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Greenfield Feby. 18, 82 [1882]

My Dear George,

I paid Traver & Jones \$1200. dollars today and herewith endorse their receipt for the same.

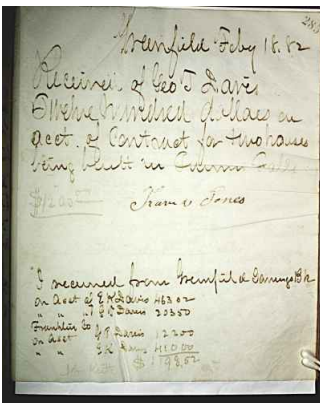
The houses are finished outside except the painting and both are plastered.

We are well at home and send much love to you all. We are delighted to know that little Sally is getting well again.

Yours Truly

John Keith

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Greenfield Feby. 18, 82 [1882]

Received of Geo. J. Davis Twelve hundred dollars on acct. of Contract for two houses being built in Turners Falls.

\$1200 Frank Jones

I received from Greenfield Savings Bk. on acct of E. R. Davis 463⁰²

“ “ of G J Davis 203⁵⁰

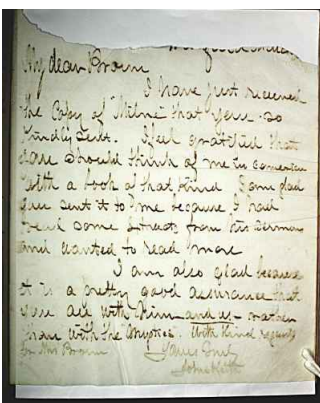
Franklin Co. on acct G. B. Davis 122⁰⁰

“ “ E. R. Davis 410⁰⁰

[total] \$1198.⁵²

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Greenfield [Page torn]

My dear Brown,

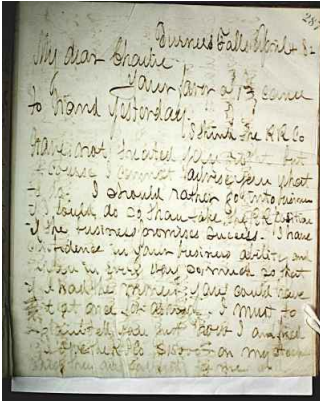
I have just received the copy of "Milne" that you so kindly sent. I feel gratified that you should think of me in connection with a book of that kind I am glad you sent it to me because I had read some extracts from his sermons and wanted to read more.

I am also glad because it is a pretty good assurance that you are with him and us – rather than with the "Mupties". With kind regards to Mrs. Brown.

Yours Truly

John Keith

[*] “Mupties”; characters from Milne’s literary work. “Winnie-the-Pooh.” ? e.g. ; “Mupties”; characters from Milne’s literary work. “Winnie-the-Pooh.” ? e.g
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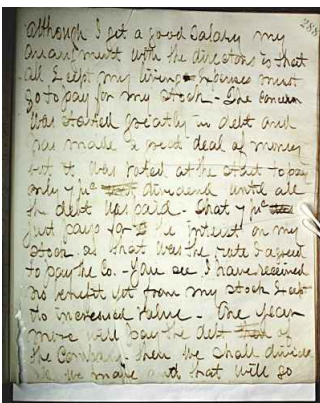
Turners Falls April 4, 82 [1882]

My dear Charlie,

Your favor of 13 came to hand yesterday.

I think the RR Co have not [treated] you right but of course I cannot advise you what to do. I should rather go into business if I should do so than take the RR position if the business promises success. I have confidence in your business ability and in you in every way so much so that if I had the money you could have is it at once for [asking]. I must to [?] you just now I am fixed at [?] [owe] the K.P.Co. \$15000⁰⁰ on my stock which they are counting on me and

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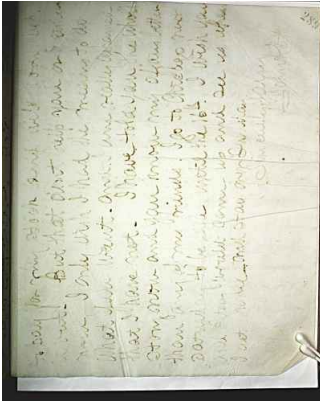


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although I get a good salary my arrangement with the directors is that all except my living expenses must go to pay for my stock – the concern was started greatly in debt and has made a great deal of money but it was rated at the start to pay only 7prc dividend until all the debt was paid. That 7prc was just pays for the interest on my stock as that was the rate I agreed to pay the Co. – You see I have received no benefit yet from my stock except to increased value. One year more will pay the debt that of the company-then we shall divide all we made and that will go

April 4 1882;



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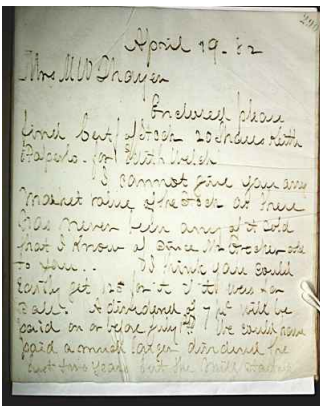
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to pay for my stock and will soon be out. But that don't help you or I now I only wish I had the means to do what you want. And I am really ashamed that I have not. I have told you the whole story now and you know my affairs better than any of my friends. I go to Chicago next Saturday to be there until the 16th. I wish you and [Betsy] would come up and see us when I get home and stay over Sunday

Sincerely Yours

John Keith

April 4 1882;



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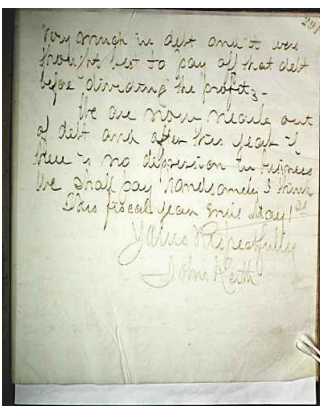
April 19, 82 [1882]

Mrs. M.W. Thayer,

Enclosed please find best of stock 20 shares Keith paper Co. for Edith Welch.

I cannot give you any market value of the stock as there has never been any of it sold that I know of since Mr Crocker sold to you. & I think you could easily get 125 for it if it was for sale. A dividend of 7prc will be paid on or before July 1st We could have paid a much larger dividend the last two years but the mill started

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very much in debt and it was thought best to pay off that debt before dividing the profits.

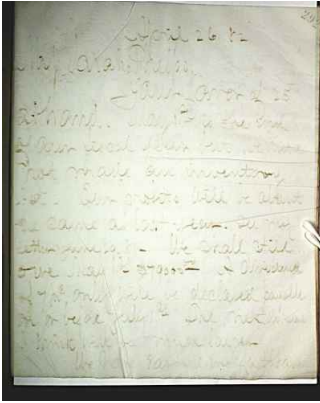
We are now nearly out of debt and after this year if there is no depression in business we shall pay handsomely I think.

This fiscal year ends May 1st.

Yours respectfully

John Keith

April 19 1882;



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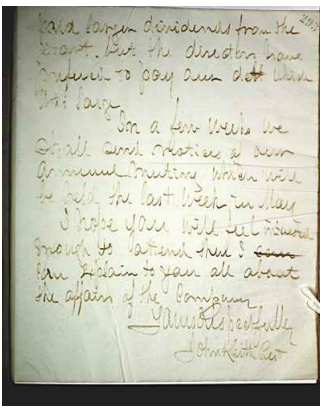
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April 26, 82 [1882]

Mrs. Sarah Phelps,

Your favor of 25th at hand. May 1st is the end of our fiscal year but we have not made an inventory yet. Our profit will be about the same as last year. See my letter June 29, 81 – We shall still [owe] May 1st \$79000⁰⁰ A dividend of 7prc only will be declared payable on or before July 1st The next dividend I think will be much lower. We have earned much to have

April 26 1882;



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paid larger dividends from the start but the directors have preferred to pay our debt which was large.

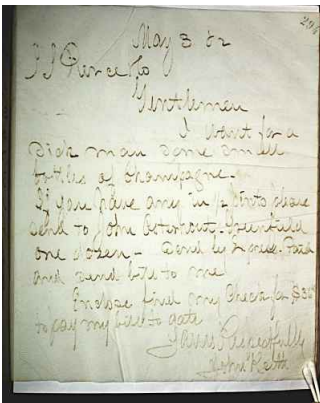
In a few weeks we shall send notices of our Annual meeting which will be held the last week in May

I hope you will feel interested enough to attend then I send can explain to you all about the affairs of the Company.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

April 26 1882;



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May 3, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce & Co.

Gentlemen,

I want for a sick man some small bottles of Champagne.

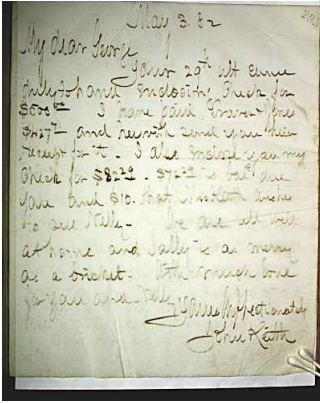
If you have any in ½ pints please send to John Osterhout, Greenfield one dozen – Send by Express. Paid and send bill to me.

Enclosed find my check for \$36⁰⁰ to pay my bill to date.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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May 3, 82 [1882]

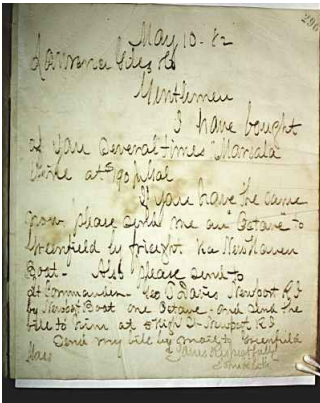
My dear George,

Your 29th inst. came duly to hand Enclosed check for \$500⁰⁰ I have paid Travers & Jones \$427⁷¹ and herewith send you their receipt for it. I also enclose you my check for \$82²⁹. \$72²⁹ is balc due you and \$10. That Mrs Keith wishes to send Nelly. We are all well at home and Sally is as merry as a [cricket.] With much love for you and Nelly

Yours Affectionately.

John Keith

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May 10, 82 [1882]

Lawrence Giles & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have bought of you several times "Marsala" wine at \$1.90 pr Gal. If you have the same now please send me an "Octave" to Greenfield by freight via New Haven Boat. Also please send to Lt. Commander Geo. Davis Newport R.I. by Newport Boat one Octave – and send the bill to him at 5 High St., Newport R.I.

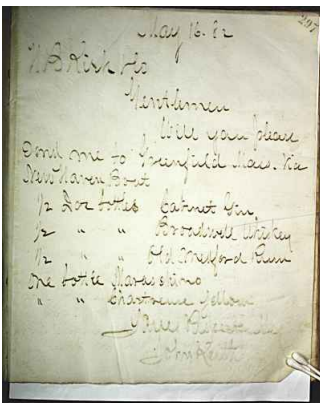
Send my bill by mail to Greenfield Mass

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

; Octave - A series of eight.

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May 16, 82 [1882]

N. B. Kirk & Co.

Gentlemen,

Will you please send me to Greenfield Mass. via New Haven Boat.

½ Doz bottles [Cabinet] Gin

½ " " Broadwell Whiskey

½ " " Old Medford Rum

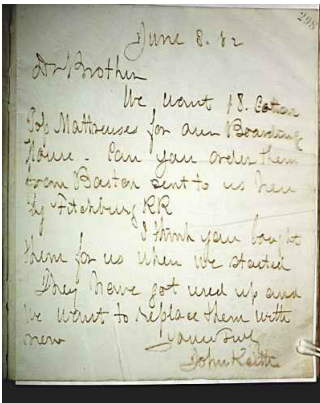
One bottle Maraschino

" " Chartreuse Yellow

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

May 16 1882;



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June 8, 82 [1882]

Dr Brother,

We want 18 cotton top mattresses for our Boarding House. Can you order them from Boston sent to us here by Fitchburg RR.

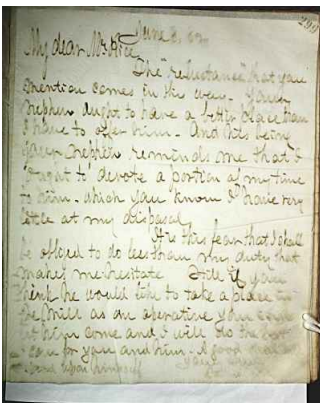
I think you bought them for us when we started.

They have got used up and we want to replace them with new.

Yours Truly

John Keith

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June 8, 82 [1882]

My dear Mr. Rice,

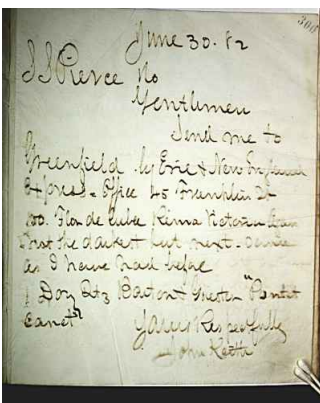
The "reluctance" that you mention comes in this way. Your nephew ought to have a better place than I have to offer him. And his being your nephew reminds me that I ought to devote a portion of my time to him, which you know I have very little at my disposal.

It is this fear that I shall be obliged to do less than my duty that makes me hesitate Still if you think he would like to take a place in the mill as an operative you could let him come and I will do the best I can for you and him. A good deal [will] [depend] upon himself.

Yours Truly

John Keith

June 8 1882;



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June 30, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce Co.

Gentlemen,

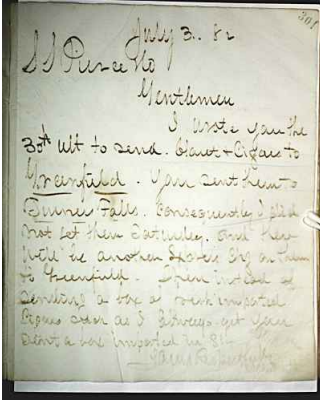
Send me to Greenfield by Erie & New England Express office 45 Franklin St., 100 Flor de Cuba Reina Victoria cigars not the darkest but next. Same as I have had before.

