

Eddy at

Omaha

His wife

Family

William

Dec 11th

Friend Wm. E. Laramie City

Dear Sir - I am
 greatly obliged for your kindness in
 writing me. If I can in any way serve
 you in return I will be most happy to
 do so. I would be glad to know that that
 you is coming out all right - No doubt
 with money my opportunity will come.
 That idea of Oregon & California cattle
 is good, especially the latter -

I am bound to have a cattle interest
 with you. I shall get met before spring - I hope
 you will be very glad to see you
 & I hear of any chances you may know
 of. I expect to see you soon. I am

Confidential to you

Dr Bell

Feb 4th 2

Capt C. V. Mead

My dear Captain
Mr O'Brien forwarded your letter to me. I am in no way surprised at the result of the late meeting. But please take notice that the Sd. CP & RR is not yet completed. I was in my way home when I was induced to come here for a two weeks collecting job & the recovery of a lot of iron ⁱⁿ. This was lengthened by the examination & report on a road: then the examination of another projected Road. It may lengthen into a six months job - but nothing certain. If I can offer you a job for five or six months, could you accept it. Books & in door work I think \$125 per month - or \$150 - I am feeling very much ^{un}well & have so far neither power nor certainty - but as we are all on our backs for work, I feel as though there are a few men who have claims on me for a place ^{& you are one of them when I can} ~~if I have one~~ ~~can in duty~~ give it. I wonder how the Doctor would like to let Victor strike out on a survey - for a start?
The report Mrs Ewing writes about my controlling Roads is untrue - I am in nothing at all perma-

Morris either on his own acct or prompted
by Mr Crenshaw. thought that I should
be a director in the Leo. If you don't
want to be bothered with it I think well
of it. Then we can know for ourselves what
goes on
In the letter of Mr Jesup to Mr
27th. Mr Hazlehurst's knowledge of your
intentions with reference to the M & A R R is
attributed to me. It is an old trick of Mr
H's. Pretending to know a thing in order to
get at it. He tries it on me daily & I have
heard him do it with Mr Plant. These
stands Mrs. I have promised him to do
all I can to induce you to buy the
control of the M & A R R, which he
has called to mind repeatedly & dwells
on. On the 29th Mch he said to me in
amercus. "I do wish to heavens I could
find out what Mr Jesup's real inten-
-tions are with reference to the M & A
Augusta R R. I have written to him

etc." "My answer was." if he would
listen to me. he would control the stock
while he can & before your committee re-
ports, which I understand must be
at the next meeting. But really I am
entirely in the dark about his intentions
& I only know that he must see his way
to getting back what he has put in.
before he is likely to put in any
more." It would seem therefore that
my intimations, mentioned in his letter
of the 20th - must have been vague.
allow me to assure you Mr Jesup
that my life here is a constant fencing
match; & whatever Mr H. Lane & the
rest learn "that I don't know", they
will learn my little "that I do know".
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
H. Hammond

sonal, but strictly belonging to his Southern culture or
want of it - He will not be intentionally dishonest,
but he will be sure to present & see things to his own ad-
-vantage & not otherwise - We cannot afford to quarrel
with him, but we must for our own necessity - get him
out of power at an early day.

Neither of the parties really knew anything of the new road.
Ferrent had never seen any part except the few
miles at the West end. & knew absolutely nothing of
the country. Both had told each of the people as had
been approached that they would only be called in for rights
of way. & this must now be overcome. They now in their con-
-versations with me often let out, that they think the New York people
should subscribe some stock as well as Bond.

They have in partnership, in charge of the son of the later
60 mules & carts, a full outfit of tools & 200 hands at
work on the Columbus & North & South RR. which they expect to
transfer to the new Road. Very likely should we conclude to go
on with that work, they can be advantageously employed,
but must be controlled - without feeling it.

It is unfortunate that Ferrent has been made president
of the road, & promised the magic - Some study will be
required to get rid of him - & he must be shaken off as
soon as possible - even though consolidation be resor-
-ted to. Flower & Fluid are better than expected. Have
not had an opportunity yet to see enough of their matters to

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sible. at least \$20000 per annum. Others think - more.
Desirous of taking from expense instead of adding to,
I have refrained from bringing up this subject until com-
pelled. But the recent tone of the Central people, led
me to say

If you expect to keep the M & B RR.
The payment of the \$3000 per annum rent of depot, should
be made to represent the interest on Bonds enough to con-
struct the road through the Fair Grounds to the Guard
House & erect thereon sufficient Freight & Passenger
Buildings. Say - \$350000 - 8% of Bonds - sold at 80
\$280000 - interest representing rent \$280000 per annum
said Buildings Fair Ground & Guard House property be-
ing in name of - Blank. Trustee; can be made
Basis or security for said Bonds. not being covered by any
other Bond. Bonds can be made any time. M. K. Desupt Co
hold money until needed. The foregoing is just what
you have to meet if you retain & use the M & B RR
It may be staved off until Jan 1st 1873, but it may
be thrust on us this afternoon or tomorrow. & take
chances for redress in suit. Of course our course
is moderation. & Mc Rae is very patient

Yours very truly

A. Hammond

form many conclusions. They have inferior persons ^{think} around them & too many of them. Such small abuses as require removal, must be effectually cleared away: dealt with very circumspectly & I will - must, make very gradual approaches, and not attempt anything till I am sure of being able to carry it out.

Flock, is a man that we should keep. He is a fanatic & fanatics are good things, when you know them -

Flint - is the hardest man we have to deal with - without being able to trace it or define it - I have fallen into the impression that Federal is governed by him - & he is the real man of power - The other the advance guard. I am studying my ground carefully & making friends. This is a hard country to get along in. very like walking on Eggs. Ferrent, has taken no steps whatever to create a vacancy in his Board. With your consent I will use my judgement about urging the matter - He is making no effort to clear up the claims against the Madly. I have just returned from Montgomery & informed myself on that. I now request that if I remain here I shall receive the proxies in the Madly election. I have taken steps to purchase some of the stock - in Montgomery -

Ferrent brings poor accounts of the chance for subscribers

I have consulted Whittle & am satisfied that we are in the de-
pot by sufferance but can if injured have redress by law under
ordinary circumstances. I supposed that you knew the
M & B RR had no access or rights of its own into the
city, no shop ground & no tracks of its own to the shops
and offices occupied by its officers & employees.

If today we are ordered out, or the Central cuts us off - we
can only stay some distance out of town until we
can build to the two pieces of property here in described.
If we had not this property, we could not come to town at all
we pay \$3000⁰⁰ per year for the privilege of entering the pas-
senger depot. To build from the end of the present M & B track
to the Guard House property & build thereon sufficient
buildings & platforms for freight & passengers, will
require \$25000⁰⁰ not any more. Sufficient buildings are al-
ready on the ground for General offices & the necessary ad-
aptation of them is included in the above sum. If the M & B
RR is operated in the same, or in friendly interest, that
company would come in for about one third of the expense
from its terminus. The above figures are intended to cover grading
cut-overs buildings - additional iron etc. etc.

The Central bought the land in rear of this depot it off. Then the
Council gave right of way through the street. The Central has ex-
pended already \$300,000⁰⁰ in land & construction to get in-
side of this Guard House Block & estimates include
for buildings \$160,000⁰⁰ more. When they are nearer business, only
one and a half blocks. The occupation of this property will
aid to our business by rendering our freight houses access-

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91 x 86

Confidential

Feb 6th 2

Mr. M. J. J. &

S. A. Straug. Gentlemen. I have been here long enough to form some opinions. These I desire to lay before you as they will probably influence my acts.

I find Mr. Ferris to be a really kind amiable man but with a strong streak in him when pushed. His bad point is his liability to agree with the last man & to be careless in all his transactions. I don't think him weak, but he is very diffuse or scattering and should have some one to balance him. Mr. Ferris put the case when he said that Mr. H. is a valuable man if he can have a steady hand to back him up. I think we can better afford to quarrel with any other man here than with him — and yet I counsel against relying on him at all. He is full of valuable ideas & should be considered & kindly dealt with & his feelings carefully regarded, yet a firm hand & close eye on all transactions where he can leave loose ends.

Ferris has not a tithe of the talent that the other has, but is a man of concise though limited views & thoroughly self contained & balanced. He has none of the natural generosity of the former & cannot be used to any ones advantage. His carelessness is not per-

Macon April 25 1872.

Mr. H. Jacup Esq.

Dear Sir,

Dr Morris the southern active
man of the Southern & Atlantic Tel Co
is here. He has discussed quite freely
the affairs of the Company & hopes to fol-
low the footsteps of the S R S Co. R R Co.
and eventually reach San Diego.

As my discretion has been brought in ques-
tion, I will say that I have never men-
tioned the S R Co directly or indirectly or
manifested knowledge of its existence
save to Mr. Paul. Mr. Morris did his
own talking & was familiar with the sub-
ject. I learned from him that the Tel Co
has 1150 miles of line to \$353000 stock
or almost \$307 per mile. At this rate
M & B RR line 186 miles \$57102.

He stated also that Mr. Frank Morris

of N. Y. built the line from Danville to Sa-
vannah for \$300 per mile in stock.
Dr Morris is having 40000 poles got out
on the M & B RR, for from here to Augusta
& Columbus to Union Springs & then
to Montgomery.

Why not stipulate in advance for the price
from Hawkinsville to Cufala & thence to
Union Springs, connecting to Montgomery
the building & receiving pay in stock.

I have managed these things in view of the
fact that you are personally to conduct
the negotiation for sale of the M & B line.

If this Tel Co. can reach the points in-
dicated by Dr Morris, of which you in
N Y can judge, and can remain free
from the non paying lateral lines & nu-
merous dead weights of the West. Union,
it must grow to be a power & by going in early
and assisting in the Government, it may be made
a source of great & permanent gain.

