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Steamer Rio Dugan Missouri River
between Ft Randall & Lower Brule
Agency. April 30th 1871

Major G. W. Manypenny
Columbus Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Although I have not had the pleasure of
meeting you I have heard so much of you in
connection with the work which I have under-
taken in an humble way, that I desire your
acquaintance ^{and} sympathy, with such advice
& assistance as may seem ^{advisable} to you to give.

I have been at Yankton Agency ^{and} Fort Randall
and am on the way to all the Agencies and
military Posts, to obtain a practical idea
of the duties, before doing anything or
forming any opinions.

Before leaving Washington, I wrote you
but finding no reply at Yankton, presume
the letter or answer has miscarried.

any suggestion as to either men or policy
will be thankfully received

with great respect

Yours Obedt. Servant

J. H. Hammond

Agent at Yankton Agency call others of the
thinking men I meet here, regard the location
of Spotted Tail Indian on the Baca River, as
ill advised, after careful consideration, I
lean to the same opinion & have written
Comr Smith the reasons given me against
it, but have left myself at liberty still for
a decision.

I learned unofficially from Genl Sheridan
that Spotted Tail will perhaps be sent to
Yankton to meet me early in May, and go up
the River - examining with reference to
location etc. I think he had better be ordered

Private letter not
to go into public
office

(Personal)

Genl W. Sherman

Stamer R. M. Dugan. near
Lower Brule Agency Apr 30th 1877

Dear General

Genl Sackett, Lt Col, Luzenbel The
Agent at Yankton Agency & all others of the
thinking men I meet here, regard the location
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to Ft Randall that I may meet him there, or if the Indian Bureau, dont like to have him at the Fort, let him be sent to Yankton Agency where I can meet him. At Yankton he will be subjected to the influences of men with all sized axes to grind. & the Lord knows what notions put in his head.

The suggestion need not come from me, but I hope you will think about it.

I regard a personal visit to all the agencies as absolutely necessary & am acting on it. I only stopped at Yankton over night, hired Room & put a clerk in it, to keep communication open; & put out by Ambulance then. Wagon & now Boat.

when I get back to Yankton, depends on how much we stay on Sand Bars, unless you want me to meet Spotted Tail, then, I will get back in haste my clerk will contrive some way to get word to me. Remember

I know nothing of meeting Spotted Tail, save thro Gen^l Sheridan. Hoping this will find you well. I remain as ever with great respect your obedient friend O. Hammond

Saturday

Will give directly indirect and general
experience dictated in the most practical
for practical humanity.

Richard H. H. H.

At St. Louis

Steamer R. M. Sullivan, Mo. River

Rev. Mr. Randall, Care of the Agency

April 30th 1877

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Willard
of Chicago which brings me before you. He states
the case. I am anxious to do what good in my
power, the work is harder than I realized, and I
must face it face to face with it.

I arrived in Yankton on Tuesday, P.M. April
2nd and established my office, where communi-
cations will be received, & where I expect to
make my quarters permanently.

Next morning an opportunity offering I left for
all the agencies & military posts, between
Yankton & Bismarck, & will have some
comprehension of my duties, I hope when

Return.

Will you kindly advise me, as your
experience dictates: in this wide field
for practical humanity, of 24 1878/79

With great respect Your obedient
son J. H. Galt

Acty Com^r Indian Affairs
Supt Ind Affairs Dakota

I have read the reports of the office for 1871, 1872
1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, all bound in half morocco—
All in good style, for which I presume I am indebted
to your personal good offices.

Allow me to thank you very kindly for these
Revised Statutes of the U.S. &
Revision of Indian Treaties, also received

Very Respectfully

J. H. Galt

Supt of

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May 24th 1877

Hon J. A. Galpin

Acty Com^r Indian affairs

Dear Sir

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Very Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

Supt &c

Robt. C. Mendenhall
 Mrs. Wm. Hughes

Stamper Oakland
 St. Alb. Lincoln
 May 17th 1877

My dear Madam

On consideration, please do not take any of
 the pictures to Washington,

They were taken by me for my individual
 fancy; among my own friends; and mainly
 for the amusement of my children.

Officials accustomed to such things might
 not construe to suit me my arrangement
 of them.

This is a splendid Boat should you go
 down the Mo. R. I hope kind fate will
 throw her in your way.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew
 my thanks for your hospitality & courtesy
 with great respect your friend J. Hammond

May 2 1879

Robt Ed Snider
My dear Sir,

I have just returned from the upper Mo River, where I have been for the past month & find three letters from you, one through Mr. Fortner. As I am working all night in order to get in my report & leave again tomorrow, I must be brief —

Paul Ekperson is the Surveyor Genl of this Territory & just app^d after contest with — some one — I know nothing of his backers. The office is worth about \$500 a year, nothing more. Some of the Surveyors get \$3000 I am told — in some Territories.

