

Washington. Aside from the Governor's place in his Ter, under
the Conditions I have named. No thing or position anywhere
could suit me so well as the Inspector in Nathan's place.
I know California tolerably well: & am so well up in how
they do it on the Agencies, that I don't think they could suit
The Govt much in my jurisdiction. Your suggestion is a val-
uable one & I am much obliged to you for it. When Sam M.
coming, I will put the question of Govt & you being Secretary before
him in full. If he wants to keep me in the Indian Dept, or can
get me from financial trouble; I will at once go with all
the power that is in me, for the Inspectorship - as you suggest -
The salary there is insignificant, & I am provoked daily to see the
agents openly living at the rate of \$3000 a year on \$1500 - my
power to be useful would be greatly increased as an Inspector &
The Education here has been a good one for the place.
I am not satisfied with the way the Inspection & delivery has been
conducted here. Broadbent has come up with Charles in
consequence. Suspicions have been made at night as well
as day. I have secured samples of both the Davis & the
Mills flour, taken from the hold of the boat after shipment.
It is good flour to look at. I will carry it to Chicago & have
it examined by the sample. The rumor here is that Minner
is putting in splendid flour, & that the ring is on taking him
to compel him to be honest, in the hope of breaking him
goodly oriental - Someone is scared! The rings men are begin-
ning to be polite to me. The Agents are sorely dejected, &
Pratt is circulating the intelligence that "He has got
me over," & that neither Haught nor I have a chance of being
confirmed - He has made no attempt to fill his con-
-tract for wood at Red Cloud, except to try to drive
off some men whom I allowed there to cut for the Troops.
In the course of that he let out, that it had been the custom
for the contractors to scare off the small men & take their
property from them - when in the way - I had frequently
heard it charged, but never admitted before -

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It is good in these circumstances
 generally speaking, I may say that
 without a soul knowing that I am
 in correspondence with Mr. L.
 he has in possession enough to
 stop your Agent on the River &
 strike the game if that course
 is deemed desirable. I have a
 deal that cannot be put in paper.
 It will be strange if Van Dusen
 what can you tell me of that?
 Wolf has heard nothing of his application.
 He desires to be remembered very kindly
 To resume, I will let you know any
 thing that transpires as soon as I have
 secretaries - ships as soon as I have
 seen Mr. Salinger, and anything
 that I discover with reference to
 the contract out here. I have re-
 ceived authority to buy a supply
 for Red Cloud Warehouse & thus as
 trying the weight of supplies -

if the Ring gentlemen don't get out
 of face before I get that far along
 I will feel very much obliged for any in-
 formation you can give me for my guidance
 Please present my respects to your wife
 & believe me very truly
 Yours truly
 J. H. Johnson

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Hon, Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Owing to unavoidable absence from my office, I have not been able to make the quarterly return required by the regulations of your office, for the fourth quarter of 1877.

I have the honor to request permission to delay the making of such returns until I return to Yankton.

Very Respectfully,

John Ott Brown

Chief of Agency
Dakota.

August 17th 88

Wm. W. Lusk

Dear Sir. While in Washington I made certain men-
which I sent to a correspondent in Dakota - and made cer-
tain inquiries - about the correspondence of the record as I
took it, with the facts on the ground.

Among other things. He answers as per the extracts enclosed.
Please obtain from the record, all that is shown to have been
purchased either by contract or in open market, 1870-71,
72, & up to 1877 inclusive of either wood or Hay at Crow Creek.
My correspondents remarks may be of some importance & in
view of the intentions of the office, & I would therefore like to have
more complete information than I thought necessary on this
particular subject, when I was in Washington.

Our Vault is open & nearly fixed. I was annoyed on
account of loss of time, best part of two days.

You can tell from the character of my orders
where to send answer -

Very Truly,
H. Hammond

* * * Extract.

The whole of the Hay business as taken by you from the record is wrong. No Hay was purchased by Capt Connolly or from him — (Connolly was C S & Agm).

Erwin states he purchased hay from & himself — No purchases were made at Ft Thompson (Crow Creek) in open market. at any time.

I. A. McDonald never had a contract there at any time, & never even worked there. nor sold any hay to the agent.

The "300 Tons, which you say stands recorded, as purchased of F. A. Dewitt at \$10.30 per Ton were not purchased there.

