

Iowa City
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Dear Sir

Your favor of May 15. was duly received and afforded us much pleasure and hope you will not omit writing soon again - The goods you shipped at Pittsburgh have all been received at Bloomington and will be brought out to this place soon - We are getting along pretty well with the church it now being built up to the square, I think it will look very well, There has been no alterations in regard to height and size of the windows, When Mr. Hutchinson spoke to us about your wish to have these alterations the building was half built up, and the width of the arches would not have been in proportion to any addition in the height and the window frames were all got out, consequently we did not think best to make any change -

On my return the boat passed Louisville on Sunday. so I could not get the glass you spoke of in your note at Cincinnati. If it will be convenient please get it on your return.

I would suggest the propriety of your getting some iron on your return suitable for lightning rods, I think as the church will be some what elevated, it had better have rods. I have said nothing to the trustees about it and only make the suggestion.

to you that you may do as you think best.

I am sorry to inform you that we get along very slow with our subscribers. They are not disposed to do any thing, Mr. H. screws them up pretty tight and I suppose they think he is making too much money. I am afraid he will prove our match. He wants extra pay for every thing not specified in the contract when these things are only necessary for the completion of the building and his only cry is "money, money, money." Our best plan will be to let him go on and finish and only pay for such extra work as is not required for the completion of the work.

I am commencing business here once more. I have a small stock of goods, but they are of a kind that the country wants. My Father wanted me to try business ~~some~~ in some other place as he thought I had made a perfect failure here, but I concluded not to "give up the ship" here yet. - I think the prospect is better now than it ever has been - There is still some emigration and there will be a very great amount of wheat raised this season and all our old farmers are a looking up - Holt and his family intend moving back to Louisville in a short time.

I wish you would purchase me a pattern of black cloth for a frock coat & the silk serge. I take the liberty of asking this favor, having made some little

advancing to the hands holding demands against the church, as to the quality of the cloth you may exercise your own judgment.

Your friends here are all well. I do not know as we have any news worth while relating. Mr. Hughes has sold out his interest in the printing office to his partner and has taken his family to Pennsylvania on a visit. Mr. Snowbidge has married the widow Willis, and reports says Martha Hawkins and Lyman Holt will be married soon.

This is a hasty letter and if you can make any thing out of it. I hope you will excuse its dullness - I am all alone in my business and too much interrupted to write about any thing. We are all well and hoping to hear from you soon again.

I remain yours truly

Thos. Sanxay