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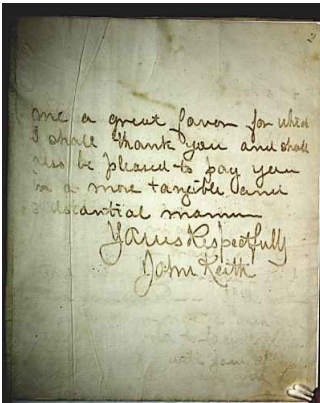
Friend Grinnell

I have adopted a novel way of putting up my account book paper that is peculiar to our mill.

I have made an application to Pat Office for trade mark through Thomas N Dodge of Worcester - who I think you know- If the matter comes to your notice and you can say a word to facilitate the thing – consistent with your official duties of course you will do

; James S. Grinnell Esq. of Greenfield, Mass. Grinnell was a prominent landowner and incorporator of the Greenfield Electric Light and Power Co. Nov. 29, 1886. History of Greenfield, Mass. 1900-1929 VIII.

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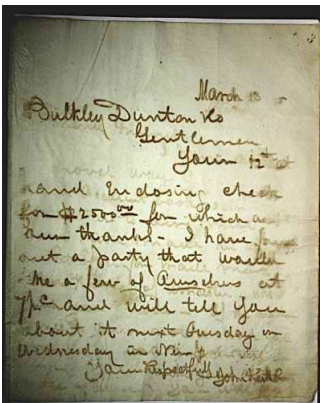
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me a great favor for which I shall thank you and shall also be pleased to pay you in a more tangible and substantial manner.

Yours Respectfully

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Bulkley Dunton Co.

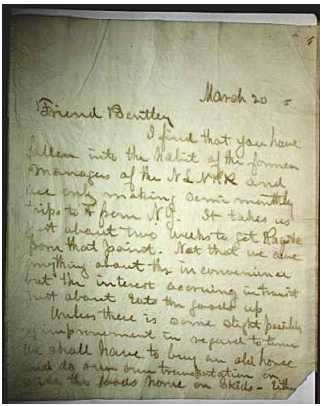
Gentlemen,

Your 12th at hand. Enclosing check for \$2500⁰⁰ for which we give our thanks – I have found out a party that would like a few of the [ourselves] at 7% and will tell you about it Tuesday or Wednesday in New York.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

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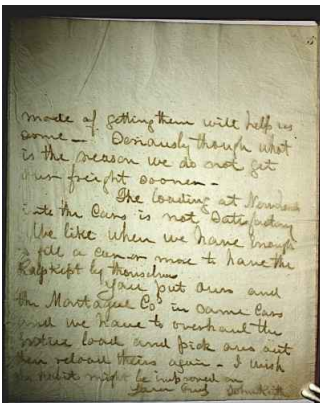
Friend Bentley

I find that you have fallen into the habit of the former managers of the N.L.&N.RR and are only making semi monthly trips to NY. It takes us just about two weeks to get Rags & etc from that point. Not that we care anything about this inconvenience but the interest accruing in transit just about eats the goods up.

Unless there is some slight possibility of improvement in regard to time we shall have to buy an old horse and do our own transportation and slide the goods home on skids - Either

*N. L. & N. RR; New London & Northern RR

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made of getting them will help us some. Seriously though what is the reason we do not get our freight sooner.

The loading at New London into the cars is not satisfactory.

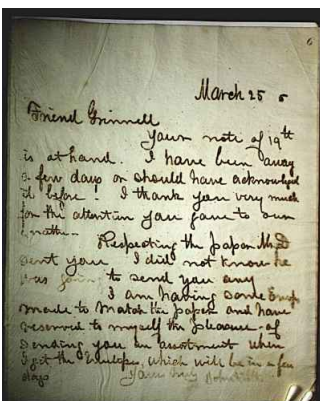
We like when we have enough to fill a car or more to have the Rags kept by themselves.

You put ours and the Montague Co in same cars and we have to overhaul the entire load and pick ours out then reload theirs again. I wish the habit might be improved on

Yours Truly

John Keith

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March 25, 5 (1875)

Friend Grinnell,

Your note of 19th is at hand. I have been away a few days or should have acknowledged it before! I thank you very much for the attention you gave to our matter.

Respecting the paper Mr. D. sent you. I did not know he was going to send you any.

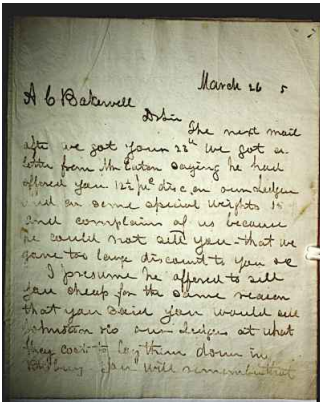
I am having some Enough [graphs] made to match the paper and have reserved to myself the pleasure of sending you an assortment when I get the envelopes, which will be in a few days.

Yours Truly

John Keith

; Mr. D is probably W.C. Dunton of Bulkley-Dunton Co

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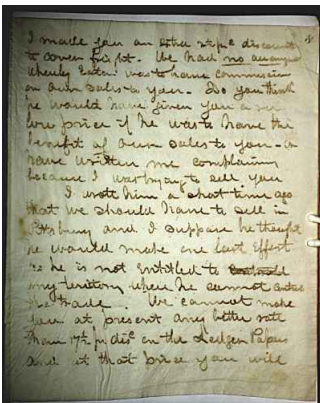
A.C. Bakewell

Dear Sir,

The next mail after we got your 23rd we got a letter from Mr Eaten saying he had offered you 12 ½ disc. on our ledgers and on some special weights 15 and complains of us because he could not sell you – that we gave too large discount to you &c.

I presume he offered to sell you cheap for same reason that you said you would site Johnston his own ledgers at what they cost to lay them down in Pittsburg. You will remember that

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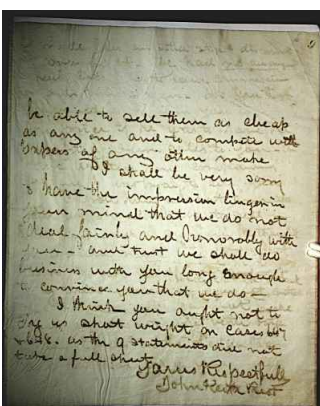
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I made you an extra 2 ½ prc discount to cover freight. We had no arrangement whereby Eaten was to have commission on our sales to you. Do you think he would have given you a very low price if he was to have the benefit of our sales to you – or have written me complaining because I was trying to sell you.

I wrote him a short time ago that we should have to sell in Pittsburg and I suppose he thought he would make one last effort as he is not entitled to my territory where he cannot control the trade. We cannot make you at present any better rate than 17 ½ prc on the Ledger Papers and at that price you will

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be able to sell them as cheap as anyone and be able to compete with papers of any other make

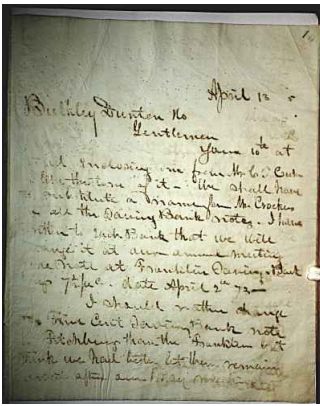
I shall be very sorry to have the impression linger in your mind that we do not deal fairly and honorably with you – and trust we shall do business with you long enough to convince you that we do.

I think you ought not to chg. us short weight on cases 647 & 648 as the 9 statements due not take a full chest.

Yours respectively,

John Keith Prest

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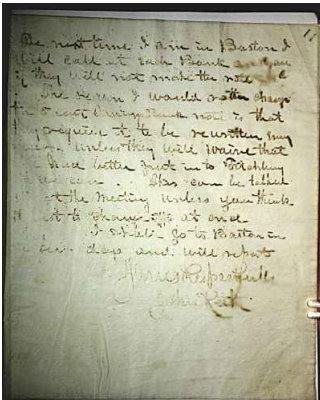
April 13 5 [1875]
Bulkley Dunton Co
Gentlemen

Your 10th at hand Enclosing one from Mr. C. T. Crocker.

I like the tone of it – We shall have to substitute a name for Mr. Crocker* on all the Saving Bank notes. I have written to each Bank that we will change it at our annual meeting. One note at Franklin Savings Bank to 7½ % date April 2nd 73. I shall rather change to Five Cent Saving Bank note in Fitchburg than the Franklin but think we had better let them remain until after our May meeting

[* Editor – probably referring to Alvah Crocker, who died in 1874]

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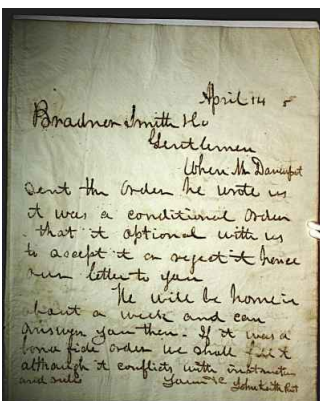
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The next time I am in Boston I will call at each Bank and you if they will not make the note 7pc The reason I would rather change to 5 cent Savings Bank note is that they require it to be rewritten every year. Unless they will waive that we had better put into Fitchburg if we can. This can be talked about at the meeting unless you think it best to change it at once. I shall go to Boston in a few days and will report.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

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April 14 5 [1875]
Bradner Smith & Co
Gentlemen

When Mr. Davenport sent the order he wrote us it was a conditional order that it optional with us to accept it or reject it hence our letter to you.

He will be home in about a week and can answer you then. If it was a bona fide order we shall fill it although it conflicts with instructions and rules.

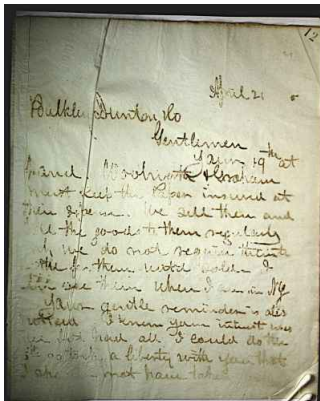
Yours &c
John Keith Prest.

; The firm of Bradner Smith & Co., manufacturers and dealers in paper, was established in 1853 at No. 12 LaSalle Street in a 20 by 60 feet (6.1 m x 18.3 m) store. It became one of the largest paper firms in the world,

doing a business of US \$2,000,000 a year. The firm had three establishments in the city of Chicago, branch houses at Kansas City, Missouri, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Saint Paul, Minnesota. It operated six paper mills, manufacturing and selling every sort and size of news, book, wrapping, writing, blotting, and other papers, card board, envelopes, twines, wood pulp, and paper manufacturers' supplies.

Source: Google search.

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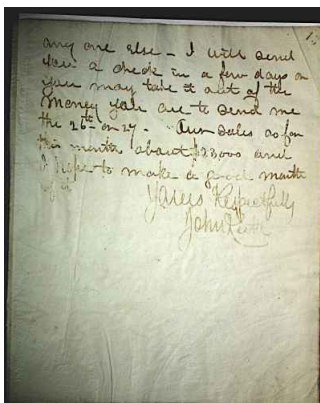
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April 21, 5 (1875)

Bulkley Dunton Co.

Gentlemen, Your 19th arrived at hand. Woolwenten & Graham must keep the paper insured at their expense. We sell them and U the goods to them regularly only we do not require them we do not require them to that for them until sold. & I'll see them when I arrive in NY. Your gentle reminder is also justified. I knew your interest was for both but have all I could do this 5th so took a liberty with you that I should not have taken

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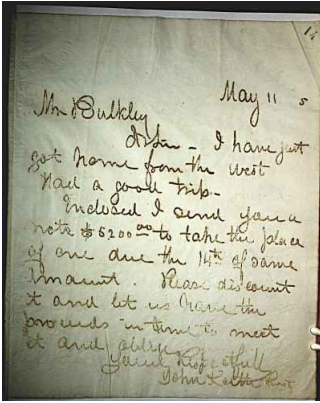
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anyone else – I will send you a check in a few days or you may take it out of the money you are to send me the 16th or 27. Our sales so far this month about \$23,000 and I hope to make a good month of it.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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May 11, 5 (1875)

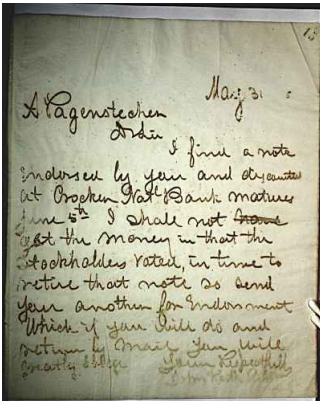
Mr. Bulkley

Dir Sir,

I have just got home from the west. Had a good trip. Enclosed I send you a note \$5,200.⁰⁰ to take the place of one due the 14th of same amount. Please discount it and let us have the proceeds in time to meet it and oblige.