Feb 5/11

Messrs Perkins Livingston & Post

Gentlemen

I enclose you draft No 9649 on Thomas Catlin & Co No 33 Nassau St N.Y. for \$150⁰⁰ payable to your order to payment of preparing Bonds. Please acknowledge receipt

The RR & Contracting Co. having no funds Mr B. had was induced to advance the suit. The signature of the Treasr. requiring order of the Board I was compelled to return from Montgomery to Opeika to gather them. I hope to take possession of the Bonds Tuesday or Wednesday next. Mr Remington was not ready for me, & I had to take his signature & then hunt up the others. I delivered him 1/3 Blank Bonds

Yours very truly
J. H. Hammond

- must & have no desire to be, here. You know my ideas of the south. This is the best of it that I have ever seen. but that not much
- by Dr Bell still said -
- My regards to Mrs West - I remember me kind
- You had better return answer to me at once -
- The P & B Co No 51, as I hope to go there in a few days. I don't, my family will
- my soon return home soon.

Yours friend
J. H. Hammond

Macon Ga. April 1st 1872

M. K. Jesup Esq

Dear Sir. In reply to your favor of 27th inst

The Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road is a long line through a sparsely populated country - most of which is poor & none of which is receiving emigration.

The annual report Jan'y 1872, indicates that during the last year of 1871. There was a falling off in revs of \$85,711, with an increase during the first six months of on - ly \$98,484, leaving \$12,697, as the only increase for 1871, and to get this the cars ran 4,389,953 miles in 1871, against 3,711,191 miles in 1870.

These facts must & have gradually become felt, first by the thinking, observing men, then by the public, & must have had their effect, of which the decline in the stock is one result.

The language, "habitual" of the directors since I first went to Savannah more than in time of itself produced the same result.

I have heard, Messrs Stoddard, Roberts - Duncan, Villa Longa, & to a very

Moderate extent Col. Perceps; all say that the salvation of the A & G R R depends on its extension to Mobile. Indeed Col

Perceps is unnecessarily frank, when he says in his report, "The A & G R R is an unfinished enterprise. This has necessarily had its effect,

The recent resignation of the directors has operated for a fall.

It is well understood among the employ - ees on both M & B & A & G R R - That during the next five years, from fifty to sixty miles of new iron will be required absolutely -

Earnings in 1871.	\$1044,667.98.
Expenses " "	794,429.05
net -	\$250,238.93.

Feb 6th

Feb 5th

Mr. Kaufman

Sir

I yesterday telegraphed that the Genl Supt of the Central R.R. of Georgia had rendered acct of amt due M & B.R.R. from business of the account to Western R.R. - The exact amount being \$57,361⁹³

From this will be deducted \$28,000 which goes to the Atlantic & Gulf R.R. Co. Mr. Wadley has forw'd copy of statement in detail -

He wishes to go on with the organization of the New York & Florida R.R. & the chances of Mr. Wadley paying up. I am not willing & have pushed him for a settlement; he has consented to go to Savannah for the purpose, as Mr. W. can't be seen here.

Yours truly J.H. Hammond

M. K. Acup & Co
59 Liberty St. N.Y.

Statement rec'd this day from Federal Share of made is fifty one less twenty eight. Comma line will push a settlement. Election all right & so

J.H. Hammond

Wes Perkins Livingston & Post
New York

and amount of Bill for Bond Today. Signature of Treasurer requiring meeting directors must gather then President signed details by letter

J.H. Hammond

Feb 5th

net earnings Prot over \$250,238.93.
 Interest on Bonds & Guaranteed Stock
 \$273,903.93
 Interest acct ——— 49,992.01, which I
 suppose means on }
 Floating debt } \$323,895.94
 Being \$73,657.01, less than their in-
 terest. The Supdt however says that
 of expenses \$96,386⁵³ are extraordinary
 But of this Extraordinary, it appears
 that \$67,437.13, was paid for cars, which
 is legitimate & not extraordinary
 Moreover an examination of the Machinery
 Department reveals that four new Loco-
 motives are needed, and all in use prior to
 the war need new boilers, and twenty
 five new flat cars are needed, add to
 this what I tell you of new iron needed,
 and you will see without further exami-
 nation why a careful man would not
 pay much for the stock now.
 You know to what extent the funding
 of the floating debt will relieve the Compy.
 I do not, as I don't know the facts.

I am not prepared to say that the extension
 west to mobile will help matters much
 if any, a select committee was apptd at
 the last session of Legislature to examine
 report on the propriety of the further aid
 by the State. The Road is popular, so is
 Savannah, if granted it will raise the stock
 enough to let those out who want to go.
 The country west from the Chattahoochee is
 very thinly populated but has some good
 land & a world of timber. If the country
 were susceptible of emigration it would be
 a good project. It is not liable to receive
 as many as will leave.
 If the Road can run such Texas or
 Blakely. It must either raise an ad-
 ditional million or two & build around
 Mobile Bay or depend on the Mobile &
 Montgomery RR to reach Mobile & west.
 But I will tell you what will help the
 A & G RR & enable it to exist, until
 the natural increase of population
 incident to a RR "bring in the land"
 and the increasing travel to Florida —

Miss Perkins Livingston & Post

March 6th

Gentlemen.

The Bill for the relief of Alabama RR: failed by one vote -

I fear unless we assist the Ala & Cent. R.R. that Co. will not be able to lay the iron on the 5 miles necessary for endorsement of the Bond we hold - according to their showing they are \$12000 short of preparing the Road Bed.

I am now of the notion that even with the endorsement of the four parties. It will be hard to realize on their notes - No property in this Country is of value. I have never heard from you the action Lancaster & Brown & Welsh will take on the coupons of the Bond they hold. Please let me know that - also let me know ⁱⁿ just what shape you want the renewal of the of the notes endorsed by Pennington, Colt & others - I will collect necessary data & let you know my decision - Write soon as I must go to Missouri inside of Ten Days -

Yours Truly J. H. Hammond

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Macon March 11th

M. K. Jesup Esq

Sirs.

Though Ellis, saw offered
9553 shares of Macon & Augusta Stock
at 35 ct - This consists of 5000 shares city of
Augusta, 2000 shares South Carolina, 1000 of
Macon - & the balance private shares. -

I suppose we can get off by taking the Augusta &
the South Carolina; that is 7000 shares, but probably
not with less. You can reason out now as well as I
that the possession of this stock gives control of the Road,
by enabling you to control the members of the committee
which has not yet reported on the validity of the stock
now held by you. You may rest assured as the committee
now stands, that it will report against your stock & I can
readily understand that the Directors of a road will be
held by a jury if it comes to trial, to be competent
judges of such a matter. It will be ugly to risk at all
events. If we had paid the expected price of 40 cts for
the Augusta stock, it would be \$200,000. The 7000 shares
at 35 - is \$245,000. Holding so much in the Road, you could
be closing with Judge King's offer to us a good deal for the
Road - Please let me hear from you at once. Respectfully,
A. H. Hammond

1872

Macon Ga. Mich 6th

L. N. Whittle Esq

Dr Sir

Can the contract of the M & B RR Co with the A & G Co. be set aside should the latter fall into adverse hands or under any circumstances - can it be set aside should the M & B RR be leased by adverse interest.

Please take under consideration the present Contract & an additional one for the purpose of strengthening the present one, & of preventing any hostile interest from interfering with free access to Savannah & Florida by the M & B RR & as far as possible to prevent the annoyance which hostile parties so effectually practice when in possession of a Road against those having operating rights

Very Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

1872.

Macon Ga. Mich 5th

A. F. Ravenel Esq
Presdt North Eastern RR Co

Charleston. S.C.

Dr Sir

Please inform me if anything is required or can be done at this time, in the business between

Thos McNeill & Assoc Co &

Drane & Mc Dowell -

and Cameron - I go north in

a few days & will be in Savannah

on the 11th inst - a note case Atlantic & Gulf RR office will

reach me -

Very Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

P. O. Box No 27

Macon Ga

1872 Mason Ga Dec 7th

M. K. Joseph Esq

Dear Sir. The long promised com-
ing of the Supdt of the Southern
& Atlantic Telegraph line has
not taken place. I can learn noth-
ing at all here, or in Savannah.

Col Severn says the new administra-
tion (whatever that is) places the thing on a
better footing - S. R. Cronshaw Post

New St is the new President. Please
take means to ascertain the true
footing of his Comp'y - In New York
alone can it be done. I will at once

open negotiations with the West in
view - pending your inquiries have
already been on the Montgomer-

ey & Bufala R.R

Yours truly
J. H. Hammond.

was taking possession, can it again my
 property under our agreement or can
 he by possession of the property & pos-
 session of the Invoice hold it in spite
 of me & compel me to pay or sue for
 the debt, instead of possession of the pro-
 -perty?

If you have to stop by command, keep
 my name back entirely, but send
 me the Bill & please let me have it
 as early as possible

With greatest obligations
 Yours very truly

Dr. Hancock

1872.

Memphis Tenn 7th

Mr Jessup Compy

Dr Sir. I have opened correspondence with Mr
Crimshaw, S. R. No 51 New St N. Y. Mr Hazlehurst has
done the same, requesting him to call on you and explain
the status, strength & purposes of his Company - I
especially requested him to call on Mr S. A. Straug -
He is the new President of the Southern & Atlantic
Telegraph Company & Col. Sermon says it is now
repeatable - Dr Morris told Mr Hazlehurst that
the Central R.R. & N.Y. Co of Ga had subscribed \$2000.
cash to the Capital Stock of said Tel Co.

