



William Watts Folwell and
Family Papers.

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Franklin Steele Papers, received by the Minnesota Historical Society, Dec. 22, 1913, as the gift of Mr. William E. Steele, through the kindness of Prof. William W. Folwell.

TRUNK No. 1.

32 bound account books, large, and 2 unbound (Cash books, Day books, Blotters, Ledgers, etc., 1847-1861, with titles as thus noted.).

TRUNK No. 2.

- 5 large account books, bound.
- 32 small account books, loose, 1840-70+
- 11 small account books, tied together.
- A few old newspapers and pamphlets.
- Some old check books, and check stubs (9 or 10).
- 9 old keys, large, used probably for outside doors, 1840-60.
- Bunch of books and papers used in Northrup Suit, and tied together.
- "Inventories of estate of Franklin Steele and Annie E. Steele" (roll)
- "Personal property belonging to estate of Franklin Steele which has come into the hands of the administrator" (3 copies).
- "Map of City of Fort Snelling at the Confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers; surveyed August, 1857, by Thomas I. Moncure."
- Abstract of title of Fort Snelling (19 printed copies).
- Map of Mendota (incomplete, on tracing cloth).
- About 4,000 or more, as estimated, of Letters and Memoranda Manuscripts, many of them tied in parcels, believed to be mostly of dates from 1840 to 1861.

File with Steele Papers
Metropolitan Club,
Washington, D. C.
January 7th, 1914.

Rev. W. W. Folwell,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

I learn that my brother, Mr. William E. Steele, has presented to the Minnesota Historical Society certain papers and documents left by my father, the late Franklin Steele. It may be that among the papers there are some that may prove of great public interest and be the means of throwing much light on the early history of the State and particularly of the City of Minneapolis. I trust that you may be enabled to find much substantial information. I wish to state that while my father was a large property holder the real estate as a whole was not productive of much return. It really did not enhance substantially in value until long after his death in 1880. The taxes paid by my father were a heavy burden for many years. Notwithstanding, my father was a public benefactor and philanthropist. Unfortunately the present generation have not a proper appreciation of what was done for the city during my father's lifetime in his charities. If the Rev. Dr. Neil and Dr. Knickerbocker were alive they would testify to his benevolence. There was hardly a church in Minneapolis, no matter what the denomination may have been, that he did not contribute to handsomely. There seems to be an impression that John H. Stevens was closely allied with my father in his vast undertakings. Mr. Stevens was in my father's em-

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ploy as an agent or clerk and while serving in this capacity for my father during his absence in the East, he gave the impression that he owned the whole ranch. I think my statement can be verified by the papers which you have. I also wish to state that Captain Tapper was employed by my father in a menial capacity. He was not the proprietor or owner of the Ferry, which the article in the Journal would lead one to believe. When the Suspension Bridge was constructed the Ferry was discontinued and Tapper for a while was toll-taker on the Island end of the bridge and he was in the employ of the Bridge Company. My uncle, the late Dr. John Steele, was also interested in the Company with my father. I mention these facts for the reason that the impression prevails that Tapper was on equal social terms with my father. I hope that the forth-coming history you have in preparation that my father's name will be properly represented and that justice and credit will be given him. I wish to correct a statement as given in the Journal article, it being an error. My father never operated a bank on Third Street or any other street, as stated in the Journal. The fact is, he never engaged in any regular trade or business after he ceased to be post trader, postmaster and sutler at Fort Snelling, in his early days. True, he may have had some contracts with the Government during the War. He was for a long time owner of the ferry over the Mississippi River at Fort Snelling, which proved to be a good investment and yielded good returns for a few years, particularly during the Civil War. The ferry was in charge for a time of one George Lincoln, who was simply employed by the month and had

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no pecuniary interest in the ferry, as many supposed.

I trust that you will find much in the papers given you by my brother that will explain the relations of a number of people who are credited with my father's success. My uncle, General Henry H. Sibley, was not a large land holder, hence the taxes paid by him were very insignificant in comparison with those paid by my father. I hardly think that Philander Prescott, Martin McLeod and John H. Stevens ever did very much in enhancing the prosperity of Minneapolis. Quite true, they were on the ground in early days and had the opportunity to take advantage of the situation, but so far as I can learn none of these ever accumulated a fortune. My father belonged to a class by himself. He was not an adventurer nor a speculator, as is well known when he was a young man he went into the Northwest at the suggestion of General, then President, Andrew Jackson. Unfortunately he did not live to see the wonderful growth and improvement in the business interests of Minneapolis and to reap some benefit from the struggles and privations he must have passed through in early days before the railroads were in existence. My father, as you may know, never sought public office although during the Buchanan administration he was offered the position as Representative of the United States to a foreign country, but declined to accept the position as his business interests were such that it required his close personal attention.

Very respectfully,

Franklin Steele

Cream of Notes in Steel letters

Sibley's letter to Steel Aug. 21, 1862

Eastman Memorial b'k. Michael Is. Summer of 1865 -
for \$24,000. Sent Co. to take down dam.

Wells to Steel Feb. 1860 - Friendly offer to take the job of
locating the new Capital at Vicksburg.

Steel assigned in Spring of 1860.

St. Louis Home Bureau Mar. 1860. 3 days of his interview.

Clute & Pruett b'k 1/2 of Snelling return - Released Steele's
bond for dead. July 17, 1873 -

Pruett in 1863 drew \$500 a. scrip for \$1.00.

Eli Pettigrew gave note to Kirkham \$90. 5% a mo. &
7% after maturity

Apr. 6, 1857 Rice advised Steele that Fort Sn. was on road.

Wells advised Steele Apr. 21, 1866 that he did "well"
to let Michael Is. go. = for a bush \$60.00.

Rice to Allen Steel Aug. 1858 - Explain why Steele did
not get Senator ship - Brown bright head enough

Steel note to Wainwright 10.000 20% per an. &
25% after maturity.

Woods to Steel Oct. 3/57 - "You & Rice ought to have let
me into that Fort Snelling affair as we wanted to have
together"

Stevens to Steel Jan. 13, 1860 - How Sibley came in &
was elected to Charleston - Stevens disgusted,

Copy.

F. Steele, Esq.

Please pay John Rollins or order thirty seven dollare and eighty cents and charge to account of University of Minnesota, and oblige yours &c. I Atwater. "
November 3 1855.

This amount seems to have been "Rent of office(Express) from Dec. 31 1854 to March 17 1856, from an accompanying bill.

On July 30 1856 Ira B. Bronson receipted to W. S. Chapman for \$100 for Sioux Half breed scrip located on NE 1/4 Sec. 11 Tpl3 n of R 19E at Carson City Land Office. N.B. For Sophia B. Bronson.

Fort Snelling, Minn. Mar. 6 '67: F. Steele, Esq. **** Gen. T. has approved the survey made here last fall. The reservation proposed & Approved lies on the Snelling side of the river and embraces about one square mile. I should suppose your time is now to make a last effort.J.S. (?) Chandler. "

Dec. 14 '67 I. Van Etten agrees to give Steele 1/2 of the proceeds of Applications for Chippeway half breed scrip on file under treaty of Sept. 30 1854. Applications at the time suspended.

Copy. Headquarters, Department of Dakota, Fort Snelling, Minn. March 4. 1867: General Orders No. 8. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, the military reservation at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, is hereby established according to the map made in pursuance of the survey of September 1866, and now on file in the office of the chief quartermaster at these headquarters, the same to embrace one square mile. By command of Brevet Maj. Gen. A.H. Terry, Ed. W. Smith bvt. Lt. Col. &c."

Winona, Clinton Co. (Iowa?) the Dec. 28 1862: ... I shall come and see you in the spring.... How do the old bridge come along and your old ferry, do write me a gain... Truly yours, John Tapper. What do you think of the war our country is in a bad fix.

Jan. 26 1858 H.T. Welles writes E. Fessenden introducing F. Steele. S. has some excellent 12p. c. notes, well secured.... considers them better than any 12 p.c. bonds that ever have been or ever can be issued.

" Washington, D.C. April 11 1861: ... We are all breathless awaiting the news from Sumpter. St. Paul, St. Anthony, Minneapolis, have gone democratic, -all in good time. Gov. Ramsey is here, has no news. The first boat went through Lake Pepin on the 9th.... Every time the bell rings I tremble, fearing bad news from the South, but in God we trust. We are all well. Hope to reach St. Paul by 1st or 10th of May. H.M. Rice. (Most of the letter was about Mary.)

Jan. 1858 J.H. Stevens writes Steele asking for a loan of 300\$ owing to Constans. He is "tired of being dogged to death" Sends a Mortgage on his farm. Has spent \$12,000 on the farm. Would mortgage it to no one else than Steele.

Stevens, J.H. to Steele. Glencoe Nov. 22 1858: Sends letter os Col R.B. Mason about a bridge at the Fort. If Stelle will let him in H. thinks he could get a good lotnof Money out of it for S. and himself. Thinks could be sub-contracted for at an advance of 30, 40, or perhaps 50.000 dollars.... Should be out of debt but for the Register," but I must keep grinding on it until you are elected or defeated. I will lose a thousand dollars on it this year, but I cannot help it. "... "You are the most unmindful correspondent I ever heard of."

Stevens J.H. to Steele. Glencoe Sept. 16th 1861: " I have worked like a dog and while I have had good crops they have brought me nothing. It costs more to get wheat out from the river than it is worth. What shall I do? If I could only get you paid off I should be the happiest man in the world on record. The last letter you wrote me you told me to remain on the farm till I heard from you again. I have done so I wrote Rice about some appointment... but I never heard a word.... so I rather guess he thought I was not capable of filling any. Could a man make any thing by trying to get any of the government appointments contracts? I suppose I could get a quartermaster's berth with the army. ... I could go to the legislature this winter, but that wont buy the baby a frock or pay off you off."

Ramsey to Steele, April 24 1860: Asks Steele while in Europe to advertise Minnesota.

Steele to Reynolds, Washington D.C. April 22 1860: Asks to have sale by Capt. Dana postponed. (Query what sale ?)

On May 14 1858 J.H. Stevens's note to Steele for \$400 dated Jan. 11 1858 four months at five per cent. per month went to protest before Augustus R. Capehart of St. Paul, Notary Public.

November 1863 W.S. Chapman bot 1000 acres Sioux half breed scrip price not named. Expenses \$252.70 1864-5

In 1865 Steele owed W.S. Chapman \$14874.41 as per account.

W.S. Chapman to F. Steele, San Francisco April 11 1876: " I brought with me to this country of Sioux half breed scrip 8080 acres, one fourth of which was my own, and the remaining three-fourths yours, being 6060 acres. Of this I returned to Mr. Welles 1560 acres. This is solely of Sioux and has nothing to do with the Chippewa left with me by you."

Steele to Henry Reynolds, Washington D.C. March 19 1860:... In regard to the Reserve it stands just where it did when I left home. The last two payments have not been made and no action has been taken by the government. I do not intend to make the other payments as long as there is no demand made for the money. My contract is good, and the Secretary of War does not pretend to doubt it. I think it would be

well to serve a legal notice upon all and give notice in the papers for bidding all persons from trespassing and that they will be dealt with according to law. Avoid a trial of title if possible, as it would lead to expense. My contract will establish my title no doubt but there is room for litigation. I wish you would employ one or two more men to take charge of the ferry at low wages till I return..... Should you not have disposed of the squatters advise me immediately and I will be prepared to move them in a way they may not expect.... Mr. Chute will leave for home soon... (hopes for help from stay laws,)

On May 9 1855 F. Steele mortgaged to B.B. Meeker lots 13 14 and 15 in the village of St. Anthony's Falls to secure two notes:

1. 963 \$ one year at 25 % per annum and 5 % a month if not paid at maturity
2. \$986 one year at same rates of interest.

On June 20 1859 F. Steele's trial balance was \$58561.29

Ramsey to Hon. ED. Ellice, M.P. St. Paul, April 20 1860. Introduces F. Steele. Who is going to England to sell the St. Anthony Falls wafer power.

June 5 1862, Hypolite Dupuis writes Steele to deliver to W.S. Chapman on payment of \$50 his half breed scrip, issued to Augustine L. Dupuis for 360 acres. (? Was this payment in full?)

Welles to Steele, Apr. 5 1862: B.M. postponed ... Brett wants a recommendation. "It is well to help Brett, for he is always ready to do for us any thing we want."

March 3 1857 Eli Pettijohn gave his note to F. Steele for 1764 \$90 days at 5 % a month "without defalcation." Steele turned it over to Berup and Oakes who sold it to N.J. T. Dana. He sued on it Jan. 1859:

In the spring of 1858 one Sylvester Mowry tried to buy 6000 acres of Sioux Half Breed scrip at \$5.00 an acre. Wished to pay for first 1000 in stock of a mining company. H.B. Rice returned all the papers to Steele. Mowry hoped Steele would be elected senator. A letter of J.H. Stevens in the bunch expresses the same wish. (I do not understand this for Shields had been elected in Dec. '57.)

Edmund Rice to Steele, St. Paul, Nov. 22 1860: ... The feeling here is strong against the Chamberlain scheme, and I think our plan will work but we may have to postpone the settlement of the State-bond question another year. The general opinion is that we shall. I saw Chute yesterday and told him you had made a contract to build the Cedar Valley,

Nov. 6 1863: Wm. S. Chapman receipted to John S. Prince for 1.000 acres of Sioux Half breed scrip to be sold or located in Arizona, according to agreement. 11 Pieces listed.

Mem. Printed catalog of 6300 acres of land to be sold at auction at Minnehaha Falls July 1 and 2 1878

Feb. 2 1860 John Martin receipts to F. Steele for \$40. on acct. of Samuel Lawrence for 40 acres half breed scrip. Does not say Sx or Chp.

2.61.00
A bill of F.S. against the U.S. shows that the ferry charges at Fort Snelling in the summer of 1863 were: 6 mule team, 10c; 4 mule team, 60c; 1 or 2 horse teams, 40c; horsemen, 25c; horses, 15c; men, 10c. (I do not understand the 10c for 6 mule teams and 40c for 4 mule teams)

Found numerous receipts for excise tax on monthly receipts of Mississippi Ferry co. at Fort Snelling. \$8.84 for Oct. 1866.

August 9 1866 W.S. Chapman writing from San Francisco sends F.S. 2000 acres of Chippewa scrip with blank powers to locate and sell. "Should you not be able to locate send it back. I shall use all I have on Red wood lands. From your dispatch I suppose the land bill has passed and become a law and that you regard it as fatal to the use of scrip."

Nov. 4 1865 Joseph Clark U.S. Deputy surveyor writes from Stockton, Utah re Sioux scrip. "The advantages of such scrip in the hands of one who knows how to use it is a fortune." Wants 8 or 9 hundred acres. Letter to Chapman.

March 3 1871 Willis Drummond C.G. L.O. cancelled Chp hlf brd sep new series, 7.9. 13.15. 16.22. 32.46. 49.52.61.70. 93. because located on unsurveyed lands. Lawyers had protested.

R. Chute to Steele, St. Anthony Sept. 27 1865:

Wm. Eastman and J.L. Merriam have bot Nicollet Island for \$24,000. Have sued the Company to take down the dam. ... much detail about the title to Nicollet Is. ... Minn. Central began running trains from Mnpls this day to Dundas. State fair in progress. Horace Greeley delivers the address. Eustis, Brackett, Bill King, & D. Morrison have spent \$15,000 in buying grounds and making improvements at it (50 acres.) The crops are enormous... P.S. Sioux scrip sells at \$8.00, Chippewa at \$5.00 owing to gold excitement, (Vermilion,)

R. Chute to Steele, St. Anthony, Oct. 4 1863:

Prospect of selling Company's property for \$350,000

Jany. 5 1866 Gen. Brayman proposed to buy the Property of the St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company for \$350,000. An accompanying sheet has a list of the property: 6400 feet frontage on the Miss. River; 3/4 of Hennepin Island; Dam 1500 feet long; 2 Saw mills; \$12,000 stock in Boom company; 1500 city lots.

July 10 1857: Franklin Steele gives his note to H.L. Dousman for \$20,200 dollars, one year, at 18 % per annum.

R. Chute to F. Steele, St. Anthony, July 1 1862:

"Rice is not acting fairly towards the upper country about the Sup'r road. His (passed) bill leaves it to th legislature to fix the point of departure between Stillwater and St. Vincent, which is the old game we have fought for 8 years of starting the Sup'r road at St. Paul and running east of St. Anthony. He also leaves the point at Lake Sup'r so the great town can be built at Sup'r City. As Minnesotians we should resist this." Mr. Chute urges Steele to work for the building of the Cedar valley road. "The time has come" In regard to the "Main St. Trouble" Mr. Chute says Davis and Winter will eventually have to give in. "With the road on 6th st. all can be suited. I can widen it if required to do so so it will be 180 feet broad and I think it should be done." Surgeon General Hammond had told C. that he would have this place examined as a location for a hospital. He would be much influenced by Gov. Ramsey. "Perhaps you can use this promise to further your Fort Snelling views, if so pitch in." ...It might help you in closing F. Snelling matter to say that it is needed for a hospital as well as rendezvous for troops."

May. 1862: Kate Oldfield writes Steele suggesting the hospital scheme. She had seen some Surgical official.

Cyrus Aldrich to F. Steele Wash. D.C. May 15 1864:

"I presume you are aware that Ramsey has introduced a bill making Sioux half breed scrip assignable. I think if you and H.M. Rice would come over here we could get it through."

B.H. Randall to F.L. Steele, St. Paul, July 8 1862:

"I wanted to ask you privately what I had better do to bring to the notice of the Department the fact that I have a title to the land that Fort Ridgely stands on." ... We have a doctor here who desires an appointment under the new law. ...you may recommend him as a skillful physician and surgeon, and I would be glad to have him remain at the post." This was Dr. Alfred Mueller.

B.H. Randall to F. Steele, Fort Ridgely Sept. 16 1862:

Wants goods for his trade. "I am getting a very good room fixed up at little expense." P.S. One of Mr. Rigg's Christian Indians came in this morning with his own family and Mrs. DeCamp and three children, and another family of five children. They bring no intelligence later than we had before. Col. Sibley intends starting to-morrow."

Matthew H. Bridge to F. Steele, New York, June 9 1864:

"I have for sale \$43,000 of the above (Minnesota State Railroad bonds,) at 35c in lots of \$21,000 and \$15,000...should be pleased to hear from you"

G.F. Becker to F. Steele Feb; 29 1864:

Wants Steele to explain to the Minneapolis people that the organization of the "First Division &c. is not an unfriendly move."

Saint Paul, M.T. April 10 1857: J.M. Stone's receipt to Richard Chute for \$250 first instalment of 5 % on 50 shares of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

March 30 1857: Unsigned articles of association of the Wabasha Co. Object to buy the town site of Wabashaw with Sioux half breed scrip, and dispose thereof.

Gambia S.P. to F. Steele, 30 July 1857:

Notifies Steele of an assessment of \$1000, to pay Bailly, Read and others. Remarks on Bailly's irascible temper. B. had refused to accept Steele's draft for \$300. ... " A letter from Gen. Shields recieved yesterday informs me that on the fifteenth instant the Faribault office will be ready to attend to Half Breed scrip matters. Mr. Campbell will be on hand to attend to the scrip purchased by Mr. Bailly for the company to locate the Augustine Roque scrip &c.... Town plat ready for record.

June 17 1857 S.P. Gambia receipts to Steele for \$1000 and his note for \$7000.

W.W. Phelps to F. Steele, Land Office Red Wing, April 11 1859: Sends copy of articles of Wabashaw Company signed by 12 persons, Phelps signing for Steele. " You are therefore 'inferit'... Je Rock is obstinate but by doctoring him a little with a golden pill I think he can be brought around and then we can sweep the prairies down to the Zumbro and up to Smith's creek."

P. Asks SL if he has any "adult scrip to spare."... The arrangement of Mr. Shields is entirely secret, and nothing can be done if the plan is known. Opposition and jealousy will thwart every thing."

Wabashaw Oct. 1 1857: Alexis Bailly notifies Steele of a meeting of the Wabashaw Land Company, in a very fine hand writing.

M. Sweetser to F. Steele Saint Paul 2d June 1857: Authorized Steele to sign Wabashaw Company papers for him. On the same sheet a second letter: " I could do nothing with Batice (Baptiste?) Campbell he is a miserable scamp &c."

A batch of 6 letters from Judge B. Pringle of Batavia N.Y. Pres. ? of The Minneapolis & Cedar valley Railroad relate the difficulty of selling the bonds of the company or perhaps of state railroad bonds to be obtained in exchange for the company's bonds. In the lot is a letter from H.H. Sibley director, which says, " Oct.22,1859, The governor has decided not to issue any more bonds to the railroad companies until the December interest on the state bonds respectively has been paid or secured."