The Agency employees made this Hay themselves & hauled it in. I witnessed it myself!!!

No such person as A. Hummberg has ever been known at or near Ft Thompson, nor any person to represent the said A. Hummberg.

The 200 Tons raised on farm, were cut at the Head of Crow Creek (1876) 29 miles from the Agency. 600 Tons were actually cut & stored in 1876. most of this was used by the store & Hotel, also Stage Co.

The statement you send as to the Physician does not agree with the representations, of Dr Byrre. will write again on this * * * * *

Was that business supplied to Livingston by the Co. or bought out of stumpage. — Crow Creek

How much stumpage is reported for 1874, 1875, 1876?

Referring to the frame of a case I had drawn up. He says.

"If you can remove (cut off heads) and then prove on the things & witnesses, your case is made. now. Prima facie.

Butt White Ghost has been in. & wants the money due from the Quarter Master & an officer. & witnesses its payment. also says. "He is ready to confront the Agent & can prove him a thief & falsifier."

Some more important to some sort has been

Jan 18th 8

Hon A.C. Bonston
Providence
R.I.

My Dear Sir

I have learned with great satisfaction
that you have been elected chairman of
the Board of Indian Commissioners.

Every thing seems to be working for the right.
& we may hope that Indian matters will be lift-
ed out of the dirt at last —

I congratulate you most heartily, but the
service still more. God bless you & grant you
long life & health & enjoy it

Very sincerely Your friend

J.H. Hammond

Butt White says that the
the Quaker Mission is an
days. The Quaker Mission
a good & profitable

off. as I have been detailed away from my regular
 place, no removals have been made, nor can
 any take place, until I return, unless
 by ~~special~~ order - I have recommended
 two removals & you for one place, viz at
 San Diego, but there's no telling whether the
 Department will accept my opinion as final.
 If you understand there's a big thick
 pile of applications, from which selections
 are made. Has Mr. Montano ever applied for
 you? He and Mr. Aldrich are certainly as good as
 any who can - Their tenacity in pushing appli-
 cations on the ground will help. They have a right to!

I am particularly well pleased with your letter
 which I have. It was just the thing -

If I am kept down here, I may have to hunt up
 a vacancy here for you - It seems to me, there are
 some vacancies that ought to be in this region.
 I am very anxious to serve you, but cannot hurry
 matters. I have had no pay for self or clerk of office
 since Oct., but I can't hurry it one hour.
 Mying patronage is poor business: therefore I do not urge it
 on you, but I see no other way: save that & watch
 out close for vacancies. I learn that several agents

have been deprived of clerks - & have to do their own work. I have no means of knowing when I will return to Dakota.

Very truly Yours
 Wm. H. H. H.
 Supt.

Jan 23d 8

C. S. Sursee Esq
 my Dear Sir

I telegraphed you last night that I did not think it necessary for Mayor Heath to make additional application.

The fact is that, the only persons who have the right to push applications; are members of Congress, and those making application for positions - and other officers applying for new to fill positions.

Instead of returning to my field of duty, I have been ordered here to take charge of the Central Registry & discharge its duties without any additional pay.

The only reason that I know of that you do not receive a place, is that there is no vacancy. Only three clerks have been appointed since Mr. Hay's appointment Sept 21st. Two to agencies one at Laramie, who does extra work until a place

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Jan. 24th 8

Col John Patten.

Iowa City. Iowa

Dear Sir

I told Gov Kirkwood in Washington that I had an Agency in view for you, viz the Lower Boule: where I had reason to expect a vacancy.

I have been ordered here to perform the duties of this Supdcy: & don't know when I will get back to Dakota - where I belong.

1st Would Lower Boule suit you. It is not es-
- sential that a religious body shall recom-
- but that or some of it will help!

2nd Would you like to have Lower Boule?

3rd On acc^t of climate, or otherwise; do you prefer an agency in this direction. I don't know of any vacancy, but may have occasion to recom^d one very soon - !

Very truly Yours.

H Hammond. Supd.

Jan 24th '88

My Dear Preston -

I answered your Telegram today. That you could not leave the office & that your going would injure your case. This is strictly true. You are extremely young for so important a place. Chase is working on my 27 years old; & if you were to go there, where they could see that you are a boy only! I would not stand a ghost of a chance for the place I want you. They are sharp fellows in Washington as to things in Washington. And if wise, you will keep clear of them. "until after you are in a place."

