

Washington, D.C. Mar. 15, 1891.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. has been received. What you propose to do in relation to a new farm and mechanical building is good policy, as well as a prudent necessity. In 1892 you must win or be Waterlooed. It is to be regretted that you cannot have a good farm at one half of \$15,000, as you will meet an annual comparison of the amount of products with the large cost of the farm, which will always be against you — tempered only by the fact <sup>that</sup> it's merely an experimental farm. If the city of Burlington, however, should ~~you~~ donate the farm, even with a condition that it should be the property of the Agricultural College only while it remained in Burlington, then all such criticism would be avoided, and you could say, while other and cheaper lands might be equally productive, they would not be donated, nor would they be in the immediate proximity to students. In 1892 Rutland, West Randolph, St. Johnsbury, Montpelier and Brattleboro will be competitors for a new College, and will be widely supported by the Farmers Alliance and by some new-fledged demagogues. Beyond question some of these towns will raise,