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Dear Ead. Your last

— date not now remembered — was rec^d on
2nd day (to day being the sabbath). Enter up a
"judge" (as 'Git' would say) on me for thanks.
Enclosed I found a draft for "two-fifty", on
N. Y. which furthers my feelings as well as
schemes, in the premises. Since Monday last
I have been sparring the Court, on motions
to quash, demurrers, pleas in abatement
&c in the matter of M^r Brea. We are now
hanging on a motion to change venue.
Of course every thing is overruled. I see not
what De Crompt can plead to a charge of
infamy, unless it be ignorance & such
ignorance, is infamous. If he be not a
Guffies the people hereabouts call him
money. Walk warily around the Congress
introglio. Being myself weak as to "the excellent
frippery of the world", it does not lie in me
to say aught of splendid shadows or other depreci-
-atory phrase in connection therewith.

The Congress is well, if you can get it. But is not
the contingency too great to ballance against
a trip to Kansas?

Having a home in Kansas to wit 80 acres of
a country seat, with a shore in the temper-
-ary capital & wealth of prospect — things
that I have no where else — it may be
possible, that I state, in the frenzy of
a new born patriotism, the case too strongly.
Of one thing, there is no mistake, that
I am contacted & permanently. As you speak
in a way "to induce the belief" that you
are coming out, I refer the subject to that
moment of promise & an actual view of the
heaven & earth of Kansas. We have a lively
little town of a thousand inhabitants, & I
— I know not what, but expect, something
of a city. Judging from your letter, you are
mainly walking or crawling the same
mountainous round as of yore. Kansas will
stimulate your "heart & mind" to new themes, by
presenting fresh topics of exertion & hope.
You know how McLanahan rejuvenized
in Australia — make a note of it. Let me
implore you by all means to save all
investments — till you see Kansas. With
my acquaintance in the country & with
the country & in addition, my connection
with the Register of the Land office, I feel sure
that something uncommonly handsome can

= be done in the land line. The money
you propose to invest will make you
rich in five years & if we are lucky
perhaps in one third of the time. Bear
in mind that I am sanguine in this
matter & treat your interests as I would
my own. As to land warrants you can
use them to advantage. They will be taken
in pay for land, in the land office, &
if you should not enter much land
yourself, they can command money at a
good advance. When Shoemaker receives
his instructions from the department
- which will be before the land office
is open - I shall know more fully of
all subjects connected therewith.
I have no news for you from the Fort,
not having been there since last
Sunday evening, when I like to have
got shot "running" the guard. In my
next I will unfold what I can gather
of the things you mention. Major Cuming-
ham talks of visiting Washington this
winter, in which case he will take
his family with him. But with the
enormous number of troops wintering at the
post, his absence, I should think would