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Austin D.T. Aug 19th 1877

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1877.

Cushman Chas. M.

Bismark D.T.
aug 9th

applies for position of
Deputy N.Y. Marshall
Refers to W.K. Rogers
& J.H. Hammond.

Approved & hereby found
to Capt Raymond with
the statement that Mr
Cushman has my entire
endorsement as to character
& energy & I know of no
Mr Rogers the President
that Cushman has no con-
fidence & support

J.H. Hammond
supd & ind affrs
D.T.

I wish you would write me if Gov. Cullom & Holmgren
wrote the President in my favor. write me at once —
Yours W.H.
My Dear Sir
aug 19th

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from up the river. The condition is just as
I suspected & told you. I want you to read
this letter carefully. You seem to have entirely
misunderstood my last. I came down the River
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Chicago has written me a most important letter & demands full reasons - why his seal is not used - You must place yourself ^{with} full recommendations before the Secretary - so that if Gilbert tries to delay matters - the explanation will be in a dead - Tell Mr Schurz you prefer writing this to him direct, instead of to the Indian Bureau -

I hope you obtained the letters from your brother & Genl Sheridan as soon as they returned. If you did not. Don't lose one minute in getting them & forwarding to Mr Schurz marked "Personal". Be quick about it.

Can't tell when I can go to Chicago - Don't pay any attention to my being expected there - but ref from up the River -

Yours truly,

A. A. Munroe

Waukegan D.T. Aug 19th 1877.

J. F. Forsythley

My dear Sir

I wish you would immediately get letters of recommendation good strong ones, from your Brother & Carl Sheridan - as to honesty & capacity. Then write a letter to Carl Schurz. & enclose this said letters, & say to him, in substance, "That I had selected your scales with a view of having them arranged so that they could not be tampered with without detection; also that I had asked you whether you could arrange scales of other manufacturers already in use, so that they could not be altered without detection -

Tell him that you can, & that you address him confidentially, because I wanted the recommendation to come from Carl Sheridan instead of me. Tell him that if he can or is desirous of so employing you, you will act entirely in a confidential capacity & do the work & inspection yourself, so that no work man need ever be trusted. " I want you to be quick about this for two reasons. In the first place, Time presses. In the 2nd. Gilbert of

Personal

Aug 19th 1857

Hon J. L. Smith

Dr Sir I returned this morning from
Yellow Medicine. I have expected that you would
go on the Sitting Bull Commission to treat with
the Canadian Authorities for his surrender.

If you do not take a place on that Commission
I wish you would use your influence to have
me appointed to represent the Indian Bureau.

The location for the buildings
at Yellow Medicine is very good in every way. The
permanent landing is excellent. but access to
the proposed crossing of the Creek has been cut off
by a huge wash: & we must cross near the Mo
where the Creek is 120 feet wide, no current.
I will require authority to erect a bridge which can
be built of the timber there, while the force is there

cheaper than ever again. Hewed timber. Three
 Bents. Covered with puncheons hewed level & pin-
 ned with oak pins: Log rests on shore, with a
 rough hand rail. all complete & road cut
 to it ready for use. for; say not exceeding
~~\$275~~^{\$300}; such a bridge will be rough but strong
 & lasting fire & accidents will last as long as
 wanted. I have selected location - I also want
 authority to dig a well at the Agents house inside
 the square. Will hunt up cost of wells in this country.
 Hay should always hereafter be contracted for not later
 than July 20th - At every point above Fort Ran-
 dall grass is very dry. & Thousands of acres al-
 ready burned over. Hay can still be had
 at Yellow Medicine; but I have my doubts about
 Cheyenne R agency. which is a very dry place at
 best. also at Standing Rock which is far west & north.
 At Ponca everything is still green. Please act on the Bridge
 very soon. & in advance of the official application which will follow
 this letter. Very truly
 J. H. H.

Confidential
Personal

Aug 19th 1877

Hon J. D. Smith
Sir.

I mentioned to you That I had selected Forsyth's scales for the new agencies with a view of employing Forsyth to inspect & put in such shape that they cannot be tampered with all of the scales on the river. There are so many yards going the round. That I feel like both testing these & if possible, making them impossible

My reason for employing Forsyth is that I know him slightly & believe him honest & straight forward. He is a brother of General Forsyth on Sheridans staff & with their endorsement (that is Forsyth's & Sheridans) we would be fully justified in employing him, provided there is any need for the purpose, or if it is within your powers. I have said to him that I want him to apply to you in person, so that I have as little to do with it as possible: but that I would fully explain

my views to you, & that he acted with my approval. Genl Sheridan having returned, I suppose that Forsyth will now very soon (if he has not already) apply to you: & I write in explanation, lest Smith not have been clear in words: or in case you may not remember just what is intended —

My idea is in short. "That he having been brought up a scale maker, and understanding the whole thing: can if you are able & see fit to employ him, not only fix his own ^{make of} scales so that they cannot be tampered with, but can balance & mark other scales with like result: and — That as he can command the support & confidence of the St Genl Comd^y & The Military of this District. He is our man if you are in favor of employing him."

He says he is quite able to arrange a scale so that he can detect tampering with it. but must do the work himself. Would not trust a workman. I would like to know if you receive this. Very Truly Yours
 J. H. Hammond

stand firm against treaty or
accommodation, which leaves arms
and ponies in possession of the
Indians. any arrangement will be
temporary that fails to deprive
them of the means of being hostile -
our security and their ultimate
good requires taking away the
ponies and arms. I beg you to
listen to nothing else.

Sincerely Yours
A. H. Hammond
Supt of I & Z

Aug. 30th 1877

Genl Alfred H. Terry

U.S.A.

General

Please accept my thanks for
your telegram of this date.

I returned yesterday from up the
river and finding you were to be of
the commission to treat for settling
Kulla's surrender. I decided to go, our
ideas on Indian matters being similar.

