June 23 1877

J. H. Rossley

My Dear Captain

I expected to be in Chicago June 1st but was detained by Court commissioners & go up the river. Now expecting to see my family July 1st, I am upset again with [illegible] plans & specifications requir[illegible] sets of agency buildings. say from 25 to 30 Buildings. wanted immediately As there's no knowing when I will get on to Chicago.

On rather hence is hot: then stormy & cool. alternately. Hoppers so far have not amt to speak of. I would like to know what has been done & is and at Yearys being done, in the Bank? something which I can understand. How many are being employed there now? & What business are you doing. It is barely possible that I may go on to Chicago to advertise these buildings before letting, but I hardly think I will. altho' I expect to advertise in both Chicago & St Paul.

With kind regard to all at home

Truly
L. H. Hammond

Remember me to Amberg & Ryan & the Chicago maid

Spotted Tail & Red Cloud will not come under my authority until they come to the Mo River

Lt Rw Hoyt
2nd Lt Jesse Leth
Cheyenne Agency Dak

My dear Lieut: I broke your favor of 26 May unopd because I hoped to get a corr rpt to your place or to Lt Smith down

The corr Smith was ordered back to Washington & the other Chiefs was in a hurry to get home.

I have now taken a new turn & hope in a few days to be sent for, orders to Washington. Genl Sherman has written me he will be in Chicago July 5th. & I must try to see him. I have learned a great deal, more I never saw you. all corroborating what

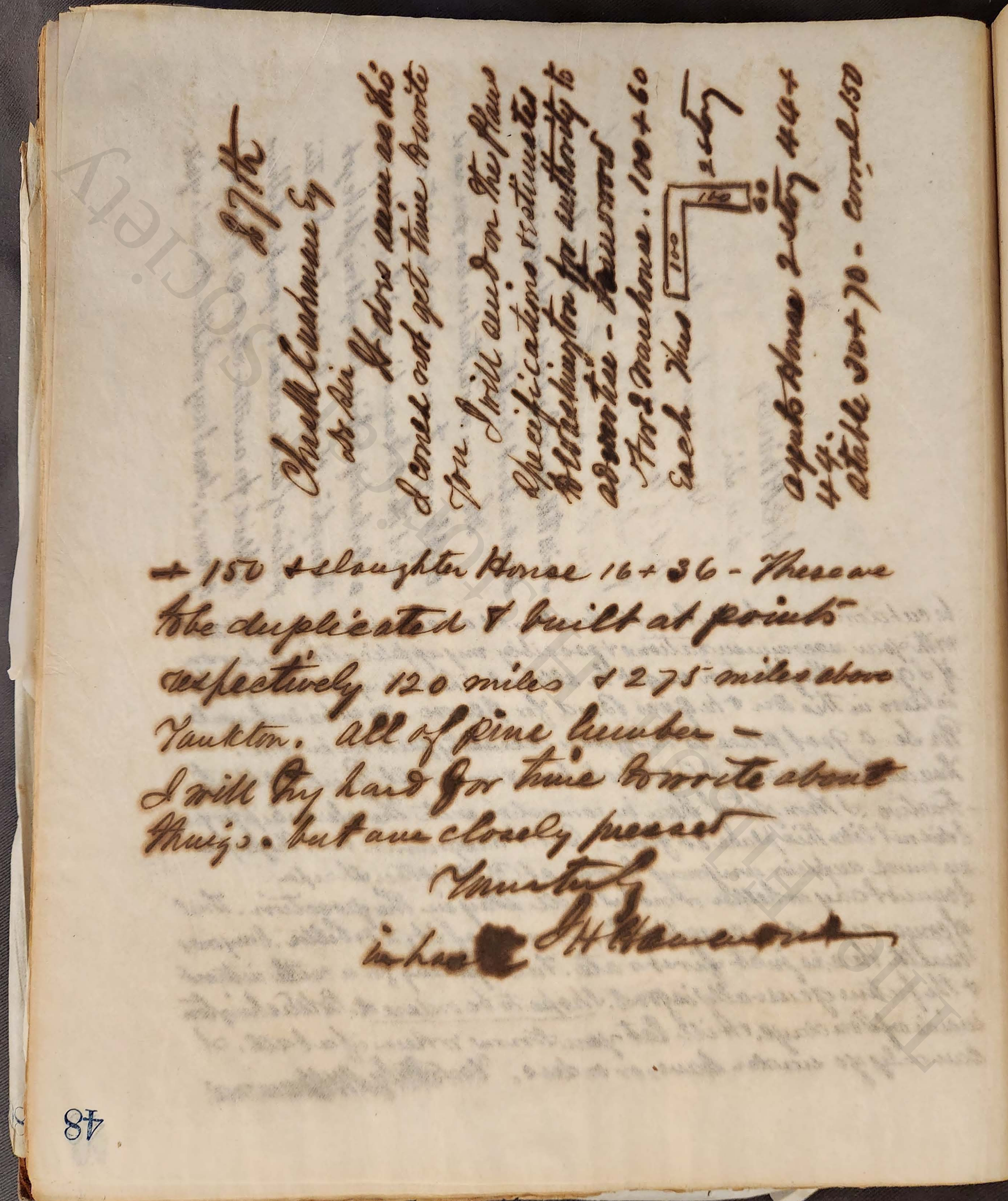
you have told me: and unless I can get assurances that I feel I can rely on, that my efforts to break up the iniquities that I believe exist, I will not remain in the service.

Keep every watchful, and put every thing you can get hold of in shape to remember it. Tell Fielder that I have forgotten nothing he told me & that he must brush up his memory & get his facts and names of witnesses well arranged in his mind. If you can reduce to writing & systematize all his statements, it will be a great work. Remember how difficult it is to prove anything, & nothing must be charged or intimated, unless it can be proved. If you will keep your mind on it, and systematize what you learn, it will be much more powerful

Brighton Brutsyk last night from the Rig office.

Keep close mouthed here. and see that the seamen the articles at his Rooms number 20. S.T. Q. that the fact of the removal should be known & be punishable by necessary, wholly to Col Brooks for authority to matter this. Tell him for one that I hope charity & temper with Mr Colburn & about the matters here over by the part. With reference to the criticism I will endeavor to secure an interest of all the agencies - Remember one steadily is the true Chiefs - except my opinion Thanks for the information You have afforded me. Please do more of it. Very truly Yours

Lockwood



Shall I write by
this
If above meets the
Secretary's approval get time to write
Mr. Will call on the Plans
Specifications & estimates
Washington for authority to
advertise - Warehouses
Hors & Warehouse. 100 + 60
Each Thus

2 story
Agent's House 2 story 46 +
44 +
Stable 30 + 70 - Corral 150

+ 150 + slaughter House 16 + 36 - These are
to be duplicated & built at points
respectively 120 miles & 275 miles above
Yankton. All of pine lumber -
I will try hard for time to write about
things. but am closely pressed

Yours truly
in haste J H Hancock

June 29th 1773

Robt E. Athill Esq

Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 22nd, save that it leaves some letters [illegible] for which I have long ago good if you had received them. When I see you I will tell you why I did not enquire at the Bank about drafts.

