

Headquarters Army of the United States.

Washington, D.C. Aug 12 1871

Dear Hammett,

Yours of July 28
went to St Albans, Vt.,
and came back to find
me here. O'Brien was
of course too late for the
Capron trip, and stayed
for a few days. General
Capron was embarrassed
to choose a suitable
express, so soon had
he committed himself
than applications poured
in by the hundred.

I feel almost sorry
to hear that you are going

to join up & put your
plan at Chiercott to
uncon to St Louis, for
I had an idea that you
were delightfully settled
for life, with almost
a certainty that the
town would gradually
expand & make you rich.
But I suppose both you
and Mrs Hammond care
a larger circle of friends
& neighbors than you have
in the County. Surely
St Louis permits all
you could ask in that
respect, and I confess
I wish I had never
come away. If ever

I ever without too great
a sacrifice get back I
will do so. and if the
whole world settles down to
a chronic state of peace and
the politicians succeed as they
already have, to convert
the Army into a new polit-
ical school & institution,
then I might as well be
in St Louis as here, for
all the good I can do.

Best love kindly to Mrs
H. & believe me

Always your friend,

W. J. Sherman
General.

1871

Gen Sherman
Aug 12th
about moving

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The Filson Historical Society

New York Oct 17/71

Mr J H Hammond
PO Box 81

Louisville Ky
Dear Sir

The draft of Mr Haggerty
in your favor for \$1000. upon us
has been presented and paid -

We are also receipt of your
Enclosure of N. 3 draft in favor
of Mr Haggerty for \$583⁸⁰ proceeds
of Sale of 2 Lots - please
at convenience give us particulars
of what Nat. we sold - and what
remaining - also are there not some
Materials (Brick &c) available at
some future time - to his credit -

I presume you have a letter
from him announcing his return.
He now thinks himself cured of his
more recent trouble

in regard to the Money for your Son
- I deposited on Dec 29 4869 the sum
of \$1500. in the Williamsburgh Savings Bank
to the credit of Edwin Haggerty Hammond
Bank Book No 55.481 - The money

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is perfectly safe - and the
Bank has paid for the last
3 years at the rate of Seven
Per Cent Interest ~~per annum~~
I should you I do not require any
of this money before he becomes
of age (for his support or education)
it will amount to quite a handsome
sum

Yours respectfully
John Jay

1871

Jas. W. Smith
(Agenty Vtd)

Oct 17th

Has p^d \$1000 draft

Rec^d \$383⁸⁵ for lots

of deus money \$1500 in

Williamson Bank

STOCKFORD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Oct. 15, '88.

My dear Newmond,

Your favor of the 9th. duly at hand.

I don't know that there is anything you can do to better my political chances, except to put yourself in communication with Gen. H. V. Peyton, Washington, D.C. He proposes to make an Army campaign in my behalf. He says

the Army of the Cumberland
land fellows are enthusiastically
in favor of it.

When you come east we
shall be only too glad to
have you come and visit
us. Don't fail to let me
know when to look for you.

The senatorial fight in
this state is waxing hot. The
candidates are numerous
and the lower counties claim

the honor; but all Higgins'
chances are good.

I want you to go in in favor
of annexing Canada, and
meanwhile, as the best means
of bringing that about, to
favor cutting the Canadian
Railroads out of our carrying
trade. This is now the big
question, and you can exert
a powerful influence in its
settlement if you will.

My family join me in

Kind regards.

Yours Cordially,

James H. Wilson

Gen. J. H. Hammond,
St. Paul, Minn.

No 75, West 71 St -

New York, Oct 21, 1888

Dear Hammond -

I was glad to receive your letter of the 14th last night on my arrival from Philadelphia where I had been for me a week on a visit to Elly Shackman -

I am flattered that you are pleased with my article "Old Shady" and hardly suppose you will have to take a hand in another war, though I am sure the Southern People must concede to the better class of the negro their right to vote, a class to claim representation in

in Congress for their number - Paper
the way the Negro was counted 3/5
now they count 5/5 on the whole,
though in fact their vote is not
allowed to influence the result -

I will endeavor to see Mrs
Hammond when she comes to the
winter though I ought to be
exempted from these social demands -

Tell Mrs Hammond to come up
frequently to our new house - It
is easily reached by the 6th Avenue
Elevated R.R. and we have the

72nd St Station within a block -

In Lake View we are quite as
near to the 72nd St. Entrance to
Central Park - We have a

great number of visitors by both
routes - One advantage I possess
here is that I have all my
Books, papers &c collected in an
"office" whereas at the hotel a
part was in my Room there, but

the large portion at the Army
Building down town - Mrs
Sherman is much better here than
at the hotel - the rest are all
well - Keep at work in the Evans
office. I retain my health &
strength wonderfully -

Always glad to hear from you
I am loving,

Your friend,
W. L. Sherman

Genl W T Sherman

Oct 21st 1888

In answer to letter on his
"Old Shady" an Article
in Oct 1888 North American
Review - on Southern polit-
ical suppression of negro
votes while using represen-
tation ~~~~~

STOCKFORD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Dec. 23, '88.

