

Feb 25th

Hon A. J. Lawrence

W. J. Chandler.

Dr Sir

I have this day rec'd your favor Jan 21st.

My presence here shows that I carried out the enterprise which I intimated to you & which you perceive shows your Town Central one side North & South. You will remember! My promotion would not alter your views & wishes in that line, especially as what you & I had both wanted done in this line of course this is confidential. But it was a happy idea I assure you for the service. These Indian & hunting agencies did not want attention badly; & my coming all the while it has about washed me down, has been a better thing for the Govt than I had ever expected possible.

With reference to the Road? I have seen the Mayor, Lexington, the Town Clerk, & the principal Broker, & others. The Rail Road which runs from here to Pleasant Hill East, & to Concordale & West is not opened & some of the iron has been torn up. The share was \$200,000, on which is now a small interest. The new bonds are 6 1/2% 30 yrs from Jan 1st 1878. Sinking fund 1 1/2% interest paid after 3 yrs from date. The City Council is 13 in number. I voted for the issue of \$100,000 new bonds to replace old

in which a majority of the Mayor & Aldermen
the vote against, was on account of the 5% com-
mission to be paid the Boston agents & the Ballou
& Co. 72 Devonshire St Boston, who sold most
of the Bond of Lawrence. There change of funding
the New Bonds. It was not a device to payment
on principle, of the 5% for funding purposes.
The New issue covers both interest & principal but
no interest to be included after Jan 1st or 15th

1878. \$34,500 The issue has been
received for which \$50,000 was loaned of new.
I enclose herewith report of proceedings and action
in Boston, published in the local paper -
I am assured that the City is able to pay interest
on ~~the~~ pay 5% of the debt, that the tax has
been levied to meet the interest on the 5% issue
before mentioned. I have worked from so early an
hour each day until as late as any night since
I came here. That I know little of the people, but
I don't think the City is worse the old debt &
they take payment in good faith of the
compromise Bond. I wish I could
be in Boston inside of 24 hours. I am
absent. But my English is not good.
Very truly yours

Mr. J. P. May Jr
Dear Sir

When you appeared May 19th in my advertising office, I did so as a favor. Knowing how anxious you are to clear up things here. But I did not say so, and I must have obtained the necessary authority before the Bill.

The State is now in a position to require a written authority from the Board of Directors, to permit the printing of the Bill, and the Board of Directors holds that the name of the Board of Directors must be inserted in the Bill. I therefore beg that you will as soon as possible obtain the necessary official letter from the Board of Directors, and forward it to the advertising office with your letter of the 17th. If you need authority for advertising please enclose a copy of the Bill.

With kind regards, I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. P. May Jr

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Hon Saml J Kirkwood
U. S. Senate

Dear Sir

I have rec'd your dispatch saying you will try Dakota first for Col Patten & if that fails then Pawnee. It is proper that I tell you the facts.

The double duties imposed on me by coming here, may keep me away from Dakota some time. Then I have to make a vacancy for cause; which I want to fill with a very reliable man. Col Patten has millions of instruments and yours, & others of my friends. I want him, but I don't want to stand in his way. Is it not better to get him Pawnee Agency in Indian Territory, the agent of which has just sent in his resignation; than to wait for a vacancy not yet made? I have written Col Patten.

Now that you have the case, may command me as you may elect.

Very respectfully
J. H. Hammond

Lawrence Kansas Feby 7th 1878

Mr. M. Seeds Esq

My Dear Sir. I enclose herewith a letter from
Lieut Daugherty Lorrer Boule Post. name erased.
Genl Sheridan has promised that he shall be eligible for
Military Agent if our request is granted, although he was
removed as inspector recently for reporting against an Agt.
officially. Mr Hays can explain. I think it should be
as he advises & requests, and I think I should have per-
sonal conference with Genl. Terry before moving. I
now request an order from Mr Hays directing me to
confer with Genl Terry St Paul if interests of service require.

Please let me know as soon as possible about Military
actg agents. also, as to my letter asking instructions to
Dist Attorney - from Atty General; to examine evidence Mrs Brigham.

I enclose a letter as to apptg a clerk, Hollister at ^{from Michigan} Spotted
Tail. The present incumbent, was brought out by Lawrence,
late Agent & was brought to continue that policy. He should
by all means be removed. (I know personally nothing against
him) Hollister is a graduate of West Point & will get
on well with the Military. Has been Engineer North
Pacific R.R & could in an emergency help as agent
or act as agent. If you dont send Hollister to Spot-
ted Tail, I will ask to have him at Crow Creek. ^{Yours very}
^{Sincerely}
Lawrence

Personal . . . Lawrence Feb'y 7th 1878

Wm M Lusk Esq

My Dear Sir. I enclose herewith a letter from St Daugherty. of down Bowls Post (His name crossed for fear of accidents) He is the gentleman who was named as ins-pector for reporting frauds of Indian Agents Officially (The Agent has the explanation) hence his precaution is right. Besides the necessity on our part for accord with Genl Sarg and the Dept. renders conference with him necessary. even if St Daugherty is not present. Such orders from Mr. Hayt to go to St Paul for conference with Dept comm^r of interest of service demand. Please let me know as soon as possible about Military agents. Also, my letter asking that the Atty Genl instruct District attorney Dakota to examine affidavits & evidence re S. Bingham.

