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Oct 12th 1877

Mr. T.S. Palmer

Winton Iowa

Uncle Tom

I suppose you heard of our great loss by fire, we were ruined financially not being insured, why. "well the insurance had expired I know it was careless & wonderfully so in my step father, who is a prompt business man, but its all gone & its no use talking about it; I want a situation West I would like to get a situation in your establishment if possible, if not will you be kind enough to interest yourself in my behalf & procure one for me; as to Character I can refer you to any and every body in our Town, & with Gods help I am sure you would never have cause to regret your interest in my favor, I would like to be sure of enough to pay any board cloth & shoe myself comfortably, I am use to hard work & expect to do it, can plough &c&c "all I want is a chance to prove my self, will you give it to me, or put me in the way to do it, Mama frets over my want to go West, I feel bad too about it, but Uncle Tom if I am ever to be anything is my time I am 17 yr's old & said to be well grown down south I am healthy. how much will it cost to take me to your City, please let me hear soon from you with kind regard to yourself and family I am sir

Respectfully your Nephew

Clinton Palmer