The way to get at territorial offices, is to get from ^{Dept Interior} the appointment clerk, the vacancies if any exist. which is very doubtful now. & then apply backed by such friends & influence as you can command either

in person or by letter or both. I have no means of
 knowing of any vacancy myself. I would not have
 to go last without expense leave from Dept. -
 which cannot be had. and am engaged by friends
 in & locating about 18000 hostile Sioux.
 My baby has just had ^{separation} scarlet fever. I could not
~~leave~~ go to her - in Chicago - You might run in
 to something in Washington, or get some one to see the
 off at clerk. A new Territory may be organized out
 of this one. (the North half) this winter. which will
 require positions for several Genl. Secretary. W. J. Marshall
 is under the Atty Genl. There are some
 in the Dept Interior - I go away to be gone some
 time. I have been into all the agencies with a view
 to the expelled Indians near St Paul & have seen a little
 of the Indians worth a dozen words of description. If you can see
 anyone to take them on - that is all I can say. I have
 after that 10 or 11 miles. But I am in the world. I have
 to be sure I can put it on foot sound. You have ab-
 solutely of supporting a family on you. Take any chance
 you like to see them. That little is it -
 I go to the office tomorrow again tomorrow to be gone a
 month or more depending on circumstances.
 Spotted Tail my wife & son
 to the River. I am now in the

May 26th 1877

Wm. H. Harper

My dear Sir. I have just returned & work all night on my report to get away again up the river tomorrow — but take a few precious moments to answer your letter now & this moment. The Agencies have not been located on the Mo River. I have been in my office once for ^{part of an} hour only since I came to the Ter, until I ret^d & go away to be gone another month — I have looked into all the agencies with a view to your friend Selous etc. — & incline to think their profits greatly overrated. & that if he undertakes one without experience it will go hard with him — But if he wants to undertake it. let him get up his letters and address a communication ~~to the~~ "Commissioner of Indian Affairs" to me asking for the place of Trader at the post to be formed on the Mo River with the Indians at Spotted Tail agency, or better still ask to be app^t Trader at the ~~agency~~ ^{about the} Spotted Tail agency. Then come in with it to the River — It is now in West Nebraska. see

map. That is the biggest Agency. Let his
 letters go strong into his Temperance -
Moral & Business habits.

at the same time, let him take it over
 to Mr Schurz & secure his favor. This will
 make the Commissioner in his favor. Mr
 Schurz will probably have introduced him
 to the Com & I think it can easily be done.
 They had interested at Spotted Tail time here
 & is a clever man. In all likelihood the same
 be interested ^{together}. I will be back to my
 office in say three weeks. I shall
 be active & interested in looking
 in the mean time.

This is a fine country. I will be glad to
 come Mr D - & probably, can if he tries
 the more.

Your friend
 J. H. Thompson
 to write you that he would make his time

Subscribed to
of the letter
sent copy to
same date 7/11

you are the first time he has been
in any place that he could write
but he has had no time to become acquainted
with the affairs of the department

May 27th / 74

Rev. Pope Esq

Chicago Ills

Dear Sir:

Genl Hammond arrived here Apl 24th at dark
left next morning at 8, was on the Mo River
among the Indians until May 23rd when
by appointment he met a member of the Board
of Indian Commissioners at Sioux City and
came here direct. He only remained long
enough to write his report & get some money
& then pushed on to the Ponca Agency & Fort
Randall by Land, having somehow worked
the commission off by Boat, so as to give
himself a few hours here. He directed me
to write you that he would read his letter.

I have never before the first time he got on a
 Boat or any where that he could write, and
 that he has had no time to become acquainted
 with the affairs of the Superintendency nor
 will he have until he has the 12 or 15 thousand
 wild Sioux located.

Yours truly
 Preston W. W.

that I have, in fact
 the purpose for which they are intended,
 so that I can see them. As far as I have none
 of any kind.

Now as I get my salary & on
 account of the demand & how
 often.

as a matter of Official Etiquette should
 be referred to you as Acty Comr.
 I have referred to you as Acty Comr., or
 should all communication be
 addressed to the Commissioner of

Indian Affairs?

are there any warrants in case for
transportation over Land & Sea?