I enclose letter applying for Geo. J. Hollister to be appointed Clerk at Crow Creek now. if Mr Hayt has not assigned him already. You will notice that Daugherty says the agent is obstructing tracks. I presume this is correct, as while I may have difficulty in proving it. I was satisfied that two letters to me were captured by some person in that district. If you take the matter in hand now. you can hardly get Hollister on the ground before our there and want him. The Clerk is a brother in law of the agent & under his control. I don't think he has any idea of the inside workings of the Agency. Nelson the Indian

2 is the man who furnishes the Talent. There, & manages for the agent, who is a Bull Headed, stupid, absolute man. If Hollister gets there before I do. The fact that he was a West Pointer, will be regarded as a Military tendency of things; and will not, without advice from the Bureau be attributed to me. By the way. Don't you think your enquiries as to Livingston's accounts — may have been "leaked"? In any event the presence of an honest well educated man, as Hollister is recommended & seems to be, — and in the interest of the Department; will be the right thing to have. The order that Hollister carries appointing him clerk, should displace his — all present clerk. If you can notify me about your action as to Hollister, I will be obliged. I regard it as important.

The necessity of making up my accounts & returns, and the hitch about the fund out of which the expenses are to be paid, loses me time here. The things have been boxed a week & waiting for shipment. But the ^{agents of} the two Roads East here (Bothland Grant) cannot invent a way to ship the goods. Their principal at Kansas City won't answer either letter or Telegram, and there is no contract with any body to transport anything East. If I can't get rid of them otherwise I must have authority to ship per express, and will take papers on to Dakota & make up papers there. Closing this office is a small matter, complying with the law in doing so, is a very serious one. Very truly Yours
J. H. Hammond

Office Indian Affairs
Lawrence Adams.

Feb 15th 1878.

Genl. A. A. Perry M. J. C.
St. Paul. Minn.

General.

I wish very much in the interest of the service with
military & ind. Bureau.) to meet Lt. W. C. Drumhanty
from the 1st Regt. Military Dist. at your Headquarters,
and confer freely with him in your presence.

The programme laid down in the South House is being
carried out as far as possible.

I do not desire to do things which must be done in your De-
partment with your cooperation if at all, and I shall
call upon you personally.

With me in such, that you will understand the
importance of your report to the Indian Affairs

Respectfully

little delay as possible.

Please Telegraph me your action in the matter, directing to Ogden Horse Council Bluffs until ^{my} Monday, then to Yankton. And let me know about what time to expect him at St Paul.

Very truly, Mrs.

W. H. H. H.

Superior, Dec 1st

Minster, March 1st

Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington D C

Telegrams on details, & inspection duties removed. Inspectors Bond forwarded twenty sixth - Am I deprived of Inspectors pay waiting Pollocks commences in coming. Please reconsider That. Regard attention estimate for funds. Hammond Inspector

Feb 23 1878

Cashier Riggs House
Washington D.C.

Sir,

On Jan 5th I paid my Bill \$32.00 for Rent
from Lodging Dec 28th to Dinner Jan 5th inclusive.
This covers my Bill over part of the 4th Qr 1877
& part of 1st Qr 1878 - which is under Regulations.

I enclose herewith Duplicate receipt Dec 28th
lodging to Dec 31st 1877, inclusive 3 3/4 days - \$13.00
and - from Breakfast Jan 1st 1878 to & including
Supper Jan 5th 1878 - 4 3/4 days \$19.00

Do me the favor Design these two receipts in duplicate
or make out the same on your Bill Head &
send me them as soon as possible & oblige

Very Truly Yours

W. H. Hammond
Superintendent

has been abundantly confirmed, by the examination of In-
spector Watkins, & of the other partially by the examination
of his papers by myself. I visited one at **Feb 26th 1877**

Mr. A. B. Parson

My dear Sir. Your very kind letter of the
4th Feb followed me here.

I was detained at Lawrence a month in closed & details & affairs of the Supdoy. which was one of many years standing, & of course accumulation -

The office was disorderly, dirty! an & evidently a stall
for the Quaker Fraternity at Lawrence & for all persons
where they are a money & intellectual power. The National

Bank & Warehouse contained \$134,000 Govt funds,
arising directly out of Agents deposits & Indian matters,
and the familiarity & associations some seemed to destroy dis-
-pleasure or enforcement of authority. I saw no evidence of
dishonesty: & believe that the conditions were, "The agents do
as they please," of the three whom I saw, two made a
very bad impression on me, very! and each impression

has been abundantly confirmed, by the examination of Inspector Watkins, & of the other partially by the examination of his papers by myself. I visited one agency & will make a report as soon as I receive statistics which I could not collect when there, owing to rain sleet & snow & mud, which prevented navigation on the back of a strong young horse.