Dear General,

I am glad
to learn from yours of the
18th, that you are seriously
thinking of going into
the Canadian Movement
and I write a line to say
that you will find Joel P.
Heatwole of the Northfield

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news strongly in favor of
Annexation. Frank Davis
and Stanford Keeler ought
to be also. You can do
no better than to sound
them and see.

Of course you know John
Sherman is strongly with
us.

But don't let anybody
seduce you into fawning

Commercial Union, as a
means of promoting polit-
ical Union. I think
the Canadian Gov^t is
fawning that way for the
purpose of getting the
advantages of it, and really
for the purpose of silencing
the growing clamor for
Political Union. I should
not be surprised if it turned
out that Erastus Winman

is a paid emissary to advocate
the Commercial Union
Scheme!

A merry Christmas to
you all!

Ever Yours Cordially
J. H. Wilson

Gen. J. H. Hammond.

S. Paul.

Our wine merchant de Lage
was asking me the other
day what had become of you

Wilmington, Del. Dec: 2. '88

My dear Hammond,

I agree

with you that it is time to
exchange congratulations on
the result of the late election.

The election of Harison and
the return of the Republican
party to power are events
which cannot fail to be of
great advantage to the Coun-
try. I did my best to bring

them about, and am available in this, nor in your comments
material for Secretary of War upon my having stood out from
but I am not vain enough the multitude of military or
to entertain the belief that deeds which pervade the Country
my political services, or the of my independence and
state I now hail from entitled individuality, to say nothing of
me to expect any such honor. my place in the history of our
you may, rest assured however times, are not sufficient to
that I would not accept a secure recognition of my merits
smaller position - and certainly without the adventitious aid
ly not that of "assistant Sec- of purely social organizations
etary" of anything - much of the kind mentioned by you
less of war, as you suggest. I have lived measurably in
Surely you are not serious vain, and it makes but little

nearly technical than those
of any other department except
the Navy and the Dept. of
Justice.

At all events this is my
view of the case. Please par-
don so long a statement
of matters purely personal
in their application. I have
never before made one half so
long. But in the confidence
of our long personal friendship
I am sure you will not mis-
understand or misuse it.

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perhaps be glad to know that
a number of my military
and political friends have un-
dertaken of their own accord
to do this in my behalf. Propon-
tion has started it, and it has
been most cordially taken
up by Ait, Fullerton and
others all along the line. In
view of Gen. Harrison's independ-
ence and of my military ed-
ucation, and my experience as a
General officer, in charge of a

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difference to me, and left to the
Country, as to what becomes of
me. As for "going for some thing"
that I cannot do. A President
should be left as free to choose
his Cabinet as a man to
choose his wife. All that any
gentleman can do for himself
is to decline or accept when
asked, and all his friends
can do, is to see that his
merits are understood by the
President elect. You will
perhaps

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My family are all quite well and join in kind regards. Mary has lost her hair, but it is coming in again very nicely.

I congratulate you on the safe ending of the ceremony of making your first grand child a Christian, and hope it will continue to grow in grace as it grows in strength and beauty.

Please remember me

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The F. ELSON HIS

most kindly to your family.

We hope to elect Higgins
rather than any other Repub
lican to the Senate, and
the prospect is encouraging.

When you come East again
we shall be glad to have you
run down and see us. The
place is a scene of desolation
but we have plenty of homes
now, and can give you either
a mount or a team to drive.
Don't fail to subscribe

for the Century War book, the
last volume of which will con
tain several articles about
our Cavalry operations which
cannot fail to interest you
not only because I wrote them
but because your own name
occurs in them more than once.

Yours very truly,

James H. Wilson.

Gen. John H. Hammond,

St Paul, Minn.

STOCKFÖRD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Dec. 2, '88

My dear General,

I forgot

to say in my letter of this
morning that I do not
know the Belgian Minister
in Washington, nor our Min-
ister in Belgium - nor any
influential people in the
last named country. Sorry
I can't serve you. Could not

you in relations with a
gentleman in Washington
who knows the Belgian
Minister

Yours cordially
J. H. Wilson

Lambert Tree, is present
Minister; all of Chicago.
Sawford also one of our
Ministers, now lives in
Prussels and is on the
make. JHW

† D. M. Wilson's father
Dr. John Wilson was for many
years Consul General in Brussels
Russell Jones was one Minister =

J. H. Wilton

Dec 2^d

Scay War +
Belgium

The Filson Historical Society

75 W. 71 St.

New York, Dec. 21, 1888

Ensign J. H. Hammond.

St Paul. Minn

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your friendly and sympathizing letter of the 18th, in which you are joined by your good wife, and I beg you be assured of my very great appreciation of the thoughtfulness and sincerity which the same conveys.