I enclose herewith Circulars No. one No. Two - No 3, which enclose & file as part of letters from Com^r. Read & get the pith of them.

Mr. Dyer telegraphed me yesterday that I had been nominated Inspector - by the President. It will be some time

before I will be confirmed, if at all.
 Write Genl Terry & Capt MacQuire that I
 have been ordered to do the duties of both
 Central & Dakota Inspectors - and ^{they} ~~my~~ ^{Lawrence} will call attention to ~~my~~ ^{their}
 letters as soon as I return.

I have written asking extension of time
 in making returns - on acct absence

I cannot give you check for your ^{December} salary
 for the reason that I have not received it. &
 have had to support myself by borrowing.

I cannot give Pennington check because
 I have not that ~~in fact~~ ^{in fact}. my new Bond
 having been returned to me - disapproved.

(altho this own Clerk note it) I cannot get the
 money for your December salary, rent or any
 thing else, until I obtain a new Bond.

Pennington & Jacob & you will have to wait a little
 Just tell them that the Dept has not sent money yet.
 First Tr. funds will not arrive until I can
 make new Bond. I have written Mr. Heider
 promising him &c. if he will help you.

Have also written Mr. May for calling his
promise to assist you, at my request - & Mr
Schurz who entered your name, in his private
book - for the State Library.

Couldon seeing Schurz will help. Of course my
promotion to the speaker; gives my word great that
additional weight.

Judge Shannon's letter is not on file in favor
of Howard. tho' it may have been found it now.

It will be entirely proper to retract & save you.
That is often done.

I have had your salary increased, and as the
letter has not reached me here. I am surprised to
not find it in your list - It may have been
rescinded, but I think not.

I will go to work tomorrow & finish up
this office tomorrow. Have telegraphed &
written three times for orders & received none.
If I get none in three days, will put office in
charge of Clerk and leave for Council
bluffs to get my Bond filled. & may if one-
careful go on to Yankton without orders.
and attend to papers, returning if it is

Jan 31st 8

Hon E. A. Mayt
 Sir

Will you please let me know what answer has been returned to the application for military duty at Chicago, Brown County & LaPorte, Ind.

Lieut. Baugherty has just written me that he has decided on the impression with which he has been treated for officially reporting abuses until he has determined to join issue with his superior officer. and let me know, as he fears that his action would spell some of my plans: which have been necessarily rather wide reaching about there.

Did you receive the letter I wrote you from Chicago as to what occurred? I will try to pacify D. & keep him quiet & if I can get at Paul the man, try to have him reinstated. But his fate shows you how hard it has been to do right.

Dr. Nicholson said this P.M.: That that he was perfectly well where you were, applied to some

his hand had been off. & that he had been exposed
it. I cannot guarantee the on a sound condition of
except of the current as being the intention of the
tion, with the distinct intention of the officer on
any hypothesis - save that things are being
fixed & the House put in order.

I have written Mr. Leeds about making a man
named Brown apply for a Fellowship at
Cambridge & hope you will see it as I do. His
being in communication with me is not known,
or even suspected & he would be a good man for
you to have on the ground. Valuable because
not known. I wonder if the Annual goes mad at
parliamentary exposure things - To have things
go on, as they have been: is a good argument in
favor of transfer to the House.

Allow me to thank you for my nomination being
sent in. I feel that I owe it. To your good will
and hope to justify your judgment.

Now, pray don't forget to let me know about the
military acts agents - an I paid Baily
to take for his charges - My friend.

Bishop. The Lamer wrote me a very good note in favor
of the House & I saw him in Chicago. I shall ad-
vise that you put him in your first class list.
Very sincerely Yours
William Brewster.

[illegible]

Jan 25th 8-

My dear daughter

I have your several letters of the 9th, 12th & 16th. I am making some arrangements as will I think result in fully vindicating you, & I hope you will not enter on any controversy or explanation - I have carefully read the letter & report made by you in ^{new York} ~~your letter~~ ^{last} and the first time I am in Washington will see Genl Sherman myself, and go over the ground with him. I think I will have no difficulty in arranging matters to your satisfaction - But assured, that your letters are seen by no one except me, & were not seen in Washington by any one - Mrs. Moulbury & Mr. Noyes; and did not know my hands at all. We have arranged things so that our correspondence is sacred.