Yours Respectfully,
John Keith Prest

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May 31, 5 (1875)

A Pagenstecher

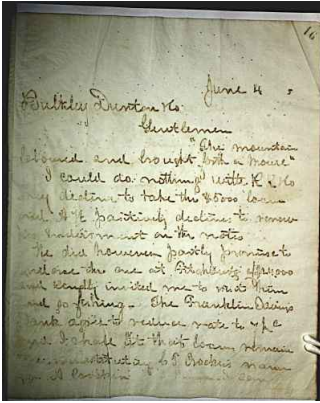
Dir Sir,

I find a note endorsed by you and discounted at Crocker Nat Bank matures June 5th. I shall not get the money in that the stockholders voted, in time to retire that note so send you another for endorsement, which if you will do and return by mail you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully,
John Keith Prest

; In 1866, Albrecht Pagenstecher, a German immigrant living in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, together with his brother Rudolf, bought two German-made Keller-Voelter grinders. On March 5, 1867, in nearby Curtisville, Pagenstecher was the first in the United States to manufacture commercially viable wood pulp. He sold the pulp to the Smith Paper Company which immediately produced commercial newsprint. However, Pagenstecher initially made his pulp out of aspen or "popple"; however, he soon exhausted his supply of this tree and was forced to substitute with less friable softwoods, with the result that the New York World canceled its contract for newsprint.

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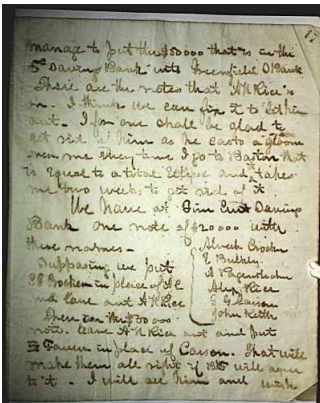
June 4 5 (1875)

Bulkley Dunton Co.
Gentlemen

"The mountain labored and brought fourth a mouse" I could do nothing with R K & Co They decline to take the \$5,000 loan and A N positively declines to renew his endorsement on the notes

We did however partly promise to endorse the one at Fitchberg of \$24,000 and kindly invited me to visit him and go fishing – The Franklin Saving Bank agreed to reduce rate to 7pc and I shall let that loan remain with substituting C T Crocker's name with A. Crocker. I think I can

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manage to put the \$50,000 that is in the 5 c Savings Bank into Greenfield S. Bank.

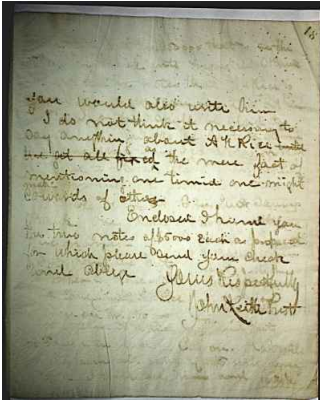
There are the notes that A. H. Rice is in. I think we can fix it to let him out – I for one shall be glad to get rid of him as he casts a gloom over me every time I go to Boston that is equal to a total Eclipse and it takes me two weeks to get rid of it.

We have at Five Cent Savings one note of \$20,000 with these names -Alvah CrockerE Bulkley, A. Pagenstecher, Alex Rice, T. G. Carson, John Keith.

Supposing we put C. T. Crocker in place of A. C. and leave out A. H. Rice Then can thru \$30,000 note. Leave A. H. Rice out and put B. Farren in place of Carson. Then [see] the \$30,000 note. That will make them all right if B. F. will agree to it. I will see him and wish

; Alexander Hamilton Rice (August 30, 1818 – July 22, 1895) was an American politician and businessman from Massachusetts. He served as Mayor of Boston from 1856 to 1857, a U.S. Congressman during the American Civil War, and as the 30th Governor of Massachusetts from 1876–78. He was part owner and president of Rice-Kendall, one of the nation's largest paper products distributors. Rice also invested in paper manufacturing operations, serving as president of both the Keith Paper Company in Turners Falls, Massachusetts and the American Sulphite Pulp Company. Thomas G. Carson of Dalton, MA would become a director of the K.P.Co. in 1873. Bernard N. Farren of Pennsylvania. Engineer, Industrialist. Farren maintained a summer residence at Montague City, (Town of Montague) Mass. Farren was a benefactor to the villages of Montague City and Turners Falls. The Farren Memorial Hospital was built by him at Montague City.

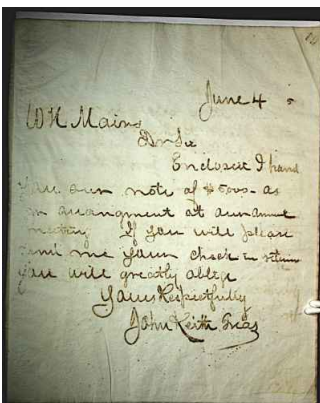
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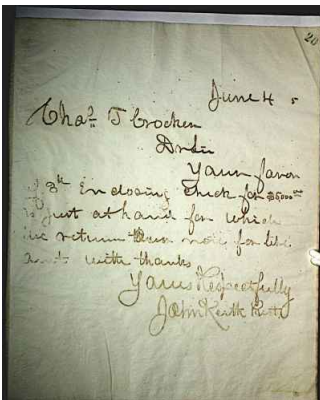
you would also write him. I do not think it necessary to say anything about AH Rice until I've got all fixed as the mere fact of mentioning one timid might make cowards of others – Enclosed I have you the two notes of \$5,000 each as proposed for which please send your check and oblige.
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Pres't
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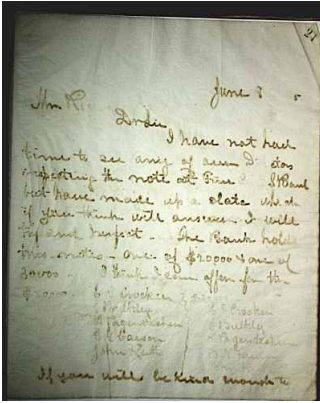
June 4 5 (1875)
W H Mains
Dr. Sir
Enclose I hand you our note of \$5000 – as your arrangement at our annual meeting. If you will please send me your check in return you will greatly oblige
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Pres. ;
W.H. Mairs of Brooklyn, N.Y. would become a director of the K.P.Co. in 1882
June 4 1875;



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June 4 5 (1875)
Chas. T Crocker
Dir Sir,
Your favor of 3rd. Enclosing check for \$5000.00 is just at hand for which the return [same] note like amount with thanks
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest



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June 8 5 (1875)

Mr Rice

Dr Sir

I have not had time to see any of our Directors respecting the note at Five Cents S Bank but have made up a slate which if you think will answer I will try and perfect - The Bank holds these notes - one of \$20,000 & one of 30,000 - I think I can offer for this \$20,000

C T Crocker

E Bulkley

A. Pagenstecher

J. G. Carson

John Keith

\$30,000

C T Crocker

E Bulkley

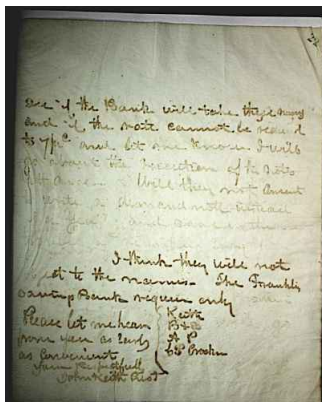
A. Pagenstecher

BN Farren

John Keith

If you will be kind enough to

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see if the bank will take this [money] and if the note cannot be reduced to 7 per cent and let me know I will go about the execution of the notes at [?]. Will they not consent to write a demand note instead (remaining paragraph uncertain) I think they will not object to the names. The Franklin Savings Bank requires only

Keith, B&D, A..P, C.T. Crocker.

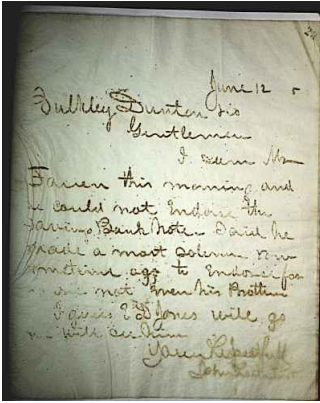
Keith, B&D, A..P, C.T. Crocker.

Please let me hear from you as early as convenient

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

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June 12 5 [1875]

Bulkley Dunton & Co
Gentlemen

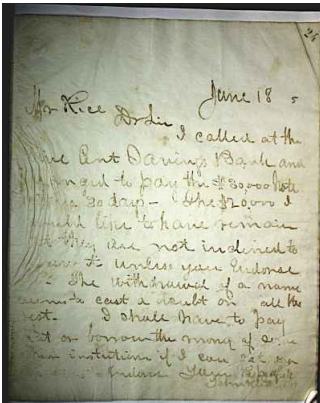
I saw Mr Farren this morning and he could not endorse the Savings Bank note. I said he made a most solemn vow sometime ago to endorse for no one, not even his brother

I guess E D Jones will go and will see him.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

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June 18 5 [1875]

Mr Rice
Dear Sir

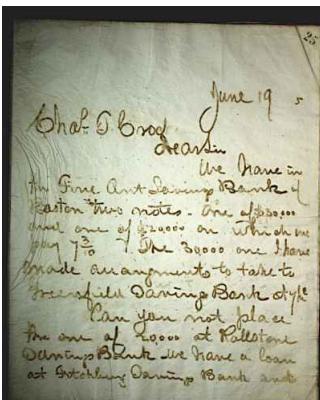
I called at the Five Cent Savings Bank and arranged to pay the \$30,000 note after 30 days – The \$20,000 I would like to have remain but They are not inclined to cover it unless you endorse it.

The withdrawal of a name seems to cast a doubt on all the rest. I shall have to pay out or borrow the money of some other institution if I can get our directors to endorse.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

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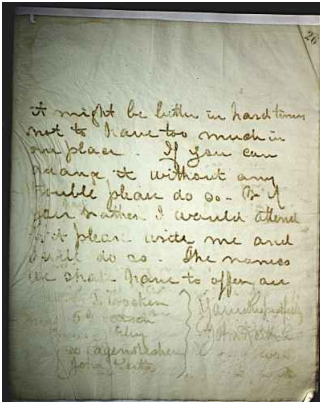
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Charles T Crocker
Dear Sir

We have in the Five Cent Savings Bank of Boston two notes – One of \$30,000 and one of \$20,000 on which we pay 7 3/10. The 30,000 one I have made arrangements to take to Greenfield Savings Bank at 7 1/2 c
Can you not place the one of 20,000 at Rollstone Savings Bank – we have a loan at Fitchburg Savings Bank and

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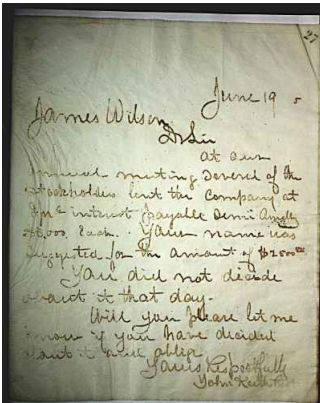
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It might be better in hard times not to have too much in one place. If you can arrange it without any trouble please do so. Or if you rather I would attend to it please write me and I will do so. The names we shall have to offer are C T Crocker, T G Carson, Edwin Bulkley, A Pagenstecher, John Keith

Yours Respectfully
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June 19 5 [1875]

James Wilson

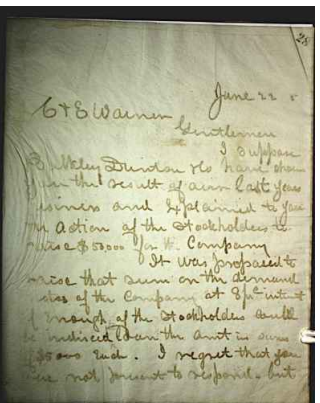
Dear Sir

At our annual meeting several of the stockholders lent the company at 8 ju c interest payable semi annually \$5,000 each. Your name was suggested for the amount of \$2500⁰⁰

You did not decide about it that day. Will you please let me know if have decided about it and oblige

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

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June 22 5 [1875]

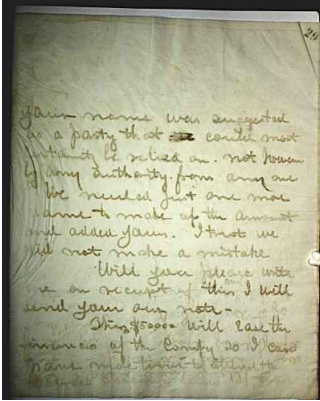
C & E Warren

Gentlemen

I suppose Bulkley Dunton Co have shown you the result of our last years business and explained to you the action of the stockholders to cuts a \$50,000 for the company

It was proposed to raise that sum on the demand notes of the company at 8 % interest. If enough of the stockholders could be inclined to loan the amt in sums of \$5,000 each. I regret that you were not present to respond - but

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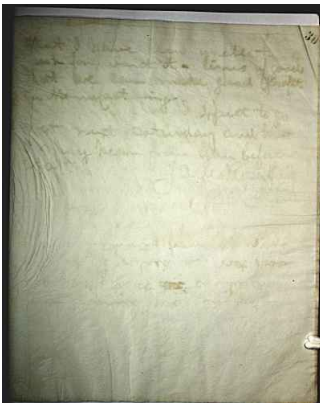
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your name was suggested as a party that could most certainly be relied on – not however by any authority from anyone. We needed just one more name to make up the amount and added yours. I trust we did not make a mistake.

