

1430 15th Street
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C. H. Larabee

My dear Sir

Yours of Jan'y 30 & 31^t. also Catalogue are
rec'd. I saw the article by Mr Geo. W. Ward, who is a
friend of mine, and worthy of highest confidence. I
sent it on for Oliver's pedigree, and find that he was
^{foaled in} Spring of 1881. incase H. M. Stanley's pedigree whose dam
& two full sisters I will have if I write you in my letter
I should have written Stanley, you will see their pedigree see
Oliver's breeding. Stanley is now 16 hands & 1.2 1/2 " strong and
at the same age a more promising horse than his sire, and
has blood as you will see on his dam's side, that makes
him more promising as a stock horse. He has never been
trained, so I know nothing about his speed, but he is
a handsomer and much more stylish horse than Oliver
& has his actions and full as good a road horse, is much
more playful & quite as quiet gentle & tempered. As I bred
both of these horses, I think I can say without prejudice,
that I regard them ^{to be} as well bred as any that ever came
from Vermont, & that I expect Stanley to produce the best stock
Oliver's pedigree as given by my brother Herbert is correct,
so far as he knew, but did not go as far back as is given in
Stanley's pedigree. knew 19 horses in this pedigree & all were stylish and
superior animals. Yours sincerely Lawrence Brainerd
Will write again & give you any further information if you want it.

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