The district afflicted by the
your command, it seems natural
you should be consulted, and I
telegraphed you to be advised, or to
be suggested.

In any event, I hope you will

Personal & confidential

Washington D.C. Aug. 29th 1877.

Mr. S. M. May

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I mentioned that Mr. Garrison
agitated the Agency, had authority to
spend, as I understood about \$1000 in the
building of a wooden mill in his agency.

The erection of such a mill will
add other claims to remain on the Agency.
I have thought best to call your attention
to the appropriation, as with your knowledge
of matters generally with respect to the
Agency, or some of the agencies, it has occurred
for

I have information that Mr. Hedden has
brought out a bill for the Agency, & expects to
present it to the Senate.

as clerk for the Agency, and has been
of many many things. I suppose his report will be
a very good one. With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
J. H. Hammond

Aug. 29th Aug. 29th 1877

Mr E. S. Mory
U. S. Indian Office

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to obtain for me without
attracting attention, the following information viz

The names and title of position, of the persons employed
during the 1st and 2nd quarter 1877 by the following
Agents:

J. J. Saemann Agent Hankton Agency

H. E. Livingstone " Crow Creek "

J. J. Craven's " Cheyenne R. "

W. J. Hughes " Standing Rock "

H. E. Gregory " Lower Brule "

Look especially if Gregory reports a clerk employed

Very sincerely Yours
J. H. Hammond.

E. S. Woog Esq

Washington D.C.

my dear Sir:

I have learned that a number of Indians at
 Lower Snake Agency have had to cut Hay with knives
 this year. I made presents to a few of the good ones of scythes
 paid for from my own pocket; what I could afford -
 It seems to me that the Agent could do without a new
 spring wagon, as well as they without scythes -
 suppose you withhold approval of Spring Wagon
 until I see whether it is really needed. will report
 the first time I visit the Agencies -

Very truly Yours

A. H. H. H. H. H.

Aug. 29th 1877

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Vancouver Aug 30th 1877

Vancouver, Aug 30th 1877.

Hon. J. I. Smith

Comm. Ind Affs

Dear Sir

Please accept my thanks for your letter. duly
recd.

In explanation: I will say that the two
Telegrams that did not agree, were sent in an hon-
-est endeavor to hurry the very matter that you
have at heart. You had the first contract
with Thornton & as I made the second by your
order. I wanted the season in time to catch
the only boat that could be had for eight
days - I went & was two hundred & twenty
miles up the river when your telegram
over took me. If I had not taken the risk
the buildings would have been delayed
eight days for another steamer. I personally
superintended loading the last of the lumber
the morning of the 21st before starting for
Siox City. The first I had loaded Aug 13th
on August 15th. Contract for Fort Peck build-
-ings went forward to you with Bond. The
first mail after reception of the said Bond
Aug 29th - just 14 days later I recd an

Personal

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Yaukton Aug 30th 1897

Hon. J. Smith

Commissioner Ind Affs

Dear Sir. My telegrams to you & personal letters have been on account of delays that seriously affect the matters you have at heart. When I have not telegraphed you the following, or similar has occurred August 15th. The Fort Peck Contract went forward I rec'd no answer until I telegraphed Aug 29th, 14 days. - It reached Washington in 4 days 10 days delay & yet in the answer, comes a direction "to hurry the buildings." You never would allow that sort of thing I am confident: If you knew it. A Post can only be had here each eight or ten days & cannot be counted on then -

I have also to call attention to the fact that the contractors & carpenters are still without a guard telegraphed for Aug 11th & 13th & if any thing happens to the buildings & material the Govt will be responsible

With great respect Yours truly

A. Hammond

ccw

Aug 30th 1877

Col. A. Tatter

Gen. Hon. S. Kirkwood

Iowa City Iowa

Sir:

It is with deep regret that I announce the
refusal of the Commissioner of Ind. Affairs, to
grant authority for your employment.

I will be on the watch for a Position and
will write promptly if I can find one.

Respectfully

J. H. Hammond

Capt Dakota

Yardley St.

Yardley St.

Sept 6th 1877

Aug, 29th 1899

C. A. Wood Esq

Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir:

The Genl thinks, if agreeable to you, it would be well to withhold approval of Spring wagons for Gregory Agt at Lower Buile, until he sees whether they are really needed. He will report the first time he visits the Agencies -

Respectfully

Preston Walcott

Unofficial

Yankton S.D.
Yankton Dakota
Sept 6th 1877

Hon Genl Schuyler
Searcy Interior

Will you kindly inform

me whether letters from
Genl Bullom & Col Rott &
profrat features & his have reached your hand?
Return of present as from the Bell apt secy.

Let it not be cause such letters be sent to you?
attention & specific duties has been necessary each time
that have started up the river to obtain evidence &
- day I find another the fourth detention.

This application occurs due from me & I may add steam
boats are the days or two more apart from Yankton

Very Respy & most truly
J. H. Hammond

Yaukton D.T.

Sept 6th 1877

Hon. Carl Schurz

Secy of the Interior Sir

Will you kindly inform me whether letters from Gov. Bullom & Col. Rottly — Ingersoll of Ill., & James & Gustavus of St. Louis, have reached your hands!

Acknowledgments are from Mr. Bell as Secy.

Is it not because such letters he sent you?

Attention to specific duties has been necessary each time

that I have started up the river to obtain evidence.

Today I find another, the fourth detention.

This explanation seems due from me, & I may add; Steam

Boats are ten days or two weeks apart from Yaukton —

which makes work slow for me.

Yours truly
Ymohb Serot
H. Hammond

Sept 6th 1877

Genl. H. Wilson

My dear General

I have been laboring under the impression that I wrote you when I first came out to this country, but must have been mistaken.

I have had it rather "rough" of late, but am getting fairly on my feet once more & have recovered my health besides.

