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Graham Missouri
Sunday, August 25, 1872

Dear Father.
I have been expecting a letter from you for sometime, but shall write again anyhow. I hope I did not forget to tell you everything you wished to hear in my letter. Well I have been working things to my best knowledge, I have been attending to the setting of my posts for the last two weeks. I have 3 miles of my posts set now; have the south east half of the south line to set yet. I intended to have teams hauling my lumber this last week but it was rather wet and bad to haul. I will start three or four teams in the morning. It just takes 161 posts to the mile. They will cost me 11 1/2 cts delivered. My lumber is all sawed out and stacked. I will be ready to pay for this lumber in two weeks, so you must send it to me soon if you please. I write in my other letter asking you for three hundred dollars to pay for my posts. Some of the parties have asked me for the pay several times. I will get a receipt from all the persons who I have paid large sums to and send them to you. The man (name Moffet of Nebraska) who owned the section west of me is dead he died about two weeks ago so there is no probability of its being improved very soon. There is a petition up to run a road on the West and East of my land running North and South, The road on the west will be put through this fall, but the one to be on the East will not be put through before a year. There will not be any road on the north side.

I have not seen any section that would compare with mine, I have been offered $25 an acre for mine, I think it will be worth $50 in three years from now. Rea does not charge me anything for joining on to him on the east.

Has sister got home yet? Did you get all of your hay saved as nicely as last year‘s? I reckon there will be a large crop of apples this fall to gather. What is Lou and Ben going to do now? Did you plant the piece of land out by the brick pond in potatoes? You must excuse a brief letter. Give my love to all. Write soon to your loving son

R.B.Gex

PS I received your letter just after mailing your letter. I was expecting some money to pay for my posts but did not find any in your letter. I would like to have this $300 immediately I have my nails to buy but shall have to have some money to buy them with. I have to keep after you for money but if you will furnish it, I will improve the land for you then you can keep it or give it to me.

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