Your valued estimate of Mrs Sherman will ever be preserved, together with the many others of a similar nature received from all sections of the Country.

With my kindest wishes to you and your wife I am

Ever your friend

W. T. Sherman

General.

W T Sherman
General

New York Dec 21 1888

In reply to letter of
Sympathy on death of
Mrs Sherman

Kansas City, June 14th 84

Dear General,

The enclosed map
tells a better story for my sug-
gestion about naming your town
Duluth than a volume of
writing.

There are 30,000 people in Kansas
City Kansas will be 100,000 in
a few years. Wyandotte is forgotten
& everybody here is proud of the fact
that the entire place is Kansas City.
In the yesterday's Chicago paper
I noticed that all grain in eleva-
tors at west end of lake was
reported as in elevator at Duluth

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nothing said about "superior" or
"best superior".

The Kaw River is no wider
than the "St. Louis".

You can say one thing Certainly
I will not locate at your
place unless it is called "Duluth
Wisconsin". I don't say I will
locate on works if you do name
it as I suggest - but you can
bet all you can raise, I won't
locate there unless it is "Duluth".

Confidentially I regard your
place as one of the best, and if
I owned your land I wouldn't
be in a hurry to sell!

Respectfully
yours
J. H. Wilson

Wilmington, July 2nd '84.

My dear General,

The enclosed

map will give you an idea

of the situation of the Shipley

estate. It has been for sale.

\$20,000 offered and declined.

It is thought 30 or 35,000 might

get it. Land alongside selling

at about 250 per acre. If you

will come on, I will know by

the time you arrive if it can

be had and at about what price.

I have heard of some of my Boston friends having been invited to join Higginson & Fanchild in buying West Superior property - so I suppose they have accepted or made up their mind to accept your terms.

I infer from what you say that there is no enthusiasm amongst the people representing Duluth & Saint Paul, in regard to locomotive works

and as we have found places which seem to offer greater inducements, we shall not press the matter upon any one's attention.

There is lots to do here; real estate I think offers strong attractions - securities of all kinds can be found in N.Y. 2 hrs. & a half away. Politics need the help of strong republicans. Come & see me & judge for yourself. Let me know when the

Wilmington, Del.

July 28th '84.

My dear Hammond,

I have
not sooner replied to your
last letter for I became hoping
from its terms that you would
turn up here shortly.

I can hardly promise
myself the pleasure of at-
tending the wedding in October

as I should like very much
to do, but it is of course possi-
ble that circumstances may
so shape themselves as to
bring that about.

Since writing you I have
diven all about Milwau-
gon, and feel quite confident
you will not only be pleased
with the place, but also with
Shipley's home and surround-
ings.

M^r and M^{rs} Warner will be
making a trip to the N.W. in
September and I shall give
them a note of introduction
to you.

Please remember me very
kindly to the ladies, and be-
lieve me,

Always Yours Faithfully,

James H. Wilson
John H. Hammond
St. Paul, Minn.

Our friend Ammin has got into trouble. Suspended
ed - & is now being investigated by the Bar
association. Put off more than they could cheer.
WILMINGTON, DEL. Aug. 5, 88.

My dear General,

I am very
sorry I missed you in New York.
You will doubtless get a chance
to tell all you know about the
acquisitions of the Canadian
Pacific in the States - as two
investigations have already
been ordered by the Senate, the
result of which must be
the adoption of my measure

to exclude the Canadian
roads from engaging in
our transit trade - all as
set out in the speeches I
gave you when you were here.
If you have any stock in
either the C.P. or its controlled
lines you had better get rid of
it.

I cannot go to Puget Sound
this month - but may go
on a general tour in that
direction in Sep. Meanwhile

if you go, learn all you can
about the "Am. Coal Steamer"
Enterprise to which you refer
and write me fully. I know all
about the region and its resources,
and think well of their future.

I congratulate you most
cordially on the auspicious fam-
ily advent, that adds you &
Mr. Hammond to the Elders of
the land. Make my felicitations
also to Mrs. & Mr. McNeagh
when you write.
We have also had an addition

to my family. The old sore mane
by ^{by Kemp's} ^{Scottland}
Dormie, which you sell. Wilson
drove when here, has given
us a handsome sore Colt. Sue
dup. Federal. Dam + Colt
both doing well.

I am sorry you didn't meet
at Kilm. He is just the fellow
you want to know; bought a job
of property at Duluth thro' Mr.
Dance. Will deliver you message.

Let me hear from you.

My family still at the
Sea Coast. Not as busy here.

Yours cordially,

J. H. Wilson

STOCKFORD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Aug. 10. '88

My dear Genl Hammond,
Hayes,
recently elected Pres. of the
N. City & Northern, & of the
St. Paul and Duluth Railroads
is the same man, who used
to be P. of the Gould system
at St. Louis. He is a brother-in-
law of Jack Barnes formerly
of the Navy - and is or was
a clever man - but was sup

The Filson

seemed to have been broken down
by our work, several years ago.

