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My Dear Mr. Volk.

The Photographs promised you are enclosed

1st Lieutenant S. G. Trimble.

1st Sergeant A. H. Reed - { and it is the only Photo of himself and
highly prized.

Corporal John S. Mullen, who also carried the Colors (State Banner)

Please return to me when you are through with them.

To Douglas Volk,
Center Lovell,
Oxford County, Maine.

Sincerely Yours
J. C. Donahower.

MAP
OF A PORTION OF
MISSIONARY RIDGE

ILLUSTRATING THE POSITIONS OF
BAIRD'S & WOOD'S DIV'S.

Nov. 23, 24 and 25, 1865.

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CASS GILBERT,
ARCHITECT,

79-85 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

ENDICOTT BLDG.,
ST. PAUL.

NEW YORK, Mar. 25, 1905.

Personal

My dear Mr. Volk;--

I am greatly pressed for time to-day, as I am about leaving for St. Louis, and can only write a short note to say that I hope you will not discuss the matter of the cost of the battle picture with anyone until you have seen and talked it over with me. Should the subject be brought up and it is necessary to make any statement regarding the cost, I would say ^{that} ~~that~~ I have in mind a recommendation of \$6000.00. *as I find the artists generally feel that less than this would be insufficient* I trust, however, it will not be necessary to discuss the matter at all until I have had a chance to talk it over with you.

Very truly yours,



Mr. Douglas Volk,

c/o Minnesota Club,

St. Paul, Minn.

G-A.

CASS GILBERT,
ARCHITECT,
79-85 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

Personal



*Mr. Douglas T. Talbot
of Minnesota Club
St. Paul, Minn.*



NEW STATE CAPITOL IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

State of Minnesota

MILITARY STOREKEEPER.

St. Paul, April 5 '85

Mr. Douglas Volk,
21 W. 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I sent you by mail a copy of the 1st Volume of the "Minnesota Regiment in ^{the} Civil and Indian Wars." I sent this at the request of Mr. Corlies, a member of the Minnesota Capitol Commission. This is the copy that is kept in this office for record, and I will have to ask you to return it when you are through with it, as this volume has been completely exhausted.

Very Respectfully
W. H. Hatcher,
Military Storekeeper,
St. Paul, Minn

Minnesota Capitol.

CASS GILBERT,
ARCHITECT.

79-85 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

ENDICOTT B'LD'G.
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL Apr. 6, 1905.

Mr. Douglas Volk,

21 West 31st St.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Volk:

I have much pleasure in telling you that the Board of Capitol Commissioners have authorized me to prepare a contract with you for the painting of the 2nd Minnesota Regiment at the Battle of Mission Ridge, and that they offer the sum of \$6000.00 for the said work. I will prepare a contract as soon as practicable, in the usual form.

I congratulate the State of Minnesota upon this action, and understand from what you have said to me that the order will be acceptable to you.

Of course it will be understood that you must personally visit the battle field and also visit Minnesota, confer with the representatives of the regiment and make such research as necessary to give historic accuracy to the work. I cannot undertake to personally aid you in these details, but I am sure your knowledge and experience will guide you to a satisfactory result in all these matters.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

G-H.

Cass Gilbert
Architect

P.S. This is the formal notice of course you know all about it already

Minnesota Capitol.

CASS GILBERT,
ARCHITECT.

79-85 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

ENDICOTT B'LD'G.
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, Apr. 8, 1905.

Mr. Douglas Volk,

21 West 31st St.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

In looking up my memorandum of several months ago, I find that the assignment of the historical pictures in the Governor's Reception room places the 2nd Minnesota Regiment at the left hand side of the principal entrance to the room; that is to say, it is in the panel on the north side of the room next east of the central door, and the light will come from the windows on the opposite side of the room.

The dimensions of the picture have been quoted to me as 8' 4-1/2" long x 6' 5-1/4" high. I cannot be responsible for these dimensions, and you should take your own or obtain them from some one not connected with my office.