1 doz. Qtz. Barton Gueston "Partet Claret"

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

June 30 1882;



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July 3, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce Co.

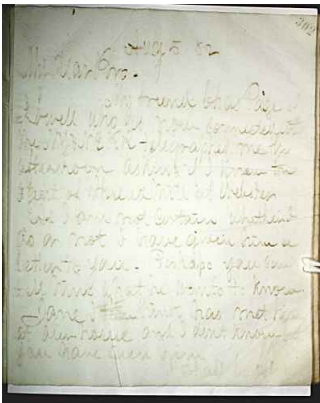
Gentlemen,

I wrote you the 30th inst. to send claret & cigars to Greenfield. You sent them to Turners Falls. Consequently I did not get them Saturday and there will be another express charge on them to Greenfield. Then instead of sending a box of fresh imported cigars such as I always get you sent a box imported in 81.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

July 3 1882;



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Aug. 5, 82 [1882]

My dear Bro.

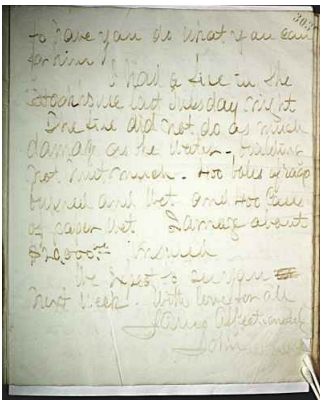
My friend Chas Paige of Lowell who is now connected with the [Ma Vt] RR – telegraphed me this afternoon asking if I know the object as [Thread] mill at Webster.

As I am not certain whether I do or not I have given him a letter to you. Perhaps you can tell him what he wants to know.

Jane I than think has met him at our house and I don't know if you have seen him.

I shall be pleased

August 5 1882;



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to have you do what you can for him.

I had a fire in the stockhouse last Tuesday night.

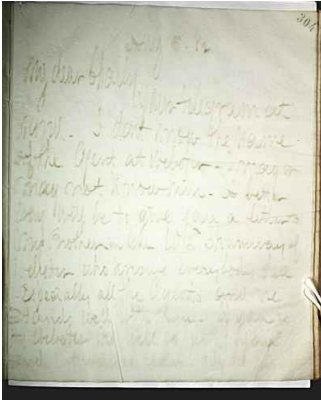
The fire did not do as much damage as the water- building not hurt much. 400 bales of rags burned and wet and 400 cases of paper wet. Damage about \$20,000⁰⁰ insured.

We expect to see you on next week. With love for all,

Yours Affectionately

John Keith

August 5 1882;



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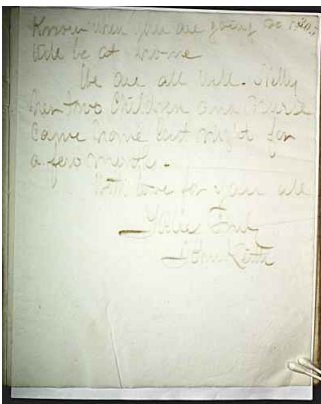
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Aug 5, 82 [1882]

My dear Charly,

Your telegram at hand. I don't know the name of the agent at Webster. I may or may not know him. A better way will be to give you a letter to my brother in law, Wm Shumawy of Webster who knows everybody and especially all the agents and he stands well with them. If you go to Webster he will go with you and introduce you and if you

August 5 1882;



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know when you are going to go he will be at home.

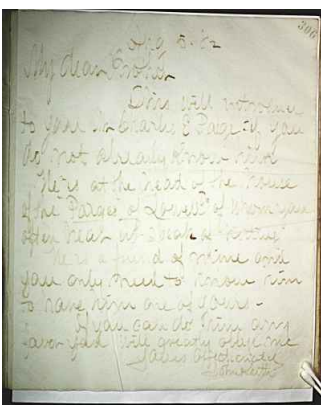
We are all well. Nelly her two children and nurse came home last night for a few months.

With love for you all,

Yours Truly

John Keith

August 5 1882;



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Aug 5, 82 [1882]

My dear Brother,

This will introduce to you Mr. Charles E. Paige if you do not already know him.

He is the head of the house of the "Paiges of Lowell" of whom you after hear us speak of visiting.

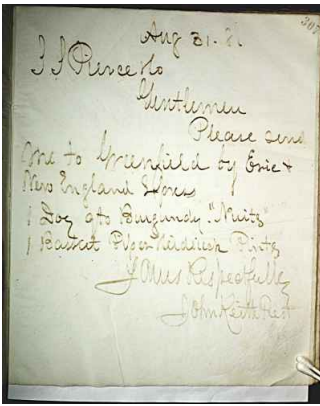
He is a friend of mine and you only need to know him to have him one of yours.

If you can do him any favor you will greatly oblige me.

Yours Affectionately

John Keith

August 5 1882;



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Aug 31, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce & Co.

Gentlemen,

Please send me to Greenfield by Erie & New England Express.

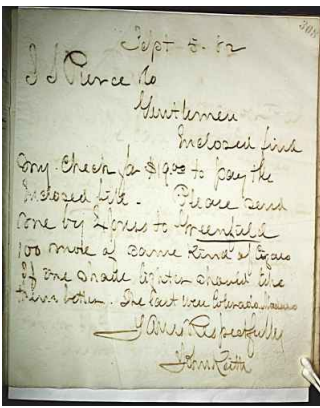
1 Doz. qts. Burgundy ["Pints"]

1 Basket Piper Heiderich Pints

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 31 1882;



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Sept 5, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce Co.

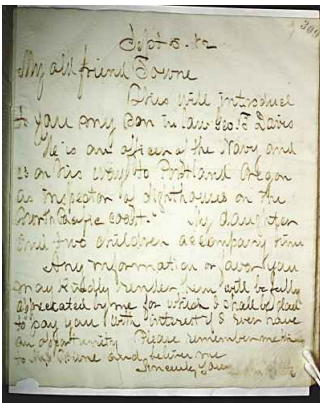
Gentlemen,

Enclosed find my check for \$19.⁰⁰ to pay the enclosed bill. Please send me by Express to Greenfield 100 more of same kind of cigars of one shade lighter should like them better. The last were Colerado Maduro.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

September 5 1882;



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Sept [25,] 82 [1882]

My old friend Towne,

This will introduce to you my son in law Geo. T. Davis.

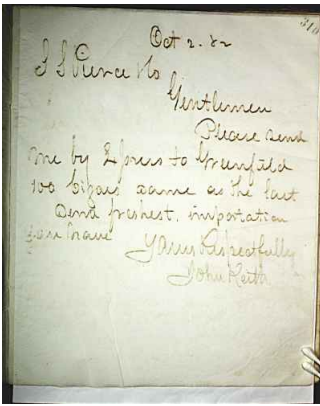
He is an officer of the Navy and is on his way to Portland Oregon as inspector of lighthouses on the North Pacific coast. My daughter and two children accompany him.

Any information or favor you may kindly render him will be fully appreciated by me for which I shall be glad to pay you with interest if I ever have an opportunity Please remember me kindly to Mrs Towne and believe me.

Sincerely yours

John Keith

September 25 1882;



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Oct 2, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce Co.

Gentlemen,

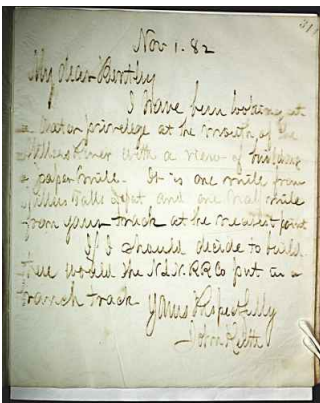
Please send me by Express to Greenfield 100 cigars same as the last.

Send freshest importation you have.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

October 2 1882;



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Nov 1, 82 [1882]

My dear Bentley,

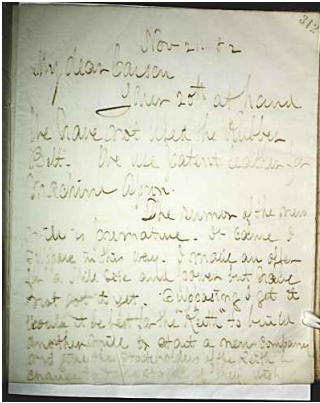
I have been looking at the water privileges at the mouth of the Millers River with a view of building a paper mill. It is one mile from Millers Falls depot and one half mile from your track at the nearest point. If I should decide to build there would the N.L.M. RR Co. put in a branch track?

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

; *Note: From Pg. 11 "The Dam at French King Rapids" Ed Gregory 2006. About 1806 a dam and lock were built just below the mouth of Miller's river to make slack water at the French King rapids. The second dam at Turners Falls was built by Lieutenant Hale after the great flood of February 10, 1824, which carried away the South Hadley dam, the Montague City bridge and the dams at Turners Falls and at the French King rapids. Sol Caswell, a native of Montague, was foreman in replacing the dams here, as he had been in building the first dam at the French King. He was one of three persons known to have gone over Turners Falls and lived. The first was an Indian squaw, the second was the ferryman, in the days of Elisha Mack, the builder of the first dam in 1824. He landed on the little island at the mouth of Fall River. Ref. "History of Montague" pg 165 ¶ 2. e.g. From Pg. 13 "The Dam at French King Rapids" Ed Gregory 2006. THE 1806 PROPOSAL In 1806 the Proprietors completed the list of their intended improvements by building a dam to transform the French King rapids into slack water. This dam, located approximately 1,000 feet below the mouth of Millers River, was 330 feet long, had a fall of 8 feet, and was equipped with one lock along the Gill shore 100 feet long and 20 feet wide. When the dam was rebuilt in 1824, the height was increased somewhat. On completion of this dam and lock in 1806, a continuous waterway was opened up from Long Island Sound to points as far north as Wells River, Vermont. For the next thirty or more years as streaming procession of up and down navigation possessed the Connecticut River during seven or eight months of the year, concerning which altogether too little has been left on record. Ref. "History of Gill" 1793-1943 pg 93 ¶ 4. e.g.

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Nov 21, 82 [1882]

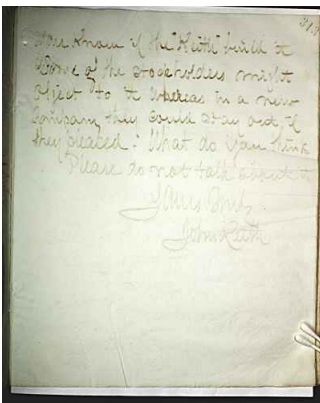
My dear Carson,
Your 20th at hand.

We have not used the rubber belt. We use patent leather for machine apron.

The rumor of the new mill is premature. It came I suppose in this way. I made an offer for a mill site and power but I have not got it yet.

Supposing I get it could it be the best for the "Keith" to build another mill or start a new company and give the stockholders of the Keith a chance to take stock if they wish

November 21 1882;



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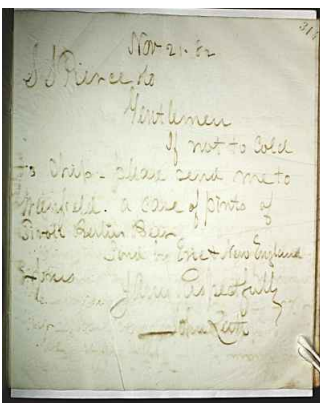
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you know if the Keith built it some of the stockholders might object to it whereas in a new company they could stay out if they pleased. What do you think? Please do not talk about it.

Yours Truly

John Keith

November 21 1882;



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Nov 21, 82 [1882]

S.S. Pierce Co.

Gentlemen,

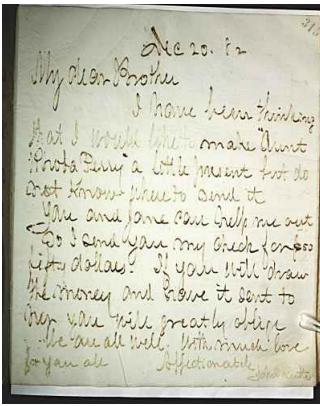
If not to cold to ship, please send me to Greenfield a case of pints of Tivoli Berlin Beer.

Send by Erie & New England Express.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

November 21 1882;



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Dec 20, 82 [1882]

My dear Brother, I have been thinking that I would like to make "Aunt Rhoda Perry" a little present but do not know where to send it. You and Jane can help me out.

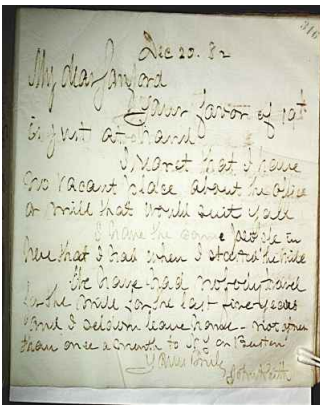
Do I send you my check for \$50 fifty dollars. If you will draw the money and give it to her you will greatly oblige.

We are all well. With much love for you all.

Affectionately

John Keith

December 20 1882;



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Dec 20, 82 [1882]

My dear Lanford,

Your favor of 19th is just at hand.

I regret that I have no vacant place about the office or mill that would suit you.

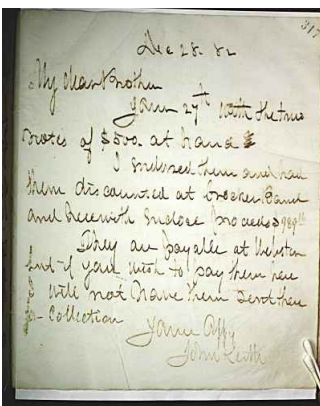
I have the same people in here that I had when I started the mill.

We have had nobody travel for the mill for the last five years and I seldom leave home- not oftener than once a month to N.Y. or Boston.