I will be glad to open communication with you once more. I am sure you that I hold in kindly remembrance, a good many kind acts on your part in times

past
My family is at home in Chicago -
I will be very glad to hear from you
Your friend
H. H. H. H. H.

Yankee D.D. Sept 7th 1877.

Hon H. K. Rogers

Executive Mansions

My Dear Sir —

Your kind letter mentioning recd of the spring water has been recd. I hope it will prove worth analysis. Gov. Bullom of Ill & Col Robt. L. Ingersoll have written the Presd as to appointing me Comr of Indian affairs. When a vacancy occurs. Please tell me, have these letters reached your hands, or have they gone on file in obscurity? and will you kindly stop me if I am wasting my strength after something I can't get.

Very truly Yours

J. H. Hammond

I want you to stand well with Mr. Smith as well as Mr. Schurz & on consideration, advise you to write him at once — Yours

Sept 20th 1877

J. H. Foreyth Esq

Dear Sir

I wish you would
write Commissioner ^{J. L.} Smith
"as follows"

That at the suggestion of &
by agreement with J. H. Hammond
Supd Dakota you have sub-
mitted to the Department -
a proposition to examine
all scales in that Superin-
tendency or wherever else di-
rected & arrange so as to
protect the interests of the
Government.

ask him if the matter has

been referred to him personally say
that you can give ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{additional} ~~additional~~ ^{ref-}
erence may be required; to justify the de-
-franchise in placing confidence in you;
they also that you can detect from me that
it was a matter to be dealt with by him
as Commissioner Smith is not a matter
of routine. " address him personal.
I want to you to attend well with J. H. Smith
as well as in dealing & on consideration, de-
-sire you to write him at once - Yours
J. H. Hammond

P.S. You must not put up your price on scales where I prescribe
their use. I expect you to sell at the same prices as in active competition

Sept 10th 77
Rev Alfred L Riggs
Santee Agency
D.T.

Rev & Dr Sir

In reply to your very kind
invitation to be present at the
annual General Conference
near Fort Lully Sept 13th,
I will say that I will try to
be there, and hope I have
the pleasure & privilege

With many thanks for
your kind thoughtfulness

I remain Yours sincerely

A. H. H. H. H.

Sept 10th 77

Yankee D.D.

Sept 10th 1877

Mr Carl Schurz

Dr Sir

Allow me to suggest that
you ask Mr A. C. Barton
Providence R.I.

to call on you with reference
to matters of public interest.
He was at Sioux City Aug 22nd
& promised me to see you when de-
sired. His information as to
details of the Indian service is re-
markable, where his age and
vast personal interests are con-
sidered.

What he knows of Galpin
& Inspector Vander is
enough to warrant you in

requesting his presence.

He represents the Congregation-
alists in the Board of Indian
Commissioners, and
has brought business common
sense into his dealings with
the Indian Question.

He also comprehends the
"Legal ways of doing wrong"
of which I have written.

By all means!

I hope you will send for
Mr Brewster

With great respect

Your obt servant

H H Hammond

Myself & thanking a kind Providence that I met you - remain
 very truly & anxiously yours. Chas. Hammond
 Yauktan D.T. Sept 18th 1877.

Hon A. C. Baustor
 Providence R.I.

My dear Sir,

Your very kind letter of the 5th, arrived during
 a temporary absence on duty.

As you say I was a good deal surprised over your ways
 & means to meet your Daughter when I learned the fate of the
 Omaha bridge: and am very glad that you were able to
 successfully flank it, via Blair. Let us hope that like
 good fortune & generalship may attend our dealings with
 the Indian problem. It was very kind in you to attend my re-

quest & visit my family. But I found that I appreciate your
 kindness: & have a husband & father's confidence to believe
 that you had a pleasant visit. My wife has related to
 me in detail the circumstances of the fall & the pleasure she &
 the children derived from it. — Let me hope that we will
 be able to entertain you when I am home. My hair soon
 sticks to me & has been worse this year (than at any time) than
 ever before. The morning you left I could scarcely speak at
 all, & the dust storm since I have caused me great suffering.

Many thanks for the ticket, which will enable me to go to
 Omaha for much needed information & will ^{be} ^{of} ^{great} ^{value} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{future}
 times of expense. Nothing of interest occurred after you left.

2. To our purchases. Did I receive the affidavit of Mr Davis as to Mr Pratt's animus in the matter of Spotted Tail & Red Cloud coming to the M^o River before you left? He simply didn't feel like sparing such profitable customers & said so. And said the Govt of the U S hadn't men to make them come to the M^o R., all of which was duly sworn to & sent to Mr Selwyn. — I had rates given in writing by the agent of the Contract line here & sent them on by Mr Tracy, so that questions of our right to ship from Yankton, are in the hands of the Govt. The rates are less than Contract rates. I note what you say of the contracts let at Lawrence, & of the Kansas City Sugar. It is strange! I have just written Mr Selwyn to ask you to call on him for conference as matters of public interest & among other things have said that you "comprehend the legal ways of doing wrong". By this I mean the augmentation of times & localities in such way as to put contracts & prices at the mercy of particular interests. All without incurring any legal penalty. I see in the contracts at Lawrence, the purchase of sugar at Kansas City and the agreement with that there the contracts at Sioux City on August 22^d: the governing & piloting power of some shrewd manager, who does not appear. How sorry now, I did not read you some more of my notes: they are so sure on some my great people that I have kept them strictly & respectfully for. I don't think if some apt young of the Interior, or Commissioner of Indian Affairs, it would be possible to put up jobs on me, or steer me into innocently affording opportunities for great wrongs. — as to Sugar at Kansas City for Fort Hall & Lemhi: they are in Idaho. can only be reached from some station at the north end of Salt Lake, as a question of transportation, Freight over the river is very high.

via Denver with demand that it be sent up to Omaha & shipped from
there — to the terminus of the Union Pacific. Ogden —
that fact called for a purchase on a Northern line instead of a Southern —
There are several what you write & believe that our deductions are able
& fully justified by the premises — These matters that require so much
explanation are too frequent by far, I think the offer to bid at living
cost at S.C. did produce the reduction of price by Humboldt. But why was
a bid offered — in the interest of the Govt on the 19th refused? I am afraid we
will never be able to know why, but I am afraid my informant was right
when he said: "If you think the brains that run the Indian office are
in the Indian Office, you are mightily mistaken."

