



William Watts Folwell and  
Family Papers.

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Book No. 1. Jun 20. 1849 - to Apr. 21. 1852. Bougainville  
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Book X, <sup>note.</sup> ~~Bougainville~~, Jun 18. 1849 to Aug 9. 1854



Draft of Army J.B. Foulkner & Sully letter book  
1859-52 marked in pencil "2". Nov. 5, 1857

On May 25, 1853. Sully wrote Mr. Wallcut as  
long letter denying that he had recognized Mr.  
Sowmy as a drunkard.

On Friday he had spoken in Council of Comman-  
dation, at New' informed that Sowmy had endeavored  
to outstep Red.

Sully is letter to Sulu Sea. U.S. Govt.  
Apr. 27, 1857 -

Since my arrival [from Wash. D.C.]  
I have learned the exact spot where a  
large vein of coal is to be found, &  
the nature of a generally versatile  
Indian is to a certain. I shall be  
pleased to report to you the facts  
from various evidence when you  
arrive, as I shall visit the place  
during the next week. We have  
better keep these things  
sub rosa!!

In letter to Sulu Sea. Aug 3d 1857 -  
Problem of coal reported below. Alex  
Franklin went with Indian to the spot  
but only one small section showed the  
veins - will go again in 5 days -  
will report



On No 1

Notes on Schlegel's letter book -

N.B. I numbered them on N.E. corner of  
white label on books, 1, 2, 3 + 4

This bundle on No 1.

June 20, 1849 to Apr. 21, 1852

Notes on Sibley, Little Rock.

1849 - 52 "1"

Made Jan 23 + 1908

Sibley to Messrs P. Chouteau Jun. 1849.

Minnesota Aug. 17, 1849

Rice goes to St Louis - advises C. to go over an business + conclude agreement

"Doct. B. may be relied on." - first agreement betw Rice + B. made "above", later extended concern to St. P. + delays B. from intervention in the Sioux + Agency trade - "made with my concurrence" "Mr Rice I believe, did not understand me to insist on that point"

Signed H. H. Sibley for Sioux O.

Another,

Minnesota Aug. 28 1849

x Rumors of a Sioux Treaty - Commissioner at Sn. instructs to order 500 lbs. fresh beef on req. of Commr. Sumner that Medill with Comm out. - "he will fail". - "as much as his peculiar views on the subject of claims are well known" - Gov. Ramsey also to Commr. "I think Union. that an attempt to treat this year will be a failure, and I shall not regret it, as for obvious reasons a treaty next year would probably be much more favorable to our claims."

Sibley to E. B. Washburn

Minnesota 28 August 1849

About Land Warrants. <sup>Galepp, Sen</sup> Heard you nothing of the Sioux Treaty now talked of - - "Thanks for Congratulations" "The boys certainly did me much honor by their unanimous vote."



Sibley letter book

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Sibley to Alous a ? Bailey  
w

Minneapolis Nov. 3. 1849

"As it is my intention to continue in business in this country, I shall look forward to a permanent connection with you..."

Sibley to Forbes  
at ? St. Paul

Minneapolis Nov. 8. 1849

Wishes F. to come frequently and assist A. Fairbank... who is left in charge of Snow O. "Come up in the spring and assist in making the pack etc".

Mr. Musher is to post the books occasionally during the winter season \$40, out of the store

Sibley to Chouteau.

Minneapolis June 26. 1850

App - Abt pens - perfect in Red river

"Commit between the Sioux and Chippewas only lasted a day and a half"... agreed to leave all matters to their Great Father. a great point gained - Preparations for treaty. Most of the chiefs favorably disposed. once we had not to be trusted - are much attached to H. H. S. - will do a great deal

Sibley to Chouteau

Minneapolis Aug 3. 1850

Mr. Rice is now attempting to induce the two tribes of the Sioux and Winnebagoes to unite in one & receive their annuities together after the former have made a treaty. The Winnebagoes are so much dissatisfied with him on account of his selection of their country that he would form any scheme to conciliate by getting them a reserve

< Sibly letter book

in the Sioux country, which they are anxious for. He is so busy now endeavoring to secure the election of his friend Mitchell, that he has no time for much else. Matters in the political world are so confused that it is now difficult to say which candidates will be selected in accordance with Mitchell.

Sibly to Chouteaus

Minneapolis Aug. 13, 1850

Two bulbs to rules & Kitterm.

Mitchell running for delegate representing Minn. also Olmsted as nominee of Essex Convention. Mr. Sibly as independent -- Probably Olmsted may be withdrawn -- We have every hope of success

Sib. to Chouteaus

Minneapolis Aug. 21, 1850

Written with of probability of a 5x treaty about middle of September

Sib. to Chouteaus

Minneapolis Aug. 30, 1850

over run with business and politics - Election, to come off next Monday. "I hope and believe our vote will be successful"

[N.B. in this book are numerous applications for licenses to trade - e.g., James Wells at Wells' Grove Lake Park & Alexander Graham at Tr. & Sx, and others. See also for qui pro.]

Sib. to Chouteaus

Minneapolis Sept. 9, 1850

"The Election is over and our house has been sworn - but it has been closely controlled and of course we have been subject to many expenses, which have been



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in concurrence with my brother's request, and for  
which I will have to draw on you from time to time.  
I have authorized Mr. McElroy's draft on you for  
eight hundred dollars, part of which was money  
spent on the election, which please protect and  
clear S. O. 1850

"The Indians are beginning to be incalculable on the sub-  
ject of a treaty & some of them are leaving in their  
winter hunts. I think we may soon have definite news."

Sib. to Cheyennes.

Minneapolis Sept. 13, 1850

Seller marked "not sent" - <sup>S.</sup> "went instead"

Refers to a bargain with Sioux through their relatives in  
Queen in the Tr. d. & trade, they agreeing to subscribe in  
no way with the Sioux Treaty, nor with the Sioux Trade Act  
after the treaty should be ratified. Agreed that they  
should have an equal share in whatever claims  
we might have at Tr. O. & at the treaty - are  
this subject to sanction of Cheyennes.

Sib. to Cheyennes.

Minneapolis Sept. 14, 1850

Explains how half-breed about Menominee are nearly in debt  
to Co. & can only pay from treaty money - then to further  
make new debts to keep the new claims - Menominee  
at work in winter cutting & hauling wood to Ft. Sn.,  
Fort O. M. this year gave no contracts till May 1 -  
2, 3 & 5 cords on hand.

Mr. Fisk's counsel & instructions for Co's interest

[10<sup>th</sup> clear up Min O. & S. O.]



< Sully Letter Bk. 1

This letter contains copy of the agreement with the Gummies  
in letter of Sept. 13, not sent.

Sully to H. F. McCloskey  
Galena,

Minnetonka Oct. 7 1850

A. Franbault desires to liquidate. Wants 1 Black Cloth  
brook coat, One pair black Cassimer pants, and one thin  
as soon as practicable. He is increasing in size

Sib. to Chon's

Minnetonka Oct 10. 1850

A former letter was written to him that I had found it  
necessary to act contrary to his request -

No action as to Senate action is likely - Reason of  
proportion (i.e. July-land treaty of 1849) If so  
disappointment will be great to our concerns here,  
as we were embroiled of its passing. \*

Sib. to Chonlema

Minnetonka Oct. 21 1850

Hopes of treaty now and now faint this year. I am  
keeping the principal Sioux close still hoping that some-  
thing may be done - - Indians are well - abundant,  
and declare their determination to provide for our claims  
when a treaty is made - - Steamer waits for the letter

and.

\* Gov. R. has not ratified Indian of treaty - But he understands that  
he has been officially notified of his abandonment, that of  
his assistant Mr. Tyler. This latter abandonment, I believe,  
is confident as favorable, as that of the Governor



< Sully Letter Box 1 - 6

Sully to Reamway Circle. - Minnesota Oct. 20 1850  
Sent through H. F. McCloskey, Galena.

"Not probable that treaties be made this fall, Com-  
missioner not arrived

Sib. to M. McCloskey

Minnesota Oct. 21. 1850

Important

No treaty this fall. See. 7 but had arrived S. of dispatch.

Probably J. W. Follen will be substituted for Follen as  
Commr. Treaty continues next year. as observations  
had been made. Seven bands were disposed to be  
Hoped there above will be, when crisis comes.

"Certainly I for one, will do all I can to make such  
provisions for the Indians, as to ensure their ~~peace~~  
and comfort and welfare for the time to come, when  
they part with their lands."

Synthesizing with the C. in Saccharia they have  
to make in presents to Indians. Food & other things for  
supplies & provision furnished, better than as yet.

Same system of buying Indians at Mendota for many  
years - "Hemlock tax" submitted to for benefit of  
Salem & then connected in business "We must continue  
to swallow the bitter pill until the time comes arrives  
for us to reap the advantages which we hope will  
result from such a continued curing medicine"

Thanks Co. will profit more than from the  
"Annuity trade". Saw to W. in 10 days - till about 15.  
Follen by order at late station in the West  
Imposes on Indians that delay not on to us.



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Sub. letter book 1

"Please say to Mr. Hayes with my respects that it is my intention to introduce a bill in the House next winter, which should it become a law, will change the whole of the Indian policy of the Government and learn to each of that undisciplined race a permanent home under the protection of our laws"

Sub. to Jos. La Framboise  
Mendota Oct. 25 - 1850  
No treaty this year. <sup>Says Hayes</sup> "Half-breed" treaty failed, as the Senate decided that the Government had no right to make a treaty with its own citizens" Will try to get it done in another shape.

Sub. to James Wells  
Wells gone

Mendota Oct. 26. 1850

Same treaty news.

Sub. to Cleon.

Mendota Nov. 3. 1850

Refers to affairs of the administrative concern of W. & C. O. (Winnebago & Chippewaug outlets.)

Borup has been as well as any in Canada in attendance of the Board's work for evidence. Whenever they showed a balance against any one of the gang, a counter account has been presented. "and for the most part certified as correct by these himself."

Borup acts with prudence. Settlement of the River O. = a very unpleasant task - Prospects of Sioux O. good. Rice, numerous. 100,000 next spring. Buffalo will be plentiful in upper St. Peters in winter. Killdeer numbers \$20.00 +



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"Treaty might have been made this fall," if the President's promise to me to send Congress immediately had been fulfilled. - Must be carried out next spring, as the action of Congress is mandatory. The Indians are all prepared to make a treaty when we tell them to do so, and such an one as I may dictate. They were never better disposed than now. I think I may safely promise you that no treaty can be made until our claims being first secured. I am much less uneasy on this score than I am with regard to the action of the Senate subsequently."

"The annuity money not being paid this year will occasion a sad drawback in the different outfits. We confidently expect to be soon to receive from a remittance of \$67,000 therefrom, or nearly the whole of the \$90,000 they receive in one lump sum their credits -

[ Mendota Sept. 3, 1850 - H. H. Sibly & F. B. Sibly apply to N. McLean U.S. Sub-Agent at St. Peters for license to trade at Mendota for the Commission for 1 year - Capital \$15,000. - Partners A. Fairbanks & Hy. White Dupuis, Clerks, J. Jack Frazer, interpreters, six laborers, 12 blacksmiths ]

[ Nov. 22, 1850 Henry Bailey applies to McF. for license at Olive Grove ]

(? "drowning with it's back"? )

F. B. Sub. to Cleveland

Minnesota Feb. 11, 1857

Good news about deer, peewee hunt, clubs, and  
not so much, Kitteridge writes - Reservoir bill has passed the  
Senate - Not heard abt. Half-breed purchase.

Wardens preparing.

Feb. 21, 57. El. Fairbanks applies to the Gen. for leave to  
visit in N. York with Cabot for 20. Henry Bellandart.

F. B. Sub. to McCloskey, Galena

Minnesota Mar. 11, 1857

Weather like May, Ice going out.

Schley C.H. to Cleveland

Minnesota April 19, 1857

Hopes are high for well if the instructions to the  
Comms. are not too stringent - no buyers for rats.  
Rats will be low. Everybody waiting for the payments, the  
Camp no money in the country - "The Fur Co. Party"  
--- has triumphed in electing breeding Comms. in Ramsey  
& Dakota Cos. "The humbug of connecting us with politics"  
does not seem to have much influence with the people.  
Shall probably have 70 or 80 no rats.

Sub. to Allen.

Minnesota April 26, 1857

Shall want 800 bush corn. Treaties will take collection  
after June 1. "About 4000 sq have gone to war" spirit  
of the efforts to prevent them.

N. B. Packing lots of furs ready for Schley to N. Louis  
on in May 1857



Sibley to Booth.

Mendota May 6, 1857

Ask for 20 sacks Corn to pay Litch Corn for Corn  
brought last year, cheap 50c.

Sib. to Chas.

Mendota May 14, 1857

Cal. Gentry not very choice in his application, <sup>to</sup> terms  
to Miss Booth & friends, but it is not a matter of surprise -

Scarcely worth of letter about sent in Chas. Gentry length  
against Rice - Says for complete recovery of debt,  
"Too faint to read, unless becomes important"

"Innumerable [words] [did not] [understand] letter."

Sib. to Chas.

Mend. May 16, 1857

5/7 of 8x bonds paid yesterday. We have secured  
a good share of the [? money] paid, which will be  
received by next safe delivery.

Sibley to W. M. McKim

Mend. May 19, 1857.

Sorry letter had not good - must get confirmation at last  
"Ramsay reports favorably from Washington - Comm. full  
idea will be at the head of the Commission with Mr. R. as  
associate - I am glad he has concluded [to come] I had a  
private letter from him a few days ago. He is a business  
man, but withal liberal in his views. The Indians  
some men are acting between two opinions as to the his-  
tory of their lands. I hope they can be induced to do  
what is proper. With regard to your views involving the  
liberty of commerce with the Indian Indians, I can give  
you no definite opinion, until we know how the land  
lies here. The lower bands will get a good price

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May 10 a 12 cents an acre (I think), in which case  
the Upper Indians could regulate their demands thereby  
We will discuss this when you come down "

Sub. to Washburn G.B.

Mon. May 19, 1857

Recent delay in collecting money, none in  
the country

Sub. to Jas. Wells

Mon. May 21, 1857

10 at night

Wells sent money out to get his money at the  
paypoint

77 Packs Shipped May <sup>26</sup> 1857

Sub. to Chas

Mon. May 26 - 1857

Ordered Borneo. Did as well as we could with  
real estate "under ~~agreements~~ <sup>agreements</sup>" by Act (31)

Sub. to McCloskey

Mon. May 26, 1857

Trails to your claim which went like back 2

May 27, 1857. F. B. Sibley. received \$1000 y.M.  
The same to be paid out of Washburn's & McCloskey's money  
at Great Paypoint



Sub. to Chas.

Mon. May 31, 1857

Madison for St. Louis. Most dependent on  
Will speak to Tyler & make him more certain.  
Something about Gov. R. opposite to \$900 claim  
Gives Middleton. With the 2. and K. out.  
North has one all in all about the claim.  
Hardly to be in doubt.

More shaking of boots.

Sub. to Chas.

Mon. June 7, 1857

John Cowan discussed the migration. We attend  
to S. C. - George about the North & about for not  
getting more evidence on Wab. claim  
Finally (?) has fallen into the Rice interest.

Sub. to Chas

Mon. June 16, 1857

Arrangements for St. Louis being made. He has  
been away last a month. Probably not in doubt,  
but had today has been Indians can be entered

Sully to Chief Tah-tah-sah & Wabashian band  
r War coola. Red Wing band  
Wab. (N.D.) to attend at Mendota July 1. On  
Tuesday

Sub. to Mr. J. J.

Mon. June 20, 1857

Has called down <sup>clerk</sup> by visiting at agents  
of Gov. R. for July 1 - "The men will delay coming" -



Sib. to Chas

Mon. June 25 1857

On O'clock am.

"We are now looking anxiously for Mr. L. Connor to meet with the Sioux," July 1, the day - St. Pierre country under water, and rain rising - anticipated much difficulty in assembling the Indians - negotiations were probably to meet at a near Fort Sn. G.

Sib. to Brooks -

Mon. 27 June midnight -

Has seen Connor. He wants \$20,000 of you for my debts. He so but keep sub rosa about it, as we shall probably get our portion of the money, when it is paid out - The Gov. will be here at daylight, when we shall go, I anticipate an unpleasant time, I assure you, but I am working about that if I can only be successful in making a sufficient sum from our claims to clear myself with the world.

Sibley to Brooks -

Monday July 11

I come on a flying visit, Mr Sibley ill, some Indians disembarked and others. Nothing yet done above, as Indians have not arrived - Returns tomorrow in haste. Send up all acct. against Connor - at once. The process should be run by all means.

Sib. to Chas

Mon. July 11, 1857

Same about letter as to Mr. L. Connor, same date. When S. left the Travers Connor, talked of not waiting for Indians, but S. knew they were worth. Has seen Indians who have arrived at Ft. S. G. & "killed them" disposed to send by us"



Whatever thing is involved in this matter. To do up every thing in his power for successful issue. "The claims - and are without number, of course. Mackenzie left yesterday for Ft. de St. The Indians say they are having the claims of the traders now in the country, but with reference to those of previous no longer among them."

The other party will be met at Sir's village on the St. Peter's, about 25 miles above this, and will discuss the Minday watercourses and the Wapikawit's. We have had work ahead."

\$20,000 ought to be sent at once. "This sum is absolutely requisite, for without the payment of \$30,000 of the arrears (i.e. funds, the lower bands will not hunt, and when sent we shall receive back in all probability a good share -

Protect against European interest on balances of traders. i.e. interest on balances of and of years.

Schedule to conditions

Mundee July 24 1857

Returned yesterday from Trav. de St. with commrs. Ready made with S. P. W.

They are to have \$40,000 Cash annuity, \$10,000 goods ann. + \$18,000 for emigration [2 \$68,000] for 50 years. Then \$25,000 for aboriginal removal, including \$20,000 for traders debts, \$10,000 for half-breds. "for which the Indians have signed an obligation" - Schedule appended. Geo Am. F. Co. in Sir's name get \$66,000, of which Sir, & Pontman get each 1/4. St O. 1850 same. P. C. from Co. does not appear, but will be paid by those who owe them. A. Fairbank's gets more \$15,000 & others in due proportion.



Wachung's claim was \$57.00. We allowed him \$5.00 to stop his opposition right in aid.

By an agreement with the Indians as per "the plan of work" the Indians appear well-disposed - Will write more on them as he "has collected his scattered bones"

Sibley to Brooks -

Mon. Aug 8 1857.

"I send down Division to purchase all the dead horses he can find about St. Paul in Little Canada. I want weekly at least."

Sibley to Chouteau

Monday Aug. 8. 1857

Details of outcome of Treaty.

"Gives amt. claims \$137.00. (Upper half 66.00 Monday with claims 37.00 Wahpabewas 30.00.)

Also send some from individuals owing us,

✓ \$30.00 of which fund has been paid - Indians buy cloth, blankets, silverware, also sugar.

Sibley to Brooks -

Mon. August 10 1857

"The Indians are horse - mad. and have left them for parts unknown in search of the quadruped -" The paper was not signed by the chiefs on the claims allowed them, but I have been assured by them that can make be paid to the Cash Cent. [Enclosed paper]

Sub. to Chas.

Mon. Aug 13. 1857.

The bands have not signed the stipulations to sundries, but I do not wish to bear that the Indians are not making any more claims - I do not think it good policy to have them put now on the subject - Will straighten up any thing before leaving for Washington



Sally & William

Minneapolis Aug 17 1877

Mr. Ramsey goes up tomorrow morning -  
Will be at 81. P. Property -

Get through treaty so that Gov. R. may get back  
before election. M. M. will go up if possible -

I have covered the Gov. to boundaries 21 or 30 miles on  
each side of the Red River from the Sioux boundary on the  
Burlington side on the East & from Creek river on the West,  
to the Montana line - I think he will expect to stay here  
until we are well on our way. Make the best use you  
can for the Indians. Ammunition in cash, and no food.  
and go in for an allowance of the half breed in  
the name I mentioned to you. I have asked the  
Governor he might defend the meaning of any as-  
saults from you, and with him to make a good in-  
vestigation on him -

You must not forget to attend to the election matters  
in October. - - - Recently elected to the Council and  
Joseph Ralston and some other reliable persons to  
the House, inasmuch as much depends upon our having a  
majority in both branches of the Legislature. It is tri-  
pling consideration when you have attended to the  
matter - If our opponents should be in the ascendant,  
they may defend what they wish to attack the  
abandonment of the work of the Union in closing the frontier from settlement  
and - I have enquired of Mr. Ramsey who is acquaint-  
ed with my views and who can give you many reliable  
hints connected with these matters. - - - Above all  
observe the formation of the election law. That no



defect can be found in the proceedings - There is great anxiety  
not about Pemberton, for all of our friends, nothing  
but that everything depends upon you -

--- meantime Kirk is good terms with them. Belcourt,  
even at a sacrifice, as it will not do to have a split  
between you -

Saturday to Dr. J. Pitcher  
Winnipeg

Monday Aug 17, 1857

Will leave the name of Rev. Mr. Williams before  
the board of reports at their next meeting + will pass  
him over then, as a matter of course but I have to take  
charge of the general arrangements of the department  
which it is proposed forthwith to ~~establish~~ put in  
operation. There are however several applicants  
already, and I cannot predict what will be the  
action of the board in the premises - I am otherwise  
recommending the same gentleman.

