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Dear Mr Lourgee

Mr Parinder wrote that I could have the money at 6 percent Soon as I got the Letter I wrote to you — The next day he came to my place & I spoke of the loan told him I would take one thousand & probably two for five years Land security He said all right we have just 2 000 we wish to loan Then he said we have a commicion Heave just let 2 000 at 6 percent & 2 cents commicion I said I know that money is loaned in the St of Nb as low as four percents & this money is to go to that state my only object in paying six is to get it sooner than I could arrange to get it from there It is to be used to relieve a needy case that is urgent Then after a considerable soft talk he said he would take one percent I said I will give that you be to all the outside espence That ended the talk Soon as I heard from you I wrote to him Said I will take the 2 000 & will meet you at your office soon after I hear from you This was monday morning Supposed I would hear by return mail I got no word nor the next day and

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I thought if I lived til another day I would go and look some other place for the money Tuesday near night Mr Parmelee came in said he drove up by the farm said things looked remarkably well for so dry a season said you have Insurence on your Buildings how much I said I can soon tell The papers were in a drawer near where he was sitting I took them out all together those I had for many years laid them on the stand & said I was not going to insure agyain said the agent was here last week & I told him so & they were now nearly run out

Hee then said we have our business all fixed up The papers are all made out today so I thought I would come up & you could sign the notes I was so glad to think of getting the money I signed those notes without reading them I had got so nervous before he came that I hardly knew what I was doing Hee put the notes in his pocket & said you can come down Thursday or Friday & get the money Soon as I could get breath enough to speak I said I will come Thursday You can immagine what a thinking time I had after he was gone I found he had taken the Insurence papers Called

Monday morning I took the first train & was in the office at 8 o'clock There was only two Clerks in about half hour Parmelee came in I was sitting near the door I spoke as he came in He gave me a short nod then went & sit down at his desk & went to handling over papers to no purpose that I could see In about an hour a Clerk that set near Par said to me did you intend to go back on the 10 oclock I said I expected to go on the 2 He then came & sit down by me I said I came down to look over those papers that I was weak enough to sighn without reading then Parmelee spoke said I told you what they was The Clerk said you cant see them they are gone to be recorded the money is here do you want a draft I said yes He said this account shall I take it out of the draft I said I want the draft just 2000 He handed it to me Then I said Mr Parmelee you know what the agreement was about the extention &c Will you please give me the same in writing that I can send with this draft of course the one who is to have the management of the money ought to know all the particulars in regard to it He said O yes I will give you such a writing He steped back out of my sight & I said where is Mr Parmelee the Clerk said he has gone out Its uncertain when he will be in may be soon & may be some time

The Clerk said I was to pay $44 I said I wanted to see Mr Parmelee so I wated for some time but he failed to appear So I steped out Feeling as if I had been in a den of thieves & worse than that The one I took for a Clerk I have since learned is a Shrewd little Lawyer of questionable reputation Mr Parmelee employs (I suppose to do the work) His name is Wurtz Mr Parmelee has always been a great sabbath schoor worker he was superintendent of the first colored school is thought to be a great friend of the colored His wife is Mr Woodruff's Daughter President of the Rockford National Bank (Lately Mr P has become quite wealthy) Since I came home I have heard that his account aggainst me is fifty four dollars & fifty cents I wrote to him before I went away & told him that the firs hour after I had his Letter sayin I could have the money at six percent I wrote to the one who was to use it that the Interest would be six Had not my word been sent I would not agreed to pay the one percent He has not answered my letter & now the next thought is that Interest I suppose all I could have to do would be to go in to the office & pay the money & take one of those notes I sighned without reading But there is little prospect of my being able to go out & I dont like to send by any one So if you can help me out it will be a relief Parmelee knows that I have placed money in Mrs Havilands hands for relief work & I wish him to think I am doing the same with you I am getting better but have have been threatened with return of my old affliction St vitus so I dare not walk [illegible]