I should think well of
the S.P. and Duluth for
myself, if I had any in-
terest, or knew anybody
who had an interest in
it.

All well and hope you
are also.

Yours Cordially,

Geo. H. Harrison
St. Paul

Wilmington, Aug. 13, '88.

My dear General,
I have yours of
the 9th.

I cannot say what effect if any
the Senate inquiry will have on
Houghton & Ontonagon bonds, nor
whether Lee Higgins & Co. will
sell or hold. They are a pretty
scary set however and some
times go ashore in a mighty
small breeze.

At Kinross evidently thought

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well of Duluth for he bought proper
ty there. He remarked in his
letter to me that he thought the
price of property in Superior very
high and that a fellow would have
to wait sometime for a profit at
present prices. I have not yet
heard of his return, but when
I see him I will question him
more closely.

I note your kind invitation for
Mary, but as matters are now she
cannot go any where. She is
quite ill with intermittent fever -
confined to her bed - and threatened
with Typhoid.

I am going to N.Y. this week. It
looks as though the stock market
there had received a favorable im-
pulse from the prospect of a beautiful
crop.

Kind regards to your family.

Ever Yours Truly,

James H. Wilson

Genl. John H. Hammond,

St. Paul. Minn.

STOCKFORD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Oct. 1st '88.

My dear General,

On my
return from the NW where
I went after all. I found
you favor of the 7th. It
was utterly impossible for
me to stop over and look
you up, as I should
have done had I been alone

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and free.

I do not believe enough
in the future of Gearfalls
to pay the Prices the Water
Power and Townsite Com~~pany~~
pany, is asking for lots.

into the Conditions of the
little railroad of several
links between Tacoma
and Seattle. If it could be
controlled there would be some
money in in a few years.

I heard a great deal
that was encouraging
about Tacoma. Please

look carefully into
real estate values, & also

Learn all you can about

I found you entirely

rested to health & all my

family very well.

When will you be

in New York?

Yours Cordially,

J. H. Wilson

Gen. J. H. Hammond

St Paul, Minn

Aud. Oct 11th

from Chicago that
Villard already con-
trols the little RR

fanciful, there are some very solemn
truths running through the
body of the article, which
I hope our Southern brethren
will not treat lightly. It is a
condition not at all new which con-
fronts them!

Remember me most kindly to
your family, (whom I should not
fail to call on in N.Y. if I
had time) and believe me
with kind regards from Madame

Very Truly Yours

James H. Wilson
Gen. J. H. Hammond
St. Paul, Minn.

STOCKFORD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Oct 15th 1888

My dear General,
Yours of the

11th at hand -

Mary is quite recovered and
has gone with Kitty to Farm-
ington.

I am not surprised at
what you say about the
adoption of the little rail-
road from Seattle to Tacoma

It is what I knew must come
soon or late. I am only sorry
we didn't get in on it.

Write me fully about your select
the enterprise, and if there is
a place in it for me please
reserve it till I can look into
it. I have great hopes of
that region.

I leave Wednesday on a
stumping tour in N.H. I
speak at Concord on the even

ing of the 18th and at other
places from that to the 24th
when I go to New Jersey
where I shall help them
till the day before the elec-
tion. I have enlisted as a private
soldier and am going to
try my hand or rather my
tongue and lungs in a new
role.

I have read the Life General's
article in the North American
and while the title is a little

Father's Report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs
June - 27th 1878 -

I was appointed Supt. of Indian Affairs
Dakota Superintending April last and
under orders from the Bureau established
my office in Yankton, Capital of Indian
Territory during the same month -

My first duty being to visit the Agencies
already established and to obtain
locations for Spotted Tail and Red Cloud
to be removed from Nebraska. I
commenced at - Yankton Agency - on

the East bank of the Missouri - about
80 miles above Yankton and ended at
Standing Rock 84 miles below Bismarck
Both banks of the River between the points
named, a distance of about 600 miles
had been looked over for Agencies that now con-
tain something over 8000 Indians. I found my-
self called on to provide houses for 13000 Indians on
the West bank alone I selected Yellow Medicine River 275
miles above Yankton for Spotted Tail and Moreau
River 435 miles above Yankton for Red Cloud -

1. Dealing with them as tribes or even as Bands
Should be stopped and some plan adopted
which will cause them to be treated ~~as individuals~~
subject to the same laws and penalties as Whites,
while this will probably apply to all Indians
it is particularly applicable to them because of
their numbers & strongly marked characters.
The steady decrease and steady & final extinction
of the whole Indian race has been accepted
in this country as a settled fact. I beg leave
to raise the question as to the ~~Dates~~ - to
observation & enquiry and me to believe
the contrary. I offer the question as one of
investigation by the Government. The process
in civilizing and teaching Religions to
these people will not be obtained by brilliant
plans or extraordinary means, it is to be
looked for in the same sort of common sense
that brings success in ordinary pursuits since I
have been among them. The expected obstacles have
been diminished - & take a hopeful view in what
can be done with them & for them. I have the
doubt to commend the following: That

Arms & iron is taken from them and an abundant compensation made in chickens & domestic cattle for them & for those already seized. An active policy leading to the distribution of land, — without power to alienate. Replace Tepees with houses. Carefully & gradually enforce sect. 3 of 1875 work. Stop furnishing blankets & stop the sale of paint.