Will you please write me on receipt of this and I will send you our note – This \$50,000 will ease the finances of the company so I can have more time to attend the N.E. trade for specific lines of paper

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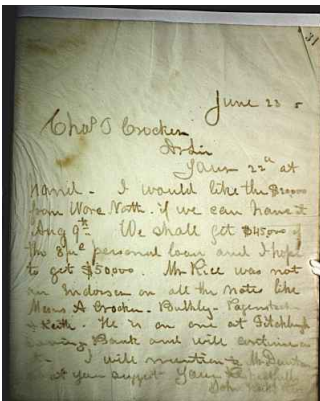


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June 23 5 [1875]

Charles T Crocker

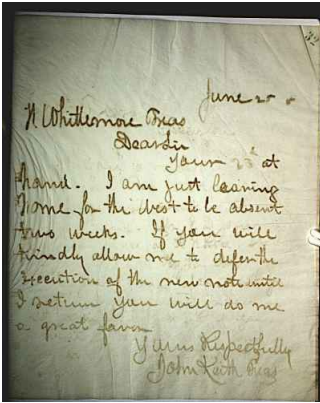
Dear Sir

Your 22nd at hand. I would like the \$20,000 from Ware North. If we can have it Aug 9th. We shall get \$45,000 if the 8 % personal loan and I hope to get \$50,000 . Mr Rice was not an endorser on the notes like Messers Crocker - Bulkley - Pagenstecher & Keith. He is on one at Fitchburg Savings Bank and will continue on it. I will mention to Mr Dunton what you suggest.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

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H. Whittemore Treas

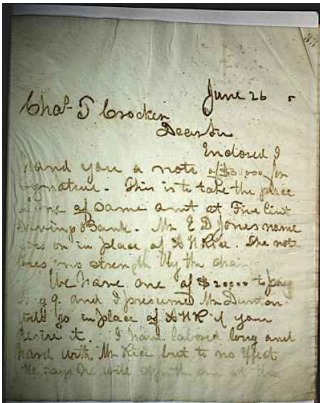
Dir Sir

Your 23rd at hand. I am just leaving home for the west to be absent two weeks. If you will kindly allow me to defer the execution of the new note until I return you will do me a great favor.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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Chas T Crocker

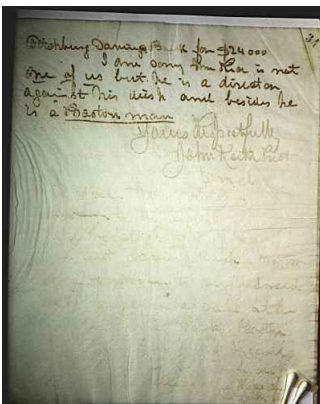
Dear Sir

Endorsed I hand you a note of \$30,000 for signature. This is take the place of one of same amount at Five Cent Savings Bank. Mr. E D Jones goes in place of A H Rice. The note has [?] no strength by the chain.

We have one of \$20,000 to pay Aug 9 and I presumed Mr Dunton will [?] go in place of A H R if you desire it. I have labored long and hard with Mr Rice but to no effect.

He says he will sign this one at the

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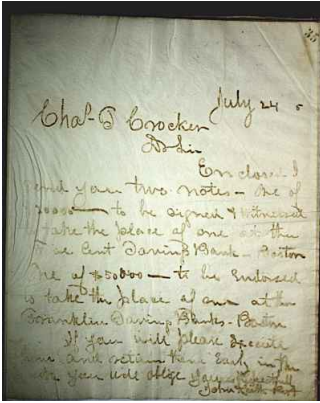
Fitchburg Savings Bank for \$24000

I am sorry that Rice is not one of us but he is a direction against his wish and besides he is a Boston man.

Yours Respectfully,

John Keith Prest

January 26 1875;



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July 24 5 [1875]

Chas T Crocker

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you two notes – one of \$20,000 to be signed & witnessed to take the place of one at the Five Cent Savings Bank – Boston

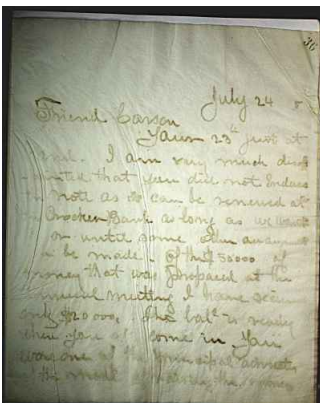
One of \$50,000 – to be endorsed to take the place of one at the Franklin Savings Banks – Boston

If you will please execute them and return them early in the week you will oblige.

Yours Respectively

John Keith Prest

July 24 1875;



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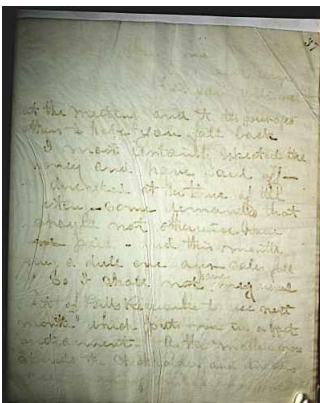
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July 24 5 [1875]

Friend Carson

Your 23rd just at hand. I am very much disappointed that you did not endorse the note as can be renewed at the Crocker Bank as long as we want or until some other arrangements can be made - Of the \$50,000 of money that was proposed at the annual meeting I have seen only \$20,000 – The bale- is ready when you can come in. You were one of the principal advocates of the model[?][?] the [?]

July 24 1875;



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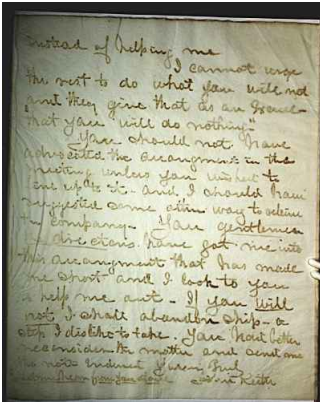
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at the meeting and it discourages others to make you fall back. I most certainly expect the money and have paid off as directed at the time of the [meeting] – some demands that should not otherwise have [been] paid – and this month [being] a dull one our sales fall [off] so I shall not have my usual amount of Bills Receivable to use next month which puts me in a bad predicament. As the matter now stands the stockholders and directors

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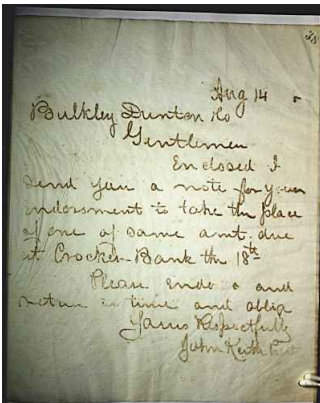


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instead of helping me
I cannot urge the rest to do what you will not and they give that as an excuse that you will do nothing –
You should not have advocated the arrangements in the meeting unless you was but to live up to it –and I should have suggested some other way to relieve the company – You gentlemen the directions have got me into this arrangement that has made me short and I look to you to help me out – If you will not I will abandon ship – a step I dislike to take. You now better reconsider the matter and send me the note endorsement. Let me hear from you at once.

Yours Truly
John Keith



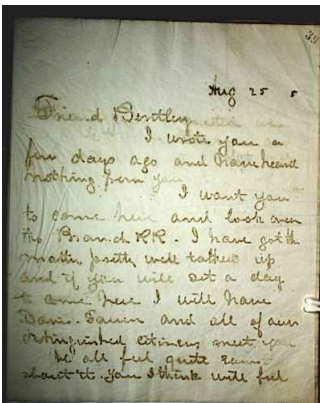
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Aug 14 5 [1875]
Buckley Dunton Co
Gentlemen
Enclosed I send you a note for your endorsement to take the place of one of the same amount due at Crocker Bank the 18th –Please endorse and return in time and oblige

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Pres

August 14 1875;

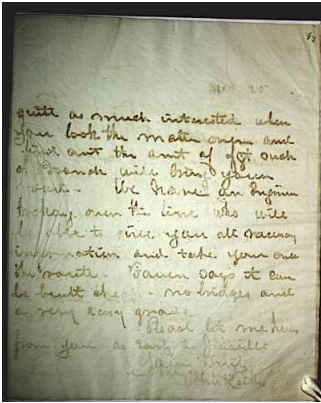


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Aug 25 5 [1875]
Friend Bentley
I wrote you a few days ago and have heard nothing from you.
I want you to come here and look over the branch RR. I have got the matter pretty well taken up and if you will set a day to come here I will have Davis - Farren and all of our distinguished citizens meet you
We all feel quite eamst about it you I think will feel. . .

August 25 1875



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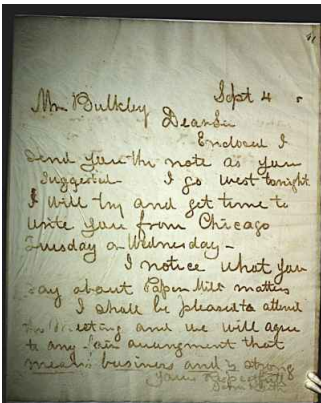
quite as much interested when you look the matter over and find out the amt of [?] such a Branch will bring your [?] - We have an engineer looking over the line who will be able to give you all necessary information and take your over the route - Farren says it can be built cheap - no bridges and a very easy grade.

Please let me hear from you as early as possible.

Yours Truly

John Keith

August 25 1875;



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Sept 4 5 [1875]

Mr. Buckley

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the note as you suggested -

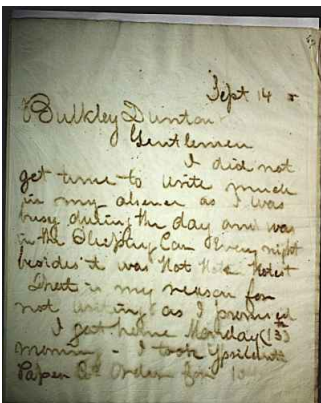
I go west tonight. I will try and get time to write you from Chicago Tuesday or Wednesday -

I notice what you say about paper mill matters I shall be pleased to attend the meeting and we will agree to any fair arrangement that means business and is strong.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

September 4 1875;



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Sept 14 5 [1875]

Buckley Dunton

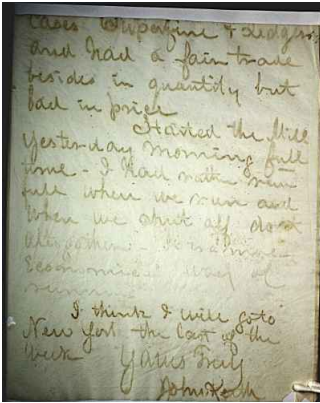
Gentlemen

I did not bet time to write much in my absence as I was busy during the day and was in the sleeping car every night Besides it was hot hote hotest That is my reason for not writing as I promised

I got home Monday (13th) morning -

I took Ypsilanti Paper Co order for 10 -

September 14 1875;



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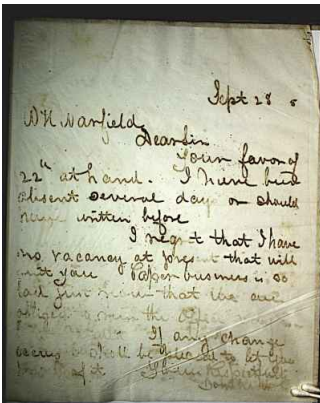
Cases Superfine & Ledgers and had a fair trade besides in quantity but bad in price. Started the Mill yesterday morning full time - I had rather run full when we run and when we shut off close it altogether - It is a more economic way of running

I think I will go to New York the last of the week

Yours Truly

John Keith

September 14 1875;



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Sept 28 5 [1875]

W H Warfield

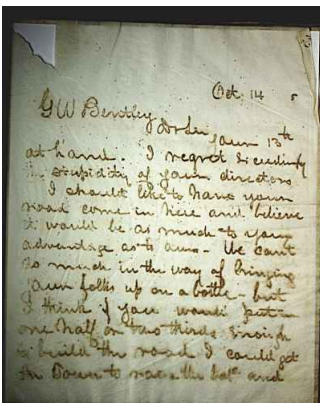
Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd at hand. I have been absent several days or should have written before I regret that I have no vacancy at present that will suit you Paper business is so bad just now that we are obliged to man the office very night. If any change occurs I shall be pleased to let you hear of it.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

September 28 1875;



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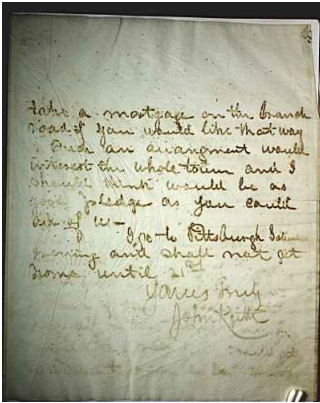
Oct 14 5 [1875]

G W Bentley

Dr Sir

Your 13th at hand. I regret exceedingly the stupidity of your directors I should like to have your road come in here and believe it would be as much to your advantage as to ours - We can't do much in the way of bringing your folks up on a [cattle] - but I think if you would put in one half or two thirds enough to build the road I could get the town to raise the balance and

April 14 1875;



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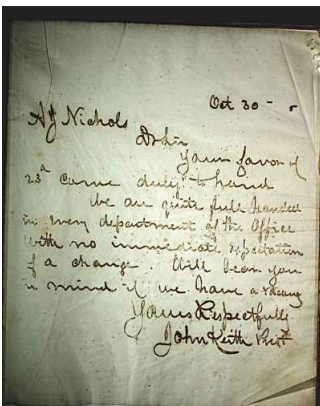
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take a mortgage on the branch road if you would like. Such an arrangement would interest the whole town and I should think would be as good pledge as you could ask of us –

I go to Pittsburgh Saturday morning and shall not get home until 21st

Yours truly,
John Keith

April 14 1875;



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Oct 30th 5 [1875]

A J Nichols

Dear Sir

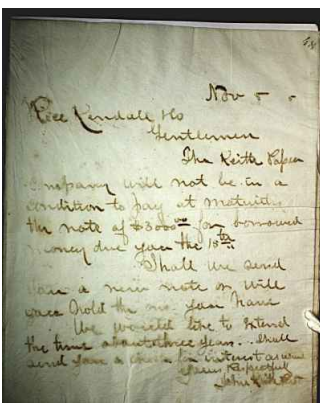
Your favor of 23rd came duly to hand. We are quite full handed in every department of the office with no immediate expectation of a change.