The ornamental moulding is in place and it will only be necessary to secure the picture in place by a small plain moulding, which will be done at the building.

I expect to be in New York the last part of next week, and can confer with you regarding the contract. then.

Yours truly,

G-H.



The National
Arts Club
New York

Coley

Nos. 37 and 39
West 34th Street
Manhattan

Mr. Cass Gilbert,
Arch't. Minn. State Capitol

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

I am in receipt
of your favor of the
6th Inst. advising
me that the Board
of Capitol Commissioners
had awarded me the
contract to paint
for the Capitol building,
at St. Paul, "The great
Minnesota experiment at
the battle of Mission Ridge".
I hereby formally
accept the Commission.

which lies within
my power to
find it.
Thanking you and
the Board of Commis-
sioners for this expression
of confidence,

Yours

Very truly yours
Douglas Cook,

21 - W. 31st St. N. Y.

April 10th 1905

and take occasion
to express to you
and the Board,
my genuine gratification
over the prospect
of painting an
other picture for
the superb building
which you have
reared.

The subject which
has been assigned
to me, is a most
important and interesting
one, and shall receive
at my hands the
most painstaking effort,
and the keenest interest

Minn. Capitol.

CASS GILBERT,
ARCHITECT,

79-85 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

ENDICOTT BLDG.,
ST. PAUL.

NEW YORK, Apr. 19, 1905.

Mr. Douglas Volk,
21 West 31st Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Volk:-

I enclose herewith for your signature and return, original and duplicate copies of contract which I have drawn up between yourself and the Board of State Capitol Commissioners of Minnesota, for the painting of the picture "The Second Minnesota Regiment at the Battle of Mission Ridge". Please read the same over and fill in the blank space in section "4" on the second page, affixing your signature in the presence of a witness, whose signature must also appear in the space opposite your name. Do not fill in the dates as that will be done by the Vice-President of the Board when he signs. I will forward both copies to the Board and one of them will be returned to you when it has been signed by Mr. Seabury.

Yours very truly,

A.



2 Encs.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this 26th day of May in the year nineteen hundred and five (1905) between the Board of State Capitol Commissioners of the State of Minnesota, party of the first part, and Douglas Volk, of the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, party of the second part.

1. The party of the second part does hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said party of the first part, a legally appointed board acting for the State Of Minnesota, that he, the said party of the second part, shall and will, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, make, erect, and finish the picture of The Second Minnesota Regiment at the Battle of Mission Ridge, to be placed in the Governor's Reception Room in the new State Capitol at St. Paul, Minnesota, the same to be in general conformity with the sketches which are to be submitted by the said party of the second part and approved by Cass Gilbert, Architect, of the said building.

2. The painting is to be done on canvas, properly stretched and secured to the wall of said room in such manner as to be permanent, without wrinkling or cracking. The work is to be done to the satisfaction and under the direction of the said Architect, the same to be testified to by a certificate in writing signed by said Architect.

3. The designs, preliminary sketches, studies and cartoons for the said work, as instruments of service, are the property of the said party of the second part, but in case of his death or disability prior to the completion of the said work, the party of the first part is to have the right to make use of such preliminary and sketches, studies, cartoons, together with the painting so far as the same may have progressed, for the purpose of completing the same, and in such event, the said sketches, studies and cartoons are to be placed in charge of the Architect for this purpose, and the person or persons selected to finish such work shall be an artist or artists of recognized ability, such a shall be recommended by the Advisory Board of Decorative Design and approved by the party of the first part, and the completion of the said picture shall be

subject to the approval of the Architect. When the work is completed, the said sketches, studies and cartoons are to be promptly returned.

It is further provided that in event of such death or disability the value of the work partly completed over and above that which may have already been certified and paid, shall be appraised by the Architect, and certificate or payment for same shall be made to the executors, heirs, assigns or duly authorized representatives of said second party, and the same shall be paid by the State.

4. The party of the second part agrees to immediately begin the sketches for this work and to submit them for approval at the earliest practicable date, and that he will proceed with the work comprised in this contract so as to finish the several parts thereof as soon as possible consistent with a complete and satisfactory artistic development thereof.