Saturday to Mr. Alfred Fitch  
Amherst

Monday Aug 17 1857.

Will lay his letter recommending D. Williams (with  
names of Fairbairn, Pitcher, Knowlton & others) before  
board of reports. Several applications

Magnificent retention coming put req. by letters -  
"Pratt's war time politically" - fracturing of party favor-  
ing immediate organization denotes us as strong - Very  
likely when the time comes that we are not meant to



S. to Bontman.

Mon Aug 17, 1917

wants 5 good horses \$12 - \$15 by number.  
 "You know what I want" Draw for ant.  
 Indians state refuse to sign obligation to creditors.  
 They say they will sign - Has

Daniel states check on F.S.

S. to Chouteau,

Mon. Aug 19, 1917

A/c. y Sumo against Comus = \$2,270<sup>54</sup>

Sub. to Chon.

Mon. Aug 23 1917.

Too underhand for work of any kind - Spirit of  
 fault-finding in C's letter of 16<sup>th</sup> "unusually malicious  
 and unpleasant. S. took the sum but permitted to  
 defect ~~speculations~~ speculations - Subson's words  
 kept Keen informed of affairs when he (S.) was seen -  
 paid at times - "only by my unceasing efforts  
 was any allowance made for our claim - but for me  
 no one else would have been allowed."

Refuse to participate in any of Keen's O.

S to C's.

Minneapolis, Aug. 21. 1917

You will receive under letter of 15<sup>th</sup> \$55.60.00  
 also "my interest in O. payments which I venture to  
 pay up all liabilities" Lower state claims  
 state matters - if come out right C's will give some  
 \$40 - \$50,000 more - if they not up to the mark

S to C. Aug 21-17 - Much work has to be done - more requests



La Frencheman work. S.M. 3. 51. leaves for Little Rock.  
A. Graham for. M. d. 84 -

S. to Clon. Monday S.M. 3. 57.  
Refers to valuation land claims made at various  
points in Cal. & Combing. That at F. 8. 84 - of work  
prospective value - Gives an to have 1/4 of that for  
not interfering with it later before treaty ratification.  
"Mr. Clon who was some weeks at the Treasury, consid-  
ers it to be one of the most important and valuable  
points in the country."

S. to A. Bailey. Mon. Oct. 1. 1857.  
Payment in C.O. note. Payment to W. H. H. H. H. H.  
clips in the subject L. y. claims. J. Walter H. H. H. H.  
Conclusion

S. to James W. H. Mon. Oct. 1. 1857  
Same time - Work not for election tech. Would  
present below - On reflection, better to keep Indians  
at home until after election, as it would not be safe  
for you to leave at the time of the payment -

S. to Morris. Mon. Oct. 6. 1857  
Sent to Morris Co. [on election matter?] a receipt for  
payment. Will have trouble in getting Indians to sign abli-  
gation before the money is received by them - This has  
no answer my husband - I wish have had the  
other bands.

S. to La Frencheman, Oct. 17. Little Harry L. on 20th Sept  
A team and a number of [unclear] + [unclear]



S. to H. Remingy - Soc Gen Park - Mond. Oct. 6. 1897  
 Told her - McMichael on Council - James McE,  
 Bond & D. H. Remond on Board. Enclosed are  
 you can on same.

S. to McL. Mond. Oct. 6. 17.  
 Struggle with the organization in R. W. Co. heard -

F. B. S. to Morris. Oct. 7, 1897  
 Remond that Rice has sent up equivalent to T. O. S. X.

S. to La Freeman. Little Rock. Mond. Oct. 8. 1897  
 Written her. Much to be heard from John to keep her  
 among members & write up about their opposition (2  
 Rice & Remond?).

S. to Kitter Mond. Oct. 9. 1897  
 Home party (with Remond) O.K. - Written Remond  
 had come back to election instead of "following" to  
 Fred Garry & to the main with the members.  
 Warm letters during Census. Result quite uncertain  
 Glad you came to Council - "We must keep things  
 straight till all <sup>our</sup> interests are satisfied" S.M.P. property for 1898.  
 S. is curious to know what happened at Remond's between  
 K. & Remond. People making claim all through St. Louis.  
 Mrs. Roberts is going into St. Louis where she said there  
 are values but "Much good may be done with  
 under they have more interest than I have"



Selling to Donnan.

Mundw Oct. 16. 1857

Wahpatoomas has signed obligation -  
 Gens du soc. have been attended on by the half-breds  
 & the agent & others. Obligation not signed -  
 Don't feel Indian not to begin - He is now giving the  
 credit [to what stopped credit] "So much for the fortune  
 of the Indians & myself." Replied that the mission was  
 in case to defend them - Gentlemen sent which  
 comes to them. Don as much admitted as I have.  
 A little addition from Taming was admitted.  
 Enough is sent always to defend an Indian  
 society of protest. "Organization" definite -

H. to Bailey.

Mund. Oct. 23 1857

"Refer to work gentlemanly & continue letter  
 from B. changing direction - With no later notice &  
 gratulations in suit. B. may stop back all articles  
 in class to."

S. to Chon.

Mund. Oct. 26 1857

In P.S. order a check been 225 "y not over 28"  
 & charge to S & O.

Selling to Chontons

Mundw 1 Novem. 1857

Song letter - (may need copy -) Monday Kentons, the  
 brown, don't wish to sign. Half-breds afraid & their  
 interfering - Co. has stopped credit. Fear God about a  
 Wm. bands. Seams that groups are working a scheme  
 to have [Chontons] & others disband now. Advancing  
 C's own influence which gives their confidence



"Remember quiet Harriet's business" to be kept  
straight & keep him so"

Mr. C. & Mr. Samborn moved to work. Much  
efforts needed to secure calibration  
trading at Pembroke made - Kitter's names got  
most of the \$30,000 when want -

Petty letters numerous - with oval possible  
content business of \$40. or that it can be  
closed at the end of 0.52 of bond & interest

The following abstract of allowances made to  
H. B. Sibley under Sioux treaties 1857

66,459  
31,500  
4  
3700  
138959

Mem. A. Fambault to be made 15,000  
200  
300

Mem. Don An. Franco (ass) under treaty 23,045<sup>28</sup>

F. B. Sibley to J. LaFramboise Moulton Nov. 23 1857,  
Succ. Rocher (ass)

Alex Fambault goes up to satisfy himself & find a place  
the movements of the new trader [Sweden]

Object of new trader is calling upon Indian to Com-  
mit is not to sell his land, but to induce the latter to  
draw to revolve the [trader's] power & to make  
him or some colleague their attorney. i. e. dealing  
with Indians with a liberal hand - Must effort  
meaning to oppose him.

Mr. Sweden is a brother-in-law of one of the  
Ewings - is hand before with H. M. Rice  
Rice let him have Scott Campbell in clerk & interpreter



The scheme has been enveloping the Swartzes, Sweets, etc. - all of whom are energetic - so all you can do is submit your Indian to our ally Frankland.

F. H. Sibley to Mr. McLean  
Sue qui Rant.      Montreal Nov. 21, 1857.

Same letter as that to the Frankland agent.  
(No letter alarm at Montreal)

A. Graham to McLean Agt. Tr. Co. Ex. Nov. 21, 1857  
Complains that Sweetzer is about building a house  
within 1/2 mi. of his house.  
F. H. Sibley Nov. 24, delivers Graham's protest.

F. H. Sibley to D. Munson  
Tr. Co. Ex      Mont. Nov. 26, 1857

For agt. to demand Sweetzer to remove from land -  
Sweetzer will probably not do so, but will come on and  
when agt. to revoke decision - S. Cunningham and Pleasant,  
agent not remarkable for resolution or efficient agency.  
McLean thought it would be well for me to go to the house  
to come to some understanding with Mr. Sweetzer, who  
disclaims all intention of injuring us - "It is our duty  
to make our own claim from the hands of the Indians"

F. H. S. to Wells,      Mont. Dec 11, 1857  
Upper Indian have sent down a delegation which in  
spite of all <sup>our</sup> endeavor have signed a power of attorney  
for Mr. Sweetzer to a revocation of our former paper.

at work  
H Sibley to H. H. S. Telegram. Dec. 7, 1857  
"Sweetzer has secured a new party. Their  
clerk have signed power"



Hisura came jealousy and bad feeling throughout, but I do not suppose that in the end will work us any injury."

The Gen. on his own Indian men, have not yet seen any thing for but want to see any disposition to act. How is it with you Grand?"

A next sitting see follows.

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| F. H. Sibley to La. Franborn. | Dec. 27 1851 |
| same McLean                   | Jan 8 1852   |
| " Graham                      | " " "        |
| " Chouteau                    | Mar. 6 "     |
| " La. Franborn                | " 10 "       |
| " Kilton Lake.                | Apr 2 "      |
| " McIntosh                    | " 9 "        |
| " La. Fran                    | " 9 "        |
| " A. Graham                   | " 9 "        |
| " Chouteau                    | " 13 "       |
| " La Fran                     | " 20 "       |

See batch of letters to Sibley - is among the letters, with his letter marked correspondence - 2-3 imp

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F. H. Sibley to La Fram,

Minnetonka Dec. 27 1857

"I have been writing you in regard to Mr. Sweetzer's  
papers, explaining its object. Of course none of the advisers  
of the Indians could have been aware of the full meaning of  
the previous document & they would have been able to  
gather it. I should like to have an opportunity of ex-  
plaining it, or having it explained to Jos. Kenville, I hear  
you intend coming down soon. If so, bring him with  
you, if possible. We will let him plainly come down."  
Prospect for rats, discouraging.

F. H. Sibley to McLean,

Minnetonka Jan. 8. 1857

about Sweetzer's trespasses at Ft. D. Ft.

F. H. Sibley to Alex. Graham  
on same matter

same O.

F. H. S. to W. W. Webb,

Minnetonka Jan. 16. 1857

Sends acct of S. O. with B's receipts 1850, 1857,  
1850 on S. O. \$5,970<sup>91</sup> - 1857. On W. \$2,849<sup>35</sup>

F. H. S. to Chevalier

Minnetonka Mar. 6. 1857

No change in affairs since departure of Capt. S. S. S.  
"The Indians are distracted and crazed by the thousand  
reports spread abroad and by the advice of all connected  
with them in any way, and I do not think they will  
for the present sign any paper to discontinue the \$90,000  
The Wah-pah-koo-las will remain busy

Nothing done with Sweetzer's papers - Indians  
much divided when down here. Next better not



to press them till after Spring hunts, now near. Hope  
for an understanding at Washington - Of course we can  
try for a revocation of [Swedger's] power of attorney.  
Indians have not done much winter hunting, as usual of late  
years.

F.H.S. to La Fren.

Miner's Mar. 10 1851

Swedger's had not arrived Wash. Feb. 15

Will send up Brown, if necessary. He will be badly ed-  
ucated. Anxious awaiting news from H.H.S.

Refus to danger of Rice furnishing good to Davis [Franklin]  
of the Co. should not.

Advises La. 7. to look on good terms with the Remick family.

"This is the eleventh hour the time of our redemption, or may  
be destruction. Pray the night"

F.H.S. to A. Graham

Miner's Mar. 11. 1851

Now about Swedger's threats

St. Paul getting an understanding themselves crazy about the threats  
sending delegates in to cooperate with the Breckinridge in  
Congress to obtain immediate ratification, and  
making other equally insane moves. Wilkins, I am  
told has gone on for that purpose, as I think,  
only ostensibly, and my impression is that they will  
do more harm than good."

F.H.S. to Cleve

Miner's Apr. 5 1852

Refus to extravagant prices apparently Rice for furs.  
Can buy in place of such bids. Indians fear wo-wa-  
pe-a-wo-pe. (wo-wa-pe = writing.)

wo-wa-pe = writing.



F.B.S. to Melrose.

Melrose Apr. 9, 1852

Sweetzer no in work. Mar. 4.

Com. has agreed to report the matter during the next week,  
 subject to ratification. Fear for the Pembroke party  
 don't know whether efforts should be made to resolve  
 Sweetzer's power of ally.

"Jack T. Frayne I think waiting at Rice's store --

F.B.S. to La Fram.

Melrose Apr. 9, 1852

H.H.S. hopeful about ratification

Speaks of the "Grand Freemen's" = H.H.S. at Washington

F.B.S. to A. Graham  
Trd. Ex

Melrose Apr. 9, 1852

H.H.S. hopeful of ratification this month. Trust. A. G.  
 will keep the berry rotten claims at Tr. straight.  
 Pay 10¢ on rats. 1¢ on good minks -

F.B.S. to La Fram.

Melrose Apr. 20, 1852

Letter from H.H.S. Apr 2. Sweetzer this brother [H.C. 2]  
 are doing what they can to fix things as they wish.  
 "Doutman is here" - had been before Sen. Com. with  
 Com. Sec. "Committee obviously obstructive" - Hunt's  
 Breck claim was recommended to divide tract  
 among the claimants - "an unduly narrow base  
 than intended in the tract."



On No. 2.

Complete, i.e. on which book  
Am. 21, 1852 - Aug<sup>23</sup> 1853

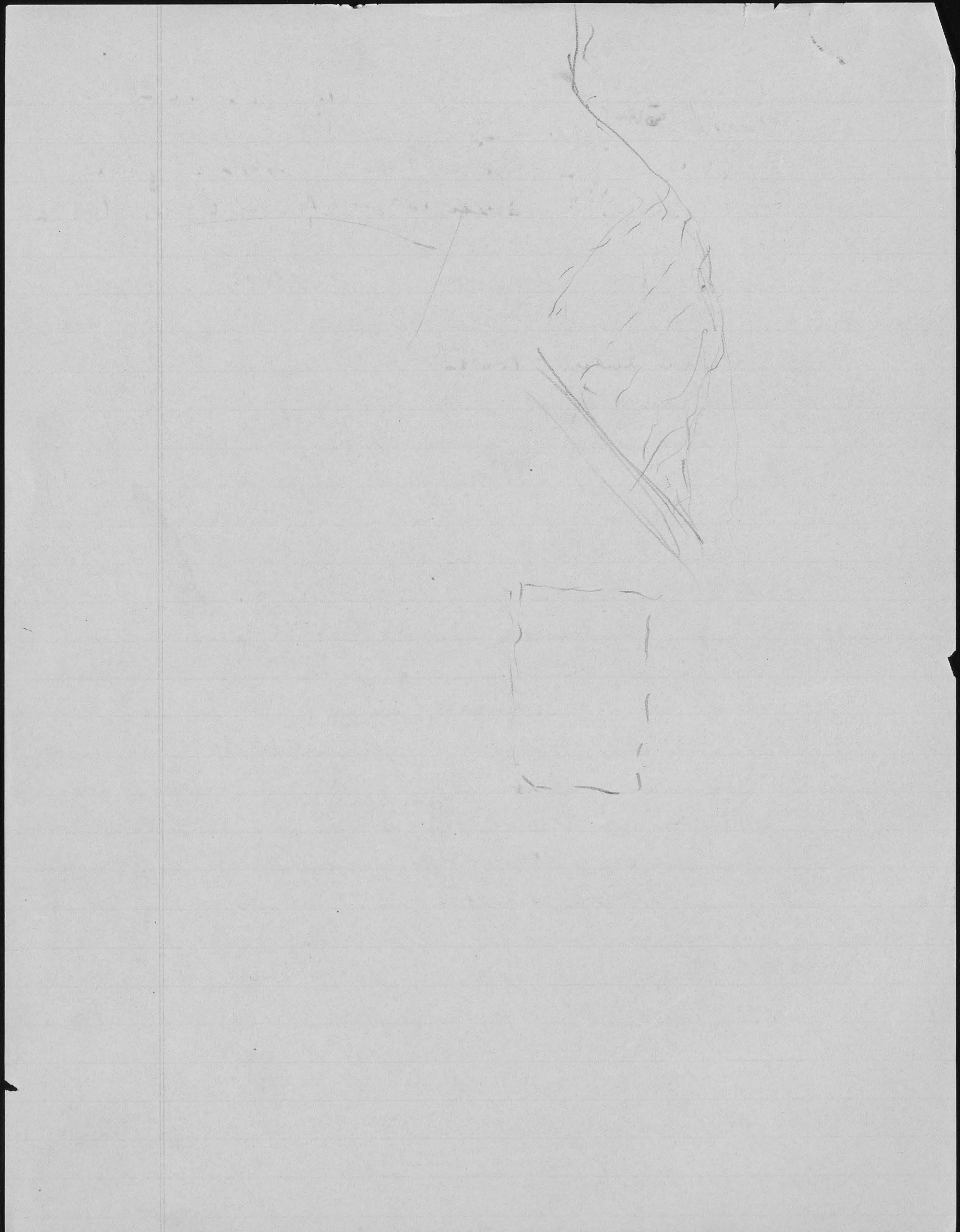
Butter see in book, again 25/10/15

on no. 2

This balise is  $\leftarrow$  Sibley letter book  
marked by me 2 - but  
beginning - near the needle of the  
book - with Sibley to Brooks - 30 Sept. 1852

Only 5 letters of 1852





Sibley to Burpee.

Nov. 6 Nov. 1857

By you see Tyler tells him to come up. I shall probably go to Winnipeg on Monday.

Sibley to Burpee.

Minneapolis Sept. 30, 1852

"I rec'd a letter from Dutton on the subject of the Sioux claims, and urging me to have the matter settled through Rice, and pledging himself that the latter [Rice] will entirely aid us in securing the claims of the Sioux against the lower lands.

--- I write you worded on Rice and have a talk with him. I have reason to believe that he would be glad to see me get my claims, as I have heard from several persons during the past season, as well as from himself, that he entertained some but kindly feelings for me personally, and of course he will do all he can for Dutton from like considerations. Upon consultation, it shall be found that it will be better for him to undertake to deal with the Indians, we shall all be willing to pay a fair price for any paper which will serve to secure us." S. however thinks the best way will be "to leave the matter, as the Upper Indians have done, in the Governor's hands for settlement, "However we will talk about it"

Sibley to Capt. Wana

Nov. 3 1852

about 81. Paul business prospects - a prospect for the Upper Sioux



Sibley to Ramsay Confidential.

[1852] <sup>wrong</sup>

[Mendota] Sunday afternoon Sept. 31.

Asks R. to come quickly tomorrow please word with Sam. Finley (or Wessing) to have the two claims over from that [last] side. Then send for the 5 on this side - of R. shall tell them "that is no cashing any money be paid to them. They will be forced by the bonds into an immediate cashing move - "By coming up without stating to any one your destination, and early, we will avoid the inconvenience of being followed by a host of hunters" - from curiosity or other motive

Suggests that R. say that in writing say the Wash. Haystacks, - and will learn for the other country,

<sup>to a.R.</sup>  
Cash of Receipt of H.H.S. & H.L.D., Nov. 9, 1852 for \$70.00 on Nevada warrants - under treaty Aug 5 '57.

On Jan. 10, <sup>One Alex Ramsay</sup> ~~one Alex Ramsay~~ ~~Sibley & Montman~~ with -  
\$7.00 = 10% of \$70.00 on Hugh Tyler for expenses attendant upon procuring the redemption of the same treaty (Nevada warrants bonds) Aug 5, 1857  
Send Sibley & Montman.

Receipt of S. & D. to R. Nov. 9, 1852 for \$90.00 on Washakie bonds under treaty Aug 5 '57

also due to Ramsay \$9.00 = 10% of \$90.00 on H. Tyler for expenses to

Receipt of Sibley & Montman to Ramsay Nov. 9, 1852 for \$63.00 = amt of claims on 10% due to H. Tyler







"I went over Gorman yesterday. He appears cordial and kind. . . . Gorman told Ramsay that some trader who was formerly friendly to me, had stated that we had been paid many of our claims <sup>payments</sup> by individuals, & that I had evaded it by swearing that they had not been paid by the bands. Of course this is all bluff, but I should like to know who the persons are."

Sibley to Mr. C. Gorman

Med. May 30. 1853

about politics - <sup>President Mr.</sup> Sibley will not be candidate for delegate - Ramsay is a likely Gorman.