Such report I will commend to your attention as one of those showing great wrong favored by circumstances, compelled by a lax system, want of discipline & the mandarin all in the family, sentimental half trader, half missionary style of business, that has applied, not among the Quakers only. There now! If you have mastered the above sentence, you will be ready for the report.

It may also show how 24 young Indian School Children can consume in 9 months; 450 lbs dried apples. 400 lbs beans 1:000

lbs Beef net, 250 lbs candles. 400 lbs hominy. 24 Bx matches. 250 lbs Rice, 12 lbs Soda, 12 lbs spice. 1000 lbs Sugar, 200 lbs Soap, 150 lbs shoes, 25 lbs yeast. without injury to their health. ^{tables in abundance} in addition to farm orga.

But, it will not show how the examiners Washington, have allowed such estimates to pass without question as to the Why!

Yet all this, grew out of careless administration, and the Agent

2, is far better in every way than the average. And, the fact
that the moral of his family law, ^{in short} on school children
provisions is under the arrangements provided by the au-
thorities, inevitable. The organization of the agency must
be changed, before the administration can be done. I think
or succeed.

I found Dr Nicholson an easy, good natured gentleman, giving to reflection & quiet studious habits: relying on his young son only about 20 or 21 yrs old, a boy without experience but of both ability & action.

The accounts were in excellent condition. The Agents did (evidently) as they pleased. That's all there is Gray.

The constantly accumulating evidences of outrageous criminal practices in this Territory demand more than mere removals. When opened up, they will be as much a question as Boston's whiskey prosecutions. The proofs are stronger than I supposed possible. I may conclude, that Mr. Hay ^{should} ~~find~~ ^{decide} just how far & in what manner we proceed. The present diet is away. He & one (and) was unfaithful.

Very sincerely & respectfully

N.B. among other things, signs of the times - Pratt & Ferris are working out of all their interests in this Country, and all the ring men are strongly in favor of transferring the Bureau, (or rather the administration

Save the Mission Boarding School.

There would be no propriety in his paying for the
Teacher, for food furnished by the school fund.

While the Condition of things show **Feb 27th 1898**

Hon Commr Indian Affairs

Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Estimate of Indian Supplies &c
Pittman's Industrial School, & Shops, and Mission
Industrial School. These Estimates
Recommend that there be cut down one third, only, so that
no inconvenience may result. ^{2/3 of the estimate is enough}
During the next 90 days, you may in connection with my report
and recommendation, change the system, so that hereafter
no such extravagant estimate will be required.
The actual condition is, that while I was attending school only
16 Boys the eldest 14, and 8 girls all under 14 have one, in addi-
-tion to those regularly fed, one 2 Teachers, a nation, the farmer, and
Blacksmith, Cook, Landowner, Agent (when there) visitors (a good many)
and usually, I was informed a large number of Indians, who come
for a good meal, & are persuaded in favor of the school. While there,
I eat 7 Regular family, 5 white guests, two Indian guests, & not
less than 20 Indians at odd meals. All the food for these comes from
the children's supplies & makes an unreasonably large estimate.
No deception is practiced, as the words "subsisted by Pittman's
-Tamil school funds" appears in the school reports, as to
Teachers, Employed & servants. The result is, Guests fed
from the same fund (crit) No House is provided by Govt
for the Agent, when there, he has no place to go save

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Save the Mission Boarding School.

There would be no propriety in his paying his son the Teacher, for food furnished by the School Fund.

While the Condition of things should be changed as soon as possible: I do not feel justified in unequalled censure until Govt makes other arrangements, and affords means for carrying them out —

While the Teachers employees & servants live on the Childrens food, I desire to bear testimony as to their hard work & attention to their duties & their efficiency

as to the large quantity of clothing material: the time I was able to spend on the Agency, did not enable me to form an opinion of its necessity & economical use.

I have been waiting for statistical information, promised but not forwarded. I will proceed now to make my report without it — and will endeavor to recommend some practical way of changing the system herein described —

Very Respectfully

G. Mott, Sergeant

L. H. Hammond

Inspector

1843. Was recalled did not visit the other parts of the agency. I went for, or what questions I could! I can't afford to give myself away, when I only

Yaukton D.T.

Feb 28th 1878

Col Post Ansell
Washington D.C.