Will keep you in mind if we have a vacancy

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

October 30 1875;



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Nov 5 5 [1875]

Rice Kendale Co

Gentlemen

The Keith Paper Company will not be in a position to pay at maturity the note of \$3000⁰⁰ for borrowed money due you the 15th

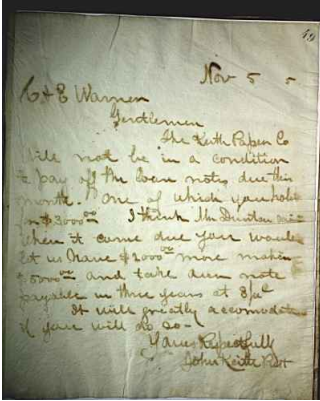
Shall we send you a new note or will you hold the one you have

We would like to extend the time about three years . . Shall send you a check for interest as usual

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

November 5 1875;



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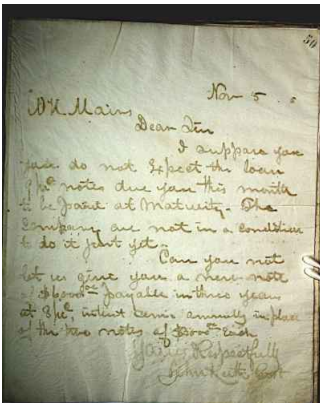
Nov 5 5 [1875]

C & E Warner
Gentlemen

The Keith Paper Co will not be in a position to pay off the loan notes due this month. One of which you hold for \$3000⁰⁰ I think Mr Dunton said when it came due you would let us have \$2000⁰⁰ more making \$5000⁰⁰ and take our note payable in three years at 8prc It will greatly accommodate [us] if you will do so –

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

November 5 1875;



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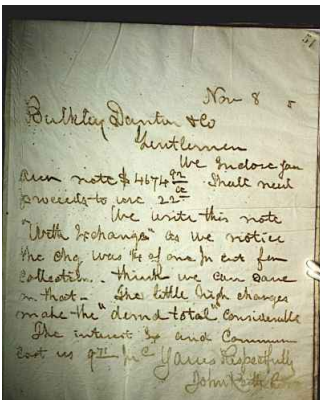
Nov 5 5 [1875]

WN Mairs
Dear Sir

I suppose you do not expect the loan 9prc notes due you this month to be past at maturity. The company are not in a condition to do it just yet. Can you not let us give you a mere note of \$6000⁰⁰ payable in three years at 8 prc interest since annually in place of the two notes of \$3000⁰⁰ each

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

November 5 1875;



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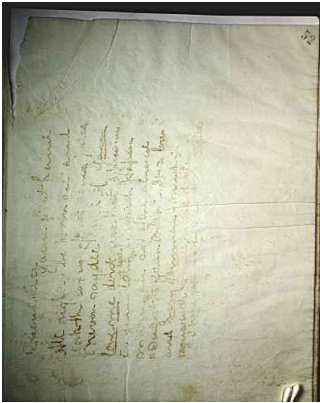
Nov 8 5 [1875]

Bulkley Dunton & Co
Gentlemen

We endorse your own note \$4674⁹². Shall need proceeds to use 22⁰⁰ We write this note "with exchanges" as we notice the chg was ¼ of one pr cnt for collection. Think we can save on that- The little high charges make the "demand total" considerable

The interest [?] and commission cost us 9 71 prc
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

November 8 1875;



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Not dated

Friend Grey

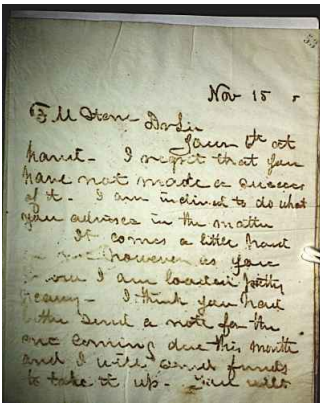
Yours 2nd at hand

All right – be a man and work the loss off at same price Never say die and if you love me don't use that [suspicion] for your letters again by which [paper] [makers] [are] so often abused "Object to your order" – It is low and very [?] – Much is vague it is [?] [?] [?]. I hope you are [healthy.]

Yours truly

John Keith

circa Nov 10 1875;



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Nov 15 5 [1875]

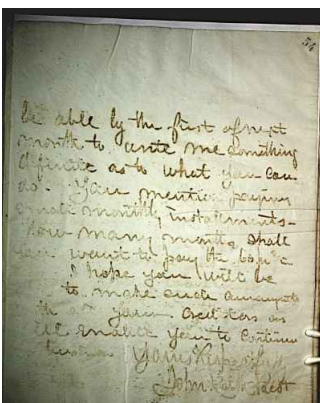
F. U. Oten

Dr Sir,

Your 6th at hand – I regret that you have not made a success of it – I am inclined to do what you advise in the matter

It comes a little hard for me however as you know I am loaded pretty heavy – I think you had better send a note for the one coming due this month and I will send friends to take it up – You will

November 15 1875;



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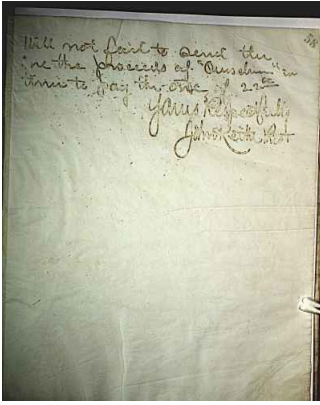
be able by the first of next month to write me something definite as to what you can do. You mention paying small monthly installments – How many months shall you want to pay the 60prc in.

I hope you will be able to make such arrangements for the loan. Creditors as well enable you to continue in business.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

November 15 1875;



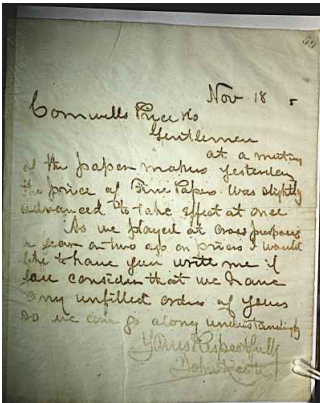
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will not fail to send to me the proceeds of "Ourselves" in time to pay the one of 22⁰⁰

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

November 18 1875;



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Nov 18 5 [1875]

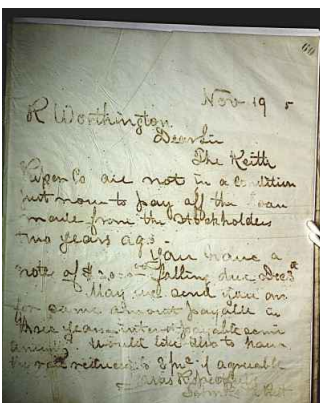
Cornwells Price Co
Gentlemen

At a meeting of the paper makers yesterday the price of Fine Papers was slightly advanced to take effect at once.

As we played at cross proposing a year or two ago on prices I would like to have you consider write me if you consider that we have any unfilled orders of yours so we can go along understandingly

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

November 18 1875;



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Nov 19 5 [1875]

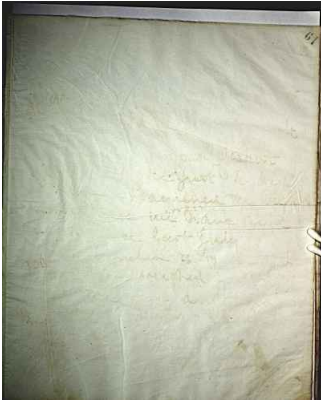
R. Worthington

Dear Sir

The Keith Paper Co are not in a condition just now to pay off the loan made from the Stockholders two years ago. You have a note of \$2,000⁰⁰ falling due Dec 3^d for same amount payable on these years—interest payable semi annually. Would like also to have the rate reduced to 8prc if agreeable.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

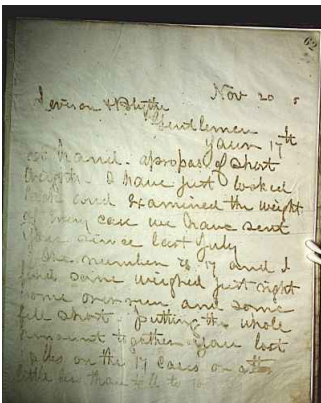
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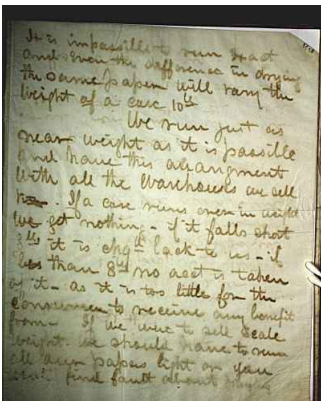
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Nov 20 5 [1875]
Levinson & Blythe
Gentlemen

Your 17th at hand. apropos of short length. I have just looked back and examined the weight of every case we have sent you since last July. The number is 17 and I find some weighed just right Some over run and some fell short putting the whole amount together you lost [?] lbs on the 17 cases or a less little less than ½ lb to 10 lbs

November 20 1875;



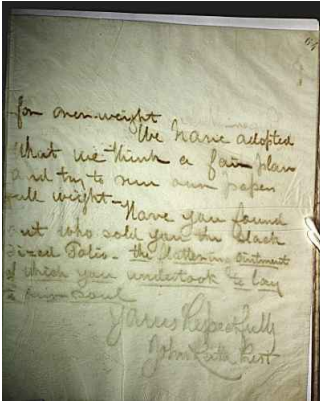
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It is impossible to run exact and even the difference in drying the same paper eill vary the weight of a case 10lb

We run just as near weight as it is possible and have this arrangement with all the warehouses we sell viz. If a case runs over in weight we get nothing – if it falls short 8lbs it is chgd back to us – if less than 8lbs no acct is taken of it – as it is too little for the consumer to receive any benefit from – If we were to sell scale weight we should have to run all our papers light or you would find fault about paying

November 20 1875;

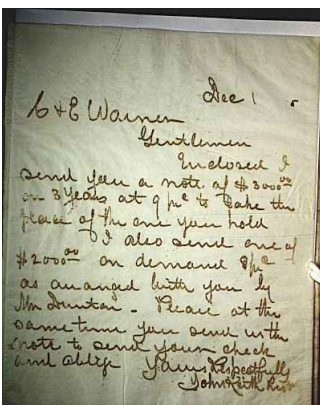


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for over weight.
We have adopted what we think a fair plan and try to run our paper full weight –
Have you found out who sold you the stack sized folio – the flattering ointment of which you undertook to day to his soul.
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

November 20 1875;

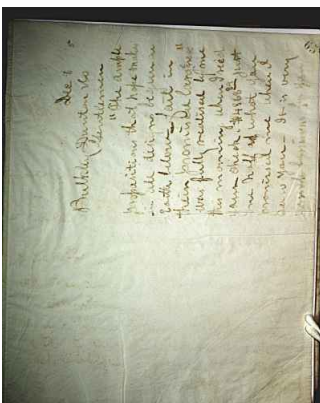


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Dec 1 5 [1875]
C & E Warner
Gentlemen
Enclosed I send you a note of \$3000.⁰⁰ on 3 years at 9% to take the place of the one you hold
I also send of \$2000.⁰⁰ an demand 8% as arranged with you by Mr. Dunton - Please at the same time you send us the note to send your check and oblige
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Pres t

December 8 1875;

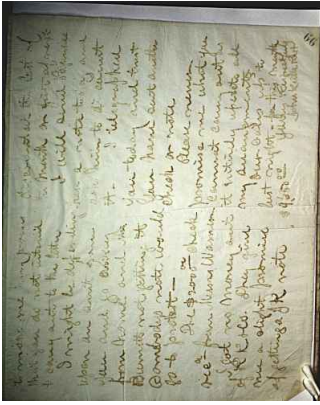


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Dec 8 5 [1875]
Bulkley Dunton Co
Gentlemen
“The ample propositions that hope makes in all designs began as earth below fail in their promised bargains” was fully realised by me this morning when I need your check \$4868⁸⁹ just one half of what you promised me when I saw you – It is very thorough business for you.

December 8 1875;



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To make me [long] promises that you do not intend to carry out to the letter.

I might be depending upon an amt from you and go away from home and Mrs. Burnett not getting it Somebodys note would go to protest –

The \$2000⁰⁰ check recd from Misses Warren[?]

I got no money out of R. K. & Co. they give me a slight promise of getting a J.K. note discount as the last of the month or first of next.

I will send Pagenstecher a note today and ask him to discount it – I telegraphed you today and trust you have sent another check or note.

Please never promise me what you cannot carry out as it entirely upsets all my arrangements.

