

his daughter was in Lincoln's carriage the night he was shot, & sat in box when Booth shot Lincoln.

Albany June 5. 1837.

Mr James Reid

Dear Sir

Since I saw you I have been making my calculations how to do justice to the persons holding the notes McMurray obtained from me and meet all my other engagements - I feel some hopes of being able to do it without utterly prostrating my credit or standing here which of course I am very desirous of doing -

I last year engaged in a manufacturing concern here and had invested from 8 to 9000 dollars in it - This affair of course undid it necessary I should withdraw my interest and I have succeeded in selling out, all things considered very advantageously - without loss or profit - I am to have the notes of W.G. Boardman for \$8648.75 - payable in six semiannual payments with interest, from the 18th May last - The first note to be due in 6 months from that date - These notes will very nearly equal the amount of the notes you hold against me - and I propose to let you have them with my endorsement - and I think I could get Mr. Dutcher to endorse them also - although I have not yet mentioned the subject to him - Mr Boardman has for several years been a merchant in this City - formerly of the firm of Boardman & Conkling - last year the firm was Boardman & Perry - His standing

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is good here - He is worth from 10 to 15,000 dollars and is considered a prudent careful man (would not be likely to lend his notes to Bill McMurray for \$6,000) - If you will accept them notes they will no doubt be met at maturity - It shall be my business to see that they are even if by any contingency Boardman should fail to meet them -

I should like to have your debt paid off sooner - but it is impracticable - The value of the notes I shall have to arrange at the same time by turning out such securities as I have - I have not commenced negotiations with them yet - I thought it not worth while until I knew what I could do with you - As I stated when I was at Lanesburgh I think I have enough to pay all - and if I had not it should be paid if my life is spared - but in case the holders of the paper are not satisfied to take such as I can give them and wait till it is converted into money I must put it into the hands of a trustee for them - and then they of course will get it no sooner - I should regret the necessity of doing so - yet what else could I do?

I make this proposition feeling that it is liberal on my part and confident from the friendly disposition you have manifested, that it will without hesitation be accepted - If any of the paper (as I understand it is) is not owned by the Bank, it can easily be arranged I suppose by giving the holders one or more of the notes

or I could have the notes divided so as to suit your convenience, conforming the term of payment to the terms of sale herein mentioned - I believe the term and security offered is better than would have been expected of me under the circumstances of the case - but I am desirous to discharging the debt honorably and as soon as possible - I can pay nothing this year on any of this McMurray paper - I shall have difficulty in meeting my other engagements - Indeed I cannot do it, if this paper is suffered to run to maturity and be protested -

I hope to hear from you soon - as it will be a great relief to my mind, when I get the affair arranged - Should you accept the notes I will have them prepared and come to Lanesburgh with them some day this week -

Yours with esteem

Senator Harris