I have tried of waiting for the apt Baldwin, now promised
here for two months - present arrangement as follows.
We keep up the line & pay the operators - They furnish
batteries on line. We receive our pro rata share accord-
ing to the length of our line on all through business whether
to Savannah or New York - it amounts to about 1 cent per word
and our receipt is about 90¢ per month from this source.
We also receive free passes as far as their line extends & they
say the Atlantic & Pacific recognizes these passes. Before this
Mr Hazlehurst says our telegraphing cost us \$100 per month -

I have applied for a pass for Mr Jessup -

I have opened correspondence with the Western Union on my way to
St Louis will see the Southern agt & Supt. The Southern & A say
they now have money to extend to N Orleans

Respy Yrs
S. W. Hammond

Maam Sa

Mar 11, 1872

Josiah Morris Esq
My dear Sir

Will you please ascertain
for me the law on the following - in Ala

If I sell to A.B. a resident of Alabama
certain property & render him a Bill
or Invoice -

A.B. cannot pay, & says so,
allowing him to retain the Invoice in
his possession, but to protect myself,
A.B. & I enter into an agreement by
which he acknowledges that he holds
the property by my consent, has not
paid for it, & will make payments
as fast as he can. The said payments
shall be made until enough has
been paid to equal the whole price
of said property, A.B. in the mean
time enjoys the use of it, the title
to remain in me until the whole is
paid -

Now he being in ~~default~~ debt &
incurred & seeing danger of other

1872

Macon Ga March 9th

M. K. Jessup Esq

Darius. I saw J. Simmons, chair-
committee on Bonds for State of Ga. He said that
the committee would be in New York probably in
April and said that all they intended to do had
been fully published. & that the duty of the com-
mittee is to report only. He said he did not think
they would recommend anything - He broached
the subject of our second Bonds, & I think from
what he said, that the question of improper means
in obtaining them will be raised. I sent you day
before yesterday a newspaper slip on the subject of
investigations & he made. I have learned that Dr
Fluellen the supdt of Public works who has been ap-
pointed to look into the ins & outs of the Bonds is a tool
of white, & has for a long time done his duty work. We may
I fear look for annoyance from that source. I cannot learn
that our first Bond will be attacked & I think that the means
of getting the second, will be the objective point.

In my interview with Govr Smith, whom I believe to
be away from Macon, set in his ways - He related an
interview had with Wells. The man who owns land at
Brunswick, & Judge Pierrepont of New York.
He said as part of his remarks to Wells: that the State of
Georgia had no interest in the Brunswick & Albany RR
did not acknowledge the Bond endorsed for that Road
binding, or as an obligation, either directly or indi-

- really. That the endorsement was without authority of law, & unwaranted, obtained by fraud - and the State would take no notice of the Road & would discontinue all proceedings against it. That he was no fool to be caught by seizing the Road on acct of delinquency of interest & thus committing the state by her act. That this was the plan of Bullock, to seize & sell the Road - the holders of the Bond buying it in & leaving the State responsible for the Bond.

Wells & Pierrepont asked him if he would consider a proposition for "The Southern Pacific R.R. Co. to return & cancel the Bond, if the State would convey the Road to the said Southern Pacific R.R. Co. He answered, no! - didn't care anything about the Road & it would not do for any man to make any proposals at all about it. If the S P Road wanted the Brunswick and Albany Road, they might get it on their own account - The State entirely ignored it. He was angry with Pierrepont & down on Wells as a scamp & adventurer - This places the "States" of the B & A Bond, his words are a reflection of the opinions of the Committee. We saw Woodward pres'dt Hawkinsville & Americus R.R. - He is all right & will attend the meeting at Americus 29th inst for organization. I returned from Atlanta this evening, Col. Scriven went on to Savannah & I meet his Board there Tuesday. Yours respectfully, J. Hammond, I desired return via Augusta Montgomery & thence to Missouri

to New York & may go with you — report almost sure of it.
 from my experience of this country. I think the allowing in on their
 endorsement would raise them a good deal better. If you
 can make them — on a condition of approval — raise enough
 say \$700.
 If you advance the paper on their is more at 20 — I will
 at their expense have the five miles thoroughly examined & taken
 this up to finish up the road — (if it can be done for the estimate) I
 receive the endorsement on the road & keep them — this will
 save you & if Bond come up — will yield the profit —

They have another proposition — by which they want
 us to advance on work under our contract \$2500 to finish
 & iron the five miles from atala to Lewis Det. & 5 more miles
 at their present terminus — taking 80 Bonds on the last 5
 miles without endorsement at 45 or 50 cents & when
 endorsed — to be kept by us at 60 — This is a
 good proposition per se — if we had money to advance
 and Lancaster B & Co Welch & C — Holders of endorsed
 Bonds. act in concert.

If they come to you push them up to
 raise the \$700 somehow — It is fortunate we have
 both iron & Bonds. Yours truly
 J. H. Hammond

Under the old State aid law, the State lien for any default
 covers the whole Road —

March 11th 1871

M. K. Jessup & Co.

Dr Sir

In order that you may have the question of the sinking fund fairly before you - I submit the following

The State of Georgia endorsed for the Mason & Brunswick RR Co.

Sept 1st 1868 ————— \$450,000.

Jan 1st 1869 ————— 1,500,000.

Nov 1st 1870 ————— 600,000

—————
\$2,550,000.

2 p cent on \$450,000 3 yrs \$27,000.

2 " " " 1,500,000 3 yrs 90,000

2 " " " 600,000 1 yr 12,000

\$129,000 This brings it down to 1871.

I am indebted to Mr Emmel for this information
duplicate to Messrs Foster & Thomas

Yours truly
A. Hamilton

1872. Macon. Ga. Mch 7th

Mess Perkins Livingston & Post.

Gentlemen. The East Ala & Ga R R Co.

To Lancaster Brown & Co — \$83,000
Ll. Welsh Phila 209,000

From Walker & McCannay say, 18 — \$310,000

Secured by a deposit of \$366,000 Endorsed Bonds.

They owe to the Ala & Ga Contracting Co, that is to them
selves — \$175,000

They have floating debts to the amount of \$125,000
~~among~~ included in which if I can understand them is
they state, & honestly - but I doubt the correctness or accuracy of
anything they state - That \$125,000 will put the five miles between
Atlanta & Sand Mountain in order & nail down the iron -

They have \$15,000 endorsed Bonds in the hands of the Bank
No 33 Nassau St - on which there is a loan of \$5,000, only.

These Bonds at 70 are worth \$10,500
Less loan of 5000 + int leaves \$5,300

Mr Shepard thinks they can raise \$7,300 from the alleged \$12,000 required is \$4,700.
3,000

Now add for contingencies -
leaves \$7,700 for them to raise "somehow" provided you
will redeem the 15 Bonds & advance \$5,300 holding the
15 Bonds as security. I told them I had no idea I could
raise \$7,700 - for them & they must try to do it themselves.
I think from Shepard's & Livingston's conversation that they are so
discouraged at what I told them, that they will or one of them go

Mason Ga. Dec 11th 1872

Mr. J. P. Compy

No 59 Liberty Street. New York City

I have adorn (9000) nine thousand Pacific
Malta composed of Fly, Flute, manise
at (35) thirty five. I go to Folks tonight
Telegraph tomorrow if I see what I shall do

J. H. Hammond

... the settlement with Judge King. It may be possi-
-ble that we could get off by taking the City of
Augusta stock from The Grow, but I don't
think so. & as he loses five per cent on the
Augusta 5000 shares. He must get from us
money for his Bonds & have to make it up -
of course I would approach The Grow for
a settlement, as Ellis is a go between - but
remember he is in the man & buy Bonds -
and slipping at that. I told Ellis through the Hazle
-hurst that the Hazlehurst didn't know of anyone
likely to want the stock. Then, he asked Hazle
hurst to write to Mr. J. P. Compy, who saying he might
be induced to consider it.

Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

1872

Macon Mch 11th 1872

Mr. Jesup Compy

Sir. I have recd your letter of the 6th and note what you say of the suit with Judg King, of Montgomery & Bufala R.R. & invoices - I go to Savannah tonight & tomorrow will present to the A & G Board. the endorsement H & E Bond. Subscription of \$20000 to that Road, and additional contract with for M & B R.R. Mr Whittle thinks what we have as strong as we can make it any hostile Compy. being able to make a contract unbearable - Gen Mc Rae & I want to cure some little troubles. get Rt of way to Florida & privilege to build alongside of Savannah if a while interest absorbs the A & G R. Don't know if you get any thing - I have personally searched the papers of the M & B R.R. back to May 1870 when you sold the two engines I found many bills for rent of these engines, but the enclosed Bill is the only thing like an invoice - numbered Dec 1871. I can't give you the law, prefer to get it in Savannah - Mr Inwell has sent you statement of your acct. - as soon as I can I will go to Montgomery & must go from Savannah to Augusta - then to Montgomery. Had arranged to be there before. I heard of the movement on Montgomery & Bufala but Judge King a long way apart for a settlement. Truly yours J. H. Hammond

J.R. Creshaw Esq

March 7th 2

Presdt Southern & Atlantic Tel. Co

Dr Sir. I represent Messrs M.K. Jeap & Company here in the
Masson & Brunswick RR Company & have been waiting nearly two
months to see you agent Mr Baldwin —

As I desire to know more of your Company's purposes &
strength. I will be obliged if you will inform me on these
points — and what your intentions are with reference to the
Masson & Brunswick RR — & your progress west — our
interests extending to Montgomery Ala.

It will be well for you to call on Mrs. A. Strong of Mr
Jeap & Co & have a full conference; if you can do so

conveniently. Do you connect with the Atlantic & Pacific
Tel Co & are you franked recognized by that Co?