Mr. Smith told Col Peck the contractor for transportation on the Mo
River, that he intended to resign Oct 1st. Peck told the Secy
of the Transportation Co. who told me.
I am informed from Chicago, that the Agents out here had a man
in Chicago looking up my character & are rather disgusted
with the result. also, that I am to be pursued no matter how long
until I am removed from here. There must be a leak in the Indian
office — or — — — for you & Mr. May are the only living men outside
of the office who legitimately know that, I know, or care a word
about the Indian song — It could only transpire through a mutual sympathy
of yours & mine: & they must scare very easy, or be very guilty if what let
the he could tell disquiet them — Gov. Bullom & Col Peck & Ingersoll of Ill. have
specially requested the return of the Peck to make me Com. I am doing nothing to help

Waukegan D.T.

Sept 11th 1877.

My Dear General

Your letter of the 7th referring to mine of the 5th Aug. reached me last night — I am glad time has not lessened your friendly feelings.

Referring to my relations with the all powerful & great men, mentioned by you. They are entirely plain — but — you & I know them as well as any man in the Country do. & we know that they never push any man for any thing. I owe my present position to Mr Schuyler.

Genl Sherman vouched for my integrity & reliability. More than the word. He also approved of my accepting this position when I was offered a choice. I only accepted it because I saw that the present commission — or could not remain in office under

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a man of Mr Schurz's energy & determination. When I accepted the place, I commenced the study of Indian things systematically: so that if a report comes, it will be a proposition I can keep up to.

I don't think I had a definite idea when I wrote you before, what I would ask you to do, but can say now that I stand well at H. S. L. S.: but the crowd that has our Indian matters; as near as I can figure out; the same that Priestor Mr Schurz & your Bro: have had to fight — or many of them, regard my effort here as an attack on the ring, & will fight my advancement & are trying to get hold of something, to get me out of this — Hence I want Mr Schurz & the President backed in their good opinion. And I don't know anyone who can give me a lift in that, better than you. I want you to have Gen. Priestor write Mr Schurz a personal letter in my

favor. & you to write a personal letter to Mr Schurz
both endorsing me as a proper person to advance.
Let Bristow's letter be sent to you to be used under
your judgment —

Feeling safe in your hands, I will say that I want
the position of Commissioner Indian affairs —
when Mr Smith quits — He told a friend of mine
that he intended to resign Oct 1st if not renewed,
I will do nothing to displace him or any one for my
own benefit. I have a great deal of strength & have

a friend in the Presd^t Secretary Mr Rogers —
at this time, when so many are being displaced
for cause; backing will be needed for those
who replace them — Therefore do what you
can to back Mr Schurz's good opinion!

That's the idea — I don't know the Ill Senators,
but know many of the public men & have the names of them
on file in my favor & — I will be glad to
have your advice —

Your friend
A. H. Mumford

My wife & children are at home in Chicago.
This is hardly the place for them —

Yam in N.Y. Sept 10th 1877

My dear Sir

El Paso Texas & Co Ill

My dear Sir

I have received your very kind letters of the 25th & 29th Aug. with copies of letters from Gen Ingersoll & Govr Culbourn to the Post & Mr Schurz in my favor. To see the acknowledged term, Please accept my thanks, is not quite strong enough. I am truly grateful to you & to them - but chiefly to you.

In my opinion the present commission will stick to the traders Pratt & Ferris who have the place at Old Spotted Tail which I want Schurz to have at the new. I think he is in some way under their power or influence - They possess wonderful knowledge of his movements & intentions. I sent on to Mr Schurz an affidavit the other day that will fix their guilt. Now don't be impatient about Schurz's appt. The place is immensely sought for, & honorably is valuable. There is another on the River here which if an appt? would suit some good man

not in the ring. I mean at Crow Creek. The present man is going out in favor of his clerk - & expects to produce the usual succession. in the Circle.

I want you or J. L. Adams to write to Whitney as I explained to your bro Wm & get Mr Adams put in with Mr McCook if Whitney gets Smith to do any thing for her. I have also spoken to J. B. West here who has southern Rep^y friend ^{for trader at Red Cloud.} working for him. He has accepted Adams.

Pratt is trying, I think to prevent the Indians from moving to the new R. - on that score, I obtained the affidavit. This makes me think he fears Rebuly: eventual success.

I think you would like this country. I do! It is very healthy. There are fine openings. I am willing to stay here for a home. Though it will go hard to quit all. If I go to Washington as Com^r for glory, I would like to come back here as Gov^r for permanency. I am satisfied that the authorities want to break up the old O & let in new blood. You are the man for here. If these fellows only could see it. There's fortunes lying out for honorable ability, where there's pennies for their small crookedness. I sincerely hoped I will be able to promote your coming. A new M^d Diet ary will soon be wanted here & I thought of you. If you are out here I think you could see it as I do. ^{Yours truly}

Sept 18th 1879

Col R. G. Ingersoll

Peoria. Ill

My dear Col

I have rec^d a copy of your letters to Mr Schurz. & to the Presdt in my favor —

It was mighty kind of you to write them, & without saying much about thanks, will hold myself at your service when I can do a good turn or kindness to you or yours.

I have done nothing toward displacing Mr Smith. & want. He will go without that & I want nothing in it. I would never have accepted this place, if I hadn't seen as plainly as now, that he could never fill the office under a man of Mr Schurz's energy & ability. That was clear. I regarded it as putting me in the line of promotion &

it has done so. Smith told a friend of mine
that he would have to resign Oct 1st or sooner.
That authentic.

