

Lama & Seed Mission
Highland P. O. N.J.
Oct. 26th, 1857

Gen. J. Bayless

Dear Sir:

Anxious to hear
from you and still more to see you
Highland is looking up and going forward
cheerily but we need your presence
daily. Men are expending about lots
and shares and wish to secure an
interest when they can. The new brick
house makes a fine appearance and
impression but my mind to have
it finished very much and we are
very anxious to know if you are con-
-ing to occupy it as a landlord for if
you do not Mr. Hubbard from The Depot
most likely would be willing to do
so and he would make an excel-
-lent landlord

Mr. Bailey from Ill. has been
here and is pleased with the prospect and
agrees that the educational interests of
Highland are of great promise. What
do you think? We propose to build a
Seminary building on the Seminary

ground worth five thousand, (5000.00) dollars in two and a half years, and we can do it on this basis, each of the stock holders give one share of stock to be put in to the hands of the education company which we will incorporate this winter. This will give us $(8 \times 6 = 48)$ forty eight lots to be sold for this purpose and I believe among the benevolent people of the east we can easily find those who will purchase these lots at 100 each when we assure them that every dollar will be laid out in a building of this kind going to increase the value of these lots.

This will give us 4800 dollars which with contributions and donations here and elsewhere we can easily raise the sum to perhaps six thousand dollars.

Mr. Bailly says he will give one share and two if necessary Mr. Rice will give one. I will give one

or two of necessity. Gen. Bayless
will give one or two if necessary
and so, I am certain of the others.

We would like to have you here
now to consummate this arrangement. But
as it is you could confer with the wise
men of the east as to how it might work

Providence permitting we hope to
have our "Education Company" chartered this
winter and then we can go forward
with system & certainty. We want you
here about all these things. Should it be
so that I could leave the mission I
will give my undivided time to the
cause of education in Hightland, and
whether I am or not I have the
fullest confidence in this as the
the great-elderly point of Kansas
& perhaps Nebraska. The prospect never
looked so bright to me

We hope in a few weeks to
put our present school in to the shops
of a Presbyterian Academy which with
other considerations will secure the
aid & cooperation of the learned and
pious of our church, and with other