When you wrote, that unless you rec'd employment, you would be ruined, I rec'd the statement in good faith, & proposed a clerkship, which I thought might be got through in the way I indicated. In anticipation of such action on your part I have applied for another clerk @ $160 p. ye of course, I can't say whether the salary will be subdivided or not, but I thought that with your accommodations & possibly my application I might be allowed to do so. The salary of clerks in offices in this City & the Pains Band for Rd &c. a good place is not good. Perhaps they can have [illegible] possible &c for Sects here. Some of the Rent, all at Fraction. I thought of them in connection with the clerkship for a time, but I did not like this plan at first. But if the [illegible] are much superior [illegible] & there at [illegible] equivocally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

If you can be spare in Chicago Please send me
a few only have supplies coming
in for a few days and before our
nearly order. Kit Shedd is expected every day
on hand. Yours Truly

Yankton June 30th 7

Genl J. A. Williamson
Dwelling, Washington D.C

Yours twenty fifth received, matt mine of
twenty eighth, will be in Washington
few days

L. K. Hammond

John Rudd
Any order for some cells, the law
leave before you receive this letter
twenty four sailors up to the first of
may of next year. Mr Turner at the
Belle is the one I think who paid the
money. & by having the books looked over
they will doubtless be found & rectified.
If it cannot, I will pay you back, as
I expect to pay gas bill & water Tax which is
as I am away will you please show this & ask
Rufus Tack his kind offices for me.
This is a wild country, but has good prospects
landing Mackinaws, and is only hundreds of miles
and twenty of miles up the Missouri River off
the route of the Basin. The ways of the people
are as far from me in my office since 10 days in all

Hope soon to see you in Chicago. but can't say
at what. as I can only leave my duty in military
under orders. With kindest regards to your wife &
Mr Regan. Mr Mary & little Major & Lieutenant & friends & Officers

Yankton Dakota Terr 20th 1877.

John Reed Esq
My dear Sir

My wife writes me that
you had to pay my water Tax. amty
to twelve dollars & some cents. I beg
leave to assure you that I paid the Tax
twenty four dollars. up to the first of
May of next year. Mr Turner at the
Bank is the one I think who paid the
money. & by having the books looked over
it can no doubt be found & rectified.
If it cannot, I will pay you back, as
I agreed to pay Gas bill & water Tax which I remain
as I am away will you please show this to Capt
Ross. & ask his kind offices for me.
This is a wild country, but has good prospects—
barring Grasshoppers. and is very healthy I have pas
ed most of my time up the Missouri River get
ting the run of the business & the ways of the people &
have so far been in my office about 10 days in all

& some other things to do before I start for the Washington journey —

If you could get either Red Cloud agency or trading license. You would have the very best there is, of the kind.

You need not be afraid of any slate being made up on the subject. There is none. I have kept conclusions from being reached, in order to get honest & responsible men, if they are to be had.

I fully described the way for you to go to work - viz through Church influences & politics added thereto, & if you think well of it, dont bother about any slate that may have been made up.

This is a good stock country & the traders & agents are all working into it.

Your friend
D. W. Hammond

Yankton. July 1st 1877

My dear Eddy

I wrote you that I would be here July 1st 2d 3d 4th &c &c. I dont think I will. As Genl Sherman writes me he will be in Chicago on the 5th & I must leave here the third in order to see him. If I had a pass over the road from Sioux City to Council Bluffs I would go down that way but I cant afford the fare. I have an annual pass over the C. B. & Q. R. and Illinois Central. I think you had better come here or meet me at Sioux City. I have a talk — I dont feel competent to advise you, with your experience; but, I would like mightily to have you & wife near us. I will go on to Washington in a very few days now. but dont know whether I will return here from Chicago or not, & then go on again. I have advertisements to be put in several papers

For Spotted Tail Agency Buildings, at the mouth of Whetstone Creek, or a little from the upper boundary of Fort Randall Reservation — or for use the river back towards the Niobrara, as may be required. This leaves Yankton and the buildings at Ponca out. The authorities are and the decision may not be final. Can't say. But two orders, I have sent on my plans & specifications for Buildings at the Sioux agency.

With great respect
Yours truly
[illegible]

July 1st 1877

Rev. W. H. Hare
Rt Rev. and Dear Sir

I have been waiting for the Dept to settle itself on permanent locations, before saying anything on which you may act in a business way.

Whether the present decision will stick, really I cannot say. But it is as follows.

For Red Cloud Agency Building near the mouth of Yellow Medicine River, with lower point of occupation on Beaver Creek opposite Pt. Thos. Low upper limit as near Pt George as may be required.

The Filson Historical Society

Yankton June 28th 1877

My Dear Wife

I enclose copy of a letter I have written Genl Williamson. I know he wants my services & will give me. that is invite me to take the place that he offered me when I took this one. But in the first place, I am to backing from a difficult task, I owe to duty and to Genl Sherman & Mr remedy evils; if I believe there be cause. Commissioner of Indian affairs will lence, I can do a good work here & will. that unreservedly, I could only remain very & do the service little good.

Letter to Mother from Yankton 28th 1877 –

Genl Sherman if I possibly can. If I can not, I wish you would call on him & show him my letter to Genl Williamson. I know that he wants me to stick right here & make a success of this. which is what I want if I can have the confidence of my superiors. If I cant have that I will be wasting my time. If I can arrange matters in Washington, I would like to bring you & the children here in time to lay in winter supplies: without such provision, living here is higher than in Chicago. I think you will like the people. who are much superior to those in Missouri small towns. and I can

Yankton June 28th 1877

My Dear Wife

I enclose copy of a letter I have written Genl Williamson. I know he wants my services & will give me. that is invite me to place, the place that he offered me when I took this one. But in the first place, I am not much given to backing from a difficult task, & in the second, I owe to duty and to Genl Sherman & Mr Dahney, that I do remedy evils; if I believe there be one. If the Secretary & commissioner of Indian affairs will give me their confidence, I can do a good work here & will. Unless I can have that unreservedly, I could only remain here to my own injury & do the service little good.

I will go to see Genl Sherman if I possibly can. If I can not, I wish you would call & see him & show him my letter to Genl Williamson. I know that he wants me to stick right here & make a success of this. which is what I want if I can have the confidence of my superiors. If I can't have that I will be wasting my time. If I can arrange matters in Washington, I would like to bring you & the children here in time to lay in winter supplies; without such provision, living here is higher than in Chicago. I think you will like the people, who are much superior to those in Missouri small towns, and I can

The Filson Historical Society

Genl J. H. Williamson
Dear General.

Iowa City 30th 1857

Your very kind letter of the 25th has just been received, and as we have no mail from Saturday till until Monday I will at once telegraphed & wait my letter of the 28th — In that I explained matters here as regards my office & expressed the fear that Mr Delaney might not want to have me leave a place where, I believed evils would thereby inducing him to not approve your appt of me to another field. That about covers the ground. I prefer what you offer me: but I am bound to relate to Mr Denny what I think has been going on here. Then if he dont see it as I do, or dont want changes in the way of business, I think he would approve your appointment of me to the very honorable place you offer in your letter of the 25th and would like it as it is better than an appt in the India Dept.