My Dear Colonel

Rumors of transfer to Bureau War Dept reach me & from positive information, I can say, that it is to squelch investigation. The ring thieves, misprimaries who fear de-
fection & dishonest agents want transfer before inves-
tigation can be reached. The Army (Sherman) wants it
to furnish employment & prevent further cutting down -
A judicious selection of dissatisfied or semi hostile tribes
who have made no change or progress & turning of them
over to the army is good, but such a move is destructive. Deny
trading of rifle support, which I know can be taught -
I have just returned from Hautes, where I have seen more
comfort & better farms among the Potawatamies, than among
their white neighbors -

The actual casualties perpetrated under the so called
Church Rule, have been beyond belief. The present com-
mittees as so constituted cannot get at anything.
They don't know whom to send for, or what questions to
ask! I can't afford to give myself away, when I only

from part of the outfit. I feel that I am prejudged,
and the game made. — I had some talk with
Teller Representative of Colorado. who seemed to enter into
my plans, & suggested the 103 Comtee. I want to know what
do nothing. I proposed a special Senate Committee of 5,
Judge Davis of Ill. & Teller to head it — one of these Chicago
day matters of Ohio, Beck of Ill. & Dan Tabor of
If you think well of it, write me here. I know just what
questions back and whom I could go on and can promise
such Committee a success beyond doubt. They could make
a case & sing by far than Brierton had on Whiskey, & Col
Ingersoll. They could expose a hypocrisy & a scandal
among Reformed sinners. That would be perfectly electri-
fying. And, they could perform a real national, as
well as patriotic act. If you think well of it, write me at
once. You will find Teller eager for it. I can be ordered
to Washington by such Committee, or ordered there to help
form it. But that I will trust to you & Judge Davis or
Teller. Of course they must furnish horses & food for
persons & papers. I will do all the hard work for them.
I'm glad it was good in some way to let me go through
& I will do all I can for. Pollock & may save him a time,
a good one some time.

My best respects to your wife & daughters
Yours friend
J. H. Hammond

Has made refund Inspector
to date from Feb 6th.

March 1 1878

Hon Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir

A Guttman named Carrier showed me this evening an office letter mentioning a document written by said Carrier & referred by me to the Hon Commissioner. Mr Carrier says he wrote me such a letter, which to the best of my belief, I never received, & certainly have no recollection of.

As the writer stated that it was a private letter, I by leave of claim possession of it, & ask that it be sent to me at once. I would not rely on what Mr Carrier says on the alleged subject of the letter. I am of the missionaries, and it is one that I certainly have no right, or desire to be mixed up in.

Very Respectfully W. H. Hammond
Inspector

Yukon D.T.

March 4th 1878.

Hon E. A. Sayer

Commissioner Ind Affrs.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge rec^d of Telegram I rec^d.
by which I am informed that my "Pay as Inspector will
commence when relieved by Pollock."

I beg leave to enter ^{no objection} ^{against such decision}
and to respectfully ^{submit} ^{ration.}

Office letter of Feb 16th ad.

mation, although properly addressed: side: was by mistake

of address on envelope. 9 days en route. Rec^d Feb 25th, my

Bond was executed & forwarded Feb 26th.

If I had to leave this place before entering on the duties of
Inspector: The arrival of my successor might be held to deter-
mine the time of my departure, and consequent arrival
on the new scene of duty. But I am and have been since

at time prior to my appointment as Inspector, performing all the duties incident to that office, which if Mr Pollock were here now would be continued without change of location.

The arrival of the new Superintendent cannot therefore have any influence whatever on the commencement of my duties as Inspector, or on my arrival at my post.

If I am directed, I would properly suffer, But: under the ruling, that my pay as Inspector commences only with his arrival, I may be, by the fault of Mr Pollock, or by accident to him, or by his failure to give acceptable Bond; deprived of my pay an indefinite length of time.

When my appointment was made by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and an acceptable Bond furnished by me, I hold the conditions to have been fulfilled, and that I am entitled to the pay accruing to the office, under the Regulations of the Department, the same as though I had no successor in office; and that my absence from duty, or on fault of mine, can do no prejudice my rights, which cannot be withheld by the delay of another person.

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as I have shown. I presented my Remittance promptly in the
amount named, and the duty on the duties of the duty
is not dependent on being retained as deposit.

I have the honor to request that my pay as Inspector
shall be made entirely independent of the movements
of the Polls, my account in the duty.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant

To S. Inspector

Wm. W. W.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant

Respect

Superior

I have the honor to request that my pay as
Inspector shall be entirely independent of the
movements of the Polls, my account in the

My Remittance is for duty. The amount
is not dependent on being retained as deposit.
I have the honor to request that my pay as
Inspector shall be entirely independent of the
movements of the Polls, my account in the

as I have shown. I presented my Remittance promptly in the
amount named, and the duty on the duties of the duty
is not dependent on being retained as deposit.

Yaukton D.T.

March 6th 1878.