Yours very truly

J.H. Hammond

PO Box No 27

Masson Ga

is that under the law authorizing Guarantees by the State of
 the Mason & Brunswick Bond. The road is required to pay into the
 Treasury of the State 2 per cent per annum as a sinking
 fund - two or three years since trouble was made about it, & the Road
 escaped by pleading insecurity of doing so under Military Gov.
 White in the bill he has filed brings this question up: & the
 law is dead against us. Say the average of issue is in
 1868, in which case this year there will be four years
 2 per cent due at \$50000 per yr — \$200000. Mr Whittle
 says it can be met with State Bonds, in which case as
 - rise they be secured while they are low. I have requested
 Mr Whittle to examine whether the Cor Bond endorsed by
 the State will answer. Will also request Mr Emmel to prepare
 me an average of issue, will then brief the case & send
 to you —

Was elected yesterday President Pro Tem of
 the M & B R.R. Charter not authorizing Vice Presd.
 obtained full authority to make additional contract with
 Atlantic & Gulf R.R. also to subscribe to the Stock of Hank
 -insville & Buffalo R.R. & make draught on the subscrip
 tion, but was to offer it as an example to the A. & G.
 R.R. Co. — which he I purpose asking to subscribe a like
 amount. Request avoid going very soon to Missouri for a few days.
 Hope soon to hear from you fully

Yours truly

J. H. Hammond

P. O. Box No. 27

Mo.

March 20th

Col John Brown
Attn

Will you be kind enough to let me know of the res-
ignation of Mr Roberts from the Board of the A & S R R will per-
mit him from cooperating with me in obtaining control of
the the Savannah & Atlanta R.R. Charter. Mr Haysburn
was foiled on the 27th in his attempt to organize under the charter
of the Macon & Moxville R.R. Co. by the Capital Police the Dr Crofford.
This renders it necessary that we get the other if we can - Copers
promised Mr Haysburn that he would work with us. This with
the cooperation of Mr Roberts at once attains the desired result.

Please inform me to what extent Mr Roberts
will hold on as stockholders in the A & S R R Co.

When do you purpose filling the vacan-
cies occasioned by the resignation of the members of the
Board? I would like to see what should be in the Board
and is subordinate in what has bearing no personal
views on the subject.

Will you be kind enough to let me know of
the resignation of the other stockholders.

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copy

\$51361³³

Received from the Central RR & Banking Co of Ga Fifty
 one thousand three hundred and sixty one Dollars & ³³/₁₀₀
 for freight transported over the Central R.R. to & from
 the Mason & Slater RR as contemplated in article
 seventh of the contract entered into between the
 Central R.R. & Banking Co of Ga the Mason &
 Brunswick RR Co & the Atlantic & Gulf RR
 dated 21st day of July 1870. The amount being
 in full settlement to the 31st day of Dec 1871

signed — G. H. Hazlehurst
 Presdt M & B RR Co
 F Council
 Secy M & B RR Co
 G. H. Hazlehurst, Agt A & G RR Co

memo

amt \$51361³³

Proportion of A & G RR Co 28 p ct \$14,381.¹⁷
 leaves for the M & B RR — \$36,980.¹⁶

City Bills to be taken as part payment \$20000.
 proportion of city bills to A & G RR 5600 six ct 1/2 p ct \$84.⁰⁰
 leaves for the M & B RR \$14,400 " " \$216.⁰⁰

about \$12000 in M & B fare Bills to be rec'd —
 " 20000 city money
 " 19361.³³ Total \$51361³³

March 30th

Col John Seaman
 Sir

Will you be kind enough to let me know if the resignation of Mr Roberts from the Board of the A & G R^o will prevent him from cooperating with me in obtaining control of the Savannah & Atlanta R.R. Charter. Mr Hazlehurst was foiled on the 27th in his attempt to organize under the charter of the Macon & Knoxville R.R. Co. by the Central folks the De Graffenried. This renders it necessary that we get the other if we can - Capers promised Mr Hazlehurst that he would work with us. This with the cooperation of Mr Roberts at once attains the desired result.

Please inform me to what extent Mr Roberts & Mr Stoddard are stockholders in the A & G R.R. Co.

When do you purpose filling the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of the members of the Board? Mr Jesup desires that I should be in the Board. My views are subordinate in this, to his, having no personal feelings on the subject.

Will you be kind enough to let me know if you think that the resignations affected your stock.

Mr. Jeap & Co.

April 18th 2

Dear Sirs In Examining matters in Aug
asta - I find that our declaration in the suit for
recovery possession of the Bonds with held by Judge
King - we claim only - (66) sixty six Bonds of
Baldwin Co of \$500 each, \$33000, and (19) nineteen
Bonds of mason \$1000 each - Total \$52000⁰⁰
But there are nineteen more Bonds in said party -
making \$7000, instead of \$52000⁰⁰, which
Mr. Hoffhurst, inadvertently informed Judge King
of, now if we obtain judgment for the Bonds -
Judge King need only deliver the suit sued for -
So as Mr. Lawton in answer to my question -

I Mr. King that Mr. Godnow is familiar in detail
with said Bonds, & that I would request Mr. God-
now to give him all description of same, will you
kindly advise Mr. Lawton of same, Judge Leam
is very ill of Typhoid fever & may be for some time

Mr. Currier as soon as he receives your account
account to date will make his books agree with the

Augusta Ga May 21 1872

Mr Joseph Campy

Dear Sir Enclose herewith certificates

- No 233 - 1200 shares
- .. 234 - 500 do
- 235 - 600 - "
- 236 - 500 - "
- 237 - 900 - "
- 238 - 1300 - "

Stock Macon & Augusta RR Co transferred as directed Truly Yours J H Hammond

I will write details of my conference (all day nearly with Judge King) tomorrow from Macon

J H H

showing certificates. Every chance should be given Cameron to sell out. That as long as there is possibility of his desiring of the property, we should hold off.

John Law has gone to Macon, hunting work as he & Hayhurst have settled in their minds that you sell the out to Bradley & stop the H & C. McRae saw Gummel in Macon yesterday before yesterday & strengthened the impression McRae is in Baltimore

If you have given up the H & C interest & sold the out to Bradley, I advise that you hold on to McRae. He is a valuable man & devoted to his profession. True in

a point on The Macon & Augusta R.R. 10 miles from Macon
to Cowington on the Georgia R.R. and 2 miles from Atlanta
- I can get a road with easy grades, three miles shorter
than the Macon & Western from Macon to Atlanta - & will
only have to build 48 or 50 miles of Road. I can get in
I have the promise in Atlanta of \$100,000 & Macon of \$100,000. I
can raise a few more local subscriptions.

I can build this Road.

now if you decide to build the Hawthsville & Eufaula R.R. -
you I propose that you close out or otherwise control the M & B R.
acquire control of the M & A R. - I build my Road - Then
run the M & B R R as the stem & the three others with
the Montgomery & Eufaula Road as feeders. This combina-
tion gives a stronger line & one in every way preferable to the
central - I feel quite able & willing to work up such a scheme for
your benefit & under your direction. The situation which I now
occupy is neither one thing nor another & ~~not worth~~ nor can I
be situated as I am against you materially - certainly
I cannot in it do myself justice.

Please inform me whether you wish me to do anything
about the \$100,000 Macon City Stock in the M & A R.R. to be
sold on the 1st June.

now. It has only address of the state of your books
up to 1850. I will not vary with you
in the matter of papers & acct. of notes & such

But you shall furnish from accounts of all matters
from date of last; see 12th to this date.

It is but that you make the account, as it is practically
your statement, which will be accepted, which will
appear as the account of the R R Company. In pos-
session of your statement, he will conform & know just
what to do on, & I will know what is to be carried
out. I enclose a letter just recd from Judge
King which I commend to your kind consid-
eration.

Yours very truly
Wm. H. Wood

I have taken possession of engines, & will enter into
contract with R R Co this afternoon — I have
Mr. R. & Company painted instead of Mr. B. R.

The H. S. Society

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Personal

Oct. 11th 5

Genl James Porter
Central Hallway Palace Barber
New York. N.Y.

Dear General. The memorandum ~~from~~ came from Mr Fenwick
 today. I will at once prepare my case for the Secretary.
 It seems from the enclosed slip that the collection is going
 on by other parties & Mr Fenwick writes me that Mr
 Pratt has withdrawn his objections. I think so. Evidently
 the combination known as Sauborn has more extensive
 I have made some enquiries in quiet way & learn that
 Mr Elmore mentioned in this slip has made in a
 very quiet most travelling style - has \$1,000,000 clear in
this business. has the money. No doubt about the fact.
 He is the man that Fenwick says me \$25000 in a
 compromise, see Co. mount had estate
 but only me \$12000: less than 1/2 what the attorney gets
 In fact I find considerable of hearsay & gossip confirmed.
 You must remember that, I am business
 & business business business business business
 must be assured of your very hearty
 the parties now at work have made
 millions out of it. their corrupt way obtained
money money money money money

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ACB

Don't forget to mention
to the drawing

Oct 11th

Mr. Van Orsine

You are acting a strange part &
putting me in an awkward position. I act
on the idea that I was to have your assistance in
accounts, the proffer being made by you. I have
opened an important subject to my friend & now
you leave me to ^{back out or} carry the load alone, or depend on
an entire stranger in whom there is no reason to
repose especial confidence, until tried.

