

## W. H. Powell to James Blood

From Bloomington, Illinois, W. H. Powell, the Illinois State Superintendent of Public Instruction, writes that he had noticed James Blood's call for seed wheat for the "unfortunate settlers of Kansas," and he wonders if they would be interested in trading "for Stock--either Cattle or Stock Hogs." Powell offers to arrange shipment of 2000 bushels of "good seed wheat" immediately if a deal is struck. He writes that farmers in his area were growing "Red Amber wheat, and that if Blood needed a character reference, he could contact "Mr. Lincoln at Springfield, where I reside, & who can vouch for my good faith &C."

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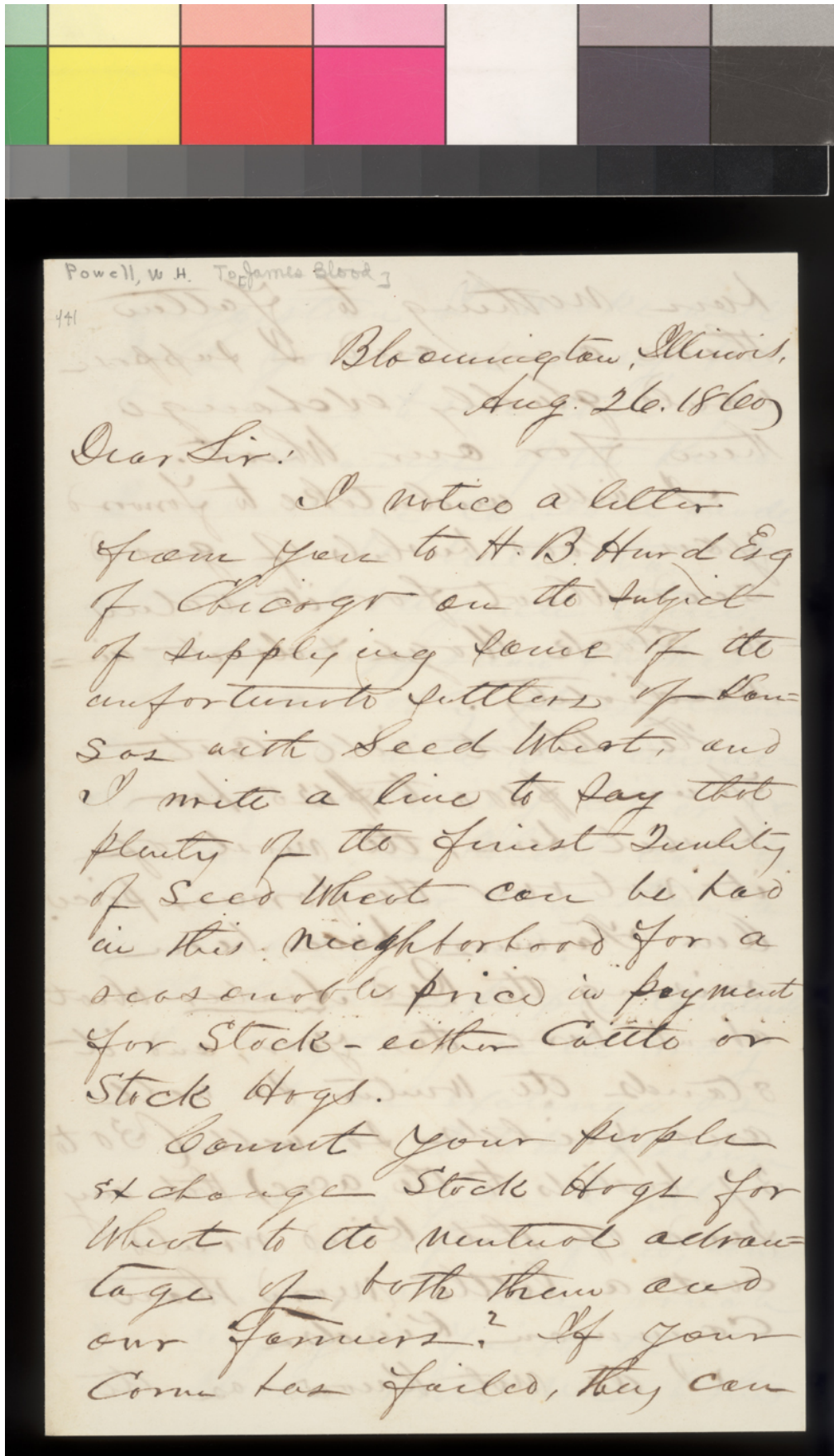
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Bloomington, Illinois,  
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Dear Sir:

I notice a letter  
from you to H. B. Hurd Esq  
of Chicago on the subject  
of supplying some of the  
unfortunate settlers of Kan-  
sas with Seed Wheat, and  
I write a line to say that  
plenty of the finest quality  
of Seed Wheat can be had  
in this neighborhood for a  
reasonable price in payment  
for Stock - either Cattle or  
Stock Hogs.

Cannot your people  
exchange Stock Hogs for  
Wheat to the mutual advan-  
tage of both them and  
our farmers? If your  
Commerce has failed, they can



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have nothing to gather  
them on, and I suppose  
would gladly exchange  
them for our Wheat.

I will undertake to forward  
you 2000 bushels of good  
seed wheat for its value  
in Stock Hogs & do it im-  
mediately.

The wheat will cost  
from \$6.00 to \$12.50 per  
bushel here, the most of  
it not over the former price.  
Our Farmers have been  
raising the Red Amber wheat  
about here this year, and it  
stands the winter so well  
and yields so well (30 to  
37 bushels to the acre) that any  
seed of that kind would  
cost a little more than  
common kinds.

I do not know as the

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suggestion I make will  
help your case away, but  
it seemed to me that if  
an exchange of the kind  
I mention could be made  
it would be better than to  
attempt to buy an time.  
If the suggestion strikes  
you favorably please com-  
municate with me imme-  
diately either by letter or  
Telegraph, as wheat can be  
bought lower now than a  
few weeks hence.  
Should your people conclude  
to do anything in the way  
of such an exchange as  
I suggest, I take pleasure  
in referring you to Mr  
Lincoln at Springfield, where  
I reside, & who can vouch  
for my good faith &c.  
Please write me to this



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place, where I am stopping  
at present.

Yours Respectfully

W. H. Powell

Late Supt. Pat. Dist

Illinois

P.S.

What can good stock  
Hogs be purchased for in  
your country now, and  
are they plenty? Could  
1000 be picked up in a  
few days within conven-  
ient distance of the River?