Convention will nominate young Dalton - S. wrote Major H. M. Rice, who is also a candidate - S. thinks he could beat the bird if he wished, but does not -

Business & to come up. Gorman told Indians in Council that if they have been defrauded the Govt. will pay them their rights "In other words, if they will say they have been defrauded under Sam will pay them back their money. Now this is offering a premium to the Indians to republic with a vengeance. Ramsay is anxious to have you come up, and so am I. I have not yet spoken to him [Gorman] on the subject, nor writing to manifest any anxiety on the subject. And I feel none of matters are probably conducted. Still if G. wishes to make capital, by making it appear that he has lost a good friend. In view of course later the statement of every person in the country. who is used because he did not get the money. Besides the banishment of the money being refused by the Govt. and a great many more being made at some future time with some of the Indians and what were to some thousands blind of necessary to accomplish



The object. So you see some measures must be taken to bring G. to a proper sense of responsibility in a matter affecting the character of many of the best men among us. Do come up and hang a fortnight, if you can, and we will have an old-fashioned talk about matters & things in general - If Donsman is at home, bring him along also -

S. to P. Ballman

Mon. 7 June 1853

In French. about quelques affaires avec les guides - -"

S. to Morris

Monday June 1. 1853

Introduces Mr. James Esq. Son of Gov. Doty going with Mr. Queen to Baupia.

S. to Follen,

Monday June 1. 5-3

"The Smuggler is denying not the letter!" 3 Mundeles -  
"I wish to see you at your way up & you will be along and can see the Gov. straight - In a letter from Ellen" it makes some allusion about you.

Receipt for \$680 from S.R. King all money under  
Tracy Trav. & 5x

S. to Morris

Monday June 4. 5-3

About Mr. Esq. - Will not return in full -  
Seem to imply that S. would stand by B -  
Had rebuked those for under seventy with B -

800  
120.33  
680



S. to Milton Penberia Mendota Jan 4, 1853

About business, 100.00 value from the Mrs.

Desires to visit Mr. Snow D as soon as possible

No detail becomes expending K down -

Politics mixed. Prei out for Milpagan. Robertson  
and gang, are on RR Nelson, an ungrateful wife  
Jules who must be expelled at all risks

S. does not wish to return to Calif. + will under no  
circumstances - "May yet be later when to be seen against  
the seamen who are trying to obtain the ascendancy in  
the Territory - This is much horrible" - - - a healthy  
kind of public life" Still we must not let R. thus  
mismanage the country - "Keep your fingers in  
under the night. It is under <sup>new</sup> Belmont that I must  
be sorry if he does not "oppose their men."

- - - "Meanwhile keep up the idea that I may  
possibly be a candidate and should receive the  
support of the Penberians, being their true friend on  
all occasions

Julius has for the visit Andrew Agency with  
the new Governor Gorman - I was strongly backed  
on the Governorship, but it was not deemed im-  
probable to give it to the Territory, Very bad policy  
indeed."

X

S. to Rev. Belmont Penberia

Id. Jan 4, 1853

Letter refers to above

S. to Mr. Snow Tr. D. Ex

Id. Jan 4, 1853

Hopes Mr L, will later Snow D. on his own work and his own



"I am anxious to return from the Indian lands, in which I have been pained to encounter little else than vilification and abuse. Without any profit, when God knows I have endeavored to do nothing but good to an arid and committed with me. If you are content to take the O. property for what you want it at a (book) rate - Thank of the proposition."

Politics mixed. Rich not for Delaney. Nelson will be friendly Robertson this spring. - H. W. Cunningham born with the new Governor, who has from the country with some of the clubs - Carter M. L. to observe whether Kennedy is managing matters judiciously

Sally to Morris - (Private) N. D. -

Went down from the Flax by Gov. Stevens' camp - "Matters are approaching a crisis, and under the House and so the position I will certainly take issue with them",

Sally to H. C. Wolfe Burlington Ia. M. Jan 4. 1853

Political situation. Same as before anti.

Gorman must act properly in the treaty matter as much with unrelenting opposition - Robertson active for Nelson.

Rec'd the letter was for delay etc. S. may discontinue in Court. Medley has been up. to congratulate Robertson with Gov. G.

S. to Gen. S. Vol. 11. 1853

Has decided being candidate for reelection

S. to Soerch's Nelson N. D. Jan 15. 1853

Has had him appointed Auditor by Gov. Gorman

Jan 4. 1853 J. H. S. under the light of the winter letter  
the letter for O. or has some more another year -

See page



In letter of June 4 1853 Sunday day to Mr. Clark  
"I am anxious to return from the Indian trade,  
in which I have been pained to encounter  
little else than vexation and abuse, without  
any profit. When God knows I have en-  
deavored to do nothing but good to all  
around, and connected with me. If you  
will consent to take the <sup>0</sup> property you have  
have it back or rate

"Politicians are very much mixed. There is one  
openly for the Drifway, Nelson was the  
mess as the members of the Robertson  
and his gang, and I hope he will be  
beaten soundly, for he has stuck to his  
cost but even since the arrival of the latter in  
the Territory, and he is now carrying on  
with the new government - - -"  
A Son of the Judge.



S. Leley to Sartman St. Paul M. Jan 17. 1853

Glad he has come up - but he S. must leave for Wash. night tomorrow - "Meanwhile as we the great body to see Gorman and give him your views in strong terms about the investigation. He ought to know enough by this time to satisfy him that the whole matter is but a ridiculous political scheme to injure me and my friends, and of the workers to unite the Party the most depressingly to the Dept. in a brief report, and thus unite them against" - - your statements - - we have great weight with him, do attend to him for my sake for I wish to know what G. intends to do before I leave."

S. to Brooks

M. Jan 17. 1853

Enclose above letter to Sartman. I'm glad that the House has written you pleasantly"

Another of Sam's "private" has prepared a long letter to Gorman, which will not be delivered of S. on Jan 9, before leaving for Washington.

S. Leley to Dwight Adams.

M. Jan 17. 1853

Much directions about business during S's absence

S. to Brooks -

M. July - 1853

"I can not bear the charges or Indians in my name in their testimony. The unproven witnesses will set that right. You say I ought to be visited, I cannot be until a certain event takes place. The delay in which keeps me at home - - I am as anxious to be at St. Paul just now as any one can be and with relation to the testimony taken before Gov. G."



July 18. C. G. G. St. Paul. M. July 22. 1853

Glad. E. Van Com Walling this beautifully conducted investigation. Cannot leave home till after the 1st of August. "Gorman told me he had ruled out an evidence which attacked the character of others than Ramsey himself, & their conduct in the Sioux Payment, but I am told that my name has been freely used in some of the testimony. ... I am not if the truth be told, but the Indians and many others are fully impressed with the idea that Congress will re-appropriate the money if they will all go hand, and such a tremendous temptation is sufficient to make them swear themselves blind to accomplish the purpose.

"The letter is handed you by Alex. Farnham, one of my warm friends, and is noble and remarkable as a man, as a letter, the letter with him the "Wahp. Moore" club whose name is the only one which Indians will look at. It is interesting, as to clear it is important. Please have it taken before the leaves."

S. G. G. St. Paul, Rooming by 2 hours ago -

M. Aug 1. 7 o'clock,

D. must come up again. "Everything must be set right before Congress & the country on a matter of justice. Our own characters & those of our friends - we must be put on a level with the world - "The must come again."

S. G. W. G. L. One M.

M. Aug 1. 7 1/2 3

Boy - He was wounded, after the battle of the dead - Robertson was killed - "The boy & the dragon"



S. & A.C. Dodge, Burlington Iowa. M. Aug 7. 1853

Rice, nominated. S. having with drawn. We had  
any one but up against him. Ramsay having declined to run.  
Gorman very unpopular - his friends did not dare offer him -  
Munday unpopular in the Convention. Would have been voted down

Indian matter is a difficult question. How much labor  
to be done. Spitting large and abundant in letters. Gorman's course.  
Munday, invidious. S. has drawn Gorman's name -

Rice is down in Gorman - G. has ended 31' with this  
w. & M. a whole - [L. u.]

G's Unpopularity increasing, also that of Robertson and his  
clique, who are responsible for G's introduction among us,  
and my dissent. [sic]. My friends believe that I held a  
stronger position than ever in the Territory - "

General impression that G. is endeavoring to make  
out a case against Ramsay. ~~Refractive~~ Investigation  
State going on & no prospect but early close.

Nothing has been elicited to criminate any one connected with  
the payments although every O'Connell in the County has  
been permitted to testify. In fact the affair has been worked  
as I told you it would. If Ramsay has made any  
money out of the transaction it has been entirely  
unknown to us, and Tyler has sworn positively that  
he never said R. & Dale as a had any sort of under-  
standing or arrangement with Rice. As for the  
poor vilified traders they made every sacrifice for the  
accomplishment of the treaty and not more than two or three  
of them were - - - received enough to pay their debts.  
I regret to say that I am not one of the lucky ones. Al-  
though the time and capital devoted to the Indian



ought to have secured me a handsome button in place of  
leaving me in debt. <sup>11</sup>

Letter is from J. R. Munn (?) regarding Mrs. Sully  
McLeod. Alex. Fairbank & H. S. S. to H. M. R. R.  
St. Paul Aug. 8, 1853

Ask R. R. to declare the position in which it is in the  
St. Paul investigation - not on publication unless  
information circumstances should require.

S. to Genl. J. W. Clark - New Port? Ky. M. Aug. 12, 53  
Magnetic variation. Number 11.06.  
From peak about 5/8 mile from river.

S. to R. R. J. McClelland

Survey of Indiana. M. M. J. Aug 15, 1853  
Gen. Univ. has been chartered, and a preliminary report  
must appear, by private subscription - Report that it  
necessary to submit the same granted Feb. 19, 1851 "as  
rapidly as may be deemed necessary for the advantage of  
the University, as the public lands are now being surveyed  
and a portion of them in the east of the U. S. are now  
being already subject to entry. Ask for Board of Regents  
Committee to make selections. Can early reply.

S. to W. H. Marshall

M. Aug. 10 1853.

Has permitted J. W. Wells to overland in his (S) for a  
wagon, after \$5 payment, next week - Will send copy  
of address.



S. to Hutton Pembun

M. Aug. 22 1853

Willie will appear on the day.

By R. Cant vote on River, S. hopes he will not  
be elected against him.

S. to Dorcup - Brewster

n. d. - (cont. Sept. 3. 53)

"I looked all over St. Paul to find a young, but  
did not know when he was up. Parker and not tell  
me. I hope you and Alice (par volute valute)  
will have a good time of it in the connection,  
Tell me if Bailey has been questioned yet & what  
he disclosed. Before the ball is closed we shall know  
them a thing or two"

Refers to Bailey in Province.

S. to A. -

Sept. 11.

Homer is now here a good time before the Court.

"I send a note to Judge Young, which please to  
be delivered. Tell Ramsey that Alex. Farnis-  
Vauk has left his deposition, and will be  
back in three or four days."

S. to Dorcup -

M. Sept. 11, 1853 -

"I learn that the investigation is becoming more fresh  
and interesting --- there will be a little more yet --- to the  
listeners. It is said that Call. Dodd has gone abroad for  
a fresh installment of witnesses. I hope he will not  
have a good time of it."

S. to A. - Sept. 12. 53. Refers to approaching crisis with Homer.  
May refuse to say our oracles. "Keep cool & do right"



S. to J. Alworth

Mr. Sept. 16. 53.

Asks him to see to Mr. P. Ballou's is to make -

"When are we to have a meeting of the Board of Agents" Says Ballou to Sec. Int. for power to select Agents has been referred to Sec. of War. for report.

S. to Rev. S. R. Briggs Sec. of War. Mr. Sept. 19. 1853

Very much request for him to come down immediately - testimony very important, since it was official introduction - more than that of any other person. Gov. Johnson and Indian Bureau not work,

Solely to Eastman (Mallory). Mr. Sept. 25. 1853.

"Perhaps you would like to know how the investigation gets on. Judge Young and G. are hard at work. I have been examined, and of course my evidence is strongly in R's favor. Still, I am satisfied, the Commrs. have determined to report against Ramsay, and to state the ground that the Indians have never been paid according to the treaty. x x x My evidence and that of the respectable witnesses are so strong and conclusive that the money was expended exactly as contemplated by the treaty, and that the whole campaign against R. has been brought about by men who wish to move by another appropriation, of my own opinion. Robertson has been sent on, to see how the Briggs x x German intends to take a delegation of the Sioux Chiefs, who of course will be well-treated."



Sibbey to Rice

W. Oct. 2 - Sunday -

Regrets that William could not "confer with us"  
 "He is of your race, a fine honest fellow..."

Has no doubt of Rice's election - Capt. Wood is an independent  
 Candidate against Brown & S. has been told has German's  
 Sympathy - Dorr cannot be elected, but may come ahead  
 of Brown "which I believe to be his object - Sick child."

To Robert McClelland

Sibbey to Rice <sup>See 2 letters</sup> <sub>Private</sub>

W. Oct. 17 1853 -

Sx payment investigation closed + result con-  
 cluded as to the propriety of Gov. Remond's conduct - his  
 innocence of fraud - imputed by interested and vindictive  
 accusers -

Nevertheless, Com<sup>rs</sup> will report unflinchingly on other  
 points mostly technical - S. thinks learn. of witnesses not  
 fair to Gov. R. & others interested.

1. None allowed back of treaties. Hence record can, not  
 show how treaties aided the Govt. in getting the treaties, nor  
 the sacrifices they made, nor the "subtlet understanding"  
 on the part of the Government Commissioners that the  
 signing the treaties as acknowledged by the Indians  
 themselves showed or seemed to them by the depart-  
 ment in carrying out the stipulations of the treaties, sub-  
 sequent to their ratification by the Senate.

2. Record shows testimony of Little Crow that Sully read  
 off his name & words to S. S. D. 61-32. 2. 10. 172]  
 Gorman around S. that the record showed this recording  
 to the prejudice of Kent's parties. S. not to be suspected of favoritism  
 Gov. R. may have erred in depositing money in New York, but  
 not the sanction ("as intended") of Comptroller Wheeler.



"In bringing out paper money or in giving drafts away.  
He but consulted the wishes of the attorney of the claimants  
[H. Tyler] who threatened would bring them to the field."

S. is satisfied that as a full exam. of testimony  
before the P. & S. will establish that no fraud has been  
perpetrated upon the Indians, and that Gov. Ramsey,  
while he may have committed a technical viola-  
tion of law, has acted from pure & proper motives."

Remarks - that the Indians were led to believe that  
if they would testify that they did not consent to the  
payments and that they had been defrauded, the  
money would be re-appropriated by Congress for  
their benefit, and many of the half-breeds & trappers - on  
among them gave their testimony under the same  
belief -

S. believes the P. & S. incapable of doing justice to  
a political opponent [Gov. R.] Those charges  
imputed to him are among the most promi-  
nent & responsible Democrats in Minnesota, who  
would not be a party to a fraud upon poor  
Indians for an the gold in California"

[St. Alb. Rec. Dousman &]

S. to Brook -

MO. 27 1853

"Have Gorman & Brown returned? And can you  
find out where Sweetzer is? If he is in New  
Ark. Group, I must go up this week."



S. to Alex. Fairbank. Fairbank.

M. Dec. 21, 1853

Ask. 7 is sent \$29,000 of the \$39,000 bonds he has  
on "the operations you know of". Will be sure - secured -  
Rice + Brown, elected

S. to Montman. Private

M. 22 Oct 1853

"I have no doubt the com<sup>m</sup> have decided to  
report against Ramsey, and that the report will imply-  
cate the matter to a certain extent. I am satisfied  
there is a dark - and scheme to have the money re-  
appropriated, and that the Envoies will work hard  
with the Germans + Switzer to accomplish it. G. W.  
to later on a delegation of chiefs the Com<sup>m</sup> will  
be, and they will of course, be up to the opposition  
of Congress and the President. I shall go on to  
about ten days and remain a few weeks in  
Washington. You should write to Eastman,  
Macy + other men you know, for we must take  
all proper <sup>measures</sup> to prevent the scoundrels who  
have given us so much trouble, and now seek to  
plunder the public treasury again... See to this at  
once + write D. H. -- and E. before he leaves (back).

S. to Lewis Cass. Detroit Mich. M. Dec. 22 1853

3<sup>rd</sup> - Also giving a history of the young investigation + asking  
Ramsey's involvement + asking C. to see that "no inquiry  
is done to the son of his old + warm friend -  
at home him copy this letter -

This letter was sent to "Dean Charles" C. Howland, with  
the request that he take it to Gen. Cass + inform him that



There is a deep scheme & "We suspect the Emancipator  
was connected with certain Govt. officers in their plans."

Sibley to A. P. Dodge Burlington Jan. 14 1853

Another 4 p. letter of same tenor as letter to  
Gen. Cass & McClelland. Got copy at same time.  
Not however. admission (p. 1) that R. acted in exchanging  
good on my many roofs.

Ries's big majority due to his hostility against German.

Young came to St. Paul with prejudices -

"and a great part of the testimony was taken"

"Mr. Ries has assured me he will do all in his power  
to present matters in their true light, He asserts that the  
haters never present one half of their just dues in-  
deed the Swiss testify. German & young are divided  
friends of Judge Douglas - Young is a young man  
has no character brought in question"

S to Morris.

Al. Oct. 25, 1853

Saw Sweetzer, agreed that completing claims of  
M. D. ft. shall stand till spring - he not to attempt  
building

S to Capt. R. M. Grainger

Fort Mifflin Dec 1

Mass. Oct. 30 1853

Intending for sale - also works & others

Bond \$300 to Hunkiller for Dec. 31, 1853.

? for Anderson & Pioneer

Jan. 4, 1854

S to Morris (Private) about "the business" - As Fairbanks was  
in founding Sibley - But S. is not with Hunkiller -  
about "the printing" of def.

Sibley speaks  
by me & R.  
January.

S. W. Eastman

M. Jan. 17, 1854

Returned from W. - Saw Worsman at Mattituck.  
Capt. Ellis has signed all the logs with reports -  
Sunderman in Indulgence -

Eastman] in trouble, would like a foreign mission.  
Will do all he can to get printing for Democrats -  
S. thinks it will be divided later. P. & D.

S. W. Eastman

M. Jan 14, 1854

Has had talk with Gorman, who has expressed  
many views. His message, circulated

Promises to replace his report as Capt. did not  
approve it would be printed

Excellent about some matter died away here.  
"Men bubble"

Hope Young will make a satisfactory re-  
port "as you seem to think in with"

With G. + other good friends in W. S. Eastman  
appears as usual.

S. W. Eastman

M. Jan 26, 1854

About re-election of R. & Gorman. R. is  
not all right since G's removal. Printing divided  
Snow den. deer poor. no hunting. "Ranting is un-  
necessarily sensitive" - Hope and Young will have  
fulfilled his oft-repeated promise in his report -



S. to Sartman

Ala. Feb. 1 1854

Nelson returned & reports that Young has su-  
laimed charges against Ramsey in every particular -  
Rice writes that he understands Young's report "can  
not hurt me" S. to S.

"If the judge has betrayed us and reported contrary  
to his promises, he will catch the Devil from the start"  
Ask for copy of Young's report -

Rice states that he has drawn a bill to give  
the "mixed-bloods" land warrants to the amount of  
land to which they were entitled if a distribution  
was made - "Hopes S. will favor the bill

S. to Ramsey,

Ala. Feb. 7 1854 -

Excitement over struggle between Rice & Gorman  
dwindling - By mistake Brown thought to be going over  
to Gorman - & which, Brown's on West Bank of Kanawha.  
"We have been willing to do a few things" E

Nelson reports, Young sustained charges against you.  
was not believed it "in the face of his [Young's]  
repeated assurances to the contrary - But if it is so  
he will be proved up in good style here and I trust  
in Washington - Trust the Committee will place  
the matter in the hands of Cooper



Sully to H. C. Dodge Wash D.C. Mr. Feb. 1, 1854

Cannot believe Morris' report evidence Ramsey -  
 "for Mr. Judge Lyngs I assured me repeatedly and  
 most explicitly that there was nothing in the evidence  
 going to show any corruption or fraud in the Bank of  
 Gov. R., nor any thing except a technical violation  
 of the Sub-Treasury act" - and letter

Appeals to Gen. (P.) Dodge to defend him (S.) if the  
 matter comes up in Senate, Gen. Cass will do so

Sully to Rich Wash D.C. Mr. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

Think half-bred land warrants, and things, has asked  
 Mr. Eastman's support. Trust over me.

Refers to indignation of Morris & Provost, - who do  
 seem to think it was going over to them.

G. has told me many things, that he would not tell  
 had it not been for the obvious circumstances.

Does not believe Young's report without R.  
 "after assurances given by the judge."

Sully to Eastman Mr. Feb. 8, 1854

Asks S. to favor appl. of Capt. H. C. T. Dema,  
 lieutenant-col., in case there will be any  
 Conf.

G. B. Sully to Cleveland Mr. Feb. 9, 1854

Partnership in "Northern O" & Co. Lanes his name to be  
 added by his brother (H. H. S.)



William Blair M. Blair & Co.  
Caterers & Banquet  
Chas. McComb & Co.

Sibly to Grant & Barton  
New York

Al. Feb 10. 1854

"Anxious to close his business as soon as possible"  
Recommends, "Gibbs & Whittier" new partners in  
the Indian trade - asks for them terms on which  
G & B will purchase goods at 12 mos time.

In P.S. written on S. declines to guarantee,  
"My object being to withdraw entirely from the  
Indian trade."