Referring to the Governors place here, I learned today from a source that leaves the information at my disposal, that the present vote-Black Hills swarm back in such numbers, that I am now confident the power of the movement for the new Territory of Lincoln is broken.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Governor is becoming uneasy about his place & has knowledge that some effort is being made to remove him. I dont care anything about it unless you want the place, in which case I can produce an impression which will insure his going. Rents & provisions are at a figure that would be pleasant with a large family in Stockton. I think the people here are superior to those of the States farther South, the equals of those in Iowa. In my opinion the future of the Territory is good. & just now things are in a condition for a new deal. The delegates habits preclude his reelection I think, tho' he's a clever man & has been an able one. With any thing like fair management. This will be a State long before New Mexico, or — well any other Ter. & is much the best of them, even with hoppers, which are high up in the clouds & day going South not by millions &c &c &c.

There are other good offices here which in the nature of things must be refilled shortly. &c. I have received a telegram from the Com indicating that he expects me to bring the papers with me: they have already gone. & I may therefore speedily expect an order to fore-Now. I will see you within the time named in my letter of the 28th between the 5th & 10th — I find this a very healthy country.

With thanks & regards & in hope of seeing you in a few days.

I am very sincerely Your friend & obt Servant

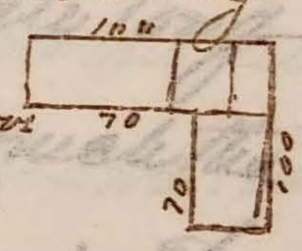
These improvements are all independent of those to be hereafter erected at Standing Rock & Bismark

July 1st 1877

Chas M Cushman Esq
Bismark.

My Dear Sir

I have been trying for some time to get a chance to write you but. I have been kept out in the field arranging for Spotted Tail most of the time and during the last two weeks I have been in my office I have been hard at work on Plans & specifications. I have sent on plans & specifications & Estimates for the following viz. Warehouse 100 + 30 and 70 + 30 attached (all figures to be in the clear.) 9 ft story below. 5 ft above under the eaves.



Agents House 38 + 36. 2 story Hip roof well finished 10 ft story below, 9 above, Porch along the whole front

Stables 30 + 70. Yard 8 ft High fence. 100 + 100 — (2 story stable)

Slaughter House 20 + 40 - one story. Corral 50 + 100. and 320 ft wing fencing —

Receiving & Weighing Corral — 150 + 150 - Scroll fence - all close planked 3 rails. 8 ft high. rolling gates. Fairbanks platform scales 10 ton beat $395 - 9 + 24 ft covered with House 12 + 24. Pumps and troughs at corrals & Slaughter House.

all to be built in the best duplicate

All to be of good seasoned pine.

I think the plans & specifications will be approved and I will advertise 20 or 30 days in Chicago. St Paul,

and one Yankton paper. As you may have to prepare, give you notice in time. I think Duluth has only much the advantage of Chicago in distance & freight. The points where the buildings are to be put up, are at Whetstone creek about 120 miles up the river from Yankton, and Yellow medicine say 270 miles up. The same plans & specifications for both agencies. There will be a little later, a school 20+40, church 30+50, Black smith shop 20+40, Carpenter shop 20+40. Interpreters House, Traders store & two sets of 2 quarters @ 30 + 48 - 2 story - all these in duplicate & all of good dry pine, except posts of cedar or oak cut near by - You now have the case & you can see plans & specifications by applying to my Clerk here. Mr Preston Wolfe, I will give necessary directions -

am I to understand that section No 3 is gone as well as No 17? I cant complain if it is, as I have neglected your letters but I have been so driven I could do no better - Please write me about Section 3 or any other or part of section, Also write me what you want me to say to Mr Rodgers - just how much. Direct to me, No 59 Rush St Chicago: and care of Genl Jas. A Wilkinson Washington. D.C - better to both places to be sure to catch me, I will see a good deal of Mr Rodgers most likely - If desirable I can buy the bonds & pay for section 3 when I return. are the Bonds good for land at Bismark? With sincere thanks for all your kindness. I am very truly Yours J H Hammond.

Personal

July 2nd 1877

Mr. W. H. L. Barnaby
U. S. Ind. Agt. Yankton Agcy

My Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation while you were in Yankton, please inform me what time is devoted to the instruction of Indian children in the English language, and that of the Dakota tongue. I may have been mistaken relative to the English language. if so I desire to be corrected.

Very sincerely Yours
S. R. Hamilton

Quoted from letter 15 — mother 1877 for Parker
I will go 10 see Gen. Sherman if I possibly can — If I cannot show you
Wmel call. Give them, & show them my letter to Gen. Williamson

July 2 1879

My Dear Madam

I have now been in the Indian Service nearly three months. "Verse" I dont like it, but the sense of duty grows on me, & I not only have getting my blood up against iniquities practised in the name of religion & humanity, but I am interested in the Dacotas. The finest race of savages by far that I know of. With just a little common horse sense, real substantial advance may be made with all the younger & some of the adults.

In religious matters may be saved, but the missionaries — of evil they will do; but for good they make

Washington or New York. I have entirely recovered my health. Still the children are not well. I have not been confined by the heat, however, & don't care to go. I have a few friends do for me in N.Y. I have a neighboring invitation to the seaside & I have half decided to accept it. Everything in nature, even with the exception of Dr. McCluer & Clarkson, is tiresome to be confined. unless I can get a cottage where I can see certain people & they have decided to go. I have met Dr. Stillman here & Dr. Pittsburg. He knows you & Mr. Lowell & Mr. Sewall & Mr. Thurman.

The Hingham Historical Society

teachers & a Dly themselves, or I so fully mistake my men. & I dont often do that. Mr Hughes has succeeded to a place, previously all in disorder. He seems like an energetic business man. & if the routine & waitings of the Dept^t dont break his heart, can do good work. The Houses for his family are the worst on the river, not at all comfortable. His wife will be a good help, with patience, always with much patience in this Dep^t.

I like the Territory. The pay dont amt to much, all considered is less much less than an age to pay. But if the Secretary will give me his confidence, I will remain here & without fuss break up a

good Officer's liberties, or I will disgrace the Country. Contrary to my instructions, I have written that to the Secretary. The Army officers — are a man enough, though rigorous. Will be enough. Buchanan is a good Sheriff. Shannon is a perfect Gentleman. Lecompte is a Christian Gentleman & Judge: if he get his health certain employed. Shannon is not well. This Territory offers fine chances for Business. I have 100 written thus. The influence here is the Christian party. Pierce seems for it. There are 2 Secretaries, one the Brown Southern Democrat, the other a Northern attaché of Franklin Pierce.

July 1st 1877

Hon Leonard Swett
Chicago Ill.

My dear Sir

I have been in my office about ten days since I came to the Territory having passed the rest of the time among the Agencies on the River.