I learn from him that you decline to be
concerned in the matter at present. When I left you in
Jersey City, you told me you would supervise the sect
& ~~concerns~~ considered. I have been testing some
of the ~~sect~~ gossip as to the parties engaged & find much
of it confirmed. The party ~~has~~ been ~~seen~~ here. Ellison,
has actually made one million ~~out of~~
it. I must know immediately just what attitude you
intend to ~~copy~~ ^{or if you can go to Washington} in this matter - & let me add a hope
that you will not allow a morbid ~~instinct~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~born~~
~~in~~ ~~me~~ ~~(it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~existed)~~ to ~~be~~ ~~published~~
~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~newspaper~~ ~~or~~ ~~journal~~ ~~or~~ ~~any~~ ~~other~~ ~~publication~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~or~~ ~~abroad~~

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Oct 18th 73

W. Fenwick Esq
139 Broadway N.Y

Dear Sir

The statement enclosed with
Yours of the 5th was duly rec'd
& after advice with a carefull
lawyer: I wrote out a full
presentation of the case, as
embraced in your Statement,
with additions & explanations
suggested by our conversation.
Your letter, & your Memo: &
my conversation with the Sec
retary - I saw now daily

expecting an answer from him
in the afternoon on the 10th it
does not seem necessary to go on with
the papers, & think it would look like
singing one here - If it becomes ab-
solutely necessary: I will go, un-
less something more can be
- sent - Provided certain assurances have
been given, that I think have been, I
see no cause to feel uneasy about our
case - if we don't get a fair show,
I don't see how any one else can

Yours truly
Tom

Chubb

1887

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Oct 22nd '5

Messrs George & Day

Gentlemen

I am account sales of \$1000 & 1/2

1st Bonds @ 91 + \$2000 @ 91 duly rec'd this

A.M. — \$3000 with \$3000 sold before makes a

total of ————— \$6000⁰⁰. At which

Please stop for the present & hold the remaining four

Bonds subject to my order, or that of my wife.

And I understand that the proceeds of the

\$6000 in bonds have gone to my credit?

Yours truly
John Hammond

Nov 22nd 5

Mr. Capt. Atkinson
Boston
Mass.

My dear Sir I have delayed writing you in the hope that
I might have something definite to report with refer-
-ence to the carbolated brick; but so far have been un-
-able to bring our Jewish San Franciscoan to any
definite terms - If I can do, I will report -
He knows that he has a good thing & is hard to deal
with - Deland's troubles & ultimate resignation
prevented me from obtaining a sample of the
elastic semi-transparent paper left by the Japan-
-ese Embassy - I hope to see you out here some-
of these days & will be glad to welcome you -
The elections, I think will serve to fix the Republicans
the Honest money party - & the Democrats as silent
or committed to inflation. But the results have not been
decisive. More work yet - Vigilance Truly Yrs
Wm. H. Mumford

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88A
88B

We may expect
to get them
of Mrs. Taylor
John H. Hammond

Oct 24th 5-

mess J Bach & Sons
no 30 Warren St. New York

Gentlemen The shoes I obtained from you, bill of Sept
28th fitted well & give satisfaction

Please make for me oil goat tops & good medium
heavy calf skin - 1/2 a size larger than those I have bought

I bought for Mary 9 yrs old,	5-13 1/2	7600-	These are the marks on the new shoes I bought from you.
" " Sophie 5 "	5-10 1/2	7292.	
" " Boys 1 "	4-9 1/2	7970	
" " John 4 "	4-9	6789.	

please make all the calf skin shoes one half of a
size larger than those I bought on Sept 28th as above -

For my brother please make the same size as the following marks.

Girls - Grace 1 1/2 years -	no 8 1/2 B	These are the marks on the shoes they are now wearing, which I suppose you will understand
" " Mary 10 "	no 13 1/2 B.	
Boys - Lewis 8 1/2 "	no 13. N. 1487	
" " Frank 4 1/2 "	no 8 1/2. 536. EC	

all to be same as for my children - goat tops, calf skin
foxes, wide toes, soles as thick as the uppers will bear,
very low wide heels, & if you want to put 25 or 30 cents a
pair extra on them. Do it - send both lots to me, & both bills to
me at above address, & please let me know

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Please let me hear from you about this!

Dec 26th 6

Hon John A. Logan

My dear General

I notice that the Bill to establish the Territory of Neuron is likely to pass. The President once promised me, (when a bill was before Congress) the Governorship of a very much more important Territory. & I believe will on the asking by you, appoint me to the position Gov^r of Neuron. Few men would take it, but I can explain when I see you why I am willing to do so & you will see it very easily. And I could & would be able to serve you well - Even if the present political troubles culminate in a fight, such an appointment would give me a better show. If you think you can rely on me to be truly grateful to you, do this thing for me! If I didn't feel willing to be all of that, I would not ask you to serve me. Your friend
 Wm H. Hammond
 ex-Gov of Oklahoma the bill for which did not pass.

Sept 1st 6

James B. Pearson Esq

Trust Mutual Benefit Life Ins Co

Newark. N.J.

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a letter from Mr Hannah to you, also one from Hitchcock & Dupre to Mr Knowl. I understand from Mr Hannah that he has written announcing me as a possible candidate for the agency at this place, lately held by Mr Field.

These letters should have been presented by me about this time, but I may be detained yet a few days. Hence this communication for the purpose of bringing my name fairly before you.

My preferences in New York will probably be James W. Smith Treasurer Manhattan Gas Light Co. Morris Jessup of the Jessup Paton & Co. + Lawrence & Bay 16 Wall St - a personal friend, and Joel Wolfe 205 Fifth Avenue - a relative - Possibly also John J. Cicco. Tho' I prefer Bess him first - Philadelphia. Morton Mc Michael. Care

1st Natl Bank.

Hoping to see you in a few days

I am &c Yours most servt

Wm H. Hammond

Sept 15th

My dear Will
Below is the letter written by me to
Messrs Stenton & Wm. Thompson
" Messrs Stenton & Wm. Thompson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs / Ed McMichael has given us the in-
formation conveyed in your letter for which
we are greatly obliged. In view of the present
condition of the country & business; & the low rate
- note in which Mr. Shepley's business (Real
Estate) is held; we will sell his note at 10%
Disc. The paper is with the 1st National
Bank Phila. Mr. Norton McMichael
will be made acquainted with the con-
- tents of this letter, in fact & honor
Your order for the note,
we are not informed that you have present
- ed any Bill for services & while thanking you
will also be glad to receive a Bill for

Am thankful in interest
Very truly
Yours
Wm. Hammond

This letter was posted Wednesday P
M — You can send this letter
to Norton best mine to him be de-
- layed. Really I think we would be
justified in taking less than the note
10% disc off. but don't like to cheer
our own paper
Yours
Wm. Hammond

Chicago. Ill. Sept 19th 1876

To

Hon Hamilton Fish

Secy of State.

Washington. D.C.

Sir I have the honor to recommend to your attention Mr Walter C Hill of Stoneham Mass. who is applicant for a Consularship.

He is an excellent young man, highly educated, & entirely honorable. His family is among the most respectable in the State, widely known & have always been not only loyal people, but good Republicans

Mr Hill will be entirely conscientious in the discharge of his duties if appointed & his education & abilities will without doubt enable him to render good service

Yours with great respect

Your obt servant

John H. Hammond

Oct 28th

A. C. Jonney Esq
State Engineer. Canton, Ms.

Dear Sir I understand that you built a
house now owned by Mr Sillan & sit-
uated in Newsham. N. C.

Will you be kind enough to inform
me if the house is well built, & how
much or about how much it cost you.

I have never seen the property. Mr E.

Mr. Haimes of Waukegan, & Mr

Richard - agent of Mr Sillan

have referred me to you, but I

will treat confidentially any

information you give me -

Very truly

W. A. Hammond

Oct 28th

D. C. Jonney Esq
State Engineer. Canton. Ms.Dear Sir I understand that you built a
house now owned by Mr Sillak & sit-
uated in Newosha. Wis.Will you be kind enough to inform
me if the house is well built, & how
much or about how much it cost you.I have never seen the property. Mr E.
M. Haimes of Waaukegan, & Mr
Richard - agent of Mr Sillak
have referred me to you, but I
will treat confidentially any
information you give me -Very truly
Yours
Wm Hammond

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I will also have 125 front on Ogden ave.
 by 166th - on 12th St. It is cor of a 150 ft
 avenue & 100 ft ave. near the New Car works &
 one of the most promising corners in the city.
 In our settlement with Jackson, it will net us
 about \$80 per foot on Ogden ave. - but it is
 worth about \$70 - It is recumbrant \$4,000 now
 To anyone who can hold it, it is very valuable.
 I am ready to show you or Mr. Baldwin this pro-
 perty anytime you wish

Very truly yours

Wm. H. Raymond

The Filson Historical Society

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Sept 21

S. J. Whasonday
Dear Sir

On my return I found
Your letter of sept 7th - with
attend to the subject matter at
once. I have not time at this
moment to study your letter,
but it seems to me, that I will
have to write to Chillicothe to
get a more definite idea of
how much of what I decided
you, the County has a lien on.
The basis of settlement will I
think be properly: the relation in
value of what ~~you~~ the County ~~owns~~
to the whole amount paid me by you
How is that? Yours S. J. W.

John W. Whasonday
I think will of. Whasonday
But give me any suggestions you may
the business of the state.
which I can get a general idea of
Pamphlets or publications from
I have read one some descriptions
Chicago property.
Banks, Denver, Pueblo or Colorado
can have for Chicago property for
no part of any one with amount

9889

AAS

forwarded \$45500

for \$8000 - This property is ours, but in our settlement with Jackson, we can't conveniently take possession of it until February 1st

It is business property & ready to improve by putting brick fronts in at once. I can or rather have to January 1st pay off the 2^d of \$2000 - when it will have only \$6000 at 9% on it — Equity — \$6000

and in decent times very much more - also, my Home, which has cost me very nearly \$2000 - perhaps a trifle more —

32 + 150 on the best part of Ashland at 3 story + Basement Marble front - 15 Rooms besides Bath Room Laundry, Coal Rooms, Wine Room, Pantry's, eleven Closets & orator Chats - all in fine condition - inc^d for \$9000 @ 9%

Apr + Oct - & due in 1879 - all the inc^{rs} - bonds are due 1879 & 1880 equity \$11000

Total Equities - \$62500

Sept 23 6

Geo. C. Clark Esq
Denver Col

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith a card from our friend Mr. St. Ripman, the object being to open correspondence as to Denver & Colorado. Mr. Ripman desired to have a cattle interest in the West & if possible to live near enough to watch it. Having a good deal of property here, I would like to exchange some of it for Colorado property - Locality not so much an object as availability & usefulness.