Richard Schell to F. Steele: New York, Sept. 30 1861:

Wants immediate information as to the state of the negotiation with the government in regard to the sale of the Fort Snelling property.

" If we can sell this property I shall feel well and so will you. This whole matter is one of the mistakes of our lives, but hope we can get out of it."

R. Schell had written Steele on July 30 and Aug. 3 asking for same information.

John C. Mather to F. Steele, New York 11 July 1861:
Learns that Senator Stuart of Michigan had had an interest in Fort Snelling but had sold it to Steele. Also that litigation was in progress. Makes the suggestion that Steele should give Stuart back his interest, in which case Stuart would use his powerful influence at Washington to get the government to take the buildings and turn over the main body of the land to the purchasers.

William Fling to F. Steele, Philadelphia 27 June 1860:
" Last evening I went to a Lincoln mass meeting to hear what they had to say. Among the speakers was Covode who let out in his speech on the Fort Snelling purchase. Burlingame, Blair and several other spoke, - all most rabid speeches. Breckenridge can count many votes here."

J.W. North, late pres. Minn. & C.V. R.R. to F. Steele, Washington, March 26 1861: Assures S. that it was understood that he could return five Minnesota State railroad bonds at his option and claim payment in money.

Senate Chamber St. Paul, Dec. 16 1859:

Senate Chamber, St. Paul, Dec. 16 1859:

John H. Stevens, Thomas L. Cowan, and Sam E. Adams to Steele.

Assure him that they will do all in their power to "secure his nomination to Charleston." also that hope that they may be able to consummate their cherished purpose of placing him in the senate of the United States."

John H. Stevens to F. Steele, Dec. 15 1859:

Wants Steele and Rice to get him something in a new country, at, saa, or something else on a salary. Cannot endure being in debt. Farm only pays a living.

"We yesterday elected Wilkinson to the senate. Probably under the circumstances this was the best that could be done. I knew you once held a club over his head that you could use in regard to the New York matter, and aside from that Wilkinson assured me that he had the utmost friendly feelings toward you."

Stevens to Steele, Glencoe Sept. 3 1860:

"I see the Republican papers are down on me as well as some of the Breckinridge papers because I went in to the Douglas convention. They are a set of fools. All I went in to politics for was to help Steele. I could do more for him as a Douglas man than I could as a Breckenridge man. There is not a Breckenridge man in this district! M.B. This letter was not addressed to Steele but to "My dear Henry"; Q.?? Henry T. Welles ? *a Henry Rogers*

Stevens to Steele, Glencoe, Dec. 1 1860:

About hard times, his debts, and how he must have a job of some kind, in which he can earn two or three thousand dollars a year.

Mentions the death of Martin McLeod. "We all lament his loss much,"

H.M. Rice to F. Steele, St. Paul, June 3 '80:

Second comptroller thinks the best way "for us" is to have Mr. Gilfillan furnish evidence of his authority to receive the money.

Henry T. Welles to F. Steele, Mnpls Feb. 3 1860:
Chiefly about a judgment for 1600 which Capt. Dana had got against S.
B No progress has been made in R.R. matters before the leg. Chamberlain and Pringle are here and have presented a scheme, but will break down on it. They can do nothing without Ed. Rice and the democrats, whom they have heretofore left out of their reckonings. I am inclined to think a scheme will be got up for a Superior Road, and that it will carry."

"The legislature is running the idea of relief laws into the ground, and if it keeps on, it will cover itself and the state with disgrace.

"Fridley has offered to take the job of getting the new capital located opposite to Breckinridge. If you see him talk with about it."

Welles to Steele, Mnpls Dec. 14 1859:
About the Suspension bridge at Mnpls. The capital stock was \$70,000. The receipts had been: 1855, \$12,369.76 including ferry; 1856, \$18,990. 1857, \$19,208.20; 1858, 11,244.47; 1859 not yet ascertained. Welles thinks there will be no difficulty in obtaining an extension of the charter on its expiration March 5 1872.

Welles to Steele, Mnpls Apr. 10 1860:

About judgments and debts. Advises S. to come home, sell his personal property and make an assignment. Says he is himself in a tight place.

Welles to Steele, Mnpls Apr. 19 1860:

If Steele is going to England he had better go immediately.
"My chief anxiety is in regard to excessive issues of stock." It does not appear from the letter what stock had been so issued. money can not be borrowed on any terms. You have no idea how furious creditors and attorneys have become."

Welles to Steele, Mnpls May 8 1860:

"Is glad to hear that S. is determined to go over (to England.) Suggests that family stay in the east if they can live as cheaply as at home or nearly so."

"All your household effects as well as personal property has passed out of your hands, and cannot be touched by Allis or anybody else. I sold and gave delivery to your brother of all in the house, office and stable. But you must not let him know that I have told you, for he feels delicate about the matter..."

"All the Minneapolis property conveyed to me in the deed last Oct. is safe.....I think nobody but Allis will molest you hereafter."

Much about the claim of Von Glahn, who swears.

Welles to Steele, Mnpls, Aug. 26 1860:

Advises Steele to sell his bridge stock at 80. It is its full value.

Other letters from Welles contained nothing notable. In the letter of May 8 Welles advises that Reynolds services as clerk be dispensed with as soon as possible.

Henry Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, Dec. 29 1859:
About business. Asks for a little money, as he "has a pack of hungry wolves about him."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, Jan. 16 1860:
Business. " I suppose you have heard of the decision of the Supreme court making all notes (no matter what way they may be drawn) bear interest only seven percent after maturity. B

" I am sorry to inform you that you were not elected to Charleston, and that you were badly sold by your friends. Stevens and Adams assured me they were doing all they could for you.... Stevens told me he had seen E.L. Wilson and that he had promised to do his best.... I got to St. Paul on Tuesday and found that your friends Stevens and Adams were rather cool and did not take so much interest as might be expected in the matter. Still they both told me they both they were both doing all they could and that matters were all right. Nevertheless I watched them and on the night before the convention I found that Adams and Wilson and one or two more of your friends were doing all they could to elect other persons instead of you. I did all I could to counteract their influence, but it was no use; they had sold themselves and their friends beyond redemption. Hoag, Russell and a few of your friends worked well and did their best."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, Jan. 31 1860:

All about business. An extra sheet folded in without date but signed as if it might have been part of another letter contains thisN
" " A report is current that you have accepted the post of minister to some foreign country with \$9000 outfit and that you are shortly leaving for your new post, Is it so ? If it is , think of me for secretat. I am admirably fitted for the post. (Underscored,)

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling Feb. 27 1860:

Details of Business.
" I suppose you have heard that A.L. Larpenteur has "burst". He sold out his stock to his New York creditors and Harvey Officer hawns the book account and he has notified us to pay him what we owe him."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling March 6 1860:

" Last week a report spread that you had given up the reserve and that it was going back to the government, and on Saturday night, Williams (at the lower ferry) and some others put up shanties on the reserve near the Minnesota river. On Sunday the excitement began to commence and every one who could raise any lumber made a claim. Yesterday I went up to Minneapolis and saw Mr. Welles about it. He thought it best to make an example of one or two. I therefore got out warrants for three and the constable will be down this morning to serve them". I think after a few days the excitement will die away.

" You can depend on what I told you about Wilson being your enemy as he did his best to defeat you in the convention."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, April 9 1860:

About rafting ties and lumber down river. Apologises to Mrs S. for using the carriage horses inhauling lumber.

"Rev. Geer and family left last Saturday for Fort Ripley."
The brick church near the Nicpllet house burnt a few days since.

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling May 1 1860:

About details of business and many law suits. Capt. Dana was giving trouble. Welles and R. had given Dr. Steele a bill of sale for the furniture and personal property round the house. ... if any body wants to sue, let him. You get three years redemption and it is strange if you can not sell enough property in that time to pay all you owe."

"I cannot get a settlement with Martin McLeod, in fact he backs down from all his propositions.... A judgment against him is worth nothing now."

"If you go to London could you not get the post of Commissioner to the Statistical Congress that meets there in July ? I see Congress has passed a bill allowing him \$5000 for expenses. You ought to get James B. to appoint you, as it would pay."

"Have you fixed up matters with Joseph R. Brown? If not, let me know, as the Indian payment comes off in a short time, and I would like to be on hand and get something out of him."

"How do you get along with Fridley ? Dont show him any mercy till you get some money out of him."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, March 31 1860:

Many details about business. Dana wont extend execution.

"The legislature sadjourned with out doing anything in regard to the railroad question. They talk of getting an extra session."

"The St. Louis house burned down last Sunday. The fire caught in the stone part where there had not been a fire for a twelvemonth. McKenzies had failed and transferred the house to Major Stuart to secure him for endorsement. Dana & White as his agent got it insured the Friday previous for \$5000."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, June 19 1860:

Major Chilton sues for money sent to S. in 1857 to be invested at 12 %. "They want to hold the State agricultural Fair in the Fort next September. I saw Welles about it yesterday and he thought you would not object." Mrs. Sibley will want the currants for jelly.

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, Sept. 19 1860:

Went to St. Paul on the 17 th the day of the Seward demonstration. (which by the way was a perfect fizzle) "Great preparations making for the fair."

"Have you got your money from Fridley? I have heard that he, Brown, and the Chases are fixing their matter up to leave as soon as they can between two days. I dont know how true it is."

Reynolds to Steele, Fort Snelling, Oct. 9 1860: Refers to suit brot on "the Reserve notes." Another Letter of Oct. 20, of slight acct.

W.S. Chapman ? to ^{Welles} ~~Steele~~ ^{Wm. San Francisco} No Place, Nov. 1, no year.

Letter of 8 pp. of manuscript on letter press book paper in handwriting of W.S.C.A passage in the letter indicates that it was written ~~innannnfronnNannna~~.

Telles Welles he is weak and unwilling to stand up and meet the emergency.

" First it was a mistake to bring any of that scrip here, but we did bring it and were equally responsible for that

... I came to Nevada then here and withstood all the odium that was heaped upon me, and I have done the best I could with the stuff... I refer you to my repeated letters asking you to get the scrip made transferable, a thing that was easy to do. I know now from my experience at Washington that I could have had that thing done for a few thousand dollars, -and then every acre of scrip would have been worth \$10 in coin. I also wrote you to hire a man by the year to go and get deeds for all the lands as fast as they were patented. This urged repeatedly." Refers to the perpetual assaults of the newspapers and the opinions of lawyers as to the defective nature of the scrip.

" I was as careful with my papers and business as any one could be. It was impossible for me to have a deal in scrip and not allow my book-keeper to see and know all or nearly all about it. I might have burned all my private correspondents, but did not. As it is we must do the next best thing. Now I have returned you nine thousand acres of scripyou have probably sold I don't know how much... Now I came home in the midst of the excitement and met all demands, paid out more than 30,000 in coin and more than 50,000 in property and I did it to get all the papers that were stolen and every means was made to get those papers that the best detective in this city could devise, and I did get all of them as I have written you. I do know that we got all of your letters and two sets of copies and schedules of what he had stolen ... if he has any thing it is not the original... I have no object in deceiving you... I paid those enormous sums because Steele told me get the papers at all hazards without regard to cost on your account. I did it and I ~~paidxxxxxxx~~ had trouble enough too... You will find that I am correct. Why don't you hire as I did the best detective in St. Paul and go after him and get every thing he has? The "voluminous data" he could get from the offices where the scrip is located... Those data is in his trunk probably if he has it. Then why not put a detective on his track at once and if he has any thing that belongs to you, get it? I have had his trunk emptied twice and got from (it) an armful to a bushel of papers letters and data. If I were in your place I would in a few days have every paper he has. Then you know everybody, and they know you I laid a police detective \$2000 in coin. If he says he has your letters arrest him and take them from him, as I did here. I only wish I had you position for a few days. The idea that a little devil like him can go into your camp and make threats, charges, and boasts against a man of your standing, and you not be able to help yourself or do his game is nonsense.

"Now as for Chippewa titles I think it better to get deeds from all of them or nearly all, but I can't pay for them..."

The writer objects to Welles telling him impliedly that he must do everything 2. tells him to. For two years he had been laboring under the burden without calling on you or Steele, and mainly to save you harmless. You never said "drag on men".

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In short you did not stand up and back me as I would have done could we have changed places... From this time on I want this sort of thing to stop. I want you to stand up to the rack hay or no hay."

" I want you to get deeds from the Chippewas and pay for them. You can make the best terms you can to get their deeds and dont draw on me."

Asks WL again to capture all the papers "he " may have and send him copies of the letters. " I mean letter from this coast which will be of advantage to me... I shall have him indicted before the grand jury now in session. I will stand no more of this thing. Let come what may I must have an end of it".

The foregoing letter was in an envelope postmarked San Francisco Cal. Nov. 26 no year. It was addressed to "Frank Steele Georgetown, Md. Forwarded from Georgetown, D.C. Dec. 4 to St. Paul, Minn. in care of John S. Prince Esq. Marked " Personal" Two three cent stamps with head of Franklin. Business card on ne corner, Wm. S. Chapman, Dealer in Agricultural Grazing and Timbered Lands, N.W. Corner Sansome and Pine Streets. San Francisco.

On July 5 1873, Richard Chute and John S. Prince and their wives, executed a release to Franklin Steele of his bond made and delivered to them on September 8 1857 covenanting to convey to them the undivided twenty-seventh part of the Fort Snelling Reservation, recorded in Book B. of bonds, page 574. This release is recorded in Book, E. of Bonds, Page 315.

H.T. Welles to Steele, Mnpls, Dec. 9 1863:

Russell has called and says that Godfrey will (word omitted) \$150 for his scrip. If this is so you will have to see him without delay and get it. I think he will take \$125 from you for cash."

St. Paul, Dec. 11 1863: Mr. Franklin Steele; Please deliver to Capt. W.H. Forbes C.S. for troops at Fort Snelling, Ten thousand complete rations. S.O. Benham, Capt. & C.S. pr J.P. Smith, Clk.

Welles to Steele, St. Paul, Dec. 5 1863:

About "scrip" " I think we will do well to buy together. If you say so buy the minor at not more than 1.25 (it will be \$1.00 I think,) and the adult at certainly not more than \$2.50 it ought to be \$2.00). I will pay 1/2 of the money required.... Russell need know nothing about this. I don't want to know any thing about the Godfrey scrip. You pay for the Godfrey scrip. I will send you a check afterwards."

W.S. Chapman to Steele, On board Str. Nov. 7 1863:

You will charge me with profits on 160 acres scrip sold as follows: 160 A. sold \$400; cost of same \$160; net profits \$240; one half my own, \$120; Charge your part to me, \$120. Write me in San Francisco.

J.P. Wilson to Steele, St. Cloud, Nov. 8 1863:

Chapman has withdrawn scrip which was located on Georgetown. If you wish to locate other send up.

A.J. Van Voorhees to Executive Board of State Ag. Soc. Sept, 23 1863 must not use one of the Fort Snelling buildings for a dining room. Signs as A.Q.M.

Surgeon General U.S.A. June 11 1863: to Surgeon Wood, St. Louis. The plan for a proposed Sanitarium at Fort Snelling will be abandoned.

Capt. W.H. Forbes to Steele, Cheyenne river valley, 20 August, 1863: Mostly about a needed correction in a voucher.

" Gen. Sibley has gone through his trials with a manliness worthy of himself. What do the croakers now say about our seeing Indians ?

W.S. Chapman to Steele, Minneapolis, Minn. August 15 1863:

Mr. Prince has sold his scrip (800 acres) this week for 1.00 per acre. Sorry we did not get it. Arrangements are made by surveyor general to extend survey north where I have some several thousand acres of the very best pine land selected. Have you found any more scrip ? I learn that Maj. Cullen has some scrip. Suppose you see him.

2. Chute

W.S. Chapman to Steele, Minneapolis, Sept. 2 1863:

2150 Welles saw Dousman in St. Paul Yeaterday and bought 480 acres adult scrip at 15p per acre . D. had engaged some to Farnham. ... "I think I can get several thousand acresvthere(Prairie du Chien.) The person Pelton speaks of has four whole setts, some adult. I offered him 50 cts for it."

E.B. Alexander to Steele, St. Louis June 6 1863:

Asks Steele to pay him the \$10.000 more than three years ago due, and lent to him on his "character" The interest could be arranged for later Letter headed "State of Missouri, Office of the Provost Marshal General U.S.A.

ADr. A. Graham to FL Steele, Washington, D.C. Oct. 25 1858:

" I have seen the secretary of war and he complains bitterly of our treatment in not paying up the second payment for SFort Snelling, and swears most emphatically that he will send it off by to-night's mail for Steele. If we pay he will arrest it. See Schell and "ather & see what can be done..... The only thing I regret is the sec's seems to have some feeling about it."

A number of notes of Eli Pettijohn to Steele in '55 and '56 at 5 % a month.

G.L. Becker to Steele ,Washington D.C. June 15 1862:

" Capt. E. S. Goodrich was in to see me this forenoon, He is with Shields and was in the fight at Port Republic: his horse was shot under him, but he came out unwounded."

Among the papers of Franklin Steele found a roll of 32 foolscap pages, being a list of the personal property of Franklin Steele which has come into my (Richard W. Johnson) hands as administrator. It is marked on the back sheet," F. Steele, Feby 1 1881.

there are 2180 items listed. Items 1 to 14, are cash, stocks and bonds, \$ 56.961.23.

Items 15 to 85 are Notes, not footed.

Items 86 to 138 are balances due from lessors, not footed.

Items 139 to 149, are Miscellaneous, \$3438.

Then follows a list of Real estate: in 14 Counties;

There were very large holdings in Cass and Itasca counties.

In Cass county items 330 to 630. Not always whole interest.

In Itasca county items 631 to 731, Values less than in Cass Co.

There are 18 1/2 pages of lots in Breckenridge; items 890 to 2096.

There is a hiatus from item 731 to 890.

On the last page is this summary"

Total Amount	\$968.069.94
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Sundry amounts of questionable value,	\$ 3.567.88
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R.W. Johnson, administrator.

A note says this inventory was printed for the exclusive use of the heirs, and none will be given out to other parties. But admr can furnish copies when needed.

Steele papers:

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Jan. 5 1859: Ralph W. Kirkham sued Eli Pettijohn in the Hennepin Co. Dist. court to recover on a note given May 25 1857 for \$590 with interest at five % a month and 7 % after maturity. Note was for 6 mos.

In 1853 W.R. Marshall charged R. Steele \$25.00 for surveying Boom Is.

W.S. Chapman to Steele, Carson City, June 29 1864:

Not safe to locate Prince's scrip with power to locate and sell, all in one. Writes about placing 1000 acres scrip in California.

Chapman to Steele, Carson City, July 10 1864:

receives no official information. Has written Steele and Welles. Scrip lands are being pre-empted and paid for. We can do nothing. I have no money, am sleeping on the floor with my family for want of means. People for whom I have located are discouraged and disgusted, sorry they ever saw scrip, or scrip men.

Chapman to Steele, Carson City June 22 1864:

refers to trouble with scrip no official information about it Favors employing Rice instead of Aldrich to look after matters in Wash'n. "Judge Atwater is here and doing well, gets more business in the law office than other man."

B.H. Randall to Steele, Fort Ridgely 6th July 1864:

Asks Steele what to do about his Sioux claim of \$12,000, which was suspended. Mrs. R.'s claim of \$6000 was passed upon by the Sec'y of the Interior.

I have 200 acres of scrip and there is a 160 without any papers, that can be bought for 150 \$. Do you want any or all ?

H.M. Rice to F. Steele, Confidential, Washington, 6th April, 1857:

"My dear sir: I have no doubt but the Fort Snelling reservation will be sold very soon. I shall be able to secure for you at least 160 acres with your house at 1.25 pr acre. You can get hold of the ferry buildings, do so if you can, and I will do the ballance." "Bal. will be sold at auction If any chance for my brother Ed let him know"

Copy of lease of sawmill by Steele to Welles Aug. 1 1853: See Welles, Autobiography. In effect one year.

Agreement in MS. June 30 1873 for distribution of reservation property. Printed schedule annexed. Signed by Alexander Graham, Franklin Steele, J. Purdon Cummins, H.T. Welles, A. Vance Brown, J.C. Mather. (Graham was from Virginia, Mather from N.Y. City, Cummins from Canada.

