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Manuscript Collections

Name of collections: Brigham, Elijah Sparhawk, Drama, 1862	Location: Octavo vols. "B"
Size of collection: 1 octavo vol., 300 pages (most blank)	N.U.C.M.C. number: N.A.
Finding aids: None	
Source of collection: Gift of Mrs. Albert T. Leatherbee, 1936	Copies available: Electrostatic <u> X </u> Microfilm <u> X </u> No copies <u> </u>
Collection description: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Elijah Sparhawk Brigham (1813-1863) of Boston, Mass., produced several literary efforts, the last of which was a play inspired by the outbreak of the Civil War. Written while terminally ill with cancer, Brigham's play was titled, "The Spirit of Slavery, or the American Rebellion: A Drama Illustrative of Ambition, Progress, Government, War and Peace." Brigham never finished this play which ends abruptly in the first act on ambition. Preliminary sections discuss why and how Brigham came to write the play, and the design (stage setting, costumes, etc.) he expected to be utilized in its production.</p>	