Please tell me if these are places to be had from people who are engaged or perhaps visited by great flocks. Are the best ranges for cattle & sheep all occupied? Do some winter loss by straying & prevent supplies of food - don't still derive a profit to the herder - & wool grower? and can sheep in large numbers be kept profitably on the common range - or must large territory be bought & controlled - ?

Has the fall in Real Estate kept pace with the depression in the East?

The proposed line of Denver & is the City government. Will the Great R.R. of Pueblo acquire it by going in to the South of Denver?

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Do you know anything of the following described Rauche.
The owner was young Pollander who was killed out there.

^{description}
160 acres 40 miles south of Denver on the Rio Grande R.
R. 3 miles from Veroport, 4 miles from Lake Park - 20
acres timber. Balance good arable land, never failing
stream through land. Good frame house. 2 barns
all under good board fence. 10 acres fenced off ~~for~~
~~part~~ for garden. 2 for corral - plenty of range
adjoining - Can you learn anything of Rauches in
that neighborhood, or of its value?

I am informed that gold prospectors have ruined the neighborhood.
Can money be employed to advantage in small sums
among stock men, by one who will watch it -

How long is required to foreclose, or have you Trust deeds
& judgment notes?

Please pardon the liberty in asking so many questions -
but I will be glad to return, should occasion offer. & I
will be obliged for any information you can give me -

Very truly
Yours
Wm. H. Hammond

\$16000

Brot on
 worth \$4500 each - equity \$2500. 12500
 on Baltic St. near the C&R shops
 two 2 story Brick Houses in Block
 new. inc for \$1000 each value \$4
 \$2500 each. Inc at 9% interest eq \$3000

Ten lots in Holstein addn to Chi
 - cago on + near Hamburg St +
 Milwaukee avenue. Lots have been
 sold along this spring at \$500 to 550
 \$600 - cash + time - worth \$600.
 in cash trade - \$6000

Two Houses on Harrison Street
 between May + Aberdeen -
 worth \$9000 each - encumbered
 for \$5000 each. I can pay off
 the 2nd mtgs of \$2500 each if made
 to my advantage to do so. The money
 would be received for their equity
 new + just rented - not closed yet. \$8000

On 12th St 40 feet + 200 running
 back to Du sold St. Iron frame
 Houses. Rented for - \$25 each on 12th
 and \$10 each on Du sold St. - encumbered
 \$5500

As I understood your friend have a representative
 in Chicago who will examine property, please refer
 him to me, that we may confer & agree on a value
 to on the property - If on close examination
 I conclude that the amount is too much, I will
 recommend a smaller sum, if the borrower will
 take it. But, I think this a good opportunity to
 test our power to lend -

All early answers is solicited.

Some English Capitalists have loaned \$100,000.00 lately
 here on very Central & excellent property @ 4 1/2% for the
 term of 20 years. Capital & interest gold coin

Very Respectfully

Yours
 John Hammond

P.S. I have seen the borrower who says he
 has still more unincumbered property will
 add security until we have enough for
 \$15000 ——— if that already offered is not
 used sufficient —

Dr Stedman
Denver, Col
Dear Sir

Compliment the Colorado
and - aside from this
are a long & healthy -
one day from expectation
Cool?
I will be my gratitude
obliged to any info
- Martin & you can give
see this copy
Must be returned

at the instance of Mr W. J. Kelley lately re-
-turned to this city, I write to know if the Rheumatism
called muscular, or sciatica, prevails in Colora-
-do - or is it the variety of the disease allied to gut
& coming with or from a disordered stomach that is
the much talked of Rheumatism of Colorado?

I have severe Rheumatism, acute & highly inflammatory,
accompanied by profuse sweat of the affected parts, & shifting
stiffening & hoarding with tearing pains, a disordered sto-
-mach. It confines me every two or three years to bed
bed-pleas for five or six weeks. Then a long spell of
weakness & sore bones & debility. The weather seems to
make no difference. Am just as likely to have it
in hot & dry as cold & damp weather - But the use
of vegetable diet, nit. sulphuric acid diluted & quinine
after meals has helped me

I want to enjoy the life of a Rauche man but have
a deal of Rheumatism - Is my variety of the

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No 3 High St
Boston
Care of S. Hill & Co

Sept 29th '60

My dear Mr Hill

Your letter Sept 16th recd. I appreciate all you say as to the surroundings of Massachusetts. Having been there & seen as you have. I have been at the Exposition twice - staying the first time, a week - the second, a day. I would like to remain a month, with money here & my.

I enclose a letter in your favor, which won't amount to a row of pins of course, as I have nothing to trade for you: & missing at Washington don't go by favor.

My Bro in law Preston has become Contracting Agent for the Great Bathing & Spa R.R. Co at Niagara - which aforesaid post Copys him enough to buy poor clothes & grub for one, which is what many would be glad to do the work for. Preston is a fiduciar & engaged to a girl. Common place isn't it?

I am really sorry that you still can entertain the idea of expatriating yourself. Of all the poor devils that starve for the glory of their country. The Consul is the poorest Devil. The pay anywhere, at any time has been wretched compared to the service; but lately worse than ever. Business demands pay in accordance with the times & ability to serve. A man's quarry prevents a level, in Government affairs & in order to get the requisite Capital to pay Rogers Southern Claims when Sherman Sam Tilden gets in, a Confederate Congress has cut the pittance of our Patriots away from home, to a point where only a rascal who expects to steal; or a rich man who hopes for position & cares not for pay: can afford to take it.

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My dear Mr O'Brien

New York

I find your favor of the 20th on
my return from a short absence —
I regret very much that I forgot the
\$20.00 but pressure put it entirely out of
mind. I send care of Longmeadow
because of several letters directed to
PO Box 3569. There have been answers
& I am told that one was returned to
me from that Box through the dead
letter office & by the Cash returned to
care Longmeadow. I enclose herewith
with check on Missions Society V6
for \$14.25 & accept my regrets for
my negligence

Very truly Yours

John A. Newman

The Democrats has threatened war if they do
not have their own way. & many are opinion.

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Oct 3^d 6

My dear William

I have been so occupied that I have not been able to answer your kind letter of the 21st Sept. Messrs Stauton & Worthington have no doubt done all possible, and the note may be paid. It is now almost due. I have advised them to take proper steps if it is not paid, to collect - which they probably will do & of course through you -

I have obtained a pass for Sophy & companion to Baltimore, but I fear she cannot get away

Oct 3^d 6

Wm. McMichael Esq
Custor to Natl Bank

Phil

Dear Sir

Our efforts to sell Mr Shepard's paper in Washington has proved a failure. As it is nearly due, we will make no further effort in that direction. If it is paid please advise us. If not, please take the necessary steps toward collection.

Very Resp

Wm McMichael Esq

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I Bought some

Dear Sir - The sickness of a child
in my friend's family has procured
an order for a lot for them

I enclose a check for \$28.90
amount of your bill rec'd 19th Aug
(Good will be wait for you can)

I also enclose a slip which represents the
size of a Bents shoe for my sisters
young lady of 18, Button. D. S.

D. C. - Bents measure -

To be of goat tops, calf uppers, & a
wide toe & projecting sole. Thick
sole for winter wear. Make as
small a package as possible &

Oct 24th 6

Edw. Loring Esq

Wyoming Natl Bank

Laramie City

Dear Sir

You favor of the 10th inst rec'd. for which I am obliged. & Mr Eddy for calling your attention to my case. I am greatly surprised to learn that Hutton is in difficulty. or rather I was surprised, as I have known it for some time. I had supposed you had a lien on both cattle & Ranch. How many acres comprise the Ranch? Crighton. I think told me he had enclosed 8000 acres or more, by means of the lakes & fences - What can the cattle be bought for without the Ranch - say the 3000 Head you mention - I suppose they are mixed - eyes - cows calves &c. &c. and, what will it take to buy the Ranch - did Crighton get scrip & warrants on it - or is it only held by possession. I am working things so as to be able to move west & engage in Ranching. Have been out there quite a good deal & like it. Again thanking you I am -

Very truly Yours
John Hammond

Sept 30th 6

Saml A. Straugh Co

My dear Sir At the instance of Mr. Robt O'Brien, I write with reference to cooperation in starting some of the new Enterprises that are springing up in all portions of the country. During the last three months some enterprises of real merit have presented themselves with increased revival in business many more no doubt will be presented. Some are ordinary gauge, many are narrow.

I promised to write you on my return home, but have waited to consider the matter well, & to see if the revival in business is likely to be sustained. It is sustained & I am satisfied now to present the case. Men come in every day both to Chicago & New York with really meritorious propositions in crude form, scarcely in shape to be understood, save by an adept. They require shaping & calculations made not only on the merit, but cost & a part of the enterprise; before any business man can understand them in such time as he can spare for the purpose. The ground also usually requires examination, as outside people are apt to be misled & to overstate even where they desire to be honest. They usually, where there is anything in them, are willing to pay for putting their schemes into shape.

My idea is to form a connection with some respectable firm, for the purpose of shaping & putting into presentable form such enterprises as may be of merit; and from the number, selecting some of real merit which may (in the English sense) be promoted. Mr. O'Brien & I would probably do the work. He the calculations & estimates. The examinations. Such services to be paid for by the parties offering the scheme, say from \$500 to — upward, according to the magnitude of the enterprise. Such fee to be divided

again, I presume to know of matters Mr. O'Brien & me.
 I would prefer that any capital that shall be needed or used, Mr
 O'Brien has an office. I am near the locality in which the
 majority of enterprises will originate. You have a Business
 at the Michol's - Mr O'Brien & I might go at this thing un-
 -winded, but I am unwilling to entertain schemes, without an
 all conductor in the event of the schemes being practicable.