Our sales up to last night – for this month \$9650⁰⁰

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

December 8 1875;



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Dec 9 5 [1875]

N. K. Simons

Dr Sir,

I find by my men that we have the money for the \$30,000⁰⁰ note July 15 and that the interest was to commence July 6th The note is dated June 24th

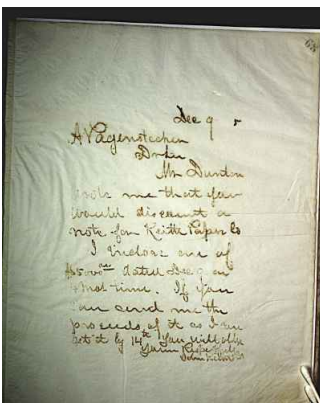
Did you not make a mistake one month in the time the interest is due?

Did you not mean that when you said Col. 2Dec – If I am wrong send me a [mem] of interest due and I will return you a check

Yours respectfully

John Keith Pr

December 9 1875;



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Dec 9 5 [1875]

A Pagenstecher

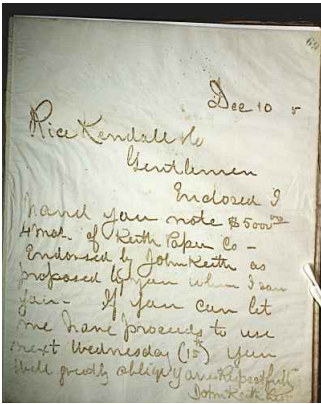
Dr Sir

Mrs Dunton wrote me that you would discount a note for Keith Paper Co. I enclose one of \$5000⁰⁰ dated Dec. 9 or Xmas time. If you can send me the proceeds of it as I can get it by 14th You will oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prst

December 9 1875;



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Dec. 10 5 [1875]

Rice Kendall Co.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I hand you note \$5000⁰⁰ 4 mos of Keith Paper Co.

Endorsed by John Keith as proposed by you when I saw you.

If you can let me have proceeds to use next Wednesday (15th) you will greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

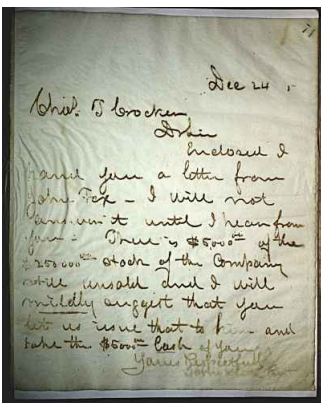
December 10 1875;



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Dec 24 5 [1875]

Chas. T Brocker

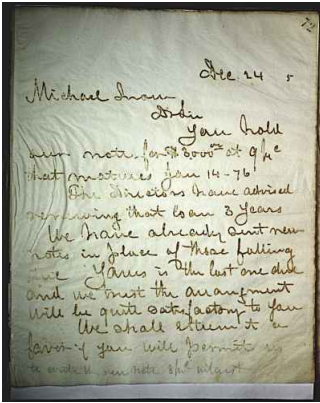
Dr Sir

Enclosed I hand you a letter from John Fox — I will not answer it until I hear from you – There is \$5,000⁰⁰ of the \$250,000⁰⁰ stock of the Company still usable and I will mildly suggest that you let us issue that to him and take the \$5000⁰⁰ cash of yours

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

December 24 1875;



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Dec. 24 5 [1875]

Michael Snow

Dr Sir,

You hold our note for \$3000⁰⁰ at 9prc that matures June 14-76

The Directors have advised renewing that loan 3 years

We have already sent new notes in place of those falling due

Yours is the last one due and we trust the arrangement will be quite

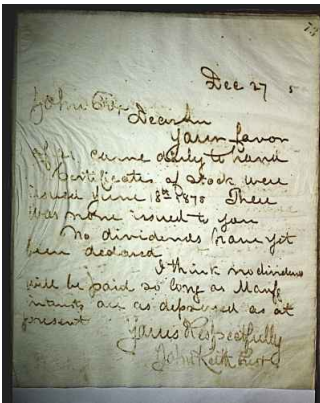
satisfactory to you.

We shall return it as favor if you will permit us to write the new note 8

prc interest

; This letter has no Keith signature.

December 24 1875;



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Dec 27 5 [1875]

John Fox

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 21 comes duly to hand.

Certificates of stock were issued June 18th 1875 There was none issued to you

No dividens have yet been declared.

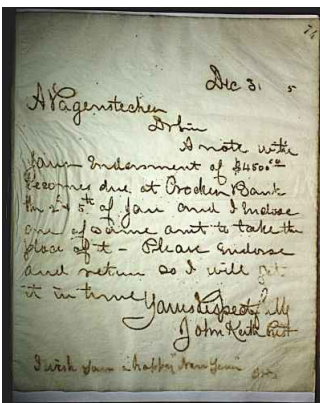
I think no dividens will be paid so long as Manfs interests are as

depressed as at present

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

December 27 1875;



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Dec 31 5 [1875]

A Pagenstecher,

Dr Sir,

A note with your endorsement of \$4500⁰⁰ becomes due at Crocker Bank he 2nd & 5th of Jan and I enclose one of same amt to take the place of it.

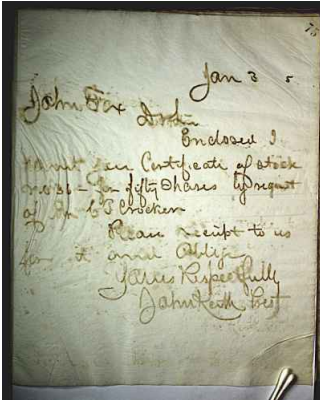
Please endorse and return so I will get it in time

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

I wish you a happy "New Year" J.K.

[Note: Keith forgets the new year has passed, and continues to date his letters as "1875" for the first 3-entries for the month of January 1876; (Jan 3, 3, & 7). His letter dated Jan. 7 is in question as it is out-of-sequence. He begins to use "1876" from January 6 on. e.g.]
December 31 1875;



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[Note: Keith forgets the new year has passed, and continues to date his letters as "1875" for the first 3-entries for the month of January 1876; (Jan 3, 3, & 7). His letter dated Jan. 7 is in question as it is out-of-sequence. He begins to use "1876" from January 6 on. e.g.]

Jan 3 5 [1875]

John Fox

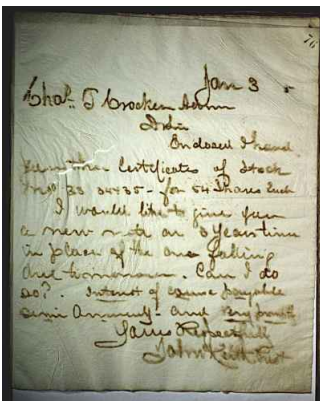
Dr Sir,

Enclosed I sent you Certificate of stock no 36-for fifty shares by request of Mr C. T. Crocker Please receipt to us for it and oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

January 3 1876;



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Jan 3 5 [1875]

Chas. T. Crocker

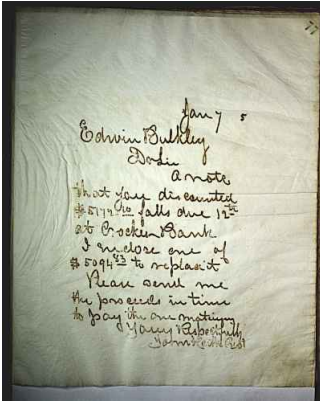
Dr Sir,

Enclosed I hand you three Certificates of stock nos 33 34 & 35 – for 54 shares each I would like to give you a new note on a years time in place of the ones falling due tomorrow. Can I do so?. Interest of course payable semi annually – and very promptly.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

January 3 1876;



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Jan 7 5 [1875]

Edwin Bulkley

Dr Sir,

A note that you discounted \$5172¹⁰ falls due 12th at Crocker Bank.

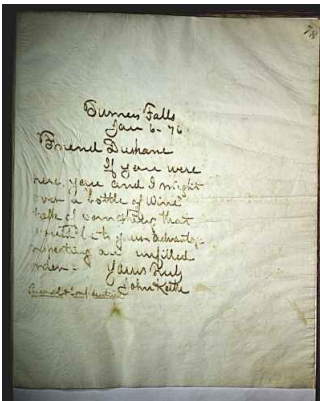
I enclose one of 5094⁸³ to replace it.

Please send me the proceeds in time to pay the one maturing.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

January 7 1876;



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Turners Falls

Jan 6 [1876]

Friend Dushane,

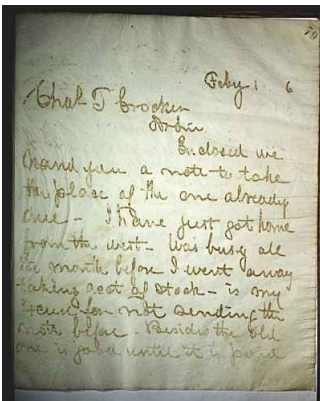
If you were here you and I might over a "bottle of wine" talk of anything that would be to your advantage respecting our unfilled order.

Yours Truly

John Keith

Personal & Confidential

January 6 1876;



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Feby 1 6 [1876]

Chas. T. Crocker

Dr Sir,

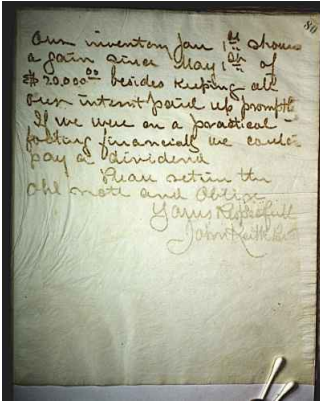
Enclosed we hand you a note to take the place of the one already due. I

have just got home from the west. Was busy all the month before I went

away taking acct of stock – is my excuse for not sending the note before.

Beside the old one is good until it is paid

February 1 1876;



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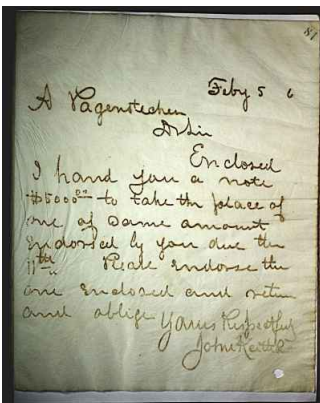
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Our inventory Jan 1st shows a gain since May 1st of \$20,000.⁰⁰ besides keeping all our interest paid up promptly. If we were on a practical footing financially we could pay a dividend.

Please return the old note and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

February 1 1876;



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Feb 5 6 [1876]

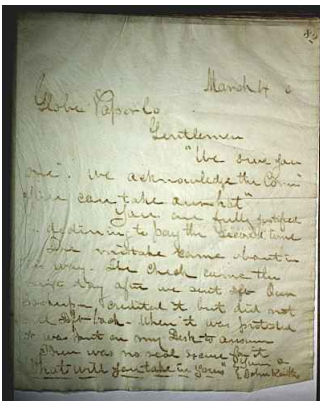
A Pagenstecher,
Dr Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a note \$5000⁰⁰ to take the place of one of same amount endorsed by you due the 11th

Please endorse the one endorsed and return and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

February 5 1876;



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March 4 6 [1876]

Globe Paper Co.
Gentlemen,

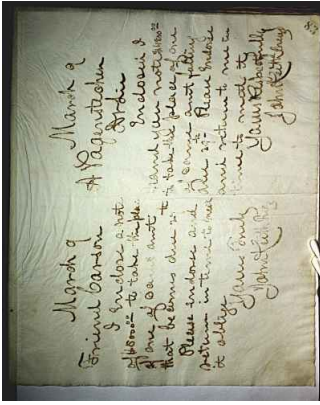
"We owe you one". We acknowledge the [course] you can take our [hat.]
You are fully justified in deciding to pay the second time.

The mistake came about in this way. The check came the next day after we sent dft Our bookkeeper credited it but did not call dft back. When it was protested it was put on my desk to answer

There was no real excuse for it. "What will you take is yours"

Yours &c
John Keith

March 4 1876;



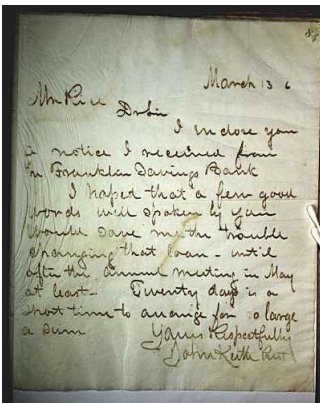
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March 9
Friend Carson,
I enclose a note of \$5000⁰⁰ to take the place of one of same amt that comes due 27th Please endorse and return in time to meet it oblige.
Yours Truly
John Keith Prest

March 9
A Pagenstecher
Dr Sir
Enclosed I hand you note \$4800⁰⁰ to take the place of one of same amt falling due 29th- Please endorse and return to me in time to meet it
Yours Truly
John Keith Prest

March 9 1876;

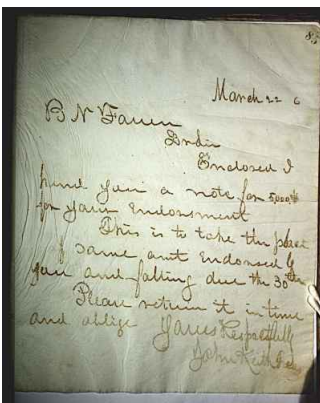


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March 13 6 [1876]
Mr Rice,
Dr Sir,
I enclose you a notice I received from the Franklin Savings Bank. I hoped that a few good words well spoken by you would save me the trouble changing that loan until after the annual meeting in May at least. Twenty days is a short time to arrange for a large sum
Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

March 13 1876;

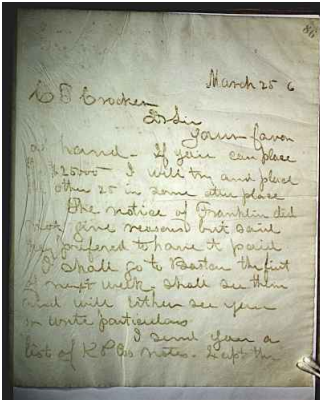


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March 22 6 [1876]
B. N. Farren
Dr Sir,
Enclosed I hand you a note for 5,000,\$ for your endorsement. This is to take the place of same amt endorsed by you and falling due the 30th
Please return it in time and oblige.
Yours Respectfully
John Keith

March 22 1876;



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March 25 6 [1876]

C. T. Crocker

Dr Sir,

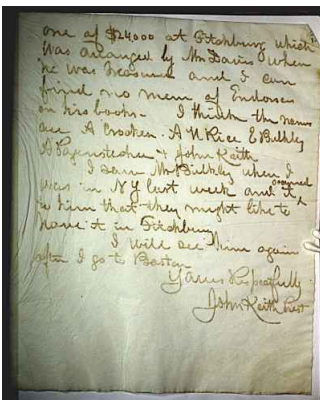
Your favor at hand. If you can please [endorse] \$25000. I will try and place with other 25 in some other place.