Chapman to Steele, San Francisco, Cal. April 9 1867:

About doubtful titles to land scripped, and jumped by preemptors. Land very valuable, \$100 tp \$300 per acre. Advises Steele to go to Washington and investigate. "we ought to get some of that land."

"em.n.d. of S.H.B. scrip located, 24.860.

Statement of 'prices for which scrip has been sold' apparently by Chapman: 19,700 acres @ \$5.00 with interest at 1 and 1/2 @ month. 120 acres @ \$6.00, no interest: 200 acres @ \$7.00, no interest: 760 acres @ 7 1/2 @ interest: 1160 acres @ \$10 no interest; 600 acres @ 15 \$ @ acre; 720 on town sites average \$15. 23,260 acres for \$137,720. Sept. 1 1865. Amount of cash received on sales, \$31,990.96.

List of Sioux half-breed scrip brought to Pacific Coast by Wm. S. Chapman (n.d.) 32,360 acres, of which 24,860 had been located; balance on hand 7500 acres.

7600 acres belonged to Steele, 7360 to Chapman, 840 to Welles, 5760 to Welles and Chapman, 1000 to Prince and Chapman, 2240 more to Steele, 4560 from Reynolds, 960 from A. Thomas for cash \$2000, 2040 from Goldwell.

(N.B. It would appear from Chapman's letters that he and his principals were getting deeds from original scrippees as they could, and that they had to pay something for them.)

A trial balance sheet of a 'Company' (n.d.) Welles, Steele, Reynolds and Chapman. \$25,730.88.

Statement of S.H.B. Scrip located for Farnham, endorsed 'in St. Cloud Land Company. (n.d.) 3000 acres Findley, Dypuis, Campbell, Frenier, &c.

Indenture of settlement between Steele and Chapman of all matters except land in San Diego Co. Cal. April 11 1876.

Welles to Steele, Mnpls Feb. 19 1866:

Advises no more scrip locations on unsurveyed land, especially of Red Lake scrip. Blames Chapman for laying scrip on land adversely occupied. "Chapman is over-sanguine, risky, and persistent in crowding and jamming through against a reasonable construction of the law, depending too much on either brass or evasion or influence favoritism. He seems to think that all things can be done regardless of law and precedent by what he calls influence, not discriminating between influence on the side of law and reason and influence against law and reason. There is no difficulty in laying scrip on unoccupied lands and all the trouble has arisen from attempting to do what he had no right to do."

Welles to Steele, St. Paul, Oct. 25 1859:

Sends Steele a list of six judgments docketed against Steele before his deed to Welles, Total, \$16,167.20. Will see about their conditions and write. Among the judgments is one for \$1153.45 in favor of Jane Williamson.

R.W. Johnson to Steele, St. Anthony, July 23 1870:

informs Steele that his article signed 'Minneapolis,' will appear in the Tribune of next day. Thinks it in the strain S. desired. See.

Alexander Ramsey to Steele, Washington, D.C. Feb. 17 1866:

Has seen Secy of war re Fort Snelling matter. Had declined to settle the matter during the war. Is disposed to take it up now. Suggests that you prepare a memorial stating the facts. He will refer it to one of the law departments.

Fred Butterfield to Steele, New York, July 18 1865:

Notifies Steele that he will sell at auction on Nov. 19 next at 12 o'clock noon, in sales room No. 111 2300 shares of the stock of the St. Anthony Fall's Water Power Company transferred to him as security for the payment of eight promissory notes dated at St. Paul, Jan. 31 1859, five for \$10,000 and three for \$4500 each, payable at different dates none later than Dec. 28 1860.

Welles to Steele, Mnpls April 21 1866:

6 pp. about the sale of Nicollet Island by Dousman to Eastman and Merriam for \$24,000. Fences, lawyers &c. will bring that amount to \$27,400. They will sell \$65,000 worth of lots, get \$4000 from the railroad, and have \$2000 worth of bridge stock.

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J. S.*
Welles goes on at length to comfort Steele for not getting the Island (? for the Water Power Company.) The property was not worth any more as land. But Eastman had discovered that the water power company had not secured to itself the water rights pertaining to the island. With a dead St. Anthony and dull times in Mnpls the island was not valuable for ordinary purposes. Eastman discovered defects in the title of the waterpower company. "It was this that sold the island." W. says he told Chute about it, and asked him if he was safe? "... Chute told me he was safe." Thinks the island of little value for residence or business purposes. Only a foot and a half or two feet of soil. Cellars will be wet.

It would appear from the tenor of a part of the letter that Steele had lost the island to Dousman by foreclosure or other wise. W. says ... "As Dousman throws off \$15,000, Wambaugh \$6000, Alexander dis \$15,000 all on mortgages on the island equal to \$36,000 and D. gets \$24,000 making as you may say a nett to you of 60,000 you really get \$60,000 besides some taxes and int. you need not consider your self as having lost so much. In fact you have done well. ... This will allay your regret. W. tho't of buying the property 2 years ago, but tho't there was not so much in it as in other things. "This may bear hard on Chute." asks S. to destroy letter, as he does not want to have Chute think that he wishes to injure him. (Chute I infer had been too confident of the rights of the Company over the island.

Flandrau to Steele, Kentucky Jany 23 1866:

About charges against Cook. Will stay where he is till he hears from Atwater before moving west. Will come back to Minn. if there is any chance to make money. Remember me to Mr. Rice. (A letter from Chas. Cook From Alexandria relates to r.e. matter.

Rice, H.M. to Mrs. A.E. Steele, Washington, August 29 1858:

... "The letters I received were all hopeful, all confident, but there were too many slippery fellows in town. One person has violated his written pledges to me. Had a caucus been held your good husband would have received 36 votes on first ballot, so I was informed from a correct source, which would have secured his election beyond doubt. This will learn him that a great victory cannot be gained without a corresponding struggle, and that the greater the prize the larger the number of competitors, and consequently the more enemies and the more deadly their opposition. The battle is yet to be fought and the best

general will win. I am satisfied that Mr. Sibley was for your husband and his election would have been certain had it not been for the action of a few men in the southern part of the state. When I see you I will explain." (Probably the election referred to was that for U.S. Senator in Dec. 1857, but perhaps not.)

New York Tailor to Steele Dec. 18 1861:

Duns for bill. ..." for clothes is certainly a debt of honor,"...

Thos. S. Williamson, Pajutazee Aug. 29 1861:

Writing for sister states th t she wil, be content to throw off half the interest and will be content with 6% if the 700 is secured on good paying property.

Thos S. Williamson to Steele Pajutazee July 31 1861:

... a considerable part of what she (sister) had inherited from our parents was invested in the Kaposia property, which at the time of the sale considered cheap at the price. ... We knew nothing of your partners in the purchase through whose gross nrgligence the property was lost, she was informed that Rosser had said he would never pay anything if he could help it. ... After suit was commenced at your request &c. "(Endorsed, Note June ? 15 1854. \$700; Sept. 1 1859: judgment, \$1155.56, Interest...."

An inventory of furniture in the St. Charles Hotel, Dec. 9 1852: attached to lease of hotel to James B. Gilbert from March 1 1853 at a yearly rent of \$1000 for one year. Total, \$ 2175.39.

John S. Prince: Advertisement of sale at auction in St. Paul, July 15 1867 real estate belonging to the heirs of the late P. Cheateau of St. Louis. ? Last of the American Fur Company in Minnesota ?

N.B. Letter of Welles about sale of Nicollet island. Later, found these: note of Steele to E.B. Alexander, U.S.A. for \$10.000 dated St. Paul, May 28 1856 with interest at 15 % semi-annually, and if interest is not paid when due to bear the same rate of interest. Note below: Received interest to 28th May 1857 Mortgage transferred to H.T. Welles to enable him E.B.A. to bring suit to open Dousman foreclosure upon same property. Since paid in full by Steele. Looks like Welles' hand-writing. Note to ryn four years.

Also mortgage by Steele of Nicollet island to Alexander dated May 28 1856. Acknowledged before J.J. Noah.

Also note to Henry Wambaugh St. Paul, Oct. 30 1855: for two years. \$10.000 interest at 20 % ^{per} annum, semiannually, and if interest not paid when due then both interest and principal to bear 25 % till paid. Payable at the Elmira bank, Steuben Co. N.Y. Exhausted ? by purchase at foreclosure by H. Wambaugh of property covered by mortgage", Welles' hand-writing.

Drafts of Steele's 1858 bear 3 per cent a month.

H.C. Mencke receipts to Steele July 24 1840 for \$190 for work on claim on the east side of the Falls of St. Anthony belonging to Steele. Witness, Norman B. Kittson. Receipt in Kittson's hand.

Wm. Hollindhead to Steele, St. Paul, May 24 1855:
Offers Hennepin island for \$4000 on easy terms. Had offered same to Welles who had not the means.

Wm. Hollinshead to Steele St. Paul Dec. 8 1857 Confidential.
Is "persuaded that Sibley's position is the most formidable obstacle to your success. Your friends cannot act for you with heartiness because the mere fact of your being a candidate (even by yourself) is qualified and contingent on the action of the board of canvassers. Those who are wavering make the probability of Sibley being a candidate an excuse for not stating their intentions positively. So far as I can judge you have the inside track but for this difficulty. Numerous delegations have been to H.M. R. soliciting his aid for S (Shields) but without success. Cannot the report of the board of canvassers be hurried or Sibley be induced to declare that he is not a candidate in any event? My opinion is that Brown or Shields would beat him if he were a candidate. Can you trust Brown's friends if he should fail? I have heard that he has promised his aid to Shields if it should appear that he (B.) cannot be elected. B. S. I mean the genl.

James Gooding to Steele Wabash 22 Dec. 1863:
It appears that Mr. Steele had had a trunk stolen with valuable papers in it. Goodings says he has a clue to the thief.

Henry S. Eames to Sibley, Oakes, Prince and Steele. Fort Ridgely, Dec. 25 1863: about 'workable stuff' on Cottonwood river & C. Nothing definite. Will want money.

E "Eustis" (J. M.) to Steele, Mnpls Jany. 16 1863:
Capt. Corning relieved Van Voorhees yesterday. Good. If any thing comes up in relation to Capt. Carver's removal please attend to it. We want either Corning or Carver. Rather have Corning at St. Paul, and Carver at the Fort. Yours truly, Eustis.

Steele to Welles. Fort Snelling, Sept. 15 1858:
Asks W. to arrange to give Judge Atwater \$1000 toward procuring paper for the Express.

John S. Prince to Steele, St Paul Jany 29 1864:
Reports that Eames has struck bed of coal full four feet thick and expects to trace it to within 6 miles of New Wlm. Will go back and make another boring.

John Potts Brown to Steele New York, 17 March:
Wants some Minnesota State bonds on which the interest has not been paid and repudiated.

Marshall & CO. Bankers to Steele St Paul Nov 9 1857
Want settlement of old accounts are sure there is a balance due them unless account is not rendered in 20 days will put matter in hands of attorney for collection.

Wm. Hollinshead to Steele St Paul April 16 1860:

Had written that Wm Bicknell would take your bridge stock at 90 and lend at 18 % if the margin should be made large enough.

"God knows I would do anything in my powers to aid you in the bitter trouble to which you in common with all of us are subjected, without any commission or compensation. You have been a good friend to me, and I trust that I may yet prove that I am not ungrateful." People here much encouraged by the immigration. Ocean Wave brot 250; the Key city 800 all for Minnesota.

Contract between Capt. T.M. Saunders A.C.S. with Steele for supply of rations to Indian prisoners at Fort Snelling Jan 1 to Dec 31 1863 at ten cents per ration ration to be of first quality. Approved by H.H. Sibley Brig. Gen. Comdg.

Lease of sawmill No. 2 of the new saws \$1500 for one year to Caleb S. and Albert H. Dorr.

W.M.B. Hartley bot of Steele 320 Acres Sioux scrip for \$1040, 1860.

Copy of deed of Pierre Bottineau and Genevieve his wife of 33.18 acres in Lot 2 ssc we tp 29 range 24 w 4th meridian. Consideration, \$439.50. Copied from Book A. of deeds Ramsey Co. Aug. 2 1875.

Ignatius Donnelly to Steele, St Paul 26 May 1865:
informs Steele that pressure of party friends in Hennepin has obliged him to recommend the appointment of Charles H. Clarke for P.M. Sorry to disturb S. Strongly urged against S. that he contributed largely towards the defeat of Mr. Lincoln makes it improper for him to hold office under a republican administration.

John Steele to F. Steele St Paul May 4 1866:
about F's health &c. Refers to sale of Nicollet island.

Account Madame Renville with F. Steele 1857:

The Madame is charged 1 pair horses and wagon \$500, 1 horse, 200; Cash \$20; and merchandise to bring to \$1000; she is credited with acres of scrip, \$1000, May 14 1858.

March 23 1865 Steele sold \$3400 American Gold @ 158 for \$5363.50. Von Glahn got \$4500 of the proceeds.

Note of F. Steele to John Potts Brown New York Janu 3 1859: for \$16.000 thirty days after date at 7 \$ per annum. Secured by 1000 shares of the St Anthony Falls Water power Company, and six notes of the Mnpls Mill Company assigned to Brown.

Feb. 4 1859 Brown acknowledges receipt of the \$16.000. Gov Sibley leaves this evening. " he told me that the State bonds would be left with Winslow, Lanier & Co. , who are much more efficient and available people than those you conferred with.

Robert W. Lowber to Steele, New York July 28 1838(sic)
Advises S. of his election as director of The Minnesota & N.W. Rail-Road Company. Trusts he will not decline. Co. have contracted for building 50 miles of road. 1838 should be 1858 ?

S. P. Gambia to Steele, Wabashaw Sept. 1 1858:
Long letter about affairs of "The company" i.e. the Wabashaw Co. Sweetzer could not pay assessment. Shields and others Rice had not paid. Gambia will quit as treasurer.

Harrington to Steele Washington 14 June 1857:
Refers to claims against Minnesota Railroad cos for services. "Many of them, I know, have no foundation but impudence." Proposes that he H.) be authorized to compromise with the claimants, and get them satisfied and the grants relieved from their demands, "I could get a large proportion of any allowance for my fee."

Capt. W.N. Saunders in a letter to Steele Feb. 18 1863. says Col. J. H. S. Stevens has written in his behalf to Thaddeus Stevens who is his relative.

J.P. Wilson to Steele St Cloud Sept 8 1862:
Wants to be appointed A.Q.M., to buy horses for govt. Also to establish places for gathering supplies for troops. Will divide with Steele.

Jonas Pettijohn to J.S. Prince, Le Sueur Feb. 1868:
Explains at great length why he cannot pay the premium on his insurance. Has no more property than will pay his debts. -

A letter shows that Steele was proprietor of the town of Fremont.

Capt. R.W. Kirkham, Fort Tejon) Cal. May 10 1856: To Maj. S. Woods.
Sympathizes with K. on loss of wife. Brags of his new post. Exceedingly gratified at the use of our property. Will resign within two years. Has written Mr. Hancock to pick him out a sq m on which he will build a \$10,000 house. Prefers Little Falls creek to any other place. Can make 5 times his salary out of the army. Hopes Woods will stay in Minn. Understands Mr. Welles is a strong churchman. "I must have the church when I settle."

H.H. Sibley to Steele, Mendota Feb 18 1855:
Has bot share in wharf boat, and wants it moved to the lower landing. Asks S. to order Weekly Intelligencer for Alexander Faribault. Is sorry to learn that the greater part of Kaposia has been jumped.

J. Travis Rosser to Steele, St Paul Minn. Feb 14 1855:
Informs S. that some scoundrel has jumped Kaposia and swears he will hold it... "You are aware that Judge Chatfield had made application for that place as a town site and that it was sent to Washington. See at once all about it and try to get it through. If not our speculation will be turned into dust and ashes."

S. Woods to Steele, San Francisco May 19 1857:

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Kirkham goes to states. Wife not well. Has house caos \$8500 across the bay. Cal. fine country. He and K. Have been offered 200 acres in Oak-land at \$40 an acre. Gives some directions about his "affairs". Would like to sell his land on Gray Cloud island for \$10,000 would not like to take less than \$8000. Refers to Alexander going to Kansas.. will have have hard stations". His duty as paymaster is light. Pays \$25 a week for board at hotel. Good time to come to Cal. Everything down.

Woods to Steele, Fort Dodge Iowa Feb 7 1852:

About an order for \$200 favor Gordon not honored or not received. Sends account of business as near as he can make it. Asks SL to complete it and that there may be a settlement. Will leave funds to pay his taxes as they become due.

Had written Kirkham " if our claim at little falls was good and he could make the entry to do so and call upon you for money for my share."

Woods to Steele Fort Clarke Iowa Oct. 12 1850:

About adjustment of company fund account. " What is doing about the reserve and how Rice arranged about these notes."

Woods to Steele, Galena May 9 1850:

Left his house in the hands of Ed. Rice to be sold, and proceeds handed to Steele.

" Some of the Iowa Winnebagoes have gone into Prairie du Chien and Rice has sent runners into Iowa. Some two or three hundred Indians are at Prairie du Chien La Crosse. Dandy and his party have promised to come in and it is probable Rice will have an easy time of it."

Pay account of Brevet major and Capt S. Woods 6th Infantry from Oct. 1 1849 to Nov. 25 1849 while in charge of the Expedition to the Red river. Pay \$50 @ mo.

Kirkham to Steele Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Oct. 17 1854:

Has sold Col. Spooner one of his lots. Took his note for \$1000 at 12 %. Bob Smith has been to see me and is anxious to have an interest with us, wishes me to sell one-half of mine. ... "says he is cut down so much at the mill that he ought to come in somewhere else."

Woods to Steele San Francisco Feb 2 1858:

Notifies SL of drafts for \$4500 and \$6000 on him. Asks account and settlement. Could have made good use of his money if he had had it. Inquires if he has any interest at Little Falls. " I made a great sacrifice at Minneapolis when I sold in order not to be in the way of you and Kirkham."

Woods to Steele Fort Clarke Iowa Feb 27 1851

H.M. Rice has failed to pay for his house sold him. " If he does not pay he must pay a larger interest. " I see that a bill for raising the reserve has passed one house and perhaps both by this time; if so I hope our expectations will be realized. I have seen no place that I thought there were as many advantages in the 'locale' as about Fort Snelling. "

Woods to Steele Fort Ridgely Dec 11 1853

Sends a man after chickens turkeys &c for Christmas time s for the company. Will stand his proportion of expenses on claims at St Anthony and Little Falls. Will sell his lot in St Paul and St Anthony unless S. thinks he had better hold them. Very dull here. Rumor of going to California in the spring. Mr. Randall is doing very well, I think. He is very devoted to his business. He is hardly ever out of the Store. B

Woods to Steele Jefferson Baracks, Mo. Nov 24 1854:

Saw Rice in Chicago who informed him of the result of Dr. Ames' application. Said he would do anything you gentlemen want. Thought no doubt about result. (This refers to the bill to grant preemption rights to the squatters on the site of Minneapolis.) Kirkham, Appointed A.Q.M. May be ordered to Minnesota, which he would like. "He acknowledges he committed an error" in the bargain with Spooner. Woods' regiment full and about leaving for northern California. Wants leave to draw on S. for \$250.

Woods to Steele Fort Dodge Iowa Aug. 10 1851

About Rice H.M thinking he could hold proceeds of some sale without paying interest. Rice had forgotten their arrangement. E. Rice has not paid a balance due him. Wants a statement of acct. Asks S. to invest any money of his because he thinks S. has a correct idea of values in that country. "I will be in Washington this winter to do all I can to accomplish our wishes on the reserve."

Woods to Steele San Francisco April 19 1858

Mostly about dishonored draft and new drafts. Wants an accounting. Thinks some \$17,000 should be due him. at close says "believe me that I feel for you and yours undiminished affection and ever shall."

Woods to Steele Fort Clarke Iowa March 10 1851

Disappointed that Rice has not paid (? for house) if he does not pay insist on -a surrender of the property. "If Rice does not come on terms, sue him."

(In the Woods letters are frequent references to Clay his wife who was nee Clay Barney.)

Woods to Steele Fort Clarke Iowa Dec. 22 1850

Asks attention to his letters about business. Hears that S. has located his land warrants on Grey Cloud island, Very anxious to hear.

Arrived here on the 3rd. Weather very cold. Is very anxious to hear what will be done this winter in Congress about the Mil. reserve. Will it be taken off and will claimants right be respected?"

Bvt. Maj. L.A. Armistead to Steele, Fort Dodge, Iowa June 21 1852

asks S. to send him a good interpreter. Salary \$30 a mo Can make a farm on the reserve. Chances for operations. Country settling fast.