Yours Truly

John Keith

December 20 1882;



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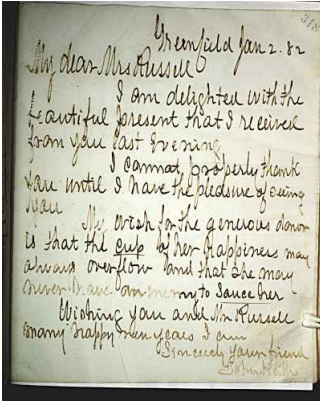
Dec 28, 82 [1882] My dear Brother, Your 27th with the two notes of \$500. At hand.

I endorsed them and had them discounted at Crocker Bank and herewith endorse proceeds \$989¹⁶. They are payable at Webster but if you wish to pay them here I will not have them sent there for collection.

Your Ally

John Keith

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Greenfield Jan 2. 82 [1882]*

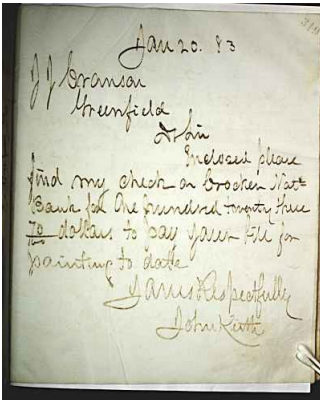
My dear Mrs Russell

I am delighted with the beautiful present that I received from you last evening

I cannot properly thank you until I have the pleasure of seeing you
My wish for the generous donor is that the cup of her happiness may always overflow and that she may never have an enemy to sauce her

Wishing you and Mr Russell many happy new years I am
Sincerely your friend
John Keith

*Keith has not yet recognized the new year (1883).
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Jan 20, 83 [1883]

J.J. Cranson

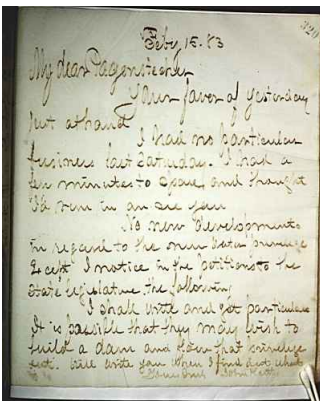
Greenfield

Dr Sir,

Enclosed please find my check on Crocker Natl. Bank for One Hundred twenty three 70/100 dollars to pay your bill for paintings to date.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

January 20 1883;



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Feby 15, 83 [1883]

My dear Pagenstecher,

Your favor of yesterday just at hand.

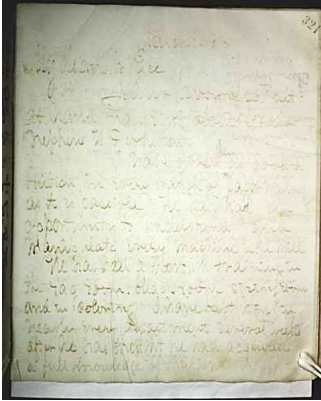
I had no particular business last Saturday. I had a few minutes to spare and thought id run in and see you. No new developments in regard to the new water privileges except I notice in the petitions to the State legislature the following.

I shall write and get particulars. It is possible that they may wish to build a dam and flow that privilege out. Will write you when I find out what it is.

Yours Truly

John Keith

February 15 1883;



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March 1st, 83 [1883]

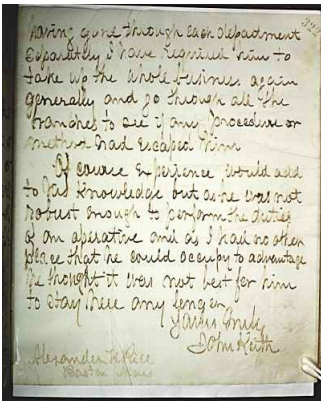
My dear Mr. Rice,

Yours arrived 26th alt. at hand. I'm writing about my nephew J.B. Thompson.

I have given as good a situation in every branch of paper making as it is possible. He has had an appointment to understand and manipulate every machine in the mill.

He has had a thorough training in the rag room, bleach room, sizing room and in coloring. I have kept him in nearly every department several weeks after he has thought he had required a full knowledge of that branch

March 1 1883;



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having gone through each department separately I have required him to take up the whole business again generally and go through all the branches to see if any procedure or method had escaped him

Of course experience would add to his knowledge but as he was not robust enough to perform the duties of an operative and as I had no other place that he could occupy to advantage

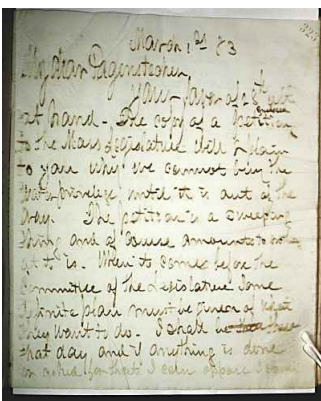
We thought it was not best for him to stay here any longer.

Yours Truly

John Keith

Alexander H. Rice Boston Mass.

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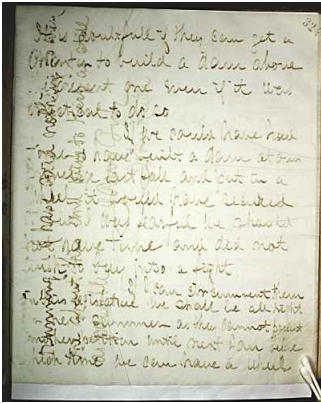
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March 1st , 83 [1883]

My dear Pagenstecher

,Your favor of 28th [alt] at hand. The copy enclosed of a petition to the Mass Legislature will explain to you why we cannot buy the water privilege until it is out of the way. The petition is a sweeping thing and of course amounts to nothing [as] it is. When it comes before the committee of the Legislature some definite plan must be [given] of what they want to do. I shall be her there that day and if anything is done or asked for that I can oppose I would

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It is doubtful if they can get a [chance] to build a dam above the present one even if it was practical to do so.

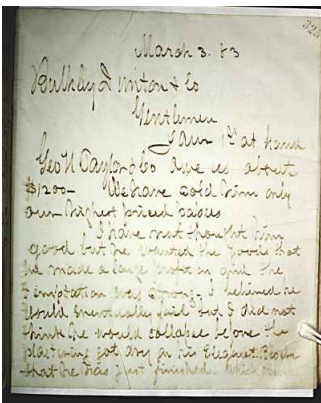
If we could have had time to have built a dam at our [privilege] last fall and put in a wheel it would have secured it. I was fearful we should not have time and did not wish to buy into a fight.

I can circumvent their wishes legislature. We shall be all right for this summer as they cannot present another petition until next Jan before that time we can have a wheel running I have said nothing to them about about this and wish to keep as still as possible.

Yours Truly

John Keith

March 1 1883;



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March 3, 83 [1883]

Bulkley Dunton & Co.

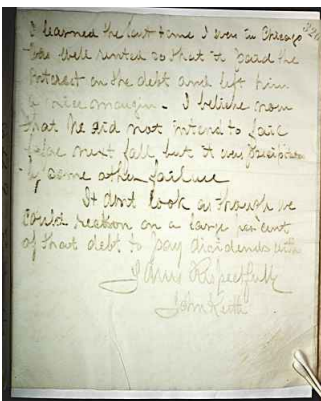
Gentlemen,

Your 1st at hand.

Geo. H. Taylor & Co. owe us about \$1200. We have sold him only our highest priced papers

I have not thought him good but he wanted the goods that we made a large profit on and the temptation was strong. I believed he would eventually fail but I did not think he would collapse before the plastering got dry on his elegant house that he has just finished. Which block[?]

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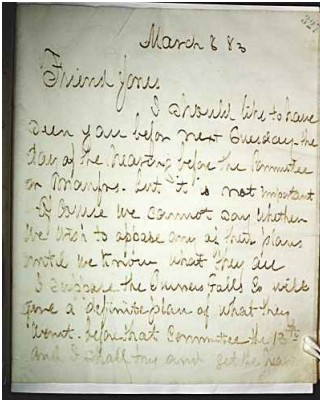
I learned the last time I was in Chicago was well rented so that it paid the interest on the debt and left him a nice margin. I believe now that he did not intend to fail before next fall but it was precipitated by some other failure.

I don't look as though we could reckon on a large per cent of that debt to pay dividends with.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

March 3 1883;



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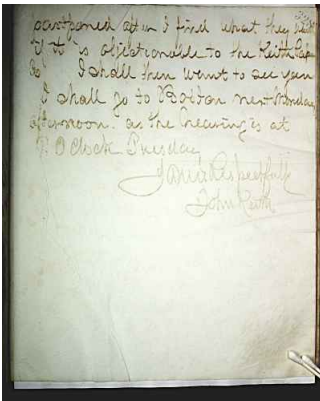
March 8, 83 [1883]

Friend Jones,

I should like to have seen you before next Tuesday-the day of the hearing before the committee on manfrs. but it is not important.

Of course we cannot say whether we wish to oppose any of their plans until we know what they are! suppose the Turners Falls Co. will have a definite plan of what they want before that committee the 13th and I shall try and get the hearing

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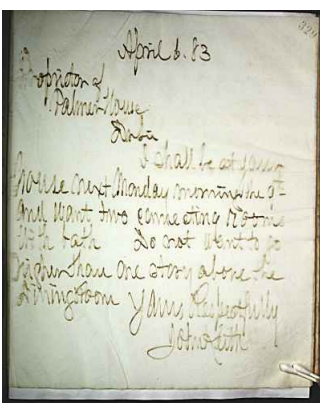
postponed after I find what they [wish] if it is objectionable to the Keith Paper Co.

I shall go to Boston next Monday afternoon as the hearing is at 11 o'Clock Tuesday.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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April 6, 83 [1883]

Proprietor of

Palmer House

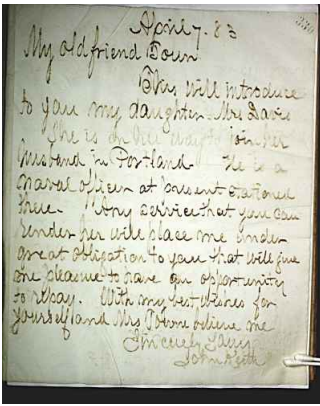
Dr Sir,

I shall be at your house next Monday morning and want two connecting rooms with bath. Do not want to go higher than one story above the dining room.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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April 7, 83 [1883]

My old friend Towne,

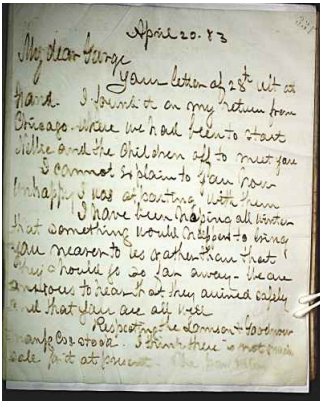
This will introduce to you my daughter Mrs. Davis.

She is on her way to join her husband in Portland. He is a Naval officer at present stationed there. Any service that you can render her will place me under great obligation to you that will give me pleasure to have an opportunity to repay. With my best wishes for yourself and Mrs. Towne believe me.

Sincerely yours

John Keith

April 7 1883;



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April 20, 83 [1883]

My dear George,

Your letter of 28th alt at hand. I found it at my return from Chicago where we had been to start Nellie and the children off to meet you.

I cannot explain to you how unhappy I was at parting with them.

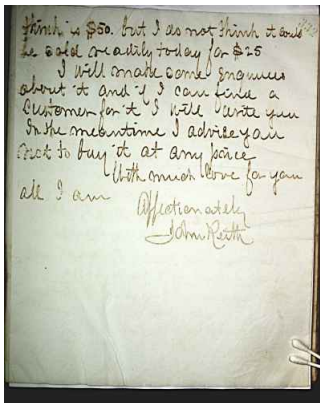
I have been hoping all winter that something would happen to bring you nearer to us rather than that they should go so far away. We are just now to hear that they arrived safely and that you are all well

Respecting the Lamson & Goodnow Manfg. Cos. stock. I think there is not much sale for it at present. The [particulars] I

; Lamson & Goodnow: This is one of the oldest cutlery manufacturing corporations in the country, and the fame of its products is world-wide. The engravings on the next page may be studied with interest, the antique picture especially, as it shows the works of the company, as they originally existed in 1846, on the other side of the stream. Probably the fishing in this vicinity was better in those days, as the picture shows at least two sportsmen with rods in active play. The present company was organized in 1856, and have several times enlarged their facilities and capital stock, each time to meet actual demands, and at this time the works comprise some eight or nine commodious brick and frame buildings, of one to three-and-a-half stories, some roofed with sheet iron, and covering in all two and a half acres. The company own thirty acres of land and the dam on the premises—24 feet fall, affording 300 horse power — and have the option of another equal power just below, their own water privilege consisting of seven acres, and being one of the most desirable on the Deerfield river. Their machinery equipment is first-class, and embraces every device suitable to the work to be performed—forges, trip hammers, lathes, emery wheels, etc., in abundance and great variety. Two hundred and twenty-five skilled and unskilled operatives are employed, and the tenements in which they live form quite a village. The works contain over 30,000 square feet of flooring today, and the present business has developed from the simple

manufacture of shoe and butcher knives in 1846. In 1849-50 the manufacture of table cutlery was first begun with the importation of a few workmen from Sheffield, England. The shops soon became too small and the company came over on the west side of the river, in 1850, buying two large farms, the Coleman and the Benton farms, for about \$3000, and the old Benton farmhouse is still standing. Up to 1850 there was only a flash-board on a mud-sill to hold the source of power in the river, and in 1869 there was a great freshet and the first dam on the river was wiped out. Messrs. Lamson & Goodnow came from Cummington, where they had been manufacturing scythe-snaths, and in 1847 formed the corporation by their name. Source: Museum of Our Industrial Heritage

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think is \$50. but I do not think it could be sold readily today for \$25. I will make some enquiries about it and if I can find a customer for it I will write you.