There are men who engineer the policy of the
Indian office & furnish its brains (I trust & hope
without Smith's knowledge) who will try to hold him in,
while they train a man for his shoes. My appointment
& is regarded as an attack on the crowd. Tho' why I
don't know - & the notion that I don't train worth
a cent; unless I can understand Why - don't
sue them. and I will be opposed quietly but per-
sistently. Mr Schury & the Presb think well of me,
& the Presb Secretary; but you know the value of
"backing up men's good opinion of a friend."
You've done it handsomely. I am grateful -
I wish I could do something to get John Harper out here. If
any place on earth is good for his health, it is right here
I will lose no chance to advance his interests. I have just
written him that while I would like to be com-
a few years for glory I would like to come back
here as Gov for good & bring him very truly Yours
A. H. Hammond
as putting me in the line of power

Received

Sept 10th 1877

To His Excellency
 J M Cullow
 Gov of Illinois
 D. Sir

I have rec'd a copy of the letter
 you have been kind enough to
 write the Presdt, recommending
 me for "Com" of Ind affairs.

I am my dear Sir very
 grateful to you for this, and
 will always be glad to do you
 or your friend a good turn
 when in my power.

I will do nothing Odie's
 place Mr Smith, but if the
 vacancy occurs will respond

the appt as honorable pro as
 thou & be glad to get it.

He mentioned to a friend that
 he would resign Oct 1st

With great respect
 Your obt servt
 H H Hammond

P.S. (Confidential)

I think I may as well say to you confidentially, that while I am vigorously at work for the place of Commissioner — I believe, that the New York interest, that is, the Dry Goods interest, will be too strong for us: & that a New York man will get it — When Smith goes out, as he will.

But your letter will not be lost. & as Governor of this Territory & Ex officio Commissioner of Indian affairs, I could take care of our friend Harper. Yours truly
H. Hammond

faced, & be used in your judgment?
 I would prefer being Gov of this Ser^y to be-
 -ing in Washington by far & may ask
 you to help me in that way.

Sept 11th 1877

That would leave me "at large" in my
 office.

My Dear General

I wrote you last night. Tonight
 your kind letter of the 7th reached me.
 I presume you can help me with Mr
 Schurz, towards advancement, in my
 present position, quite as much as
 the great gentlemen, whom you men-
 -tion in your letter. My relations with
 them are pleasant. but you know they
 never push any one. Great changes
 are to take place shortly. I did think
 of trying to be Commissioner, but suppose
 the Eastern interest will be too strong
 for me. Would Genl Bristow write
 a letter in my favor & put it in your

hand, & be used in your Indgement?
 I would prefer being Gov^r of this Ter^y to be-
 -ing in Washington by far & may ask
 you to help me in that way.

That would leave me "Ex Officio" in my
 present place

By itself Sup^t of Ind^y affairs will
 hardly warrant me in separating
 myself from my family, who are
 at home in Chicago

I think the Commissioner of Indian
 affairs will go out in a few days &
 that there will be a general change
 in that office

Very sincerely Yours

J. H. Hammond

Wm J. H. Wilson

Sept 11th 1877

E. S. Hoag Esq

My Dear Sir -

Your letter of the 8th reached me on the steamer on the eve of starting for Cheyenne & Agency. Please accept my thanks for the information & for the list of employees at the several Agencies.

I can't imagine who the New York man is for Com^r. I have handed the silly trifling slip you enclosed to Wolfe - He disclaims all knowledge of its origin. I hardly think - even if I didn't believe him - which I do; that he would venture on such nonsense where it would get to me. The newspapers are quiet on titles & slush in this region.

You don't mention your own advancement in the general shaking up. I hope to see you turn up in a good place. As for me, I would rather look out here, & have you in as Secy. Dad -

vice on financial moors: than to go to Wash-
 ington even as Commissioner. Yes, by far
 As Inspector no doubt I could render the Govt more
 service than otherwise — But wherever it is, all right.
 I do think the Inspectors might be revised with good
 results — if what I have seen of the Agency is a fair
 sample of them elsewhere. With reference to Indian Trusts,
 remember, that I explained how they are made the nucleus
 of rings, & that in any thorough reform, it is of no
 use to remove officers & Agents & leave in Clerks &
 Traders to keep up succession.

No Agent that I have been able to reach has rec^d official
 notification of my appointment.

I hope you will do something for Mr Wolfe. He is a
 nice boy. young, but considerable in him — I think
 if he came under you, You could take some of the
 froth out of him, & make a man of him I would like him.

There's so much meat in your letter that it
 takes some ground to follow it — over

Really. I am very glad to learn
 that you are not joking when
 you spoke of getting married.
 So that my dear Sir - That's
 all there is in life. - And, I do
 hope you will be happy enough
 to make up for the waste of
 bachelor life. - You have
 my best wishes.

I will see Judge West & tell
 him what you say.

Now for myself - I don't think
 I can afford to stay in this
 position long. Yankton is a
 very expensive place & there
 is nothing to me in it, but
 the salary. I expect Mr. Seligman
 has selected a strong man for
 Commissioner & I will keep

him all I can to make it a
 success.

With kind regards to Carl
 Truly, I remain
 Yours very sincerely
 J. Hammond

Sept 1st 1877

Hon A.C. Baile

My dear Sir

I have information that a Gentleman from New York has been selected for Commission. He will probably be announced by the time this reaches you.

In the matter that is to follow. Vandever is almost sure to go out - If you think me worthy to fill the place of Susceptor & that I can do good in it. That's the word. I ask you kind offices - The ring will look out for its own people, rely on that - & I will try to obtain some help from my friends.

Confidentially - If it were thought well to revise the Division of Agencies among religious bodies, how would you set about it?

Very sincerely Yours J.H. Hammond.