Slightly encourage & push the teaching of English — Lessen the number of agencies by consolidation of those among whom ties of kindness or friendly relations exist and are fitted to live in Peace.

The Indians Work well and will support themselves very soon if the opportunity is offered they have few and poor tools! They require tools & save. without delay light plows hoes and axes. Should be moved out of the dirt house village into log cabins. On separate farms. They should have 1000 more acres of ground broken for them. At present they suffer from hunger. Much of the immorality for which the Res are noted is caused by hunger.

Written from Fort-Bullard Dakota
To Com. of Indian affairs Aug. 13th 1878

The robbery and injustice to these Indians has been terrible —

Bismark, Dakota,

Aug. 16th. 1878.

Charles A. Works Esq.,

Sir:-

Having been directed by the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs to report to me for duty:

You are, subject to the approval of the Department & the President, appointed Agent of Standing Rock Agency.

Your appointment will take effect on the first day of October, 1878.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

J. H. Hammond,
Indian Inspector.

Steamer in subd. Near Standing
Rock Dakota July 13th 1878

Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C

Sir

I have the honor to call attention to the large extent of Territory in Dakota on the East Bank of the Missouri River; which ~~at~~ though ~~not~~ included in any Indian Reservation is exempted from occupation Homestead & preemption by white settlers. This commences at Choteau creek on the South & end at Beaver Creek on the North a distance of ^{about} nearly 450 miles by River. It is ~~probably~~ ^{at least} fifty miles wide in the ~~part~~ ^{part} of this ^{territory} ~~territory~~ ^{only} ~~Reservation~~ ^{Reservation}, the Territory belonging to Crow Creek Agency and Fort Sully ^{Reservations} ~~Reservations~~ ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{not} applied to any specified purpose. ^{I should not be interested with} The remainder has been, ^{so far as I can learn} ~~reserved~~ ^{reserved} from white settlement under the impression that trade in whiskey and ammunition, ^{with the Indians} would thus be prevented. The actual result is that many respectable families & persons were driven away from their homes, but the Half breed & squaw men class, the only dangerous or objectionable class remains. ~~The~~ ^{There is} a large share of the timber in Dakota

is included in ~~the~~ ^{the} top of country, or is being rapidly cut away ~~by~~ ^{for} sale ~~to~~ ^{to} steamboats by men who have no interest in the land or the preservation of the timber. I estimate the waste at over one half of what is cut. Steamboats must have wood if the Govt wants freight carried. If actual settlers occupied the land, timber would be carefully preserved & ~~abused~~ ^{not} that is cut. Prairie fires would be checked to prevent its injury. From these causes timber would increase & that is the great want of Dakota.

As the matter stands now, only those are excluded whose presence would be valuable to the country & would be a protection against frauds on the Indians & against trade in the whisky & ammunition. All those men whose ^{presence} ~~is~~ from any cause ^{is} to be feared, are in the Territory in ~~force~~ ^{greater} force than if it were open ^{to} honest settlement.

Moreover, ~~the same reason that~~ within a few months from the time that these lands were proclaimed exempt from occupation by whites, cattle Ranches were made ~~on~~ ^{on} said lands & have continued ever since. A notable example of this is the Medicine Creek Ranch 35 miles below Fort Sully, where a large herd was formed by the Agent & employees of Cheyenne River Agency on ^{the} ground sacred against white occupation.

Wilmington
June 6 1887

My dear General;

I noticed
The enclosed in a
weekly paper State,
and the claim there
made for Spokane
falls coincides with
my views of that
town. If you should

get out so far
west as that, or
meet with persons
familiar with that
Country, will you
be good enough to
look around, or
inquire about it
to see if Spokane
Falls is likely to
be a big City, and a

good place to put
some money in -
not to remain there,
but to grow largely.

Very truly Yours
Walter Cunningham

Wm J. Wilson

Write me about
Spokane Falls,
also about
the land south
from Mt Burr
Avenue - & between
Hemphill & the St.
Louis Railroad & the
Lakes JAW

[1874]

St Louis April 21/8

My Dear W^m Hammond

I was informed through
your kind invitation to your
daughters wedding that you
were residing in St Louis. Had
I known it last summer
when I was in St Paul I would
certainly have called to see
you and the dear I hold
dear of you in most kindly
remembrance. I wish to renew
our hitherto very pleasant
intercourse by bringing to
your knowledge a young
friend of mine who is
thinking of going to St Paul
to reside permanently and
in connection with her sister
to open a school for girls

Miss Ellen Clark, who has
been residing in this city with
her Aunt W^m Hugh Campbell
since the death of her
Father, during the whole
of which time she has
been engaged in teaching.
For the last two years
she has been a teacher
in the Mary Institute,
and it is with great regret
they consent to give her up.
She is a favorite teacher,
and no one has been more
successful with her
classes. Her sister who
will be associated with
her, is a teacher in
Buttery College - Yopka
and I doubt not is fully
qualified for teaching.
These ladies I have
known for years and

esteem them most highly -
as all do who know them.