May 26th 1877

A. A. Gulpaig Eagle, Agency, The Indian

Dear Sir:

I was under the impression
that Blanks, indicating on their face
the purpose for which they are intended,
would be sent me. So far, I have none
of any kind.

How am I to get my salary & on
whom should I make demand & how
often?

As a matter of Official Etiquette should
letters signed by you as Acty Com^r
be answered to you as Acty Com^r, or
should all communications be
addressed to the Commissioner of

Indian Affairs?

are there any warrants in use for transportation over Land Grant Railroads should I be called to go to Red Cloud or Spotted Tail Agencies, The rules prohibit me from paying fare over the Union Pacific R.R.

Is it contemplated that I should visit Spotted Tail or Red Cloud, or confine my visits to reports to the River Agencies until further orders.

By giving me any suggestions that your experience dictates, you will confer a favor.

Very truly

A. H. Hummel.

May 28th 1877.

W. H. Hughes Esq

Agent Standing Rock

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith check for
\$12.00 on Edmunds & Winn — with
which please pay for the Photographs
& keep them (if not already sent) until
further notice. I may be along soon
again, as I start up the River today
with kind regards to your family

I remain

Very Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

river river, including the islands belong-
-ing to the Sioux Reservation, as far as may
be required by the Indians.

The Settlements of this Agency to extend as
far back within the Limit of the Reservation as
may be required.

The Agency buildings shall be near the Mouth of
Whetstone Creek.

For the Indians of Red Cloud Agency

From the Mouth of Beaver Creek, a town
entering the Missouri River on the West side
about five miles above Old Fort Thompson;
Thence up said Missouri River, including
all the islands belonging to the Sioux Reser-
-vation, to & including the site of Old
Fort George.

The settlement of this Agency
to extend as far back within the Limit of the
Reservation as may be required.

The Agency buildings shall be near the
Mouth of Yellow Medicine River.

For details of said locations see Map
hereto attached which is made part of
this report.

Your attention is respectfully re-
quested to the fact that the Missouri

*For the land all in lot
11th 1877*

June 13th 1877

John Mosher Esq

Canaudaign, Ontario County, N.Y.

Dear Sir

I understand that you desire to sell all or part of
a body of land held by you in Minn. in the
Valley. Please write me what you hold the land
for. How much you still own it. What the land is
for. Whether the forfeiture is absolute on account
of cultivation. How long have you still been
in the tract. Where is it situated as to location
How far from depot. Is there any
improvement in any way. Any trees?
The information likely to be needed by buyers
Cash or R.P. Bond or pref. stock. I am
obliged as you may be pleased to give
my duties carry on
to the best of my ability. Where I may be able
to be of service to you.
Very truly
Yours
J. H. Mosher

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Genl. J. A. Williamson

June 13th 1877

Dear General. I returned yesterday from election of location for Spotted Tail & Red Cloud on the R. The examination was not thorough enough to suit me. One Commissioner being sick & the other having his family along. My map & report have been forwarded however, & I have notified the Dept that I acquiesced in a majority vote only. Much of what little timber is on this River, has been & is being stolen both on Govt & Indian Land. Do you wish me to address you on this subject? Before starting on the last trip I wrote you but in haste & interrupted often. I scarcely know what I did write. I intended to tell you of the expectation of making a State here, if the Black Hills do not cut loose; even the North Pacific Dakota be cut off. & that the delay in assembling Congress, would I thought defeat the establishing of Lincoln. Black Hillers are coming back faster than they went in. Reports indicate great wealth there in a limited area. I enclose slip from a Custer Paper. The first I have seen from that end. All think that way here.

I also wished to say that the present Governors time will be out Jan 1st 1878. If the subject interests you, draw on me at will for all I know or can do. My place is not desirable. The duties are not hard at all, but I am satisfied that a strong wide spreading spirit in the Gov. and I believe it impresses on & uses church people & politicians alike. It don't suit me to suspect, or rather feel confident of wrong, without the power to reach it. If I stay here, I shall give them a long, strong, quiet, proud pull. & may prevent future iniquity tho' the past go unpunished.

All the Army officers warn me that the way is too long for any man to walk.
 But if delay it will be my duty & privilege to try.
 I await with some anxiety intelligence of what you can offer
 me. I am at home in Land & Business & would prefer to serve
 with you. So give me the postcard in time.
 I hope I can do the Indian Dept. some service & not let an
 even for my short term of duty with it.

