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William,

I noticed indeed by the papers that the books were ~~open~~ to be opened for subscriptions to the new bank in Woodstock but did not notice the time. You may proceed to subscribe fifty shares and see if you can pay for them out of money collected on my lecture. I think it would be a good acquisition if you can effect it. Should you find it necessary to take money in anticipation of collections (which I trust you will not be compelled to do) you can use money of mine in bank, as I herewith inclose you a draft of two hundred dollars which I wish you to hand Mr. Johnson and have it passed to my credit. And remember immediately on the receipt of this to write me, that I may know the draft came safely to hand.

In relation to speaking on Texas I did as I pleased & made a speech which did not fall ^{unnoticed} ~~unnoticed~~ on the house. I have sent copies home, but do not feel quite certain how far it will be acceptable.