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Hon. Henry E. Williams, G. and Master,
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M. W. Sir and Brother:-

I have your letter regarding the Toombs matter and in reply will say that I know nothing of Rev. Lucas except that he is pastor of the A. M. E. Church in Cedar Rapids in which Brother Toombs is an officer and seems to be very much interested in Bro. Toombs.

I never heard of him until I met him here in the District Conference last June.

He happened to be here the day Bro. Toombs was arrested and someone I think Mrs. Toombs telephoned him that Bro. Toombs had been arrested on my orders and for him to see if I would not consent to have him released.

He came to me and explained his interest in the case and the information he had received and I told him that I had given no orders in the case and had no authority to give any; but that it was my opinion that if Bro. Toombs would repay the money he had taken from the Grand Lodge, that you would consent for him to be released.

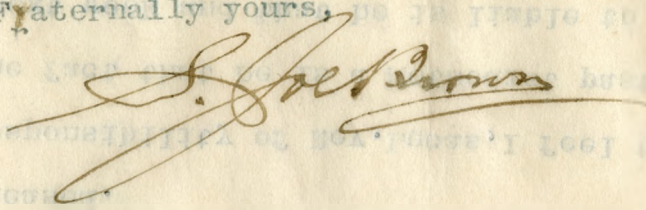
But returning to the responsibility of Rev. Lucas, I feel that I should call your attention to the fact that he is a Methodist pastor and that his conference convenes next week and that he is liable to be removed at that time to some point out of the State; hence regardless of his financial ability, it would be much better if he would get someone who is permanently established in Cedar Rapids and whose note would be

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accepted at some bank there as collateral for cash.

Hoping that this information may be of some assistance to you in adjusting this unfortunate situation and that yourself and family are quite well, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,



Very truly yours,
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