Killed at Littleburg in Pickett's charge

Woods to Steele Fort Riley K.T. June 20 1855

Is very anxious to hear about outcome of claims at Fort Snelling. Dr. Ames had promised to write, but has not. Fears bad news on that account. Take 15 days for letter to get here from St. Louis. Undesirable country. Anticipates no move against the Sioux this summer. The whole matter has been badly managed. Do write about Minneapolis and Little Falls, if it does (not) turn out right I will be a resident in Minnesota before a year elapses... If we succeed, do the best you can for me, by selling or holding as you deem best. ...retain 10, 15, or 20 lots for me in Minneapolis. ...this country overrun with people locating town sites. Each thinks he has a fortune in his location.

"Every person in this country has to range themselves on one side or the other of the slave question. This will retard the settlement of the country very much. What they call the pro-slavery party have it all their own way now, but this won't last long. The emigrants from the free states are much the most numerous... in a little time ... they will... have every thing their own way." Kansas is as certain to be a free state as Minnesota.

Woods to Steele Washington City D.C. March 25 1857

Wants Steele to have charge of his affairs under power of attorney but to have some other person employed to attend to details. "repeats this. Is ordered to California. If he tires of Cal. will resign and go into business. Thinks he can now get \$50,000 for his properties.

"If you should wish to go into a business house such as you speak of, with Welles, Kirkham, Buckner, yourself, and myself or any of these, I would like you to put me into it the \$12,000 cash I now have." Could put in \$25,000 in all. Won't speculate in Cal. Would rather have his means in Minnesota. Will be in San F. two years at least. Has been appointed Paymaster.

Geo. Harrington will be in Minnesota about the 20th of next month to be on hand when the legislature disposes of the railroad grants, to take care of his interests. He expects to be liberally provided for."

An accompanying half sheet has an inventory of Maj. Woods' properties: Gey Cloud island 640 acres \$9600; 10 lots in St. Anthony, \$7000; 2 lots in Minneapolis, \$5000; Leonard square in Mpls, \$5000 (high); Little Falls property 35 acres, \$4375; 10 lots Traverse, 500; Discounting these values \$6475 bal. = \$25,000; Iowa lands, \$5000; Kansas property, \$7500; Cash, \$12,500. total \$50,000. "Don't let any person see this."

Woods to Steele San F. Oct. 3 1857

Wants to hear from S. about a deposit in N.Y. to his credit. Wants settlement. Wants Steele to have some other person to look after details of his affairs, and keep him informed. "I think you and Rice ought to have let me in to that Fort Snelling affair, as we started the game together." Refers to his half square in Traverse. Hopes S. has inquired of Mr. Flandrau. San F. a delightful place will be one of the great cities of the world. Has been here in Oregon and Washington. Does not think much of them. "They will ever be one horse countries." Kirkham tells me that you have secured a large piece of land about your house for permanent home.

W.S. McLeod to Steele Bloomington, Mar 24/66

In behalf of an Englishman who wants to rent reserve land. Another of Feb. 20 on same. Ms. fairly good. "he is an honest and industrious fellow"

In late part of 1863 or early part of 1864 Mr. Steele was robbed of his trunk, containing plate, bonds, valuable papers. The contents were partially recovered. Horace Thompson was active in stopping payment of \$10,000 U.S. bonds. Campbell of Wabashaw claims credit for discovery of trail. J.S. Prince in letter of March 3 1864 informs Steele that he had 'paid them' twelve hundred dollars, reserving the balance to be paid on recovery of the plate. Campbell and S. one are to remunerate themselves out of this sum. Things look well for the coal matter, Sent Chapman ten of Steele's land warrants, Hopes sending right.

J.W. North to Steele Fuller House March 3 1859 protect
Wants S. to consult about proposition of MR. Edgerton to issue all the currency we can issue on our bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. The matter looks well.

Dousman, H.L. Prairie du Chien 18 July '60:
Friends sympathize with S. in heavy load of debt, but have great confidence in his energy and integrity to carry him through his troubles. Would aid if he could, but is powerless. Has not received a single dollar on the interest for the last year, (that is on money loaned,, taxes on unproductive property keep him 'miserably poor.'
" If you can sell your island for \$75,000 or even a good deal less, I shall advise you by all means to sell it, and get clear of debt."

John Tapper to Steele St. Anthony June 24
Dear sir I send by Mr. Shepley the Blocks and Rigen Also your map of the Island We have a set of very large Blocks if these are large enough Truly yours John Tapper

A.C. Ferren to Steele Decorah June 16 1859
Asks Mr. S. to send a gun of small size for the coming 4th of July.

Huntington Agent Am. Bank Note Co. New York June 28 1859
Sends bill for printing 14,000 impressions People's bank at St. Peter. Also for engraving. Notes have been sent to the State auditor.

Capt. W.M. Magruder to Steele Fort Tejon, Cal. July 28 '58
Congratulates S. on being elected to U.S. senate. Nothing has afforded him more pleasure than the newspaper statements announcing that.
Asks S. Steele to have him made a captain in one of the Four new regiments proposed; For "I know your influence with the president will be immense."

E.B. Alexander to Steele n.p. Sept 26 185 (sic)
Has had records examined and finds two mortgages prior to his on the island which he did not know of when made a loan to him. Asks for additional security and payment of interest due and to become due. Two year's interest due 28 May last.

Edmund Rice to Steele New York March 3 1859
No quorum at meeting of directors to act on Gov. Sibley's agreement with Winslow Lanier & CO. Has heard that the S. Minn has ratified. Thinks Transit will. "I want to go to Washington with your memorial to the

President for the purpose of getting some action taken in behalf of the Min & N.W. R.R. Co. As soon as Congress is over Bright and Henry will take it up. Bright says the President can be induced to set aside the lands. I hope so. Chute Ramsey and Woodbury are here."

Edmund Rice to Steele Trout Brook Jan'y 19 1860

Gov. Sibley was desirous of going to Charleston. I learned immediately after you left. I learned this from Becker who was intimate with him. I did not therefore make much exertions for you, tho' there would have been no difficulty in sending you had Sibley been out of the way. Becker would have gone for you and so would Fridley, and with the help of Cowan and Adams who scoured the country for you, Your selection would have been unanimous."

"Chamberlain is here and has come to an understanding with Banning. in respect to the R.R. policy. The plan is to build a road from LaCrescent vis Rochester to W. St. Paul and from St. Paul to Anoka, he returning to the State 900 bonds and receiving new ones at the rate of \$1200 per mile as each 20 miles of road is in operation until the whole 220 miles are completed. This ignores all the other bondholders and the Transit R.R. Co. The plan may be modified and perhaps wholly defeated. I have taken no action in it. What the legislature will accomplish if anything it is hard to say. It now looks as if the Republicans will cripple their party in this estate. No meetin of directors. " The supreme court did a good thing for the country in deciding the interest question."

R.B. Mason to J.H. Stevens Dubuque Oct. 30 1858

Hesitates about taking big contract. " Gov. Sibley has, I understand decided that the bonds given the companies for State bonds must be a first mortgage on the roads. If this is adhered to I really fear there will be trouble in raising money to complete your roads.. secon mortgage bonds are looked upon with suspicion and they could not be negotiated at any reasonable rate."

C.C. Andrews to Steele St. Cloud 9th July 1859

Has learned that a commission has been appointed to advise the govt whether Fort Abercrombie should be maintained.

Truxton D. Beale to Steele Washington City 26 Sept '59

Wants information about the value of property at Traverse des Sioux. Has had an offer for his shares.

A.C. Smith to Steele F. City April 21 Private.

About the entry of a certain lot. Will "cheerfully do anything I can to aid you, altho I am told yourself and Gov. Sibley took special pains to traduce my character behind my back and turn me out of office with notice. That I was ousted on bogus charges and with the crudest star-chamber practice is certain."

Robert Smith to Steele Washington Feb 15th 1858 to J.W. Hubbard Esq. NY.

The company can not pay interest till May or June. The interest is 2% month and will hereafter be paid punctually. Sends a circular letter of Mr. Washburn our agent about this property.

Geo. A. Brackett to Steele May 11 1863 St. Peter

Has started one drove of 85 for Camp Pope. Has made a contract for 100 head to be delivered on the 25th for \$2.40, all to be good cattle. Bot a lot to-day at 24 pr 11b. Will buy 200 head. They will average about 1000lbs groce. Shall need more money. You may send \$2500.

"I should have bought some cattle of the Indians had it not been for one Maj. Hatch who I consider one D--d rascal, and not a very srewd one. The Indians wished to sell their cattle before they left they come to Nininger and myself to buy they see their prices which were fore (sic) prices we took them up at their offers but Hatch says No he says they will come to me and want \$5 or \$10 more a head for their cattle after they have sold them to me. Indians go down river by boat cattle remain they tell Indians they will send cattle across country on foot"

Brackett to Steele Mankato May 20 1863

Advises S. to see Gen. Sibley and ascertain how many cattle will be kept at Camp Pope. Supposed their contract included Camp Pope. Has bot 375 or 400 head. Had been into the settlement where the last outbreak was and bot "some good trades as they were about leaving." I have a d-d mean pen and will not write more"

Brackett to Steele St. Peter May 22 nd 1863

Nininger had good luck in driving to Camp Pope. "All went well till he come to issuing beef when the commissary told him he must cut off necks and shanks they were furnished with instructions from that d-d Small to have then cutoff. I think that Small is in small business to give such orders when they have the contract to go by. Col. Miller tells me that Gen. Pope has given Gen. Sibley orders to remain ten days and wait for Gen. Cook. "There is big money in buying cattle at prices I have been buying at."

Brackett to J.M. Eustis Mankato May 23 1863

Advises buying cattle at prices under 2.75. "I find that d-d Small is bound to cut us if he can. Hart will tell you what the d-d sneak is up to he will also tell you of a remark he made about Frank Steele when he went after some vouchers. ... you had better get on the track of old Cullins and buy all of the cattle you can from him as I think he has something to do with the trouble that Small is bound to make."

Rev. James Lloyd Breck to Mrs. A.E. Steele Mission House St. Paul
1st Oct. 1850

...Be assured, ma'am that the kind offices done us by yourself your husband and others at the Fort cannot but make a permanent impression &c. "We should have been most happy in seeing you at the laying of the corner stone in this place. It is the first effort in Minnesota and we hope it will succeed well, and be followed by many of the like kind in a little time.

Breck Mission House St. Paul 18 June 1851

Invites Mr. and Mrs. Steele to a sociable gathering or picknick on the Mission grounds on the Fourth of July.

Breck to Mrs. Franklin Steele Mission House St. Paul. 18 June 1851

Breck to Mrs. Steele: 28-

His neglect to acknowledge gift of the second chh lot had not induced neglect on part of Mrs. S. who now sends \$15.00 for a carpet for the chancel. Had learned of her disappointment in presenting lamps to chh. Has now to inform Mrs. S. that Mrs Tracey has given money for a carpet. Asks whether he is to return the money or retain it for a marble font or a bishop's chair.

S. Chamberlain to Steele Cleveland July 28/58 Private

*3 p.c. n
Premium*
" If you can buy the stock of the C.V. now held by North, Genl. and the other directors down south you may do so at the best rate you can, not paying over 25pm (sic) to any one; if the price shall be over 20pm be buy but say two or three of them; if it can be had for 10pm buy the whole four-paying 1/2 of each kind of bonds to be used by the Co. (1/2 Eail Road mortgage) the other half of the State R.R. issue). Secure the thing get a reasonable time to pay in permanently now (sic)... I w Have written S. . He dont place a full value upon the enterprise. Dont stop at anything short of a clear majority in the management." Destroy.

Chamberlain To Steele Milwaukee July 30/58

" If Shields, North & others are disposed to sell out for say, fifty thousand dollars one half in state & balance in Est mortgagebonds of the Company I think my brother would take it. Suppose you get them to say what they will take.

Chamberlaib to Steele Milwaukee Aug 24

" Should the Cedar Valley Road come under your control I should in company with my brother like to take the contract....should the business be left with you and Gov. Sibley I am confident that we shall be able to come to terms that will be satisfactory

Chamberlain to Steele Milwaukee Sept 15/58

" My brother leaves here for Northfield to try to close the arrangement with your friends in the Cedar Valley Road. ...he will take the contract in his own name. I shall have no interest in the contract, but shall aid him all in my power. I have advised him that a friend must have fifty thousand dollars of the state bonds soon as the thing is in shape I will get his notes payable as state bonds are rec'd and hand them to you. Should he say anything to you about this you had better refer him to me as he should not know that you receive one dollar. I am an outsider and can make any bargain that we can agree upon. I will have the notes payable to bearer -nd at some bank in New York so that they cannot well be traced up. "Private.

In a large envelope 10 certificates of Chp scrip of 1868, 20 certificates with powers of attorney to locate; and 3 powers without certifs.

J.H. Stevens to Geo. E. Huy May 28 1856

Please let Mr. Steele hav all the papers filed in your office forams.
Yours truly

J.H. Stevens to Welles, June 11 1856

....Have you stired up the voters to day the tickets will be here at 8o'clock this morning. We must be active in order to win.

J.H. Stevens to Welles Minneapolis Oct 15 1856

Wishes W. to fix up the matter with Bigelow and Babbitt. ~~Blanes~~ Steele for not coming upIf he expects to put the responsibility on me he is most awfully disappointed."

J.H. Stevens to Steele Glencoe March 9 1859

About mistake in Glencoe town shares. Wants to sell Steele his property in Superior and pay what he owes S. Expects to work his farm himself. Wants S. to contribute to the College, as he has much land to beasold. Chapman has the subscription list. Welles is chairman. Bass, Prince, Stoddard, O.H. Kelly of Crow Wing, are the ex com all friends of yours. E. M. Wilson will back you.

" A word on politics. What am I to do with the attacks of Dr. Foster ? I can give him Jesse". What answer can I give to enclosure ? ... I must publish the Register until you are safely landed in the Senate." "Could I get a job of building the bridge?"

D.S. " Foster commenced the war on me before I said a word, calling me Steele's boy &c.... If I do not answer this it would imply that I have half breed children &c. I dont know how I am to get out of it unless I expose him... will wait till I hear from you."

A clipping is pasted on to p.3: " If either of Frank Steele's old Indian trading clerks-Stevens of the Glencoe Register or Wheelock of the Pioneer-want to open the 'squaw 'record, perhals they will regret it before they are thro with its pages. It is not only 'squaw' can be said to them and ~~of~~ the chief Democratic and Moccasin leaders of Minnesota, but pappoose too; and the record can be proved by living witnesses !... Mr. Sibley, Mr. Rice, Mr. Steele and others had better look to their editors."

J.H. Stevens to Steele Senate Chamber St Paul January 10 1860

Stevens, Cowan, Adams, Reynolds and others have been working to get Steele elected a delagate to the Charleston Convention. May not succed. The young democracy seem disposed to ride rough shod over the old and true friends of the state. If unsuccessful will feel like leaving the State. Would like Steele to get governorship of some new territory. " What do you think of Pike's Peak ?" "Give my remembrances to Rice. Say to him the Douglassites have the state we fear."

J.H. Stevens to Steele St Paul January 13th 1860

" The convention met yesterday ... Much to our surprise after we had secured a majority of all the votes for you as a delagate, Sibley came in and was elected" Expresses great disgust at the outcome...." the Democratic party of this state has thrown away their principles for a mess of pottage.....I am not, neither are your or Rice's friends satisfied. The convention failed to recognize the efficiency of Mr. Rice, which is an outrage that I will not swallowRice and you have done so much for

the state and the party, then to have Rice treated in such a disgraceful way, and your services looked upon with total and depraved indifference

is...a wanton insult...." I do not accuse Sibley of coming out flatly and boldly to kill you off; neither do I accuse his friends, but I went to him. I got also your brother Dr. Steele to go to him and told him you was a candidate, and after you had done so much for him, and in the face of all these facts ~~it~~ would not have been manly in him to have quietly withdrawn his pretensions and let your friends enjoy the humble satisfaction? "Stevens is bound to leave the state. he "will not live in a community when the people have 'run after strange Gods'"

Adams and Cowan concur in his expressions. Asks to have the letter sent to Rice.

J.H. Stevens to Steele Glencoe June 9 1862

About sheep. "A word about politics. I have laid the pipe in this district for you, and in Sibley and Nicollet. How do you stand with Mr. Murphy and Judge Chatfield? We may not be able to elect you, but we will plague Rice, and then throw (sic) on Gov. Ramsey

J.H. Stevens to Steele Glencoe June 19 1862

Sends a letter from Rice, and asks St to draft the answer he would like to have made." I can see thro his plans, altho he says he will not be a candidate, as well as you can see that he will be." "He has made awful blunders about recommending men to office."

J.H. Stevens to Steele Minneapolis January 4 1864

Hopes Steele will recover his bonds. Has "everything ready to start south. "If you Ramsy, Donnelly, and Wilkinson will look to the matter I doubt not I could get the appointment...." I feel anxious about the cotton..."

J.H. Stevens to Steele Merchants Hotel, New York, May 29 1866

Had a pleasant trip to New Orleans. Commission had adjourned to New York. Had to follow. "I have much pleasure in saying that Oglesby will purchase all of your property just as soon as this difficulty can be fixed up. I have written Senator Wilkinson about it. I saw Gov. Ramsey the other day. He said to me pay no attention to it. I have sent Wilkinson papers which if he will attend to will fix us all right. Perhaps you had best see him to-morrow in Washington. Get Harrington to help."

J.H. Stevens to Steele New York May 31 1865: Wednesday 9 o'clock P.M.

Genl Baldy Smith decides that I must go to Washington and that I am to leave here either Friday morning or Friday evening. Please go and see Wilkinson and Harrington and meet me there. They accuse me of complicity in private cotton speculations, but there is not a word of truth in it and I can prove it. They insist I helped Oglesby."

J.H. Stevens to Steele New York May 31 1865 Wednesday morning. This letter was written just before the next above.

Is to have a meeting with Genl Smith at 10 O'clock. If you do not hear from me again go to Washington. Wilkinson has all the points. Anticipates no trouble. "Oglesby will purchase all of your Minnesota property interests and pay you cash down.... I will go with you to California as soon as I can get released by this commission, and as soon as Oglesby

gets his matters fixed with you, or if necessary you go to Californis first and I will followyou at an early date. All that is wanted now to be all right is to get Oglesby released. Wilkinson agreed to see to my matters. I will attend to your passage. Can Welles fix up your matters with Oglesby? If necessary I will telegraph ypu after seeing Genl Smith, but in any event if you should not hear from me again today go to Washington without delay and see Wilk and Hamilton."

J.H. Stevens to Steele Cincinnati January 4th 1866

" Genl Brayman ...will inform you of bis acceptance of your proposition in detail, with the 200.000 down or the whole 359.000 down, whichever you may think best to accept. You will of course, get this information at once to Mr. Chuteso that everything can be perfected at as early a day as possible. Having worked hard to accomplish this important matter, and being now crowned with success, I feel much like congratulating you on its happy termination."

" Brayman, Richardson and myself have had a good time today, and of course are all happy that the big trade has been brought to a happy termination. Capt. Richardson will go to Minneapolis in the spring and he will try his luck with me in building or purchasing a flour mill, at the falls. I leave to morrow for Natches to settle to settle up our affairs sold business. ... I am anxious to get started again. If things are favorable below I will take a plantation with Capt. Richardson. If not I will return north at an early date."

J.H. Stevens to Steele Cincinnati January 5 1866

Write yesterday of Genl Braymans proposition. He wants to deposite 2/3 of all the money, say 200.000 dollars-or 2/3 of the 350.000 as may agree in some bank in New York, and pay you at once the other third... so that the directorship of the concern may be transferred at once.... I shall be able to collect my money from the south then thank Heaven I can pay you. It has cost me a good deal in expense to get this deal thro, which of course you will help to make up. Brayman will do his part too. "e says he will try and have me one of the directors and if possible have an inside show"...

J.H. Stevens to Steele Springfield Ill. Feb 19th 1866

The Genl leaves to morrow for N. York ...to close up your deal. I leave for home also to night. ... I have found a purchaser for your Minneapolis Property, the whole of it together, all your wild lands, Fort Snelling &c. &c. Do you want to sell?"

Copy:

Notice: Is hereby given that the Copartnership heretofore existing between Franklin Steele and Norman W. Kittson under the name of N.W. Kittson & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm are hereby requested to make payment to Franklin Steele, who is the only person authorized to settle the accounts of the firm.

Saint Peters, July 1 1843

Franklin Steele,
Norman W. Kittson.

* Immediate # said

The above is in Gen. Sibley's hand.