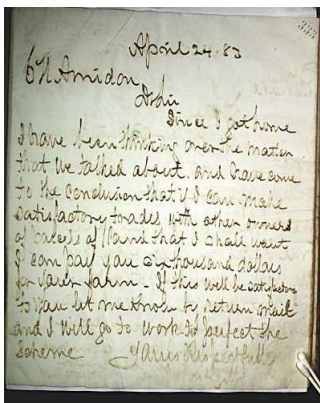
In the meantime I advise you not to buy it at any price.

With much love for you all I am

Affectionately.

John Keith

April 20 1883;



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April 24, 83 [1883]

B.N. Amidon

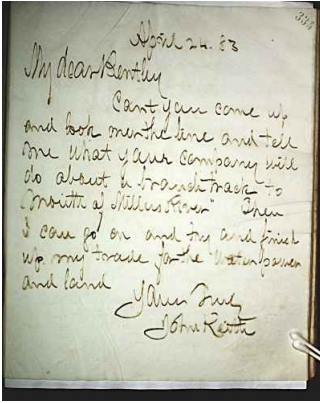
Dr Sir,

Since I got home I have been thinking over the matter that we talked about and have come to conclusion that if I can make satisfactory trades with other owners of parcels of land that I shall want I can pay you six thousand dollars for your farm. If this will be satisfactory to you let me know by return mail and I will go to work to perfect the scheme.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

April 24 1883;



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April 24, 83 [1883]

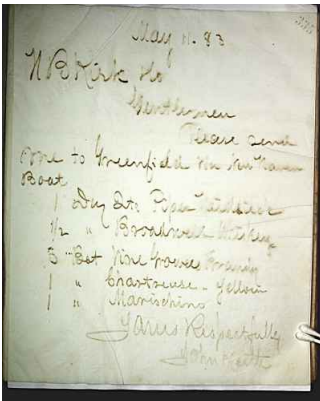
My dear Bentley,

Can you come up and look over the line and tell me what your company will do about a branch track to mouth of Millers River. Then I can go on and try and finish up my trade for the water power and land.

Yours Truly

John Keith

April 24 1883;



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May 11, 83 [1883]

N.B. Kirk & Co.

Gentlemen,

Please send me to Greenfield via New Haven Boat.

1 doz. qts. Piper Heiderich

½ " Broadwell Whiskey

[5] Bot Vine Grower Brandy

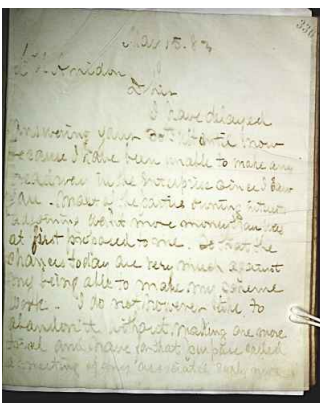
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1 " Marischino

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

May 11 1883;



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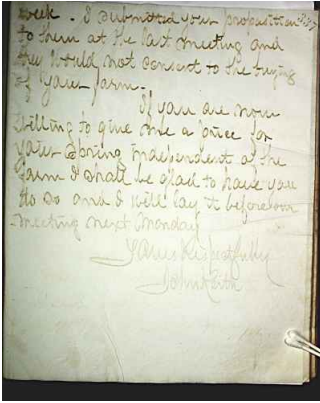
May 15. 83 [1883]

B.N. Amidon

Dr Sir,

I have delayed from answering your 30th alt. until now because I have been unable to make any headway in the enterprise since I saw you. Most of the parties owning interest adjoining want more money than was at first proposed to me. So that the chances today are very much against my being able to make my scheme work. I do not however like to abandon it without making one more trail and have for that purpose called a meeting of my associates early next

May 15 1883;



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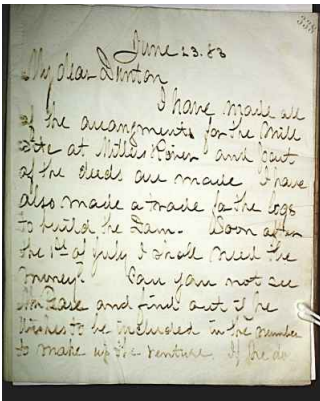
week. I submitted your proposition to them at the last meeting and they would not consent to the buying of your farm.

If you are now willing to give me a price for your spring independent of the farm I shall be glad to have you do so and I will lay it before our meeting next Monday.

Yours Respectfully,

John Keith

May 15 1883;



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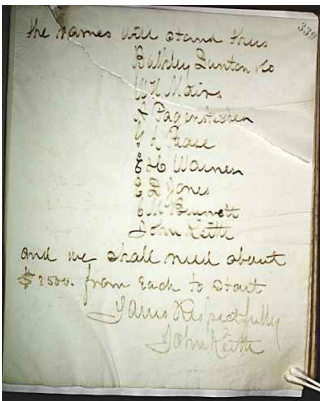
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June 23, 83 [1883]

My dear Dunton,

I have made all of the arrangements form the mill site at Millers River and part of the deeds are made I have also made a trade for the logs to build the dam. Soon after the 1st of July I should need the money. Can you not see Mr. Pease and find out if he wishes to be included in the members to make up the venture. If he does

June 23 1883;



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the names will stand thus.

Bulkley Dunton Co.

W. N. Mairs

A. Pagenstecher

G. L. Pease

E. H. Warner

E. L. Jones

C. M. Burnett

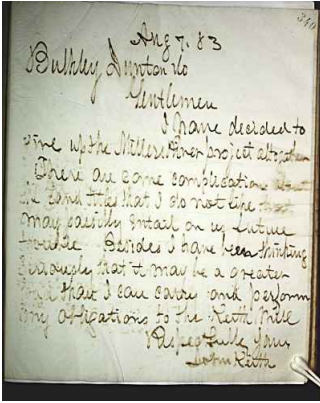
John Keith

And we shall need about \$2500. from each to start.

Yours respectfully

John Keith

June 23 1883;



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Aug 7, 83 [1883]

Bulkley Dunton Co.
Gentlemen,

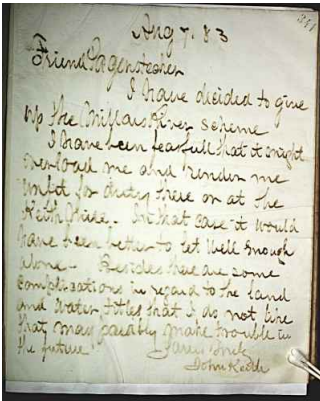
I have decided to give up the Miller River project altogether.

There are some complications about the land titles that I do not like that may possibly entail on us future trouble. Besides I have been thinking seriously that it may be a greater load than I can carry and perform my obligations to the Keith mill.

Respectfully yours

John Keith

August 7 1883;



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Aug 7, 83 [1883]

Friend Pagenstecher,

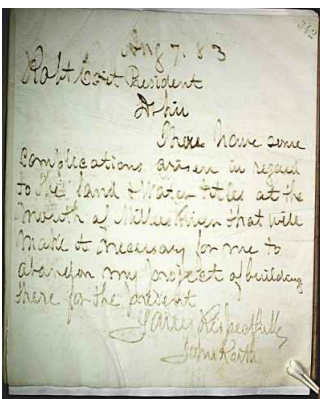
I have decided to give up the Miller River scheme.

I have been fearful that it might overload me and render me unfit for duty there or at the Keith mill. In that case it would have been better to let well enough alone. Besides there are some complications in regard to the land water titles that I do not like that may possibly make trouble in the future.

Yours Truly

John Keith

August 7 1883;



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Aug 7, 83 [1883]

Robt. Coit Resident

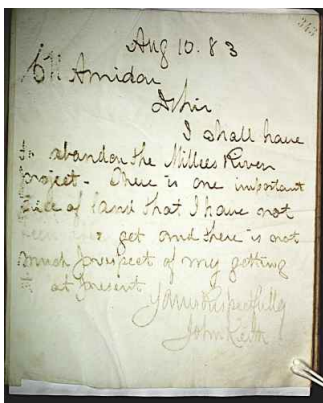
Dr Sir,

There have some complications arisen in regard to the land & water titles at the mouth of Millers River that will make it necessary for me to abandon my project of building there for the present.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 7 1883;



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Aug 10, 83 [1883]

B.N. Amidon

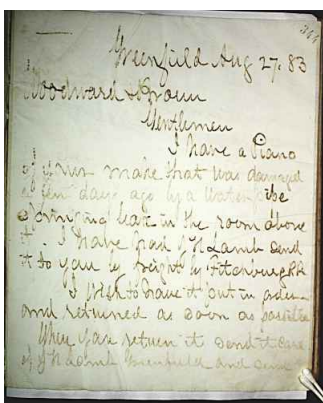
Dr Sir,

I shall have to abandon the Millers River project. There is one important piece of land that I have not been able to get and there is not much prospect of my getting it at present.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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Greenfield Aug. 27, 83 [1883]

Woodward & Brown

Gentlemen,

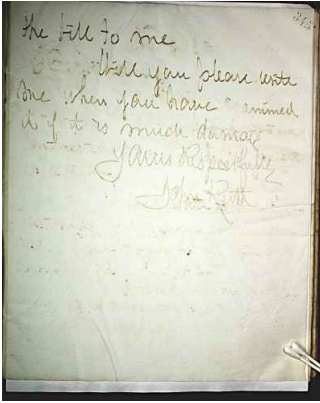
I have a piano of your make that was damaged a few days ago by a water pipe opening leak in the room above it. I have had J.H. Lamb send it to you by freight by Fitchburg RR

I wish to have it put in order and returned as soon as possible.

When you return it send it care of JH Lamb Greenfield and send

;Joseph H. Lamb died February 5, 1918, at the age of 87 years. He was a native of Vernon,Vt., son of Mason Lamb. As a young man he came to Greenfield and found employment in the John Russell Cutlery Company. Later he successfully conducted a grocery and restaurant business. In 1866 he engaged in the music business, continuing in that until his retirement. He was one of the oldest merchants in town, having been for over half a century actively engaged in business enterprises. For forty years he conducted "Lamb's Music Store" on Bank Row, adjacent to the Gazette and Courier Office, the site of which store is now included in the First National Bank and Trust Company building. He then removed to his own building on Federal street. He helped to manage, and played in many bands and orchestras in former years and was a finished player of many instruments. By his honesty and fair dealing he built up an extensive trade and was most successful in his business career. e.g. History of Greenfield 1900-1929 p1612 ¶2]

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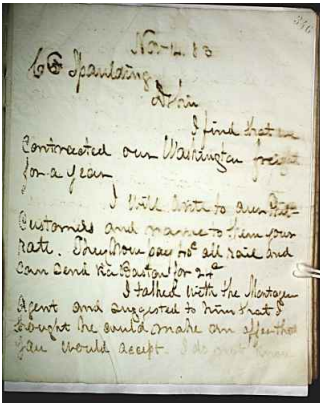
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the bill to me.
Will you please write me when you have examined it if it is much damaged.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 27 1883;



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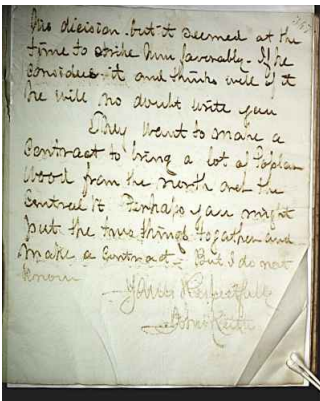
Nov 14, 83 [1883]

G.C. Spaulding

Dr Sir,

I find that we contracted our Washington freight for a year.
I will write to our Phila customers and name to them your rate. They now pay 40c all rail and can send via Boston for 24c. I talked with the Montague agent and suggested to him that I thought he could make an offer that you would accept. I do not know

November 14 1883;



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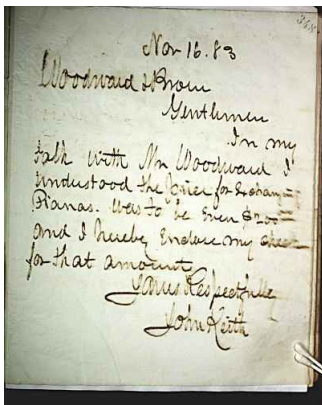
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his decision but it seemed at the time to strike him favorably. If he considers it and thinks well of it he will no doubt write you.
They want to make a contract to bring a lot of Poplar wood from the north and the Central Vt. Perhaps you might put the two things together and make a contract. But I do not know.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

November 14 1883;



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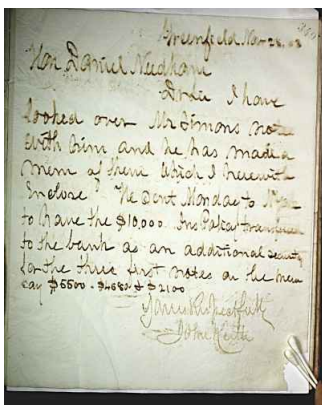
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Nov 16, 83 [1883]
Woodward & Brown
Gentlemen,

In my talk with Mr. Woodward I understood the price for exchanging pianos was to be even \$200⁰⁰ and I hereby endorse my check for that amount.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

November 16 1883;



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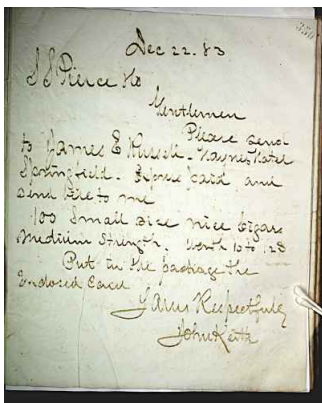
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Greenfield Nov. 28, 83 [1883]
Hon. Daniel Nudham
Dr Sir,

I have looked over Mr. Simions notes with him and he has made a mem of them which I herewith enclose. He sent Monday to N. York to have the \$10.000 ins policy transferred to the bank as an additional security for the three first notes on the the [?] \$5500 - \$4680 & \$2100.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

November 28 1883;



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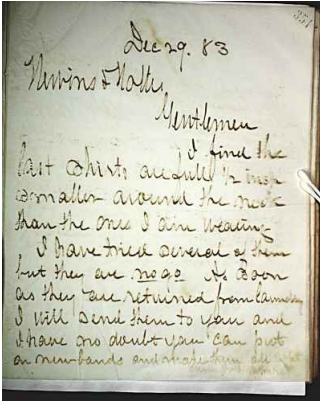
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Dec. 22, 83 [1883]
S. S. Pierce & Co.
Gentlemen,

Please send to James E Russell Haynes Hotel Springfield – Express paid and send bill to me,
100 small size nice cigars medium strength worth 10 to 12\$. Put in the package the enclosed card.

