mr Hyatt is the reputed  
author and Mr W. F. M. Army  
Mayor, Judge, Ex officio County  
School Superintendent is the burden  
of the song. It will require a  
tedious task, enable you to have  
a hearty laugh and show you  
how fields are lost and won here  
in Kansas, and knows sought  
and obtained.

I am ashamed of Massachusetts.  
for her recreancy to the cause of  
freedom. Miserable political  
apathy!!! May she never have  
courage to repent her agency.  
Write me whenever you



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Can find Ceylon and I  
will endeavor to pay back  
the favor in such poor coin  
as I possess. You see that I  
express myself freely. I am  
you will judge how much I  
can do for you.  
Very truly yours,  
E. B. Whitman