Respectfully Your friend

McDonald

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

I also wished to say that the present summer time will be out
 Jan 15/97. I have not yet written you, but will for all
 know or can do. My friends are all well. The date has not been set yet,
 but I am satisfied that it will be a very good one. I am in the
 and believe it is important to me & to the Church, people & politicians alike.
 I don't want one to suspect, or rather feel confident of my own
 the power to reach it. I have been told that you are a long time, good
 product full. Many people feel in equity that the past go on.

June 1st 1877.

Major H. T. Livingston
Crow Creek Agency.

Prin I enclose herewith a tracing of the map re-
-ceived from you, with additions made from field
notes. The linen will probably be more easily
handled than the paper map.

Also please find my check for \$2.50, two dol
-lars & 50/100. for my half of the fare from Bould
-er Mill Post to the Agency: for which please return
such rec^t as will be available in return.

My illness has developed into a regular old
fashioned Chills & fever, acquired originally at
Vicksburg. With many thanks for your courtesy while
at the Agency.

I remain Yours respectfully
L. H. Hammond
Supt.

Thinking the enlistment of Indians, a speedier
way of civilizing at least those enlisted;
than a general life. & they might favorably
influence their comrades. As to the advantage
to the U.S., aside from hastening & cheapen-
ing the civilizing process. I defer to you.

If you come this way this summer I would
like to know it.

With great respect & love

Your friend

J. N. Hammond.

It has occurred to me several times, that this of-
-fice, no matter who is in it, should be in St
Paul when Army it is. That is, the U.S. Army
is closer to the scene of duty; but except during
a few weeks early in spring, I cannot see the
River to go up, & save a few weeks in fall
cannot see it to come down. I could
manage all the agencies in Dakota & Min-
-nesota better from St Paul, than a half
dozen from here. I have considered the
matter well. This office should be ^{near} ~~at~~
the office of the Dept Comd.

June 14th 1877.

Genl G. T. Sherman

Dear General.

Your kind letter of the 7th inst. while I was
up the River looking for locations for Spotted
Tail & Red Cloud. No easy thing I assure you,
and in this case done with haste not in ac-
-cordance with my ideas of duty.

Col. S. J. Cook was sick, but had seen much of the
country, but Mr. Jerome the Commissioner, having
brought his wife & son along & a friend, we saw less
than half the country I had noted over in advance.

I signed the report, bound by a majority vote
only & so have written.

Not being able to get the Board to the Missouri
River country, where I wanted to put Red Cloud
I acquiesced in putting him at Yellow Medicine

room for a difference of opinion on that.
 The agency should now be used for spot
 Tail. It has the best land & the best distribu-
 tion of wood & water I have seen on the Mo River.
 enough buildings for present use. By using
 the spot Tail can be moved now, instead of
 waiting the moving of both agencies later in fall.
 preparing additional report for submission.

You are right as to my sticking to my
 spot. That's what I will do, unless something better
 offers me. If the Senate confirms my appointment
 to that point is not positive. For I am sat-
 isfied that another man was wanted by the ring
 who has run things here for so long a time.

You are right too about the Army being my best friend.
 No right than ever you know. But really I am
 all the agencies on the River were in my right
 hand in the hands of Army officers, & some
 of them, even me, were clerk & under run off.

I don't believe I could convict before a jury for
 that reason don't try, but I am deliberately satisfied
 that there is a strong gang of hypocrites & rascals in
 power on this river. & that civil service in this
 case should be set aside & a new deal made. The
 Army holding things in hand until proper men can be
 found. Leob Wood, Legentul & Carlin have fully
 impressed on me the power of the Army. His vigilance
 & extent. I breathe no word to any other person
 unless I can effect real substantial good, with
 another my indignation, & being unable to repair
 the past, will see well to the future.

If anything better offers, I know you will be glad.
 If not, & I am confirmed, I will be content.

The proper duties of the office are not hard.
 The newspapers & expressed fears of Army officers
 misled me about Indian Regt. but I knew I was
 safe in speaking to you. Of course you are right
 in your conclusions. Still General, I can't help

June 15th 1877.

S. A. Galpin Esq

My dear Sir

I want to express my sympathy with you in your trouble & my approval of the manly course you are pursuing.

Good officers are slandered on all sides & those of our Dept seem specially singled out for attack.

With the warmest hope & belief that you will come out all right, & more, be able to smother your enemy.

I remain Your friend
J. Hammond

He has promised to do all in his power to assist to settle at present.
It is a great relief to me that he is here. He will not be of any service with you.

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Yours truly
J. Hammond

June 15th 1877.

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Lower Boule Military Post
June 8th 1877.

Walter L. Nicholson

Topographer P. O. Dept

1st 915 E. St. Washington. D. C.