The notice of Franklin did not give reasons but said they preferred to have it paid.

I shall go to Boston the first of next week. Shall see them and will either see you or write particulars

I send you a list of KP Co. notes, Except the

March 25 1876;



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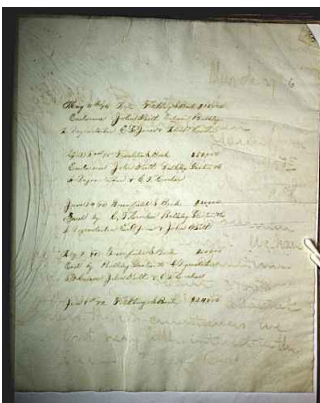
one of \$24,000 at Fitchburg which was arranged by Mr. Davis when he was Treasurer and I can find no men of Endorsers on his books. I think the names are A. Crocker, A. Rice, E. Bulkley, A. Pagenstecher & John Keith

I saw Mr. Bulkley when I was in NY last week and it occurred to him that they might like to have it in Fitchburg.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

March 25 1876;



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[This letter is probably C. M. Burnett's hand. It's the list of notes Keith mentions in Letter # 86 e.g.]

May 4th 74

Note Fitchburg bank \$25000. Endorsed John Keith Edwin Bulkley, A. Pagenstecher, E. D. Jones, Alvah Crocker,

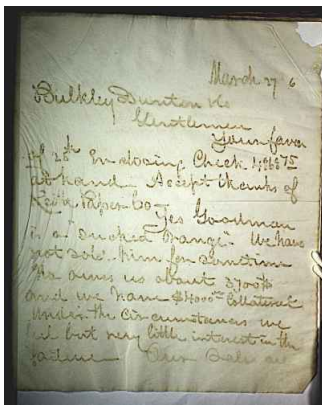
April 2nd 75 Franklin S Bank \$50,000

Endorsers John Keith Bulkley Dunton & Co. A. Pagenstecher & C. T. Crocker

June 24, 75 Greenfield S Bank \$30,000 End[orsed] by C.T. Crocker Bulkley Dunton & Co. A. Pagenstecher E. D. Jones & John Keith

Aug 7, 75 Greenfield S Bank \$20,000
End[orsed] by Bulkley Dunton & Co. A. Pagenstecher F. T. Carson John Keith & C. T. Crocker
Jan 1st 72 Fitchburg S Bank \$24,000

March 25 1876;



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March 27 6 [1876]
Bulkley Dunton Co.

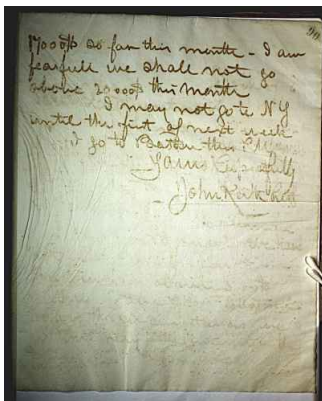
Gentlemen,

Your favor of 25th endorsing Check 4868⁷⁵ at hand

Accept thanks of Keith Paper Co.

Yes Goodman is a "Sucked Orange". We have not sold him for some time He owes us about 3,700\$ and we have \$4000⁰⁰ collateral. Under the circumstances we feel but very little interest in the failure Our sales are

March 27 1876;



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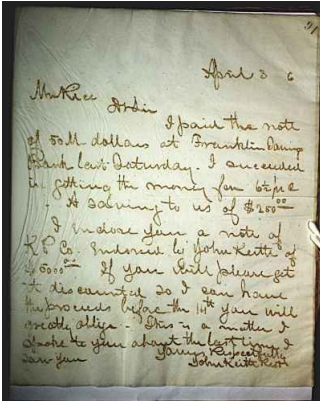
17000,\$ so far this month. I am fearful we shall not go above 20000\$ this month.

I may not go to NY until the first of next week. I go to Boston this PM.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

March 27 1876;



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April 8 6 [1876]

Mr Rice

Dr Sir,

I paid the note of 50 [m] dollars at Franklin Savings Bank last Saturday. I succeeded in getting the money for 6½ prc.

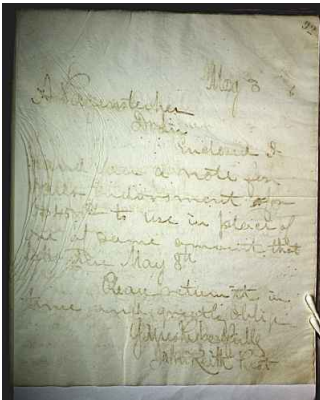
A saving to us of 250⁰⁰.

I enclose you a note of KP Co. endorsed by John Keith of \$5000⁰⁰. If you will please get it discounted so I can have the proceeds before the 14th you will greatly oblige. This is a matter I spoke to you about the last time I saw you

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

April 8 1876;



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May 3 6 [1876]

A Pagenstecher

Dr Sir,

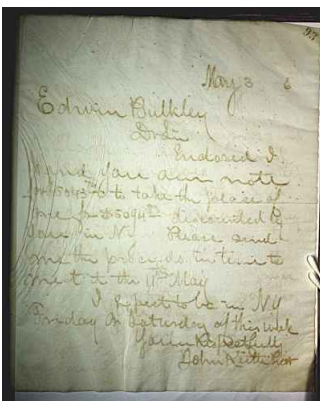
Enclosed I hand you a note for this endorsement for \$4500⁰⁰ to use in place of the one of same amount that falls due May 8th.

Please return it in time and greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

May 3 1876;



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May 3 6 [1876]

Edwin Bulkley

Dr Sir,

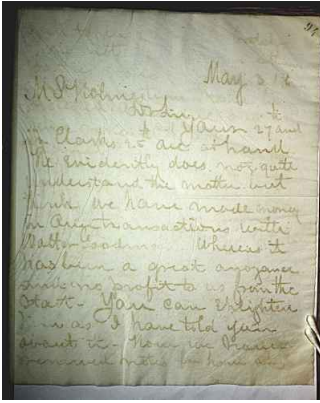
Endorsed I hand you our note for \$5043⁷⁶ to take the place of one for 5094⁸³ discounted by you in NY. Please send me the proceeds in time to meet it the 11th May.

I expect to be in NY Friday or Saturday of this week.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

May 3 1876;



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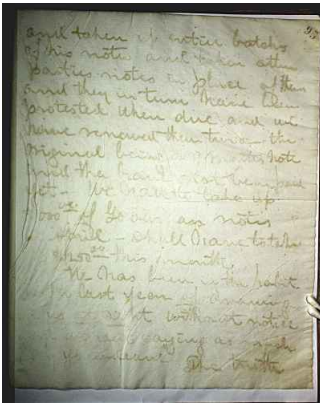
May 3 6 [1876]

M. S. Holmes

Dr Sir,

Your 27th and Mr Clark's 25 are at hand. He evidently does not quite understand the matter but thinks we have made money in our transactions with Walter Goodman whereas it has been a great annoyance and no profit to us from the start. You can enlighten him as I have told you about it. Now we have [renewed] notes for him

May 3 1876;



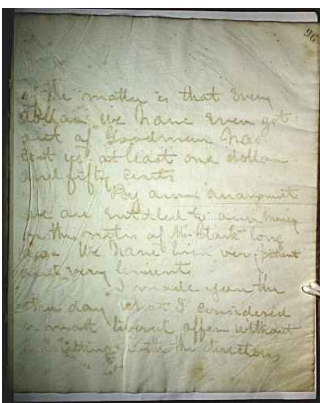
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and taken up entire batches of his notes and taken other parties notes in place of them and they in turn have [then] protested when due and will have renewed them twice the [original] being a monthly note and they have not been paid \$5000⁰⁰ of Goodmans notes [since] April. I shall have a total of \$4250⁰⁰ this month.

He has been in the habit for the last year of drawing on us at [?] without notice and without saying as much [only] you. The truth

May 3 1876;



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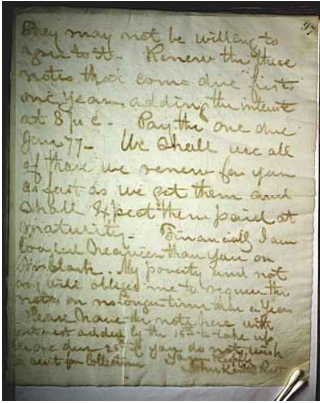
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of the matter is that every dollar we have ever got out of Goodman has cost us at least one dollar and fifty cents.

By our arrangement we are entitled to our money on the notes of Mr Clark long ago We have been very patient and very lenient.

I made you the other day what I considered the most liberal offer without my consulting with the directors.

May 3 1876;



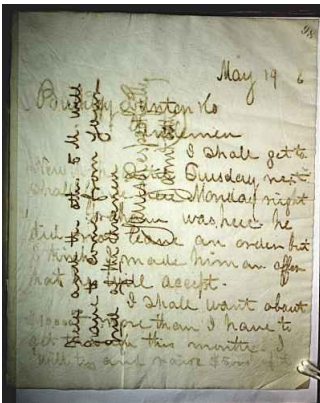
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They may not be willing to agree to it. Renew the three notes that come due first, one year adding the interest at 8 per cent. Pay the one due Jan 77. We shall use all of those we renew for you as fast as we get them and shall expect them paid at maturity. Financially I am loaded heavier than you or Mr Clark. My poverty and not any will oblige me to require the notes on no longer time than a year. Please have the note here with interest added by the 15th to take up for one due 25th. If you do not wish it sent for collections.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

May 3 1876;



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May 19 6 [1876]
Bulkley Dunton Co.
Gentlemen,

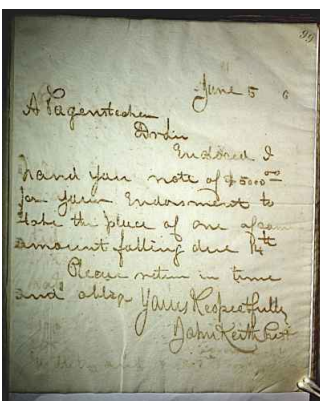
I shall get to New York until Tuesday next Shall be here Monday night. Goodman was here he did not leave an order but I think I made him an off that he will accept.

I shall want about \$10000⁰⁰ more than I have to get through this month. I will try and raise \$5000 with

[Note: This letter is partially over-written. A side-bar of darker text – your editor presumes it is a second page of this same letter.[now] and the other 5 [m] will have to come from your end of the avenue.]

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

May 19 1876;



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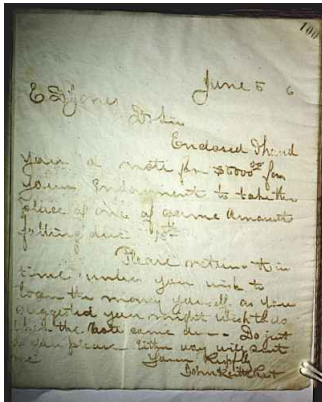
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June 5 6 [1876]
A Pagenstecher
Dr Sir,

Enclosed I hand you note for \$5000⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amount falling due 14th. Please return in time and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith Prest

June 5 1876;



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June 5 6 [1876]

E. D. Jones

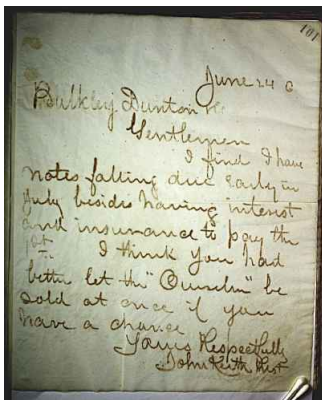
Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a note for \$5000⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amount falling due 15th. Please return it in time unless you wish to loan the money yourself as you suggested you might wish to do when the note came due. Do just as you please either way will suit me.

Yours respfllly

John Keith Prest

June 5 1876;



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Bulkley Dunton & Co.