Yours Respectfully
John Keith

December 22 1883;



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Dec. 29, 83 [1883]

Nevins & Nolter
Gentlemen,

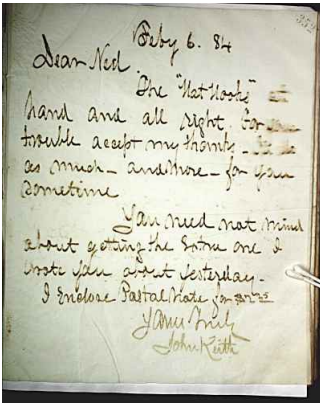
I find the last shirts are full 1/2 inch smaller around the neck than the ones I am wearing.

I have tried several of them but they are no go. As soon as they are returned from laundry I will send them to you and I have no doubt you can put on new bands and make them all right.

Sincerely,

John Keith

December 29 1883;



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Feby. 6, 84 [1884]

Dear Ned,

The "Hat Hooks" at hand and all right for your trouble. Accept my thanks. 'll do as much – and more – for your sometime.

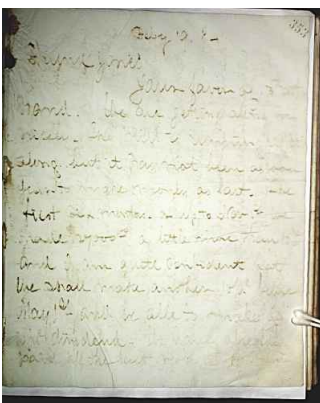
You need not mind about getting the extra one I wrote you about yesterday.

I enclose postal note for \$2²⁵.

Yours truly

John Keith

February 6 1884;



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Feby. 19, 8 [1878]

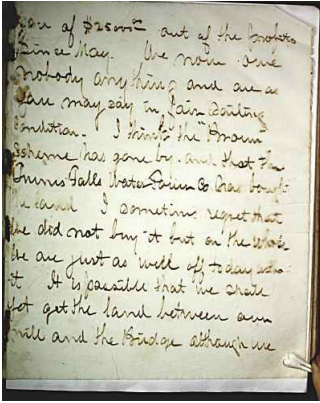
Friend Jones,

Your favor of 13th at hand. We are getting along on orders.

The mill is running quite strong but it has not been a good year to make money as last for the first six months. As up to Nov.1st we made \$29000⁰⁰ a little more than 10pc and I am quite confident that we shall make another 10pc before May 1st. And be able to make a [slight] dividend.

We have already paid off the [last] [note] [?]

February 19 1878;



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you of \$2500000 out of the profits since May. We now owe nobody anything and are as you may say in fair sailing condition. I think the "Brown" scheme has gone by and that the Turners Falls Water Power Co has bought the land. I sometimes regret that we did not buy it but on the [whole]. We are just as well off today without it. It is possible that we shall yet get the land between our mill and the bridge although we February 19 1878;

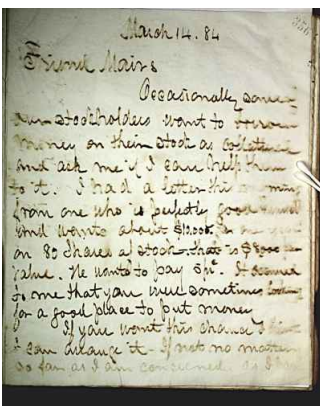


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have come to no settlement about the water or anything else. We tender the money the first 1st day of every quarter for the rent which they require to take and the 1st of Jan they make a bill of \$10 instead of 7⁵⁰ for all over 250 horse power-but that was intended as a scare which I do not mind. There are several things I should like to talk with you about and perhaps I may run up to your place some day unless you have some business in this district soon.

Yours Truly
John Keith
February 19 1878;



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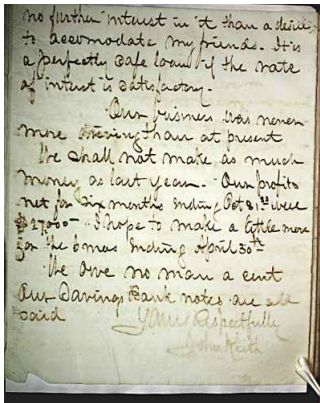
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March 14. 84 [1884]

Friend Mairs

Occasionally some of our stockholders want to borrow money on their stock as collateral and ask me if I can help them do it. I had a letter this morning from one who is perfectly good in funds and wanted about \$10,000 for one year on 80 shares of stock that is \$8,000 par value. He wants to pay 5prc. It occurs to me that you were sometimes looking for a good place to put money. If you want this chance I think I can arrange it. If not no matter so far as I am concerned as I have

March 14 1884;



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No further interest in it than a desire to accommodate[sic] my friends. It is a perfectly safe loan if the note of interest is satisfactory.

Our business was never more driving than at present.

We shall not make as much money as last year. Our profits net for six months ending Oct 81 were \$27000 – I hope to make a little more for the 6 mos ending April 30th.

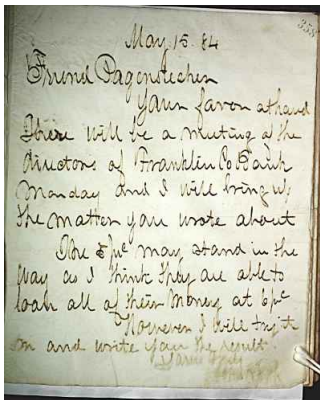
We owe no man a cent.

Our savings Bank notes are all paid.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

March 14 1884;



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May 15, 84 [1884]

Friend Pagenstecher.

Your favor at hand.

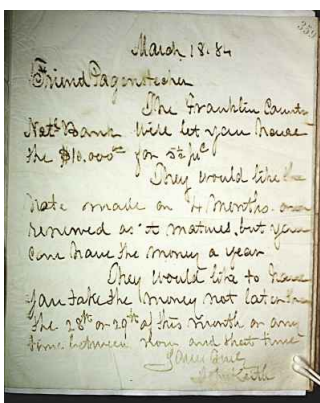
There will be a meeting of the directors of Franklin Co. Bank Monday and I will bring up the matter you wrote about.

The 5prc may stand in the way as I think they are able to loan all of their money at 6prc. However I will try it on and write you the result.

Yours Truly

John Keith

May 15 1884;



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March 18, 84 [1884]

Friend Pagenstecher,

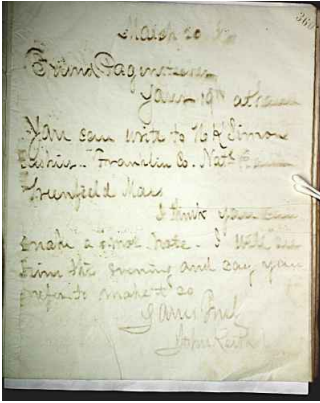
The Franklin County Natl Bank will let you have the \$10,000⁰⁰ for 5½ prc. They would like the note made on 4 months and renewed as it matures, but you can have the money a year.

They would like to have you take the money but later than the 28th or 29th of this month or any time between now and that time.

Yours Truly

John Keith

March 18 1884;



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March 20, 84 [1884]

Friend Pagenstecher,
Your 19th at hand.

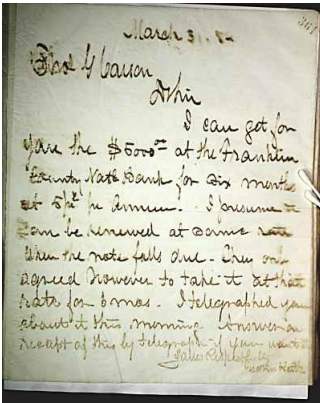
You can write to N.K. Simons Cashier Franklin Co. Natl Bank Greenfield Mass.

I think you can make a [?] note. I will see him this evening and say you prefer to make it so.

Yours Truly

John Keith

March 20 1884;



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March 31, 84 [1884]

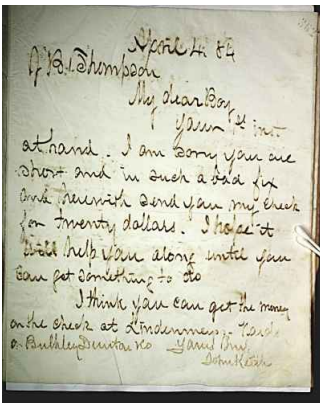
Chas. G. Carson
Dr Sir,

I can get for you the \$5000⁰⁰ at the Franklin County Natl bank for six months at 5prc per annum. I presume it can be renewed at same rate when the note falls due. They only agreed however to take it at that rate for 6 mos. I telegraphed you about it this morning. Answer on receipt of this by telegraph if you want to.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

March 31 1884;



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April 4, 84 [1884]

J. B. Thompson

My dear Boy,

Your 1st inst at hand. I am sorry you are short and in such a bad fix and herewith send you my check for twenty dollars. I hope it will help you along until you can get something to do.

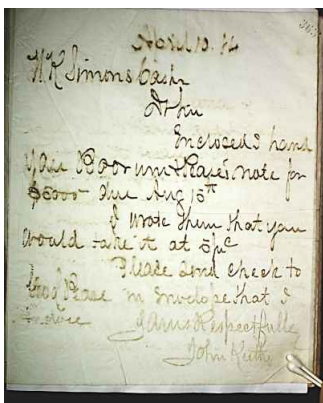
I think you can get the money on the check at Lindenmeyer – [Hardy] or Bulkley Dunton Co.

Yours Truly

John Keith

; J.B. Thompson; Keith's nephew. Ref. letter #321.Lindenmeyer; Paper manufacturers in the U.S. since 1859.

April 4 1884;



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April 10, 84 [1884]

H.K. Simons Cashier

Dr Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Boorum & Pease's note for \$5000⁻ due Aug. 15th.

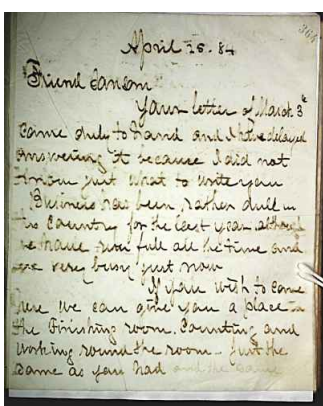
I wrote them that you would take it a 5 pc.

Please send check to Geo. F. Pease in envelope that I enclose.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

April 10 1884;



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April 25, 84 [1884]

]Friend Lamson,

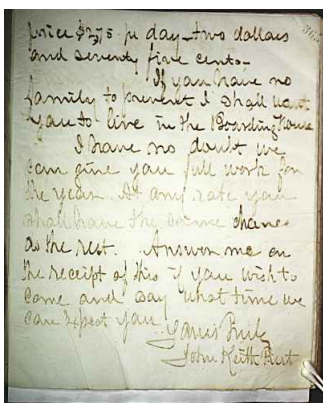
Your letter of March 3^d came duly to hand and I have delayed answering it because I did not know just what to write you.

Business has been rather dull in this country for the last year although we have run all the time and are very busy just now.

If you wish to come here we can give you a place in the finishing room.

Counting and working round the room just the same as you had and the same

April 25 1884;



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[?] \$2.⁷⁵ pr day-two dollars and seventy five cents.

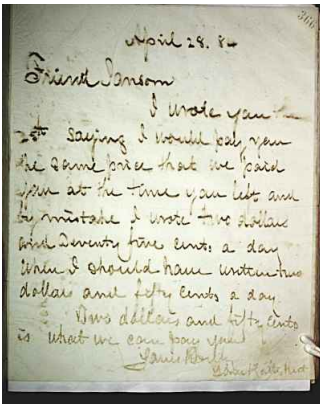
If you have no family to prevent I shall want you to live in the Boarding house

I have no doubt we can give you full work for the year. At any rate you shall have the same chance as the rest. Answer me on the receipt of this if you wish if you wish to come and say what time we can expect you.

Yours truly

John Keith

April 25 1884;



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April 28, 84 [1884]

Friend Lamson,

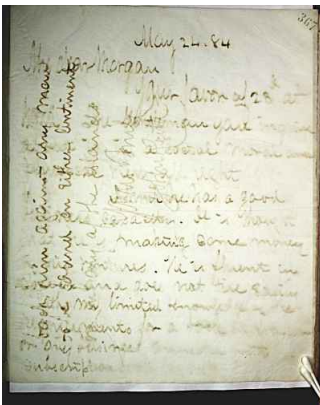
I wrote you the 25th saying I would pay you the same price that we paid you at the time you left and by mistake I wrote two dollars and seventy five cents a day when I should have written two dollars and fifty cents a day.

Two dollars and fifty cents is what we can pay you.

Yours Truly

John Keith Prest.

April 28 1884;



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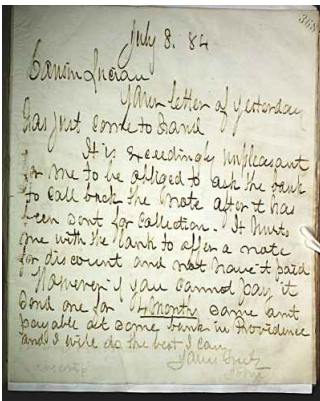
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May 24, 84 [1884]

My dear Morgan,

Your favor of 28th at hand. [Too illegible to transcribe e.g.]