Dr Sir

Your very polite letter of April 3rd, addressed to me at my
Home Chicago, has followed me to the upper Missouri.

Please accept my thanks for your attention, & regret that
I have been so long in being able to answer it.

If you will be kind enough to have the sheets of Postal
map of "Minnesota, with parts of Iowa Nebraska & Wis-
consin No 8 of schedule furnished: Backed & mounted
on rollers, as suggested in your letter, I will be very
gratefully obliged. - will be glad to get it
When No 9. Dakota, with parts of Iowa, Minn. Neb. Wyo. and Neb. are
published, I will be very glad indeed to have that also.

Very Truly Yours

W. Hammond

Supdt Ind affs Dakota

Dear Sir, I have written you two letters lately. Ample time
 has elapsed for an answer to the first one, viz 22 days.
 The last two letters I wrote you from Chicago contain
 -ed drafts, one for \$100.00, one for \$14.00 I have never
 known whether you received them or not. Also
 three other long letters on business subjects.
 Allow me to suggest the propriety on your part,
 of answering letters, when your friends take the trou-
 ble to write them, unless you desire to drop
 their acquaintance. This much they have a right
 to from you. Respy 21 Hammond, June 18th

R. E. ORTIER - P.O. Box 2080 New York

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I hoped before this time to be able to see you, & receive the benefit of your experience in this work in this Climate. When your health will permit, I will try to go & see you. In the mean time, please understand that I appreciate & endorse all that the Church has done in lifting Indian affairs from the apparently hopeless condition in which they formerly were, & that you & your friends may expect full & complete cooperation on my part. Hoping this will find your health better, I am with great respect

Your obedient servant J. W. Davenport

dear Sir, The necessity of my time having been
 spent in visiting a prisoner on the New River,
 returning for services for spiritual care &
 Red Cloud. The latter has been de-
 -parted for the country adjacent
 to including Yellow Medicine River.
 This is not possible at present.
 I have traversed the country by Fort.
 Tross. & have pretty much all the
 maps known about out here, from
 Wankton to Bismarck. With long ex-
 -perience on the frontier I am various-
 -ly considering whether the self sup-
 -porting point will not soon be
 reached by the Indians as direct
 raised. I have no quarrels in this
 territory. I will be glad if you will
 give this subject consideration & in
 due time let me know your views.

June 16th / 77

D. M. Wicken Esq
 C. & G. Agh B. & R. R.
 Chicago

at Mr. W.

Will you kindly advise me
 from whom you bought your Office
 Desk & what the same desk would
 cost me, with pigeon holes on both
 sides instead of drawers & places
 for books to stand, as yours now does,
 as I shall have to use pigeon holes
 exclusively. I should prefer of course
 the desk being made that way -
 with kind regards to Mrs Wicken & self
 I am

Yours truly
 J. H. Wicken

June 19th 1877

Mr Wm. Nicholson
Supt Ind Affairs Central Supd Secy
Lawrence. Kansas

Dear Sir

I have the usual instructions from the Department in pamphlet form, but learn from the Agents of many chiefs.

Will you be kind enough to write me what returns are made by you to Washington & what books are required to be kept in your office.

Since I came to the Dr. I have been most of my time in the field & among the agencies. Otherwise, I would have called on you in person before this time. Hoping to avail myself of your experience

If Spotted Tail & Red Cloud agencies are removed, as expected, to the Mo River will probably Spotted Tail & Red Cloud agencies are a removal as expected, to the Mo River will probably have to stay close, but hope you will be very busy with them during the summer stay as place for a while. I will be very glad to see you here & make your stay as pleasant as possible in a new country.

Very truly,
Supt

J. H. Hamilton
Supt

Washington June 30th.
 J. D. Smith Commissioner of Indian Affairs
 Washington D. C.
 I am not to see you here now. The interests
 of the service will be advanced by ordering you
 to Washington for personal conversation.

As to Sitting Bull

Wm. D. Sherman

Dear General.

The M. S. Marshall Birdick just arrived from North Dakota, gave me some interesting caucasic mounted police. Woodstock Ontario, from Beaumont - he. Tampo on the 8th of June. Hardie is an acquaintance of New Dick (who was then known to entrance officer in 1863 with the Victoria was taken). He saw Sitting Bull on June 3. at Cypress Mountain 14,000 or 150 miles north of Fort Benton, on the British side of the line. No Indians were well armed but without ammunition suffering for provisions. Hardie said the local authorities did

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Washington D. C.