Wm. A. Gore to Franklin Steele | Hd Qrs 22 Mass Regt Hall's Hill Va.
Jany 7 1862.

B. For three or four years I have been endeavoring to find out about the raverse des Sioux company property into which I put \$700. The more I enquire that darker it grows, and I have about made up my mind that it was in the beginning a premeditated swindle. Now give me your opinion. I wish you would enlighten me as to the matter. Was there ever any bona fide company and did they make the purchase or own the land? If so, what has become of, and is there any way of securing anything in the matter. ...My regards to Mrs Steele and family, -Nelson also, if he is in your vicinity. Where is Sweetzer?"

License to trade for one year at Traverse des Sioux with the Sisseton Sioux to Joseph Montreuil. Authorized assistants, Martin McLeod and Baptiste Yea, who are not citizens of the U.S. Dated October 5th 1842, at St. Peter's Agency and signed by Amos J. Bruce, U.S. Indian Agent. Sheet, 17 by 18"

License to Norman W. Kittson to trade at Little rapids for one year with the Meden wakanton Band of Sioux nations or tribes of nations. Dated November 15 1841 at the office of the Indian Agency at St. Peters. Signed by Amos J. Bruce U.S. Indian Agent. Sheet 9 by 13"

Here follow sundry letters relating to the sale of Fort Snelling:

Alex Graham to Washington Nov. 17 1858

Has learned at War Dept that suit will be brought...this is the best course. Congress likely at next session to declare the contract void, as recommended by one of the committees. Favors a strong fight. Reprtd that Schell's brother will be put out of office, -that the pres. has asked him to resign. Does not believe it. Direct to Richmond.

William Hollinshead to Steele St Paul Dec. 27 1858

In Sept or Oct. last W.H. was authorized to ~~buy~~ the Fort Snelling property for the sum of \$150,000. Parties entirely able to respond. Had communicated with McCook agent of the company, but has not heard from him. Has just recd a letter from McCook asking the names of the parties, as you can make the arrangement desired. Cannot without breach of confidence give the names. Would go to N.Y. but is uncertain whether the parties now desire to act. Has telegraphed and awaits reply. If reply is favorable will go th N.Y. at once. "Meanwhile I hope you will be able to remain there."

Wm. Hollinshead to Steele St Paul Jan 6th 1859

No use in waiting further. "The secretary of war has sent out here for colln your notes for \$30,000. I am compelled to put the note (word torn out) Gemmell in other hands, as I would not sue you, but suit must be brought. "

R.W. Latham to Col. Steele Washington Jan 12 1859

Has laid his proposition before a friend, who will go out as soon as spring opens. "If he finds things as I represent them he will let you have \$50,000 for 2 years." He would prefer to make a loan to taking an interest. Better get a proposition from Schell so that you can close it at once.

A.D. Nelson to Steele St Louis Jany 19 1859

"One good turn deserves another, and as you assisted the secretary, according to the papers, in the Fort Snelling swindle I would like you to get him to assist you in a little swindle I have on hand."

Capt. Nelson then goes on to ask Mr. S. to pull for his appointment as paymaster. Wants him to put on a double and twist knot &c. Mention my case to Prince and other friends. "as written to Rice.

E.M. McCook to Steele Washington Jan 26 1859

A pathetic appeal to SL for money. Wants \$3000 for immediate use. Says SL does not answer letters on his own business. In a P.S. "I have just returned from Secy Floyd with Dr. Graham. He has obtained an extension."

John C. Mather to Steele, Senate Chamber, Albany N.Y. Feby 27 1859:

Congratulates SL and wife on the arrival of a son. Mr Schell and myself "will feel obliged to you if you will consider yourself as authorised to act for us in regard to its general management as our interests are identical with yours." Will have in mind Steele's suggestion of taking the matter entirely out of the hands of MR. Becker who seems desirous of making far ~~sparger~~ ~~public~~ think we shall be able to relieve him entirely from

king a splurge. I think we shall be able to relieve him of any further trouble in the matter soon after the adjournment of Congress." Is there no remedy for the stealing of timber? Will he be pleased to visit Fort S. in the spring or summer.

" I agree with you fully on the propriety and importance of taking measures to secure a title to the property, which I suppose can only be done by making arrangements to pay it up in full."

Letter indicates family intimacy.

Benedict & Boardman to Steele New York Feb 14 1859

Has submitted Steele's proposition to sell Fort Snelling and Hannepin island to Mr. Butterfield. Mr. B will want to know (here follows a catena of queries as to values &c. Another letter from Mr. Boardman says Mr. B. is inclined to entertain proposition.

H.M. Rice to ... ? Steele Washington May 12 1861

" Governor Ramsey is here, he thinks the interests of the United States and of the state of Minnesota require that Fort Snelling with a part of the reservations should belong to the genl govt and will recommend that the secretary of war repurchase it....Would it not be well for you to come on". If so telegraph.

H.M. Rice to ... Steele Washington 27 May 1861

Becker still here and in my opinion no nearer to a settlement of the Sioux matter than when he first came. He is broke and discouraged. We have not ten dollars. It seems impossible to get anything done at the departments. Becker told me he should probably have to write out asking a continuance of your suit"

" Gov. Ramsey sent to Cameron a very strong communication showing the necessity for the purchase of the Fort. The only way now that anything can be done is for you to be here in person and get Forney or some other 'friend at court' to have the matter called up. ... As to your getting anything to do by which you can make something, I see no chance. 'Tis said that some are favored, but I am out in the cold. One thing I do see and feel is that all of the old Minnesota settlers are ruined hopelessly I fear. Hard time have only just commenced and yet the people are crazy. ... Becker thinks of removing to Bayfield. Setzer and Mower have gone there.

" Cannot Genl Cameron's brother help in the Fort Snelling Matter. All the lands you can save out of it you might put in Mrs. S's name and thus ward off the breakers. I shall leave in a few days for Minnesota provided I can raise the means"

Rich. Schell to Steele New York Nov. 7th 1861

... glad to hear that you have enlisted Forney in our matter, and think if he gives it his special attention we can succeed in getting matters arranged."glad that Rice has taken the position he has in regard to the affairs of the country.

Rich. Schell to Steele New York Nov 13 1861

Wants to know when Steele is coming on.

Rich Schell to Steele New York July 2 1866

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Have this morning laid matter before Pierpont; as he has been bsent. 1857. July 1 we paid \$30.000: 1 years and 5 months to Feby 1866 at 6 per cent, \$15.150; Expenses, \$25.000 (Total) \$70.150; will make due on the property sixty thousand one hundred fifty dollars and they do take back the property--1(?) to give Pierpont Ten thousand dollars if he can do it. Shall see Pierpont on Saturday evening. Advise by telegraph if I shall do this. I have no doubt Pierpont can do it. I should advise this to get rid of the whole matter."

W.H. Mc Collum to Steele Minneapolis, Feb 13 1866:

" If the bill presented by Donnelly passes a line of stockades will be built from Minn. frontier to Montana. The troopd will start from Fort Snelling, making that a good post for some time." Ferry needs repairs and new rope.

Bound together the folowing documents:

1. Agreement of Franklin Steele to deed to Arch. Graham in fee simple one undivided third of the residue of the Fort Snelling reservation apportioned by the military commission, that being the share of Graham under the original contract of purchase in 1857. The description of the original reserve follws, i.e. reserve of 1857 *(M. L. Quinn's sister)* N.B. The claims of H.H. Sibley, Margaret Brousseau/ (X) Kenneth McKenzie, and Steele's house were excepted from the tract conveyed to S. & Co. Steele's agreement to convey to Graham was dated Dec. 21 1870:

3. Copy of release of Steele of all claims under the original contract; dated Jan'y 21 1871:

4. Copy of the original contract for purchase of Fort Snelling:

Articles of agreement concluded this 6th day of June 1857 between Franklin Steele of the Territory of Minnesota, Archibald Graham of the State of Virginia, and John C. Mather of the State of New York: The said Franklin Steele agrees to purchase of the United States through their agents, employed by the Secretary of war, viz: Major Seth Eastman of the United States Army and King Heiskell of Virginia, all that tract of land known as the Fort Snelling reservation, situated in the Territory of Minnesota, said to contain between seven and eight thousand acres more or less. Said land is to be purchased by the said Steele with the buildings thereon, in his name for the joint benefit of the said Graham, Steele and Mather, and when so purchased is to become the joint property of the said Graham, Steele and Mather, and when the said Steele shall receive a title for the said property, one equal undivided third of the same shall be conveyed to the said Archibald Graham and John C. Mather, reserving the same share for himself, to be held jointly and in common by the parties aforesaid. Each of the said parties hereby agrees to pay to the United States government or their authorized agent, one-third of the purchase money required by the contract for the purchase of the said property. As witness our hands and seals the day and year before mentioned." Signed John C. Mather, Arch'd Graham, Franklin Steele.

5. In consideration of the conveyance by Steele to Arch'd Graham on the 3rd day of October 1872 of an undivided 2/9 of certain lands, the said Graham releases Steele from all liabilities under Fort Snelling purchase and management.

Richard Chute, Agent. October 28 1858: Statement of condition of the Saint Anthony Falls Water Power Company. No address.

Chartered by terr. Leg. Feb. 26 1856. Charter perpetual. No limit to capital stock. Co. has power to do anything the individual members may do.

The present stock is \$640.000. Steele, \$240.000: Tomas Davis, \$160.000 Fred C. Gebhard, \$80.000: Sanford estate, \$80.000: Richard Chute, \$40.000. John S. Prince, \$40.000.

In 1856 taxes paid on \$632.200. Owns equivalent of 1400 lots, owns a 1/1 the water power on the east side of the Miss, about 70 feet of fall, frontage of over a mile on river. Sawmills have 77 saws, can make 25 million feet of lumber a year; In year ending Sept. 1 1857 rentals were \$36.000, with 9/10 of water power undeveloped. This year Co. running its mills and will make 10 million feet of lumber &c.

Population at the falls, 10.000. Three bridges over Miss. costing \$54.000. 50.000. and \$21.000. University of Minnesota at St. Anthony; has land grant of 46.080 acres. Entire building under contract for \$120.000; one wing now finished costing, \$49.000.

New hotel opened in June last cost \$140.000 including furniture. Five railroads diverging. Land grant of 3840 acres per mile and a loan of state credit insures construction.

St. Anthony Falls the key to the lumber region of the Upper Miss. Some 7.000.000 acres of pine land lie above and navigation extends to the gulf of Mexico. Centre of fertile district 1/2 prairie, half timber, well watered, free from ague and billious fever.

The present value of the Co. property is at least one million dollars. Bills receivable far exceed liabilities. Co. wishes to borrow 100 or 120.000 \$ to pay off liabilities and conduct business.

Signed, Richard Chute.

Chute to Steele New York Jan 26 1859

About efforts at securing loan, and lessees for mills. "Every day confirms me in the belief that we will come out all right. There is a silver lining to every cloud if we could only see it."

John Potts Brown to Steele N.Y. Jan Feby 12 1859

Wants to close business with Mr. Chute. C. has offered to turnover yr bond for title in Fort Snelling in his favor. This involves the payment of \$6000. Does not wish to do this. Asks S. in confidence if he could dispose of Chute's paper, should he decide to take it. C. tells me he cannot meet his notes himself. "I suppose you would accept 50¢ on the dollar. Is not binding himself."

Chute to Steele New York Mar 29 1859

Is trying to get money. "I get so nervous sometimes that I feel like flying to pieces." Glad the hotel will be well run. We must sell some property during 1859. Potts Brown is doing what he can to sell 200000 of new stock @ 70. Brown will take 14000\$. He is a trump.

Chute to Steele New York Mar 2 1859

About one Grant buying Davis out for \$100.000, in which case Davis will lend the Company the money. Saw W.D. Washburn yesterday. He has no money. Delighted to hear that McLean will go on with (hotel.) If the house is well kept we can sell some property. Doubts Mc L's ability and intentions.

a window held in St. A

Thinks lumber trade will look up.

"Rice thinks Chamberlain is broke and that we can get our contracts up with him on very favorable terms. We cannot ratify the agreement that Sibley made for the Company with Winslow Lanier & Co. because we do not control the bonds, and if we did I am not in favor of any such cutthroat operation. I did not know its purport till after Sibley left. We cannot ratify it. I regret to see that Borup and Sibley have treated you as they have about the draft. I have always had a good deal of faith in the Gov. but shall be careful what I believe hereafter. The Dr. seems to have infatuated him completely and to control him entirely. As long as he is in power he is his friend after that-----Sibley should carry out his understandings with you and make the Dr. stand back."... It will not do for me to return without making a raise, so I shall hang on and do the best I can."

"The pottery men are keen to buy in at Fort Snelling if upon inspection it is as good as their agent reports represents and they think they \$60 an acre cheap"... I keep all this from Schell. he offers to sell at the rate of 135.000 for all and is pretty sick of his interest. Says it is an unfortunate speculation &c.

"I am pained to observe that the newspapers continue to abuse you. The minnesotian has become outrageous."

"I think H.M. Rice will get \$200.000 for an overland route, if the democrats would only give us the homestead bill (the republicans are all for it) we would be again all right."

Chute to Steele New York May 3 1859

I am on new tack. Two pp devoted to the new tack. C. proposes the issue of \$260.000 new stock to be sold for \$ There will be \$140.000 to conduct business with till mills can be profitably rented. Proposes to divide of the Co's real estate (= 1400 lots) to stockholders, or make a land scrip dividend of \$450.000 to be received in payment for lots sold at auction. States advantages: chief, Co will be free from debt. Grant would increase stock to \$1.000.000. Chute thinks not. For 50c on the dollar for the new issue will give us all the money we want."

Chute to Steele New York March 10 1859

Trying hard to get money. Has a dozen strings at work. Gets very nervous. The pottery men will be up in April. John Potts Brown made me come down on the bond. I staved it off as long as possible and then surrendered. "Is personally strapped, but will get along."

Schell to Steele Senate, Albany 29 March 1859 Richard Schell.

Will go to Europe and devote six months in negotiating state bonds, on the following conditions: The railroads to give him \$30.000 of the bonds; if he sells 1.000.000 so as to net in New York 85 %, \$80.000 more. Will ask no cash advance, so that if does not succeed they will lose only thirty thousand of bonds. Thinks he can succeed. P.S. Will divide with you the last thirty thousand dollars of bonds if I succeed in negotiating with you."

Chute to Steele and Prince New York April 13 1859

Can raise \$60.000 but Gebhard insists on mortgages covering all the property. This C. does not approve, but wishes mind of Steele and B.

Mr. Mann has seen Mr. Belmont and reports it as very probable that we can bet all the money we want at 10% per annum by taking it for 7 years, and giving Mr. Mann a commission of 5%. Will labor on.

Chute to Steele New York Sept 28/59

Insists that Steele come on so that he and S. May make a formal requisition for the bonds. Mr. Gebhard baffles. Time brings no relief. must act. Hollinshead has been here but will wait no longer. Sends this private letter by Prince so that Bookkeeper may not know.

Chute to Steele St Anthony Nov. 21 1859

Judgment will be rendered against the company this week in favor of Lane who bought some of our paper..... Mr. Secombe will doubtless have execution and a levy made on personal property, and if we don't have money great sacrifices must be made."

"Saturday completed 5 years since I came here. My salary is credited to me for 3 years at \$1500 per annum as agreed upon" Has put in most all of his time instead of one-third ~~as contemplated~~ as contemplated in his arrangement with Maj. Sanford. Has no credit for the last two years. Wants understanding. Has written Davis and Gebhard, but has no reply. The sheriff had showed him an execution issued on a judgment against C. personally for goods bot for the Co; and "I suppose in 40 days a pile of my property will be sold to pay it unless you succeed in placing our bonds. I do not think you can do it in this country and I hope you may think favorably of trying them in Europe. In fact I see no other chance and if I could leave here would with your approbation go over immediately

Chute to Steele New York Monday March 19/60

About opinions of Davis and Gebhard in regard to bond issue. "Is this not asking us to throw all the company owes us and leave them with the long pole, alias purse, to knock down the persimmons?" Forbears comment.

Chute to Steele Crestline O. Apl 13/60 Detained there by high water.

About troubles with Davis and Gebhard, who oppose bond issue, unless sale of property to pay debts so the mill rent can pay interest.

"D. Will play amiable, G. the Shylock."

"The quicker you get to England the better. Our all is in great jeopardy. If nothing else can be done I think you can prevail on Butterfield to come to the rescue- but to do this you must frankly ~~admit~~ say that it is impossible to protect the stock. His brothers are very rich, you have his full confidence: the sooner the better before the property is all smashed up and a big fuss made."

Chute to Steele New York April 26 1859

Mr. Mann still working with Belmont. Has seen the manufacturers Queensware. They will go out in May and if they find things as I represent will buy if price not too high. If so, will put up a concern requiring 1000 men to operate it. Told Mr. Johnson that some land had been sold @ 80¢. Has suffered defeat, but has made D. and G. turn short corners. Observes the supreme court has annulled 5% past due interest. "This will make the 3rd brokers squall."

"Schell says ... you propose to buy him out. I told him if he sold to include my interest also. He wants to sell badly when you don't want ~~to buy~~, & vice versa. Dr. Graham should take a trip up to Minnesota,

Butterfield will not return from Europe till June.

Chute to Steele St. Anthony April 23d 1860:

Has had a lively time since reaching home. Everybody disposed to crowd. Will diminish liability wherever possible. Many judgments will be issued but has personal property in such shape that it will not be sacrificed for 60 or 90 days. The sooner you get over the water the better. Matters must come to a head before long. People say "Well, Steele has pluck &c." Butterfield should come out as soon as possible. Ice has injured dam \$1000. Brown fixed up the mills in good shape. Water so low that logs can not get down the main river. "Prospect of rain."

"Welles seems to be in a good deal of trouble about a certain issue of stock which he says must be looked to. He said that he would soon have likely be put on the stand to testify about your matters and he had best not hold your assignment of the Co. app, and after consultation he assigned it to Prince.... It is the intention of D. and G. to let things boil down ... Our hotel is in trouble."

"Col. Winslow is getting up a bonus to build a telegraph line to La Crosse." "I have always felt as tho we would make a victory out of a defeat, but the fight is long and obstinate." ... As things now are judgments at 6 % are better than snap bonds at 10 %.

"God speed you on your English Journey."

Chute to Steele St Anthony Aug. 28/60

"I think it will be fatal to us to dispose of any bonds ... they bear interest at 10 % pr annum, our present indebtedness 7 %." Wants to have Butterfield brot on the ground. Eastern and southern men buy nothing but farm lands. The country seems to be getting into a very prosperous state. ... the present crop is immense ... but it will be a long time before people get crazy over town property."

Chute to Steele St Anthony Sept 4/60

Sends Wheelock's Statistics. Like all St. Paul publications it is wrong as to St. Anthony. See Page 120 under lumber manufactures. Lumbermen not doing well. Dull market. Hopes to see S. and Butterfield soon.

Chute to Steele St. Anthony Sept 8/60

Butterfield disappointed at not seeing you in Europe. Have written him that he must come out. Hotel will close Oct. 15th unless we have a streak of good luck, and I fear the furniture must go out. "My stock hypothecated with Jewett will be sold unless I can raise some money. Prince anxious to close out his interest."

Chute to Steele St., Anthony Nov. 15th 1860

Next January there will be due W.H. Gebhard interest, \$4,210.00. C. proposes that the Co. sell him the stone store which had cost \$16,140.32 to pay that interest, certain principal &c., in all \$10,392.86.

(This was the stone store which in my time was blown up by powder because of leaning walls. ^.) Desires Steele to arrange with Gebhard.

Business reviving in St Paul. Still depressed in St A.

"Our railroad fight has all to be done over again this winter and I dread it, but will stand up to the scratch. Fortunately for us I am

on the right side of politics and have got our own friends elected to the legislature. Heaton, Benson, and Mayhew are a whole team. The democrats have not elected enough members for seed. Old Banning of St Paul is in, but all are very suspicious of him."

" Reynolds told me that one of the Barney's of Balto died recently leaving Mrs. Steele a very large legacy."

Chute to Steele New York Feby 4 /60

Prince has sent on his stock to be used with Butterfield if desired. " They have got to yield possession of the bonds.... it is the bonds or a blow up." Brown thinks he cannot rent the mills for more than 11 or 12.000.... I shall depend very much on Ortman as Brown is too easy!"

" The new interest decision making all past due paper bear but 7 \$ int. will have the effect to make people sue, so the judgt will draw 12 %."