The said painting is to be entirely ~~xxx~~ finished and erected in place complete withinmonths from the date hereof; and the party of the second part expressly agrees that he will so progress the work as to finish it within that time.

5. The said party of the first part agrees to pay unto the said party of the second part, or his duly authorized representatives the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the said painting (without frame).

6. The payments upon the work are to be made in the following manner;

Fifteen per cent is to be paid when the preliminary sketch showing the design of the painting is presented and approved; twenty-five per cent when the cartoon is made; fifty per cent when the painting is placed; and ten per cent when the work is finished and approved. All such payments to be made upon the certificate of the Architect.

7. To protect the interest of the State of Minnesota, it is further agreed that the party of the second part, before delivery of the Architect's certificate for the first payment on this contract,

shall execute and deliver to the party of the first part, either a Bill of Sale covering the full amount named in this contract, or a Bond that shall be satisfactory to the said party of the first part, as the latter may elect.

8. The party of the second part shall, for his own protection, obtain a copyright on the work designed and executed by him, and all right of copyright shall rest in him. He shall also maintain during the progress of the work, full insurance on the designs, preliminary sketches, studies, cartoons and the painting itself, in his own name and in the name of the Board of State Capitol Commissioners of the State of Minnesota, against loss or damage by fire; the loss, if any, shall be made payable to the parties hereto as their interests may appear.

9. The Board of State Capitol Commissioners for and on behalf of the State of Minnesota hereby covenants, promises and agrees to and with the said party of the second part, Douglas Volk, that it shall and will, in consideration of the covenants and agreements being strictly performed and kept by the said party of the second part, as specified, well and truly, pay or cause to be paid unto the party of the second part the amount or amounts hereinabove stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties here hereunto affixed their signatures this.....*26*.....day of *May*, 1905.

In presence of

Edward Sturley

William Hawley

Board of State Capitol Comm^{rs} (SEAL)

By Channing Seabury *C.S.*
Douglas Volk *D.V.*



OFFICE OF
J. W. BISHOP
ENDICOTT BUILDING

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 27th 1905

Mr. Douglas Volk

My dear Sir,

Your favor from San Francisco was duly received.

I shall be very glad to arrange for the photographing of our flag on the 14th of June as you suggest if your party will call on me before that date.

I have written, as I proposed, to Genl H. V. Boynton - War Department Washington D.C. that you had been commissioned to paint Mission (or Missionary) Ridge much to our gratification, and I am sure he will take pleasure in advising or aiding you in any possible way.

He was in our (Van Derveer's) Brigade at that time in command of the 35th Ohio & was severely wounded in the assault.

He is President of the Army of the Cumberland Society and of the Chattanooga & Chickamauga Military Park Commission and knows more of the history of those battlefields than any other man I think.

As you gave me your address to be from June 1st in Maine I send this there. Yours truly J. W. Bishop

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

J. W. BISHOP,

228 ENDICOTT BUILDING,
ST. PAUL, MINN.



Mr. Douglas Volk
Center Lovell
Oxford Co.
Maine

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Board of STATE CAPITOL Commissioners.

St. Paul, Minn. May 29/1905. 190

Mr. Douglas Volk,

Centre Lovell, Maine.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith enclose one copy of your contract for the painting of the Second Minnesota Regiment at the Battle of Mission Ridge, which has now been executed by both yourself and myself, on behalf of our Board, said painting to be placed in the Governor's Reception room at the New Capitol. I retain the other copy, and will file the same in our Secretary's office.

