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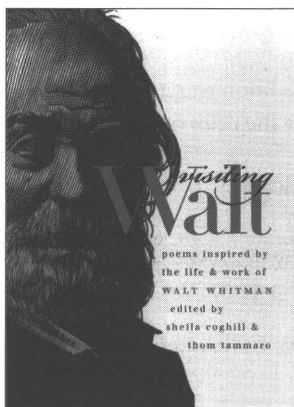
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Draft letter from Whitman to Samuel Livingston Breese (Feinberg Collection, Library of Congress). See pp. 96-97.