Chute to Steele St Anthony May 31/60

Has settled \$8000 company debts. Hopes S. will get off (to Europe.) Dont consent to sell any bonds in N.Y. Wants Butterfield to see this property in summer. Welles works very hard. Crops looking fine. Hopes S. has sold his bridge stock." The St Paul chaps headed by Cullen, Oscar King, Ward and Gilman have tried hard to rig a purchase to shut up our Winslow house. I dont think they will win."... The bank men and furniture men are trying to consolidate it into a trust with H.T. Welles for trustee; all agree except Stewart."

Chute to Steele Jan 29/61

About turning over some stock to Brown (John Potts) to secure debt of Prince and Chute.

" After the South leaves us, suppose we annex Canada and put the capital at Fort Snelling ? This would be about the centre of the new republic and might pay." " Chamberlain and Bannings scheme for railroads wont go down. I think yhe Co. named opposite will get the Cedar Valley Rd. De Graffs team will get the Transit and our Co. will be re-instated; this the present look. No one wants the Southern."

Chute to Steele Feby 6th 1861 Good wood cut of Winslow house

Some of our good friends "stuffed" W.H. Gebhard when here. Learning this has written to Davis and Gebhard, and sends copy of letter.

" I presume W.H. G. must have seen Secombe who played billiards half the time at the Winslow." Has fought hard for the property. Hopes Butterfield will come out. We must have some man to put in money to develop the property. McLain has gone to St Louis with a project to keep the hotel going. Success attend him, for it is our main spoke, if that closes everything in the shape of travel sfops at St Paul."

Legislature has done little aith railroads yet. Not much capital behind any of the schemes.

" With odds and ends, lumber &c. my brother who is a good trader built me a snug house in lower town. I am now initand am happy to say that Mrs. Chute 's health is improving rapidly... she feels settled, a thing men dont care about but Ladies do."

Wants to know how to answer Gebhard. Thinks can rent the 2 new gangs to Ed brown and D. Morrison. Brown thinks he can keep him straight.

Morrison wants to gorget all old scores and commence anew."

Chute to Messrs Davis & Gebhard St Anthony Feby 6th 1861

3 1/2 pages, not in Chute's hand. Story of the hard times &c. Three and a half years ago the tornado struck. Since then expenses have been running and assets diminishing. Fifteen months of the last thirty C. has spent in the east. On return found large part of personal property in Sheriff's hands, for sale. Confessed judgment for \$14,975 due A.H. Sharp as assignee of brother to whom I had sold my claim against the company," trusting that through him I could protect the interests of the company, and this I have done so far effectually... this has saved thousands of dollars. Judgments against Co. bear only 6 %. The first judgments being in friendly hands prevent other from levying on real estate" for they must sell subject to prior liens." Has paid on debts \$18,000, beside reducing liabilities. Has kept up repairs, of dam &c. Collection almost impossible. Is leasing mills for next season. Has hoped they and Steele might work some plan for relief. Is full of hope for the future. We are getting up a petition to have back taxes reduced 50%; thinks will carry.

Chute to Steele St Anthony Feb 12/61

Mr. Wheelock is getting out a new edition of his Statistics... is comr of statistics of State. C. is getting up an article for it; wants a copy of Mr. Redmonds report for reference, immediately.

Chute to Steele St Anthony March 29th 1861

Par. about leases of Mills. " Morrison gets his timber off the Indian reserve and has it cut and hauled for \$1.50 pr M; it will cost him here about \$2.25. hard times and cheap provisions has got the lumber trade where there is money in it.

Par. about sending D&G a full statement of all transactions of last three years. Would involve immense expense.

Advises departing from old policy and renting mill sites to Capt. Rollins and others. Ed Rice has posted you on railroad matters. They look well. Minnesota getting into pretty good shape. If you come home this spring you can settle up debts with property. People are satisfied that you have done all you can. There being 3 years redemption on sheriff sales there is a disposition to take property out and out. Prince's last notes are due May 1 and he fears they will pitch into him.

Chute to Steele St Anthony Apl 3/61

C. and Mr. Ortman ask leave to get some butternut trees from the island th plant on their lots. Asks for a line from Capt. Tapper. Expects large immigration. People begin to inquire about property. Still ice-bound, but weather delightful. " We must all keep a stiff upper lip and work away! Never say die!"

Chute to Steele and Welles Apr 17, 61

Forwards letter of Albert Jewett of New York insisting on payment of note and disposition of collateral, with C's reply to same, saying that he cannot pay. Jewett appears to have had Water power stock as collateral. Asks S. & W. to satisfy Jewett, as he C. can do nothing. " Even if I had credit, there is no money, it has all gone up, Satan has broke loose sure."

Chute to Welles St Anthony Apl 17, 61

Chute to Steele & Welles St Anthony Apl 17, 61

About 10 or 15 M. of ties washed away by high water in Minn. river.
"The war excitement is high and people think of nothing else."

Chute to Steele St Anthony Jany 15th 1864

Missed S. in Phila. Saw Butterfield in N.Y. He would agree to anything Mr Gebhard would. Saw G. and proposed that as over half the debt of the Co. was due him and his friends, he cancel his half, provided we pay the other half and put the property in shape to be sold. He said "NO". . . "The truth is they Butterfield and Gebhard, are both rich and a friend of each other and both are waiting till I can find a purchaser for the whole property."

Then follows a long story of how 'Newton' had fallen in with Sir Emerson Tennant, Jos. Basley, 3sq. M.P. and Titus Salt in England and found them all informed and interested about St Anthony's Falls.

"Now these are the men we must strike at" says C. Proposes that Mr. Steele go to England at once. If S. cannot go C. will go himself. Advises S. to be more free with Butterfield, and confide in him.

Chute to Steele St Anthony Feby 24th 1864

Some one should go to England. Suggests Benedict. Mr. Davis is in Rome and may spend the rest of his life there. Wm. H. Newton see him. Welles has been ill 3 weeks. Not much sick in body, but rather in mind. Ought to take a trip.

Chute to Steele St Paul Feby 8th 1864

I think I see our way clear and out of trouble during the year, if the matter I wrote about is followed up. "Welles, quite sick, but is getting well."

Chute to Steele St Anthony March 2nd 1864

Sand in the pond getting to be a very serious affair. Fears one more heavy freshet may destroy the pond, for it is nearly filled up. Obstruction so great that with half the saws running the shore saws hardly move. . . . The mills will have to be moved down near the Falls in order to get and keep head enough to operate them successfully and maintain a draft that will in any degree prevent sand from accumulating in the pond. . . . This can only be done by parties who are flush.

Butterfield will not but will help make a sale in England, where $\frac{1}{3}$ is worth \$5 here. The price Rawlings is working on is \$500,000, equal to \$300,000 in England. Gebhard is willing to sell at that.

We must get a trade over the water before the pond fills up.

Chute to Steele St Anthony Jan 15, 66

Rec'd telegram with the good news of sale to Genl Brayman. Has been ill, but is getting papers ready. Three feet of snow and all roads full. Will hasten on as soon as possible. Delays not to be thought of at this stage of the game. Hopes no trip up.

Chute to Steele Chicago Jan 26, 66

Just arrived with Sibley, Prince, Drake, Horace Thompson. Brayman sick Prince and I go to Springfield to see him. Von Glahn is in Jail here on a suit of his wife for divorce, bad treatment &c."

Chute to Steele St Anthony April 12th 1866

Reached home after a trip of 11 days, 8 between Chicago and home. Rains and melting snows. Things look well. Many buildings going up in Mnpls and some in St A. " People are much disappointed at Brayman's failure to comply. But I think we can do as well this summer and perhaps better."

B?ol. Rolland agt for N.P. road told me that if Congress grants money and land that 50 leading Boston capitalists will come here in June; and he thought we could beyond a doubt get them into our scheme."

I telegraphed to Genl Brayman to send me the Abstracts and statements. He did not do it. Please get them, as I want to revise them preparatory to another trade.

" When you come out we will consult about a Home trade on a slightly different basis, and perhaps we can change defeat into victory"

H.M. Rice to Mrs. A.E. Steele Washington D.C. August 28 1858

Apologies for delay in reply to letter." Had a caucus been held your good husband would have received 36 votes on first ballot; so I was assured from a correct source, which would have secured his election beyond a doubt. This will learn him that a great victory cannot be gained without a corresponding struggle--and that the greater the prize the larger the number of competitors--and consequently the more enemies, and the more deadly their hatred or rather their opposition. The battle is yet to be fought and the best general will win. I am satisfied that Mr. Sibley was for your husband and his election would have been certain had it not been for the action of a few men in the southern part of the State. When I see you I will explain.".....Trusting that every thing will end well, that justice may be done, and that your desires may be fully gratified, I am &c."

Rice to Steele Washington, ^eby 18 1859

Will attend to Scott Campbell and Bruce matters. Regrets coolness between Steele and Secretary of War." I went to see him yesterday to have you appointed visitor to West Point, but he said your relations were such that he could not do it. This of course, is strictly confidential. Lots of Minnesotians here and all broke and as for me I have not money enough to purchase my marketing, What am I to do? Good times ahead. Every one says Gov. Sibley was successful, for if the road can go on, body and soul will be kept together a while longer."

Rice to Steele Washington 23 Apr 1859:

Wants names of half-breeds whose scrip S. wanted at Breckenridge.

Rice to Steele Washington D.C. 24 Nov: 1859

Sibley?
" The conduct of S. is unwarrantable- however hard times bring out all the meanness there may be in one. ... Your affairs I trust will come out right yet, but if these times continue, with the interest we are all paying, God only knows where we shall land. If the State court will reconsider, and will decide on right principles as to interest, and the legislature will extend the time of redemption and also fix interest at 7% on judgments and sales instead of 12%, all will, yet be well, but come what may, I will at any time divide with you. I am broke, but hope to get thro (if I can sell here) and shall have some land left, you can at any time have half. ... B No papers will go out of my possession.... The Harper's Ferry affair has played the deuce here."

P.S." Goodrich seems hurt at something. I fear the price of hair oil has risen. He commenced a little too soon for my future plans, but as to him it would have been death in either case. Let him run. "

Rice to Col. Saml Holt, Hartford Ct. Washington D.C. 9 June 1860

" At the request of my friend F. Steele Esq. I write you in regard to the Sioux Half breed scrip. The law says (under which it was issued) that it shall not be transferable, but this is a mere dead letter, for the half breed gives a power of atty to locate the scrip and sell the land. This course has been pursued and many of our most valuable points thus secured and patents issued by the General Government therefor- thus recognizing the powers of atty given"

Rice to Steele Nov. 12 1860 St Paul Nixie.

Rice to Steele Washington 3 Dec. 1860 Nothing important The Red lake and Red river Indians have been ordered on.

Rice to Steele Washington 10 Dec. 1860

Estimates made for anyt due Sioux under treaty.

Rice to Steele Washington 7.2. March 18 1861

" The Sioux matter is as you left it." Brown keeps away. ... you shall be kept posted. .. let me know when my services can profit you."

Rice to Steele Washington D.C. April 18 1862 Private

" Either prisoners or sick will be sent to Fort Snelling. Sick would be preferable, for they would be our own men and the Fort constantly be kept full. I had the monet sent on 45.000\$ long ago. Who sent Mayall here ? He is beaten I think."

Rice to Steele Washington D. C. 22 April 1862

It is certain that you will have prisoners or sick, the latter, I think preferable, as their numbers will be kept up. I saw Actg Surgn Genl Wood today, he has strongly urged the sending of sick &c. Cant find out how many will be sent." Ref to Campbell matter. Winnegago claims are dragging. Fridley drft recd. " Mayall is here trying to be appd Commis-sary of subsistence, wants Capt Saunders' place."

Rice to Steele Washington, D.C. No' 21 1862

Funds have been sent to pay all accts estimated for. Hopes S. is relieved. S. ought to travel. " I wish I was out of this. I am too poor to be here- have no carriage or horse- and am kept at work day and night." Coleagues not arrived. "Take care of yourself."

Rice to Steele #Stl Paul June 11 1865

Thanks S. for information about scrip, California, and Oil matters. Railroad matters arranged and will go on right. Will pay up his instalments, thinks S. had better pay his. Will hold himself ready for any good enterprise, Locomotive cars and iron ardived for the M.V. R.R. Iron will be going down at once. Chamberlain will have cars running to Faribault this season.

Rice to Steele St. Paul, 28 Augt '65 confidential

" My brother made arrangements in England for the means to build in the valley of the river a road from here to Winona 101 miles in length, which in connection with the North Western road direct from Chicago will his road 75 miles nearer Chicago than any projected road."

50 miles of iron down on the Minnesota Central to connect with the Mc Gregor road.

W have for the road to Winona 14.000 acres of swamp land per mile, and from here to Pembina 6400 acres per mile. Parties in England, anxious to help bild.... " Can not you put in a word upon the subject?.... If you can aid in this matter it will be a cash job to you. You will have to manage quietly and cautiously."

Rice to Steele Prairie du Chien 27 Nov. 1865

" I have this day examined Genl Dousman's account against you. I find that he charged you only 10 per cent after maturity of notes, as agreed, interest. The ballance now legally due him is between thirty one and thirty two thousand dollars. He will if paid soon, or secured against all doubt, give some time and will take fifty cents on the dollar. I can not see after a careful examination how the amount legally due can be fairly reduced, and his proposition seems to me to be based more upon friendship than money."

Rice to Steele Richmond Va 14 March 1866

About a water power for sale with 180 acres of land.

Another :.6. Mar' 21 '66 inquiring about Steele's movements.

Rice to Steele ~~washington~~ New York Mch 23 1866

Liberal provisions made for a trip to Europe, but decides to go home. Wants loan of \$2000. Owes St. already \$1000. Can sell house at St Paul and other property and have enough to make him independent.

Another Mch 24 1866 about the same loan Will want it but a short time.
" Mr. Morse is going on with his road. Any advantage that may be given to me I will divide with you."

Another New York Mch 27 1866

Wishes to be let off on the \$1000 till they reach St. Paul. Many thanks for offer of copper stocks. has securities enough but they wont bring cash here...." The treaty will soon be made, so Webb writes. He also asks for your 80 acres of scrip."

Some 60 letters from H.T. Welles. Mostly relating to details of business. A few may have been noted on above before the lot was assorted when the main batch was found.

Welles to Steele St Paul Oct. 25 1859

Finds judgments on record against Steele to \$16,167.20. "E. Martin will have the 'pound of flesh'. I can do nothing with him." This makes a load on the property that nothing can be done with except to sell the whole thing. Will ascertain exact condition of each judgment. "I wish to remind you also of the 88 shares of B.S. (bridge stock) over-issued: take the first opportunity to replace them. Detail of 7 judgments follow= \$16,167.20. Includes one of Jake Williamson for \$1153.45, and one of Edward Martin for \$2588.36.

Welles to Steele St Paul June 2 1860

"I am sorry you do not keep me posted better... It is due to me to know what you are doing and what you intend to do. If you can do nothing say so."... Mr. Chute should hear from you also."

Welles to Steele Mnpls Aug 18 1860

Bridge stock is running down. tolls have fallen off 1/3 from last year. People have stopped going over to St. Anthony for business, and the low tolls on the upper bridge account for the fall off. The people "hate the Bridge company" and are determined to have a reduction of toll. "All our stockholders have sold out to non-residents and there is not one to stand by the company." The charter expires on Feb. 1, and a number of Mnpls and St. A. men have made up their minds to run a free ferry over to boom island.... Our charter is not exclusive against ferries. Steele must sell his stock before these things get published abroad. It will be worthless as a security. Lose no time in attending to it. It has been offered to me at 50 cts in any thing I was a mind to give.

Welles to Steele Hartford Oct. 29 /60

Proposes that S. come to Hartford with papers and maps. Col. Colt has been sick, is better and may be able to answer on the scrip."

Welles to Steele So. Glastonbury Ct. Feb. 6 /61

Advises S. "to accept Z. Gebhard's offer by all means." Nothing can be done in Hartford. Don't wait for better offers

Welles to Steele So. Glastonbury Feb. 8 1861

..."Close with G. (Gebhard,) even if you do not get but \$8000. there is no other chance to save the M. (? mill). There is no other way to extricate yourself. My affairs are being damaged at home seriously every day. I cannot hold on here longer without the greatest danger and what is dangerous for me is the same to you... Now I say and I would say it with a thunderbolt if I could, close with William Gebhard."

Welles to Steele New York Feb. 23 /61

"You had better have Mr. Harrington make a deed of 1/3 of Mnn (? Minnehaha?) farm to Kirkham, and send the deed to H.B. Hancock; add a deed of 2/3 to Maj. Woods and send the deed to me at Minneapolis." sulB. Also be so good as to hurry up my B. stock and let me know the re-

Welles to Steele Chicago Apr 21 /61

Advises S. to appeal to friends and get means to move his family home." Let the trade go on meantime...Let all your debts go by for the present."

" Every body is alive here, and you may depend on it a terrible clash of arms is soon coming all along from the Chesapeake to St. Louis. The North is going southward like an avalanche. They can concentrate on the border here much quicker than on the Atlantic. Now do not hesitate or delay for a moment about doing what I have told you."

Welles to Steele Mnpls May 25/61

About a lot of ties washed by a flood, which must be sold below for whatever they will bring. W. has not a dollar to spend on them.

Another May 4=61 Has no money to pay for picking up ties. " For all I can see they must be a total loss."

" The troops are occupying the Fort. The panic is not so hard here as in the east, but it is very dull. We are all beggars."

Welles to Steele Mnpls May 30 /61 (Cut of " Minneapolis, opposite St. Anthony.)

Letter about the lost ties. Probably total loss.

Welles to Steele Hartford Jul 4 /61

Thinks " it had better be taken for granted that we cannot do anything here and take the best offer you can get there unless you feel like waiting for me to hear from Sidle." W. willing to do all he can. A loan of \$8000 appears to be much needed by S.

Welles to Steele Mnpls July 3 1862

" Thaddeus has written to his brother about the reserve advising a settlement and speaking a good word for you...As to the change in the Railroad grade you must go in strong for making the Superior Road start from some point at or above St. Anthony

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Wells to Ruth, Memphis, Apr. 4/66

"The money on a question as to whether Alexander has been cut off by Dostman's foreclosure and possibly as to your rights. If you can borrow money with Dostman - even if you lend him or so, I wrote him some weeks ago that you must settle. Make him take the \$1500 M.V.R.R."

Wells to Ruth, Memphis, Apr. 12/66.

about employment of a man named Decker. Chapman was informed

Wells to Ruth, Memphis, Nov. 21/66-

See p. 17 of "Canary" notes ante.

Wells to Henry Reynolds - N.P. M.D. -

"I have no money at all and cannot pay one dollar in the time. Don't send any more men to me for I can't pay them. I have been crushed already by my complications with Mr. Ruth. I can't bear anything more. If this course of bleeding must be continued much longer, I will commit an act which it is well known will send some person (2) to the grave"

Wells to Ruth, no place, n.d.,

"We must get a bill through making the S. Assisted."

Wells to Ruth, - a week later,

Oct. (2) 4, 1860, Willis Sec. & Tr. Miss.
Bondy Co. - drew a 31. percent yield apprais
for New York -

Charters. Mar. 5, 1852 for 20 years.
Can easily be renewed -

Windsor Complete. 4 July 1855 cost. \$61,000
Capital North (1000 shares) 757,000
Issued 700 shares
50 owned by Co.

Earnings from Complete to Aug. 1856. were applied to
paying debts.

Which cost divided 12 Aug. '56 to Jan 1. '60, \$38,500
= 55% on 700 shares.

Stock has now paid them 10% - per cent and
will be a 10 or 15 per cent stock.

Aug. 2, 1877. Stock received to Willis for \$225,92
in full of all book accounts between them.
They will hold common interests in New York & Co.
Same date Willis gives back a receipt
for debt for common interests received

Aug 7, 1877. Memorandum by Willis -
This is to pay 1/4 of notes due from Stock to J. C. Nathan
A. Graham. R. A. Cummings. Purchase money 2
Smelling notes. Stock has 1/2 int in Clk. Sec. &
Co. in New York. Return 57 per cent

Wells to Wells. Nov. 7. 6/74.

"I saw by Cal. papers that the Supreme Court of that State has decided that Chapman's scrip titles and patents are void, on the ground that mainly that the President and Sec. Int. had no authority to select lands with scrip & patents, without an authorizing act of Congress, enabling them to execute the treaty."

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S. O. Karns to Rust. Season with K. J. June 2, 1819
Wanted price of 1000 acres Half breed land

A. C. Smith, Fort Verde June 3 1819.

Cour G. L. O returns H. B. Smith location in each
numbered sections - Fort Verde in the middle -
- "instructions to the land office has always been -
- that that land was to be "granted" to each
practise and not along with the "practise". Proper
an official to pay his share

Wm Hollenhead to Rust, 8th April 3, 1819.

