Balto. May 9th/56 –

My dear Sir,

Enclosed are letters, one explaining the other. I don't think they stopping I should detain you. Why you would be in Sen. &c –

Yours of 7th at hand, you say Corn is lower & sell 720 bbls – May I sell it 700 bbls? Hope so, as I have some bulls to cover for the Kelly, to be, I could make out my bill of Nails & some dry goods have ordered down by Steamer – they can be added to Bill in the Rocky.

Began to feel uneasy at your delay in Chattanooga all night were thinks – I want to know all about the river opening, you say. I think I must go there. When at liberty get out all you can about there, where lots, what is cost, & if possible get a pattern of them – I hate to add our letters weight to your burden but this is important. I think I must go down to the Rocky if able – at any rate they may be ready to go down when I make a supply on hand – I have been sitting down your folks since the night I slept at your house & have not what I make of your news that water keeps you back. Hope rain clears up & gives you water & answer hope nothing that would have stuck Da Meadow on – I don't like his going up for all Cotton – Have offer 8½ cts & can't sell a one cent – Feels bet of prices day before yesterday –

Rev. Hr McLain

Truly Your Friend Nelle