Boston. April 29. 1857

My dear Sir Yr favor of the 19th is rec^{d}. I do not know how Mr Porter of the A.S.S. Union could have written to you that he was authorized to draw on you, by me. That is a liberty wh. would not be warranted, in our practice, to be taken with the Trustees of a fund. I have never had any communication with Mr Porter on the subject, nor with any one except the Trustees & Rev. Mr Nute. It is not an important mistake however.

One of the Trustees or Directors of the Emigrant Aid Co^{y} who is also one of the Executive Com^{ee} called on me two days since to ascertain if there were any papers or correspondence in regard to the "float" wh. you located on & near Lawrence. As I never had any, & never had anything to do with the matter, I c^{d} give no information. This gentleman, who is one of the most honorable & disinterested men in the world, expressed dissatisfaction with you, & referred to a letter lately rec^{d} from you (wh. I have not seen). I think he said, by Dr Webb as Sec^{y} of the Co^{y}. Now I shall venture to give you my opinion, as tho. I were yr only friend on earth: & if you <u>have</u> only one, that is myself. It is this, that you avoid all disagreement, or controversy with the E.A. Company. You are not strong enough, to stand against it in <u>this part</u> of the country, a single day. Its financial power is trifling: the whole capital paid in & invested

in Kansas is trifling. But its moral power here, if exerted against any individual, would destroy his influence & his standing. This arises from the character of most of the men who compose its Board of direction. Any opinion that they might deliberately form & promulgate, on almost any subject, but especially on any subject relating to Kansas would be final, & wd have more weight here than the ruling of the U. S. Court. Since writing you, I learn that there is dissatisfaction with you, but I have not gone far enough to know whether it extends to any considerable degree. This I will learn soon. What I wish to say is, that nothing of this sort shd be allowed to come to a head. No one has suggested that I shd communicate with you, nor does any one know that this letter has been written; but I hope you will consider well the advice wh. it contains, & by all & every means avoid any issue with the company.

Yr opinion & that of Mr Pomeroy in regard to the model school in Lawrence agrees with mine. Rev. W. H. Sampson of Appleton. Wis. is Supt of the College.

It looks as tho. you would be forced into voting (under protest) to save the free state men from a division of strength. If you so conclude, I suppose you will not make it public; & will therefor not call out a strong power to prevent the people from polling the whole vote.

Yours Truly
A A Lawrence

Gov. Robinson.

Excuse my plainness in giving advice to you, but