There reason in going
to St Paul is to be with
their mother and brother
W^m Cross Clark who are
residents of St Paul.

Now I wish to bespeak
your and the Eld^r's influence
in behalf of these two
most capable and
worthy young ladies. Their
School will be opened
in the fall, and by letting
your friends know in
advance, you may be able
to secure scholars for them.
I doubt not that you and
the God will do in this
matter all, that I would
most cheerfully do for you
under similar circumstances.
I will take the liberty

of giving

Miss Ellen a letter of
introduction to you when
she leaves for St Paul.

Should I visit St Paul
again I will find you
if you are in the city.

With kind regards
to the Genl. I remain

Most Respectfully

Your friend

James E. Freeman

Copy

Executive Mansion
Washington D. C.

January 5th 1878

By virtue of authority in me vested by Section 2053. Revised Statutes, the Central Superintendency of Indian Affairs is hereby discontinued, the duties and authority belonging thereto being transferred to the Superintendent for the Dakota Superintendency.

William Nicholson Esq. Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Central Superintendency is hereby required to turn over all records and monies pertaining thereto, to J. H. Hammond Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Dakota Superintendency.

R. B. Hayes

My appointment
Superintendent

Central Superintend-
-encey —————

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, Dec 11th 1877

Hon Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D. C

Sir

I am in receipt of your communication
dated Dec 10th informing me that I have been
reappointed by the President ^{with the approval of the Senate} ~~to the~~ ^{Supdt of}
Indian Affairs for Dakota Superintendency
for the term of four years; ^{from Dec 1st 1877} ~~the same being~~
~~by and with the advice & consent of the Senate.~~

I have the honor to accept the appointment
~~as above mentioned~~ & will file my Bond
for ^{the stipulated amount} 5000 as directed - ^{as soon as} whenever I can
reach my Bondmen.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Hammond

I had strong Endorses ^{including} among my Endorsers for Commission, ~~was~~ our Governor Bullon & Col
Ingraham & Jas E Yeatman of St Louis

Chicago Ill
Oct 20th 1877

Genl W. F. Sherman

My Dear General

Your telegram reached me here, not in time to meet
you in Omaha. I am sorry, as want to have a talk with you
about Indian matters. I have kept as clear of complications,
as any man can, in a business where not to be in the ring, or in
accord with it; is regarded as an offensive position ^{& have not} ^{showed my hand} ^{at all}
I don't believe the scamps can manufacture any thing against
my character, that will stick & their manuscript here to
hunt up something to my discredit have failed to find anything
You must understand that the ^{local of Minnesota} Northwest ring had its man -
"Bingham" for my place; & from the first, regarded my ap-
pointment, as a threat & part of the new policy -

I have found the army my friends in every way -
So far the position has been a wonderful school. I have
made the whole matter a study - A very careful study -
& feel that I have the hang of the Indian business -

I was, ^{not} disappointed at not being receiving the
position of Commissioner, altho' I certainly expected it, & I
am confident Mr Schurz expected at one time to give it to me.
But he has a hard task & did right to secure } as you will be
The support of the Board of Ind. Commissioners } when I explain
} to you.

I enclose a copy of ^{Confidential} ~~Confidential~~. I enclose copy of a letter from Mr Rogers,
feeling entirely secure in anything I tell you.

Some two weeks ago, A. C. Barstow, of Providence R. I., one of the active

members of the Board of Ind^m Commissioners, particular friend of Mr
Hayt, informed me that there is to be a vacancy among the Inspectors -
& suggested that I apply for the place - I refer to him. I have
done so. I should mention here, that Genl Williamson in accor-
dance with your kind suggestion offered me a fine position on the
Pacific Coast, which I was anxious to take; but Mr. Shurz said
he had something better for me. —

I learned soon after I accepted that my present position is not
one defined by Law, but only exists by virtue of an ^{special} appropriation
which runs out June 30th - and Yauketon being so very ~~much~~
~~more~~ expensive ~~than~~ I have ^{been compelled to leave} kept my family at home.

~~You now have the situation.~~ I have been pretty well educated
for Inspector, & hope to get the place, ~~as if there is to be a vacancy.~~
Mr Hayt, of course will not want to ~~turn out~~ ^{do much} any one of ~~consequence~~
prominence until he is confirmed —

Now you have the situation —

with my help the bank kept open & paid off every liability
down to \$8000 - before the continued run & other failures com-
pelled it to close finally. We will pay all I am confident,
& I will be able to take all the paper I have sold anyone, &
I have taken up ^{all} ~~every thing~~ ^{paper} except \$1600 that I had ~~advised~~
except \$1600 + am ^{all} ready to take that — ~~So we stand entire~~
~~ly alone among Chicago Banks & we will come out personally~~
& financially entirely clean to the last dollar. No man
loses except ourselves, & we have the sympathy of the public.