Mr. H. L. Lueders

My Dear Sir. I have your letter of Feb 28th. and not with
 many of the detail of officers. but am still in doubt the fact
 as to whether Daugherty has been detailed. I am acting on the
 presumption that he has. He arrived last night & I go with him in
 the morning to St Paul. He reports ice broke out last Wednesday Feb
 27th at Snake River Bend, & the river open from here to Red Bluff.
 A Boat will try to get at Sioux City between the 10th & 15. The Com
 missioner can't depend on navigation before the 20th to 30th.
 Capt Schwan is well spoken of (to take his place.) My plan
 is (presuming that Daugherty has been detailed) to put Hollister
 arrived & not being drilled in acct, in Russell's place at Crow
 Creek at once as clerk. He brings letters from Army officers & will be
 introduced by the Comd. of Fort Snare Post & get him in possession
 of papers. As soon as he return from St Paul. Daugherty at
 once to displace at Fort Snare Gregory. and at Crow Creek
 Livingston. I will send Durfee with him to take the place of
 the Chief Farmer at Crow Creek. He is a stirring, active

2 Shrewd man & just the one to displace Mr. Bass Farmer at
 Crow Creek, who is a well trained sort of Livingston, or
 rather Hudson the trader. - I have already sent up Mc
 Clure from here to Fort Boulé, to have him ready as Bass
 Farmer in charge there. Then I will get my evidence & I
 must be very clean. For Paxton of Omaha, Bingham,
 and Livingston are interested in the Medicine Creek
 Ranch. I enclose herewith enquiries separated
 to be used in slips & hope you will let me have the
 information at earliest date possible.

Livingston has been up to Minnesota to see Bingham &
 Bishop Whipple. Lieut Dougherty says he has been
 herding cattle around on the Agency & Fort
 Boulé & off to the Washington Hills since he returned.
 He went to see Bingham no doubt to arrange for mutual pro-
 tection - Paxton his partner in the Medicine Ranch will
 control Paddock sure & influence Saunders.

Your office is leaking. The report is on the sheets here that
 all the agents are to be changed, and has been since I came.
 Referring to what Bosler said of Livingston, Crow Creek has
 been the center. The location makes it convenient. & Hudson &
 his store have been the pivot on which most of the huge
 transactions have swung. Livingston is a resolute, but not
 an intelligent and hardly a well educated man. but he
 has had Hudson, Paxton, Bingham, & Hedges to advise & back

3. him up. I have heard all about how the charges against the
Postmaster were chopped off, and his report secured.
It is an interesting chapter but bad for us. Livingston &
Rixton, & Bingham & our friends are all in one. Please send me
your address away from the office. As I cannot hear of
you in any other way. I have sent a messenger Thomas
Lora, to arrange for telegraphing from there to keep this
place & time being.

I am sincerely glad Mr. Hayt is back. I have been in fear &
troubled lest he would not be able to close his business.
You must have had a hard row to hoe.

I note what you say of Saunders & Paddock & Dwyer.
I will send you a plan to get Wilson & Kirkwood active
to offset them.

My respects to Mr. Hayt: I hope he can stick now &
see things through. He must make up his mind to open a
Bristol whiskey fight. if I bring out Livingston in full,
and consider well. There is no doubt as to the evidence, but
he has no argument to buy any evidence wanted & the

44 Nov. 10. Monday Line Street —

My dear Dr. Barker appt. 2 M Dept St Paul.
This is a good place for Douglas until confirmed
or, if he is not confirmed —

Truly Yours

A. Hammond

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or inventory, written vertically along the left margin.]

Walter B.

March 1878.

My dear

My dear

I enclose herewith a letter. The theory of
which is that you ship the guns to C. C. Purser
care of Genl. J. M. Hammond. And deliver to
Yankton, Dakota. I suppose of course they
are in some sort of covers. If not, you must
wrap box or in some way protect them for the purpose
of shipment. If they wont pack them to Purser
ship them to me any way, under some direction.
Of course you must retain title these guns in line
of money, because I need money. & to return you to
that extent, in the hope that it may be all right.
Therefore, expect you to put them in the hands of the
ship without delay. And account for mail. And statement
of the whole account as it stands. Will delay these
guns, while you to pay balance due & return, and to

Office Dakota Southern R.R. Co
 Yauktion Dakota Feb. 26th 1878

J. H. Hammond Esq

Infot Ind affs

Dakota Superintendy

Sir

I enclose you duplicate receipt for the
 freight charges viz \$5⁰⁰, which the Dakota
 Southern R.R. Co paid on the Deck for your
 office on Sept 13th 1877. To the Sioux City
 and Pacific Rail Road, which \$5¹⁰, is freight
 on said deck from Chicago Illinois the place
 of shipment, to Sioux City Iowa, at which
 place we connect with the Eastern Roads.
 The Dakota Southern Rail Road Co's receipt
 to you was for \$7⁴⁰ - which included
 this \$5⁰⁰, back to Chicago, and our charge
 to Yauktion Dakota, the place of final delivery

Respectfully

E. L. Davidson

Ag't D. S. R. R. Co

at Yauktion

Don Cameron Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

March 14th 1878

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith, marked
Receipt of W. Shipman for \$5, plus one of office,
Authority for purchase of office supplies & hire of
assistance in the care of office —

Receipt for charges on Dock from Chicago, with
Explanation as to back charges, and to request
that these papers be handed to the Robert's
Clerk in Mr Randall's Division, and by him placed in
my account as Superintendent - 3^d Quarter 1877.