If I remain in this position, I am beginning to see my way clear to something for Doctor Brown. Something too, of an honorable character likely to let him still have a fair show in life. I was puzzled for some time to see my show for him, as the Game! is most thoroughly made in the Territory. & pins set. Never saw anything more thoroughly organized & effectually guarded. Doctor & I know whether we will stay or not. I am a new and unexpected element in the Ring matters don't see their way to deal with it. Their Attorney Walter Stanford is a hard case & force & resolute enough to do anything he is right & yet he is able to do it. Doctor is not the Ring nor with it. which the country & the people. (all into the Ring) is the devil in which the Doctor is now fermenting. He is anxious for a place among the other Territories for better than Mahoney with Territory. Please tell me what I have another chance in Brown and that I have another chance in Illinois. Inquire in, whether there are other Functionary offices, to perform, appointed, either commissioners, Trustees, Superintendents, Fire & metropolitan Police &c. Please write me, & my address is Yours respectfully
Dubuque Iowa

July 1st 1877.

R. H. Pope Esq
Dear Sir

I have expected for the last ten days to go to Chicago & therefore have not written.

Advising another man is dangerous business especially in the matter of settlement in life. But, after a good deal of consideration, I do not hesitate to say; that a man of your particular style of ability & past experience; can do well here if any where. This City is an epitome of life & the respectable style of ability which wins. It is truly the Capital of Dakota. Dakota itself is a good Territory. It has great hopes for a State in a far better than Territory. If things are properly managed. The railroads will dominate everything, politically & commercially. Land, with a large element of labor, in the Territory, is a good investment. Land is much higher in Minnesota & Iowa than here. Brother Will remains at Lawrence. Brother Charles will remain on the farm. I expect to go to Washington & Dakota if I can. Note enclosed. Yours truly

Charles Pope

P.S. Do the best you can under the circumstances. "as a good Soldier" Of course, if I shall my Priest, I will go. Hope I have done right in your capacity for more. I have faith in your judgment, but have been in my office, [illegible] have written a good many letters, requiring much time. I during the 10 days I have been away. Truly Yours Charles Pope

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Unless it is intended that he shall stay
[illegible] regards to the Bank's Insurance

Very Sincerely Yours
[illegible]

Jany 28th 8

[illegible]
My dear Sir.

Please show the enclosed slips to the Staff.

In your conversy with Jerome you cadee not asked, but I have ampliee that Jon confirmed the "Wealth" [illegible] Hall are [illegible] RR. onbetty, were the only [illegible] for as the [illegible] had [illegible] take [illegible] & the [illegible] or son. The other matter [illegible] take rank as gossip, as likely [illegible] the relator as the other chap. [illegible] the Govt's business

But the final time Jane in [illegible] will show you No 4 signed as stated by you, which [illegible] 20 was set [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

ered handsome. N. How many votes in the 8 days.
That leaves Mr S & Co. which can only take
rank as personal controversy - She settled
by whoever lives the life, & she hates the beha
viour most likely to produce confidence
... Slator & respondent —
Can I honourable ...
makes a false certificate & admits it, or
takes money wrongfully & returns it; ...
He is then all right?
He was kind in Jon Dewhold ...
Tom controversy - for I despise gossip
although I don't see how our enquiries must
one be conducted without using it freely.
That is one of the disagreeable features of the
Don't let go the "rich Banker for Clerk"
thing! — If you desire Brick here now or
down — which I can't ... not a do
Can't Jon hurry up my orders Bell M.
or do some thing with it? —
... Douglass should not be kept here no

July 1st 1877

D. M. B. Brown
My dear Sir — Since I wrote
the Sec. I have been among the
Cheyennes & have only spent about
two days & parts of days in my
office.
I was pleased at your success
opening up new fine country
honorable living & commerce in
hand on a grand scale. Among the
returned Cheyenne prisoners
are "Crooked Rhyporiers" & about
a dozen in one of those villages.
I do not think the executive should
let the details of the agreement
until I have [illegible] the Red
Cloud & Spotted Tail Indians East of the Mo
River — When that is done, & I assume detail
control. I can, I believe, if I remain in the Ter
-ritory obtain a place where you can make an
honorable living & have a future —
I have so written Mr Scott.
Very truly Yours
J. H. Hammond

Personal

July 3d 1877

Hon J. L. Smith
Cherokee affairs.

Sir

After consideration, I believe public good will be served by appointing, for some time to come, to positions in this Sup. dcy & Ter., men who do not live here, or have but lately arrived.

This has been my belief since very soon after coming here, but expecting you, I preferred to talk such matters.

I have recommended a man named Schulz for the Judgeship at Eufaula & Tail & Meat for Red Bird.

The former lives in or near Chicago & the latter has lately come from

Yours truly
John Mathews
Attorney

John Mathews.
Attorney at law & Solicitor in Chancery.
Eufaula Creek Nation.
Will practice in all the courts of the Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation, & Creek Nation, & in any good business during absence of Attorney. Charges moderate and satisfaction guaranteed.

Omaha, 1st 1877.

Major Geo. W. Manypenny
Columbus, Ohio.

My Dear Sir,

Your very interesting letter of May 10th reached me on the eve of starting for a second journey up the Missouri: on my return I had reports & work & plans & specifications & estimates to make up for Spotted Tail & Red Cloud & agencies. These have gone forward & will be answered within a few days. I expect to address in three Chicago, one St Paul & one Hamilton paper. Low prices & the many idle men in all communities should give us plenty of bids & good cheap work. Spotted Tail's Indians have been located at old White Stone agency against my protest in the Board & protest since. Red Cloud & his people, from Beaver Creek just below Heart River up the river so as to include Heart River (which is valuable for a winter pasture) and Yellow Medicine Creek, where the agency buildings are to be,

See map.

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2 extending as near Fort George as the Black Hills travel will permit. On the Mo River, a great deal of country is required to afford Homes for about six thousand Drains. The Yellow Medicine location is good, was my choice & I am well satisfied with it. I may properly remark here, "that after the whole Missouri River below Bismark has been culled over & find agencies on both Banks for a well numbers of Indians, not exceeding 2200 at any of them, I have had to locate – on the refused part of the West Bank only; about 13500 Indians, being more than are here at all the agencies put together, about 3000 more.

Referring to the subject matter of your letter I am startled to see how you have managed to get at the pith, of the difficulties to be met here. I agree with you, that the Indians have not a fair chance, or any chance. nor have the agents for that matter. The absurdities of Haney's plows & log wagons &c & [illegible] to this day, & some of his locations as well, You see [illegible] struck my intuition of the country.

exactly. no doubt in time, when timber grows here, seasons will become reliable. now they are not. I have traced the history of the grasshopper up as far as Berthold for 41 years. They have been here — 1 yr in 3, or 2 in 3, or 3 in succession during that time. This morning the Clouds were filled with countless millions as high & as wide & long on every side as a field glass would reach, & only a few came to the ground. But when they will, no one knows.

Seasons change, people here say: But I know by examination of Spanish records in California & Texas & mission records in Kansas: that they change in cycles. & the average remains. Extensive timber growth alone will work a permanent change.