Gentleman,

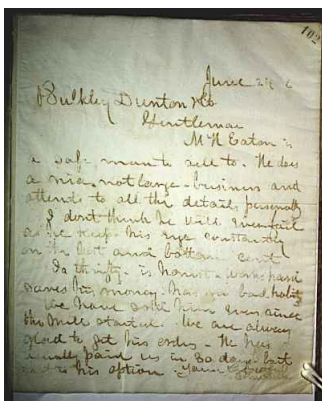
I find I have notes falling due early in July besides having interest and insurance to pay the 1st.

I think you had better let the "[?]" be sold at once if you have a chance.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

June 24 1876;



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June 24 6 [1876]

Bulkley Dunton & Co.

Gentlemen,

M. N. Eaton is a safe man to sell to. He does a nice, not large business and attends to all their details personally.

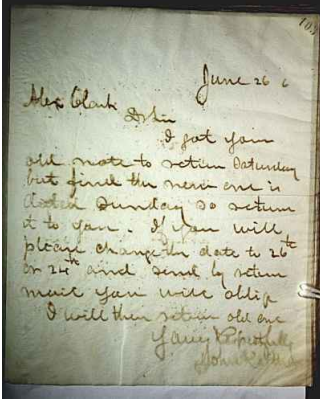
I don't think he will ever fail as he keeps his eye constantly on the last and bottom cent.

Is thrifty is, is honest, works hard saves his money. Has no bad habits. We have sold him ever since the mill started. We are always glad to get his orders - He has usually paid us in 30 days - but that is his option.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

June 24 1876;



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June 26 6 [1876]

Mr. Black

Dear Sir,

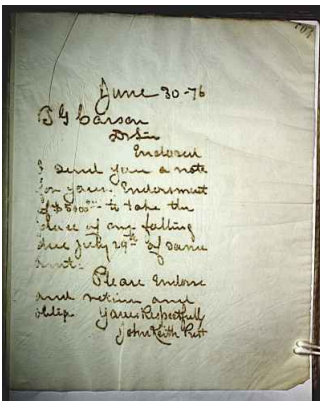
I got your old note to return Saturday but find the new one is dated Sunday so return it to you. If you will please change the date to 26th or 24th and send by return mail you will oblige.

I will then return old one.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

June 26 1876;



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June 30 76 [1876]

T. G. Carson

Dear Sir,

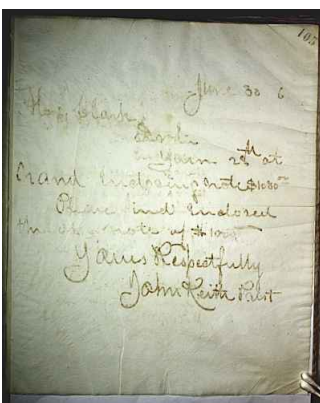
Enclosed I send you a note for your endorsement of \$5000⁰⁰ - to take the place of any falling due July 29th of same amt.

Please endorse and return oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

June 30 1876;



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June 30 6 [1876]

Mr. Black

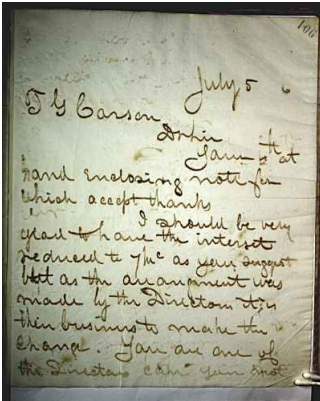
Dear Sir,

Your 28th at hand enclosing note \$1080⁰⁰. Please find endorsed the other note of \$1000.

Yours Respectfully,

John Keith Prest

June 30 1876;



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July 5 6 [1876]

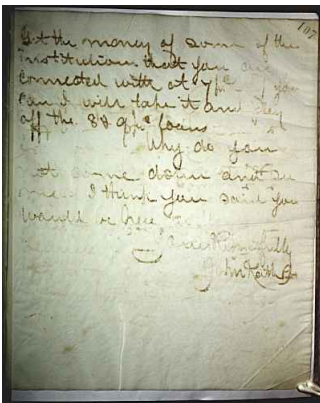
T.G. Carson

Dear Sir

I am 4th at hand enclosing note for which accept thanks.

I should be very glad to have the interest reduced to 7pcr as you suggest but as the arrangement was made by the directors it is their business to make the change. You are one of the directors can you not

July 5 1876;



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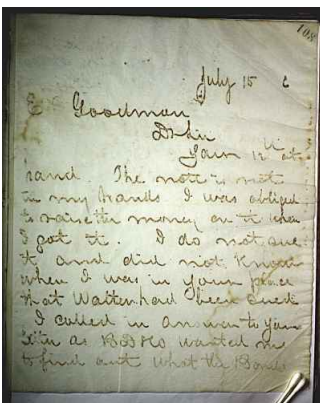
get the money of some of institutions that you are connected with at 7pcr. If you can I will take it and pay off the 8 pcrc loans.

Why do you not come down and see me. I think you said you would be here [already]

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

July 5 1876;



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July 15 6 [1876]

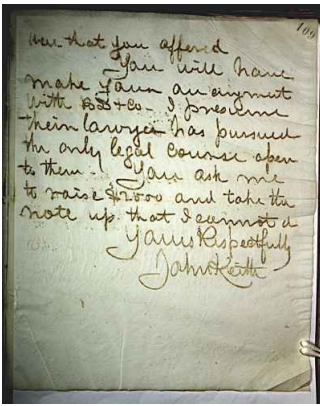
E. Goodman

Dear Sir,

Your 12th at hand. The note is not in my hands I was obliged to raise the money on it when I got it. I do not owe it and did not know when I was in your place that Walter had been sued.

I called in answer to your letter as BD & Co. wanted me to find out what the Bonds

July 15 1876;



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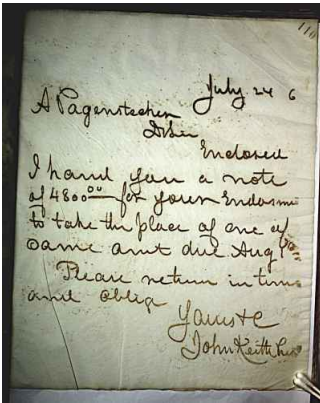
were that you offered.

You will have make your arrangement with BD & Co. I presume their lawyer has pursued the only legal course open to them. You ask me to raise \$2500 and take the note up. that I cannot do.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

July 15 1876;



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July 24 6 [1876]

A Pagenstecher

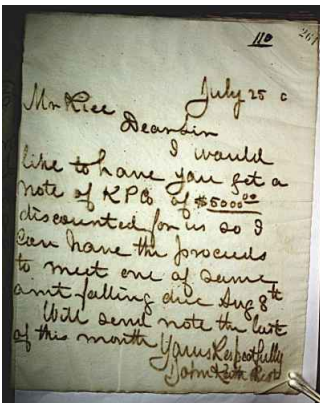
Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a note of 4800⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amt due Aug 1st. Please return in time and oblige.

Yours &c

John Keith Pres

July 24 1876;



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July 25 6 [1876]

Mr Rice

Dear Sir

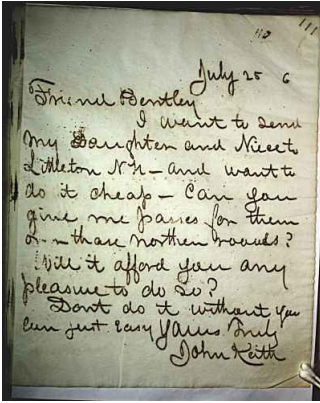
I would like to have you get a note of KP Co of \$5000⁰⁰ discounted for us so I can have the proceeds to meet one of same amt falling due Aug 8th

Will send note the late of this month

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

July 25 1876;



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July 25 6 [1876]

Friend Bentley,

I want to send my Daughter and Niece to Littleton NH — and want to do it cheap. Can you give me passes for them over those northern roads?

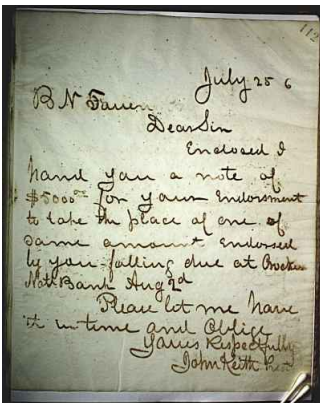
Will it afford you any pleasure to do so?

Don't do it without you [?] just easy.

Yours Truly

John Keith

July 26 1876;



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July 25 6 [1876]

B. N. Farren

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a note of \$5000⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amount endorsed by you – falling due at Crocker

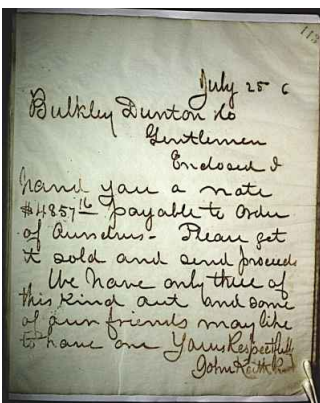
Natl Bank Aug 2^d.

Please let me have it in time and oblige.

Your Respectfully

John Keith Prest

July 25 1876;



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July 25 6 [1876]

Bulkley Dunton Co.

Gentlemen,

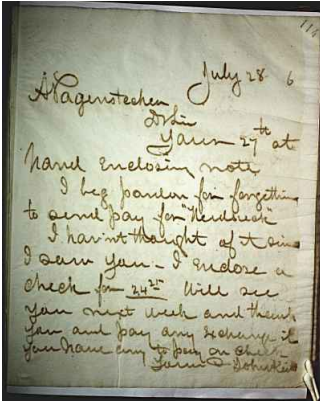
Endorsed I hand you a note \$4857¹⁶ payable to order of Aundrus. Please get it sold and send proceeds.

We have only three of this kind out and some of our friends may like to have one.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

July 25 1876;



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July 28 6 [1876]

A Pagenstecher

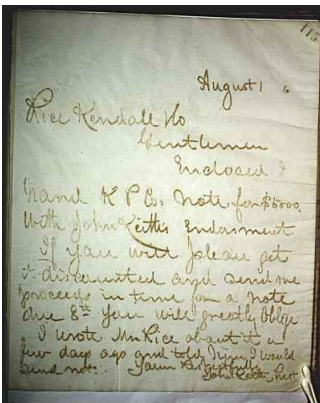
Dear Sir

Your 27th at hand enclosing notel beg pardon for forgetting to send pay for "Nerdsuck" I havnt thought of it since I saw you – I endorse a check for 24²⁵ Will see you next week an thank you and pay any exchange if you have any to pay on check

Yours &c

John Keith

July 28 1876;



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August 1 6 [1876]

Rice Kendall Co.

Gentlemen,

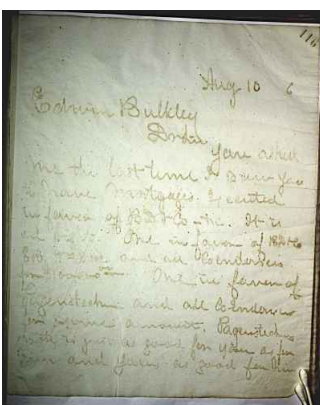
Enclosed I hand K P Co. note for \$5000. With John Keith's endorsement. If you will please get it discounted and send me proceeds in time for a note Aug. 8th you will greatly oblige.

I wrote Mr. Rice about it a few days ago and told him I would send note.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

August 1 1876;



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August 10 6 [1876]

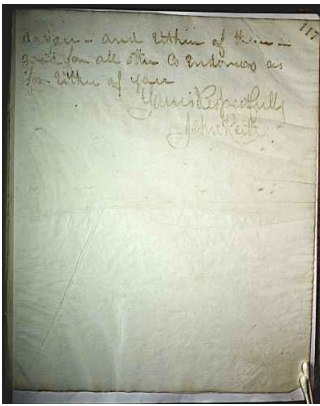
Edwin Bulkley

Dear Sir,

You asked me the last time I saw you to have Mortgages executed in favor of BD & Co. &c. It is all [right.] One in favor of BD Co. EB [?] and all Co endorsers for \$1000⁰⁰. One in favor of Pagenstecher and all Co.

endorsers for previous amount. Pagenstechers note is just as good for you as for him and yours as good for him.

August 10 1876;



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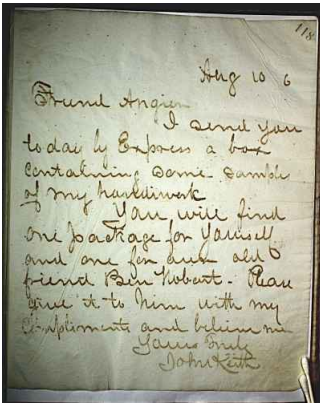
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as you – and within of them is good for all other Co. endorsers as for either of you.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 10 1876;



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August 10 6 [1876]

Friend Angier,

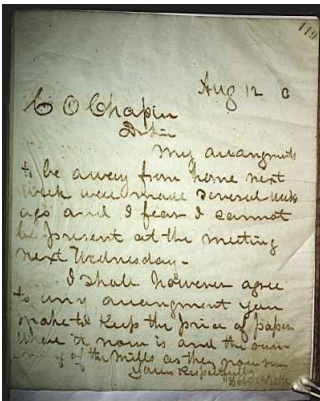
I send you to day by Express a box containing some samples of my handiwork.