Says K. made \$10,000 on O. 1852. Collected 25,000.  
In W. & G. 20,000, 7000. 1200 1300 =

Sibly to S. S. Green

Al. Feb 16. 1854

State from Wash. has rec'd - German without letter  
denying that evidence inculcates Sibly.

My friends from Rich - are playing fair. I informed  
that Wallbridge has abundant of beef heads, that S. gave  
him liquor during the payment - "false"

Of report correct, R. is an ancient hypothesis

Robertson has rec'd charges over not that  
Return was ordered to buy - part by throwing  
blame on the Indians, will be in Wash. after they had  
been to the Post - taken - Large Party Dec. 1852 minutes

Sibly to E. S. Green

Al. Dec. 12. 1854

B. & O. will honor his draft for \$5000 =  
[ 3 to buy materials for Provision, by J. R. B ]  
on note of S. & B. Co. same date.

over

May 12 1854 Sully to Garrison.

Has made arrangements to put Garrison in charge  
of Prison - to be ready after May 1 -

Mr. W. W. Channing passed. I was allowed to  
a published charter. into House of Representatives to  
allow after two years. Garrison signed under  
protest - "Charter to New York" -

Garrison is one of the wisest & most unselfish  
men I know of. I believe he would do right, but  
he wants the moral compass to take a straight -  
forward course & keep it.

Dear Sir can you again - R. Thackeray writes  
we do not know Combs or can send a  
thousand dollars that he would make war on  
slaves (of House) & demand that of British Gov  
Govs sent to accommodate the Gov. "I believe  
you think of such a man who is a  
such a man must be able to do it."

We are waiting patiently for the action of  
the Senate Committee

Dear Sir  
Garrison  
Sully



Sabbath to Saturday

Mon. Mar. 12 1854

Has but Fordrich in charge of Review - weekly. few  
may doubt.

R. R. Charles (Mr M. W.) has P. Gorman's name  
that he would not appear - but he did under protest.  
G. is in of the weakness and unworkmanlike than I ~~know~~  
know of. I believe he wishes to do right, but he wants  
the moral courage to take a straight forward course &  
keep it - Rich & we are out again. Meeting to open  
Claims in Wash. of course but was not empowered as he  
desired. Prince's firm Rich's conduct on efforts for  
Funding & Gorman where he is right, G. always to  
have S's support.

Waiting for news from Sen. Com.

P.S. x x "Please ascertain whether from Wilson if  
the Report now in the right to enter the lands (P.)  
within the old reserves, as part of the University  
grant. If so the Report can serve the interests of  
the U. and with the others also. They are anxious  
to have to deal with us, and not with specu-  
lators."

Sabbath to Fri. Gorman

Mon. Mar. 20, 1854

about Indian murder. + wandering from scene.  
Would like Wahvatt's letter before when they can.

Healing in book

Sabbath to A.C. with U.S. Sent May 24, 1854

Report delay in investigation, Report's Sebastian's  
selection for printing - Samuel Davis of Mich had a  
hand in that. If not then handwork of Rich <sup>but perhaps S.</sup> may mistake



Send Pioneer with editorial written by himself.

Sibely to Catman.

M. 24 May 1854

Get Messrs report that Young report is to be printed. Not Cooper's report the end.

"Is there any hope for our railroad now? or for yours?"

[ Oct. 31. 1853. Sibely's bond to Henrietta Johnson, \$3000. for payment, 3 notes of \$375, ea. to Jos. R. Brown by H. H. S. and 3 notes of \$125 ea. to J. R. B. by F. B. S

Sibely to F. B. S.

M. Oct. 31, 1854

Please pay Mr Henrietta Johnson \$250 being additional amount allowed in interest on Pioneer purchase, to charge to acc to H. H. S.

S. to Mrs. H. G. same date. Sends bond, made by wife's father in his farm about 1 1/2 m. below French St. A. "which I have at \$2500. + or - for \$250

"The other gentlemen have a double wire attached to the other part."



S. to D. - Confidential. Mendota May 28 1854

"I wanted to mention to you that Ramsay has  
pounded down upon us since the investigation, and  
claims to be remunerated for his services, loss of time,  
expenses &c. &c. caused by the investigation, He wants  
me to give him up \$4000 which I do and his last  
year \$107, int. and he says further that you told  
him to go ahead with the payments and we you  
and the rest of us would see him out. In other words  
he expects you to fork out a pretty sum for your share  
to make good your implied promise and he is able

Sticks and the gun (last 4 words faint). He says it  
will take \$5000 to make him even, I told him I would  
write you on the subject, and I do so accordingly  
as to his proposition to me, it is a little too much  
to ask me to pay him so large a protection.  
I might be willing to pay \$500 of the money you  
including the house as disposed to do some-  
thing, but really he has pressed the claim beyond the  
bounds of delicacy, as he brought the matter up a  
dozen times when I was with him in W. I have  
known your views

as D. if he would to put 4 or 5 in with him in St. Louis.  
Good chance - Keep quiet about it.

S. to Gov. J. J. Newton, Wash. D.C. M. June 6. 1854  
On claims, Minnesota - Very interesting. 3 pp

S to B. B. B.

Meeting at Keshonau M. June 17 1854  
Refs to "Claim act & Rev Mr. Gere's claim



S. to F.A.S.

Mendota June 20, 1854  
(Scribble 1854, no 34)

"It is just 20 years ago to day since I first left to seek my fortune." --- "If I was only clear of P.C. in 1834 I should feel easy." --- "I am building a new store of-  
fice, between the stores 20 & 25 on the inside, and I have  
sent the frame mostly up to the country."

Five young men on the Galena last week, after eating  
lobster, smoking & drinking champagne, were seized  
with cholera & died 24 hrs. after the attack.  
Col. Lee, and the infantry are ordered to Ridgeley

Scribble to E.S. Foulsham.  
St. P.

Mr. 27 June 1854

Can't put up any more money for papers

S. to F.B.S.

Mr. July 3, 1854

Has 3 breaking beams plowing a farm.  
Send Galena wire to St. P. wire seems as many  
chains as the case -  
R.2 wire has H. House (Wash.) turn p. Senate. This  
wire connects land volume at Mendota.  
Has letter \$2,100 to St. P. body work, Foulsham are  
finished - Body done - Expects probable limit at land  
sales [of volume] Papers \$4,000  
"I want to get my debt as fast as I can"

S. to C.C. Foulsham

Mr. J. 3, 1854

S.B.S. had (or didn't) gone to Detroit & back



S. to R. M. G. Burdett, (Senator) M. July 8 1854  
 Comments Mr. Ransom (Secretary, Tex) who goes to  
 to effect the raising of a Commission to a S. P. Gentle-  
 man to attend the money for the pub. buildings - approval  
 of Gov. G. M. R. & one or two other gentlemen. forcing the  
 board hands by legislation,

S. to Eastman

M. July 8 1854

on same subject

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"Westernman's commission should  
 once be recalled, Porter "a good clean fellow and  
 an honorable man,"

"I perceive Ransom has, according to your account,  
 made many friends. Well he has a way of his own  
 to do so, as he said of our friends, "and I am often  
 rich often" + + + "I do not yet understand who  
 started the project of printing the testimony, but does  
 Ransom seem to know who & why"

S. to E. Whittier  
 Comments Ransom -

M. July 8 1854

S. to A. C. Dodge

M. July 13 1854

Asks D. to favor Van Allen for U.S. Dist. Ct.,

C. to C. Curdick

M. July 14 1854

on same subject

On same date subject on to Eastman

"Tells "W you continue dear friend & do work for him"

S. to Van Allen. 81.

Al. July 13. 1854

Instructs Van A., whom to see How to purchase land in W. "Write to W. please see Mr. Wilton, Comm. Gen. Land Office and ask him if St. Albert's being the dwelling reserve on Manitoba side cannot be restored. As the land is now boxed, it embraces the parish portion, the town site, including the Catholic Church, and comes within less than a hundred yards of the stone store, cutting us off entirely from the steam-boat landing" Write me from W.

\* who was Col. Austin. who D. 1854 leaving the U. S. Dist. Atty. - job vacant

Sibley to E. D. Washburne  
Wash. D. C.

Al. July 16. 1854

"Since the passage of our railway grant the Billings Co have organized, elected Directors and claim that they have a right to the land under the old charter. The bill as to passage, although not amended in any particular in either House, has been altered from the original draft mainly myself, or it is incorrectly printed in the papers. The word "future" before "legislation" in the Section is left out, and in one copy I have seen, the word "and" has been substituted for "or" when it reads "said grant shall not inure to the benefit of any Company hereafter constituted and organized, instead of "or organized" - In any event this is a queer qualification. The intention of Congress is plain enough, but what I



Went from you is to trace out the original bill in my  
hand writing as it passed the House, and find how so  
material alteration could be made upon the govern-  
ment. The G-incident is too remarkable to be  
accidental. See about this and let me know at  
once, as there is quite a controversy already com-  
menced in the papers. It may be your reply will  
be required to be published - "from Sidney"

S. to Eastman ~~London~~ M. July 16 1852  
Has written Warburton about "important  
discrepancies in railway bills - writes 2 to and  
in tracing error"

S. to Brook - M. Aug 10 1852  
Sends Eastman note \$3.25 due 16 Sept -  
See German note here. I hear from a Monday morning -  
Rear and word to Switzer that I am going.

S. to F. B. S. M. July 18 1852  
"People are running stark mad." a St. P. over R. S.

S. to S. S. G. M. July 20 1852  
S. hears that Proctor is running down as a news-  
paper is not regularly delivered - extends G. to a "close  
systematic business standard"

S. to Furber. P. M. G. Wash. Aug 9. 1852  
Recom. Charles Blair for Pres at Convention  
? Sm - cas of J. R. B.

On no. 3

Notes < Sully Salt Book made by me  
3,



Here begins the Little Book 2 - (1853-1855)

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S. to Chon.

Mr. S. 4. 1853

S.O. intends of whom S.O. dubiously to transfer  
Machet when rather less favorable terms than the rule to  
the Hillman. "The closing of our Indian business is  
rapidly being brought about"

F.B. S. to Borch -

Mr. S. 5. 1853.

"Hint that if Swedish claim is found just, and  
will be paid, we have still larger claims than this,  
which were made at the same time, were just as  
equitable and just as necessary" of Swedish claim  
of \$12,000 is allowed other traders who bring in  
nearly \$30,000, and with that precedent how  
can they be disallowed, let the law rule"

S. to Chon.

Mr. S. 13. 1853

Indians Hyppie Dapson (?) also goes to St. L for  
goods on his trade at Mendota

F.B. S. to McLean

Mr. Oct 4 1853

Mr. Riggs with women left before investigation, a fair  
banquet for through yesterday. Dismal in St. P.

S. to Chon

Mr. Oct. 7 1853

Since ought to learn who else to be about the  
Conclusion of the business, R. & of U's valuable.

F.B.S. to La Fram.

Mr. Oct. 15 1853

"Men were to be doing over 1000 things, then were  
no more than a few men at the end of the day"

S.B. F. to Dwight Dunes. Memphis Nov. 22 1953  
FAS has no further interest in the business + may in the  
County Court

S.B. F. to Duntman M. Nov. 30. 1954  
"Traders arrived from payment which was unusually  
cheap - Grealyer, without objection from the other  
traders succeeded in having his claim acknowledged  
and then signed by the Indians before the Governor. The  
Indians under the military. But then said that  
they owed the money, that that they would not pay  
it only their annuity, but that of the Great Father  
would pay it at Washington, they were content.  
They do not understand that it is a commitment of their  
new annuity. Reports differ as to annuity  
claim. Some say \$12, some \$16, some \$20.00."

! "La Franboise the Battle are said to be back  
friends of Grealyer + to be some in the whole old  
Council. Gorman comes down from above,  
not having gained a most successful identification.  
-- overbearing -- meddling -- purpose of promises -- to

F.A.S. to Kilton. Am. Long M. Dec. 20 1953  
Gorman was up at the Spring payment -- that the  
most unusually divided winter in the country --  
Rich the an sworn enemies -- Wiley treaty was  
probably not go before Senate. - G. had a plan to take  
8x clubs to W. - Fockers to go as intended - Mary with  
Pier with F. that if he went to W. turned out to be  
with Spring - Office of Gov. + Sub to will be submitted



S. to Clem.

Mon. Jan. 11, 1854

receives commission of about \$14,596 for roles in  
at \$40,1852-3-

It has been a W. "on business connected with the  
Ramsay investigation, is the result of which the C.  
is deeply interested - I have good reason to believe that  
the Senate will give the whole affair a prompt  
quotation, when the report of the Commission, and  
the evidence thereon be submitted to ~~the~~ its  
action -

Sorry Call. Sir had not come up last year -  
serious questions of disagreement - in different C's  
which names have early attention for harmonious  
result - but not get so much from the Commission as ex-  
pected,

S. to Brooks -

Mon. Feb. 9, 1854

Receives Hallinck's proposition for settlement  
when it should be a Can't agree to it as far as the  
S. is interested - "I'm an aware that I already have  
\$25000 claimed by the House as my share of  
the loss in Mr. Rice's business. I will not then,  
and I do not feel disposed to increase the amount  
of my liabilities in that quarter if it can be avoided  
B. can agree about W.C. O's -

S. to Clem -

Mon. Feb. 10, 1854

F.B. S. leaves F.S. with a letter a clerk, Can  
get along with opening of navigation. when goes to W.  
Embassy to bring S. G. <sup>papers</sup> back.

H. S. to Clow. Mar. 6, 54. About Bonds & subscription of Mar. 6.

S. to Whittier  
R. R. will be. not yet signed by Gov. Much excitement  
in subject. Will miss Ford -

S. to Guigras  
Will be burning for you next year. "accu-  
cuses" interesting demand that our business be  
brought to a close at the earliest practicable period  
Can't say about Mar. 6, affair  
Will confer on all matters when Capt. Sime comes up -

S. to Clow.  
about disbursements of \$4, 1852 - 1853  
\$33,148<sup>49</sup>

S. to O. R. Remondy.  
"read copy of resolution of Senate in Remondy  
Case. "The Gov. (R.) is not only acquitted of any in-  
fringement of law, but he is commended as an offi-  
cer and a man for having gallantly dis-  
charged his duty - So much for the great man.  
Let us that has labored valiantly for the  
even a woman" [3 San Ben. Co's letter 3]  
Has started a subscription for the Riggs monument at  
San Jose Park.

Sibley went to Washington

S. to La Foran. Lett. R. R.  
Help had been given previously to settle some. By R. R. but  
for warrants. a total misunderstanding. Grant in a number  
and claim at not over 640 A. Bailiwick. Senate





S. to Chon.                      Madras Sep. 4, 1853  
Cannt Chon Sent 1853 tele after payment is  
done.

S. to McCloskey, Gulen H. Sep. 23, '54  
 Fur prints as at when "5 fgs from brandy and  
 5 fgs. but Monographula colorado - then Kunze  
 which was sent me."

S. to Antonin Finley, W.D. St. Ill. Sept. 28. 1952  
"Please comb the strings of wampum -"

S. L. A. Farnham. Mr. Oct 9, 1854  
 Great interest at S. L. A. in about election.  
 Candidates of the railroad election party are  
 Ramsay, Williams, Mearns, Reed, &  
 Fuller. - We expect that they will be  
 elected - How you will not see how  
 you are doing & how much - But we are  
 in a bad way in the election -

S. G. Allen, Jr.

Mar. Monthly from up with Kermans - Concord  
learn from German the day of Sept -

S. to May, J. W. Sherman, Ft. Sn. Oct. 31, 1854  
Asks Neg. S. to Man Island at being a thick Indian  
from Owing oon - S. makes no account from being,  
but later leaves for Ind. as an undertaker





S. to Boston. M. Feb. 3. 1955  
Can't think of. in field +. [? use. matter"]

S. to Boston. Shallow M. Feb. 3 1955  
Ran into Clinton. Men, reluctant &  
leg. - H. in P. accumulating act.

S. to San Jose. Sulema. Sackin C. 2. Feb. 6, 1955  
about crops. - Work on same &

S. to Ohio. Feb. 13. 1955  
Very faint. May be interpreted as S. O.

S. to Reg. ~~to~~ Sand. Jan. 8. 1955  
Winnon,

Printed against ex-survey of Tr. O. St. for  
Cov. H. Space. Ch. Mayfield RA. J. Mayfield.

S. to then to Pers. Rem. Co. Chem. Assn. - Mar. 27 1955  
Papers Co. official of Oak Co. Assn.  
Several letters below about. Same matter  
Letter to John Cleveland about activity of "pink Tr. O. St."

S. to Cleveland Mar. 29. 1955  
about maps (interference) of Tr. O. St. about 100, 7 and 100

Winnon R. B. Clinton Shocks.

S. to Sweden Jan. 29. 1955  
about Tr. O. St. lots Had to send Noah teller



Mar. 29, 1845, Sully wrote Nathan D.  
Reynolds, Land Office, Winona.

Sends application of Judge Chatfield on  
entry to Trav. O. & according to Act Cong.  
May 23, 1844 -

"Trav. O. & is a large & thriving village  
and the citizens thereof are exceedingly anxious  
to have the land secured to them as soon  
as practicable - Make preparation - Sends  
Lithographs - Sends copy of Act of Sep. 15  
Congress and act above mentioned

S. to Alex. F.

Memor. Jan. 30. 1855

Leaves from Wash. Baker this Cong. has added power  
to pay your bills for Public Land -

See Act Sec. of Indian Affairs Act. - L. 4.

S. to Alex. F.

Apr. 7 1855

-- At this meeting -- to take immediate action  
was to meet it (your bill on names) from going  
into the hands of Col. Remondy under the old  
power of attorney -- It is better to Wash. to ascertain  
how matters stand.

S. to Hon. Major-General H. L. Donnan

Apr. 7. 55

Prisoner in Land.

Under D. on a fullness of evidence and later  
time to make voluntarily or do as you see fit.



S. W. May, T. J. Neely, Louis, etc. Minder Apr. 7 1855  
 About J. B. Franbault's claim - S. B. F. apparently  
 fearful that Franbault will get more than enough -  
 Mar. 12, 1859 seem to be date of filing of claim -  
 S. W. very faint, - but can be made out of meaning -

S. W. David Franbault, M. Apr. 12 1855  
 Comments will go up to ascertain legal claimants to  
 Italy Wood tract - no warrants yet laid summer or fall -

S. W. Chon, M. Apr. 14, 1855  
 Carl got to S. L. and says Franbault & Co. claim to  
 S. O. & say - danger of jumping of claim at hand.

S. to Swedgen, S. Paul M. Apr. 14, 1855  
 About defects in plat of land - matter looks a little  
 squally, looks to weather storm -

S. W. Chon, M. Apr. 20 1855 (239)  
 Borup makes but statement of M. O. & S. thinks again me,  
 B. wants considerable settlement this time over property.  
 S. urges Mr. Chon to come up. Promise a good money  
 but - heavy responsibility

S. to Borup, M. Apr. 21 (241)  
 Instructions relation to Russian land claim come, likely  
 to claim S. O. claim, "get speed you" -

S. to Mr. Pinner, M. Apr. 21 1855  
 About Borup this settlement - S. B. seem to be making property title law  
 brings the House to his terms - Claim, ground come up

S. to Wilm. Com. G. L. O.

Monday, Apr 23, 1955

Wants absolutely to end the 333 Act, under act of 1952

S. to Seane, Wash. DC,

M. Apr. 22, 1955

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Immigration coming with a rush, 3000 arrived already -  
 Spence & others have jumped from stay Trav. P. Act, but  
 I think they will be disappointed - Review instructions just  
 received - Please send up Comr, about hundreds come etc.

S. to Morris - Ducafo.

M. May 19, 1955

Brought to go to St. L. as promised - O. wants me to  
 come down from Gen Shields - I have better things to occupy  
 me. The Review of yesterday is over in German. Let them go it."

S. to Chom.

M. May 19, 1955

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Ask letter from Senior Chan. Goods ordered. for old engage-  
 ments. S. as arriving in the house to settle up -

Excuse himself for not going to St. L. and for drawing \$4000 in private  
 asset. Had left that money in house @ 10% when could have used it to  
 now for 2 or 3% a mo - This for 4 or 5 years - to show his first  
 feeling re-embodiment a house - Resident Center for demands for money  
 to handle R.C. for output money - Has no R.C. left of all, unless  
 with S. O. - S. O. will have another column -

S. to May, Sherman

M. Jan 8, 1955

About ferry + permit for families to cultivate little land by St.