I have the honor also to ask that I be furnished
immediately with a list of exceptions if there
are any, to my account rendered as Superinten-
dent Dakota Superintendency - for the 3^d Quarter
of 1877.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. servant
J. H. Hammond
Dist. Inspector

March 1877

Hon Commissioner Ind Affs
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to ask in relation to
what accounts and returns are to be
made by me as Indian Agent.

Under what title or name of office
that fees for
Clerk in the Passover
my accounts as ~~Indian Agent~~ ^{Inspector} for funds?

I have the honor to ask that you will
immediately with will ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~of these~~
me any. to my accounts as ~~Inspector~~ ^{Inspector}
Sust Dakota Superintendent ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Inspector~~ ^{Inspector}
of 1877.

Very Respectfully
Yours of & service
W. H. Hammond
Ind Agent

March 18th 1878

Hon Commr Ind Affairs
Washington D.C

Sir

I have the honor to request information as to
expenses allowed Inspectors.

The accounts that I have seen in the Indian Bureau
include Hotel Bills, Hire of Teams, & generally ex-
penses on duty.

Inspector Watkins informed me that he was allowed
all expenses & was on duty at all times when not at home.
The instructions rec'd with my commission say
I allow me no expenses whatever except mileage &
compel me to know the number of miles travelled,
which is impossible to more than guess at here.
Much of my travel here & in all the Territories
must be by Team, and I require subsistence.

I have the honor to request explicit information as to whether I am to be allowed my expenses while on duty, whether actually on the move, or not, and whether I am authorized to hire Teams, when I cannot get public conveyances, and whether I am authorized to buy subsistence when out in reach of Hotels & Taverns.

I also desire to know whether I am on duty when not at home.

I request that this information be given me in a shape that will enable me to file copies with my accounts for the satisfaction of auditing officers.

I have the honor to ask an early answer.

Very Respectfully

Your obt servant

A. H. Hammond

Ind. Inspector

Much of my travel has to be in all the Territories must be by Teams, and I require subsistence.

Telegram.

Sanctus March 19th 1870.

Commissioner Indian Affairs.

Washington D.C.

Telegram received last night.
 Notes noted already in letter as agent.
 Have them under way.

Go myself immediately on receiving
 authority to hire team, purchase
 subsistence and incur expenses
 of carrying out your orders at
 Red Cloud and elsewhere.

Instructions as to expense, sent
 with Commission won't apply
 here. Ask authority to hire
 and subsist Interpreter if necessary.

Request approval return from
 St Paul via Chicago, saved much
 time. Don't forget Huston - Post
 master - Please answer immediately.

Hammond
 Inspector.

(Gov. note)
 Beg immediate attention to telegrams yesterday and
 this morning. very anxious to have tonight
 Hammond Inspector

Yankton D.T.

March 17th 1878

W.M. Leach

My Dear Sir

The Dist. Atty & I gave all the time he could spare on Friday & Saturday, even to the extent of adjourning the Grand Jury. Now we had the help of the Ch. Justice — and, find no law by which we can search for or take any property in the hands of a Thief, neither can we make territorial law operate in an Indian Agency.

I have therefore fallen back on the old common law, & will take the property of the Indians & Boot from Livingston's Ranches, and in Trader Hudson's Store at Crow Creek, and let them prove property. I don't believe they will wish that, but they are willing. They are lost & will be lost.

I find also that to indict — I must bring witnesses all the way here to Yankton —

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The Deputy Sheriff is the son of one of the partners in
the store where the property is being sold.

If a writ issues, the cost of a man to serve it, will
be not less than - 20 days at \$2.00 per day - for
this the Nf Marshall receives just \$2.00 Total

It is arranged to appoint Duffee Deputy Sheriff.
Now with the Atty & Judge honest & doing their best & the
Marshall true - You see where the deficient ~~leave~~
leave us. I give you a draft on this & will present
the Atty's written opinion when he gets a chance to make
it -

Dougherty has gone, ~~we will~~ to take charge &
will be there about the same time - If I had not gone my-
self to see Genl. Terry & Sheridan, there is no telling where
we would have got to work, as each one waited on the other.
We will seize the Nf property & under the powers conferred
on Inspectors will take all necessary testimony - & make
report. Bear in mind, it will take some days to reach
the Agency from here, with letters; and Telegrams can
only go to White Swan 85 miles - I have engaged a
good Team & driver and will start just as soon as
I get authority to hire a Team & buy some provisions,
which I will Telegraph for tomorrow.

Instructions with my commission don't give me any
power to travel where a Team has to be hired, nor
to pay subsistence. Yours very truly
J. H. Hammond

The Deputy Sheriff, the son of one of the partners in
the partnership the property is being sold.
He will appear the cost of a man to move it, will
be not less than 25 days and 25 men day - 250

March 16th 1878
Hon Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith my
estimate for funds for the fractional
first quarter of 1878.