I have heard here of one man who has planted potatoes six times & had not one full crop. Oats Eleven times & had one crop. This of course at great expense. What he would have done with private means: would be to go at stock growing, leave the country or starve.

I wish you would consider at your leisure, the subject & make up your mind as to whether it will be better to fight

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[illegible] on which plant, but seldom the Indians to stock growing.
[illegible] step of the Savage towards some civilization is flocks & herds. Let me show at your leisure that many of them have acquired a liking for eggs chickens beef; & love their chickens. Some have learned to like milk. They are fond of squashes, corn & turnips. Your experience is that gardens cluster around centers of civilization, as you approach the frontier; fruit. Then Vegetables disappear, & the inevitable fried Pork & biscuit are the rule. If the Indian learns to like things that he cannot obtain in nomadic condition: he will cease to be a nomad. With cows, calves, chickens, a small garden, & some stock he had in this stormy grasshopper country easier than farmers. Indeed whites having skill & economy & established habits have a hard time to get a living. I am inclined to believe the Indian will be served by replacing his ponies with cows & work cattle. Ponies encourage wandering. Settled habits are the first step to self support.

What do you think of teaching the Indian children, the Dakota language? The Missionaries [illegible] pronounce it necessary [illegible]

correspondence with one who has considered the Indian problem in a business way, tempts me to extend my letter to an unreasonable length. I will hold much that I am tempted to say until a convenient season. What you say of Interpreters, leads to the opening of my question already asked, why teach the children Dakota? They know it already, & if they ever support themselves must do it in competition with people speaking English. Why not do away with the necessity of Interpreters at all? They are usually pestilent alien French Canadians, lower than Indians. Indeed the Indians are not low. I am familiar with the lower classes of Spain, Italy & Sicily & mediate to say that the Dakota Indians are their superiors both mentally & physically. They have plenty of brain & treat their women no worse, not differently from the Europeans mentioned of the lower classes. I have been familiar with Indians many years. These are the first I have felt much interest in, save to protest against the crimes against them by friend & enemy

ficulties will be to overcome
The Indians promises. Whether I can
gain their confidence I can only learn by ex-
-perience. I promise nothing at all, save to do the
best I can for them, refuse in any case to promise
Civil aspects & the army dont mix well, & if for no other
reason, the bad results of allowing squaws near sol-
-diers; should keep camps & agencies as far apart
as safety will permit. Soldiers become only when
called.

These subjects of agriculture, versus a garden & stock
raising (i.e. Cattle, sheep & goats) and; teaching Indian
children their own language, which they know
& which has no literature, while they must compete
with English speaking people for a living in the near
future; occupy my mind now as salient questions in
a common sense treatment of the Indian problem.

I am my dear sir with great respect
Your obt Servant
J. H. Hammond
Supt

These things had better be attended to quietly than to get into the papers and scandalize everyone, as they will sooner or later, unless thoroughly sifted and either acquitted or quieted or punished. There is time to hear further from you before I start for Washington. I direct in a hand unlike my own, and recommend that your wife direct yours. Anything counts here.

Please take notice if a man named Linn comes around the Agency or Post of Brule, where is Capt Donovan? can he be reached?

My respects to Mrs. Daugherty

With many thanks

~~Very truly Yours~~ ~~[illegible]~~

July 3rd 1879

Lt Wm E. Daugherty
U.S.A. Brule Mil. Post
Neb Territory

Your word of June 2nd with great interest. The portions referring to Livingston's Ranch interests, mining, which, I trust, to denote having any ranch, or cattle interest.

His denial was quite sweeping so much so, as to attract my attention independent of anything I know.

He had some resonly near here.

~~[illegible]~~

and as far as I can ascertain
by application to the agency
I feel I shall be able to make all
that I do this in the strictest
confidence, & you shall be
protected in your information
concealed as long as you
see fit to have it so.
If you possibly can visit
the Bingham Ranch
find out who pretends to
own it now & who owned it
notice carefully what articles
belong to the Indians & for what
they are marked U.S.D.
Crush up your memory as
to details.
I want a regular inventory
of everything you can find

about Bingham, Nic Ranch,
Cravens, Cheyenne Agency.
Those Indians wagons, cattle
clothes, Corn, or Beeves, over
issues, false enumeration also
& above all, this part quietly
the names of possible witnesses
as I have said shall be
the only cause
nothing is of any use unless
systematized & as possible simple
to you. While I have a great many
of information it is the summing
up & system, try to learn
all you can names, times,
witnesses concerning that
steamer Sel or Duke, and the
trip to Cow Creek and
everything else.

July 5th 1872

Genl R. N. Johnson
St Paul. Minn.

My dear General.

Should I receive the authority for which I have asked; I desire to be in St Paul, prepared with the permit the petitioners to the Secretary of the Interior for a permit at your office for such persons as may notify you of their desire?

Before I know what I have to do, the Government has ordered the building erected for the use of the Indian department, in the city of St Paul. I have understood that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs was the party by the Govt. for the erection of the building before the Northern Pacific Day was established.

I have two Telegrams from the Comr. instructing me, that as soon as my plans &c &c have been examined & authority given for the advertising, I will be needed in Washington. This is in accordance with my request, made as soon as Smith turned back to Washington. If the building, which I believe stood on St Anthony St still belongs to Govt, it will help the authorities to see the property of my moving to St Paul. If I can learn before I leave, it will be of use to me. Has any move been made in the matter of the R way from St Paul to Minneapolis? If so what. Very truly Yours J H Hammond

thinking a lead for me, pray do it.
I like this place & Territory very much. The Indian service is not very desirable, but I prefer not to change, although a better situation per se under Govt is offered me.
Should you see Col McMichael my kindest regards
Very truly,
H H Melvord

Do you know what is thought of Col Marshall Burdick of Dakota in the Home office. Can you learn?

July 7th 1877

Jno. McCammon Esq.
My dear Sir
Newton Edmonds of this place arrived in Washington about the 2d or 3d ult. He went in the interest of some official I think in this Ter. who is in trouble. Can you devise some way to get at what official either of Ind. Land, or atty Genl — or Dept of the Int in Genl. is likely to be in trouble. I have asked to be ordered to Washington: requested to, so that I will see you in a few days: but if there is any way of

Rt Rev Wm H Hare Aug 30 7

No 30 Bible House
New York.

Very Rev & Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of July 13th mailed in Chicago on my way here from Washtn

I beg leave to assure you that your efforts in behalf of the location on Ponca reserve are appreciated. I feel an interest in these Indians that has already grown beyond mere official duty, and it seems hard that the fine land & timber on the Mo, Niobrara & Ponca, with three (3) water fronts, is to be denied to them. They will wander over it, there being no natural boundary; & land off their cattle & horses will pasture thereon: but the parcels of land are so much more attractive than at Whetstone, with conditions so much more favorable for permanent homes & possible occupation in severalty, that I want the one of them for the Dakotas.

I hope to commence there small farms, which more outweigh by their success rather their example influences on all the Indians on the River. The help of the Church & benevolence

is a matter for concern, when a fuss is made.
Moreover, I have feared that bringing Spotted Tail back to the place from which at great expense he has been removed, may bring us into contempt with the Indians & furnish pretext for keeping them where they are. Indeed for a time I felt so much annoyed at the location, that I felt willing Red Cloud & Spotted Tail should remain this year & try it again next. If I had known in time, that you agreed with me, I would have gone farther in opposition to the Whetstone location.