S. to Chom

M. Jan 23, 55 - 670

Manages for house to his knowledge, reliability - Can be relied to learn  
 his own funds character while clearly H.O. business. As he has is understood. d  
 int. 1/2 - 1/2 what memo got here. Have Chom with Comr + settle



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S. to Hon. J. Davis Sec. War. Wash. D.C., Honolulu. June 25, 1955  
 Sends copy, contract between Hon. J.R. Poinsett, Sec. War  
 & Messrs. Stambaugh & Oliver Bailey covering for Gen. B. Fair-  
 bank's plan with Polaris relation to the purchase by the U.S. of ---  
 Pili's Island - also copy of letter of Poinsett to Stambaugh  
 13 Aug. 1940, recognizing right of Mr. Oliver Fairbank.  
 Maj. Healy writes that you (Davis) have no obj. if good title  
 can be given - Poinsett's letter shows that the War Dept.  
 was satisfied. I ask if any thing more is needed

S. to ? Chaloud.

M. June 30, 1955

The Political Commission is about being created, and there is fun  
 already. I have no doubt. - He has been playing possum, and has really  
 been saying yes for a remuneration."

S. to Clean,

M. July 14, 1955

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Spending letter. House bound to furnish capital to clean business -  
 The business can only be closed here - & S is anxious.

S. to Michael Barker.

M. Aug. 26, 1955

Some business matter. Lillinghast

Alvin Bailey, Henry G. Bailey, Henry H. Soley & W.G. Lillane,  
 were the proprietors of the business.

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Soley, Alex. P. & A. Fairbank Committee - M. July 25, 1955 371

ask Navy/Army Cont. del. App. to send them a copy of the  
 instructions to Congress to divide Hawaiian money

S. to D. Clements St. P.

M. 30 July 1955 - 373

From Clements with stick as Sec. Committee "from the bright com-  
 mune"

S. to Fisher, Wash. D.C. Feb. 7, 1851  
 Order, summer frock coat 12 pr summer pants 2 inches  
 larger round the waist. -

S. to E. B. Washburn Wash. M. Feb. 10, 1851  
 Memorial build 10/8 - Ammending out [?] Marked,] was  
 within the original - German used into, [?] [?] [?]  
 even into under 2 yds [?] [?] [?] " [?] [?] [?]  
 the character as [?] [?] [?] [?] [?] [?] [?] [?]  
essentially"

(387)  
 S. to McLean, Tr. d. Ex M. Feb. 20, 1854 (see)  
 Extends Mr. L. to stand by the party, no matter what nomi-  
 nation are made at Shakopee

(388)  
 S. to J. R. B. Washburn - M. Feb. 20, 1854 (see)  
 Extends B. to break Shakopee -  
 S. cordially ready for nomination. He says "I would like you to  
 get me in, you must get me ready out, or my friends must either  
 draw my name in the center, - "I am [?] [?] [?] [?] [?]  
 come off. for want of instructions" Provision & [?] [?] [?] [?]  
 on River,

S. to Filander, Tr. d. Ex M. Feb. 20, 1854 (389)  
 About Shakopee Committee on 28th - Has not written a word  
 to McLean against Filander. "I am surprised at your statement  
 that Mr. L. had passed a letter from me to your committee, for  
 no such has been written."

"Prof. Geo. W. L."

S. to A. Fairbanks M. Aug. 28, 1855  
 About Shakopee Committee. A. F. named even in [?]  
 S. writing of general work. - 2



On No 4 from  
Here begins. notes on Little Rock 4 1952-1954

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F.B.S. to Mc Manus.

Memphis Ala. 21. 1952

H.H.S. is work, hopes to have letters relayed. Heard that  
Haley had article was to be modified & cut out.

Swedish Protest are doing what they can to help things  
Intervene with groups of no good.

F.B.S. to Chon.

M. Ala 30. 1952 (17)

Swedish around (in <sup>St. P.</sup> ~~St. P.~~) before had no contact  
has been made with him.

F.B.S. to La Fren.

M. May 1, 1952

Swedish are. Reports doubtful whether letters will be  
relayed. If not his observations will have been from bar. H.H.S.  
has been relayed. He has made no contact  
with Swedish - -- "to make sure of good friends with the  
Indians."

Same to them send. to same week Sunday,

F.B.S. to La Fren.

M. May 15. 1952 47

No further news of party

F.B.S. to Mc Manus See p. 1.

M. May 18. 1952

Life from up. Swedish are broad -- you must look out for  
him. He has other projects in hand - "S. is now sitting in my  
office, talking and laughing as merrily as if he were not  
waiting to take away our only chance of having ourselves from us."

F.B.S. to La Fren. Little Rock

M. May 18. 1952

"Swedish has 150000 Park, 600000 Fido + 500000 Fido. I can  
not find out what he is about, but you must be in the back of the  
door. I am Fido's friend. I am a broad. I am a broad. I am a broad."

F.B. S. to Alex Graham. Tr. D. Ex.

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M. May 16 1852

"I think Sweetzger is bound to leave some paper deposit. So I think you cannot leave the Treasury just now."

F.B.S. to Chas.

M. May 19, 1852

"Sweetzger went up -- yesterday. Saw him for a moment, but had no conversation -- I should judge from reports that in case it should be necessary, he <sup>would</sup> be easily approachable -- that he had come to this country to make a speculation. --" Hints, meagre.

F.B.S. to Chas.

May 27, 1852

Sweetzger was at Tr. D. Ex. -- still at work at his scheme. Indians very distrustful, divided & distracted.

F.B.S. to Boutman. P. D. Ch.

M. June 4 1852

Sweetzger came down yesterday -- says he has that has more faith --

F.B.S. to La Fren. Petit Rocher. M. June 14, 1852

"Dr. Williams saw him, en route with fellow Indians who - totally himself. Sweetzger is St. Paul - has seen him - very conversational & kind. I have no fault to find. Ambivalent "he should be heard by him"

F.B.S. to Boutman P. D. Ch.

St. Paul, June 22, 1852 - p. 86

H.H.S. assigns to him an assignment with Sweetzger. Proposed to D. Sec him in business - S. will agree to any matter by D. This letter must be copied - Clear that letters to Sweetzger and D. their way



DKP

F.B.S. to Clem.

M. Jun 27 1852

"Kittson intends of practicing to come over to F.B.S. & and Sam quite annual upon vicinity by his outfit to - later Sac Rapids & Minnesota."

News here of reallocation of timber with some accounts looking out the half-land claim & from other - the 4-estate holder, St. Paul - - proposing to give Canada in her gift. We are now aware about the allocation which we need to go to learn on them."

F.B.S. to D. Kemoy. F.B.S.

M. July 3, 1852

Will endeavor to settle F.B.S. land claim with Switzer. Do not let him under any more.

F.B.S. to La. Fran.

M. July 7, 1852

Some new scheme in foot - one but plan to keep quiet. "I know Rich is no friend of Switzer & has no business connection with him - don't let him do things with."

F.B.S. to Clem.

Minnesota May 27 1852

McLeod ar. 12 days in way. Costs 17. to come. Verbal's border entirely in the usual range -  
 St. Deconts met Red River hunters near Owl's Lake & took 40 (all) of their tramecamp loaded with meat. Switzer is now at the Tramecamp - at his old scheme. Indians distribute, divided & distracted. When St. were so near lower - anxious to have things settled & get on -  
 matters

not of mine & not  
 on him

F.B.S. to Chas.

Minneapolis July 11, 1852

Seller must be carefully read - Seem to agree with paper  
Wm. Rice got the St. to St. Geo.

F.B.S. to Montman

Minneapolis June 4, 52

Swedish came down yesterday - Don not know  
how long he will stay - Don not see that he has  
made better course (?) of consequence since his  
return.

F.B.S. to Dr. Lohrman

Minneapolis June 14, 52

Has hired young Turk for him \$20 a mo. no  
voyage, but good at work about the build etc  
"He said to me that Louis was hired to Sweden,  
but (see 3) contented himself with me - he is led away  
by 'singing birds'."

"Dr. Williamson is now en route for the yellow  
Medicine men, where he means to visit him -  
Self"

"I am sorry to perceive that you are con-  
siderably disheartened about matters up above. Do  
not be afraid; matters must <sup>work</sup> their work out  
right in the end. Swartz and his promises, will  
both be a great weight, not much to be de-  
pendent upon. Swartz is now at St. Paul, and  
have seen him several times. He appears very  
considerate and cordial & proposes a dinner rather  
to serve <sup>us</sup> than to injure us in any way. Appear-  
ances are deceitful & I have no fault to find, but  
still I have every confidence that we will not be  
deceived by him."



could. "If any steamer goes down to the Traverse I will go up with him & endeavor to arrange the Squatting business - - and I may be able when there to discover something more about his projects than we now know." x x

"Boutman has been here - has not known his object. He thinks there is no doubt of the ratification of the Treaty" and we also agree in our views about our Traverse friend. "The interest is large enough to make him act himself."

"I believe you are right about the Grand Frisé & that he is a double dyed villain - - but we must not doubt."

F. B. S. to Boutman      Saint Paul Jun 22, 1852

H. H. S. writes very encouraging about the treaties. Is very urgent for some understanding with Sweetzer, without delay, & for news of ratification.

Writes some contingent arrangements made with Steel & his friends - "I dined with S. <sup>[Sweetzer]</sup> yesterday at the American. He intends going to St. Louis to - - Monroe. Writes suggests that Boutman take same boat at Galena & make arrangement with S. Any he should make would be satisfactory to "us" -

"The <sup>Sweetzer</sup> (S.) is making every effort to buy over the half-breeds and Indians above by substantial presents and I think is probably making some headway".

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F.B.S. to H. F. McClorky, Galena. Mendota Jan 27, 1852

"The Executive brought up the Galena litigation of the ratification of the Brown Treaty. - - - The report on the country was an almost magical one." Don not give date of arrival of Walker -

F.B.S. to Chon.

Mend. Jan 27, 1852

See p 69 for partial ex. from this letter - I att. Col. Postman was here + Sweetz's matter discussed. He had had conversations with S. but did not deem it expedient to attempt any arrangement at present - thinks it will not be difficult to do so when necessary - H. H. S. is anxious that some arrangement be made with S. Sweetz's job in St Paul.

F.B.S. to Henry R. Bailey

Mend. July 1, 1852

Winn Grove.

Treaty ratified, important everything be arranged among the claimants to your place [sic]

Has had conversation with Dr. Foster about the

F.B.S. to Duncan Kennedy

Mend. July 3 1852

Tr. D. Ex

Do not let Sweetz make any building upon the landing. We endeavor to settle with him -



F.B.S. to J. Laframboise

Litch River

Wed. July 7, 1852

Billard goes up by boat to-day - He has some goods on board [Blackhawk] "He would go to show them was some new scheme in foot & but if so, I think our best plan would be to be quick and let them work, I know there is no friend of Sweeney's, and has no business connection with him. He will do Sweeney harm (?) and out of the quarrels & refuse him men may get their dues. So I think we had better let him work - I am S. has 45 lbs of flour on board"

F.B.S. to Leon.

Wed. July 11, 1852

Above of 115 packs of fur - from all but Kibben's outfit - Flood on the river

No further news about hunters - Men were to work in getting about of Upper Indians - They are in great want. Lower Indians bear hard - sheep in new home - we give some winter hunters however they can be managed -

Boyer has informed Leon. of surprising operation - F.B.S. so doubtful of Ricci's honor & trustworthiness that he could not consent till Dunsman had guaranteed that Ricci "would do ~~his best~~ <sup>his utmost</sup> efforts to effect the purpose"

F.B.S. has seen the paper which Ricci is to sign, by Ricci "I succeed" it will be a "Confidential next to West of Louis". F.B.S. writes in the coming and



to cooperate with him, and present any and  
show him all that any. Let's keep Chou as -  
best -

We want large amounts of funds. Morrison -  
Indians were very badly, when got money -

F.B.S. to D. Kennedy

Fr. D. St.

Mon. July 16. 1852

"Keep a strict eye on the claims"

F.B.S. to Chou

Mon. July 20. 1852

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The "Conf" must soon come off with the  
Group - well-planned + shrewdly continued  
+ carried out. "I do not feel dan-  
gerous of success." The men who have been  
trapped, <sup>and</sup> have from one to five arrows  
not seem to act the same way by him,  
seems a bit of opportunity often - Before this  
reaches you, I presume the whole matter  
will have been decided

F.B.S. to J. LaFrambois

Fr. D. St.

Mon. July 21. 1852

Indubitable that LaF. should fully understand  
"Since we discussed the defect in our own  
paper and Sweeney had his own power of at-  
torney signed, we have been considering how  
to do it in the best way we could without  
our own, and destroy the effect of the paper,  
when Wonsman was then the subject was care-



fully mentioned before Rice, who spoke con-  
 siderably of Sweetzer, and offered to procure  
 a paper from the Indians for a bonus of  
 \$10,000. This was sent via Braggadore's  
 agent with no expectation of any such  
 thing - but after consultation Boutman  
 told him we would accept his offer,  
 would pay all expenses necessary and  
 proper and in case of success would  
 pay him \$10,000. Having made the of-  
 fer, he could not decline, though I  
 do not think he was anxious to under-  
 take it, nor do I now think in the unaf-  
 fairs that he has the least chance of success,  
 unless we alter our commitments, assist him.  
 This I propose we should do when the  
 proper time comes but until that time  
 we must be merely silent on, impres-  
 sing upon the Indians that they cannot do  
 worse than they did with Sweetzer and  
 that they had better listen to Rice than  
 what he has to say. But let no one of his men  
 even know anything about this, as though  
 they may suspect there is some that knows  
 anything about the matter. Above all things  
 when you and your agent set out our hopes,  
 and if the pinch comes the Diabol Portemps must  
 be made to take the lead. ++ You must, of course  
 see the paper when a paper is presented to the  
 Indians and be careful how you speak with anyone.



McIntosh will explain all. Furler goes with us.  
 + between them you can get at the whole  
 story, McIntosh every one but them, but keep  
 Joseph Renwick straight

F.B.S. to Cleon.

Mon. July 26. 1852

Kittson an. Friday last with his returns -  
 brings 1500 Bonobos Bales - spread out.

Another July 26 - Shuts 137 packs & roles. Kittson's  
 returns - asks advance of Rice - dinner follows.

F.B.S. to McIntosh

Tr. d. 84

Tues. July 27 1852

Taken by Michael Renwick going on horseback  
 to the Mr. Humboldt's "Ants" that the half breed  
 above has advised the Indians to do nothing,  
 being ignorant themselves of what was to be  
 attempted - we have told him that we had  
 better encourage the Indian to listen to Rice  
 using the old argument that Swallow's word  
 is more important than our own, and I have  
 suggested to you if it would not be well for  
 Rice or Furler or yourself, on his arrival  
 at the Navaho - unless all seemed well  
 been killed for better or for worse - to use  
 some means to make him interest himself in  
 the matter. I believe we can do something  
 with Little Fridge, you should act promptly!!  
 Letter to reach Mr. L. 24 before Renwick's arrival.



F.B.S. to and from  
St. A. Falls.

Wed July 28 1852

The two cables have not made their appearance

F.B.S. to Cleon.

Mon. August 12, 1852

Adviser of Kuitum returns of 1851, 38 packs.  
Not so large this ~~year~~ <sup>year</sup>. "owing to his absence  
last winter attending to the duties of a councillor,  
his accepting the latter office was not his own  
choice, and in doing so he was fully aware  
he would be injuring his own <sup>private</sup> interests, but he  
was strongly advised to do, for he saw a majority  
of the Council should be opposed to him. Un-  
der some pressing necessity, I do not  
think he will come again this winter

Asks Cleon. to ship 200" beaver on church at  
Little Canada.

Booth has written of the failure of the attempt  
at Tr. d. St. Plan put - but execution did not  
equal the contrivance - too many people knew.  
No harm done, except some expense

Swendson's papers & powers of attorney have  
been fully delivered to the Indians and  
Pier has discovered that he is not so im-  
portant with the Sioux Indians as he supposed.

Has written H.H.S. about payment of \$30.000 re-  
fund to the Sioux at a short time of treaty pay.

Of pay made Oulbe will want many furs - orders  
20 lbs of sugar 16 sacks coffee "in great demand by Indians"

F. B. S. to D. R. Kennedy      Mond. Aug. 30, 1852

Advise K to see badly sparred horse "in case you can dispose of him advantageously to the missionaries". "He is just lazy enough to suit them and will answer being well broken work."

Sweetzer's clerk has come down, but for what I do not know. x x x Look out for treachery in the way of a row when Sweetzer gets back. x x x The Indians talk of it. Therefore keep a good eye on your cattle."

advise saying "wamegids". to keep waiting advices

F. B. S. to Chas.

Mond. Sept. 11, 1852

Disappointed at low prices allowed for robes, Deane & firm.

About Kerk's you posted on Sioux matters -  
x x x the amendments have been signed, as also a paper revoking all powers of attorney and placing the whole matter of carrying out the 4th article of the treaty in the hands of the Governor, who intends starting in the course of a day or two for Washington. He starts with the determination of doing all in his power to have a payment made this fall. "If so, funds needed. Gov. will advise by telegraph of success.

Has been obliged that he agent have 1500" powder. H. H. S. expects in 3 or 4 days



H.H. Libbey to Chas.

Med Sept. 20 1852

Sends big requisition for Indian goods -

Gov. gone to Wash. for money.

"We must be prepared for their payment and make all we can out of it" x x

"The Upper bands have delegated to Gov. Ramsay the power to settle their debts under the treaty, and I am now striving to induce the lower bands to take the same course. x x, matters now look encouraging, and I hope we shall succeed in getting the greater part of our just dues. x x I write to you from house second against loss. I may say that with entire confidence that your interests have occupied for more of my thoughts than my own, in all the labors necessary to carry out these treaty transactions; the success and my broken strength enabled to pay all our liabilities to you, and my highest ambition in a pecuniary point of view will be gratified. When I return from this business, I wish to be absolved from debt, and without loss to any interest. If our present plans can be carried out, those objects will be fully obtained."

F.B. S to Phelps & Co. Quawha. Med. Sept. 21, 52

about horses & cattle for selling to Indians at payment. F. Still has 100 head for sale



Sibbing to Chom.

Mon. Oct. 9. 1852

4 Wk. letter.

Justifies large orders for goods for payment.

"I have already repeatedly stated to you that my principal object is to secure your firm against loss, so far as human exertion can do it. I would not go through the troubles, notifications and incessant labors to which I principally have been subjected in the making and bringing about the ratification of these Sioux treaties, for the attainment of any end merely personal to myself. But, you have embodied your Capital to our charge, and we wish in the spirit of the most rigid integrity to see it returned with profit if possible. None of that Capital has ever been applied to our private uses and none of it ever will be. . . . We only desire that you will combine in our judgment at this critical point. . . . I feel confident that we shall be held at least a fair proportion of what is our due, both by the Whites and the Indians. . . . every reason to expect justice of the Government.

advise Chom. that a sudden frost has been in the Minnesota O. (North St. P. factor) would entail an "immense sacrifice". Porcupine intend to acquire as soon as possible - Ribes to make, hotel, logs in River side. "Your seven letters to him. Permit me to say, can do no good and may do much harm." My son & lack of em-



Confidence, which should have been expressed of  
 even before you became so deeply involved  
 with him - He knows you are desirous of closing  
 the whole business. ~~He~~

Will settle affairs of S.O. 1851 as soon as possible

Sibley to Chas.

Mon. Oct. 15 '52

Sweetzer has come on with a green subby, &

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Sibley to Brooks

Wed. Oct. 17 [1852]

Advise you for writing on Sunday - about  
 horses for payment - abt. 30 @ \$50 & \$55.

Sibley to Brooks -

Oct. 22 [1852]

"We had quite a flame up in this neighbor-  
 hood at the Agency. x x x Sweetzer & Co's  
 have presented for signature, provided that all  
 the \$90,000 should be given to the bands for  
 division among the bands to be paid to the  
 half breed, and it was torn up by the Soldiers  
 in the presence of the Agent, and the meeting  
 dispersed. It is said the claim are very much  
 exaggerated. We have a plan on foot to remove  
 differences. x x x Wants Fellers to remain two or  
 three days.

F.A.S. to Brooks -

Wed. Oct. 21, 1852

Asks B & Oakes to sign bonds "to prevent anything being  
 said at the payment about our not being licensed traders."



F.B.S. to D.R. Kennedy. Mond Nov. 1. 1852

Full advice as to preparation of accounts to  
be for convenience of work at coming payment  
Brown is going to turn for all information  
B. goes to notify the Indians of payment.

F.B.S. to Lapham. Mond. Nov. 1. 1852

Advice about payment. Brown goes up.  
no horses, nor news of them

F.B.S. to Brough. Mond. Nov 6. 1852

Snow scares considerably -

"I suppose the payment - tho' the Governor yesterday  
told the Indians they should have nothing until  
affairs are arranged. - will take place in the  
early part of next week - yesterday's  
Council did not amount to much -

On 10/11/76 a number of applications for li-  
censes to trade

F.B.S. to McLean. Mond Nov 6 1852

about Indian food, flour, exchange

F.B.S. to Brough <sup>ambivalent</sup> Mond Nov. 8. 1852

"The payment will be made tomorrow -  
Quite good. The lower chiefs, ~~men~~ who were the worst  
authors have signed a satisfactory paper, and I  
think we can provide an enough others to please  
their example. In this case the Indians were



Scout the country in search of horses & prices will go up enormously. They (horses) must be procured today.