Please forward the money to the First
National Bank of Jackson Dakota for
credit to the place to my credit.

Very Respectfully
Yours to the point
W. H. Hammond
Indian Inspector
We will seize the N. P. Co. Your govt. report
on inspectors will take a report. Bear in mind, it will take some time to reach
the Agency from here. with letters, and I can only
only go to White Swan 85 miles - I have engaged a
good team & driver and will start just as soon as
I get authority to hire team & buy some provisions,
which I will telegraph for tomorrow.
Instructions with my Commission don't give me any
power to travel where a team has to be hired.
to pay subsistence & my own party

the same as before

Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to call attention to
letter Feb 5th, as to authority for pub-
-lication in Lawrence Kansas. For the
sale of office furniture &c
also letter of Feb 25th asking atten-
-tion to that of Feb 5th - and it
request an answer thereto.

Very respectfully
Yours &c

W. H. Lawrence

Antine Spectator

March 20th 8

Lucius C. Pardee Esq

Sir I return herewith your bill which please make over again; date it 20th March, so as to be subsequent to my authority to buy.

I also enclose herewith check no 8379 on the Commercial National Bk Chicago for \$20 — being less .02 of the amt of your Bill Box and but not delivered, so that I have not used contents. Suppose it all right — Please make your bills in triplicate (our office likes paper)

Very truly Yours

A. Hammond

And Inspector

Mch 18th 8

Hon Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Book containing orders for Transportation on Land Grant Rail Road, which belongs to the articles in Box Co. of the property returned from Lawrence Kansas, and which was returned to me from there under a mis-understanding.

I take this occasion to request attention of the Hon Commr of Indian Affairs to the articles forwarded from Lawrence.

and to ask an acknowledgment of their receipt: without which my accounts are liable to be refused or disallowed without fault of mine.

Very Respectfully

Ym obt Servant

J. H. Stansford

Ind Inspector.

March 18th

Hon Comr Indian Affairs
Washington D. C

Sir

On return to Yankton from St Paul, I found your
office letter March 1st enclosing copies of acct
in favor of Frances B. Welch \$43. 33
in favor of George T. Nicholson \$115. 55, both
for services rendered at Lawrence Kansas.

I have the honor to reply, That when I received
Mr Nicholson at Lawrence Kansas under orders dated
Jan'y 7th 1878; I discharged the clerk under the same
instructions: on the 14th of January.

Dr Mr Nicholson rendered the services of Frances
B Welch, which I declined; supposing that she
was discharged. He requested me to acknowledge
that her services had been tendered, which to the
best of my recollection, I did.

A large number of contracts & unfinished pur-
chases remained - to be closed. The knowledge
of George T. Nicholson of goods, circumstances

individuals were indispensable to me & to my
- clerk. He remained in the office making his
- father's returns, but at all times willingly render-
- ing assistance both as to information & writing
- on the vouchers & other matters of current busi-
- ness, & on returning incident to closing the ledger.
I accepted these services which were, for a season, of
- stated of great value to the Government, saving
- time & money, and for which I expected to ask
- payment for him.

About the 11th of February a second Presidential
- order was received, dated February 9th 1878, which
- treated all the clerks serving under William McKi-
- nelson as in the service until Feb 10th, and ex-
- pressly terminated their service on that date.

I take it for granted then, that both clerks were
- in the service & entitled to pay until discharged
- by the second Presidential order, but I can only
- certify in accordance with the foregoing state-
- ment of the facts.

If you direct, or if you on the above statement hold
- that the two clerks were in my employment, I
- will by your order, make out a roll of employ-
- ees, but request that the oath be dispensed
- with: as I did not employ them.

Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Please send my accounts fourth quarter last
year, first quarter this year soon as possible
whether finished or not to me here care of
Superintendent Indian Affairs. I have his
papers. Can I add to the returns my account
as Superintendent for first six days in March
Inspector ship commenced Seventh

Washington
May 30th

Hammond
Inspector.

May 10th 1878

My dear Sir

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

I am very glad to hear that you are well and happy. I hope you are getting on. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I am very glad to hear that you are well and happy. I hope you are getting on. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

Yours truly,
J. H. [Signature]

Waukegan Ill. May 20th 1878
 Hon Commr Inds Affairs
 Washington D.C.

Sir

In reply to your letter of April 19th just received informing me that the Secretary of the Interior had directed me to pay Jesse Dillard. I have the honor to state that I employed Jesse Dillard by the express authority of the Secretary of the Interior, as an copy of telegram from me to him is attached.

The Hon Secretary of the Interior, grants your request for purchase of packing boxes, for employing messenger, and Post Office Exp.

I found Jesse Dillard employed in the office of the District Superintendent as a Messenger & retained him under the above authority.

