

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

July 21/92

Had to visit here to obtain order from Court, at Helena, authorizing me as executor to borrow money for the estate, in the meantime arranged for the loan, last evening the order came today. Procured the money as follows, from

Chase N.D.	100,000.
Central Trust Co	100,000.
Manhattan Trust Co	50,000.
J. Kennedy Fed Co	50,000.
to Mos @ 6% with privilege renewal -	300,000

J. Kennedy Fed Co were the only ones requiring me to pay comm<sup>n</sup>, they insisted on 1%, giving me letter stating they would renew for 6 mos without comm<sup>n</sup>, Clark Dodge Co would do nothing for me, Mr Scott & Mr Cannon



have been very kind to me indeed & my stay here  
has been beneficial to me, aside from securing  
the money, as it has enabled me to become  
acquainted with such good friends of yours,  
& I cannot sufficiently express to you my  
thanks for your kindness in introducing  
me so pleasantly, as your letters did, to them.  
When Mr Paul Genl Merritt told me he would  
recommend the purchase of our building at  
Assinibonine, since have learned by wire  
that he did so on an inspection report of the  
Fort Commr mailed from St Paul 15 Inst:-  
our Attorney, Mr Jefferson Chandler, who is  
here, thinks on his recommendation we may  
be able to sell the building & unless the Sec of  
War comes here Saturday, as there is prospect  
of his doing, will accompany Mr Chandler  
to Washington & endeavor to make a sale,  
Samuel Harrison promises to go over with  
us Monday, if I will wait until then,  
& as the sale of the building is an important



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matter for the estate, as well as myself, will  
probably do so unless the Secretary should  
come here Saturday, in consequence  
cannot say just when I will return to  
St Paul but will see you immediately  
after my arrival, if you are in the city,  
as I hope you will be,

Assuring you  
of my gratitude to you for your great  
kindness & assistance to me, without  
your introduction I would have been  
powerless here.

I remain  
Sincerely yours  
J. B. McCallister



DURAND-RUEL,  
16 RUE LAFFITTE  
AND  
11 RUE LE PELETIER  
PARIS.

NEW YORK OFFICE,

315 FIFTH AVENUE (COR. 32<sup>D</sup> STREET).

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July 21st, 1892.

*150 Durand Ruel is  
in town - July 27/92*  
Jas. J. Hill Esq.,  
Great Northern Ry,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received by cable some very important information regarding the Van Prat estate, of which my father and ourselves have often spoken to you.

Mr. Devaux, the son-in-law of Mr. Van Prat, who had always been opposed to the sale of that Collection unless it were to a public gallery, has just died. His death removes a considerable obstacle to the sale of that Collection as the other heirs are not rich by any means and will be favorably inclined to listen to the offers, which will now be made.

I do not remember whether you saw that Collection when you passed through Brussels last year, but I think we sent you a list of the pictures it contained one or two years ago. It is considered by all experts as the finest and most complete collection of the French School of 1830, not excepting the Secrétan Collection which was more important in numbers, but not half as remarkable in its selection.

My father has valued the Van Prat Collection at 2,500,000 francs several years ago (1885), but <sup>at</sup> the actual prices that the French pictures bring, the masterpieces composing that Collection are probably worth more than that amount.

Two different dealers have offered for their own account



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2,000,000francs for that Collection, but their offers were not even listened to, as Mr. Devaux wanted to sell only to the Belgian or French galleries and at a price not under two million and a half francs.

Should you decide to do anything regarding this matter, which I would advise you by all means to do, please send word to the Palmer House, Chicago, where I will be to-morrow. It would be very easy for me to go as far as St. Paul, if you desire to see me for any further information regarding this matter.

My father cables me that while he is not at all sure of getting the Collection for two million and a half, it may still be possible that the heirs would accept that amount, the more so because they would rather sell the Collection to an American than to any one in Europe as it would create much less talk, and hardly any one would hear of the sale.

I have neither written nor spoken about this to any one else, and will not do so before I hear of your intentions, as I think you spoke to me of that Collection last year and told me you were interested in it.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours truly,

*J. Durand-Ruel*



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To James J Hill

We are all well

Mary J Hill



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To

James J Hill

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Mary

J Hill



New Haven July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1892  
Mr. J. J. Will

Dear Sir:

You  
will do me a favor by  
sending the amount due  
me for rent of flat in the  
Perryway occupied by your  
son from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1892 to July,  
six months \$321.66

Very respectfully yours  
J. W. Ambler





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S. S. Breed Esq

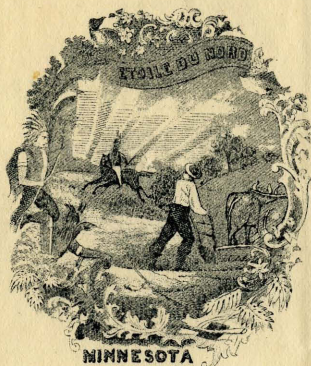
57 G. N. Bldg St Paul

Dear Sir We enclose check  
for the difference on rental & request  
you to make a fair statement of it  
to Mr Kennedy & we will trust to him  
to refered to us. also when you write  
him kindly ask if he wishes to purchase  
the platform scales. steaming apparatus &  
new machines we have put in the mill  
should we not agree as to rental  
for another year.

The roof of Mill is leaking badly & will  
damage the building unless repaired  
soon. We paid \$<sup>50</sup> for atty fee looking up abstract  
which we sent you;

Yours Truly  
W. H. Barclay





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FIFTH " W. S. CHOWEN, CHOWEN P. O. HENNEPIN CO. MINN.

Minneapolis Minn. July 22. 1892.

Mr W. A. Stephens

Dear Sir

yours of July 20th  
Received and contents noted. In answer  
would say that this Board is not  
aware of any gravel being removed  
from Land of Mr J. J. Hill or any other  
Land where we have not right. We will  
make inquiry immediately in regard to  
the matter. We do not intend to infringe on  
any ones rights and will ~~so~~ notify those  
having charge of road work.

yours truly  
Geo. W. Coburn

Chairman B<sup>d</sup> Co. Com.





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