So I feel ready to go ahead in the world again.

Mrs Sophy joins me in kindest regard & hopes that you
have had a good time on your Western Trip —

Wm. my extra 80 into Wm. much taking into Iowa

Vancouver Oct 10th 1877.

Hon Carl Schurz

Dear Sir,

The affidavits herewith enclosed, with those already sent, are con-
-clusive as to the matters therein stated. That relating to Hummer is, no thing
worse than his general and specific reputation. As I understand, we have
nothing to do with the ministry; & I only send this on account of its bearing on the
Saville Hastings trial; about which I have other interesting information, rec-
-ived on condition of being given to you only & that probably, ~~more or less~~ ^{more or less} ~~as a~~ ^{as a} ~~rule~~ ^{rule} ~~that his superiors are fully informed, but dare not do anything~~

Charges, many of which can be sustained, are rife, & I have been puzzled to
know how far back you want me to go. So far I have sent you only
such as seem fully reliable & bear direct on those now in office. I
also have a class of information, reliable & leading to full & di-
-rect proof, just as soon as men dare speak. Remember that the
only men who can testify ~~as completely as they~~ ^{depend on a living power of those} against whom
they are called on to give evidence. To get at them I have had to see &
talk with ten men where I have obtained anything from one.

The place where the corn, provisions, wagons &c were sent, referred to in
the affidavits of Burke, Brady, Fielder, Foster, Brown & others - is on Medi-
-cine Creek on the East side of the Missouri R - It was at that time in the
name of Bing Law, when I came here & started up the River it was stripped
of the most ~~striking~~ ^{galling} evidences of crime. but enough remained for a case.
When I put the question to you, I was notified through the regular channels,
to prosecute through the District Attorney. Of course you will feel impatient
& incredulous; when I tell you "that no use", the District Attorney is
dying of Consumption, can't last ^{long} ~~over~~ ^{two} ~~three~~ ^{four} months. He came to Da-
-kota with Burbank of Indiana, ~~and his bidding~~ ^{relationship & command of military} worked with him as
long as he remained & has run in the ring with Burdick the late, Mar-
-shall, the present Secy, Gov - & The Agents - all ^{relationship & command of military} ~~ring~~ ^{all working to}
-gether - I want to be explicit, as the Territorial Authorities are now
constituted, you can't effect anything whatever. ~~The~~ No matter how
strong your case! (I want to except from this group, the Chief Justice in
whom I have unqualified confidence.) The combination is religious

political, commercial & social. The Governor was appointed through Spencer & was his strike in Alabama. When Mr Hays was elected, he commenced collecting certificates & endorsements in the Territory, and within a few days will avail himself of public business to lay them before ^{you} the President - in order to succeed himself. His time is out on the first of January 1878. ~~Mr~~ Spencer has been here ^{in relation} recently to obtain the Gov's services on titles to Mines in the Black Hills, for continued support.

What I have forw^d is enough on which to form a plan of action for this Territory. Whenever you feel safe, plenty of evidence can be secured. on the Agencies where there is no Military force. I am followed up too closely to obtain any thing but statements.

Subject to the above, I have learned & believe ^{if can be proved} ~~I can prove~~ ^{to the Gov's} condition as to safety. "That Livingston agent at Crow Creek formerly owned & run a Rauche in the interior & furnished it with supplies from the Agency, and that he now owns "The Bingham Rauche on Medicine Creek," where so much property was carried, & now the best stocked Rauche in Dakota. Gregory manages his accounts & is in with him.

~~can I have also~~. also that Livingston has ~~reared~~ ~~sold~~ many hogs & cattle fattened on Govt corn & Hay, & runs a Tavern on the agency with ^{Govt supplies}

I am fully satisfied that Gasman owns & operates a Rauche on & adjoining his reservation, & a Tavern on the agency in partnership with his principal employee, ~~the~~ farmer. Also that a continual appropriation ^{for personal use} ~~in small change~~ way of Indian property has gone on & still goes on. But they have all the money they want, no matter how much, to bribe or send away witnesses - & if you undertake to break up the ring by isolated removals - or prosecutions outside of a well digested plan; I beg you will not undertake it in Dakota -

It will only injure you & strengthen them. Should you appoint me in Inspector, my ^{life} ~~career~~ here has been a splendid Education for the place - Respectfully ^{I should have the use of a better} ~~time not to be ended unless needed~~

31 Temple Court
508 Beekman St

New York Sept 27/89

Genl of Hammond
My Dear Sir

Westchester
New York

Your favor (per your
son received - Mr Wright) will sell his
entire place for \$100,000 - or less the 27
acre piece marked ^{no 2} on in closed map for \$80,000

Westchester Westchester Co. is nearest
station to place - from this station take
main road to Fay Schuyler - at last turn
in this road before reaching Fay is a stone
gateway iron gate from the pasture lodge
this is entrance to place.

