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B. J. WATERS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Fort Scott, Kas., Dec 18 1884

Thos. W. Nichol Esq

Dear Sir

Your containing
check for \$25 recd. the amt I
have placed to your credit on the
note. I don't know what all
Mr. Futer has written you & care-
less, I have written him several
letters with reference to what is
due me & have never received
any satisfaction. About the matter
of Mr. I wrote him asking him
as a matter of justice to settle
with me, without any trouble
that I had no desire to impede
in any way the prospects of the
enterprise by litigation unless
I was compelled to do so in

The protection of my own rights.
He replied that he had seen
you in N.Y. & that you stated
that you had a number with
with me. I then wrote him
what took place at dinner
& that on my return home
I wrote you that I if you would
send me \$13000 I would trans-
fer to you all my interest in
both co. & claims up to your pro-
note & that you replied
that you would accept my
offer when you could get
the money, but when that
would be you did not know
this I considered no offer & so
wrote Foster & that I had no claim
against you & kept the note & that
I had made no transfer or sold
my interest to you & that I

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Wishes the Co. responsible & would
after the holidays take the necessary
steps to protect myself. He then
wrote me that if you did not
settle with me he might get
his associates to do something
very unbecoming indeed of this
kind of talk. I told you in London
the importance & necessity for me
having some money in Nov. &
at first but by Jany & when on
my return home trusting you
could that if you would send me
\$1500 I would surrender everything
because I needed the money
I presumed by making the offer
I did that you would be able
to raise the amt. your reply
disappointed me very much
indeed, when I again wrote
you and stated my situation
& asked you to send me

Money I still supposed that
you would send me the money
on my demand, I did not write
you for money to help support
me as you state in your letter
although I can prove there nothing
now that I can call my own
I was not out begging. you
had said that you would settle
with me & I was asking money
on that settlement, but as none
came I concluded that there
was to be no settlement only
through the courts. hence I have
been preparing for the emergency
You think that I have not acted
as I should in this matter & that
I am losing friends. It may
look this way to you; but to me
the friends if ever they were, are
not worth saving, as yet they
have done me no good nor

Fort Scott, Kas.,

1888

Now they promised me any good,
 they have paid in full every man
 connected with the enterprise
 but - mine & mine they have
 so far ignored. You think may
 that I ought to take hold & help
 myself during the depression
 continuation of affairs, I am try-
 ing to do this notwithstanding
 the load I am carrying - you
 say that you are as bad off as
 I am & that you wish I find
 that others are willing to help
 you - your case is not like
 mine in some respects - if
 I had no one but myself - like
 you are I would not worry
 me just so bad, but I have, which
 I trust you haven't forgotten
 a family - to look after in some
 way - you are alone no one
 but yourself to look after

Futures & the rest do not know & can't appreciate the connection in which I have been placed by the failure of the enterprise - the saving of a life time's all swept away by the failure & then besides this they refuse to pay me what is justly due me, after waiting more than a year, - do you wonder at my patience being exhausted & strained to the utmost I have asked Futures why elections were not held for directors in both Co's as the law & by-laws require, but he gave me no response. I am a subscriber to the Capital stock of these Co's & as a stockholder the courts will protect me every interest, I repeatedly wrote Futures that I did not want to resort to the law unless I was compelled to - and all that I wanted was

30th Decr. 1855

1855

What was fair between man & man, I have never swindled any one yet. The charge that I was a party to the Walnut swindle to the contrary notwithstanding, & why they refuse to pay me is something I can't understand. The condition of affairs has put me in about the condition of the small man, ordinarily he said that he only weighed 100 lbs; but when he was mad he weighed a ton. I think you know well enough to know that I will put up with you to make anything that is within the bounds of reason, and if in pursuing my payment of my claim has been construed by these fellows as being out of place, bad taste & lack of judgment & a tendency to be ^{stupid} friends - then

Gold Beach, Kas.,

1888

It may be that the course I have
mapped out is not the best
one; but until convinced
to the contrary I will be
compelled to pursue it -
justice to myself & justice to my
^{family}
not only requires but demands
that an end must be
put to this terrible suspense
as soon as it can be for
I can't meet my obligations
with hope, faith or patience.

If you can point a way
clear out of this trouble I
would like to have it

Yours truly
B. J. Waters

all I have to say to this is that
this friendship is not worth
having. I have never purchased
friendship & never will.

I have not forgotten the many
acts of kindness you have
shown me & never will -
they were mistakes or they
would not have been bestowed
upon me & carried no
more has you valued me
highly than I have, but I need
money now more than I do
anywhere - and had I taken the
advice given me I would
have had my money long
since. The manner in which
I have been treated in this matter
gives me no hope of any favor
or future advantage by these
men. so what is the use
in waiting any longer.

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