It must be me that good things may by this plan be brought to light &
 controlled, or at all events first choice had of them. And, if nothing
 is effected, you lose nothing - Mr O'Brien & I are out labor only.
 Your office would be to pronounce on the schemes when put in shape
 examined & reported on -

A very plausible scheme in solving a narrow gauge from Saint
 City to Fort Kearney through a fine grain cattle country
 & to the Black Hills; is on hand now. A large donation
 has already been subscribed. More it is alleged, may be had.

I enclose herewith a prospectus & remarks (By Mr O'Brien) as
 a sample, He will all in person should you see fit for him.
 His address, Care Gayman & Day 16 Wall St New York.

I have a friend in charge of measuring the Union Pacific R.
 R. who is stationed at Cheyenne. He writes, that the reports of
 gold coming from the Black Hills correct. He being in a
 situation to see the gold brought in. No doubt for some time
 to come, the travel there, with good business will amply sup-
 -port a narrow gauge Road -

I called on you twice before leaving N.Y. intending to discuss
 this matter among I did not see you.

Could \$100,000, 7% to 8% Bonds guaranteed, both principal & interest
 by the North Chicago & North Western R.R. be sold at 90 - ?

Very Truly Yours
 John H. ...

Chicago Oct 20th 1876
 Col G. T. Gould
 Post Office Bldg
 2nd Division &c

Dr Sir

My time is so much occupied that
 I cannot discharge the duties of the reporter
 you

Very much to my regret. I am therefore
 compelled to decline the honor of the appointment
 conveyed in your favor of the 17th.

With many thanks to the Genl Comdy
 & the hope that I may be able in some
 other way to advance the good cause
 I remain with great respect

Yours obt servant

Wm. H. Wood

Oct 25th 6

M.E. Weaver Esq
Dear Sir

You must let me know about the Warner trade either tomorrow or next day at farthest. I have been this PM. offered cash & lots for the Baltic. At St. Petersburg, & must not under any circumstances permit my desire to effect a trade with Mr Warner, to interfere with the interests of the Bank. Very truly
M. H. Howard

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fact of
them will
could you
check. Let me
know about
the date of
the voyage
The Morning
The Evening

Oct 19th 6

Francis Taylor Esq
Dear Sir

I have your returned favor of the 15th inst. with respect to Release. Please send me the date of my contract with you. If it is prior to the date of the Release, then I should pay the \$8,000, but on the contrary if these voyages are entered prior to my contract with you, I should pay them - although you had settled with all owing on set of expenses & disbursements, not to mention these was any thing else. The amount you mention as due, I think is about right. My wife is absent now, will return the

I have been too much engaged to get away to the Pacific Coast, this fall: but hope to go during November or December as far as Denver & perhaps to Oregon. If I were in your place, with your education, physique & family, I would never expatriate myself. never!! It is not right. But if I conscientiously believed that my happiness & health would not permit of my living in New England, I would go to Denver, Colorado first (because it is closer than the Pacific coast) & carefully consider stock raising (both sheep & cattle) on the plain. Large fortunes & good health have been made there & raised by ordinary attention & frugality. The climate south of Colorado Springs is balmy & soft: it is free from malaria & fevers & the nightingale through most of the State. The population is only about 2000 or 30000 at most. All who go in later than you serve to raise you. The Society in Denver is excellent. The fact that grass hoppers are devastating farms, only serves to keep farmers out & keeps the Ranch man in. The Cattle & Sheep Raiser I could not suit myself as to both climate & business, I would go to Portland Oregon, & prospect Oregon. Eastward the Cascade Range & the ocean, a distinct appearance of Pacific climate. The Climate is that of the south of England. The Eastern part is high & usually dry - much like Colorado in climate, richer in soil, but farther away. If between Colorado & Oregon you cannot create your ideal in climate & openings to a future, I despair for you. I have seen the glory of the sea & have seen you going out on business & if you were to happen that way at the same time, I would be all pleased. Of course you would come this day. I have called on you brother in St. St. several times, but never found him in. Please remember me very kindly to your Parents, brothers & sisters; all of whom I hold in kindly remembrance. I have spent several evenings with Mr. Fish at the President's cottage & all that sort of thing, but you must expect no sort of notice to be taken of that & must not refer to it. Remember an office seeker in — will — a big game, & for my cold vittles at that. Your friend
 Nathaniel Wood

to the President's cottage

One are making plenty of small
houses, Little ones, near the creek.

Very truly Yours
John A. Kawana

-I wish this might do so.
If you can take any more
of the party A. B. Smeaton
meets to replace it, being
nearly due at 8^o & 2^o am
-I wish this might do so.

It is so thick - you set any thing of
them 44000 - small be taken by
some of those living around it.
As your party has a friend here
I must like Dr. Hays / he would
be at thick on 62 ft front
in that location -

Nov 1st 1841

Edw. R. Sawyer

Dear Sir Good news we are
so glad that I have decided to do
for you would take a whole
in our improved property
The ground is exceptionally good
being in Prairie are adjacent
Michael Field, the town of
and the M. Pullman's pad
opposite Thompson & Adams
- Mrs. Hays. She has a good
ground 120000 - up to the
\$100000. For the
-ie This land was held a while
at the present price. Now at

Nov 22. 1860

Wm R Livingston Esq

Dear Sir

Your returned favor of the 20th is recd. -
 Please accept my thanks for the information contained -
 a year or more since I saw notice in a Mo paper that the
 of Livingston had in some way taken possession of the Orange R^d
 app^t a receiver & leased it to Mess Knight & Minner. I
 paid no attention to it, supposing the Brunswick R^d was in-
 tended. Lately an acquaintance from Chillicothe has
 informed me, that the County got hold of the Road on the pre-
 tence of being stock holders to the amt of \$150000. The
 never took or had a dollar of stock. Chillicothe Township
 gave \$12000 Township Bond. The County on the other
 hand, through its officers devilled in the most annoy-
 ing & expensive manner. The road was literally forced
 thro' the Co. - The County Court app^t a receiver, who
 leased the Road to the above parties. (whose names I may have
 written in correctly) for 10% of net earnings. From what
 I can learn he pockets that as his salary. I am told that
 The Lessees are growing rich & are buying up the Bond of
 the Road. That they are doing a very large traffic indeed
 that they are shipping ties continually out to houses
 & elsewhere & bringing them to the N & S R^d -

Sept 26th 6

Mr Carpenter Esq
Room 3 The Clinton Block
Denver Colorado.

Dear Sir I have your favor of 22nd
I thank you for prompt attention —
I have plenty of property here as I
have written, but unless the Coal
land near Canon City is available or
command water — I hardly think
we would want it —

Our views are to meet disgraced Ranch
men, especially young wild fellows
who want out west to gather wealth
easily & now wad away in any
name. Individually, I look forward
to occupying such property myself
one time — I am an old bal

to the frontier —
(I am a stiff republican) How are
your politics there? Have you good
security & what rates for money.
Is Denver progressing or retrogra-
ding — & Pueblo & Colorado Springs.
Have grass hoppers cleared out
the small farmers yet?
Have all the good ranges been oc-
cupied? & water privileges com-
manded? of course I must be at
sea a good deal in inquiring.
Specifically. Can you learn the
value of the Follansbee Ranch
2 miles from resort, & 4 miles
from Lake Park on D & R R R.R.
said to have a good frame house
& 2 Barns & to be fenced in,
& have a stream through it
Young F was killed lately

Suppose you try it -

Could not you manage it & then come in for a per-
-centage. I would like to see you independent of
R.R. & The Rest of it. at any rate if you dont see
the information for yourself. I will be glad to have it.
Do you think all the best ranges in Colorado, & the
best springs are occupied? Cannot some good water
privileges be controlled then laid down low times?
I would be willing to use a little money along with the
property - for a good opening -

Times here are much harder than you have any idea
of. Terrible in fact on those without means. Business
is very dull - Dead in fact. My family & I are
first rate in health - Mrs. Hammond desires to be
remembered very kindly to Mrs. Eddy & you -
As soon as I can get things arranged to my sat-
-isfaction, I want to go out to Devon, & possibly to
Oregon, to look at both - but if a good reason or
inducement offered would go now or any time soon
with kindest regards to Mrs. Eddy

I remain Your friend

John Hammond.

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I think it is in the southern edge of Survey
I will be very much obliged if you will let
me know the value of land in the neighbor-
hood as well as this farm, which I un-
derstand has greatly run down in
the hands of a Tenant.

Dec 1st 6

R. P. Kingman Esq
Cashier

Dear Sir Will you be kind enough
to obtain for me a valuation of the
"North Meadows Farm", seven miles
north of Battle Creek.

S.W. 1/4 of NW 1/4, East 1/2, NW 1/4, W 1/2 NW 1/4
E 1/2 NE 1/4, East 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of
E 1/2 SE 1/4, all of Sec 32
W 1/2 NW 1/4, & W 1/2 NW 1/4 of
Sec 33, I don't know the Town's
Range, but 7 miles north of Battle
Creek, will indicate them.

It is owned by Paul Cornell of this town
occupied by a Tenant named Walker

How large is Battle Creek?
What are ordinary farming lands
worth in your vicinity independent
of or with poor improvements?

Hoping to be able to return the
favor, I remain Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Hammond

I am a Real Estate man & have pamphlets
of lists of property. I will be greatly
pleased to send you one.