Asks for Sunday funds - "We are due in to death this morning as you can well imagine" "Can you spare me 1 doz blanket covered?"

F. B. S. to Brooks - Mend. Nov. 9. 1852

Wants Calico shirts, scalpings & antelope knives, Vermilion, brass knives, Turkey red shawls, Cotton hushy & shawls - buckles and sun glasses.

"Governor Ramsay has turned the money over to the Agent & the money will be paid to the Indians to-morrow."

H. H. Sibley to McLean Mend. Nov. 10. 1852

Asks Agent to inform Indians that he had not stated to Grey Iron & the chiefs that their old debts were already liquidated - "I know you did not tell them any such thing & &, I trust you will disabuse them".

F. B. S. to Chas.

Mend. Nov. 16. 1852

Three p. letter.

"The Wah-pay-Cou-ty affairs have all been arranged & \$90,000 has been deposited with Messrs L & W House in New York, to the credit of Henry H. Sibley, trustee & & Alex Fairbank a large sum in & & Sibley & Am. F. Co have



but \$20,000 coming - but will get as much more  
on a/c of debts

"After infinite trouble: an arrangement has been  
made with the Genl on tax. Setting aside  
\$70,000 out of the \$90,000 fund to pay their  
debts. The Saenbie was not about by  
some influential half breed who prevented  
his chiefs from signing any papers until  
some sum ~~was~~ should be set aside for them.  
An intent finally consented that \$20,000  
should be placed in the hands of chiefs to  
be given or used as they pleased, each half-  
breed thinking that he would be the lucky  
recipient of a large share. With the ex-  
ception of the lower chiefs however the chiefs  
returned a distribution among the bands the  
greater amount of the money, about \$20,000  
was given to favorite relations. I may remark  
en passant, that we are fully convinced of the  
justice of your Capt. Sire's indication as to this  
half breed ~~deliberate~~ action & x. They have acted  
with very few exceptions, more basely and un-  
gratefully than I supposed any set of men could  
have been induced to act. They have acted  
under the advice principally of the Contum-  
acious & cowardly Swartz -

Indulgence, amt (\$70,000) will be made when Gov.  
returns from N. D. Ex.

Governor, with Mackenzie, Lytle, Keith, Donsman  
Fillmore left this morning on the Train



Weather bad - Waiting may be necessary -

"Our chief reliance is <sup>on</sup> the former <sup>years</sup> of the govern-  
ment, as it is very certain the agent is unfriendly, but  
Sventzen consoles himself for his defeat here,  
by securing expectations of being able to carry  
his matters up above. I have every confidence that he  
will be as signally disappointed there."

Sorry to say "that we have not been able to  
collect more than 25% of our credits"

William's light trade by purchase of Chris. O. and  
Gordon's articles - Will rent late -  
Kittum sale at Remondia.

F.B.S. to 3 Borneo. Nov. 17, 1852

Indians nearly all gone - Robert Linder &  
Traverser. Has \$2500 in \$100. wh. B. may have  
has no feet.

F.B.S. to H.A.S. Nov. 19, 1852

"Doubtless is the chief, his price for him from \$500  
to \$600 - Most unless from Trus. O. S. is no find  
more, nothing was ready -

F.B.S. to Borneo Nov. 19, 1852

Want to look above for stone, the Indians oc-  
casionally come to trade about the Horned case, also  
they decant without looking as long as they often  
win corner. Want to pay at \$6. @ ton



F. B. S. to Furbus.

Mond. Nov. 23. 1852

Indians not an. at Tr. P. Sx. Probably only further payment will be made. Swentzen is raising mad - born on from especially - Fed Governor that David [Faulkner?] threatened to cut out guts of his intestine &c. Rev. Iron [sic] been acting worse than ever. Governor sent soldiers after him, put him in Irons and they say has broken him. When Indians not coming, he among the Rebels & won't leave. \* \* H. H. says Swentzen won't win."

F. B. S. to Chas.

Mond. <sup>2, Nov</sup> 23. 1852

\* \* Nothing has been done at the Tavern, Swentzen has been endeavoring to postpone the payment & is very violent against our people. His game is a desperate one <sup>and</sup> having been foiled in his attempts to defraud the claimants below him, he has gone up with terrible threats of what he would do with the Indian Indians. His game will not win. His club whom the Rev Iron has aided so abominably & violently that it is said the Governor has thought it necessary to confine him.

F. B. S. to Ch. Beaulieu. And Wm.

Mond. Nov. 29. 1852

About P. O. & Search taken to want back of merchandise. Want discarded rifle barrels -

F. B. S. to McCloskey

Mond Dec. 9. 1852

\* \* The payments are over, and the settlement of the claims under treaty is now progressing. Mr. Swentzen has made desperate about to break over these claims. But he has been broken in his plans



and I fancy is not a much richer man than he was  
last year when he embarked in his crusade

F.B.S. to Dr. R. Kennedy

New Dec 4 1852

x x Of course any way of annoying Swedenborg  
x x x you will not let him.

F.B.S. to Chou,

New. Jan 22 1853

x x as usual after a heavy New Year's or nothing  
in the way of hunting

F.B.S. to Donsman

New. Jan 24 1853

Thanks D. in error about H. H. S.'s friends declaring  
him - "Tide is rather setting in his favor, despite  
the motions of the Democrat [Robertson & I]

"Henry writes that copies of that veracious print have  
been sent to all the members at Washington and  
you will have noticed that he has no more for an  
investigation"

Refers to case of Thompson v. Donsman & Donsman.  
"Next letters the church".

F.B.S. to McCloskey, Salem.

New. Jan. 25 1853

Sends \$2500 in New York bank bills & notes for British  
gold - to send to Swedenborg.

"The heavy weight of the payments being over, the ex-  
citement in spite of the Democrat, is subsiding. There  
will soon be in our winter lethargic state."

F.B.S. to A. Bailey. Washington. Jan 21, 53 - Russian only

F.B.S. to Schultz Esq. Oquawka. Mend. Jan 29, 1853  
 Asks price of 50-75 Weibies - & of logs, wants 100  
 shovels

F.B.S. to Elson. Mend. January 31, 1853  
 Sends balance Sheet Snow O. 1851 + inventory  
 transferred to Snow 1852. Will send list of Ambrose  
 under on 1/2 of payments & collections under treaty

F.B.S. to Laframbois Mend. Feb. 8 1853  
 Sends paper - that he deduct 12 1/2 % from his  
 a/c against the government - Agent would not endorse  
 unless made - Present officers will soon look them  
 over. - but to settle the accounts which they are in  
 office. The Governor will pay it to-day.

"Nothing new. Swentzen & Holsten have both  
 gone on to Washington to attempt to prove their  
 charges of fraud. Moreover only the paper that  
 H. H. S. has himself introduced a resolution calling  
 for an investigation. The whole amount of  
 Swentzen will result exactly as his operations  
 heretofore, "great cry & little work." He thinks the  
 Govt officers & traders are not so smart as they  
 really are. He is smooth & oily, but not mighty deep  
 after all."

F.B.S. to Jos. Laframbois Mend. Feb. 23, 1853 -  
 "Nothing new here. The Democrat, as you can see, continues  
 its weekly (weekly) stream of detraction & abuse, but nobody  
 takes any notice of it whatever. It was not at all the price of putting our  
 red coat on."



See letter of F. H. Sibley to Chamberlain July 11 - 1852  
for brief notes on Price's decision to get Sx to  
agree to amount -

F. H. S. Consulted with Benjamin Chamberlain  
that Price would do his utmost -

In Sibley letter back 1852-1854

"Sully and the editor of the Democrat are both in Washington, doubtless concocting some new iniquity, but as I always predict, so I do now, that they will be foiled. The resolution of identification was adopted, as you know. & the Indian Committee of the Senate, who have power to send a petition and papers, I think it very probable, that when Congress adjourns, it may be referred to some other office to be enquired into."

All ours likely to run low -

F.R.S. to Chon.

Min. Mar 2 1853 -

Delay of payment of payments under treaty.

"Our fur trade this winter has amounted to nothing. The Sioux have not been out at all - Some few were made spring hunts & a few collected absolutely no deer skins. The Indians went late in this winter to hunts (? Wash-paw-con-tay) & all the skins they killed were their food & some they were made to make mocassins, which must ultimately be sold at St. Paul vicinity. From report, I judge we shall have quite a number of robes this year, say two thousand or more. x x, Chis. said to be killing many fine furs. x x, Burrows & Smith have a thousand martens.

F.R.S. to Chon.

Min. Mar. 12 1852 -

Statement of balances collected by Sioux outfit 1852 for all different outfits - Please check S.O. 1852 & report as appended.

Over



|                 |      |                |                            |
|-----------------|------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Western Village | 1845 | On Jan 1, 1852 | 22,127 <sup>53</sup>       |
| St. Peter O.    | 1846 | "              | 11,789 <sup>42</sup>       |
| Sam             | 1849 | "              | 865 <sup>21</sup>          |
| Swan x O        | 1848 | "              | 5,682 <sup>61</sup>        |
| Sam             | 1849 | "              | 8,324 <sup>99</sup>        |
| Sam             | 1850 | "              | 14,327 <sup>23</sup>       |
| Sam             | 1851 | "              | 11,357 <sup>22</sup>       |
|                 |      |                | <hr/> 74,368 <sup>21</sup> |

are entered to credit of clear.

F.B.S. to Safran.

Mus. Men. 1853 -

Sends Men of women - of not up. yet Capt. Mann to meet it.

F.B.S. to Dr. Kennedy

Mus. Apr 4, 1853

Now that boats are running" look out for squatters"

F.B.S. to McCloskey.

Mus Apr. 7, 1853

Order from. Work. Sugar, Bacon, butter, oats, tea, Syrup + coffee. to be made of. W. Brown Made Dog Village - charge 5% before then charged 50. 1852. Send me duplicate invoices at different times.

F.B.S. to Clear.

Mus. Apr. 18, 1853

Refers to new agreement to be taken up into H.H.S. Indians have own absolutely nothing then winter. The gens on Lac are doing nothing but killing ducks for subsistence x x x I wish McCloskey may have rules. no deer skins whatever

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F.B.S. to McClorky -

New. Apr. 19, 1953

St. Nelson said money to Capt. Dana, who said to  
Col. Lee - He was not sure of any price

F.B.S. to McClorky,

Apr. 20, 1953

Reverts money matter

Mrs. Sibley got down in Excelsior to meet H. H. S. &  
Gulena.

F.B.S. to D. R. Kennedy, 2nd St. New. Apr. 26, 1953

May. McLean expecting Colman for new agency -  
Rumor that Major Murphy has been appointed ex-  
agent.

F.B.S. to Lafram.

New. Apr. 26, 1953

"Rumor that Murphy has been appointed  
agent. I would much like to know Brown,  
but would prefer any body to the present incumbent."  
Lower Sioux sent a big woman bent  
against the clubhouse, who last week killed  
I suspect a man of Six's band -

H. H. S. to McClorky

New. May 4, 1953

About horses to be by Geo. Frankland,  
(Sibley from Washington)

H. H. S. to Finkler, St. Paul.

New. May 5, 1953

Arks 7 used oak plank at 3 lbs. per lb. from Norway -  
New newspaper by Indian messenger



H. H. S. to Chon.

Mond. May 7, 1853.

We have written on our business matters.

Chas. O. established at Camp Wemy burned - loss of \$20.00  
no insurance.

"We are doing all we can to bring the Indian  
trade of Snow O. to a speedy conclusion.

Wants double gun sent up & charged \$50 to his  
private account.

"I have valued you -- for \$'s" - several times

H. H. S. to Chon.

Mond. May 11, 1853

Orders goods for Kiltson & Gungas

"I shall endeavor to see out the concern at  
Pembina to Mr. Kiltson when he comes, & shall  
very essentially to control the whole business  
and <sup>nearby</sup> ~~business~~ <sup>close</sup> ~~out~~ on the Indian trade this  
season."

H. H. S. to Chon.

Mond. May 16, 1853

Russians O. will make good relations - Asks for better  
prices on furs - Indicates that he will sell  
elsewhere unless better price offered - Russian  
says that he must do as well as possible with  
O. property.

H.H.S. to Chas.

Minn May 21, 1853

Has enough to do with "our O". I cannot give much attention to Minn. O.

"You are right in stating that the liabilities of West O. are enormous, but many of them have been incurred in the prosecution of business never contemplated by our agreement. I learn for the first time since my arrival that Minn. O. has \$12,000 invested in the Boom Co, which certainly promises any thing but profitable returns. Now and other kindred enterprises entered into, without any reference to the legitimate trade contemplated by our agreement, and without even the civility of consulting me or asking my consent, I certainly do not intend to be responsible for, and I shall as soon as may be address you a statement of matters here, and the course I shall pursue with reference to a final settlement of all our affairs, which God knows I most earnestly desire. Meanwhile I think Capt. Sine would do well to come up at his earliest convenience.

Dr. Monk is evidently somewhat discomfited, and as for myself, I cannot see how the concern of Minn. O. can render any thing like the necessary returns or paying what it is in arrears."

It seems that Alex. Fairbank had the handling of the money of the firm at Minnesota



H. H. S. to Brooks -

Mem. May 28. 1853

About sale of a warehouse - "I have not yet rec'd a paper of this week from St. P. Why or you not thinking me in that secluded place?"

H. H. S. to Chase.

Mem. June 3. 1853

F. A. S. in Detroit - will return, so that H. H. S. can go to Washington "on business in some manner connected with deceased property"

H. H. S. to Brooks -

Mem. June 4. 1853 -

Tells Brooks to handle Chas. Mott's account, but in our judgment as the S. O. or S. O. affairs, victims responsibility or Brooks's denials.

H. H. S. to Gov. Stevens.  
at Elm -

Mem. June 7. 1853 -

Cleaner \$1500 for 3 miles record - copy -

H. H. S. to Chase.

Mem. June 13. 1853

Has written Melrose that I mean make him a proposition to take the O on his own acc. - If he Melrose can then be disposed of, then with no difficulty is closing the business of the O, with very little delay -

F. B. S. to Kittson  
in north.

Wed. Jun 28. 1853

Returned from Detroit. Mumbled from north to Redwood.  
It is \$12.30 or one in your payments. & the money is  
hand. Indians want a looking over your horse &  
worse. You can buy your own horse. "I do not  
think you need see any at less than \$100, and if  
you have likely ones, can get considerable work"  
"You have the reputation of being a keen one in  
the business."

Kittson was to bring horses down. See letter to  
Alex. Fairbank in next P.

F. B. S. to Alex Fairbank  
Cannon River

Wed Jun 30. 1853

P.S. Asks A. F. to write to an Englishman, who  
wants to hunt. Willing to pay him with late  
Martin wages @ \$4.00 a day,  
Whitely than as cash @ \$2.00  
Price of goods at \$2.00 - . It is advised  
them to get an Indian of you.

F. B. S. to Chon

Wed. June 30 1853

"Mr. Ravoux begs me to thank you hands for the libe-  
rality & Messrs. Chouteau, Sarpy & Co. in contributing so  
generously towards his church. &c. I have cleared  
your ofc with \$200 this date & placed the same to  
Mr. Ravoux - Mr. McLeod an. from above.  
H.B.S. will return July 10 -



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F. R. S. to Doughtman      Mond. July 5. 1853

" You truly said 'the Sioux treaty with us  
like a curse on our heads the balance of our  
lives' I have already been called on by a  
couple of Indians for horses which were  
promised them by my brother last fall in  
return for their assistance and which he  
had them I would bring up. He has written  
you already. I believe asking you to oblige him  
by buying him two horses & sending up.  
x x x I suppose you will be up to all this in-  
vestigation."

F. R. S. to Olson      Mond. July 6. 1853

Kittson has 420 packs - mostly robes -  
Refers to \_\_\_\_\_ as a kind of business which I (K)  
do not ~~advise~~ advise, and gives you an idea as to how  
much trouble, but if we do not supply them  
others will, which will stand them directly  
in opposition and by supplying them we  
throw them in the H. Bay Company -  
[It is not hard to give the business.]

In different letters suggestions that the Red River  
trade is taking the Lake Travers route. Kittson  
recommends it.

H.H.S. to Chas.

Mon. July 15. 1853

wants price on roles (\$400 or more) -

F.B.S. having declined according to the terms of an agreement of last winter, his interest in Northern O closed on 1st instant with expiration of O. 1853, but he will devote his time for a few months in assisting me to bring matters to a conclusion!!

P. Presents by order of Agent Monthly -

To Alex. Fambault,

Mon. Aug 1. 1853

Fambault Rice Co.

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Agent asks Fambault to send the Redwing to work pay con lay bands to N.W. St. on 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. when they will send provisions on their journey to their reserve & will meet the other bands to Monday at Benton Indians - Mayn Muley stands down tomorrow morning to bring up Wabash and this band. His order on Wabash - my that all must be there at the time set.

Sent by Alex Fambault special messenger - in handwriting of H.H.S. on clerk =

F.B.S. to Lafran

Mon Aug 1. 1853

about getting lower St to N.W. St. -

Men of amimation progress slowly, nothing will be done, Gromer having gone up to Sec Rabids to make a treaty with the Wamwagor, & enclosing their present country for use in the North fork of the Crow River, & Groaty is in St Paul making trade as usual!!



F. B. S. to V. R. Kennedy

1853  
Mud, Aug 1, 1853

Presents sending provisions for Indians - If you take charge of the matter make them pay warehouse charges. "In 10 days I you will have a great number of Indians at the Traverser & you must prepare things so that they cannot damage your animals or property. Which, as they are not much in favor of going alone, they most likely be in the country going -"

"The lower Indians are all ordered to collect at the Traverser in August 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, and the authorities say they are determined to make them obey orders, as there are no more treaties to make or reasons for conciliating them, it is possible they will treat them with rigor and perhaps severity. The poor devils have not many strong friends left them."

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H. H. S. to Chon

Mendota Aug 4, 1853

P. I. is about rules & prices. Shows 390 packing rules - Has paid \$4.00 for them. "A better lot of rules never went out of the country" - Wants \$4.00 <sup>"all round"</sup>!! Is not bound to ship them to Chon. but prefers that they have the control of the matter if they pay good prices. Refers to a supplementary agreement made with Capt. Smith in Washington, acc. to which North & S. were close subjects acc. to their own judgment & discretion.

Has sent Pembina business to Whittson, who takes stock at inventory prices & adds at a valuation



S. W. Smith (K) goods for current year at 5% on cost + charges here

Kilston has made splendid returns, his O showing a clear profit of \$10,000 this year.

We endeavor to sell like some O to meet on same terms as to "Hittson", in which case our interests, except a small stock of Indian goods on hand, will have ceased with the Indian trade.

Swartz has heard about 4000 sales.

Cannot see "for the way run" any difference between tobacco for St. P. @ 12¢ from the Chief had charged 15¢.

H. H. S. to Corcoran Messrs. Mend. Aug 5, 1853

Draws for 394 expenses of exhibition.

Sells to J. J. Stevens same date.

F. B. Sibly to Mr. Clarke Mend. Aug 8, 1853

Warning that St. Paul may become a supply point. "The Commissioner would have the world believe that St. Paul wanted that [the Red men] to take \$40.00 or \$50.00 of goods when I presume the truth is that the sales have not been in our own \$5000. a month."

H. H. S. to Cleon

Mend. July 15 1853

Complains of 15¢ for tobacco which can be bought here at retail for 12 1/2¢.



Steamer in the river Tiger, Clear in Blackhawk

J.H.S. to E.S. Friedrich  
Private.

Minneapolis Aug 15, 1854<sup>[sic]</sup>

"I called to see you according to promise, yesterday afternoon, but could not find neither you nor Mr. Brown.  
x x x I repeat you did not come up with Gov. G.

I have conceived a paper for the Pioneer which you can publish if you have no other articles prepared for to-morrow. It is short but significant. Do not let my handwriting be seen - Copy of it goes into the printer's hands. There is work ahead, and it must be entered upon 'con amore'."

(Last letter in this book)

Book No ~~X~~<sup>X</sup>

June 18, 1849

to Aug. 9, 1854,

Not routine business -

Politics

Family &c

\* No. probably wrong - pages separately.



Sibley to W. W. Chapman Madison

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Minneapolis June 18. 1849

The Gov. has made no territorial appointments, & will not till after his next meet in Sept. Appointments will be numerous.

Sibley to W. C. B. Washburn (prints) Minneapolis June 16, 1849

Sitting along snowshoes - but new comers are stirring up party feeling - Election will be in August - Will be no opposition to me (S.) "I do not think on Bench will prove a gallery of legal learning, or be considered as likely to shed much lustre upon the administration, still we know for the best."