I am performing by orders of the Presd. the duties of his & my own supercargo, which keeps me busy. I wrote you to tell Erwin, to prepare & put in his application for the license at Cambridge, I have not heard from you on the subject. How is that?

Jan 24th 8

Mr E. A. Hays
 Comd. Ind. Affs
 Sir

I received from Chicago a letter of introduction & recommendation from the Rt Rev Bishop Mc Laren of Illinois, in favor of Mr E. A. Dwyer for the position of U.S. Agent.

On the recommendation of Bishop Mc Laren, and in consequence of enquiries among the members of the Dwyer, many of whom I know, I have the honor to recommend that he be appointed clerk on an Agency, & given an opportunity to show his fitness for the more responsible position of Agent.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servant
 A. H. Mendenhall
 Secy. Ind. Affs

Explanation
unofficial }

Jan 24th '88

Hon C. A. Hoyt
Genl

Sir

I enclose herewith a recommendation of C. S.
Bourke for the place of Clerk.

While in Chicago I rec'd a strong note from
Bishop Mc Laren of Ill. in his favor & was
with him & two of his subverses whom I know.

He is above the work of our agents: and says
there is no business for him & he is ready to
go to work anywhere.

If you have no place in view, which you can't
fill. I respectfully suggest that you remove
Lambach - Clerk at Lowville. He performs the
duties of a clerk. He is brother of C. Lambach
the famous Physician at Lowville & is a great
friend of the Society. He is a great help in the
work of the Society.

Leubach would make against Child elsewhere. In view of our duty at our work & down here, it is not prudent to have a friend of Gregory, at Courtland Agency & Post. The change should be made without any previous notice and before I get there.

If his position as both at & Courtland, outweighs the foregoing considerations,

Then I recommend that Robert Cox clerk at Cheyenne River Agency be immediately removed, and Dwyer put in his place. Cox is the most dangerous man there; & will when the break comes, no doubt be the man selected to bull-doze witnesses.

I would have asked his removal before now, but could think of no one to take his place. If the Dist Atty finds Brigham still within the statute of limitations, Cox will be indicted. If you send Surfee, send a private note to Col Wood, asking him to send Cox off the ground immediately. If you prefer not to do so, please inform me & I will arrange for it with Paul Sheridan. The evidence there is well in hand & the removal will not interfere.

Of course I could not put this explanation in the official Document herewith.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. H. Murray

Dr W. H. Bartling
Yankton, D.T.

Dr Sir

I have been detained so long away from Dakota
that I will have to ask you, to have those
affidavits taken immediately in the case of
the application of the Brand, without in-
spection at Porca Landing & St James.
Have about five different affidavits
to the facts and make them clear &
comprehensive. Try to show if possible
to how much flour the brand was ap-
plied. The name of the Inspector on
the Brand. The clerk employed. & whose
clerk he was, and all other things cal-

culated & show all who had any thing to do
with the matter. Send the affidavits to
me. As soon as you can & greatly oblige

Yours truly
Wm. H. Bartling

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Orrin Smith Esq Kansas

Jan'y 29th 1878

Chas Borchering

707 Broad St

Newark N.J.

Sir

Your letter Jan'y 19th duly rec'd following on there.
In reply I will state that the title to the farm in
Mills Co, conveyed to Mr Forester was very carefully ex-
-amined and I do not believe that such flaws exist as
as that there is any thing wrong with it.

Also. If there are any flaws, Mr Geo Greger your client
should look to Mr Forester from whom he probably pur-
-chased, for his information & remedies. I did not sell
you Geo Greger any property.

Notwithstanding this, I will write my former atty
who examines
& who knows all about the title, and ask him to show the
true condition thereof relative the mind of your client.

This as a matter of courtesy entirely: and will do so
at once & have him communicate with you direct, and
no longer live in Chicago: & am on the more certainly.
Forester has the abstract complete. I am so respectfully,
Yours truly,
H. H. H. H.

