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Pres^t J. K. Patterson,
State Agr. & Mech^l College,
Lexington, Ky.)

Dear Sir:

I am delighted to hear that the present term of your great and most useful institution starts off so auspiciously. As it is the only College of the kind in the State; the only seat of learning devoted to the greatest and most vital industry of our Country; it is to be hoped that it will go on from prospering to prosper, until it becomes the best endowed, the most successful, and the most renowned in the United States, and, of course, therefore, in the whole world.

You say that you can have your paper ready by the 20th of this month: This will do - I might even wait a few days longer - but I would like to have it just as soon as you can conveniently get it ready, as there are so many special reports to be edited and embodied in my Annual Report, it behoves me to have them all in hand before giving any part of the work to the Public Printer.

Very respectfully yours, &c.,

John F. Davis,
Commissioner, &c.