

My dear son William, Augusta June 6. 1842.

Yours of the 25. April has been duly received; & one other letter only since you reached home, dated Sept. 25. 1841. We are glad to hear that the sickness which had visited your family is removed, & health restored. We are much grieved at the loss of one & another of your horses - & also of your disappointment in not realizing the profitable use of the Machine which occasioned you so much anxiety, trouble, & expence in its transportation through the long, long, & hazardous distance. And what advice to give you on the subject, I feel rather incompetent to decide. As to my assumption of the purchase-debt, I am not in funds to do it, nor do I expect to be; & you must not count upon such a result. - I have had a conference with cousin Stephen within a day or two, on this subject. It is his decided opinion, "in view of the state of money matters - the exorbitant price Libbey charges for a county & private right - & in view of the lawsuit now pending between Pitts & Whitman (which has been put over to August next at a special session of the District Court, when it will undoubtedly be settled) - that you had better by all means dispose of the Machine & remit the funds to meet the payment of the notes ^{given} for it - & wait the change of times & events, which may materially affect the successful operation of this Machine in your State, when you purchase ^{may} other under more favorable prospects. He says moreover, that he must depend on your remitting the funds to take up the notes - & that he wrote you some time ago to that effect. The men to whom you gave the notes are mechanics, & undoubtedly want their pay when due; & that one of them, Mr. Fairbanks, has placed his note over to his creditor some time ago."

It is painful to me to frustrate the hopes you may have indulged of my pecuniary assistance in this business; but I judged it best, that you should at once know, that you must not depend on me for the payment of these notes. - All I can say in conclusion, is, that I hope & trust you will be favored by the opening ^{of} Divine providence to extricate yourself from your present embarrassment, & that you will be able to dispose of the Machine on such terms as to meet the payment of your notes; & ^{that} your cousin S. says there is the highest probability.

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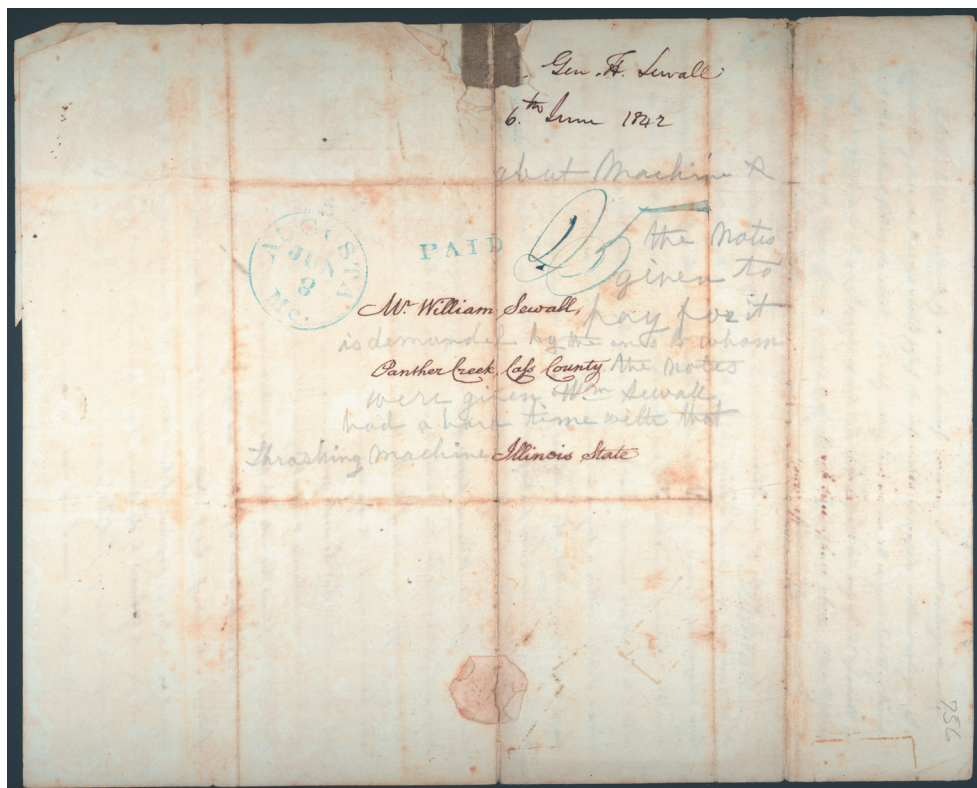
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