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J. H. Hammond

June 13/94

Handwritten text, likely a translation or commentary, written vertically in a cursive script. The text is difficult to decipher due to the handwriting and orientation.

number be there & they come to the Mo River. both
 Lower Reservation & Old whetstone. will be require
 -ed. as per my report of June 1875 also to
 The Commissioner of Ind affs
 With great respect, & most cordial friend
 J. H. Hammond

Gen. Sherman

not a line from I have with you the
 -scribed the act of announcement to
 them. but allowed them to shut with
 some thousands. there were about
 two hundred & thirty eight to go
 the district and to see A. B. on
 acts of his notoriety over here &
 acquired the idea that he intended
 receiving in British America.
 All of which no doubt you have
 already heard, but I thought best to
 to graph to write you, because I be-
 -gave (and did) this informant
 as reliable.
 I have just heard by telegram from Emil
 him a great deal of the details that there
 6800 Indians at Fort Hall. The stock
 from these animals they say, and the same
 of that work about 7200. & either

unofficial

June 18th 1877

Dr Rev W. H. Stone

Yauktan Agency

Reverend Sir

I was greatly disappointed at not seeing you when at Yauktan Agency, but have since then that you have and, and are much improved in health.

Unless something occurs of which I am ignorant; I will meet you at the Convocation on the 23rd. but in the meantime will say that Yellow Mudicine has been definitely selected for Red Cloud, subject to approval by the Secy of the Interior.

For further said there is room for doubt. I fear including Porca

Reserve. Col. Lupton another associate comm- is quite as decidedly opposed thereto & in favor of abandoning Porca & taking Whetstone only. so it rests -

When a decision is reached that will stick, I will take pleasure in advising you. All of this so far as I am concerned is confidential. Of course our movements were known & conclusions reached by observers. But theoretically locations are not known until made public.

Please understand that the Church will have my humble cooperation without reserve.

Very truly Yrs. H. H. Howard

These newspapers in Montana & infinitely superior to any thing
 the U.S. officials can well ————
 the Court time is not trifled with. The population with anything
 like a fair share Robert H.

I would like have you for a good square talk.
 Any time has been spent almost entirely in the field, only eight
 days in office altogether, so that I have explored thoroughly the
 country on the Mississippi from Vicksburg to Riverview & back
 in several places into the country. Otherwise I would have
 written you at an earlier stage.

Very truly Yours
J. H. Newman

C. N. Kalmus

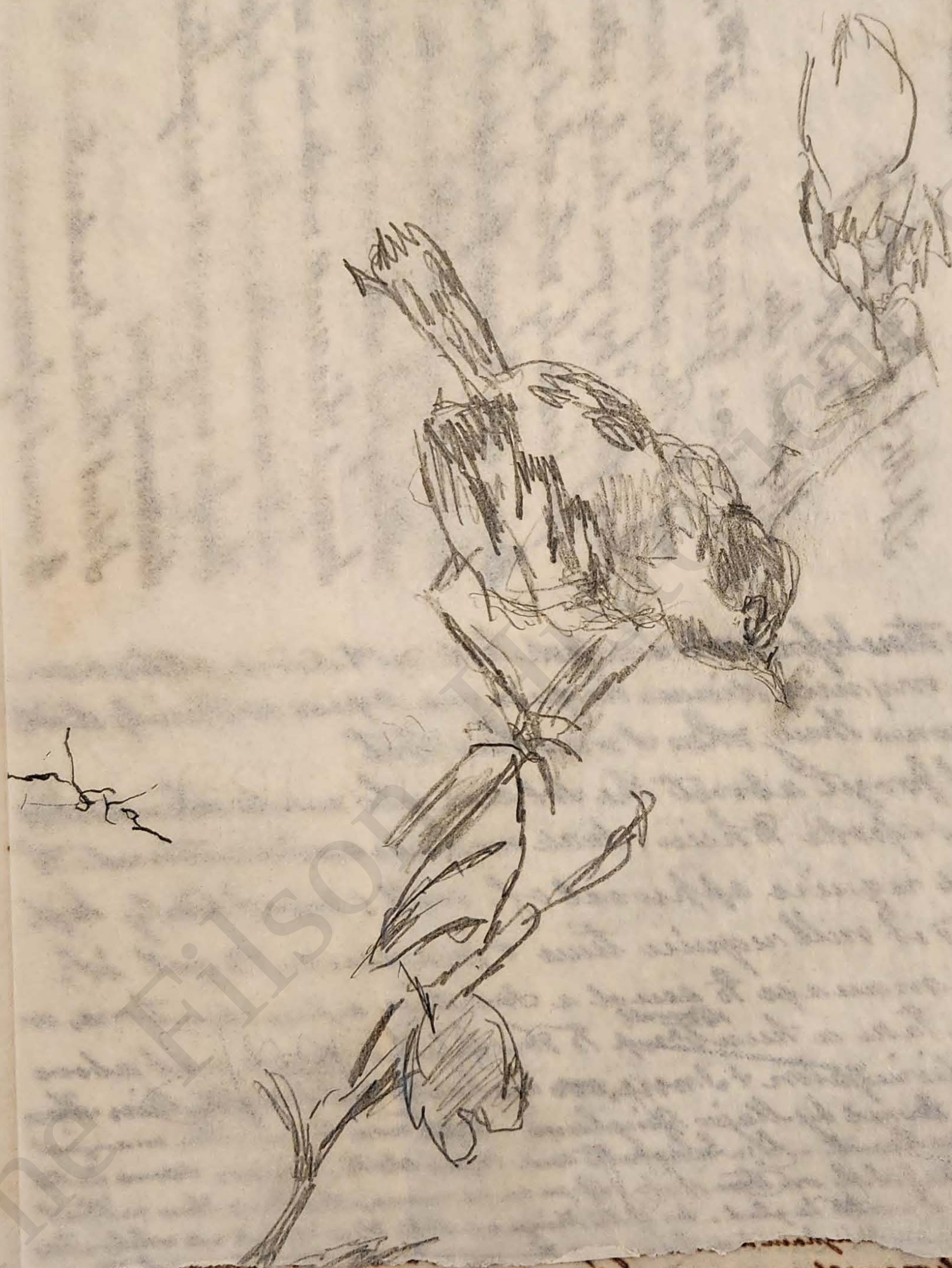
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Genl Charles Dring
My dear General