General D. C. Clegg, by
Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

In compliance with your circular letter of
August 10th, I submit the
Sept 12 1877

My dear Will

I have private information that a
new Commissioner has been selected & proba-
bly by the time this reaches you he will be announ-
ced. He is a New York man.

I have reason to believe that Genl Van Dervoer must
have the place of Indian Inspector. The position
the same as that of Commissioner of Indian affairs.
with less responsibility. I was told that I would be
offered the place of Inspector. I would rather be Gov-
-or of this Territory. than either: but there is no vacan-
-cy here until Jan 1st & Inspector I will probably
very soon be called on to leave. I place very little reliance
on anything unless it is pushed. I mention the Inspe-
-ctorship in case you go to Washington.

Yours in haste H. H. Wood
Would you like to make the change?

Yankton D. T. Aug, 27th 1846

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Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your circular letter of August 13th, I submit the following report on military statistics as directed.

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

My first duty being to visit the Agencies already established & to obtain suitable locations for Spotted Tail & Red Cloud, to be removed from Nebraska. I commenced at Yankton Agency on the east bank of the Missouri, about 80 miles above Yankton and ended at Standing Rock 84 miles below Bismark.

Both banks of the River between the points named a distance of about 600 miles, had been looked over for agencies that now contain something over 8000 Indians. I found myself called on to provide homes for 3000 Indians on the west bank alone. I selected Yellow Medicine River 270 miles above Yankton for Spotted Tail, and moreau River 435 miles above Yankton for Red Cloud. I was unable to have Moreau examined

on the west Bank of the Mo. 60 miles above Yankton
for Spotted Tail: & yellow medicine for Red Cloud.

The Lands on Ponca Reserve - about 96000 acres
are among the very best in Dakota for either Agriculture
or Stock raising, with enough timber, and considering
the water fronts & bottom lands on the Niobrara, Ponca
& Missouri, this Reserve is the best on the River.

The location on Yellow Medicine being farther west is subject to more frequent & earlier drouth. The lands are so dry should the rain-fall ever become sufficient, there is enough farming land for the whole Dakota nation & as much timber & a good permanent landing.

The oldest established Agency is Yankton, Rev. J. G. Gusmann Agt, 80 miles by water, 60 by land, above Yankton, Being on the East Bank of the Mo. the area has Boundaries & contains 400000 Acres of good land

All the agencies now to be at Bismark might be consolidated on this ^{one} tract land. If the present system of feeding is to be abandoned.

The progress of many of the Indian refined Agency
is sufficiently manifest to demonstrate the wisdom of
our ability to settle ⁱⁿ sections. ⁱⁿ course

of time to teach their religion & make converts!
Greater advance has been made on this Agency than
any other, but the Indians have been quiet & free from
contact with wild tribes for many years longer
than on the other Agencies.

Progress has been individual rather than general.

but where so many individuals have shaken off the
idle vicious ways of the wild tribes, and have
received and profited by religious instruction, and
learned to work in shop & field; It is only a question
of time & perseverance when all will follow their
example.

The Bishop of the diocese 'Episcopal' has his residence
on this Agency, with a church & schools for boys &
girls, all of which show successful work. The
Congregationalists also have a church here in successful
operation.

At the Agency, Lower Buile. Henry Gregory Agent,
is in the west Bank of the Mo. Buildings 8 miles above
Snake River & about 200 miles above Yankton. The great
majority of the Indians at this Agency have made
little progress beyond learning games. I must here ask
the appreciation of the Department of that apparently
small move in the right direction. It is really a
great advance for Indians to quit violence & habits,
which from our stand point are dangerous & vicious.
The civilization progress is individual & confined to a few
but the disposition exists & enough has been done to
encourage & justify further exertion.

The Lands are good, with Timber enough. Landing
shifting. no good reason can be given why this
Agency should be kept up, unless more people are
located thereon. It should be broken up, or some
other Agency consolidated with it, The buildings
are nearly new They should not be added to

many expense incurred toward present and future
its future individual.

San Juan Agency is on the East Bank of the Ma 200
miles above Yankton. It occupies the old Agency
Reservation. The soil is fertile with enough timber
but is too far west to rely on Agriculture. The buildings
are good and well located, good order is preserved on
this Agency.

The number of those who have made some progress is
next to those on Yankton, very efficient has been established.
to encourage us to expect improvement. H. F. Livingston
is Agent. Rural Military Post Lower Santa Fe Agency is
much less than point.

Chuska River Agency is on the west bank of the
River 365 miles from Yankton. It is a new reservation
mark. The building is very new, there is a
many Indians working and anxious to be settled.
to make homes for them. The great majority of them are
quieted down sufficiently to exert earnest work for
their improvement. It is a good place to overcome the
improvement can be made. But, the location is not
right for an Agency. Nothing can be made of it
and a place to do it is not. The Indians will
always feel unsettled. It is a change, which
prevent them from working hard. The necessity of such
rather difficulties of location have settled them
too much for which some central. Some of them
are 26 miles distant from the Agency buildings.
Existing of proper regulations compel them to do it.

Agency once a week for nations. At certain seasons, 2
 days are required to reach the Agency, & more to return.
 It is difficult under these circumstances to accustom
 the poor people, however willing, can acquire settled
 habits or learn self support. I recommend that no
 improvements be allowed, or any expense incurred
 on this Agency beyond immediate need, & that the
 Indians be removed to Moresa River, or incorporated
 with those on some other Agency already established
 Lower Snake for example if their relations are
 sufficiently friendly.

Nine Companies of Co. 4th Infantry last winter were stationed
 here. There are now four Companies under Col. W. B.
 Wood 11th Infantry U. S. A.

