

2500

Emporia Kansas  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 1886.

My Darling Wife: Your prayers have been most abundantly and mysteriously answered. You know I wrote you from K.C. which I had written to the D.O. - the Express and so forth. I do not know whether I told you that I had also written you about the book the other Matthews who came to see me in Buffalo, wanted me to write. I made him this offer: (1) To deliver Ms Oct. 1 - 1886. (2) To give him proceeds until ~~of~~ advance repaid (3) After that he to have one fourth of profits (4) He to pay me \$1000. Apl. 1<sup>st</sup>. \$1000. July 1<sup>st</sup> and \$500 on delivery of ms.

On arriving here today I found letter from him accepting especially as to advance payment of \$2500. - He says he was about to go to Mayville to see me. He is very anxious that no one should know of it, so you will ~~not~~ tell Sis. Is it not

wonderful? It fairly took away my  
breath. I shall think of you and Sis  
kissing and crying in each others'  
arms, <sup>over the good news</sup> until I hear from you.

This settles the matter and brings  
good fortune out of disaster. I will  
fill our engagements and be home  
about the 20th inst. I may come  
by Buffalo and have you meet me  
there. Anyhow, thank God, we are de-  
livered from our extremity and you can  
now sleep every night. I shall expect  
the roses to bloom in your cheeks and  
the love lights to grow brighter in your  
eyes than ever. Poor Sam Hawley! I have  
not thought of you since hearing of his  
wife's death without a gush of pity.

I have ridden all day: did not sleep  
last night and have other letters to  
write so will not write more. Tell  
Mrs. Chase you have good news but not  
what its character is. Will write Lydia tonight  
to let her know she need not grieve.  
God bless you  
Albion