Shave been out here two months
now, & like the country very well. The duties
of the position are not unpleasant, but
the officials have had their own way for
a good while & are disgusted at what they
regard as an interruption.

0 Your man Hughes is an excellent
business man I think, will do good
work if he don't get disgusted with the
back acts & annoyances of his position.
These I assume you are manifest an agent
who wants to do his duty. Has not a body
used. The buildings of his Agency are un-
fit for occupation. He will have many

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will not be disappointed if you cannot. Especially as a
 heavy is away. Please do not mention this to any person
 whatever, but treat the whole subject as strictly conf-
 -dential.

Respectfully & A. H. Hammon

June 20th 1877

L. W. C. Daugherty

N. S. A.

My dear Sir

I am favor of the 11th has been
 rec'd & the results of the message & let
 me know by you duly attained.

Particularly note what you say of
 Davis offer to ~~man~~ ^{put up} a building at
 Boulé agency for the old one at the Det. day
 nothing, but note down everything of the kind
 In regard this small matter as a worst for the
 note circumstance. It is out of an all &
 therefore unguaranteed iniquities. That is
 dismissed now

I don't think I understand the reference
 to want of accommodation at Boulé

When I was there before, Doctor Laubach took me to dinner at his own
 house, & a very nice dinner he gave me. & you certainly did
 the handsome thing when I was there last.
 I did not forget about the soldier who understands De
 -Nota, but spoke to him. Such measure as I mentioned to
 you, will require approval of. Well! most highly high
 authority: it will require time & prudence to get it.
 Could you manage to send a soldier a prudent one, or
 still better take a hunt, up to Medicine creek just above
 where Dr Livingston & I were, ~~but~~ on the east side of the River. There
 is a Rancho. Owned by Major Bingham - kept now by another man just
 above Marcelles Ranch. I saw Sackett saw. Tepee cloth, windows & some in the
 Ranch with N. S. A. on them plain. If you could manage to get up there without
 attracting notice I would be glad. As if the things are still there & pick up whatever
 is going on. I think Bingham is on his way up there now & I would like to know whether any
 thing is removed, or any changes made. I am afraid you may not be able to see this

My dear Sir

Dec 20th 1877

I have your letter of the 18th.

There is a very healthy country & the stock business a very healthy business. And this is, with personal attention, a fine stock country, very fine.

Now friend if he has vitality enough there any more, can grow strong here.

If he has some friend to hold him back there he is in the stock is as sure to make money as in any possible occupation. The horses, all or nearly all, are caught in the stock business.

I don't care myself how you could attend to the character of stock and

here at the same time, on account of loss of time & expense of travel. But if your personal activity can enable you to attend them, there plenty of money right before you. I am satisfied to spend either all or part of the time here. This is probably a very favorable year, but this year Dakota is a glorious country. Look at or be in. I have met Mr. Hand. He is a slow but clever man. You account of his church membership & masonry will always have friends. I am all right on the political ambition and will take steps to secure a fair show will be glad of your kind offices.