Jan 29th

Group, W. Wright Bay

My Dear Captain

As I am out of touch of the records
and of my memoranda letters from you in ref-
-erence to the paper which I got from Montgomery
will you kindly write me if the wife of
Michael Rodger who appears in the bill is
Dead, and if the mortgage by Mary & William
At the C.R. & P.R. Bluffs with int. has been
cancelled. I think you declared both to have been
cancelled by made abstract which I have & I presume
either Montgomery or James can tell you
I will be in Council Bluffs soon, but write me
here. I presume if I am confirmed I will have
to move to Council Bluffs. I am a constant.
Your friend J. H. Mansfield.

Lawrence H. Gardner, Esq.
Coldwater Bay
Arden

In reply to your letter 24th
as to a Boston man obtaining a Post Office
place, he could not get one without there is
a vacancy, and under no circumstances will
I encourage the taking of Henry Wolfe or put
into any Traders store, or any relative of
mine, under any circumstances.

Tong Road was regarded (being a short
hand writer) as a proper person to go on
or in a certain place but fell. The
occasion has passed now she is not needed.
Mr Wolfe will leave my office as soon as another
place can be had for him, as I have fully agreed
on the policy of avoiding the employment
of relatives, unless for special reasons.
Similar to those under which Wolfe was app^d

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I have just learned that the Agent of an
Agency in the Indian Territory has been or-
-dered to resign. I think it will be well
for you write the Hon. Com. Ind. Affairs &
state that you are willing to go into any Ter-
-ritory or District & that your object in
writing is to keep yourself in mind,
-or, much better - Get Mr. Pomtroy
to call and suggest that he would be glad
to have an Agency for you either in any of
the Territories - You see sir, if you hold
to one locality - you may have to wait
a long time for a vacancy. I have no doubt
I may not return to Dakota in many
months - or weeks. There is no telling

Very truly

J. H. Hammond
Supdt. &c.

Lawrence Has Jan at 4

Edinburgh

Mr Sir. In reply to your letter of enquiry 24th I will state that the British party must apply if he wants a Trader's license & have his Congress man help him. Under no circumstances will I encourage taking Wolfe or Hook in any Trader's store. Hook was wanted (being a short hand writer) in a certain place last fall, but is no longer needed. & Sam. Hook has gone home. Young Wolfe will leave my office as soon as a place can be had for him, as the circumstances requiring him have been passed. & it is not the policy of the Dept to employ relatives of public officers unless for special reasons, such as called for Wolfe's appointment. I think you had better get Mr. Brewster & call immediately & state that you must not mean business that he wants your appointment to an Agency. I have here and there vacancies very soon down this way. You should not limit your chances by locality - as to your question of when I will return to Dakota. I really do not know, being subject to orders in any direction - Truly yours
 Lawrence

Dec 26th 8

Mr. E. H. May
Comm. Ind Affs

Sir

I have the honor to state that by a letter from the
Office of Indian Affairs, Sept 23^d. 1876, instructions
were given under an appropriation were paid to the
Sec 1st Gives option as to the use of money or
Checks in making payment.

Sec 2^d, Satisfaction, while prohibiting the
presence of persons not connected with the pay-
ment; when the money is delivered, states that
no further attention need be given to the destination
of the money.

The late Sup^t. states that he was never successful
to have a rule of action laid down. Also that he
has asked for such rules. He states that he has
heard from the former aspt. H. G. that in some
instances instructions came with disunity money,
directing payment of money as heretofore.

Dec 25th 8

Mr. E. H. Hayt

Care, Ind. Office

Sir

I have the honor to state that by a letter from the Office of Indian Affairs, Sept 23rd 1876, instructions were given under an appropriation now paid to the Bureau. Sec 1st Gives option as to the use of money or checks in making payment.

Sec 2nd Satisfaction, while protecting the presence of persons not connected with the payment; when the money is delivered, states that no further attention need be given to the destination of the money.

The late Sup^t, states that he was never inclined to have a rule of action laid down, also that he has asked for such rules. He states that he has heard from the former Asst. Secy, that in some instances instructions came with Appropriation money, directing payment of money as heretofore.

Jan 31st

Hon. H. C. Brewster Esq

Dear Sir

My wife has forwarded me a copy from the Washingtonian, containing your open letter published in the Providence Journal - I am glad you have appeared in support of the rights of the colored.