Standing Rock Agency is situated on the West Bank of the M^o.
 about 80 miles N. by N. W. of Grand Forks 529 miles above
 Yankton. It is very fertile, & is about to be replaced.
 The land is standing as we seek again timber, & some
 of the land is not required for what is too long in the
 view of the soil is exactly good for season has been
 the best. The history of the Agency is a story of great
 of permanent changes of place, & of necessity, Agency
 will be a costly experiment. Success Agency is under
 Catholic supervision & libration, & that the
 Church & school buildings are in a very good state for
 the purpose, but are not attended & the
 in charge active & devoted. They can be given
 the confidence of a good many Indians.

They are teaching their boys to read & to write.

Any advance in Civilization has been made on this Agency,
it is not apparent beyond quieting down the Indians
are not dangerous, & begin to understand what is
required of them. That is about all. The present Agent
is industrious, but has not been in charge long
enough to make an impression. Certainly no
advance worth mentioning has been made by his predecessors.

Four Companies of Infantry com^d by Gen^l C. P. Carlson
are stationed here & will be needed as a
precaution for some time to come. For Annual
reports containing statistics of the several Agencies see
those sent direct to the Indian Office.

Except the last, all agencies before mentioned are
under spiritual control of the Episcopal Church.
The difficulties that the missionaries labor under can
neither be described by a or appreciated by the Public.
The Clergyman carries himself to the task
I think that I have seen too little of them to
say how few they do what they have done as a
not indelible & very good impressions in me.
I hope that like the provision will be made for Church

schools, they are absolutely necessary to any
permanent improvement. I recommend that
 Government contribute liberally, but that in all
 schools where Gov't support is received, teaching of
 the English language should be enforced.

I hoped to be excused from making any report be-
cause of the grave questions involved, my short time
in office. I will only touch on a few points.

and as a consequence, have no chance for
escape from the point, that the Government
of the United States desire to teach our Indian
Population. Virtually, finally, settle themselves
sustaining in honor.

It has been urged that the present ration is barely enough
for support. I hope it will not be increased, but the
idea cultivated, is that they must do something for
themselves. As a beginning. Every Indian family
that receives rations from the United States should
be compelled to make a garden, wherever an Agent
is so situated that he cannot compel obedience.
The situation should be altered & the necessary
support afforded him. If insects & vermin
destroy the gardens, they are no worse off than
the whites, if successful they will have learned
that they can do something for themselves.

The policy of the Govt. should be to give Agents power
support & to encourage them to use it, towards putting a
stop to idleness & to enforce work for their own support.

It is assumed that Agents are men of discretion
will use their power with great care & judgment.
Of course this will give Agents trouble. That they
must meet according to their ability.

At present, Agents are directed to not furnish rations
to Indians, when they pay for work in rations.

If they enforce this rule, it is difficult to see how the matter is to
be carried out. In the order if the work is paid in rations, & if he does
work he receives - rations.

Orders have also been received to stop cutting wood by Indians, to pay them for what they have cut. to take possession of it. This, I am advised is under a decision which deprives Indians of any ownership in the wood until the land is taken by them in severalty.

If Agents do not enforce these orders, they lay themselves open to liability. If they do enforce them, the Indians are deprived of what little motive they have for labor.

In the mean time aliens of all nations, cut wood on Indian land - sell to Steamboats, fill contracts for the Army & for Indian Agencies: at high prices - Agents should at their respective Agencies cut all the wood required for their own use, & for adjacent Military posts - & that may be required by Steamboats in Govt service. Cutting wood is one of the very few things an Indian can do in Dakota at this time. of course such a policy will breed a storm among Contractors & Traders, but the work, discipline & money are so badly needed by the Indians.

The present law is absurd & expensive. Timber is scarce in Dakota & found only on streams - It is available on the streams near the Missouri & on that river. It is being rapidly used, wasted & washed away, what I recommend will place it entirely under the control of the Agents. No white labor should be permitted on any Agency where it is possible to use Indian labor.

Section 3, of the act of March 3^d 1875 in relation to "Labor by Indians" furnishes the necessary authority

progress. Agents should be adequately supported
 in the enforcement of this Act. In many cases they
 will be unable to do so at present, and all sorts of
 money be loaned for at first. But action is essential
 to any tangible good from our efforts to reach
 Indian self support. In the Dakota Department
 and Lake will be able to support themselves
 steadily, until at length the ever increasing
 demand, that every agent should be in
 full to the letter.

One of the most serious obstacles to civilization
 is the custom of visiting, which is carried on to an
 extent difficult to credit by any one in civilized
 life. It is urged that refusal to grant visiting passes
 will involve individual hardships. This is true,
 but individual inclinations sometimes must not
 stand in the way of general good. It is vain to
 attempt to teach self support by the ways of
 civilization; as long as Indians can learn anything
 without visiting, we must encourage them to
 support their families by their own efforts. All
 passes should be stopped at once. To Indians
 receiving rations, or who believe themselves to be
 Agency should receive rations at once.
 Death in a family is worse than no income.
 Death is the occasion of moving to new places, turning
 down home, giving away all the property of the
 family in which the child, widow, and general members
 of the community are concerned. While visiting is one of the worst

difficult, it is one that can be controlled.

Ponies & rifles should be taken away from them:

males taken in order to settle them down. There is

nothing to hunt in Dakota that requires rifled shot

water fowl & birds abound in their season. Ponies

for the most orderly to have shot guns would afford

means of adding to the food supply. The ownership

of a rifle & pony is an invitation to a regular affliction

is seldom resisted. many good friends of Indians

regard taking away Ponies & rifles as harsh.

when friendly Indians are exposed to hostiles, the worst

In this superintendency there is no such danger. I am

a friend of the Indians, I assure other true friends

that arms & horses are to them "unqualified mischief"

many of them understand this & if the taking away is

conducted justly & prudently, will occasion but

little trouble. Last year those taken by way of

precaution, were seized at a time that rendered their

loss inevitable. It is a painful story. A large part

dead of starvation & cold. Those surviving bought

little, what Govt could trust will do no measure

of what we give them in return. They were taken

from Indians not hostile at the time. No full

value should be paid in domestic cattle.