May 24 1884;



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July 8, 84 [1884]

Cousin Lucian,

Your letter of yesterday has just come to hand.

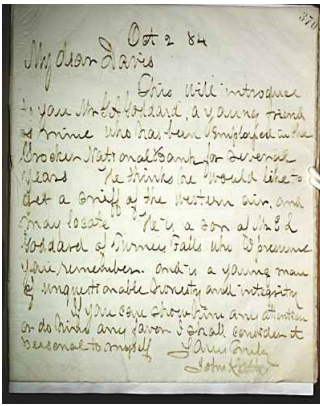
It is exceedingly unpleasant for me to be obliged to ask the bank to call back the note after it has been sent for collection. It hurts me with the bank to offer a note for discount and not have it paid.

However if you cannot pay it send me one for 4 months same amt. payable at same bank in Providence and I will do the best I can.

Yours truly

John Keith

July 8 1884;



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Oct. 2, 84 [1884]

My dear Davis,

This will introduce to you Mr. G.A. Goddard, a young friend of mine who has been employed in the Crocker National Bank for several years. He thinks he would like to get a sniff of the western air and may locate. He is a son of Mr. E.L. Goddard of Turners Falls who I presume you remember and is a young man of unquestionable honesty and integrity. If you can show him any attention or do him any favor I shall consider it personal to myself.

Yours truly

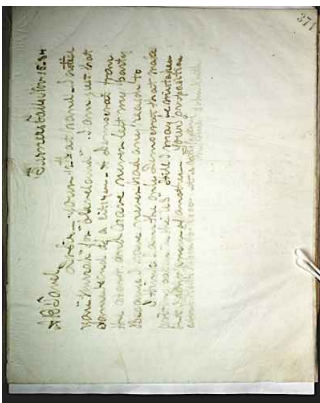
John Keith

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Edward L. Goddard was a prominent citizen and major landowner in Turners Falls. In 1900 as a member of G.A.R. (Edwin E. Day Post, Greenfield, Mass.,) he was the oldest surviving member of the Civil War at age 93. e.g.

Stephen Grover Cleveland (March 18, 1837 – June 24, 1908) was an American politician and lawyer who was the 22nd and 24th President of the United States, the only Democratic President in American history to serve two non-consecutive terms in office (1885–89 and 1893–97).

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Turners Falls Nov. 15, 84 [1884]

AB [Jarrel,]

Dr Sir,

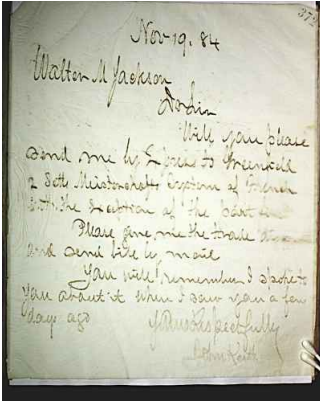
your 12th at hand. I notice you "Hurrah" for "Cleveland". I am just that same kind of a citizen. A Democrat from the start and have never left my party because I have never had any reason to.

I think I am the only Democrat that makes writing paper in the "US". Still I may be mistaken but I don't know of another. Your proposition about Keith Paper Co [recount] is satisfactory.

Yours truly

John Keith

November 15 1884;



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Nov 19, 84 [1884]

Walter M. Jackson

Dr Sir,

Will you please send me by Express to Greenfield 2 sets Meisterschaft system of French with the exception of the part first.

Please give me the trade discount and send bill by mail.

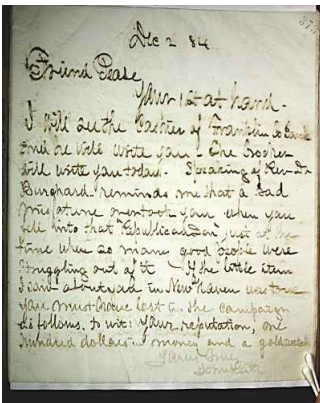
You will remember I spoke to you about it when I saw you a few days ago.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

; The Meisterschaft System: A Short and Practical Method of Acquiring Complete Fluency of Speech in the French Language. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. It offered fifteen parts in three lessons. e.g. Source: Google search.

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Dec. 2, 84 [1884]

Friend Pease,

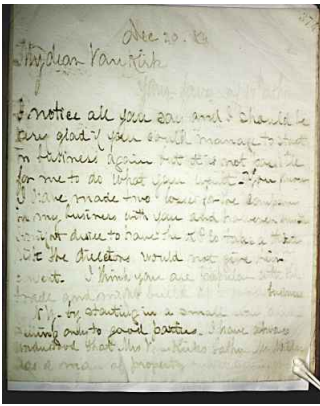
Yours 1st at hand.

I will see the cashier of Franklin Co. Bank and he will write you. The Crocker will write you today. Speaking of Rev. Dr. Burchard reminds me that a sad misfortune overtook you when you fell into that "Republican den" just at the time when so many good people were struggling out of it. If the little item I saw about you in New Haven was true you must have lost in the campaign as follows, to wit; your reputation, one hundred dollars in money and a gold watch.

Yours Truly

John Keith

December 2 1884;



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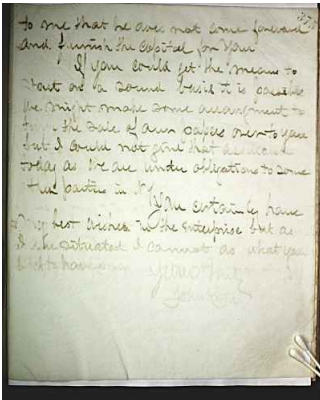
Dec. 20, 84 [1884]

My dear Van Kirk,

Your favor of 17th at hand.

I notice all you say and I should be very glad if you could manage to start inn business again but it is not possible for me to do what you want. You know I have made two losses for the company in my business with you and however much I might desire to have the KP Co take a third risk the directors would not give their consent. I think you are popular with the trade and might build up a good business in N.Y. by starting in a small way and selling only to good parties. I have always understood that Mrs Van Kirks father [Mr. Miller] was a man of property and it seems

December 20 1884;



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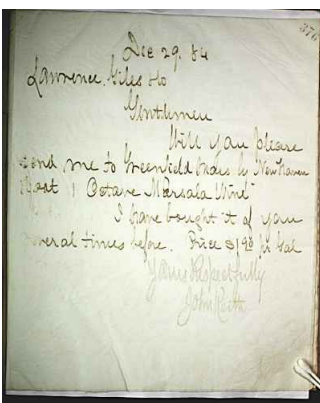
to me that he does not come forward and furnish the capital for you. If you could get the means to start on a sound basis it is possible we might make some arrangement to turn the sale of our papers over to you but I could not give that assurance today as we are under obligations to some other parties in N.Y.

You certainly have my best wishes in the enterprise but as I am situated I cannot do what you like to have done.

Yours Truly

John Keith

December 20 1884;



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Dec. 29, 84 [1884]

Lawrence Giles & Co.

Gentlemen,

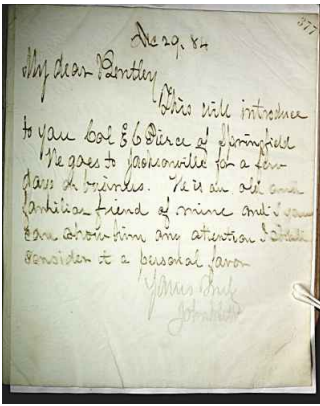
Will you please send me to Greenfield Mass by New Haven boat 1 Octave Marsala wine.

I have bought it of you several times before. Price \$190 pr Gal.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

December 29 1884;



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Dec. 29, 84 [1884]

My dear Bentley,

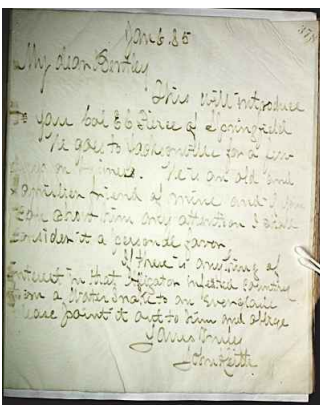
This will introduce to you Col. E. L. Pierce of Springfield.

He goes to Jacksonville for a few days on business. He is an old and familiar friend of mine and if you can show him any attention I shall consider it a personal favor.

Yours Truly

John Keith

December 29 1884;



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Jan. 6, 85 [1885]

My dear Bentley,

This will introduce to you Col. E. L. Pierce of Springfield.

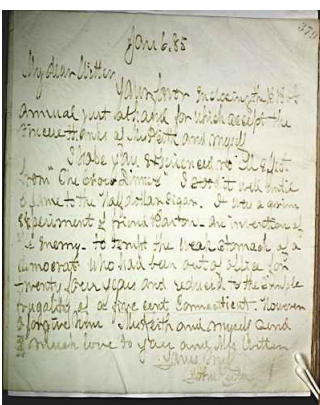
He goes to Jacksonville for a few days on business. He is an old and familiar friend of mine and if you can show him any attention I shall consider it a personal favor.

If there is anything of interest in that alligator infested country from a water snake to an everglade please point it out to him and oblige.

Yours Truly

John Keith

January 6 1885;



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Jan. 6, 85 [1885]

My dear Witten,

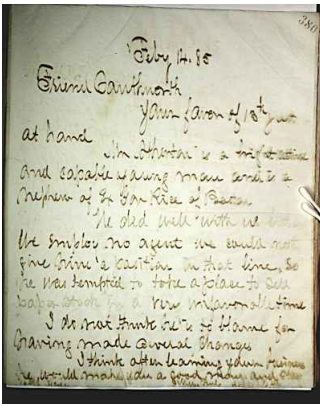
Your favor enclosing the [H Bill] annual just at hand for which accept the sincere thanks of the Keith and myself.

I hope you experience no ill effect from "the Crow Dinner". I stood it well until I came to the half dollar cigar. It was a grim experiment of friend Barton. The invention of the enemy – to tempt the weak stomach of a democrat who had been out of office for twenty four years and reduced to the simple frugality of a five cent Connecticut. However I forgive him. Mrs Keith and myself send much love to you and Mrs Witten.

Yours Truly

John Keith

January 6 1885;



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Feby. 14, 85 [1885]

Friend [Ganthworth,]

Your favor of 13th just at hand.

Mr. Atherton is a bright active and capable young man and is a nephew of ex Gov. Rice of Boston.

He did well with us but we employ no agent we could not give him a position in that line so he was tempted to take a place to sell paper stock in a very unfavorable time.

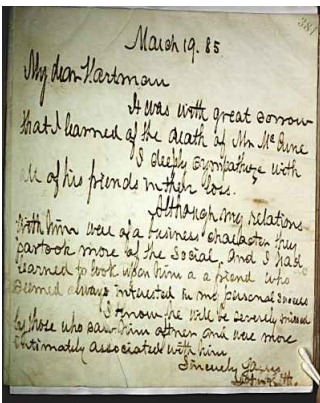
I do not think he is to blame for having made several changes.

I think after leaving your business he would make a good man and show [?] [?].

Yours Truly

John Keith

February 14 1885;



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March 19, 85 [1885]

My dear Wartman,

It was with great sorrow that I learned of the death of Mr. McCune. I deeply sympathize with all of his friends in their loss.

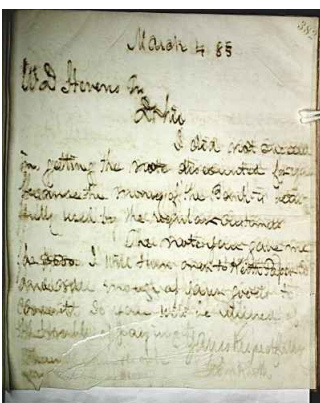
Although my relations with him are of a business character they partook more of the social, and I had learned to look upon him a friend who seemed always interested in my personal success.

I know he will be severely missed by those who saw him often and were more intimately associated with him.

Sincerely yours

John Keith

March 19 1885;



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March 4, 85 [1885]

W. D. Stevens Co.

Dr Sir,

I did not succeed in getting the note discounted for you because many of the banks [possibly] used to be the regular customers.

The note you gave me has \$500. I will turn over to Keith Paper Co. and order enough of your goods to convert it. So you will be relieved of the trouble of paying it.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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Greenfield April 11th , 85 [1885]
Directors Franklin Co. Natl Bank
Gentlemen,

The business of the Keith Paper Co. will require all of my attention in the future and it will not be possible for me to properly attend to the duties of president of the bank.

I desire to be relieved as early as possible and therefore, resign the position to the take effect not later than May 1st next.

