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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 have 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 this part of the country, a single day. Its financial power is trifling: the whole capital paid in & invested