

satisfaction to me, my wife, & Fred, to have you all so near. It would be much better for the interests of the Lexington Gas Co. for they grow in Lexington considerably at the President living in Cincinnati, your control of the Lexington stock is now such as to keep you there as long as you chose to stay - \$6600. worth of Southgates stock is to be sold at auction in two weeks & I will buy it, besides which either Athcraft or myself must take all the new stock for extensions - I am now so overworked that to get rid of the care of Lexington would be a blessing. I have contracts to build Gas holders in Nashville & Wheeling, & will have to steal off to these two places, unless I slack off I feel I will break down during the hot summer - Fred

of course is the opposite of an assistant, & my new English assistant, I find an excellent draughtsman, but nothing more he is too young & green to the ways of the country to be useful as yet.

No doubt you could soon sell your house in Lexington, & the Gas stock there is easily taken care of, as no extensions are requisite - I would like to buy Morgans stock & then I would feel sure that you could keep in office the Mayor, or any one else as directors be. The pecuniary interests could all be safely guarded before the end of this year & if you thought proper to go & live in the East or in Europe after that, why you could easily make the change -

Write me & I will engage a house for you at once, I will bring my wife over, & she will help the girls to pack &c. &c. & then bring them over in a body.

If you do not adopt my plan, do something at once. Take the girls East or leave them here, or

to Rochester & consult with William - Don't stay in Lexington at present. The July Gas meeting can be held well enough without you, & our Lexington meeting will have nothing to do but declare a dividend, which will pass without any necessity for your presence. I would have come over to have talked with you, but every thing about the Works seems to go wrong if I am absent more than an hour. It seems to me however that my programme is unexceptionable, & if you want a few hundred dollars to help carry it out, I have them to lend -

I will expect to see you this week, either that you & the girls come here to stay or to go East, or that you will invite us to come to Lexington to help you pack up

Yours

John Jeffrey

P.S. Have you any correspondence or documents of Ed. Knigs in relation to the purchase of the Montgomery gas fitting shop if so, I want to see them - His administrator is starting up a new claim against me, which was covered in that transaction of the Montgomery gas fitting. Code & Hopper are both at sea on the Persia, & will be in America in a few days -