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 Aug. 31 [1878?]

Dear Captain
 You & the
 "red" note carefully
 the facts as they trans-
 pire: they will be interesting
 perhaps valuable some
 day. Take Mr Pratt
 Etalabak at our
 expense. Draw on
 me for what you need:
 notify me by letter
 unobtrusively of what you

I wish to
 see if it
 will
 be
 useful
 to
 you
 I
 am
 very
 truly
 your
 friend
 D. C. Amherst

do. Draw on me
 through ~~Housatonic~~
Housatonic National
Bank Stockbridge
Mass. Use your
 judgment in all
 things, - depends on me
 to back you.

The devil is against
 us. I enclose a letter
 to a good man which
 may be of use to you.

It may be well that you know that
 Dr. Geo. William Brown of Chicago
 is my friend. We need not meet
 so far as I know ^{but I'll} see
 meet you at Albany (De Haven House)
 if you telegraph. I can tell you
 nothing. Write me as you get on.
 Telegraph the first solid fact to you

By the time of your
letter by your
telegram I'll decide.
I think I'll commence
by the 10th Sept. to
find you look right.
Hang on then at
Washington.
I'll send word
to Hampton to have
Stahleah go if you
want him. Write to
my clerk James C. Robbins
Normal School Hampton Va.
to send him & you can meet