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disclaim
- as to the contrary - and nothing to me

Yours truly
Wm Howard

Dec 5th '66

Genl Horace Porter
My dear General

I think I expressed myself very de-
-cidedly to you as to fears of the result
of this Presidential Election, no matter
whether Hayes or Tilden should be
• Elected - My last attempt at reunion
in the South, convinces me that our
present condition is not Peace, but an armed truce -

The object of this letter is to put my-
-self in communication with you,
& say that if the present difficulties
lead to a fight, I may be safely
ranked among the active followers
of the Republican Party.
Really, when I say the Rep' Party,

mean what I mean, for no matter
whether he be President or not, when
the time of trial comes he will rise
& come to the front -

May I ask you to bring my name
forward at an early day, should action
now be needed -

I am in common with most of
you who have any money, been
controlling loans & putting my house
in order fearing trouble, though
hoping for ultimate peace. I can
leave my business with my present
arrangements, safe & in good hands
at any hour's notice -

I am satisfied that Hayes will receive
the electoral vote & that the Con-
-federate Congress will declare Tilden
elected & inaugurate him. I have
within an hour after an interview
with Handicks, expressed as fears,
the substance of Porter's letter!

Sept 23^o 63

My dear John

In the first place, why the devil did you go away & not see me first?

Second; now that you are away, I hope you & your wife are having a good time. I am well —

I wish while you are so close to Colorado & Denver, that you would inquire closely & practically into the cattle raising on the range anywhere within 200 miles of Denver —

Also into Sheep raising. its or rather their profits, risks & details of management — also —

and then grasshoppers have cut down the prices of Rauche property in Colorado. I think from what I can learn, that I can trade a lot of our property in Chicago for either Rauche or Village or Town property there, & we are willing to do it. We have about \$30000 worth of land property here, & I have about \$45000 of equi-

ties — ^{brick & stone} 23 houses, all rented which I would like

to swap for Denver, Pueblo, or Rauche property to some dissatisfied & discouraged Coloradoian or New Mexican, or Nebraskan. I will soon rest

until I get an interest in that region & may as well begin now. & if you can put an exchange

through, will pay a commission —

Dec 1st 6

Alfred Esq

Dear Sir since I saw you I have sold Ten
 of those houses on Baltic St at the price named.
 What I have now to offer is as follows.
 On Canoll Avenue, between Ada & Sheldon, four
 stone front. Three story & attic houses. ~~Each~~
 Rooms each, with Bath Room. Hot & cold
 water, Gas &c — Furnaces in three of them
 one Hasbun sold in the block at \$9000 & one
 at Eight — I will sell for \$2000 in cash or
 cash trade — Each for \$4000 each at 5%
 & apt & octo — Rents these times @ \$50
 quite \$4000 each — #16000.
 on Campbell Park & Campbell Ave
 Five Two story & Basement brick houses
 9 Rooms gas Hot & Cold water Bath Rooms
 &c &c — Each for \$2000 @ 10% int Jan
 & July Rented for \$25 per mo. Have
 hitherto rented for \$30 & \$35 per mo —
 have sold most of the others for cash
 notes at from \$4500 to \$5700 —

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over

answer as soon as you can

(Confidentially)

Dec 4th

My Dear Henry

Mr West has offered a trade to me for John Baldwin's Big Grove farm & his Key Creech place. I feel that I am safe in writing you, & want you to let me know what is a fair cash value for the two farms.

Let me know some thing too of their improvements & accessibility.

I expect to go to St Paul & if I do, will go on to Council Bluffs & see you. Of course you must be mum about my writing to you. & I will

be quiet as to any thing you let me know. What sort of horse is Baldwin's where he lives? what is it worth? How big is it?

Again, I want to know if you are in sober earnest & if you will

join me in a narrow gauge to Minterock, if I obtain an interest in Council Bluffs. My idea

is to consolidate our Branch & main office, & put them under

West Ross, who is a first rate man & retain my interest here. We

might want to borrow some money some time, in building the Road.

West speaks very favorably of the Road to Minterock, but of course he wants to interest me there. Still from what you say, I think it possible

Yours friend W. H. H. H.

Sept 20th

Sept 20th 6

R. Barnes Esq
Cashier National Bank of Havana

Hon Jacob Downing
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir

I have tried in vain to get some thing tangible & our attorney has not been able to consider it with a view to which I write with fair hope as the morning there.

My friend Jasper D. Ward has done a good deal of business previous to your claim against the bank. I don't feel like doing anything good opinions & has refused me & you

can indirectly to raise up of collect for information about Denver & Co. I therefore leave you at liberty to do.

Please tell me whether the Graphop per devastations continue. & if they or any causes have placed chains or Paunches at a price that will make it pay to buy

Yours truly
Wm. Hammond

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No 206 Ashland ave

Feb 3 7

Major H. H. De Gray
Harrisburg, Pa

My dear Sir. Your very clear & com-
prehensive letter of the 26th Jan
came to hand this AM - for which
I am greatly obliged. The only thing
I am disappointed in, is the small
number of Cattle - about 5000
that the Range - will support -
It seems small for so great an area
I am getting pretty nearly ready
I don't know whether Mr Ward can
leave with me, but I am in hope of
getting away during February.
Altho a Pauper, I am an old son

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-less man. I pride myself on my
ability to bring down a Deer
to par & rabbit on the run, or my
ability to cook a piece of bread &
pot of coffee - Shau in style.

Having been raised on a Hill
farm in Kentucky, hard work
don't scare worth a cent -
I guess we can understand each
other without an interpreter.

Both Ward & I will most likely
be governed by your advice & ex-
perience, more than our own ideas,
in getting to work.

The only fear I have is that the dry
keen air of the mountains may
be too strong for me. My own
experience might enable me to
hold out until I get used to it.

Truly Yours

Whitcomb Hammond

I am right sick & weak now &
coughing severely with acute
Sore throat

We want a settlement that will
enable us to grow with the country.
Want to identify ourselves with the
people & country & its interest & have
no notions of our own to enforce.

If you run across anyone with
property in Pueblo, Colorado
Springs or Canon City, or even
Denver, who would swap for Chi-
cago property, either Mr Ward
or I can accommodate him.

I have supposed that some good
cattle & land can be picked up
from men who want to go to the
Black Hills. What do you think
can be done with a small Bank
in Colorado Springs, or Pueblo
or even Canon City - lending
money on stock security & buying
small bunches of stock for cash
having a place to send them. Let
it be understood that a cheque
sell at some price for each share.

If any thing occurs to you, please
write me or Mr Ward. (we live a
few doors from each other) any
thing you want to suggest will be my
thankfully received. What kind of gun
is most useful for all purposes? I sup-
pose there's plenty of game.
With many thanks for your kindness

Feb 8th 7

My Dear William

Your kind letter of the 3rd has
come to hand. Of course information coming
direct from Mr. Fentress is correct. I have
embodied that and difference of opinion on
the Bill, would arise on the name. The
people objecting to Huron, instead of
Iudiana. The Valley of Red River is
less than double the size of the Valley
of the Nile & produces from 25 to 30
bushels of flat Spring wheat to
acre worth from 7 to 10 cts more in
the market, than Minnesota & Iowa
or Ill wheat. The cost from Duluth
& Buffalo, is the same as from Chicago.
From Fargo to Duluth the same as
from Burlington Clinton Dubuque

Chicago. The price of wheat is
rising nearly double. The acreage
of Eastern Iowa Land, should be
worth more. The Iowa Land com-
mands from 20 - upward.
The Lands in Huron, can be had
at from \$400 to \$450 according
to the management had in pur-
chasing in the R.R. Grant & in-
demnity belt of 10 miles added to
reimburse the Compy for lands taken
by settlers. I want to make both pro-
fit & money. Land on Red River
on James River & the Mississippi
have been taken up by parties from
Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo & Chi-
cago - but chiefly from New England
in large bodies, who are conducting
wheat farming on a gigantic scale.
(Lewis Case is largely interested in it)
I want to get a fair opportunity

264 1/2
Cates street
St Louis Mo

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J. N. Judson Esq
No 305 1/2 Olive St
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir In morning office, your letter of
the 20th has been turned up. I am
sorry that it has been neglected.

Some time ago I sold my Bond & Co
-cept - a fraction of \$25 - for which
I hold certificate from John R.
Linsberger Esq. who will more fully
-ly explain. This fractional Bond
has paid accrued interest to the
amt of from \$5 to \$10 (I am not sure as to that) which is
in the name of the Linsberger -
How can I put in your hands

an interest of this character?
If there are among your friends those who
have confidence in the result, which
I certainly share myself - I will
sell this claim off for \$25 & interest
both paid & accrued & unpaid -
thereto added. & at such price as
to make it worth the trouble of
some one to attend to it. Mr Lins-
berger will no doubt cheerfully aid
by explaining the exact condition &
value of the fraction -
Please see him at the 3rd Natl Bk
& learn the present value, & if you
cannot find me a customer. Let
me know how I may best put
the claim in your hands for
collection. Very truly

Wm H. Harrison

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Oct 20th

Francis Taylor Esq

Dear Sir I hereby acknowledge
 receipt of thirty dollars interest
 + seventy dollars principal on
 a note to me, deposited to
 my account in the Chillicothe Sav-
 ings Association -

My family, I write well & desire
 to be remembered to you

Very Truly Yours

John H. Hammond

Dear Sir

I note deposit to my credit
 of one hundred dollars
 made by Francis Taylor
 Dont draw till needed

John H. Hammond

dec
mumble opinion That with a suitable contract we can
secure immense sums both for ourselves & the Govt
Situatd as we are, (you & I) I think we can give suffi-
-cient evidence of square dealing (or rather inspire
-confidence that will bring such contract. If the par-
-ties we employ are not sufficient we must get them &
-can get them: & either my name or some other suitable
-name can be used to secure it. But I dont feel wil-
-ling & will not run to Washington & give my time on un-
-certainties. Whatever attitude you & Mr M - y occupy
-to this matter, may be as confidential as you wish

Very truly Yours

Wm. H. Harrison