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Date: March 30, 1838

Description: K.B. Sewall to Ezekial Day on job prospects

New York March 30, 1838 —

My Dear Father

Your kind letter of the 23rd inst containing \$100 Draft was duly received, & I can assure you the "Draft is of some service to me at this time" — The truth is I am [paper torn] apprentice – My whole time is given to another without any compensation – and such is the state of things that for all the small jobs I have been able to get in the way of my profession I have not as yet realized over 25. Dollars in cash since I entered a Lawyers Office – I can collect nothing. I can sell nothing – & of course I have been obliged to borrow from day to day of my friends, who can ill afford to share any thing these hard times, & whose confidence and patience I have well nigh lost in order to pay my necessary expenses. — I have lived as economi--cally as possible. & still so much of my time is lost in my daily efforts to keep along & so much distraction of mind does it cause me, that I have several times been on the point to turning to some other business that will give me an immediate support & I know not now how I am to get through my profession unless I can sell some stock or borrow some money — I see no prospect now of selling stock — & should I know now leave the Law all my labor

for practical purposes with he look _ have nor before mentioned my liceum stams to you, in particular, because Iknew that you were perplayed with your own affairs ago Iwithed as much as possible to reform from adding any thing to four laws or anxieties - & I have also bean holing to dispose of owner Hung that would meet my bretant wants. - The wos that you sent me will pay wh my brains Home made may of borowed nowey at to this him - clove behides to Richardin Mi Cott borrowed money \$150. Which lought to have returne brue time ago _ 250. Ihave tried totall my water or sain many in is - but without Oncery, __ Quel is my Deteration _ My proshut acc for - I am in one of the best offens in New Wish - I have got though the work part your clark shit - huy time steeries are bearing every day of more value - I can hotally next year got a salony if I choose Richardton of Me lobb give me their business, & to will many other - if I do not lead them to avoid me by heing wanhellend to ask them for money - I are managing a mit now that Richardon Mi coll have down me which will probably buy me \$ 50. wither Cour of Gorg. months - I can get admitted into the Consum House

for practical purposes will be lost. —— I have not before mentioned my circumstances to you in particular because I knew that you were perplexed with your own affairs and I wished as much as possible to refrain from adding any thing to your cares or anxieties — & I have also been hoping to dispose of something that would meet my present wants. —— The \$100. that you sent me will pay up my board & some small sums of borrowed money up to this time — I owe besides to Richardson & M° Cobb borrowed money \$150.—

& to A.K. Barrows — " $_{-100.-}$ which I ought to have returned some time ago — $_{250.-}$ I have tried to sell my watch or money on it – but without success. — Such is my situation —

My prospects are poor — I am in one of the best offices in New York – I have got though the <u>worst part of my</u> clerkship – my time & services are becoming every day of more value – & I can probably next year get a salary if I choose Richardson & M^c Cobb give me their business, & so will many others – if I do not lead them to avoid me by being compelled to ask them for money — I am managing a suit now that Richardson & M^c Cobb have sent me which will probably pay me \$50. in the course of 6. or 9. months — I can get admitted into the Common Place

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the coming Fall – & to the Supreme Court on the first of January 1840. ——\$1000. will carry me safely into my profession – perhaps less – a part of this I have no doubt I can by & by raise by selling some <u>Pensawco Stock</u> but at present I have no means of raising a dollar —

I have not the least fear of success after entering my profession. My acquaintain is very extensive — & in time will valuable – I am not disposed to be discouraged — though in view of my present embarrassments I have almost given up — I have given up all hope of realizing any thing for my speculation – I depend now entirely on the [?] before me – only let me get safely into that & I am satisfied & will work as hard as any one. —

I have no doubt Little Eunice receives much attention from you all. You must not spoil her – all my lett[paper torn] from home agree in calling her her a <u>beautiful & nice girl</u> I suppose therefore she must be – I shall always remember with gratitude

the kindness of her Grand Parents to her & her mother & I hope she may prove a blessing to them in their old age —

I shall keep up good courage, do not fear for me, better times will come, be assured of that. Your affectionate son K.B. Sewall