The work was done with which to pay him; and was done in five telegrams between May 25th and Feb 14th. I have the closing of the Ensign and the D. A. etc. I had to pay Jesse Dillard as to discharge an obligation incurred under authority of the Head of the Department. It is necessary to discharge the obligation. It is totally uncollectible by the Department. Not one word in the Act can be applied to the situation or the use of language be used to apply to

This case. Such application in violation of a Statute, makes dangerous obedience to the orders of a superior officer, unless such orders be accompanied or preceded by the cash.

I have the honor to request that this letter and the accompanying Telegram be submitted without delay to the Hon Secy of the Interior.

The voucher for \$18¹² was cashed for me by the First National Bank of Boston.

Notwithstanding this, the voucher sent by the officers of the Bank for collection, was placed among my accounts and sent to the office of the Auditor or Comptroller. I request that the voucher be withdrawn from my accounts and treated where it belongs as part of the property of the Bank.

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

W^m Hammond

Ind^t Inspector

The Filson Historical Society

Personal

Council Bluffs Iowa
Feb. 16th 1878.

Mr E. A. Hays
Dear Sir

Will you be good enough to let me know soon as possible whether the military acts agents are to be app't. Mr Leeds wrote me some time ago that he had gone with the Secretary of the City Council on that subject - Also - What has been done about referring the charges vs. Ex. Asst. Bingham to Capt. H. Dyer City Dakota.

I must know what plan I am working to - I have a letter signed by Acty. Comr. Holcomb, asking as to app't. of L. L. Turner ^{as trader} to succeed Jewett at Spotted Tail. Turner is ostensibly clerk of Bonesteel at Springfield. Since his failure, everything is in Bonesteel's name. They have Barker at Santee - They can keep on changing names of course, but when we know it, we should not work to their plans. If such men as Turner are allowed to succeed Jewett, or Jewett is allowed to continue at Spotted Tail, or Hudson is left trader at Crow Creek there is little use in moving Agents.

I gave Mr Leeds full explanation of this. How did the letter come to be written to me? Mr ^{missionary} is sometimes a Jewett's endorser. I see. Should they interfere in

trader ships - That's one of the things ch^d vs. Kansas. I telegraphed promptly not to appoint Turner, I am very sorry indeed that the Governor of Dakota has been selected from Michigan. Anywhere but there. I say this without any reflection on his intelligence or integrity.

Jan 14th '88

Personal.

Dear Mr. A. Hayt

My dear Sir

I returned by the train
running, after I asked arrived Sunday morning.
Mr. Douglas missed connection at St. Louis and
reached here Saturday night.

Early this AM I introduced myself to Dr. McLaughlin
after some conversation during which I observed that
the office has been a sort of "Quaker No No." Presented
The President's order.

"It manifests no surprise, but quietly said,
"Certainly if the Commissioner wishes it."

Then just as quietly impeded progress so that at night
we had only checked off his property schedule.

Then came the question of a list under Section
100. I was satisfied that this was raised for a law.
but as he was technically right I telegraphed you.
Ever. Doug. Son has been at work on his task.

Papers. & I am not at all satisfied with the explanation
 as to why so many documents were scattered about.
 The copyist Miss Welch, altho' in Govt employ
 was very busy & apparently on private papers &
 could not assist in getting ready to turn over things.
 The room was dirty, very. Things scattered more
 like a place on the move than a permanent Govt office.
 The immense number of ~~old~~ documents; ~~many~~
 wanted. Evidently preparation of some kind has
 been going on for some time past. We will find
 nothing except by comparison & inference. Even
 envelopes, pencils pens &c, were nearly all
 gone. Things generally run down.

I notice in ~~the~~ 2d 2d 1877. Postage Stamp Expended

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- produce, or carelessness.

The furniture except one desk is old & worn
 out. Horses & Buggy. Old, rusted & worth
 nothing. If you want the office closed, I
 should be ordered at once to sell the stuff
 for whatever I can get.

The Horses Harness & Buggy are worth very little
more than the keeping of the Horses for me quarter
#85 —

I can scarcely venture an opinion as to
how long I must remain here. The amount
to do & to account for is much greater than
I expected — The mass of papers is immense
dating back to the times when the Supt. was
in St Louis. Atchison &c &c —
There are a great many deeds to deliver to
Indians & others — of lands taken in acor-
-ately & Indian land sold &c &c: but the
time required will depend on what you
may require done. There is no money here
to pay a clerk, or to pay the Supt. The funds:
for this quarter not having been rec'd yet. I will require
authority to go to the Kansas Agency. Agt. Muth's esti-
mates for schools certainly require that I should go.
Very Respy Yours &c &c
J. H. Muth

Council Bluffs Iowa
Feb 16th 1878

Hon Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D.C

Sir

I have honor to enclose herewith my
official Bond with ample sureties
for the sum required.

The delay has been occasioned by
my own absence on duty connected
with the Central Bureau Tuesday
and the absence of one of the messengers
to whom the Blank was sent

Very Respectfully

Wm H. Loring

Blanchard Council Bluffs

Received
Feb 16 1878
Wm H. Loring
Council Bluffs
Iowa

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