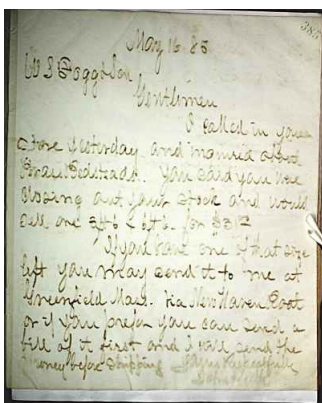
I go to St. Louis this evening and shall be absent about ten days.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

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May 16, 85 [1885]
W. S. Fogg & Son
Gentlemen,

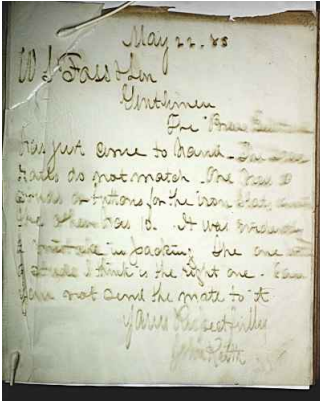
I called in your store yesterday and inquired about brass bedstands. You said you were closing out your stock and would sell one 3ft 6 x 6ft. For \$31⁰⁰

If you have one of that size left you may send it to me at Greenfield Mass. Via New Haven Boat or if you prefer you can send a bill of it first and I will send the money before shipping.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

May 16 1885;



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May 22. 85 [1885]

W. S. Foss & Son

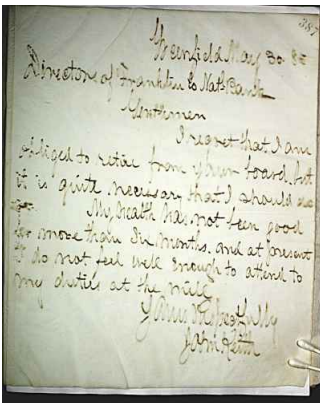
Gentlemen,

The brass bedstand has just come to hand. The side rails do not match. One has [50] [studs] or buttons for the iron slats and one of them has 10. It was evidently a mistake in packing. The one with the studs I think is the right one. Can you not send the mate to it.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

May 22 1885;



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Greenfield, May 30, 85 [1885]

Directors of Franklin Co. Natl Bank

Gentlemen,

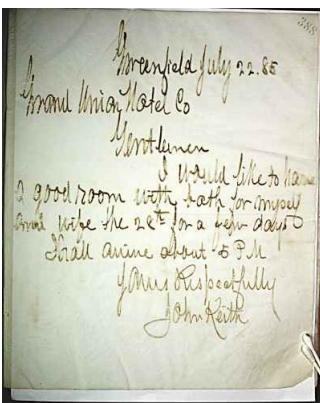
I regret that I am obliged to retire from your board, but it is quite necessary that I should do so.

My health has not been good for more than six months and at present I do not feel well enough to attend to my duties at the mill.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

May 30 1885;



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Greenfield, July 22, 85 [1885]

Grand Union Hotel Co.

Gentlemen,

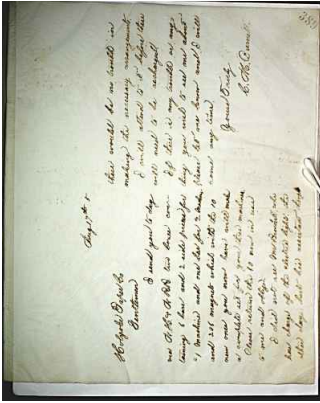
I would like to have a good room with bath for myself and wife the 28th for a few days.

I shall arrive about 5 P.M.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

July 22 1885;



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Aug. 17th ,5 [1885]

Holyoke Paper Co.

Gentlemen,

I send you to day via N.H. & H. RR two boxes containing 6 base and 2 side prices for #1 machine and one bid for #2 machine and 205 magnets which with the 10 new ones you now have will make a complete set for your three machines. Please return the 10 now in use to me and oblige. I did not see Mr. [Bradley] as he has charge of the electric lights the other day but his assistant thought there would be no trouble in making the necessary arrangements.

I will attend to it before these will need to be recharged.

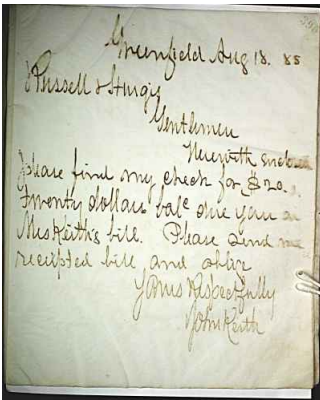
If there is any trouble or any thing you wish to see me about please let me know and I will come any time.

Yours Truly

C. M. Burnett

; Charles M. Burnett begins as bookkeeper in the fall of 1872; was elected Clerk of the Keith Paper Co. in 1882. On November 1886 Burnett was made Treasurer of K.P.Co. June 1, 1887 Burnett is made a Director of K.P. Co. May of 1889 Burnett is now Clerk-Treasurer and is now involved with major decision and policy-making for the company. He now travels the country representing the K.P. Co. September, 1908 Burnett retires from the firm. e.g.

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Greenfield Aug. 18, 5 [1885]

Russell & Sturgis

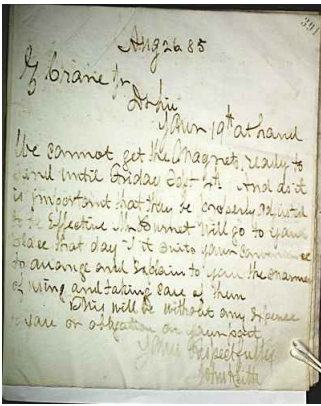
Gentlemen,

Herewith enclosed please find my check for \$20. Twenty dollars bal^c I owe you on Mrs Keith's bill. Please send me receipted bill and oblige.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 18 1885;



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Aug. 26, 5 [1885]

G. Crane Jr.

Dr Sir,

Your 19th at hand.

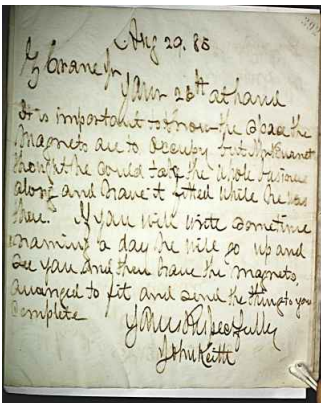
We cannot get the magnets ready to send until Friday Sept 4th. And as it is important that they be properly adjusted to be effective. Mr Burnett will go to your place that day if it suits your convenience to arrange and explain to you the [?] of using and taking care of them.

This will be without any expense to you or obligation on your part.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 25 1885;



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Aug. 29, 5 [1885]

G. Crane Jr.

Dr Sir,

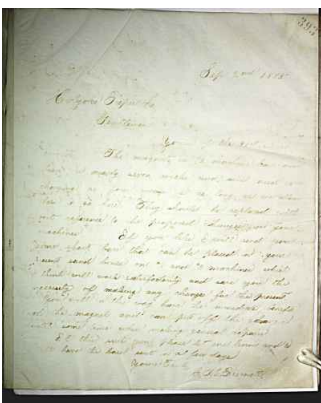
Your 26th at hand.

It is important to know the space the magnets are to occupy but Mr. Burnett thought he could take the whole business along and have it fitted while he is there. If you will write sometime naming a day he will go up and see you and then have the magnets arranged to fit and send the thing to you complete.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

August 29 1885;



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Sept. 2nd 1885

Holyoke Paper Co.

Gentlemen,

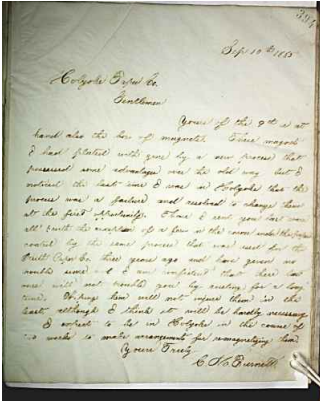
Yours of the 31st is received. The magnets on # 2 machine have now been in nearly seven weeks and much need recharging as four weeks is as long as are allowed them to go here. They should be replaced without reference to the proposed changes on your machines. If you like I will send you some short bars that can be placed in your present sand boxes on #1 and #3 machines which I think will work satisfactorily and save you the necessity of making any changes for the present.

You will in this way have the immediate benefit of the magnets and can put off the change until some time when making general repairs.

If this suits you please let me know and I will have the bars sent in a few

days.
Yours Truly
C.M. Burnett

September 2 1885



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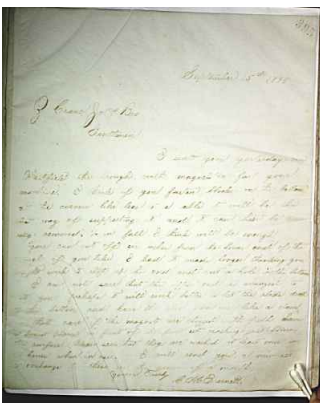
Sept. 10th 1885
Holyoke Paper Co.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 9th is at hand also the box of magnets. These magnets I had plated with zinc by a new process that possessed some advantages over the old way, but I noticed that the last time I was in Holyoke that the process was a failure and resolved to change them at the first opportunity. Those I sent you last were all (with the exception of a few in the corner under the paper coated by the same process that was used for the Keith paper Co. three years ago and have given no trouble since and I am confident that these last ones will not trouble by rusting for a long time. Changing them will not injure them in the least, although I think it will be hardly necessary.

I expect to be in Holyoke in the course of two weeks to make arrangements for remagnetizing them.

Yours Truly
C.M. Burnett
September 10 1885;



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Sept. 15th, 1885
J. Crane Jr. & Bro.

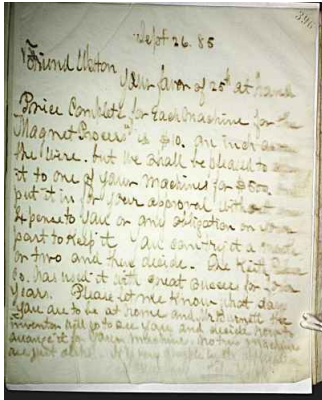
Gentlemen,

I sent you yesterday via Westfield the trough with magnets &c for your machine. I think if you fasten blocks on the bottom at the corners like [legs] to a table it will be the best way of supporting it and it can be easily removed, $\frac{1}{4}$ in fall I think will be enough. You can cut off six inches from the lower end of the trough if you like. I had it made longer thinking you [might] wish to adjust up the end and cut a hole in the bottom.

I am not sure that the upper end is arranged to [allow] you perhaps to [?] much better to let the slide [drag] to the bottom and have the [stack] run over like a [dam] in that case if the magnets are clogged with filth [?] I found placed in front of the [lower] set reaching just above the surface. Please see that they are washed at least once in the time while in use. I will send you a new set and exchange for these in the course of a month.

Yours Truly
C.M. Burnett

September 15 1885;



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Sept. 26th, 1885

Friend Weston,

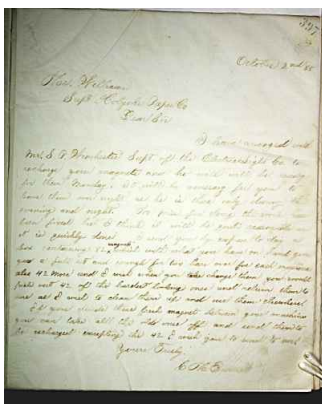
Your favor of 25th at hand.

Price complete for each machine for the "Magnet Process" is \$10. an inch after the wire, but we shall be pleased to attach it to one of your machines for \$500. But put it in your approval without the expense to you or any obligation on your part to keep it. You can try it a month or two and then decide. The Keith Paper Co has used it with great success for over a year. Please let me know what days you are to be at home and Mr. Burnett the inventor will go to see you and decide how to arrange it for your machine. No two machines are just alike. It is very [possible] by the application.

Yours Truly

John Keith

September 26 1885;



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October 2nd, 1885

Mr. Williams, Supt. Holyoke Paper Co.

Dear Sir,

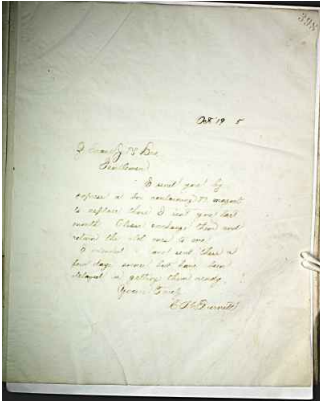
I have arranged with Mr. S.P. Winchester Supt. of the Electric Light Co. to recharge your magnets and he will well be ready for them Monday. It will be necessary for you to leave them over night as he is there only during the evening and night. The price for doing the work has been fixed but I think it will be quite reasonable if it is quickly done. I send you by express to day a box containing 82 magnets which with what you have on hand give you a full set and enough for two [bars] over for each machine also 42 more and I wish when you take change them you would pick out 42 of the hardest looking ones and return them to me as I wish to clean them up and use them elsewhere.

If you divide these fresh magnets between your machines you can take all the old ones off and send them to be recharged excepting the 42 I wish you to send to me.

Yours Truly

C. M. Burnett

October 2 1885;



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Oct. 19, 5 (1885)

J. Crane Jr. & Bro.

Gentlemen,

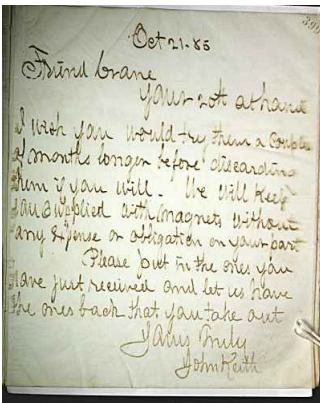
I sent you by express a box containing 72 magnets to replace those I sent you last month. Please exchange them and return the old ones to me.

I intended to have sent these a few days sooner but have been delayed in getting them ready.

Yours Truly,

C.M. Burnett

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Oct. 21, 85 (1885)

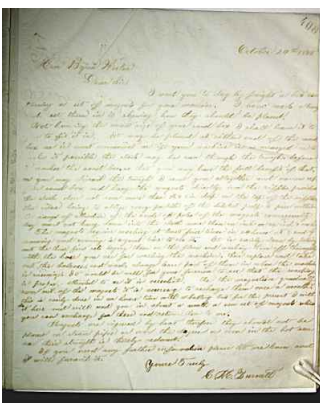
Friend Crane,

Your 20th at hand. I wish you would try them a couple of months longer before discarding them if you will. We will keep you supplied with magnets without any expense or obligation on your part.

Please put in the ones you have just received and let us have the ones back that you take out.

Yours Truly

John Keith



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October 24th 1885

Hon. Byron Weston

Dear Sir,

I send you to day by freight a box containing a set of magnets for your machine. I have made a trough and set them in it showing how they should be placed.