Sibley to John Cullen Madison, Wis. Minneapolis June 16. 1849

Cullen's order of an election, returned Sibley seat as delegate + organization of territory. As to Cullen's Sibley as acting Gov. of Wis. Terr. Sibley as advised did not (in March 6 '49) try to get them in after being "S. men" as well as his women, to get Sibley post

S. to Brother (a sister) S. Brook? Minneapolis June 16. 1849

"Gov. Ramsay & his family have been with us ever since his arrival in Minnesota. He is much pleased with the country. --- The population of the Capital, St. Paul was taken last week and amount to 850. I suppose the number in the whole territory will reach 6000. I wonderingly will be elected to Congress without opposition & --- Government is full operation - Gov. and issue proclamation for election. "Look out for Minnesota as a state in the Union is born a few years, and on yet"

Franklin D. ...

S. to Chouteau. (Private)

Wed. June 20 1929

Is not paying exorbitant prices for furs as Mr. Brisson has reported - Hope House will learn something in the discussion -

Rice has brought extensively of property belonging to large hotel with out-buildings. Cost 7 + 8000. S. knows less of Rice's previous encumbrances than the Chouteaus. R. has not sold last very extensively - Unpublished letter to write about R's affairs - Can you would desire to make a visit to this country about the middle of August discussing matters -

Rice informed that Wandering claims belonged to the outfit. Returns will be soon in a week. Has four returns. Enclosed cost 70 books -

S. to Pres. Z. Taylor.

Wed. June 20 1929

Pres. Z. Taylor. President for Sub-Agent of Indian Affairs at St. Peter, "Rice's removal of the present incumbent (Major Murphy) for delinquency." "The President is a gentleman of high character, of integrity, much respected by the community in which he lives, and of great experience in all matters relating to the Indian Agency, having been Commissioner of the Department for several years."



S. to Christians

Monday June 21-1849

Donsman will exchange his share of dues for  
Sum 42.43, 44 for unrepaid claim.

S. has informed Pier that the House is dissatisfied  
with a certain arrangement, of which he had used the  
proceeds on his buildings [in St. Paul] -

Pier says he would so use the money - Pier em-  
tent to have one of the Clarks come in tomorrow -

" He [Pier] has today removed to St. Paul,  
where he says it is necessary for his business  
that he be located. In this I heartily agree with him,  
x x x You will probably say justly that he should  
have cleared up the matter before a building  
was erected for him here!"

Kristen demanding high wages. Remi only says,  
" Gov. Ramsay and family left this day for his  
residence at St. Paul."

S. to Clon -

Mon. June 26. 1849

Donsman died cut-throat - Arthur did not re-  
sponded because worthless.

Secured 175 111 books - Pier about 20 books w.r.e.o.

S. to C.E. Froubridge, Detroit.

Mon. July 13, 1849

About Clon in St. L. now in det. Gulliver to a select  
delegation Aug 1 - Grand celebration in St. P. on 4th, where  
have some credit to any Galien city. 520 men in procession,  
Band of 6th infantry led. " Our Governor Ramsay takes well  
with the people, he is a plain unassuming man, of popular  
manners & much good sense."

S. to Chas.

Mendota Aug. 8. 1849

W. & C. O. estab. at Santa Rapids. burned, for<sup>th</sup> loss  
no insurance

Reed & Brown have made an agreement on the  
clubway trade. Reed  $\frac{5}{8}$ , Brown  $\frac{3}{8}$ . This agrees -  
on relation further agreement which Brown not by  
W. & C. trade

Kellum returns in two days - a "He is a very  
cautious, reliable & well a most desirable man"

Sibley to H. L. Moss.

Mend. Aug 11. 1849

Advises Me & for - Thanks M. for congratulations  
on unanimous election

S. to Rev. S. R. Briggs Saginaw.

Mendota Aug 11. 1849

Thanks Mr. R. for his counsel in regard to the  
treatment of the Society - Intends to make a speech  
at next session "preparation to some com. paper"  
which subject went with difficulties

Mr. Rand elected by an unanimous vote. S. also -

Mr. Meland elected to come and Mr. Bailey to do.

S. to Mr. McLean

Mend Aug. 11. 1849

62 were polled at Mendota - Disappointed that you  
did not get more votes at frequent times - You must be  
down before beginning of session, as you vote which wants  
for minutes to - Wells elected for John Pease dist.



S. to Bro. F. H. S.

Mon. Aug. 11, 1949

Prefers that "I am a member and  
"attend to the bookkeeping & writing nearly my whole-  
ness in my absence at Washington." "Sullivan was  
not on my letter." "I will give you \$5.00, for the  
first year, and of course for board lodging."  
"There is no place in the Union, when a fine opening  
presents for a young man."

"Call Mrs. Sleets Mary with Park House in on ab-  
sence" "The man recently the

Has been known with a unanimous election

S. to Rev. Gustave Delcourt  
Pembroke.

Mon. Aug. 11, 1949

about buying a trucking machine at Fulda -  
will look after Pembroke's interests at Wash -  
Knows President personally -  
ask what should be done to handle H. B. C.

Then call follow re transfer of money of Rev. B. &  
Bank of Canada.

Kittson

S. to Kearsney

Mon. Aug. 16, 1949

Application for loan for Kittson to have at  
Pembroke to Capital \$8.500 - J. Pelletto & others  
employees. Sullivan's Sullivan's hand -

Sullivan, S. to 2, Aug. 26, 1949, about death of Dr.  
James. a member of F. H. S. family -

S. to Isaac, L. Gordon. <sup>STP.</sup> Mond. Aug. 28 1829  
Pioneer desires support, as first regular  
front of the territory - will be soon this week -  
Pond can be defended in - (Reference to legal, history)

S. to Maj. G. B. Ogden, Ft. Leavenworth. M. Aug. 29. 1829  
"Mud has died" - mostly family of families matter.

S. to Ramsey Sept. 3. 49 Application of Jos. Lathrop for  
license to trade at Little Rock - Capital \$1,600

S. to the Missions of the American Board who  
are to assemble at Travis des Sioux the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. - 4th  
Mond. 3 Sept. 1829

Proposes since desire to act for best good of Indians.  
They must be placed in a permanent home, as  
far from contact with frontier whites as possible: a  
"frontier all well enough," when shall it be?

Gov. Popham recom. big reservation 100 x 100 in  
above influence of Big Sioux with Missouri - Don  
not know the country - But the system of com-  
pressing North band in so small an area - is essentially  
defective - S. proposes separate reservations for each  
of the "large bands", to be 25 or 30 miles apart with  
intervening space occupied with white settlers  
"In the course of time the sparsely nationality would die out,  
and game being extinct we might have the Sioux come  
from their primitive seats as hunters at last to equal  
the nomadic tribes, which would be their first step to-  
wards civilization."



They would require good education, but the named  
diminish as the Indians become qualified to govern  
themselves.

S. does not think diminution of numbers due to drink, -  
that a secondary cause. The fact and is that they  
are treated as outcasts - regarded as a second race -  
have nothing to hope for - has no work to do

Now must be done the knowledge of we wish  
to save the Sioux from destruction

The traders (S. & others) have done all possible to  
"Keep some feeling of disaffection with the mission-  
aries". Appeals to the older missionaries for con-  
firmation "It has been my instruction to me never  
to assist the missionaries in anything that ended in  
controversy regarding them" - Present & past &  
traders however unpopular & others in connection  
to the Indians - influence of people engaged as before  
with a religion as could be expected

Has S. & others missionaries become fed a deep in-  
terest in the efforts for bringing these Indians under  
Christian rule and doctrine, "and that my response -  
loyalty was not less than your own"

Sadly, too, that missionary teachings  
among N.W. Indians a failure - Why?  
not for lack of industry of missionaries - Bad system -

Manual labor - the best of proper medium of  
instruction, all in Indian hands favor this.  
"the attempt to instruct children in their own lan-  
guage should be abandoned" -

Now (bottom of p. 4 +) S. has learned that Mr. Hopkin has repeatedly taken ground to injure the "treaties" "implying... that the treaties cheated them -- that the Indians should distrust them, and not believe their advice in any particular, and especially that all claims for former debts should be disallowed & repudiated, whenever a treaty should be made" [order changed]

If this is the case Mr. H. must make an acknowledgment in the Indian States regarding the same. Thinks report of H's action must be true. Endorses statement of 2 Ex from Tr. D. Ex. asks "your body" to investigate

Of course claims can be presented in the event of a treaty. Such a mission as that of Mr. H. would be a serious injury to our country.

"Had the Indian trade been prosperous, and had we one and all received a fair remuneration for our toil and labor among the Indians, there would be some sense of propriety in opposing such claims, but when the very contrary is the fact, when it is notorious that not a single man who has been engaged in the trade for any length of time is not reduced to poverty & even - when reduced to debt, because none have been paid their debts by the Indians, and that the latter must have perished from want, under such circumstances it would be as unchristianlike and improper to induce the Indians not to pay their debts when able as to persuade our white men what was originally the property of the Indians."



Don not charge Hopkins with flagrant violation of Clinton  
duty - but believe his use of "incantations  
emphatic" - "which wound to the injury"  
My prayer is to.

Then follows the Nalimut of  
Chaton - Kah - e - non - pa t  
Wahkon - e - ne - hm - Koo  
also in y t - ke - w - tch - can to effort indicated  
in extracts & abstract from transcripts -  
Urban Alex. Fairbank.

Price of Edmund Whistler of \$101.12 for  
taking census in Mo. river 25 days or 2 50  
use of horse 10  
Sundries 8.50  
Grants 32.62

assigned to Sibley.

Sibley to Brooks.

Missouri 5 Sept 1849

Relates to Fair Co. business - Brooks had lately  
been taken in - was never content to be the collector  
of the house in private ventures (look at this)

S. to Charleston

Mo. Sept. 5 - 1849 -

Relates to Fair business - Suggests visiting Rich -  
Rich's utility soon functions more of transacting business  
"and his total want of method" had induced "S. to consent  
to Brooks's coming in - B. is a close business man, in -  
clinations practical - can show great skill in business

" Mr. Rice is a magnificent planner, and will not  
indulge any comment of contracts - - without the  
least estimate of the facilities - to perform - -

S. to Kullam, Penobscot Sept. 7, 1849  
Under for 3000 for purchase of corn, about 100.  
Wheat sent out - Provision for 1000 bushels.  
Do not let the Indians together -

S. to R. G. Murphy, U.S. Indian Agent at St. Peter,  
Maine. Sept 11, 1849  
about St. Mary's - In 1844, broken down  
of the Wabigoon Band Committee under  
Held with the Morris River - (? any connection  
with the Indians? )  
S. to James H. Co. Liberty & J. C. Cawley  
on this matter -

S. to Clinton Sept. 11, 1849  
Advises how to send men to investigate the  
a few more horses - Good cost of debt &  
no time to be lost -

S. to Sup. Comm. Sept. 11, 1849  
Presents block of tobacco for work on  
"Egan - Mack"



S. to Leon.

Wed. Sept. 12. 1849

Wrote about Kien's resoluteness. Kien has  
to send up men - "Thousands and thousands of dollars  
have been expended on a project having no further  
connection with the business."

S. to Borneo. D. 11

Sept. 14. 49

Will take B. in to form of his real nobility, but,

S. to Gov. R.

Th. Sept. 15. 1849

Asks when warships + Redwing boats paid for. As  
they have no country outfit. Will be here today or tomorrow -  
No treaty can be made this fall. "Then there are the claims  
for the payment of which, as well as the half-breed. One pro-  
vision must be made." This letter I have seen in the  
Ramsay cell.

S. to Kien.

Sept. 15. 1849

Asks R. for \$1000 in Sovereigns for Kien. or more in  
Honor.

S. to Borneo.

Thurs. Sept. 15. 1849

"R. tells me he had brought the 4 claims, Mr. Hume  
says 'we do not think proper to mention anything about  
about the Sioux claims - -' "What do you think of this  
and that put together?" Then mentions an excursion -  
meets some

S. to ? Ramsay.

Mon, Sep 18 1949

Sends McKillop map of St. Country.  
Sands of the Wapreentias, Lower St. + Wahpetons by far most valuable. They will refuse to sell in common with the other bands.

Will be better to treat with

Mindaywakantons, including Six's band, Wahpetons + Six's band -

Wapreentias + Lower Sixtons

Upper Sixtons + Upper Sixtons - Separating

∴ 4 treaties. Indians will be better satisfied  
A country must be provided. + not distant.

Now late to assemble the Indians on their hunt  
In a former treaty the St. got nearly 10¢ per acre. + cannot be expected to sell for less. Magnificent country  
- ! not to be wondered at that they resist even despite  
of reluctance to consummate an act which renders them landless"

Wants that instructions will allow Comm<sup>r</sup> to  
make provision for relations + payment of just  
claims - Reports, which have been received to absolute  
poverty - Trade of fur must be to Indians

S. to MacLean (St. Paul)

Mon, Sep. 19, 1949

Insistence of Le grand Frère. Difficult for Smith.

S. to Chas

Mon, Sep. 19, 1949

Uncertain about treaty - Gov. Chamberlain not a good man to get on with Indians + injure to treaties - St. will not treat unless assured that the \$50,000 will be paid. And decided on this



S. to Gov. R. Amato M. 23 Sept. 1849

x x if you can get a suitable country proclamation on or near the river St. Peters, of the \$50.000 den them can be sent, if you can stretch your instructions as far as to pay 10 cents per acre, & then the course with regard to claims which I suggested, you will be able to affect your object, otherwise I am satisfied you will fail. - - - if you can execute these points, perhaps you had better give notice forthwith to the Indians that you wish them to convene on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Orelap on the St. Peters "

" Make yourself perfectly easy as to my discretion - "

Memoranda 22 Sept. 1849. Notice by S. to Gov. R's request for St. (an band) to be ready to convene on Joseph Renville.

S. to Sub-agent Munkley M. Sept. 25. 1849

Requests him to pay Lick Creek & Gray Iron's bands - "this week".

S. to Chon M. Sept. 26. 1849

Sends Treas. note <sup>no.</sup> 11.652 <sup>to show</sup> - and annuity payments - Affairs of W. & C. O need attention - Congress will be daily. Resolved to attempt to treat suitable.

S. to B. H. Campbell, Galena.

Sept. 27. 1849

Has advanced Dr. Howard \$350.

S. to Chas.

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M. Sept. 27 1849

"One of you should come up without delay. If this warning so many times repeated does not meet with attention. I wash my hands of all consequences. Doct. B. writes me this morning. "A statement of ? I believe is to go down this trip (W.C.O.) Caution that I have a game is ascribing it, it is very incorrect. I have never before subscription (if I have not seen it already, and if pecuniary loss can do it, that a most villainous system of squandering &c. &c. is carried on here for the benefit of one or rather one whole family." These are the words of Doct. B. himself.

Can any thing but a desperate state of affairs draw out such expressions. I pray you to later heed in time - The liability of the outfit to Doct. B. will not be quite \$16,000 as I wrote. Near will amount to \$14,000 and upward, including \$1,000 cash borrowed by Mr. R. from Doct. B. himself. - "I am sick of the whole business."

S. to Chas.

M. Sept. 26. 1849

Is no one coming up? Absolutely necessary. Franklin to arrive to day. I hope will bring news from you.

H. H. Sibley



S. to Brough

M. Sept. 28. 1849

" x x " The crisis will soon be upon us x x x  
The race will soon be run. Be assured the House is  
determined on that point. x x x The House is thoroughly  
alarmed and an explosion will take place without  
delay. Get in your hands all you can x x x I am  
blamed by the House for having had and induced  
them to have too much confidence in a certain quar-  
ter. "

S to Leon.

Mendota Sept 28 1849

Franklin arrived - Commt. with Bousman, Brisbois  
"and a host of others who are hoping for something from  
a St. treaty." We have got the Indians in pretty good  
trim except one tribe of the upper St. Peter's bands,  
who it is supposed have been lamped with by  
the missionaries. I rather try one of them, but  
when I see them, I have no doubt of my being  
able to make a treaty with them, at least so far as  
keeping them straight is concerned, none of the  
lower bands, nor of them who own the largest and  
finest country with all a goodly land unless  
advised by our people "

" x x x you are rather severe upon me personally,  
when you cast blame on me for not advising you  
more fully of the situation of the W.T.E. & for you  
must allow that it has been the burden of my letters  
for the last twelve months " x x x it has been a pretty  
unpleasant state of affairs of no shared interest with each  
other business.



Says Rice's explanation had caused him to think he had suspected him wrongly - Port after  
 Rorup's showing of his accounts. "I am satisfied that  
 I have regarded Mr. Rice in too favorable a light  
 when I merely looked upon him as a reckless and  
 not a dishonest man. I am further convinced  
 that he has used the funds of the Outfit to a very  
 extent in his private speculations ~ ~ ~"

It is useless to talk further. We must act, that is surely  
 It says Mr. Christian will be here to judge for himself -  
 We avoid an open rupture with Rice, or as to get out  
 of his hands every thing that can be secured  
 Give us the some details of transaction of V.?

"The inventories are shown about \$40.00 but  
 Doc. B. says \$10.00 will be a large price for  
 all the goods in the country"

Fisher says will ship 8 or 900 (sic) barrels cranberries  
 including those sent - looks for good sale.

Said that Rorup is a good economical bus-  
 ness man. I certainly never said this much to you  
 of Mr. R. " ~ ~ ~ I will protect your interests so  
 far as possible, but I do not want to see W.C.O.  
 affairs remain longer as they are. There must be  
 no delay. God knows I have spent neither labor nor  
 brain to bring my C. business to a proper conclusion..."

S. to Jim Gordon R.P.

th. Sat. 29. 1929

Has been given \$ 303.95 (not first press a line.)



S. to Chon Med. Sept. 29, 1849  
 "Gov. Chambers has arrived and is now at my  
 house"

S. to Jos. Laframbois, Alex Graham + Duncan  
 Campbell. Med. Sept. 29, 1849  
 Michael Rensville got with letters from Comins.  
 Chambers + Renssay requiring presence of the Indians  
 at this place - for a treaty - you are requested to use  
 your influence with the Bands to induce them to  
 come down, "unless their coming so named by the  
 means of suffering + starvation to their fami-  
 lies."

Note. of Indian desire to come, let them  
 have provisions + see if to me, Lafram, + Graham  
 become down with the Indians. but D. Campbell to re-  
 main at his post. S. will look after his interests in  
 case of a treaty with the half-breeds.

S. to W. Fulton Med. Oct. 3 1849  
 "The Commissioners (Messrs Chambers +  
 Renssay) are now here holding a council with  
 the Sioux for the purchase of their land. I hardly  
 think they will succeed as the Indians do not ap-  
 pear disposed to sell"

"Poor prospect for Lynx + robes". "The probability is that  
 the temporary capital will be continued in St. Paul -- &  
 Keep the half-breeds as well-disposed as possible"  
 Write unto you during the winter -

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Sully, <sup>2</sup>Wonsman, <sup>1</sup>Oriskany to Murphy Sub-agent  
at St. Peters. Mend Sept. 30. 1849

Very flattering letter giving M. Credit for reduc-  
ing the sale of liquor to Indians - "brought about  
by your interesting exertions, in connection with those  
of the philanthropic individuals," "they have  
ceased to see blankets given to for liquor, which  
they were in the habit of doing heretofore"

S. to Chon - Mendota Oct. 4. 1849

The Minawakanton Bands of Sioux have  
this morning declined to entertain any proposi-  
tion from the Commrs for the sale of their lands this  
fall, and I suppose the other bands will, when  
assembled, return a like answer. It may be  
that the Lake Pepin Half-breed tract will be dis-  
posed of, if a sufficient amt. is offered."

Orders 10 gross colored garters (no yellow) 150 yds  
ribbon, 40 pr Att (int) pants + 1 doz blue blanket  
cost about \$4.50 ea, to to

Private

S. M. to Clement Beaulieu Mend. Oct. 5. 1849

Asks him to be ready to receive all the property in the  
(Chp.) country. Ref to Murphy -

Another same day - about 8 PM is from the latter.  
Asks for all the money Beaulieu can spare - Has seen  
people who were with



S. to Norup.

Monday, Oct. 7, 1849

Capt. Sui Eulw has arrived from St. Louis for  
Choukai. I don not wish to be invited to a private  
house in St. Paul. "for reason you will apprehend"  
"I have a good room for him at the "American"  
Will go down in the morning, to interview you.  
Sui will give all the information you require. He  
will not abuse your confidence - will be here a  
week or more

S. to Capt. Sui [St. Paul]

Monday, Oct. 8, 1849

Is appointed to treat with Comm. but will try  
to come down this evening. "Get up - wait 2  
injunction immediately, stating reasons for pres-  
ent necessity, & desire to bring one of the judges.

Seeing Smith is the best lawyer probably you  
can employ x x, Gov. R. had advised me to  
do so.