Location H. B. Smith in railroad land void, hears to
an intelligent gentleman just from Washington who
has the department records that shows of all things
located and transfer of title in sections + volumes L
act authorizing issue - but no copy yet.

From a letter of J. P. Walton to Rust Mar. 22, 1863
It appears that the U.S. land office at Santa Fe
was contacted in the previous fall.

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Wells to Hester, Mules, May 30/61

Advice from E. Rice unobtainable.

"I think you had better drop a caution in the right place against the issue of more Chap. 101."

Wells to Hester, Mules, May 30/61

Clarkman shaky about Cal. oil lands.

"He will doubtless wait for you to come."

Wells to Hester, Mules, Jan 12, 1866.

Remind Flandrau to reach the point of Emily J. Barritt's death. It was determined on the supposition that patents can not be issued to dead persons.

Wells to Hester, Mules, Jan 22/66

Flandrau adds like a fool in quarrelling, as such quarrels are unwise, immediate, certainly, always. Have attorneys reach Emily Barritt's patent. In Jan'y, 1836, re issue of patents to dead persons.

"Stop him for locating School warrants on unsurveyed lands if you can."

Also look out for a bill to make New York (New York) land localities on other lands - 404. Stop the legislation unless we leave a hand in. Rice is interested in this. Clark wants to say //

to do so, but for ⁵⁴ that it is done. The ^{over} and under
titular chairman, also what patents are
ordered (?)

A careful copy of over ruling by under
will not answer. The information must
come from the Secretary kindly"

Wells to Hester Mabel Feb 23/65

It is still great confidence in chairman, al-
tho' likely to get excited and speculate

Scrub is undoubtedly all right - moved no
more kind an issue, Adams S. 6 and are
in line to chairman. Will kindly send
400 acres, 1600 acres, 240 chips

It is said working in St. Paul about chip 4-
abt to Prince. It has been" discussing the market
to \$2.00 - \$1.50 equivalent of Tom Owen and
Doris's son - Now I see that working in line \$2.50
will touch it and putting now in line \$3.00.

The last began with probably buy a good deal and
it will also be about Sioux" ... "I will not
pay \$3.00 for chip. -- "In fact it [chip scrub?]
is all in the hands of Van Allen, + Rice + Hamilton +
Oaks. Hamilton has not much. --- Winter 20
say buying 2-400 acres about at 3, 3.

"If the land in Cal. is embargoed chip is as good as
adult."

Answer May 24/65. about chip. "You have got a good thing"

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Wells to Stiles St. Michael's Hotel. May 17 1863

Nothing to report. Asks Stiles to get him information about the St. Paul water works.

Thinks that he "can do better yet the bonds and possibly build their works if the thing looks right." . . . "I am advising you when I hear from W. or anything new in the Cotton matter."

Wells to Stiles, Memphis. Dec. 17, 1863

Wants Stiles' views about Serick.

Wells to Stiles Memphis. Dec. 25, 1863

Sorry to hear of Stiles' loss [of bonds]
The bonds of the Company are payable to bearer
and must be followed and recovered
as a description of Washburn & Duhamel bonds,
Another Jan. 24 1864, in same matter

Wells to Stiles, n. h. July 21, 64

"Chapman is in great interruption because the
Land Office has not sent out official notice of
the overruling of instructions and that serifs may
be received? When you and Rich were in W.,
this should have been done. Now try the highest
authority that this should be done at once,
and you had better have it done at once, and know
that it is done. Mr Rich has written to Bloss today

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Wells & Wells, National Hotel Wash. D.C., Apr 4, 1963

"I found Mellon & I ideas much more liberal than I was prepared for after an hour's conversation with him. He said definitely that if Callow was smuggled into our lines, that it would not be inquired how they came by it. In fact I feel satisfied that the whole matter is in pretty good shape. I fell as though with a little mention my appointment could be secured. x x x I think a big thing can be done in the whole matter. Please advise me what you think about continuing the matter."

Wells & Wells, St. Nicholas Hotel April 23rd, 1963

Chase is here and Cameron (P.) will meet me in W. Tuesday morning and will do an interview for me. So far I have had to carry my appointment alone

... "Damn this ink pen."

Wells & Wells, St. Nicholas Hotel New York Apr. 25, 1963

"I have had an interview with Sgt. Chase. He was very cordial and I am very much encouraged. He will give me the appointment and have very little doubt of it. x x x I think I am sure of the position. He told me that Mr. Bailey was the general agent of the Wilson Coach."

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Wells to Hester Mules, Dec 20 1962
Covers S. to pay cash on paid land + not let it be
sold on paper - Buyer might get possession + not
off land before adjustment -

Wells to Hester Mules, Feb. 7 1963
Woods and Hickman will sell lumber for
\$1000 each. Q. M. Vanders selling at 75¢

Wells to Hester National Hotel, Wash. DC, Nov. 28 1963
Debated on some operation in which Casey, Mellon
Hester are concerned. Under S. comes on with his power.

Wells to Hester National Hotel, April 1st 1963
"Appointment doubled, even Casey's is doubled, yet
R. J. Walker reports that Casey's and Gordwins are
own on doubled up - I doubled to"
Had seen clear, also had not decided. "You ought to
know." "I am hopeful. Doubled and feel I am
right"
Another Apr. 3/63 - on same matter - "not not more"
"Clear was surprised that it was also the Cotton matter
that he reported the appointment, I suppose it was a re-
newal appointment he wanted."

Wells to Steele, Mules Sept. 3, 1862

"I have got a discount of 7 p.c. from the County Court of the taxes of '57 & '58, on Nicotich Island and Culamuch Island. The assessments \$1343.00. take $\frac{1}{4}$ 336 This amt is payable about $\frac{3}{4}$ in Co. orders (3) on Combs and State Bank, Bal, Cash. It is an the reduction that can be obtained"

Wells had also got 10% reduction on other property of Capt as of '57 as '58

Wells to Steele, Mules, Nov. 17, 1862
about sale of island in Neff's will

W to S, Mules, Nov. 28, 1862

about S. v. Sale of Mules for \$500 containing 1/2 p.c.
"I will not remain at 50 cts"

^{Mules}
W to S, Dec. 5, 1862

Paid last on Island and in Sale of 500 cts = \$250.70 $\frac{1}{2}$
\$125.35

Wells to Steele, Mules Dec. 17, 1862

about S. v. Mary E. Martin \$2798.75 - his judgment was 10% to

"6 p.c. int. will commence on judgment from the passage of the law Feb. 15, 1860."

Memorandum without date:

"Steele and Chapman, scrip. 8080 acres.
Cost \$8878 or \$1.097/8 per acre.

Handwriting unknown. ? That of some clerk.

Wm. S. Chapman & Miller. Seen 7: Apr 21, 1865

"I can locate in this note with proved acknowledgment by justice a testimony, but to convey I want action taken by a Court. ... Had planned to get W. P. Murray of St Paul, appointed, but John [Murray] is better"

J. C. McClure Recr - Land office, St. Cloud Minn

"Enclosed herewith I send you 1600 acres of the famous Chapman tract, and am happy to get it off my hands."

A memorandum in a letter of John S. Prince to Steele, St Paul, Feb. 6, 1864, shows that the joint (?) Cash Co - had paid to H. H. Sams in six sums between Aug 20, 1863 and Jan 30, 1864 \$3,112.36 - also paid for scrip \$1750 -
(Seven shares. Steele, Rich. S. H. M. Prince & others
+)

Chapman to Wells - Carson City, N.T. - Mar 18 1864,

mostly about Edmund's ^{*}refusals instructions
about use of scrips - "a virtual prohibition 2
scrips here". If there had been no scrips the
scrip would be available. C. could make from 85-6
to 20- for each one of it and even more than that".

When W. to find this W.W. or if there is not
black (sic) enough and almost black
line there. "A few thousand dollars is no
money if by means of it the matter can
be made safe". * Dated Feb. 12, 1864.

Chapman to Wells - Carson City, N.T. - Mar 22 1864

more about "instructions", writing, unjust to the
Wants W. to go to work, get them modified by Sec. of Ind. if
not by him^g get a bill through making scrips available.

In eastern part of Territory can use scrip time. "in
this way, locate in unsurveyed land, and obtain
state is organized and federal warrants issued...
later use the scrips and locate federal orders and
use it again in unsurveyed land. There is a firm
line in scrip if you can keep it right at western."

Says there is a black mailing scheme to pre-
vent the use of scrips. "Nye is in the scheme ^{directly} for
\$25,000 offers to go to Washington get locations
obtained. When trying get Nye & Quair 3 also.

x Register of land office

Chairman to Wells Carter City, Apr 11, 1864

Now about revocation of instructions. "If you cannot go (to Washington) but the land means you can pick any, Liberia or Rio. -"

C. will pay \$1000 in good, if location along river can be confirmed. Case in W. S. King for inheritance to W (inter) "You can get the influence of the Washburn family by the interest W. D. May have in Scrip". Insists that his action has been correct, under best legal advice -

"When the parties cannot be found, the Scrip can be used as we saw each other"

Geo. A. Nourse to Sleet, Warlow City, Nev. Terr.

April 12 1864. Is atty for Chairman in Half Breed Scrip business. He has a splendid business. Obstacles in Washington number reasons.

1. Scrip located before instructions of Feb. 12 1864 must be confirmed
2. "Now instructions must be rescinded", as far as relates to the requirement of an oath that the half breed is living, and that the location is for the half breed's sole use and benefit."
3. Report C. J. Rice must be removed + 2. Page Davis formerly of St. Peter Minn. appointed.
4. Rice must be paid making scrip assignable

Owen

"I shall telegraph to find out whether Alcock can
attend to the matter, if so we can raise for him
£200 in coin to begin on and can give him £1000
in coin if he succeeds."

"Now if you cannot send H. M. Rice to help him and
pay Mr. Rice you do not deserve to receive a dollar
on your strike. If you can carry out our
programme, you have a future in your strike."

"Note you these things must be done. It is of great
use to you if because Mr. Rice, undoubtedly, could
not through his head clerk get the instructions
changed. We must have powerful influences at
work. Do you see that the Minnesota delegation
is right?"

P.S. Governor Wye has special influence with Secretary
Usher, and Secy Seward will back him if he asks
it. I presume that Edmunds the Commissioner
cannot be made to change the instructions, ex-
cept through his master Mr. Usher, Secy. of Interior."

Walter D. Stearns Mpls. Apr 21, 1864

Silents from Chabman enclosed - 15.000 acres
have been located - before receiving instructions.

Can't go to W. Men had better go by all means -
"Men have \$20,000 pending in this, \$50,000
on the whole."

Wells to Reetz. Mailed Apr 27/64.

If instructions cannot be modified "we had better make up a sum of \$10,000 or more and get the best man for the business to lobby a bill through Congress making scrip assignable. - The Clubhouse scrip holders might come in - - - Any amount desired can be raised to get such a bill through. - Mr. H. W. Rice's views on this point considered of value"

Wells to Reetz. May 27/64 in ltr.

Must wait to scrip matter until (?) it can be located in Nevada.

Chapman to Reetz Carson City N.T. Aug. 31, 1864.

Abouts fake mines in Nevada. Seems to write as if these instructions had been modified. Has located 120 ac. @ \$15.00 " If I do not continue my search here I shall go to some new territory probably Arizona, when I am enabled I can do very well.

Chapman to Reetz - Carson City, Nevada, Nov. 25 - 1864

Work of Pacific R.R. has taken a belt 50 miles wide shutting him out of his principal field.

Will devise some way to use minor scrip at tender mines very rich. Surveyors clear \$25 a day in gold.

"I have a compass now and so my own surveying"

Has considerable ^{findings} ~~findings~~ scrip & will see what he can do with it before saying 'buy mine'

would like to see a sample of Chapman & Knickerbocker
it can be put for - Susan the first admet [the]
you can. "My locations are all first." Collections
will be now. "It has been a hard fight and I have
been at last successful, now we will be satisfied
with what I have done"

Chapman to Fleet, San Francisco Dec. 30 1864

"Can open a large field for search here"

Will want as fast as possible his (Fleet's) advan-
ces - Govt to Rice & Co to himself.

Can use a very large amount of search here - but
wishes that "All the search pass through his hands"

Rice's and all, within Fleet's words ~~to~~ "buy
Rice out, he is unpleasant, very inquisitive and
? worrysome. Thinks he can negotiate with Rice
better than another.

P.S. "I am satisfied that Lowrey is a mean
dishonest fellow"

Chapman to Fleet, San Fran. Jan 19 1865 -

Has agreed to locate ^{H. B.} search 2-500 acres among
coal oil springs in Santa Barbara & have
keep the lands when patented. Prof. Gillman has
claimed property there before

12 p. letter about Coal Oil - Wants S. to go with
form a North Company with \$1.000,000 capital to
acquire & develop.

Chapman to Stech, San Fran. Jan 19. 1865 -
 about oil. Men Company for. "If you think
 it a fair advice, let me in by furnishing a
 portion of scrip - Starts "for home" to-day. Will
 close up here, and be back here as soon as he can.
 Will matters at Carson with Filanderan,
 "Can use all kind of scrip here, Sioux, Chukawa,
 Miner Bogus (as to getting title) and all, explain
 how when I see you." Then a letter from the same.

Chapman to Stech, San Fran. March 8, 1865

Papers returned to be made over to Embury to
 California Statute. "I want scrip you send me
 to be accompanied with proper papers filed up nice
 and complete. May as well always have a few blank
 forms but be sure you do always. My papers have
 generally been bad, very bad - had a great deal
 of fixing to do, which I do not like - Do much
 pain cannot be taken in this respect. It will pay to
 have large - handsome - well - executed papers -
 strictly in conformity with the laws of this State,
 I have no doubt I can use all the scrip you
 can get, of all kinds - at \$5.00 per acre!!

Chapman to Wells - San Fran. March 22 1865.

Has been to San Buenaventura and looked the oil
 springs - Enthusiastic about oil & rich country

Chapman to Neeth San Fran. Mar. 22. 1865 -
Enlightened letter about oil springs
Another - Sam Octo - on Sam Inlet.

Wells to Neeth, Muker. Apr. 20/65 -

"Chapman has undoubtedly got a fair thing -
But the telegraph has fully. - - to some you got the
letter." I believe with what S [sent] you will
carry that this whole enterprise will turn out
very well after all. It certainly looks more prom-
ising than any scheme I know of here."

John B. Moss. to Neeth Washington June 6 1865

"Mr Sedg has not decided on the applications
for certificates (Chapman) now before him.
From what I hear I judge he is somewhat sus-
picious on Indian matters and a letter from
our John Williams M.Y.(2) & Hon. O.B. Matthews
has not crossed them" x x x The Circular has
not come from the printer. I do not think there
will be any interference with it x x x I believe
the Circular but carries out the rights as stipulated
in the treaty and which will be eventually recog-
nized.

When you were here I did not mention our
thing which possibly I ought to have done.
When Mr. Van Allen was here in the fore part of

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May I told him of a letter received, endorsed by
the Secty to the effect that if it could be shown
instructions would be issued authorizing Chiefs
Certificates (Scrib) to be located on unsurveyed
lands. Mr. Van Allen thought the matter of great
importance to certain parties, and upon this re-
presentations, I drew up the necessary instruc-
tions. Knowing that I could, if the Commis-
sioner returned in time, get them signed,
and that the Secty would approve them,
which I thought it doubtful if the incoming
one would do it. The Com^r returned just
in time, Saturday Nov 13th, and the King
was gone. From the action of the present Secty
on the issue of the certificates, I think the view
I then held to be correct, x x x

This statement I think but just to be made on
behalf of Mr. Van Allen - and to show you the
circumstances under which the decision was
reached" x x x

P.S. "To avoid the Possibility of this being used
to the prejudice of either of us. I have to partic-
ularly request you to destroy it. When reduced
to such a condition, it can certainly be of harm
to any one."

John B. Moss collects Wash. June 28 1865

"The Circular is all right, that is, it has been received from the printer. The Commissioner however has decided it is to be retained in the office for the present - on what ground it is not understood does not appear. Through the Secretary on the 9th inst. decided that reserves ever made their inclusions on unturveyed lands and have them adjointed after the surveys planned or made - I tried to have the enclosures sent out - - - but it was of no use to urge the matter then. The enclosure of the hunters in the Indian office, which may have some thing to do with it, the Circular is dated 13th May 1865. a little ventral or political influence might put it through."

Aurora. Sept. 26./65 - not imbutant

" Same " "

Chapman & Smith. San. Fran. Oct. 15. 1865

"Mule men" interested in H. B. S.

A man tells him that "ten years ago under a dark clump in Redwood on this coast. It is found to be very valuable."

"Can't you 'Corrall' the Secretary in the whole land Department - they are men of the smallest possible caliber in imagination"

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Chapman to Steele San Fran October 3 1865
Prospects good here. Made six locations in Sept. 440 acres...will make \$4000 out of these. "...if you can get scrip on a good basis I can make it go here with all ease at from \$5 to \$10, average, I think, \$6, perhaps 7.50. I have but little Sioux that is good, too much miner and bogus"

Another Oct. 13/65 hopes S. will get scrip on fair basis.

Chapman to Steele San Fran Nov; 29/65

Thinks Sioux will stick on double minimum land." I am glad that Mr. Welles goes on with you, and hope you will get a bill through making "...\$. transferable. I must have on hand now not less than 10,000 acres of miner and dead scrip; and I think you can make arrangements for a raid on Edmonds and Harlan that will get a recommendation from them to the Com-mity on lands which would make it safe, -then all our bogus or miner scrip would be sold by the guardian and be as good as adult, and I would then regard it as good for \$7.50 or \$5 net."

"Your acquaintance with Judge Field was opportune. He endorses you and scrip to his friends here".... I really have but little now that is from defect, and no other kind will answer on No. 1 land here when parties wish to buy. A man calls to buy scrip to put on land worth 50\$ to 150\$ pr acre. I dare not give him a defective scrip on any account. Clark Thompson's scrip not being valuable on double minimum ruins that enterprise."

Van Norman, Britton & Gray, Washington D.C. Feb 13 1866

Attorneys for Steele and others in re scrip claims. Secretary will not grant patents when scrip located on lands occupied at time of location, whether legally or illegally. Rice had delayed their cases by pressing Chippewa cases from Bayfield.

Welles to Steele, Mnpls Feb 18 /66

Has a letter from Chapman 'full of infernal complaints' about certain decisions.

Chapman to Steele San Fran March 9 1866.

Swift, register will resign "I want Garner appointed" ... he knows what our legal right are."... Garner is personally acquainted with Norton, and has written to him. if you think best you might speak to him or get the right person to do so.. I suppose that Norton is in good standing with the president and will be the proper man to look to the matter, but must consult with Bill Stewart. I do not know how to reach him, but think you had better do it through Judge Field..... I believe that Stewart is the proper person to get Garner appointed and if Field will ask Stewart to do it the work will be done."... Our difficulties have always started in the local office.... I kneen not speak of the importance of this to you." P.S. Kirkham is on a tour with Mc Dougal through Arizonia."

Chapman to Steele San Fran March 9 1866 second of same date.

At dead lock owing to adverse decision. Wants Steele to go to Wash. and put matters in good position. Has little confidence in Van Norman B. and G. "They are hostile to Cook and he rains supreme in the pre-emption department. We have this slow mis-er-able unknown backwoods Methodist

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" We want a low miserable backwoods Methodist exhorter, who has found his way to Washington nominally to lay down his life to save the union, and being unwell, got an engagement in an agency office to collect claims for widows of deceased soldiers and to steal on a small scale with share and share conditions. Those are the men who win now-a-days, at least, Cook is that kind of and he wins."

Chapman urges the appointment of Clinton Garner as in former letter.
" If we can get him appointed it will be a good spoke in our wheel."

... We will manage the Johnson portion of the coast delegation, which is Bill Stewart alone. ... Can you get Rice to write a letter. I do not know how Rice stands at Washington now, but I suppose he is all right with Johnson. Garner knows Norton and Windham and will write them."

Chapman will prosecute their business to the best of his ability.

Welles notes on p.4, urging Steele to do all he can to get the appointment made. " Chute wants me to go to New York. will not go if he can help it."