The usual tactics are being used - viz personal abuse of those who are known to support.

Sorry that I cannot send them support.

If the Schuyler had been able to get for witnesses, & undertake examinations of the officers of the

British & American troops against the report of the Board would have deterred anyone from denying the support of the ring men.

However the Union for a change goes further than a change of the ring men for a new change. They think that if the Bureau is turned over to the military investigation will be stopped.

Their desire for a change, comes from some of in-
 -vestigation. If a real sure enough search is had
 with some one to tell the investigators what Back,
 You won't hear anything more of Smith's "Best
 Indian administration yet &c. &c." & Galpin's suf-
 -fering from the attacks of the Cherokee Ring!!
 The trouble has been, that people at Washington rarely
 know what Back, or whom I speak for. Mr Hayt
 comes near knowing the details of Indian affairs in
 any one I have ever met in office: and is not back-
 -ed down with sentiment. The first time you go to Wash-
 -ington, ask Mr Hayt about R. M. Pratt - agent
 Red Lake Minn., and ask for a copy of C. L. Nathan's
 report in March 1876, on Pratt's agency, & why
 at the instance of the late George Whipple; I doubt
 on Pratt's statement, retained him in office -
 There's nothing to be seen here on the surface that seems
 wrong; but I have seen these agents, and am satisfied
 that Nicholson altho' a shrewd man; more kept
 his agents disciplined, that the whole concern
 has been an easy going "lot of families" on the
 agencies, comfortable close corporation -
 Every thing has gone off pleasantly. And I am about
 to close up. Very Sincerely Yours
 J. H. Hammond.

Journal

Feb 1st 8

Had E. A. Knight

My dear Sir. Among other things, Mr. Williams said that in 1844 he examined Red Lake agency. & in that age.

Pratt was saying that he had been himself, but using the name of a friend in Vermont, a M. He spent it on horse money, and then he administered his agency office. Knight was brought to the office, & some sold at rates less than when Pratt had it at. His horse was in the stable, & on one occasion, one day he sold two carts of horse, & then a horse.

He examined the old documents & letters to be put on the building of a new building. He put on a contract but an agreement was to sign it without hearing the Committee. Knight & Henry said that the contract required by the Commission as a genuine instrument. Why did he do this? He answered - he promised the man to sell him the house, & a house on the corner. The agreement of the Commission, he found under the name

That was shifting - but I heard the whole appropri-
 -ation - or, perhaps - as near as Watkins's memory serves.
 These things became no longer. He refused them, as Burke
 stated in full, & only gave me money. He stated moreover
 that he obtained his information of what to do & how
 to operate; from E. P. Smith, with whom he had been
 intimately connected. Said absolutely that E. P.
 Smith had so operated with & contracted - just
 as he did. Watkins says that he presented the
 report in writing & verbally to J. L. Smith, who prom-
 ised immediate action & removal of Pratt.

The late George Whipple, Secretary American Assn. for
 took the matter up. asked a statement from Pratt who
 gave it. on Pratt's statement. Whipple advised that
 Pratt be retained & that the matter be in the hands of the
 Whipple & Whipple. It seems to me that while the
 dinner was going for you & the Whipple; you might as well
 get up a little magazine for their benefit. The trans-
 action was one that the Whipple & Whipple should have had in
 hand. When you have done, call up Watkins's report?
 I asked him to write you himself; he promised me to do so.
 But just before he left (yesterday) he did not have time.
 I told him I am sure, would write you, & do so with his
 consent. Watkins impresses me well. I think him
 efficient. I can understand that he don't care for
 record otherwise than officially - as he is a

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 friend of Mr. Smith, I am. I am sure
 that I shall be able to be of use to you.
 I have just received from Mr. C. a
 copy of the "New York Bill for the
 relief of the poor." I have been
 thinking of it for some time, and
 hope, perhaps, it will.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of the "History of the State of New York." I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of the "History of the State of New York." I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of the "History of the State of New York."

4) There are good many unfinished contracts & other business that cannot be forgot. I will go to inspect the Potawatami & Menominee. I will also visit Mr. Douglas to collect business which I will close on return.