Enclosed are maps, from which you will see that the ground has been carefully examined. They are from field notes taken by me, and wherever you see timber or a stream — it is there — The parts of Ponca & Niobrara, beyond my personal observation are worked in from the Surveyor General's office notes & have been shown to persons familiar with the ground who pronounce them correct. They were prepared for you daily letter, not even permitted of your address.

My ground plan, for both agencies; made early in June included a Church 30 + 60. Two stories - a Hall in the 2d story, and School House 20 + 40 two stories - The figures being in the clear. Also left space for a minister's dwelling or dwelling for Teacher - The last to be planned after consultation with you.

The only answer rec'd to this plan was direction to erect agent's House, Warehouse, Stables, Corral & Slaughter House

as per specifications & plans furnd by me, means are furnished for the above only. But, as my general plan has been accepted, I regard the ultimate construction of the Church & School House as accepted also. If you will give me dimensions of dwellings as you desire to have it, or the number of rooms, I will endeavor to have it allowed. Indeed I hope you will give me your views freely & you will find me active in furnishing them. We may as well have buildings that suit you & are in good taste. They will cost no more than the reverse. In fact you may rely on my cooperation & support as to choices & preferences whatever we have, we must have these also. I regard your sympathy & support as essential to success in this Defile. All my dwellings are two story & free from "lean to's". This for both economy & appearance.

I am taking measures to cut road & press around the agency buildings at Ponca, & have taken the liberty of providing some scythes & labor for the Church & parsonage also.

Very Sincerely Yours

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Supt Ordnance

Dakota

Chas. M. Cochrane Esq
Bismarck Dak

Aug 25 1877.

Dear Sir

Roger S. Munger of Duluth is the accepted bidder — if he can give Bond — If you are interested, I am glad. If not, I will try & get you a place as ~~and~~ supt of construction of the Fort Peck Agency. It does not last more than two months I think, but is in your neighborhood — Understand, I dont know that I can get it & may be refused — flatly, but am willing to try for you.

If you wish, make the application to me for the place & refer to Mr. Rodgers ~~direct~~ for character. I asked him if you might do, & he said yes —

Please keep on that land in his name. He

The Minnesota Historical Society

Yours respectfully Charles Bauer

Aug 4th 1877

Hon Comr Ind affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir

Upon the time I started for Chicago & Washington, I could not, notwithstanding numerous applications, obtain blanks on which to make my quarterly returns.

I reached Yankton in time to open bids, & now am & will be engaged for some time in completing contract for Fort Peck Agency Buildings & then in staking off the buildings & laying out grounds.

I ask that on this account I receive not to exceed thirty days extension, which send me direct

Respectfully
A H Hammond
Supt

U.S. Marshals in your province. To investigate delay causes inefficient service. The clerks in the Indian Bureau will be in your line. I have thought that if the best clerk has not a post assigned he would not deem it as disloyal as he is — My kind regards to your friend Dr. John —

Aug 5th 1877

Jas McCammon Esq —

My dear Sir

Please write me if you can, if you think there is any reasonable hope of my going to Washington this Summer. If you can't all right. I have told you a certain official man only before, not correct — I am in serious doubt. I am building warehouses in all haste & will have them for Spotted Tail & Red Cloud in less than two days. I was questioning him about sending me the goods, & learned that he expected me to receive them in a warehouse in Sioux City. John H Cleveland I have positive fair evidence that this man made away with a whole steamer load of Indian Goods at one dip. This revelation excites both surprise & vexation. I can do nothing for you or Mr S — at the Times.

but have been thinking — ! Charles is only the middleman
a honest fellow for receiving & handling large amounts
of goods & giving large bonds. The pay is adequate.
Imagine with this shuffling up a fellow, a man who is
of a large family, proud of a Metal Bank, of a Rich
Schooner known to have been the biggest of the ships.
I commenced working on him — when he came out & said —
"you want tell one — is a fool & honest — I know all about
his having given Charles the goods & warehouses. I will give
fellow for the job — cash. & make the Bond — Sealed — in his
name or here's the steel — and he's the old one — In 1873.
Charles enlarged his Boots in connection with Dwyer & Rich,
whole Boots — vested the contents in the in stores. From the
agents, he receives nets in full for the goods. Although he
did not deliver a half of what he had bills of lading for —
the value of what he did not deliver — was divided between
the agents & Dwyer & Rich & Charles — Now!
he said tell me that — is so much a fool as they suppose that a
man will handle large goods & give $25000 Bond —
expecting to receive only 400 or at most $600 —
What do you think? I also learned from him the exact amount
of money Hayden received for his services & what work he did for
it — also that certain of the Inspectors — whom he mentioned were
selected by his ring — on the absolute promise to do nothing —
also that he has furnished Boston with $25000 above this &
they the agents up have their share. Hayden owns a Cake
in Fall's, keeps cattle on Orange Tree Lane — Inspection? The
money perish on the rail. Dry mass. to one — is absolutely audible

Aug 5th 1877.

Col Henry Farnam –

My Dear Colonel

I am succeeding in my new position. If there is advancement I want it. I know that certain changes are inevitable & I am in the line of promotion. I have been introduced to the President & family & know his secretary well. W. C. Rodgers –

I want you to write the President and any member of the "Cabinet whom you know well. and say – "That I have "written you, that I am in a position where I need the confi "dence of my superiors in my ability & integrity & want the en "dorsement of my friends" – ~~not as a favor for any thing~~ –

Then write as hearty a letter to each of them, as you feel able to write –

The point is, that a change in the supervision of Indian affairs is inevitable & very soon. I am on the list of the Pres't. his secretary & of Mr Schurz. The view

has been hunting for something in Chicago & St Louis to say to my discredit & cant get it I am privately informed; but will in every way possible oppose me. Therefore my friends must have their hands strengthened & be backed up in their good work, although they are at the head of affairs —

I hope you had a pleasant time on your trip tho sorry you did not come this way.

Please remember me kindly to Miss Wilson & the ladies & believe me

Very truly Your friend

J. H. Hammond

thing of this, or can you put me in the way of getting at anything. Concentrate all you have on Vaudrey. He seems bld down on you particularly & I suppose it comes from fear of what you may know. If your acquaintance with Mrs Galpin & her family will help you to any information avail yourself of it. & above all get it into shape. I will write Genl Carlin to have that copy prepared for me, of the proceedings of the Court of inquiry. All information furnished by you shall, I pledge you be used as you may direct & your agency not indicated save at your discretion.

You must preserve absolute silence as to any knowledge of or communication with me, from any and all persons whatever except Genl Carlin only.