You will find one package for yourself and one for our old friend Ben Hobart. Please give it to him with my compliments and believe me,

Yours truly

John Keith

August 10 1876;



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August 10 6 [1876]

C. O. Chapin

Dear Sir,

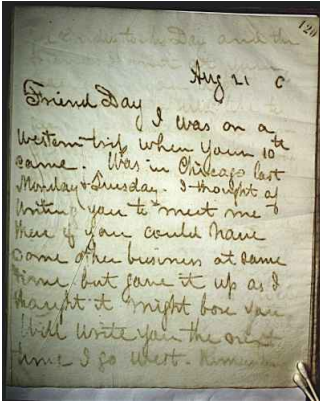
My arrangements to be away from home next week were made several weeks ago and I fear I cannot be present at the meeting next Wednesday.

I shall however agree to my arrangement you make to keep the price of paper where it now is and the owner of the mills as they now run.

Yours respectfully

John Keith

August 12 1876;



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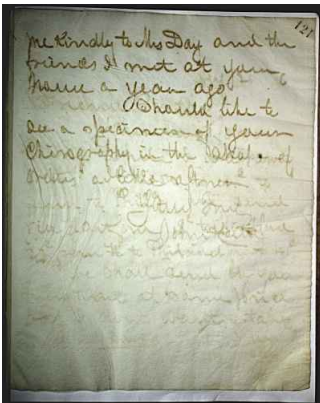
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August 21 6 [1876]

Friend Day,

I was on a Western trip when your 10th came. Was in Chicago last Monday & Tuesday. I thought of writing you to meet me here I you could have some other business at same time but gave it up as I thought it might bore you. Will write you the next time I go west. Remember

August 21 1876;



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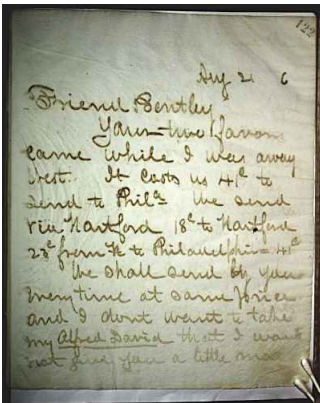
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me kindly to Mrs. Day and the friends I met at your home a year ago.

Should like to see a specimen of your Chinography in the shape of others a little

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August 21 1876;



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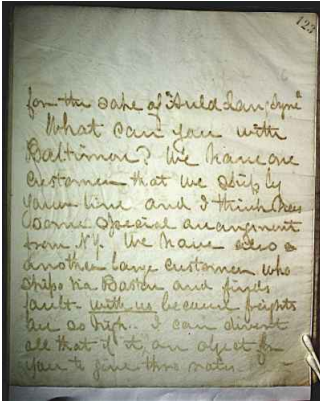
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August 21 6 [1876]

Friend Bentley,

Your two favors came while I was away west. It cost us 41c to send to Phila We send via Hartford 18c to Hartford 23c from Philadelphia = 41c. We shall send by you every time at same joiner and I don't want to take my Alfred David that I want not give you a little more.

August 21 1876;



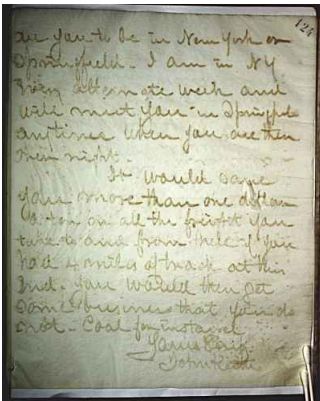
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for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne".

What can you with Baltimore? We have one customer that we ship by your line and I think has some special arrangement from N.Y. We have also another large customer who ships via Boston and finds fault – with us because freights are so high. I can divert all that if it an object for you to give thro rates

August 21 1876;



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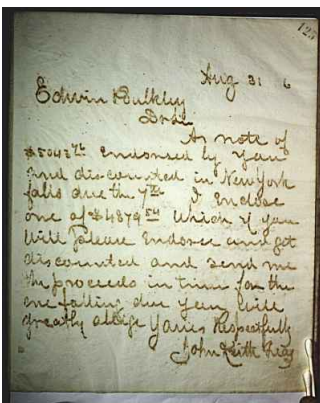
are you to be in New York or Springfield. I am in N.Y. every alternate week and will meet you in Springfield anytime when you are there over night.

It would save you more than one dollar a ton in all the freight you take to and from here if you had 4 miles of track at this end. You would then get some business that you do not – coal for instance.

Yours Resp.

John Keith

August 21 1876;



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Aug 31 6 [1876]

Edwin Bulkley

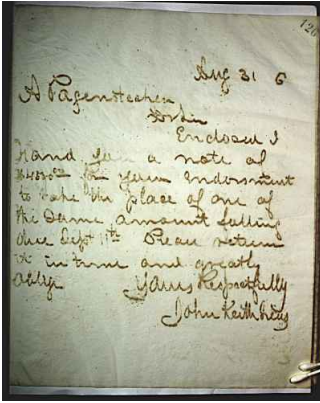
Dear Sir,

A note of \$5043⁷⁶ endorsed by you and discounted in New York fall due the 7th I enclose one of \$4879⁵⁴ which if you will please endorse and get discounted and send me the proceeds in time for the one following due you will greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Pres

August 31 1876;



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Aug 31 6 [1876]

A. Pagenstecher

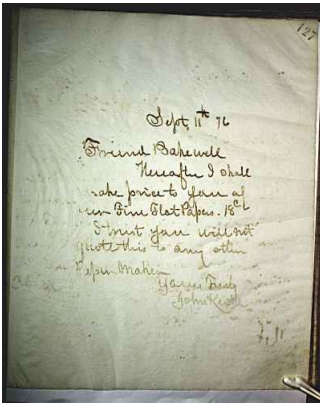
Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a note of \$4500⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one of the same amount falling due Sept 11th Please return it in time and greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Pres

August 31 1876;



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Sept. 11th 76 [1876]

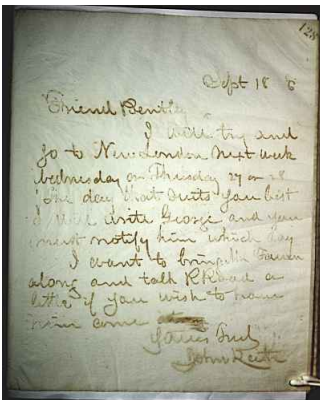
Friend Bakewell,

Hereafter I shall [?] make price to you of [?] fine flat papers – 18c [?] I trust you will not [?] I think you will not [?] quote this to any other [?] paper maker.

Yours Truly

John Keith

September 11 1876;



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Sept 18 6 (1876)

Friend Bentley,

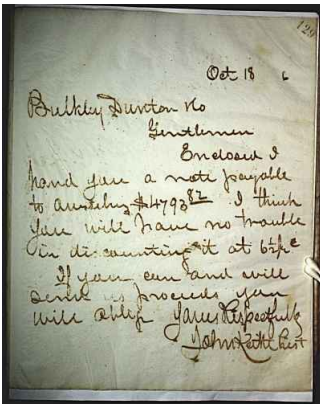
I will try and go to New London next week Wednesday or Thursday 27 or 28, the day that suits you best. I will write George and you must notify him which day.

I want to bring Mr. Farren along and talk R. Road a little if you wish to have him come.

Yours Truly,

John Keith

September 18 1876;



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Sept. 18 6 [1876]

Buckley Dunton Co.

Gentlemen,

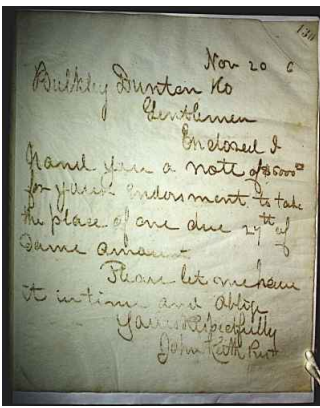
Endorsed I hand you a note payable to [Austehiz] \$4793⁸². I think you will have no trouble in discounting it at 6½ prc.

If you can and will send us proceeds you will oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

September 18 1876;



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Nov 20 6 [1876]

Buckley Dunton Co.

Gentlemen,

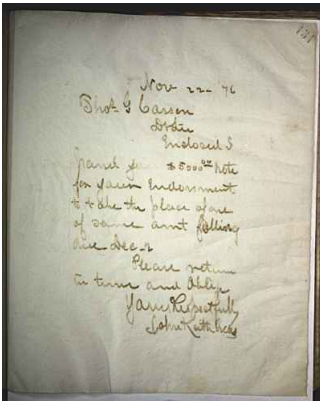
Endorsed I hand you a note of \$5000⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one due 27th of same amount.

Please let me know it in time and oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

November 20 1876;



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Nov 22 6 [1876]

Thos G. Carson

Dear Sir,

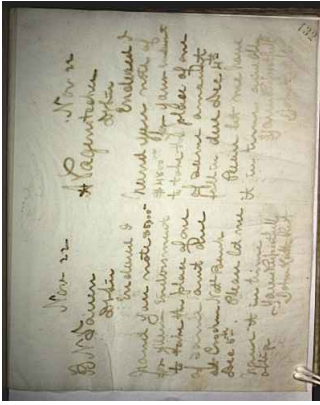
Enclosed I hand you \$5000⁰⁰ note for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amt falling due Dec. 2.

Please return in time and oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Pres

November 22 1876;



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Nov 22 [1876]

B. N. Farren

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you note you \$5000⁰⁰ note for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amt due at Crocker Natl Bank Dec 5th. Please let me know it in time oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

Nov 22 [1876]

A Pagenstecher

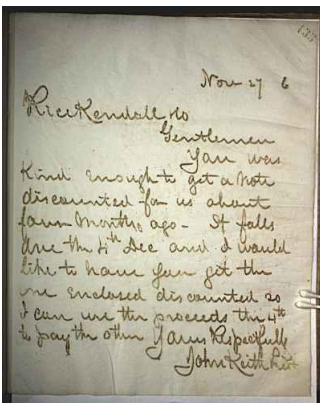
Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you note you \$4800⁰⁰ for your endorsement to take the place of one of same amount falling due Dec 4th Please let me know it in time oblige

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

November 22 1876;



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Nov 27 6 [1876]

Rice Kendall Co.

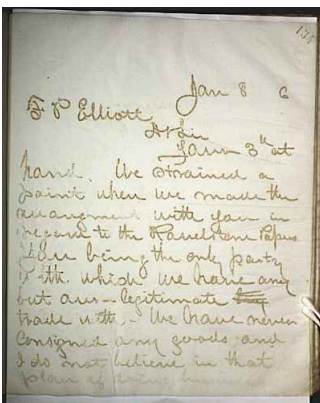
Gentlemen,

You was kind enough to get a note discounted for us about four months ago. It falls due the 4th Dec. and I would like to have you get the one enclosed discounted so I can use the proceeds the 4th to pay the other.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith Prest

November 27 1876;



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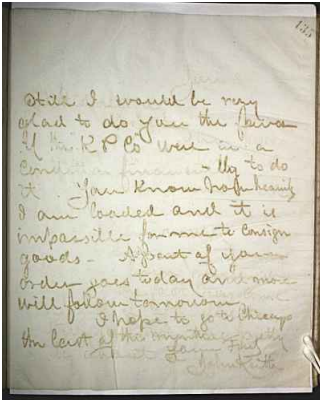
Jan 8 6 [correct date 1877]

F. .P Elliott

Dear Sir,

Yours 3rd at hand. We strained a point when we made the arrangement with you in regard to the Ravelston Papers. You being the only party with which we have any but our legitimate buy trade with. We have never consigned any goods and I do not believe in that plan of doing business.

January 8 1877;



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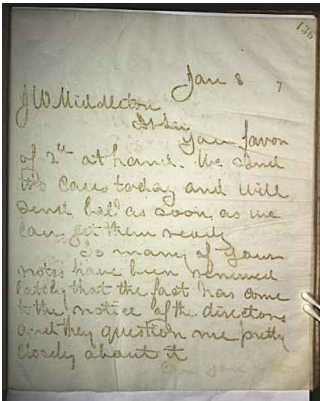
Still I would be very glad to do you the favor of the "KP Co." were in a condition financially to do it. You know [?][heavily] I am loaded and it is impossible for me to consign goods. A part of your order goes today and more will follow tomorrow.

I hope to go to Chicago the last of this month.

Yours truly

John Keith

January 8 1877;



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Jan 8 6 [1876]

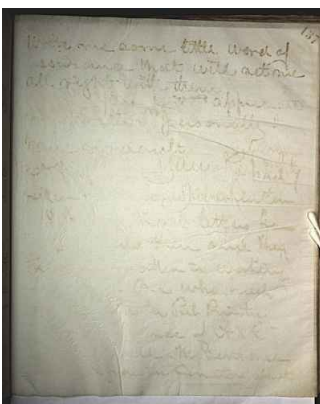
J. W. Middleton

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 2nd at hand. We send two cars today and will send bala as soon as we can get them ready.

So many of your notes have been renewed lately that the fact has come to the notice of the directors and they question me pretty closely about it. Can you [please]

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write me some little word of assurance that will set me all right with them. Your [?] appreciated [?] I [have no doubt] your [?] letters from [?] who [?]

Pub.printer.; Editor Note: The lower half of this letter is mostly illegible. Keith's signature is not shown.

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