The records of the Indian administration are in good order, and nothing wrong visible. The correspondence & manners of the Agents whom I have seen here indicate pleasant friendly, close cooperation, and things, not associated with Discipline. I have concluded that the Agents have had very much their own way. Two of them Beebe, Page, and Jones, I suspect, made a bad impression on me. I don't think their Agencies will bear examination. The confusion of the office & scattering of papers may have been a result of long papering fires, or from preparation to clean house.

It is a legitimate subject of inquiry, as to what the deposit of the Indian Bureau funds has been in the National Bank of Commerce during five years past. I reported officially to you today, that Mr. Fred W. Hadley - admitted, that if the Cheques for Sinec Indians annuity money, & Trusts - Potawatami were presented. The Bank must close doors. All the Banks in this country are on the verge of bankruptcy.

Let it be your intention. They should be ready any day
 I am greatly obliged to you for the interest you have taken in me.

Very Sincerely Yours

Edw. M. Davis

Feb 14

Mr. M. Luskley.

My dear Sir:

I am just leaving here, with only a few minutes
 left to write what I have to tell you.

Before we can accept Cassius's resignation,
 I must first settle his matters just a little. The in-
 vestigations can be carried on to such extent as
 Mr. Kaye may see fit. But in getting rid of
 him, remember, his clerk is his own clerk &
 the trader another. I am in favor of having
 them go & keep both the clerk. I want to know
 the names of the Agency must be cleared out
 as they are selected for & are in the present interest.
 I have hoped that Mr. Douglas would receive Mr. [?]
 place. That is one he is eminently fitted for. Or possibly
 by Mr. [?] Whitney's place, Chief clerk in Division
 Dept. Interior (think). But if these places are closed
 to him, I am very sorry. I think this is the best thing
 of the kind that can be done for the country.

about mutual. Moreover, Recd Mr Williamson & Mr
 Rippon then to counsel to have his policy, until
 he is fairly made way. Advise him, that if he in-
 tends to take an agency, to do it now & take that.
 all sort of quiet obstacles will be thrown in his way, who ought
 to have a smart experienced clerk to take with him.
 Experience in the Indian affairs & details, is a great
 thing to find. He has been studying George Nicholson
 whom we found here, and wants to take him along as clerk.
 He has had experience both under his father & May, & is
 brighter than usual. Douglass will take care of the Home
 Department. I don't fancy the Native Connection at all
at all but away from friends & family & following
 German whom the Native Agency quarters so cordially
 detect, who will give him the benefit of that they know, I
 am inclined to think, it may be a little of that
 fire to fight the Devil with. I don't think we should take Nicholson.
 Let Mr. Clay, thoroughly understand the situation. Moreover,
 if Mr. Hayt allows the employment of Mr. Nicholson cannot
 insist (as he does now) but Mr. Hayt's opposition
 which is entirely proper, I think we will make
 the statements as to George's position as the Douglas co-
lici-tation, but willingly. I don't think we should let his
 Brand with the Contract, as we cannot stand a treaty
 when nominated Inspector. I don't think we should
 make the affidavits as per their own way, I don't want
 to you. As I prefer to move, I don't want to move them to

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Mr. Douglas was to go on an agency alone, or with
an inexperienced Clerk, he was to be entirely at
the mercy of those among whom he would go &
I don't think much hope to make a success.

He is clinging to it faithfully & manfully,
but he is past middle age & requires time
to master the details of Ind. Bureau accounts.
Intimate enough to any one.

This is why I consent to recommend ^{that} ~~you~~
whether he be allowed to accompany
Mr. Douglas as clerk.

I want Mr. Hest & you to understand
the matter for my consent under the pe-
culiar circumstances -

If you wish, add that I think it would
benefit the Bureau to regard Mr. Hest as
an official shortly & Mr. Hest

Paid for labor making hay \$79.⁰⁰

The above on property returned to the
of King's College

H. H. Livingston Agent

1000 lbs for smoking }
 on two days @ 16.⁰⁰ per ton } Cash Johnson
 200.⁰⁰

1200 Sept. 200 fms. per hour 1600.^m

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Out Mr. J. Martin's New King @ 10

1825. 12. 25. 11

But at 10.00 hours 70 tons hay @ 16.00 420.00

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No entries for purchases of hay or wood
appear in accounts for 1876 or 1877.
up to the close of 8-2-90. 1877.