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Office of Tax State
Nov 26th. 1855

Dear Father & Mother.

Yours of the 29th Oct is at hand. found us all enjoying good health & this leaves us so, hoping this will find you all well. for which we have great reason to be thankful for such blessings. As to the Check of $550. It arrived some time ago & I wrote you immediately on the receipt of it. I have a good deal of difficulty in getting them cashed. The 260 one I had to send to Missouri for $1,50 on it. the last one I got cashed here at its face. The reason of this is the vast amount of Checks accumulating here. All the emigrants being this moving in Checks expecting to get them cashed at this point & having no Banks or brokers houses nearer than some point in Mo. we have to do the best we can on them. Well I find it very difficult to get any land in Wyandott yet as the land is not yet surveyed & the Indians have not yet made their selections. There is a good deal of delay & threatening by Indian agents to scare off the White. but some of the Indians have agreed to let me know when I can lay

I have invested the $250 that in town
lots there. I think I can double the mo-
ney by offering on them. The Post Master
& myself have bought lots in a certain
place in town & design moving the P. O.
on to one of them & this will improve
the value of all. The other check I am fast-
ing into gold & have it ready when we
choose to open offers in Wyandotte to fast-
ist in.

Well I presume Elliott & myself have dissolved partnership. He had
only 430 dollars in the fund as first and has
been paying his board 3.00 dollars per week & other
incidentals as fast as our of that can since.
& the paper did no more than pay expenses.
& I have sustained it all along this far
& Elliott too. & it seemed impossible
to get him to raise any money. So I gave him
an equal division of the lots & bought his
interest in some so that it reduced my
sum in the office to $800. I told him that
there must be a dissolution. That I could not
go on this way unless he would get among
that I could not give him one half of the profits
& sustain all the expense my self. Well he
declared that he could not take the paper that
he had no other occupation, but I think a lawyer
could get along better than he. It went on in
this way until then or four weeks when I con-
cluded he might have the office & I would
go at something more lucrative, viz the
practice of law & buying & selling real estate

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So he proposed to let me retain 12 of the lots & pay me back all the money I had expended in the paper, it being thus reduced to 800 that he would pay me $200 in hand & give me a mortgage on the Office for $600 more with a note bearing 10 per cent interest payable the first of April next. I told him I would do it if he would make the paper my organ throughout I was to be chief editor. I insisted especially devoted to me if I should be a candidate for office. & in the event we should get any public printing I was to have one half of the profits. He accepted & now I am waiting for him to pay me the $200, & then there will be a dissolution, if not I will have to go on for a while. If I go on I will have cleared on the Company lots that we had about $600, in the four years. & had I not been in the paper I would have made at least three times that much. There being no article of agreement between Elliott & myself I can dissolve the partnership at any time & proceed to sell out the concern & wind it up, & this I will do if he does not pay me & come up to his agreement of dissolution.

I find that publishing papers is not just the thing. We have suffered a great deal physically lost a good deal pecuniarily & elevated more men into power & get nothing for it ourselves. They seem to think that in the distribution of office that Editors have enough of glory & deserve no promotion. Quite a number of men have crawled into office through our paper & yet they never think of giving a dime for it.