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Dear Father

We arrived here on Friday last after a very safe and agreeable journey by land. We found our friends all well and expecting us, and what is not less pleasant we have much rather than when we left here. By a donation which has just been made of property relinquished by Mrs. Perkins we have had an accession of about \$10,000; and perhaps our other property has risen some 2000 since. Speculation is more on the alert than it has been for a long time. Sales have taken place in the outside lots at very great advances over those of last year, and the whole city is in a much more healthy and flourishing condition. Last year I was advised to sell one of our lots, a fine one, at \$1000, and I was almost determined if it should be necessary to sell this one to pay my debts in Lexington. But it has risen so much in value, as indeed I felt almost confident that it would, that I should dislike very much to sell it.

I think I could make myself comparatively very easy if I could borrow about \$10,000 at the East at 5 or 6 per cent for 5 or 6 years. I should want immediately only enough to pay the bank what I owe it; but I should want the certainty of getting the rest by next Spring. I could easily get from 20 to 25 per cent on the investment in warehouses on a river lot or rather on a lot adjoining a river lot but lying on a cross St. I would therefore erect several warehouses which would enable me to lease out the remainder of the lot on much better terms. I believe that with your name I could get the money that I want. If you