Yours J. H. Hammond

Personal. Confidential

Aug 6th 7

Capt. Poland
Standing Rock
My dear Captain

I hope soon to see you & have something specific as to the matters we talked over, viz Standing Rock Burke, & Vaudrey's connection therewith. The time has arrived when positive results & not, specific systematic information is necessary. You have a wide range I want you to get it into shape. What you have so often cried for can now be yours if you have the information you think you have. I have been disappointed that Vaudrey reports no negotiation that he never visited. As you [illegible]

Omaha near Sioux City July 29th

Hon Carl Schurz

Secretary of the Interior

Sir My greatest difficulty if Red Cloud & Spotted Tail delegations recommended by Lieut Crook in May, will be to detain Red Cloud & keep him & if you will allow me to join delegation & bring on an Interpreter is — that Lieut Crook goes on with the delegation. He will take with him Billy Hunter an Interpreter in whose confidence I want to gain on the trip & obtain his evidence while in Washington before your trusted man, also to get the Interpreter that I will bring (already in Military employment) to Washington & there get his evidence — With these who are among the most important to converse with, We will have the key to many other men on whom I must call. Spotted Tail himself will be a valuable witness if I can gain his confidence on the way. & I hope to do so & will have Lieut Crooks help. The two Interpreters & perhaps. Spotted Tail can be examined in Washington without any person suspecting that any examination has taken place. & the occasion offers a valuable opportunity. I have thought the matter all over, & am willing to carry on the investigation which will necessarily go far beyond the limits of my superintendency. To be effective it must be kept quiet until the last moment. Lieut Crook can tell you why men are averse to attacking the Indian ring. & perhaps convey to you evidence of the magnitude of its operations. He has had to contend with a very small branch of it — If you can break up the system which makes a regular business of corrupting Government officers, You will do a great work — will have the approbation of the Nation & the support of the Press

Aug 10th 7

Hon M.K. Rogers
Executive Mansion

My Dear Sir

I send by this mail 8 ounces of water from the spring which I described to you -

The Spring is bowl shaped, boils up on a level but narrow bench, 60 or 70 feet below the top of a beautiful bluff, facing south. It is about 30 feet above the river bottom - The water raises coarse grey sand, but is perfectly clear very cold, say 45° too cold to drink freely. Below in the channel thick very red rust is deposited

for two hundred yards before it reaches the swampy ground vis bet.

The country people believe it to be good for Rheumatism & diseases of the Kidneys. No marked taste exists while drinking. after drinking a slightly acid taste remains.

The surface of the bluff is black light loam charged with decayed vegetable matter resting on alluvium of grey clay, sand, small pebbles & a few boulders of trap rock, quartzite granite &c. This sub soil is fertile when exposed –

The bluff rests on a very soft magnesian limestone, which does not appear at the spot where the spring is, but is exposed half a mile East.

I will be glad if you will cause a reliable analysis to be made of this water & let me know the result –

The arrival at home with short ones without incident. The children enjoyed their journey very much indeed & are now in the best of health & spirits.

They had many things to tell their mother & sisters of their adventures & the various sights they saw.

Mr Mackenzie & Mr Smith are busy in marking the boundaries of the different fields the expense has been very considerable, as we are unacquainted with the soil & climate & have had to employ a surveyor from Ottawa.

Mr Smith will be left in charge of the farm, which will be ready for sowing, which I shall do as early as possible.

Mr Richardson is doing very well & is now able to walk about a little.

Mrs Mackenzie & Mrs Smith have been very kind to us.

Mr Mackenzie & Mr Smith are well & sends their kind regards to you.

Yours sincerely

Wm Mackenzie

P.O. address
Waukegan Ill. P.O. Box 1510

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Aug 18th 7

J. F. Forsyth Esq
Morgan Sir

Aug 18th 7

I admire the R R matter
here in one I wd could give you a
clear idea if in such a letter as
I can take time to write. If I
have time in this letter as
a state, a brief draft, the
outline of my plan & the
reasons for it & the
approximate cost.
If I think the scheme
will pay I may have a little
more time to spare
have another one in Min-
-nesota. only 12 or 14 miles

The Filson Historical Society

Aug 18th 1877.

T. S. Clarkson Esq
Yankton. Agency.

My Dear Major.

Your esteemed favor of the 9th inst. covering contracts Bond &c. I am sorry not to have been able to answer on time.

It is a matter of regret that I am committed in another direction for the Spotted Tail Tradership. It is safe to say that I supposed you fixed, or I would at least have consulted you before endorsing any other persons papers. I hope matters turn out so that the other fails. I will effectually prove you in that way, that any other man in the Territory

Yours truly
J. H. Walker.

Confidential

Aug 13th

Genl. R. Williams
U.S.A. Omaha.

Dear General

I am advised to day that I will be for the Court at Sioux City on the 22nd prox:. Could you arrange to have Capt Thomas Brown 12th Infy. and Serjeant Donnelly 12th Infy at Omaha about the 23 or 24th - where I will go to meet them. Genl Croot gave me these names. If not possible to have them there as a matter of duty, I will have to await my opportunity to go to them: which I fear I will be unable to do before Sept 15th. Before that time, I should, barring a Paralytic on the duelist in hand.

Do you know where Capt Wilson is?

If you will aid me in this matter, I will be greatly obliged - maybe if may be convenient & in the duty to have them omit me, although it is for the benefit of another branch of the service.

Very sincerely Your
Obt Servt
William Rankin

Capt. Eqr. Ball.
&c &c &c

May 13th

Captain

I understand that Government officers have made Presents little encouragement
so much positive mischief is now doing
any thing, or making any report, with a
view of abrating the calling in the Indian
Bursaries; that they abstract from the state.
Your name has been given me by Colonel
Merritt & Williams, all friends of mine.
I want you to tell me freely every thing
you know, both generally & specifically
concerning Government all information & will pass
Government. Procure all information & will pass
Government in one letter. Specific state-
ments are requisite, & proofs are the
ment to receive petitions of proofs.

Rest assured that your statements will be treated confidentially,
or that you will be brought to the front, as you may elect.
The selection remaining absolutely in your hands.
Let your statements cover every conceivable subject connected with
the Indian business, because where it has no direct bearing, I will find
means to extract clues from what you say, directing one another
in the enquiry. Pray tax your memory on the subject of. over counts
that is. returns of too many Indians. stealing of goods, by false certif-
-icates of issues, & by doctoring Buf cattle issues. Also - transportation
I am at liberty to assure you that there are men in authority who
will endeavor to do right, and nothing you say will be wasted
or attempted to be used, without positive good is in sight, plain
sight.

Yours truly
J. H. Lawrence Supt. Indian Affairs.

Pray do not mention that I have
communicated with you about

Yankton Dakota.
Aug 10th 1877.

Hon Carl Schurz
Sir.