We have located the two agencies on the Mo River. 20 or 30 frame buildings will be put up. If Bidon confined to this location as usual, a few will go to the

Why! *Wm. A. D. D. D. D.*

Indians who are now 13000 of them in 1825
 Nebraska. It seems you dream that a very large
 sum is distributed annually in handing from the
 -ney on the N. P. R. 264 miles or thereabouts
 they must let go the Bonanza ready -
 therefore you cannot possibly. on the building
 of the bridge is a waste of money. Why can't
 in case of the bridge is necessary. Why can't
 ride the Black Horse as he then suggests -

all these are well.
 I think that the best path
 in Chicago with the whole have
 a fair showing. It is a very fair
 in the papers of these cities.
 There will be a fair showing therefore
 & good figures should make the
 money. The lumber will all come
 from Chicago or with it away
 case. I expect to expect about
 \$40000 at 50000 spot the best
 that can possibly be had for
 the spot if it is for the mo-
 ney - There about \$40000
 you will have a case to give.
 The Nebraska position must
 likely will make a very high
 to prevent the revenue of the

for him now. Of the Patience of the Nebraska Indians to
 more to the north: I will be more than busy with about Sept 10th
 in the field, as I have to build about thirty buildings, & am building
 Government about get the north of the money, with personally of
 - look there. Then I expect to take hold of the office supervision of
 Agencies. I have considered your letter, & recommend that you take
 early steps, because the endorsement of the Episcopal Church
 if you can, so that you can come recommended to me rather
 than as a person knowing me. Also get along with the political
 chiefs you name, & though they get recommendations from you
 Washington, from the Dept of the Interior. The people here are well
 in order & proceed, break my way with patience. I don't know of
 any thing just now, for as I explain above, I have had no chance to know of
 not take charge of the. For your part with fall: but I have fully satisfied
 you have up to now. This is my time. This is my time. This is my time.
 I am not but good. I have no more to say of it, but I am sure I will get you

started in very easily. If you had a little money,
 this is a nice place to live. Healthy & fresh
 You would like it, if you could get a fishing.
 And as for any thing, but I will help you if you
 wish. Yours & affectionately,
 June 21 1877.

W. H. Steele Esq
 No 372. West Washington St
 Chicago.

My dear Sir
 Your favor of May 7th has been for
 turning me up & down the river vigorously
 I should say from the mouth on it, & at
 last settled up in Chautau.
 You must understand I tell you,
 that I have only been in my office
 (I thought days and days) & the 1st.
 the balance of the time. I have been out in
 the field, on the river, on the North River
 & R.R. &c. - having been out on
 the river & there most of the day & night
 I have only one other thing to tell you

upon his decision; I should like a common
arriveller, he had his own brother out
of 1000000000. The Board of Lunatick
\$10000. He's deep down in debt. There
State of the Tribune, out of \$10000 -
to be so, all the citizens of the morning have
many years. But Judge Stewart of
the Chicago's. At the R. - on to \$10000 -
his mode was to pay the interest, &
there - in summer property to the people.
directed to pay the interest. &
on the 10th of the month of the 1st of the
I have paid out a good deal of money
and legal bills, & we are to
pay all that may be required of some
of the interest, which turn up.
I am greatly interested at being supplied,
and we are to make some decisions; but
after thinking it all over, we are to

escaped in Chicago as best as they have ability.
You think it better - but how often it is. You don't
see anyone. The last people are the front. That
the trouble! The middle class is as much as the
among us & we are. Chicago by all odds the cheapest
most comfortable city to live in. That I know of -
But they need a fresh new earthquake body.

I have almost entirely recovered my health from all changes
any one could want to be. When I first came here the change
developed my own illness of course, which there was away from
Chicago & I suppose. That of the case I know here.
but now I am able to do. I am of the case I know here.
Place from this but a certain party in the first person of me
I take this with entire agreement. I take this with

June 23 1877

W. H. Harper Esq

Dear Sir

Genl Hammond is at work on plans of 30 agency buildings for which he received orders yesterday and has instructed me to say that your telegram as to Mr Schulz has been received. He thinks it useless to write without some one on the ground to press the application.

Yesterday he received orders by telegraph to prepare a report on a matter on which he has sent six reports already, which they had not read.

Mr Schulz's letters went with his application.

Very Respectfully
Preston Waepe

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Otto A. Stulz

Dear Sir:

June 23rd 1877

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