Not knowing the scale size of your sand box I shall leave it to you to fit it in. It may be placed at either end of the sand box as is most convenient or if your machine is so arranged as to make it possible the stack may be run through the trough before entering the sand box so that you may have the full benefit of that and you may discard the trough. I send you altogether and narrow defined sand box and hang the magnets directly over the riffles provided the stack does not run more than 1½ & 2 in deep on the top of the riffles. This idea being to oblige every particle of the diluent pulp to pass within the [range] of attraction of the ends of poles of the magnets consequently they may not hang down into the stock more than an inch or an inch & one half.

The magnets require washing at least four times at 3 and 9 morning and evening is a good time to do it. It is easily done by taking out the three first sets laying them on the floor and washing them off thoroughly with the hose you use for washing the machine, then replace and take out the balance and wash, always leave part of them in when the machine is running. It would be well for your foreman to see that the washing is properly attended to as it is essential. As the magnetism gradually runs out of that magnet it is necessary to recharge once a month. This is easily done in an hours time with a battery but for the present I will do it here and will send you in about a month a new set of magnets which you can exchange for these and return them to me.

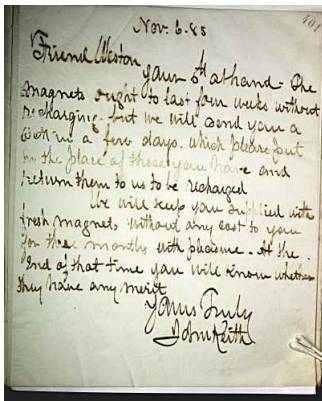
Magnets are injured by heat therefore they should not be placed on steam pipes or over the [?] or even in the hot sun as their strength is thereby reduced.

If you need any further information please let me know and I will furnish it.

Yours Truly
C.M. Burnett

[Charles M. Burnett begins as bookkeeper in the fall of 1872; was elected Clerk of the Keith Paper Co. in 1882. On November 1886 Burnett was made Treasurer of K.P.Co. June 1, 1887 Burnett is made a Director of K.P. Co. May of 1889 Burnett is now Clerk-Treasurer and is now involved with major decision and policy-making for the company. He now travels the country representing the K.P. Co. September, 1908 Burnett retires from the firm. e.g.]

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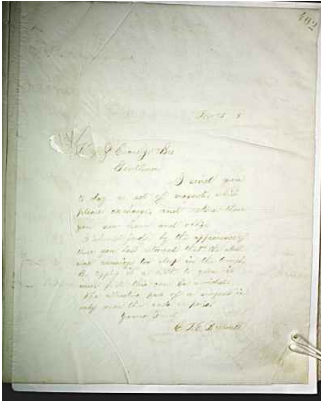
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November 6th, [1885]

Friend Weston,

Your 6th at hand. The magnets ought to last four weeks without recharging but we will send you a set in a few days which please put in the place of those you have and return them to us to be recharged. We will keep you supplied with fresh magnets without any cost to you for three months with pleasure. At the end of that time you will know whether they have any merit.

Yours Truly
John Keith
November 6 1885;



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Nov. 25, 5 [1885]

J. Crane Jr. & Bro.

Gentlemen,

I send you to day a set of magnets, which please exchange, and return those you now have and oblige.

I should judge by the appearance of those you last returned that the stack was over running too deep in the trough.

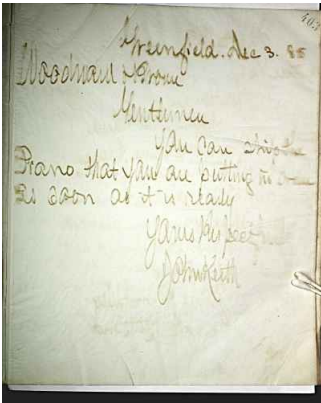
By tipping it a little to give it more fall this can be avoided.

The attractive part of a magnet is only near the ends or poles.

Yours Truly

C.M. Burnett

November 25 1885;



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Greenfield, Dec. 3, 85 [1885]

Woodward & Brown

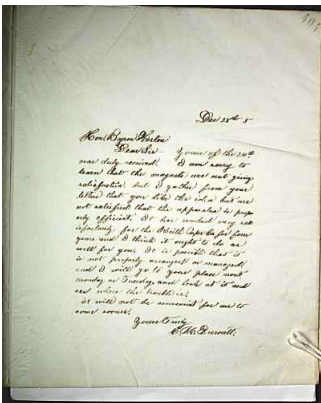
Gentlemen,

You can ship the piano that you are putting in order as soon as it is ready.

Yours Respectfully

John Keith

December 3 1885;



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Dec. 28th, 5 [1885]

Hon. Byron Weston

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th was duly received. I am sorry to learn that the magnets

are not giving satisfaction, but I gather from your letter that you like the idea but are not satisfied that the apparatus is properly efficient. It has

worked very satisfactorily for the Keith Paper Co. for four years and I

think it ought to do as well for you. It is possible that it is not properly

arranged or magnetized and I will go to your place next Monday or

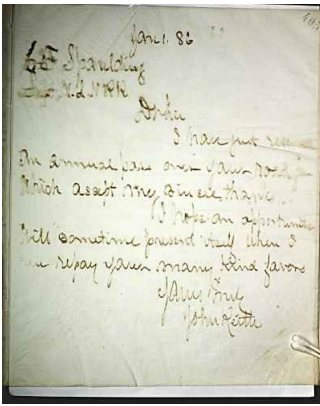
Tuesday and look at it and see where the trouble is.

It will not be convenient for me to come sooner.

Yours Truly

C.M. Burnett

December 28 1885;



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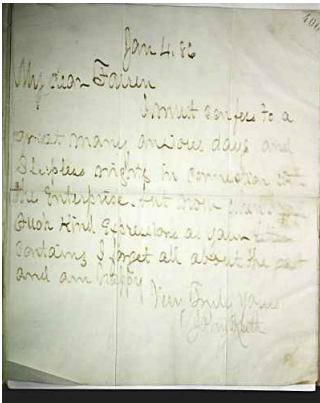
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Jan. 1. 86, [1886]

L. E. Spalding
Supt. N.L.N. RR
Dr Sir,

I have just received an annual pass over your road for which accept my sincere thanks.
I hope an opportunity will sometime present itself when I can repay your many kind favors.

Yours Truly
John Keith
January 1 1886;



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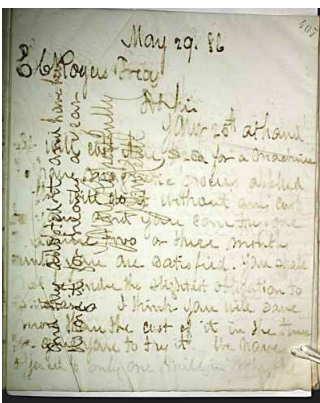
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Jan. 4, 86 [1886]

My dear Farren,

I must confess to a great many anxious days and sleepless nights in connection with the enterprise, but now when [with] such kind expressions as your letter contains I forget all about the past and am happy.

Very Truly yours
John Keith
January 4 1886;



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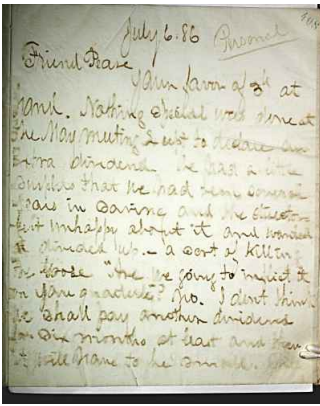
May 29, 86 [1886]

EL Rogers Treas.

Dr Sir,
Your 25th at hand.

It will cost you \$250 for a machine to have the magnets adopted we will do it without any cost to you and you can try one for two or three months if which you are satisfied you shall not be under the slightest obligation to [sustain] I think you will save money when the cost of it in the time I give you to try it. We have offered to only one Mill in Webster and they adopted it and have been using it for nearly a year.

Yours respectfully,
John Keith
May 29 1886;



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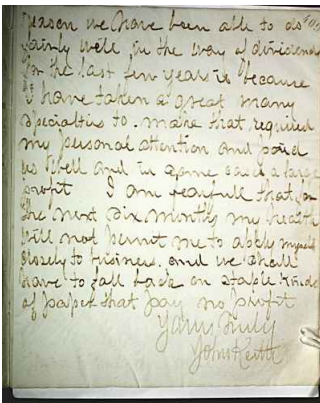
July 6, 86 [1886]

Personal

Friend Pease,

Your favor of 3^d at hand. Nothing special was done at the May meeting except to declare an extra dividend. We had a little surplus that we had [been] several years in saving and the directors [felt] unhappy about it and wanted to dividend up.- A sort of killing the goose "Are we going to inflict it on you quarterly"? No. I didn't think we shall pay another dividend in six months at least and then it will have to be smaller.

July 6 1886;



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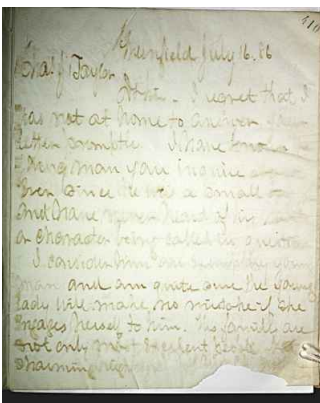
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The reason we have been able to do fairly well in the way of dividends for the last few years is because I have taken a great many specialties to make that required my personal attention and [paired] us well and in some cases a large profit. I am fearful that for the next six months my health will not permit me to apply myself closely to business and we shall have to fall back on staple kinds of paper that pay no profit.

Yours Truly

John Keith

July 6 1886;



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Greenfield, July 16, 86 [1886]

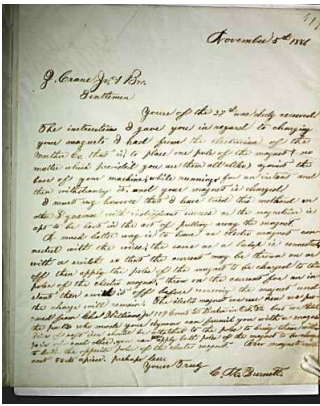
Chas J. Taylor

Dr Sir,

regret that I was not a home to answer your letter promptly. I have known the young man you inquire about ever since he was a small boy and have never heard of his [name] or character being called in question. I consider him an exemplary young man and am quite sure the young lady will make no mistake if she engages herself to him. His family are not only most excellent people but charming neighbors.

Paper torn away . . . [no sig. available. e.g.]

July 16 1886;



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November 5th, 1886

J. Crane Jr. & Bros.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 27th was duly received.

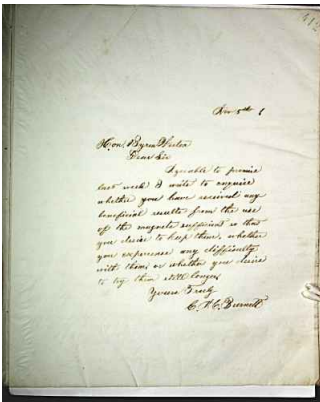
The instructions I gave you in regard to charging your magnets I had from the electrician of the [Mother] Co. that is, to place one pole of the magnets no matter which provided you use them all alike against base of your machine while running for an instant and then withdrawing it, [until] your magnet is charged.

I must say however that I have tried this method on other dynamos with indifferent success as the magnetism is apt to be lost in the act of pulling away the magnet. A much better way is to have an electro magnet connected with the wire, the same as a [lamp] is connected with a switch so that the current may be thrown on or off then apply the poles of magnet to be charged to the poles of the electro magnet, throw on the current for an instant then switch it off before running the magnet and the charge will remain. The electro magnet we use has we procured from Chas Williams Jr 109 [Lourd] st Boston in Oct. 82 but we think the party who made your dynamo can furnish you with a magnet price of [?] should be attached to the poles to bring them together ¼ in of each other. You can put apply both poles of the magnets to the charge to both the opposite poles of the electro magnet. Cost 54 cts apiece, perhaps less.

Yours Truly

C.M. Burnett

November 5 1886;



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November 5, 6 (1886)

Hon. Byron Weston

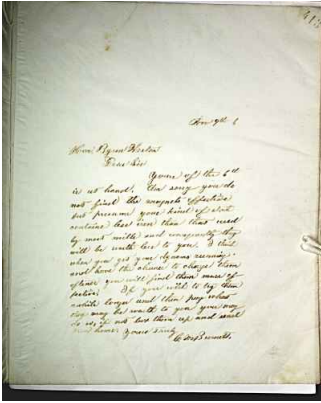
Dear Sir,

Agreeable to promise last week I write to inquire whether you have received any beneficial results from the use of the magnets sufficient so that you desire to keep them whether you experience and difficulty with them or whether you desire to try them still longer.

Yours Truly

C.M. Burnett

November 5 1886;



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November 9th, 6 [1886]

Hon. Byron Weston

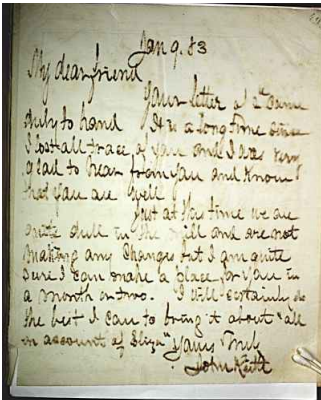
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 6th is at hand. Am sorry you do not find the magnets effective but presume your kind of stock contains less iron than that used by most mills and consequently they will be worth less to you. I think when you get your dynamo running and have the chance to charge them oftener you will find them more effective. If you wish to try them a while longer and then pay what they may be worth to you you may do so, if not box them up and send them home.

Yours Truly

C.M. Burnett

November 9 1886;



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Jan 9, 83 [1883]

My dear friend,

Your letter of 2nd comes duly to hand. It is a long time since I lost all trace of you and I was very glad to hear from you and know that you are well. Just at this time we are quite dull in the mill and are not making any changes but I am quite sure I can make a place for you in a month or two. I will certainly do the best I can to bring it about "all on account of Eliza".

Yours Truly

John Keith

January 9 1883