S. to S. B. Lowry, Long Prairie. Monday, Oct. 9, 1849

Capt Sui has been to the Parson's office / arrived,  
"Inspection of the book has satisfied Capt. Sui and  
myself that the whole business [y W. E. O.] has  
been carried on in the most outrageous  
manner & that there will be heavy loss".  
Capt. Sui will advise you with regard to the same.  
- - - Day nothing to write -



S. W. Dean.

Mon. Oct. 10, 1849

" I yesterday as the attorney of the Wolf breed  
concluded a treaty with the U.S. Court for the  
Sale of the half-breed stock of land at Salt Lake  
for \$200,000. payable on ratification of the treaty.  
This will enable us to get many of our debts.  
Capt. Sim with myself, has been overhauling  
W.R.O. business. It is in a horrible condition,  
and we are at a dead loss of \$30 to \$40,000. if  
not more. We have got out a certificate of indebtedness  
against Mr. R so as to secure as much as possible.  
I am just now going to St. Paul to send Cable & "

S. to S.B. Lowry.

Mon - Oct. 10, 1849.

Since I wrote you we have come to an agreement  
with Mr. Rice, and have consented to very liberal  
terms, so as to avoid the necessity of a long protracted  
law suit and -- to get possession of the property,  
books, papers &c of the outfit. Examination shows a  
good state of things. -- Conclusion evidence that Mr. R  
has appropriated much money to his own use -- has  
advanced large sums to irresponsible persons --  
R, tells me in words, but appears that there would  
be a clear profit of \$25,000 -- which is a loss of  
\$30, to \$50,000 -- demands pouring in, of which no  
account on the books. Fully deluged of L's position  
as friend of Mr. R -- but expects him to protect himself  
the horse & cattle



S. to S.B. Fowry (Long Prairie) M. Oct. 10, 1949  
Second of date -

Submitted to Pres - "We have discussed frankness -  
ships. Fowry Fowry will retain his interest.  
Fowry will take Pres's place, having general em-  
tial son W & C. O. - good systematic business man,  
has our confidence - "We expect him to make a  
helpful affair out of the outfit's handling"  
Fowry down as much money as possible  
Pres & Culver will have to pay the money they re-  
ceive at the beginning. Fowry will go up. to later  
intentions & put business in better hands.

S. to C. Beaulieu and Wray, New Oct. 10, 1949

S. approved by the House to close the  
matters of W & C. O. - Fowry has put him in charge  
of the business also - unless B. to go to Long  
Prairie called Haystack - this one money to  
Fowry -

S. to Hon. J. P. Walker, US Senate - Nov. Oct. 22, 1949  
asks him to engage room in Wash -

"Has been constrained to let his position be known - that of a  
Democrat of the Montana School - "He killed was re-  
ceived with acclamation at the meeting? at Am. (House)  
Party being then drawn in the territory.

a letter of Fowry - ordering plane - 23 Oct 49

S. to Chron.

Mon. Oct 23 1949 -

Regrets exceedingly wanted to see - Dillie  
next time.

The Commons have entirely failed to make a  
treaty with the Sioux as I pointed you would be  
the case so late in the season. The lady needs  
however, appoints the Main Court to see the last  
year of Lake Park. which I do not know.

Should the treaty be signed as it will be well,  
we will be enabled to collect money from  
debts. But Sir will be able to see the  
quantity with the progress of the settlement of  
Mr. Rice's beautiful business, as also of  
the general progress of the settlement.

S. to Brown -

Mon. Oct. 24. 49

Ref. to Rice's letter of explanation, not sent

S. to H. M. Rice

Mon. Oct. 30. 1949

asks explanation of claims of Monmouth. Sullivan  
+ Atkins as property turned over by R. to House

S. to Brown -

Mon. Sat. 3. Nov. [49]

"Understand Rice has \$1000 in Silver Courtbook on his  
last yesterday. When did it come from? He paid  
some hundreds to 'Fisher'. I had quite a time with Rice  
coming up yesterday. He was very hard about the work affair.  
x - He wishes to settle with Rice."



S. to Alex Fambach.

Nov. 5, 1849.

One p. of letter of instructions to A. F., who is to be in charge of business till Bro. comes in spring.

1. Allow no Indian credits above his annuity
2. No credit to white or colt-employees
3. Keep strict acct. of every thing rec'd. sold, and
4. "Be particularly careful to keep an eye on Mendota. Report any man who brings it whether Indian or white to the agent that he may be punished"
5. Economize in word & say.  
x x, "I will have no ornaments about the place."
6. Keep garden in repair.
7. "Keep Jack engaged in skinning & get all the furs you can."

S. to J. L. Morris Cottage Grove Nov. 5 Nov. 1850.

Thanks for support - Party Lewis Remond  
Mitchell no proper man to represent Territorians  
not to mor. resident.

"I am for election of delegate should be changed - election a  
full year before expiration of term of sitting delegate, a  
great disadvantage to the latter; and destroys his  
influence if he is elected"

S. to Orange Walker, Marin Mills Nov. 7, 1850

Thanks for support in late election



Here begin letter of 1850-51.

But

See p. 22 ante for two 1850's

I reply to Mr. Ammi C. Skett. New Apr. 21, 1851.  
about a family row -

Solely to Mr. John Lee - Wash. D.C. <sup>Mudset</sup> Apr. 27, 1851

Has "welcome intelligence" of Lee's disapproval as  
comes to treat with Sioux - Embargo letters can be  
made, "if you are not too strongly instructed"

Disaffected members of bands are doing what they  
can to persuade their people not to sell - "You can  
be sure of my hearty Co-operation." I have told  
some St. that the time has come to sell & that  
the U.S. will deal liberally & justly - "In compli-  
ance with the request of the Chiefs & Braves I am to  
meet with them in Council next week, when I  
shall endeavor to persuade them to meet you  
with a favorable impression"

Refer to the Rice Cliques - "Cannot win".  
You should be more moderate than 10<sup>th</sup> of June  
Indians were in impatient. of delay -

McLean has gone down for the St. money -  
If Ramsay is to be Comm. to treat with Pembinas, should  
have latitude as to titles - Half-breeds should be pro-  
vided for, but the word should not appear in treaty,  
"to avoid the Constitutional objection which defeated  
the St. half-breed treaty"

Suggest working Northbridge as John Pease



" I am glad Tyler has been appointed to purchase the supplies

" I have received intimations, that the Indians with their allies are so much dissatisfied at the result of the encampment which depended from goodwill of the nation of Commissioners, that they have vowed no farther aid nor for my supposed agency, and that they have made a determination on their part to oppose the ratification of our treaties of peace. . . . I think they will be defeated. . . . We seem a kind loss for it.

S. W. Douglass

Wed May 14, 1851

" We are to have trouble in making our treaties . . . One Indian has been tampered with by two of our parties in the other side of the M<sup>t</sup> river . . . which will be a great difficulty " July Pierce has sent Sec. Smith for \$200. plus for an argument against the ratification of the half-breed treaty

S. E. McCloskey, Galena.

May 21, 1851

Sends favorite rifle for repair of hair trigger working also.

S. to S. H. McDemery Burlington Ia. 26 May 1851

Advises him not to come to the title of the 5x treaty revised

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S. to V.B. Mechem. Sank Rapids. Mass. June 3, 1857

Will buy 47 a. of St Martin's land St. C.

"Gov. Ramsay having arrived, it is my intention to go to the Falls to-day to attend the meeting of the Regents, which he has promised to attend, albeit it proves to be a rainy day.

"Fryer has arrived with the proposed necessary to keep the Indians together for the treaty, which will probably come off this month. "If the time comes to a fair opportunity for making money in the sale of the land for some years to come."

S. to Ramsay, Crocks, N.Y. Mass 6 July 1857

Ramsay returned from Wash. Comm. "and would be as liberal as they can be" Indians have been disappointed - "I hope however, to induce them to make terms which will not only be favorable to themselves but to us also - Crocks will be well aware of the chances to attend - but his interests will be considered."

S. to C. S. Adams Detroit. June 9, 1857.

x x x Fred has been - business fair to him and a doing one - Report that he (S.) will be here

S. to Richard M. Young. Clerk Hq R. June 9, 1857.  
About boxes to be shipped.



Jun 9, 1877. Rec. to Humphreys & Merrill  
by H. W. Hamilton - \$10. on Recd for

S. to C. McVinty Mgr. Jun 9, 1877  
Advised him not to take ladies on the  
Sandy Lake route - no 82. Ex - Box 1001 -

Sally to Seth - Wed June 13, 1877  
"The enclosed is prepared to be  
the Board of Regents let a lot of land in any  
part of the Southwest quarter of Section four-  
teen in Township 29 North of Range 24 (3)  
West, 4th Principal Meridian, which is -  
Cong. to him, of the Board should choose to  
locate the University Building there -  
Addressed

Foranville Seth Esq -  
President Board of Regents  
Minneapolis Minn.

S. to Mr. Sarah A. Sally. Dated M. Jun 15, 1877  
Family matter. New daughter - Fred. not  
content - Indian likely to come soon.

S. to Mr. [unclear] n.d.  
Dated only to have interest of boy as of 7  
Refused to Reimburse. [Faking cases 1870]

S. L. Montague Williams S.P. 20 June 1857.  
In H.S. recommends his friend Bauman as a  
vagranteur.

Jun 24, 1857. And by J. B. Fairbank to Alby  
Fairbank & land in Minnesota, adjoining Sibley.

S. W. G. R.

Minneapolis, Jun 26 [1857]

High water in the river with treaty arrangements.  
Comms must be at Tr. D. Ex. at day appointed. S & wife are  
there + destitute. Will need supplies - Has sent to call  
down Ex. will be here July 1. If annuity provisions are  
made, would lighten drain on your own stock. Lower Ex  
will have to be but while waiting Comms to return  
from Tr. D. Ex. are getting impatient.

You & Lisa had better come here + make your ar-  
rangements for trip to Tr. D. avoid crowd anxious to  
accompany - "and will soon make way with your  
estates" - Let me know, please by operation, soon to make  
arrangements.

Outdram by J. B. Fairbank to Andrew Fairbank to  
land in Minnesota June 24, 1857

S. G. Gordon

M. June 26, 1857

"You have struck a capital idea on that Winnipeg  
fur Company, Hilsen again"



S. to Borup.

M. June 27 [1857]

"That Winnebago matter is a perfect curse to all concerned. That Friday Winnebago is passing things for no honest man who understands the matter, but would acknowledge its justice." Hope to see O. before he goes on -- Has been in -- If any thing can be done by O. before he leaves, well good, if not, we must endeavor to work the matter through with the Commissioners" (white baller besides).

2. Oakes

F. to Sibly to Sam. O. Fowler

M. July 3, 1857,

Pro. abs. for mo. + 6 weeks - advise him that not to attempt Sandy Lake or Port Brail route in summer.

S. to Borup

Monday Aug 3 [1857]

"Nothing yet done, The Indians are in confusion, and the issue is doubtful."

S. to Borup

Monday Aug 7, 1857.

Kept Finner beams needed - matter of claims still unsettled. owing to dissatisfied parties! I think an error still to report. "The claims against the Wash pack horses of Com. Straights" x x of the treaties now made can be satisfied the House will be compensated for some extent for losses. "I worked up for through what I have endured for the last six weeks for \$10,000. Nobody is satisfied of course, everybody wants every thing. I presented all the claims fairly before the Indians in open Council and they were passed upon by them."

1 We have letters in some money but not much, and as usual - 29  
Munk is very different in these articles which are worth  
salvage, not being prepared for the \$30.00 payment.  
I hope to get enough to pay McLean for the \$21.00  
drafts x x "

S. to Jas W Gordon

M. Aug. 13, 1857.

Saw McLean this morning on the business you  
show of - (about some road). "The old gentleman  
is very tired - got not even a promise - He will see  
the Governor - You had better see him yourself."

S. to Ramsay. Private

Monday August 13, 1857

My dear Sir: I wish you would see the favor  
to say to Granny M<sup>r</sup> S. (the agent) that you consider it  
very bad policy for him to give out the Indian Service annu-  
ity funds at the end of the month as he proposes doing.  
x x , The Indians can have given away all their  
warm clothing before the cold sets in. "Better  
hold on till late in October - He may give out some  
ammunition & tobacco now" but nothing more."

Wants R. to encourage McLean to let Gordon publish  
a small book now. S. anxious to get a report from Hendon  
to St. P. in this state of things. Will see R. tomorrow.

S. to Madam -

M. Aug. 21 1857.

About Sibley genealogy



S. W. C. E. Howland of Detroit. New Aug. 24, 1857

x x x "We have effected treaties with the Dakotas a group  
 whereby a cession of 40,000,000 acres or nearly that  
 amount of their magnificent country is committed to the  
 west of the Mississippi is made to the U.S. - The a-  
 mount allowed us for removal, subsistence & other  
 covering claims, will suffice if the treaties are ratified  
 without present shape to set me on my feet and  
 pay all my heavy liabilities for losses. If this can  
 be accomplished so as to leave my property intact, I  
 shall be more than satisfied. For my land interests  
 in this country will be worth \$30 @ \$50,000 in  
 less than two years. I can undertake an odd job, to  
 say nothing of manual labor during the last few months  
 that these treaties have been in the paper, and can even  
 very conscientiously that without my aid they could not  
 have been made."

Intending giving - S. Jackson "to remain on a fairly  
 time under Uncle Sam's protection can"

Fred, undecided about remaining in Minn.

x x The Democrat continues its denunciations of me  
 and of Gov. Ramsey, - not the least disturbed by them.

"Exposure in politics" makes me less desirous to continue  
 in public life - would rather disengage but for interests of  
 friends - no children in Minn. Name of Rev. Geo. P. Williams  
 will come before Board of Regents at next meeting - will do  
 what we can for him.

S. to Rich. M. Young Clerk H. of R.

Aug. 21, 1857

Order Annals of Congress sent to the Library of the Uni-  
 versity of Minnesota - Hope M. is forthcoming.



S. to Luke Lea

Mendota Aug 31, 1857.

"Every body is satisfied or proposes to be with the treaty", even the Democrat.

Commissioners unequalled to the limited and expense satisfying numerous demands of Indians.

Has taken up a claim for land -  $\frac{1}{2}$  m. back of  
Pied Rock on road to Lake Pepin - Will cost L. 200 -  
300 \$ - + to worth 4 times the sum - L. 0 name  
not to appear.

Ramsay gone to Denmark - Hobbs he was with Smith  
"big bright" coming on 7th Oct. election - "Organization  
men will be defeated."

Asks to have one (?) (or two) W. claim kept in  
mind - one which I really liked so badly - S. has  
no right interest in it.

Sept. 5, 1857 - Francis Gamelle quit claim to S. L.  
interest in ferry across the river - \$1.00

S. to Dr. J. B. Mahan

M. 6 S. 1857.

Goes to work, with plenty - a Nov. Asks about account.  
movables - "Since timber has been crazy to get claims  
on the west of the lake"

S. to Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis

M. Sept 6, 1857

about absent account - about 7, has not yet secured his claim  
+ this so all in his power to have from interests -



S. W. Dorris.

Mend. 8 Sept. [1857]

Rec'd a letter from Sir - a singular mixture of apology, explanation & little grumbling. Sir has had his intention of the House to close all its business in Minnesota with the expiration of the O. of 1852. May say the annuity payments are impracticable, and that the regular traders cannot make anything in opposition to the multitudes of frontier merchants, as for instance Minn. O. with the Winnebagoes. As for myself I shall be content with any decision of that kind, as I am heartily sick tired of the Indian trade."

S. to Capt. Jos. A. Sir,

Mend. 8 Sept. 7. 1857.

Reply to censures - "I have spent the very flower of my life in the Indian trade, doing all I could to make it profitable. I shall be left with little or nothing, and must begin the building of life over again. It is unfortunate as I have already as-  
sured you, I shall not be very far from Sir O. but will come out straight in the end." - Sir's intention to close "business" <sup>of your department</sup> with O 1852.

S. W. Ramsay Crooks  
N.Y. City.

Mend. Sept. 8. 1857.

Has been pressed to death by delay in writing.  
"And, as yet allowed under other treaty is a little <sup>over</sup> under \$66,000 - - - on fourth was agreed to H. L. Doughton, Sept. 10, 1850, Am. Fur Co. & myself. Some claims still unsettled - Everything is done."

S. W. Kittson. Pembina

Mend. Sept. 15. 1857.

"My last injunction to you to see that good men were sent from your district to the Leg. Assembly including yourself"



S. to McClellan, Sacque Park. Mon. Sept. 15, 1857.  
 My attention to election matters - Make Indian  
 credit small as possible.

S. to Wm. Lusk - Comm. Mon. Sept. 26, 1857 -  
 Wants permit for Graham to land ferry on W.  
 side of lake -

S. to "Sarah." Mon. Sept. 28, 1857  
 Letter Harry been taken - "I feel that on behalf of the labor  
 union we have been buried with my little bag"

S. to R. Crooks Mon. Sept. 28, 1857.  
 Claims title unsettled. affecting reference to death of  
 little Harry [d. Sept. 20.] only son at that time

S. to J. H. McKenney, Burlington Ia. Sept. 28, 1857  
 Treaties made with Wm. Brown & Co. of ratified, I shall  
 be enabled to secure enough to relieve me from the embarrass-  
 ments which have been brought upon me by the unsuccess-  
 ful treaty with the Indians, and by the debilitation of Rice,  
 & & & My share of the loss in his sub-business was  
 about one hundred dollars. - I can in no case do  
 more than pay my debts of I get as I expect from  
 the traders, this is of course a considerable sum -  
 Traders not getting as much as they had a right to expect.  
 Robertson - Rice organization was in - in  
 Democrat & also in Galena Independent & Keokuk Dispatch,  
 which publish articles in Ramsey & S., which the Demo-  
 crat "can not publish" -



S. to Hon. Amos Tuck, Watlin N.H.

Mudok Oct. 1, 1857.

St. Vester made them well on 25,000 people in Ill. within  
less than 12 mos. after ratification - makes no reply to abuse of  
Democrat.

S. to Sprague

Mud. Oct. 5, 1857

A few hours before Little Hanks' death he wrote out with the  
aid and words of his little hymn "There is a happy land, Far,  
far away &c." "The treaties with our Indians of ratio-  
fication were so far to get me out of the mire, into which  
Rice's rascality and its success in Utah have  
plunged me. If I can get them safely through and pay  
my debts also. I shall then abandon all connection  
with the annoying vexatious Indian trade, quit political  
life and turn farmer."

S. to Mrs. Elizabeth F. Elliot.

Mud Oct. 5, 1857

Re. brog. of motion for "Proven readers of the work."

S. to Gordon Private

Mudok Oct. 6, 1857 -

attack Holcomb & Norris, but spare them Greeley. 2

S. to Brown -

Mud Oct. 10, 1857.

Ramsay had made treaty with Red River tribes -

Has. O. R. Brown arrived.

S. to M. S. Willentz, St. P.

Mud Oct 11, 1857

accepts invitation to public meeting in St. P. - Will state  
opinions in brief terms - "Never made a political speech  
in my life"

S. to Com. Burlington Ia. Mendota Oct. 15 1857  
 Cannot attend Convention, but wish so as to be able to see.  
 Can attend by improving navigation of Upper Miss.

S. to Lieut Simpson U.S.A. Oct. 20. 57.  
 about location of road from Swan River to Long Prairie.

S. to Butterfield Commr. G. L. O. Mendota Oct. 26 1857  
 about nature of Country on 43° 30' -

S. to Vossman. Pr. S. Ch. Mendota Oct 31. 1857  
 There will be "frictions" opposition to claims, unless some  
 sacrifice is made. I am willing and I suppose the House also will be  
 willing to do what is proper, if the object can be effected without too  
 great a sacrifice on our part & & I let you privately that  
 Mr. Ewing (and I think Rice also is in the West) are endeavoring  
 to bring <sup>about</sup> matters so as to induce the Department in W. to set  
 aside the papers already signed by the Indians, and leave  
 Comm<sup>r</sup> appointed to examine the claims; I do not think this  
 can in any wise be done. Still there may be so much  
 stir about the claims, as to defeat the appropriation en-  
 tirely, even if the treaties are ratified. You would soon  
 become up here at once & what I write about the  
 Ewings is entirely Confidential, as I have it from one who  
 knows what is going on behind the scenes! continue."

Statement of debts on A. F. Co. Jan 1. 1852. \$31,130.77  
 Alex. J. B. O. & O. Fairbank. Saffronborn. Remick & Freshman  
 Details follow.  
 Compare this with claims allowed, by treasury.



S. to Com, St. Paul.

Will attend Ramsay complimentary supper.  
on Monday evening next. Enclaves R.

A. Wilken, newly appointed Secretary. A.K.

Nov. 5, 1857. Draft of writ of D. B. Frankefort.  
Mr Bailey's name was taken.

S. to W. D. White St. P.

Nov. 6 Nov. 1857.

As for Certificate of election under Great Seal.

S. to Porcup.

Nov. 6 Nov. 1857.

If you can Tyler tell him to come up - I shall  
probably go on Monday - "Do make out some sort of a  
Schedule of the real estate belonging to the W.C.O. & your  
own & I wish that of Sioux Co. Mr House have written me  
a long letter on the subject."

S. to Rev. Hellenstedt & Becker.

Nov. 7, 1857

Account Service of writ.