Please acknowledge receipt of same, so that I may know that it has reached you., and much oblige,

Yours truly,

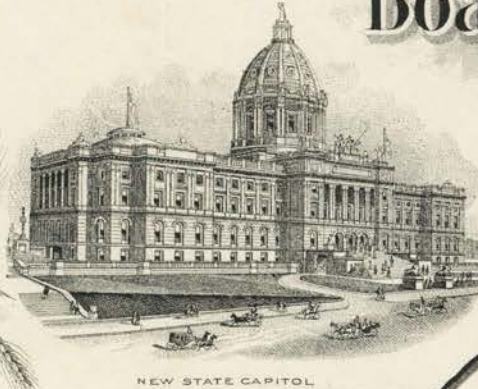
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Board of STATE CAPITOL Commissioners.

St. Paul, Minn. June 19/1905. 190

Mr. Douglas Volk,
Centre Lovell, Me.

Dear Sir:-

I duly received yours of the 12th, acknowledging receipt of the contract for the 2nd Minnesota battle picture.

I asked Mr. Hanson to see Mr. Truax about the old army uniform which you wished him to furnish you, and I enclose Mr. Hanson's memorandum to me, after having seen Mr. Truax. The latter said that he had been offered \$50.00, at one time, for the old coat, which he refused, as he valued it beyond price. In view of what Mr. Hanson writes, concerning it, I do not believe you want either the coat itself or the responsibility of having it, for it certainly would not be the thing you need, since it is a blouse and not a uniform coat, - besides being very dilapidated.

It occurs to me that since the entire Union army were dressed alike, you ought to be able to find uniforms somewhere near where you are, and I do not think there is anything distinctive or local about the uniforms of the Minnesota men. If not to be had in your present location, certainly the Grand Army of the Republic of Me., (and I presume there is such an organization in every State, as there is here,) could furnish them to you. In any event, you will want more than merely the army blouse that Mr. Truax has, and I venture to suggest that you see what you can do at home, before I go any farther with him.

Of course I am always glad to do anything I can to assist you, but I shall wait to hear from you further, before proceeding in this matter.

Yours truly,

Channing Seabury
Vice President.

Quax brought his coat and cap in and showed
it to me. The coat is a blue flannel blouse and
is very dilapidated, the cloth is so rotten that it
almost drops apart. Quax says that he is
willing that the Red should have the coat
and cap (that is all he has of the uniform) if he
wishes to use them - I think it would be my
wisdom to send them East. Quax values them
very highly, and while he seems to feel flattered
at the idea of them appearing in the picture, he
would mind his business if anything happened to

P. O. BOX 654.
TELEPHONE, MAIN 1943.

UNITED STATES

CUSTOM

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Thank you. I am sure that
The coat is too rotten to be
made by a model

J. E. H.

Minn.
Capitol.

CASS GILBERT,
ARCHITECT,

79-85 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

ENDICOTT BLDG.,
ST. PAUL.

NEW YORK, June 26, 1905.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mr. Gilbert dated June 22nd,
and the "Father Hennepin" photograph for Mrs. Gilbert
came to hand this morning.

Mr. Gilbert, with his wife and family, sailed
for Europe June 13th on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. He ex-
pects to return about the middle of July. I simply
wish to acknowledge your letter and the photograph, and
will see that they get to Mr. Gilbert's hands upon his
return.

Yours very truly,

W. Anderson
Secretary.

Mr. Douglas Volk,
Center Lovell, Maine.

Will write you again upon Mr. Gilbert's return
and let you know his wishes as to where to send the
preliminary sketch of your battle picture.

W

GOVERNOR JOHN A. JOHNSON.
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Board of

STATE CAPITOL Commissioners.

St. Paul, Minn June 27th 1905

Mr Douglas Voel

Orville Lovell. Oxford &
Me

Dear Sir:

Yours of 18th rec'd. This board will meet
July 6th, next meeting, and there is a meeting
each month usually on the first Tuesday.
Regarding old army uniforms, I think that
you are more likely to find them in the East
than out here. The blouse, which is the only thing
that I have has, would not stand being used
by a model, it is so very rotten. Can you
not get the old style uniform from the
State or U.S. - Perhaps Mr Blackwell might
give you some information about uniforms. You
remember that he has some Civil War soldiers
in one of his pictures in the Senate room

Very sincerely
J. E. Hanson