Will you cause to be made to you a report of the amount and prices of firewood, estimated for this season, by the agents on the Missouri River between Omaha & Fort Benton, or in such way as will attract least attention; obtain the prices they say they must pay this year, and — send to me. I would avoid attention because of the following. I have only allowed one document to go from my office which even indirectly indicates my course towards agents: but I learn from two sources 100 miles apart, that they have taken the alarm & are seeking a way to weaken my report if I make one. I requested suspension of a contract to remove two buildings @ $1400 (being four times the value of said buildings) until I had examined into the necessity. In a letter I am preparing for you, it will appear that Hayden, the clerk whom you dismissed; was regularly paid for opening a safe, unsealing envelopes & communicating the amounts of bids to the ring: so that they could bid up to the highest point of safety. —— Such cattle are usually treacherous. Perhaps you can buy or scare him into giving valuable information, as he was employed during all of Cowen's time

and possibly from before that time. I only know that far back. My information is that he was in full accord with them.
For this reason & from knowledge of other transactions in the several Departments, I think every thing looking to investigation should be kept out of reach of the clerks.

At first glance, the following will seem trifling to you. I give it because it is an example of the frauds executed inside the law, hard to understand, but which robs the Govt of scores of thousands annually & puzzles anyone not a business man. It is of the class "robbing by arrangement". Cannot be punished, but may be prevented.

When in Washington, I saw for an instant, (about being removed) on Mendes's desk, estimates from Cheyenne & Standing Rock Agencies for Hay & wood. I think the price was from $8 to $11.00 per Ton for Hay. Knowing that to be high, I hunted up a workman just from Cheyenne Agency, and have learned that —

— the hay to fill the contract for the Agency 125 Tons, was put up & stacked there about the middle of July. (on the 23. I saw the Estimate still not allowed) The cost to the workman was $3.00. he received $5.00 and the hay is all ready in advance of the contract. The wood, also, has been cut - in advance of any contract. & I can follow that up.

Now for the point! Usually at this season Hay has become scarce, Even the best of years. Hay at any agency, particularly at Cheyenne, will be exhausted by cutting 125 Tons - near the point of delivery. The contract being let late, either by operation of the Agent or delay in the office at Washington: the man who has the hay already, the exact quantity wanted: takes the contract of course, or if another gets it, he cannot fill it. This sort of thing cannot take place possibly except by connivance of the agent; as both hay & wood are on Govt land, under his control; & can only be cut & stacked by his consent. The workmen get $5.00. The contractor gets just a trifle inside the Agent's estimate, being about 75 or 100% advance, which the Govt loses. But for the "arrangement" the workman would furnish it to Govt at $5.00

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In this particular case; the Agent was Contract Physician with Bingham, was a bagger and contractor several years. He knows all the ins & outs of the business. My informant, a man of good character, is partner with the man who did the work. His quantities are right, and the names he gave me are the same that appear in every thing I have heard of a crooked kind in that locality, & go to confirm previous reports.

I respectfully suggest that under no pretext, should contracts for wood & hay be let later than June 30th or July 1st. A late letting gives the opportunity for an arranged fraud inside the law, as set forth.

Again. Proposals are to be opened Aug 22nd at Sioux City, among other things for wood & hay. If let Aug 22d - by the time the ground can be reached, after Bonds can be given examined and approved: hay will be poor at all the agencies & at some only to be had, by the previous arrangements before mentioned. By the terms of this advertisement a certified check not less than 5% of the amount bid, must accompany each proposal. This probably works well with the large contracts, but in connection with the lateness of the date; rules out small men & workmen, who can give Bond, but who dont comprehend certified checks. I have been most of to-day explaining to German & Scandinavian workmen how to put in bids & checks they are honest, can give Bonds, & furnish small amounts, as hay & wood:

they feel that they are ruled out. In practice, this puts the small contracts year after year into the same men's hands. They make 75 to 100 per cent without work; & the workmen perform the labor at the prices. That the Government ought to have the articles at.

The business of the Indian Bureau requires not only administrative ability of high order, but experience. While great steals have been made, I have no doubt much wrong arises from want of what shall I say? Horse sense, for instance. I found a clerk in charge of estimates for fuel & Hay & grain. although the Quarter Master Genl's office is in easy reach: he had not the least idea of what an animal should have per day or per month, or the allowance of fuel for a stove fireplace or building. I referred him to Col Bingham Q.M. & gave him some figures

Still more. I started to learn "What is an agent entitled to" besides his salary and House. I worked my way to the Commissioner & to Miss Cook: the young lady knew White Earth agency customs. But no one knew what is either by law or custom his right. I found the agents also not clear on that. I did not expect them to be. Here we have an important long established Bureau, in which the allowance of the important factor in its workings has not been determined — I agreed with the Commissioner to raise the question & have the exact legal boundary of his allowances established.

I have entered on a heavy task that has broken down most of those who have tried it before me. It reaches already necessarily beyond this superficy. I have been at work for some days on a statement, which I believe (obtained in a strange way) It shows what several important agents rec^d in cash, How Prof. Marsh was circumvented, how worthy most of the Inspectors were selected who were & some who are now in office What Hayden did and received, & gives the clue to farther enquiry. When you receive this. I hope you will let me know if letters of this kind are acceptable, or if you wish me to confine myself simply to evidence as to crimes committed. I have not heard from you as to the value of evidence taken by me. The knowledge I am gaining is valuable, but the semi detective work is not pleasant & performed from a sense of duty. Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

Sir.

Since writing the accompanying letter I have received the following from a Lieut stationed on the Rein. Extract.

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These people (referring to the Agency people) meditate some measures that are expected to entrap you in some way that may put you in their power.
It is impossible to surmise how, or when or where, but I assure you that I have good reason to believe that this is the consummation they most desire just now.

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As I have never uttered a word against any of them, I must be greatly in their way some how!

again

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Bingham has been up here, went to Thompson & remained there some time. Gregory from Lower Brule, went there and after a conclave. Then Bingham left in haste for below. The Ranche has a few things still that are traceable, but I am informed credibly. that much of the Indian material we spoke about has been taken away.

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This Ranch it is alleged was fitted up & stocked with Indian goods & cattle. I have been told that it is being arranged to defeat inquiry if made

and that Bingham went up there for that purpose. This officer only confirms statement of others.

A large number of officers have told me that the window sash Doors & covering of the walls were mutilated Wf. S.D — in plain sight —

There seems to be no doubt that, the Sioux here either has notice that I am not with them, or, I am greatly in their way. all of which confirms my opinion as to the necessity of care in making enquiry —

Respectfully
J. H. Hammond.

Bishop has been up here, and the Rosebud was made — ed there some time. Gregory from Lower Brule and the Indians after a conclave, there Bingham left in haste for below. The Rosebud has a few things still that is valuable, but I am informed secretly. Not much of the Indian material on upper Brule has been taken away.

The Rosebud it is alleged was filled up to overflowing with Indian goods & chattels. I have been told that it is being arranged to defend ingoing goods

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Office Surveyor of Lights

Aug 2

Hon. H. Allison
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Sir

Since writing yesterday, I brought with me your application for the instances in which you are interested -

Would a plain as auto of Beauty not the provisions of the Contract - for the erection of building & fragments of the Newton Cast & Spire & Tail - on the Lo R. be of any use to the gentlemen - I would last until about Oct 1st - & the end of the fire month .. The commissioner will know it. I think he will, but let me know immediately that so there may be best -

By the time that is up, I may be able to get at something else for hire - and will gladly serve you if I can. I can't think of anything else

Respectfully Yours
[illegible]
Aug 28. 85