Caleb S. Pratt to George L. Stearns

Caleb Pratt, who seems to be acting as Stearns' agent in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, at this time, writes regarding the Joseph Gardner request for firearms. On his own initiative, Pratt "allowed him [Gardner] to take 7 Rifles and 4 sabres to his house with permission to use the same if necessary . . ." This was a temporary loan that awaited Stearns' endorsement.

Creator: Pratt, Caleb S

Date: May 30, 1860

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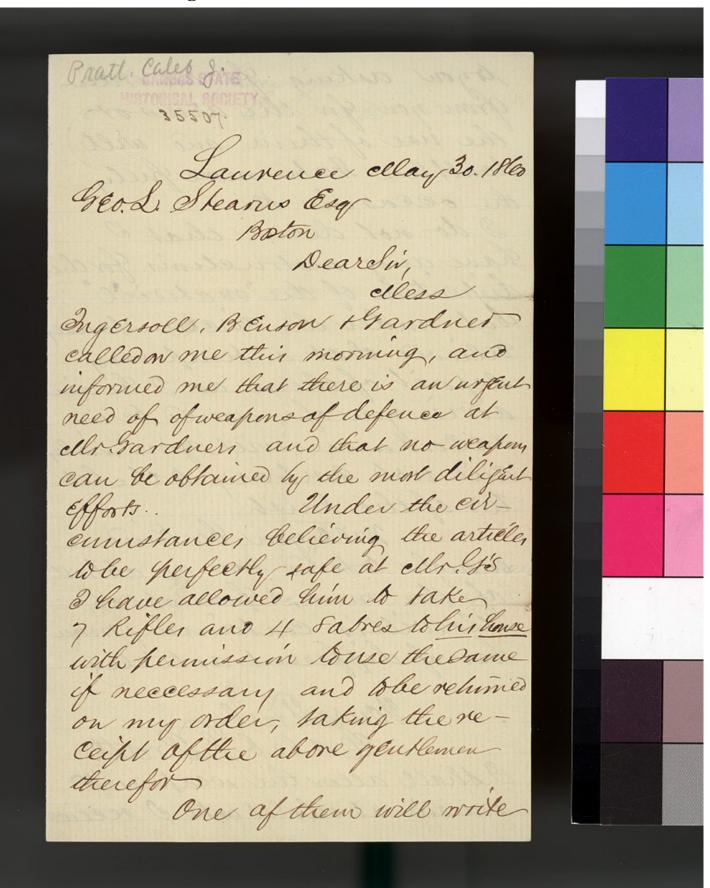
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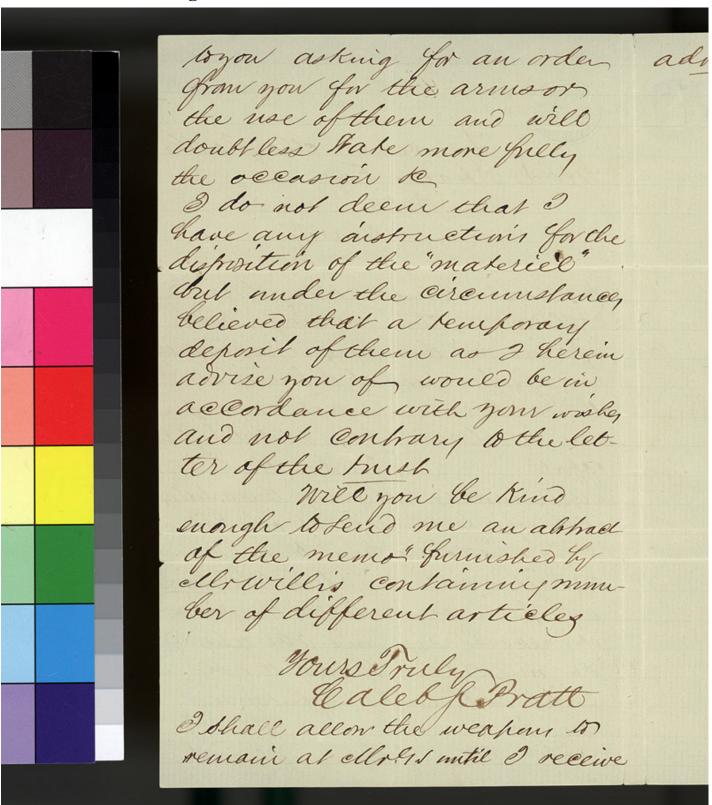Geo L. Stearns Esq

Boston

Dear Sir,

Mess

Ingersoll, Benson + Gardner called on me this morning, and informed me that there is an urgent need of of weapons of defence at Mr Gardners and that no weapons can be obtained by the most diligent efforts.. Under the cir-cumstances, believing the articles to be perfectly safe at Mr. G's I have allowed him to take 7 Rifles and 4 Sabres to his house with permission to use the same if necessary and to be returned on my order, taking the re-ceipt of the above gentlemen therefor

One of them will write

to you asking for an order ad[...]
from you for the arms or
the use of them and will
doubtless state more fully
the occasion &c
I do not deem that I
have any instructions for the
disposition of the "materiel"
but under the circumstances,
believed that a temporary
deposit of them as I herein
advise you of, would be in
accordance with your wishes,
and not contrary to the let-
ter of the trust
Will you be kind
enough to send me an abstract
of the memo. furnished by
Mr Willis containing num-
ber of different articles

Yours Truly
Caleb S. Pratt
I shall allow the weapons to
remain at Mr Gs until I receive

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C. S. Pratt