It is not their fault that we lost most of the

property. we cannot afford to be ungrateful.

Ponies should be taken in June, not later, when

grass is good & they can be sent to market without

loss. The proceeds, and more horses be created.

in each village, the possession of which makes moving about difficult & encourages remaining in settled habitations. To reap the full benefit of taking away horses & arms the Indians should be located as near the Agencies as possible & close enough to render horses unnecessary.

Deer cloth should be discontinued, & as soon as proper locations can be had, log or frame houses should be substituted.

Blankets & paint interfere with work. Both are discouraged, with as little violence as possible, but persistently. The use of paint & blankets should be stopped, & strong warm clothing provided. Such blankets & cloth as are furnished should be of quiet colors. Usually discouraged is 'How to open the occupations of civilized life to Indians is limited to - "What can be done?" In this important inquiry, the serious addition is required "What can be done in the country allotted to them?"

Warth grasshoppers have destroyed so many crops in Dakota, that I have grave doubts as to whether the conditions are favorable to teaching well equipped people unaccustomed to famine. For the past diligent inquiry without prejudice, that is, to determine if there have prevailed, with but few intervals, for many years, the following unpleasant state of affairs. Little is known of the present land of the country, for a year of migration, the land is without instruction & the people die of a steady application; leads to the question of more favorable location where the latter difficulty

alone will have to be overcome.

Though probably overvaluing, I wish to add my testimony to that of many others - in favor of removing the Dakotas to the Indian Territory. I have knowledge of that region; and believe it is a far better locality than this, in which to teach them self support & the way to civilized life. High winds & drought, sickness, & age worn men of fixed habits, savages still more. The expense of Experiment falls on the Government.

The Dakotas are in no way deficient, in either mind or physical power. The more I see of them, the more I am encouraged as to their future. The great majority of our efforts "outside of church work" made for their advancement, have been failures, & sufficient success has been had in individual cases, to abundantly prove that there is a right way, which cannot be missed, effort will succeed. Large removal to the Indian Territory is a means of disseminating the Gospel to be a success in teaching all, & self support.

If they are to remain in this Territory, I earnestly urge that some raising be carefully considered in reference to farming. No agency farming should be carried on except as a school for Indian labor without expectation of crops. See this with my knowledge of the fine yield in Iowa this year - The best ever known -

And this is an essential to successful dealing with Indians. I have only seen one in this Superintendency fit for the place, & important that he should become a board, when made through an ignorant man, & only under the name of the agent.

Coarsest form of Expression. many charges of bad faith
on the part of Govt broken promises, arise no doubt
from faulty interpretation. The pay should be increased
so that a better class of men can be employed. As a
business proposition, The Govt can afford to pay
liberally for teaching the English language - diffing
in communicating with them add very much to the
various problems embraced in our Indian Policy -

I find that the Indians regard the reception of gifts
& favors, as acts of merit on their part. If our policy has
produced this much to be regretted state of mind, it
should be promptly changed. I incline to believe
that Councils & treaties are largely to blame & that
they should be avoided.

Above all whether the Dakotas remain in this Territory or
are removed to the Indian Territory. The policy should be
kept in view of getting them into Houses, on Land held in
severalty without power to alienate. Pasture lands may be
held in common. Dealing with them as Tribes or even
as Bands, ^{as} ~~you~~ ^{has} stopped some plan adhered to
which ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{will} cause them to be treated as individuals
subject to the same laws & penalties as white, while this
will probably apply to all Indians, it is particularly
applicable to them. ~~because~~ ^{because} of their numbers and
strongly marked character.

The steady & universal extinction of the whole
Indian race has been accepted in this
Country as a settled fact, I beg leave to raise the
question as to the Dakotas. as far as observation & enquiry

had me to believe the contrary
 I offer the subject as one well worthy of inves-
 tigation by the Government.

Success in civilizing & teaching Religious truths
 to these people, will not be obtained by brilliant
 plans or extraordinary means, It is to be looked for
 in the same sort of common sense that brings success
 in ordinary pursuits, since I have been among
 them, The expected obstacles have diminished
 & I take a hopeful view of what can be done for
 them & with them.

I have the honor to recommend the following -

1st That Arms & powder be taken & a abundant compensation
 made in chickens & domestic cattle for them & for
 those already seized.

2nd An active policy leading to the distribution of land
 in severalty, without power to Alienate.

3rd Replace Tepees with Houses

4th Carefully & gradually enforce Section 3 as to work.

5th Stop furnishing Blankets & stop the sale of paint.

6th Stop teaching of English.

7th Stop this Territory.

8th Stop the ring, That is by consolidation

of the & I am advised to be kind or friendly

to exist who are to live in peace.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. H. Smith

Sup. of Ind.

Lake, Steamer (that carries Indian goods) together. I don't like the looks of that at all. But you think some mischief making cuss, got that article up in the Sioux City paper & then mailed & sent it to you? I wrote what you say about the Inspectorship, & believe you are right. If it suits the Secy to keep me in the Indian Business instead of being 4000 of Dakota — I will do my best to be Inspector. I have learned all there is of the ring here & think you & I could keep it cleaned out, if ever permitted to be together in Dakota. Of course would like as nice a place as Madoison, but prefer to stick here because I am here — though that is the better place. As I am following your letter down in order, I will refer to miners contract. It was sent care of Major Hughes remember. I will try to have miner follow it up — I will keep it in mind myself.

Mr Wolfe sends regards & hopes that congratulations are in order also. I am very sorry I cannot get down to Omaha to meet you but Spotted Tail's goods are arriving, & I have one load of Red Cloud Corn already at the place. The warehouse is finished & all ready for them. I rejoice in the stand the Govt took with the Indians in his interview with Spotted Tail.

In haste to catch the mail, so that this may get to San Francisco with you —
 please write me from it if you get this —

With best wishes

Sincerely Yours
 C. Hammond