You can go by New York & New Haven
Branch to Westchester - or via New York
& New Haven main line from 42nd St
to New Rochelle where connections are
made for Westchester. as it is only about
5 miles above Harlem River it is a pleasant

sale by steam launch from 3rd Ave Bridge
parking - or a pleasant drive from City
If you will notify me (or Mr Wright) before
hand he will be pleased to have his
carriage meet you at any time at
Westchester Station. If you will look into
this place I am convinced it will please
you as it certainly is one of the finest places
along the water & about the only large one
that can be bought - It contains upwards
of 100 acres of fine dry land well laid
out with handsome shade trees,
fine fruit over 1/2 mile of beautiful
outside sea front, with best salt
water boating, bathing & fishing -
I hope you can find it convenient to look
into this at your earliest convenience
as Mr Wright expects leaving in a few
days when I may not be able to get
hold of him for several months
He has no one except his wife in his
family which is his only reason
for selling -
Yours in haste Geo W Eldredge

Union Club,

Fifth Avenue & 21st Street,

June 26. '89

Dear General,

Have seen

Orcutt - who is president
of the New York Rowing and
Canoeing and proud of
it. He don't intend to
abdicate or be scooped or
play second fiddle to
anybody - and has no prof.

sition to make to you or
anybody else. A man named
Lefever called on him
about you - had not heard
of you before - Lefever told
him you were the man
he wanted - that you were
worth \$3,000,000 and would
bring 250,000 people to
Newport News in two
years - and this scared him.
I put that all night, and

and have a ^{Union Club} chat af-
_{ternoon, 21st Street.}
ter which you, Odell,
he & I shall go down to
Newport news & see what
there is there. He says
there is a lot of \$200,000
of the Land O. stock held
by a Savings bank which
can be bought at 60%
and that he would be
glad to have you buy it.

or that the form of us should
form a pool and
take it. He says this
is below the ground floor,
^{most of} because the others have
paid for the stock
and that there is no
water in it. He knows
O'dell well & seems to
be intimate with him.
Says he has faith in the
Enterprise & has talked

into him about you.

My conclusion is that it
is worth looking into but
but you need it make a
trip East for that purpose.
He understands you in-
tend coming here any
how about July 15 to
see your son off to Europe
& that will be ample time.
Of course you will stop
over with us in Delaware

and arrange a further
program after we meet

Your son's report on the
Nekraski engine was
a very creditable one for
a boy - Strang has gone over
again - but I have no
great faults in it.

Ever yrs

J. H. Wilson

all you would expect me
to say in your behalf. I
went over the ground fully
fully - and my conclusion
is that there is work to
be done there, and if it is
worth doing, money to be
made out of it. But it
needs careful investigation
and study on the spot, as
a condition precedent to
any business action whatever.

Orcutt is a young and
vigorous man; has been
Coal agent of the C & O.
Company but now president
of the Land Co. & also of
the Dry Dock & Shipbuild-
ing Company. He talks
as though he had faith
in the Town and proposes
when you come on, that
you shall see him
and

STOCKFORD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

August 10, '89.

My dear Hammond,

I have
yours of the 3d.

It was curious that we
missed each other at Chicago
The first thing I did was to
Call McMeagh's store and
ask for you and the reply
was they didn't know. Then
I telegraphed you care Mr.
Meagh at Evanston, and the

and came that the message of a report Ben Wade, made
and not be delivered as Mr. Mc. nor how to get a copy of it ex-
cept by writing to the public

cept by writing to the public
deagle had gone.
What you say about Newport printer.

news all seems sound, but I think I know enough
we'll go and see for ourselves. about the Island and its polit-

I did not tell you that ical Condition to justify me
Geo. D. McClellan had made in saying that neither you

a report on San Domingo- nor I want to do anything
never heard that such a report with or in it till the times

had been made you'd know ican flag flies over it. And
where a copy of it could be then we shant need old Rufus

got. Hatch nor anybody connected
I dont know what kind with him.

I don't believe there is anything
in the Sun flow business, but
when you come east we'll talk
it over and see.

My family are all away at
the seaside.

My judgement is that
there is to be an advance in
railroad stocks.

Yours Cordially,
James H. Wilson

Gen. J. H. Hammond,
West Superior, Wis.

If not called for in 10 days, return to

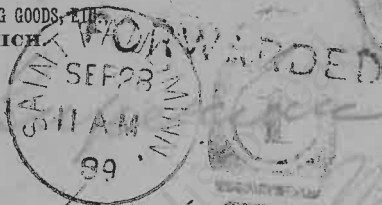
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DEALER IN

CLOTHING

LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, ETC.

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