Franklin
June 11, 1864

Dear John:

Just rec'd your telg. We went over the a/c's today. I find them all right. Tom will show you the amounts. I have advanced $390.00 more than you have. Now if we have $1500 now on hand between us (that is you paying the $390. up to meet me) say I pay 555.00 and you 945.00 which will make the 1500. I am sure we will be pumping oil in less than a month. Tom goes to Cleveland to buy rope, (chamber and etc) which we must have or we are at a standstill. We can do nothing without this money. So meet it John. I will be the last big pull, (except the sum we have to raise for the purchase of the land and you have paid half of your share all ready and I have mine in hand).

Now I think you ought to meet me half way in this (if you intend to go through with it at all) for I have as little money and as much use for that little as any man can have. If you cannot pay all of it (i.e. 945) get the rope and (chamber)? on your note. But, John, come up for we must have this money to go on with.

Tom says he has been trying to draw no more than $90. per month from us and that he cannot live upon it. I said I was willing to let him have as much, as you would meet me half way with. I would like to see you here if you can come up next week.

I write this letter from myself. Tom has said nothing about this affair, but I am sure he thinks you ought to meet me half way, and I hope and expect you to do so.

Love to all,

In haste

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J Wilkes Booth

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