Chapman to Steele San Fran March 12 1866

" We thought our plans were laid well, and so they were, but not carried out well. We ought to have made a large profit, a good speculation. ... But we never got our legal or equitable rights." ... if we had sent a good man to Washington at the time I came here, who would have gone to the court and placed our business upon the proper basis of footing, and staid there at a salary of 5000\$ per annum gold coin and got for us just what was our legal right and no more, we would have found the end of it and made \$50,000 for each of us, and no one would have been wronged." ... "I am sorry I did not go to Washington when Steele went. It may be sheer egotism, but until I fail and fail I will never believe but that I can go there and get all my cases decided and get all the law will allow me. I know I could." I will do Mr. Welles, all I can to make the best of our enterprise, but I want you to see to that end of the line. If you will we will succeed yet. "Wants to be told if his management is not satisfactory."

J.P. Usher, to Theo Adams Esq. Terre Haute Ind. March 26 1866

" I have your letter and have reflected upon the communication of Steele. I don't know what objection Edmonds makes to the locations but suppose it is because the lands are double-minimum. If that is so I believe I would not press the case immediately. The decision is wrong, brought about by the obstinacy of Wilson, but it is not probable that Harlan will overrule him. If the nature of things Harlan must soon go out of the department and then we can be heard. If the parties now interested are inclined to make a push in the case they had better get Nye and Stewart and Connors to consider how they like the Construction placed upon the law. As also Pomeroy and Lane, and if they are not pleased with it they might influence the action of Harlan. If any of your or Thompson's locations are challenged or refused let me know and I will see what can be done. Truly yours."

... Parsons to Steele Washington March 28 /66

Finds on examination that some of Chapman's locations had been made on lands already patented. Advises withdrawal of the whole affair.

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* Letter in Judge Atwater's hand to Welles, Carson Apr. 5 /66

Tells W. he need not be so much discouraged about scrip. A late decision that scrip could not descend to heirs has been reversed. Another and the only one in the way of scrip is that forbidding locations on improved lands." I have no doubt that if Steele and Rice do their duty but that it will be reversed or modified so as not to interfere with any bona fide operations in scrip. And even if it stands it will not affect probably ,,,, more than a thousand acres"

" Chapman was very mad that Steele did not go right to Washington with F(landrau) when he went east and try and get the scrip cases fixed up instead of going off about his own business , and not going to W. last winter. I think he has reason to be vexed with him, as Steele agreed to do so. I am somewhat disappointed with C(apman) in regard to his sound judgment, and as you remark ,there is too much fight in him. But you will do well enough if you get pay for all the scrip that is and will be patented."

Chapman to Steele San Fran Apl 9 1866

Some inquiries for scrip bad influences of newspapers some what less.

" If I could only get my business at Washington promptly looked after and get patents when I should have them, I could make all the money out of scrip that you or I ever anticipated."...Mr. Welles writes that he has given up all hopes of any thing coming out of it. He sustains Edmund's in his opinion that occupied land cannot be located- that patents can be upset at any time. I am afraid from his last letter that he is getting unwell again."

Three letters from Van Araman, Britton & Gray relating to the case of Woodward v. McLeod. Point at issue ,whether scrip could be laid on double-minimum land. It had been decided in the negative, and appealed. Not sure about this. i.e. W.W.F.

Chapman to Steele ,Carson Nev. June 5 1866

Collections in Nev. slow. Holds that scrip is locateable on D-B land.

" Rice acted contemptible with you , and not only so but he went to Van A.B. & G. and told them that he drew the bill under which A.B.S. was issued and that he intended it to protect occupied land whether legally so or not, or in other words, that the comr is correct in his decision. I am satisfied he did in a private way what he could against you."

Found later a second half sheet of Chapman to Steele Carson Nov. 25/64
"I would like to have deeds from the half-breeds direct to me since the patents issued. Get them in a quiet way so as not to raise any talk amongst them, and if the half-breeds are down at the Fort as usual to winter just get blank deeds signed and executed, leaving all writing for me here to fill in."..." In taking deeds you will usually take one blank and send it on to me so that I can use it if I like."

Better burn this."

Chapman to Welles San Fran March 30 1866: about placing scrip on occupied lands. Argues against W.

* Remainder of letter found later, signed by Judge Atwater. Says of Chapman, " I think he means to do right in his arrangements with you, and the only thing I have fears of is that it may not be in his power to do so....This confidential."

L.E. Webb to H.M. Rice, Washington, D.C. March 28 1866:

... "Treaty matters move slow. The Half-breeds are the most sick set of fellows you ever saw. They say openly that they made a awful mistake in not having your assistance. Peter Roy came to me last night and asked me if I thought you could be induced to take hold of it now. I told him that things were too badly mixed for you to step in now. They feel bad. Have not seen Mr. Steele, but think he had better give the scrip. It will help him through. I gave two, one for you and me, and Sears wrote that he would replace one. That man Cook is out of the way since it was done.

... On back note signed by H.M. Rice: "If Cook is out of the way, and all other matters can be satisfactory, why not ask the Comr of Genl. Land Office to reconsider? This will be the shortest way. I have written Webb what you said about scrip."

Richard Chute and John S. Prince to Steele St. Paul Nov. 5 1859:

(Gehhardt?) (It appears that the St. A. W.P. Co. had prepared bonds and placed them in the hands of a trustee one Mr. Schurckhardt of N.Y., who was not disposed to give them up.)

... we must first get the bonds, and to do this peaceably you will have to project your trip to Europe... in this way you have the best possible reason to demand the bonds... if the trustee refuses to deliver them we should compel a delivery... get them in your hands and bring them home. ... This course will result in a general row, but we had better meet it now while we have a chance to do something, than wait till until we cannot do anything but lie down and submit." (Davis and Gebhardt they suggest are waiting for the opportunity to freeze them out.)

J.S. Prince to Steele St. Paul, Frby 23 1864

"The coal matter seems to be all right. And Becker and Van Etten leave this noon with 3640 acres of Sioux scrip and 1760 of Chippewa, to locate the same lands we had in view before you left, Mr. Eames having decided that was the best point. Rice and Van Etten ... have furnished the Chippewa scrip. ... Shillock, Rudolph, and Behnke pay in each five hundred dollars, for their fourth interest in Flandrau's share. The thing begins to look well and has run into a large amt of money. But I feel sanguine of good results. I had ~~not~~ a very plain talk with Eames and told him that my reputation as well as his was at stake, if all was not right, and I wished him to be candid with me, and he assured me all was and would be as represented, and he was very sanguine of the result." P. would like to go into stock operation with S.

P. had telegraphed to Syewart of Carson that Chapman was O.K. Chutesays that "either he or you must go to England."

"I have just seen Chmëdililn, the gate-keeper of the bridge, and he gives me a melancholly account of Wells. His disease is of the mind.... Chute told me something of the same." Refers to the loss of trunk.

Jno B. Bloss to Steele Washington June 14 n.y.

Directs how to get surveys made. Apply to Surveyor-general &c. Also how to lay scrip.

"The secretary decided the Chippewa treaty did not authorize the issue of scrip and refused the issue of scrip and that the applications to select must be made at the land office."

Instructions for locating Chippewa scrip, May 13 1865: addressed to
"Gentlemen" and not signed.

1st.

Chp. scrip may be located[^] in any land district in the U.S. on lands open to entry or ordinary sale, and 2nd upon any unoccupied public land subject to pre-emption, whether surveyed or unsurveyed... no mineral or reserved lands can be taken by these certificates.... nor even-numbered double minimum or reserved sections, nor upon lands on which there is an actual settler, without the consent duly attested of such settler."

Where filing is on unsurveyed land application must be accompanied by a diagram and description sufficient to fix the exact locality. Private surveys must be on N.&S. and E. & W. lines. Parties locating on unsurveyed lands must adjust to survey inside of three months after return of plat to district land office.

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Notes on F. Steele's Books -

Mattress + Cash Book, found above
ledgers -

of little importance these

May 1910

Geo. A. Brachette lets me (Jan 24 1910)
that the beautiful handwriting in Steele's
ledgers was that of Sergeant Mahony - who
after leaving the military service became
Steele's bookkeeper.

Mahony

Walter 1849 -

Oct. 2 - " Sioux Commission " 16 items Camp.
utensils

Oct. 3 - 6 more items

" " 7 " " via 1. Demi John.

" " 5 " " via 5 head Cattle, \$1.50

" " 1 " " 10" cheese, \$1.25

" 7 1 " " Jar Pickles, \$1.50

" 8 1 " " 3 1/2" Bacon /

" 10 1 " " 3 head Cattle, \$90.00

Other Customers were

H. H. Sibley

"Wagner" Woods -

P. Prussell

Rev. Jean.

Rev. S. W. Pond

Lt. Johnson

Capt. Monroe

Sixty Outfit

Minnesota Outfit

S. J. Findlay

Col. Foomis

John H. Stephens

Alex. Fairbank

J. Tappan.

C. A. Tuttle.

Col. Wood

Petty John [Eli]

Capt. Kirkham

Saml Burbles

Martin Medcott

And Godfrey

H. Bellan. [D]

D. Stinchfield [D]

Hazen Moore

G. H. Pond

Tr. d. S. Mission

Sargeant Paul Mission

Alex Bailey

Cash Book. Steel Jun 1853 - June 1856 -
These names.

P. Quinn - McLeod - Brook - H. Moore -

Steamer Clarion - R. P. Russell - J. J. Doak -

Capt. Rollins - Sibley - Jo Rolito - Findley -

Mollen - 28 Sept '50 to 14 May '55

Names -

St. Anthony Mine Co. - long acct, 1857-2, before

Maj. Sherman

Martin M. Scott

Ans Northrup

B. H. Randall

Maj. Findley - Dec 1, '54

R. Chittis, Jan 20, '55

J. J. Wink - Feb 22, '55

St. Hamilton St. Brandy

Patterson, Gen. Findley, Maj. Wm. John W. Brown -
Stevens, Father, Geo. Fairbank, Gammell - Wm. Quinn
Godfrey - Sibley -

Daybook - Nov. 17/56 - Sept. 12/1859

Ends to Mar 30 - 1857 in handwriting } —

Then no more till Mar 8, 1858

Many names of officers -

Maj. Hunt. St. Lawrence - St. Bradley - St. Humphreys +
Sibley - McWood - 3 - Rev. Green - Ch. Montross -
Burrill - Campbell - Pellyjohn Eli + Titus - Fadden
Gordon - P. Burrows -

Mar 25, 1859, Long list of names aft. Am. Northrup &
not on map - 'New' found added in Feb. & Mar, 1858
- list furnished separately

Ends. June - Aug '59. few -

Sedger 1856 - June 4

Long coast, estate Seel. J. Findley. Family, Sullivan -

Eli, Pellyden. new farm & Dier Pellyden - also Titus.

Martin McLeod - F. M. M. - Franciscan Seminary -

Dramatic Association - Hon. Com. M. M. - A. P. L. M. M. M.

G. W. M. M. - Portford - G. M. M. M. - C. M. M. M.

C. M. M. M. - Maj. Hunt - W. M. M. M. - Norman M. M.

Marty Sullivan accounts in the books

over

Cash Book - 1840 - (July 27) - 1854

Daily Cash Sales - 2.00 - 7.00 - 6.00 - 6.50 - 14.50 - 21 -
6.4 - 3.50 - 5 - 5 - 12 - to Aug. 140

Sept. 1, 1840 from Cal. Bruce \$400

Sept. 19 " " Maj. Steward p.m. 2500

" " " at pay later. 1862, 31

" " " Sioux Outfit - 221.77

Nov 8 " from Maj. Reynolds 27⁵, Mr. Turner, 15.31

15 " Paid " " \$216.67

Dec 17 " Paid Rees, \$626.10

Jan 12 1841 from Ketchikan Co. 500 \$

18 " Rec'd on Rees, 1138.⁰⁶

Feb, 11 " from Se Outfit \$700

Aug 19 " Wray Sully, \$520

May 10 1842 To Ant. Cunningham & Co. for
Company B, \$1000

May 26 " Sales \$268.10

Mar. 27 1843 Cash. Garbman, \$44.50

July 14 " Borrowed from Mr. Sully \$50.

10 " Pay into St. Catherine, 178²⁴

Aug 30 " to Dr. Williams in order. 18.00

Nov. 6 1843 from Cal. Bruce \$2000

Nov 4 1844 " 174 Sully \$1000

5 " Paid J. R. Brown \$40.00

Jan 9 1846 " B. H. Paid \$300

J.H. Stevens name many times in by leaves.

Sept. 21. 1848, Paid Fales & Co. Sew.

Franklin's under -

Oct. 7. 48 From J.R. Mann 55.00

Nov 1 " To for gen Park Mission 66.31

Dec. 22 " J. der Sien Mission 22.00

Feb. 10 1849 14 M. Kie 15.00 paid in 1st entry -

Mar. 2 " From 1st M. K. 4.00

July 17 " over credit M. Kie 49.00

Aug 9 " Paid May Monthly 210.00, Mar 8. 248.00

Sept. 1 1849 Paid J.H. Stevens, 2.50 1st entry 16th 5.00

In 1849, beginning Jan 5. M. Kie "Whitney's" 400.

210.00 - 23.00 - 13.00 - 21.75 - 24.50 - 17.00 - 21.00 &

Left Jan 24

Oct. 24. 1849. To Cash from Fales M. K. Co. 1st M. K.

Mr. Fordney 300 - 1st entry

June 1 1850 Paid J.H. Stevens \$100

Dec. 3 1847. Whitlock \$23.00 1st entry ?

Apr. 3. 1852, Cash to May, M. K. Co.

Nov. 3. 1852 Sales, 484.50.

Mar. 9. 1853 P.D. Jos. Frazier for Comm. 13.00

Jan. 1853 Paid on Wagon Rides. 2141.43

" " Cr. C " 1417.27

" " Cr. K " 1490.31

June 18/53 P.D. Rev. Mr. Rawns for Frazee 5.00 5039.01

Tabb, Reynolds + Whittemore - Day Book -
 St. Cuthbert Tuesday June 12 1855 - Col. 21, 113

Edgar Fulton
 A. H. Miles
 J. B. Bassett
 Capt. Rollins
 A. M. Fendley
 Rufus Farnham
 John Fabbie.
 H. J. Mills
 A. Stone
 Herman Moulton
 David Day
 J. C. Watson
 Geo. A. House,
 and Godfrey
 S. W. Farnham
 C. L. Chase
 Richard Martin
 Leonard Day
 L. Portwick
 E. B. West,
 Dr. Ames.
 Edgar Nash
 Steam Boat for Remedy. Col. 6. 1855 - \$42.64 / Oct 25

Some 1855 - price
 Starch 20¢ - Butter 30 Candles 20
 Melons 80 - Soap 12 1/2 bar. Cakes 11
 Sugar 13 - Coffee 22 - Pork 14
 Flour 8 10 - Beans 3 00 - Lard 11
 Scrub brush 2 1/2 - Dr. Apple 15¢ - Salt 3¢
 Tea 80¢ - Paper 20¢ - Maps books 2.00
 Gunham 20¢ - Maps Paint 3.00 - Cakes 8¢
 Butter 10 - Ginger 20 - Walnuts 10
 Bird seed 40 - Coffee 22 - Vinegar 2 1/2
 Ovaries 1.00 - Kint under slant 1.00
 Lamb Churn 11 - Nails 8¢ - 10¢
 Oven coal 6.00 - Do. coal 14.00 - Jeans 30
 Crawl 1.00 - Bush Nuts 1.25
 Velvet Ribbon 7¢ - Bush Glass 2.25
 Grey Blanket 50 - Boots 4.00 - Palates 10
 Broom 30 - Salsolates 13 - Cambric 1.00
 Hair Candles 30 - Cracker 11 - Syrup 1.00
 Brandy 2.00 qt - Pines 10 - Rice 12 1/2
 Suet 50 Sack - Pepper 40 - Rubben 1.00
 Portland Cement 120 - Ginger 20 - N. E. Rum 40
 Thread 36m 21 - Tobacco 10 -

Seen in office of Cal. Wm. E. Stebbins 813 Broadway from
Bridging. Feb. 2, 1910.

1. Sec'd of Joseph Montreuil - to work with the
Sunder Group at Navasota for 1 year
and out \$1942. Assistant Montreuil
and Robert Yea (not citizens yet U.S.)
Signed by Amos J. Brown - then taken abt 18" x 18"

Seen by Geo. L. Menden - President & Land Com. of
the First Division of the Santa Fe & Pacific Rail Road Company
(Wm. B. Litchfield V. P. & Gen. Manager) -

to Fr. Stebbins - St. Paul Feb. 29, 1914

Refers to organization of above Co. - object - is to enable us to
build on work from Minneapolis in the direction of Idaho.
Leaving the track line to run in with the Northern line, so as
from debiting the construction of the main line, it reaches
a more certain and secure. "Subsidiary to build 10-12 in this
section - have surveyors out now. will clear location so
as to build the Mc Cormick Lake line. Mr. Morris
reports very favorably - holding determinate to Minneapolis
intended - hopes Mr. S. will make all necessary explana-
tions."

March of ferry tickets 1913 - results for by Edward
Cunning. Capt. A. M. to A. Goring.

Letter Alex. R. to Hon. S. S. Ellis M. P. - St. P. 24 Feb. 1916
introducing & highly commending Mr. Stebbins

Kala Bedford - (no relation, but name understood.)
to State Wash. D.C. May 29, 1862
Written ^{room} to the Army Surgeon the establishment of a hospital
at Ft. Pulling. Shit to her her business - Dr. Pelt is
to put in charge

Seller of Green Station, to F.S. St. P. Feb. 28, 1862
Abt. Memorandum Property - It is a lease on the lot for
Mr. Graham & Co. (the property belonged to the latter),
was not drawn to have one Mr. K. ("an informal
demand") in charge - Writing, Adams should be
of the very first -

B. H. Ransom to F. St. P. Feb. 16, 1862,
Had built my Goods of Cattle. Wants goods. Complaints,
will still be in the hands of Cattle. Can not - "Am getting
a very good one but it is a little expensive."
P.S. "One of Mr. Riggs' Christian Indian came in
this morning with his own family and Mrs. De Cault &
their children & another family of his children. They
bring no intelligence but that we had before. Col. Staley
intends starting tomorrow. Ransom."

Notes of Adams & Nelson & Co. 4th 1290 per annum
Anno Nov. 19, 1855
Anno by Sam. Ransom Dec. 19, 1855 340 or more,

H. T. Weller to St. P. Wash. Sept. 12, 1862, asks of the
very Ransom's Co. 1/59, \$501.40 in bills at 50¢.

Oct. 28 1858 -
Stock beto. crs &

Stock 240.00

Down 160 -

Grubbed 80.

Sawed 80

Chute 40

Primer 40

Profund cutt \$1,000.00

Nov. 21 1859 - 3 salary 1500 Cash Chute, then would 5 yrs.
Under imp. agreement with Maj. Sanford

1860 - Note was to go to timber & returning
Seasonable work for fairly taking payment

Apr 30, 60 Haver for Victory at last

Aug 28 " Wm. Antiquated brought "on the ground"

Jan 29/61. Anna Canada. Robert at 7th Building,
Rough Bay House in lower town 1861, Mrs C. Smith Green

Oct 7/61. Gates note down sum

Wells Irish '64

'64 Pond filling up - '66 Sol W. Mayman

'60 Under stock running down. Shaded down with

Senate Chamber St. Paul, Dec. 16 1859:

Copy:

Belle Plaine Aug. 21 1862.

Dear Frank,

We are having exciting times, and the news comes in thick and fast which makes it manifest that the outbreak is a very extended if not a general one, which it will require a large force to put down.

There is no doubt that several hundred lives have been sacrificed already, and the fate of Fort Ridgely and its garrison is involved in very painful doubt, to say the least. Hald breeds have shared the general fate without reference to relationship.

I have written to the Governor to send immediately men and Springfield rifles & ammunition therefor. The miserable Austrian rifles given my command are in many cases utterly unserviceable. Several thousand cartridges contain balls too large for the bore of any guns we have.

Go & reassure Sarah from time to time, as she will be frightened nearly to death by the flying reports. Tell her there is nothing to fear on my account.

Mr. Mills says tell Mr. Steele to have hard bread prepared, and tell Gov. R. what I have already written him that we want rations and must have them at once.

Give my love to Annie & the young'uns and all the people at our house.

Truly yrs,

F. Steele, Esq.

H.H. Sibley.

Ft. Snelling.

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St. Anthony, Sept. 3d 1857:

F. Steele, Esq.,

Dear sir:

As a mutual friend of ours tells me that there is a misunderstanding between us in reference to the subscribed loan of Edmund Rice, Esq., of St. Paul, you will permit me to explain away anything which may look like injustice on my part.

To begin at the beginning, Mr. Rice came into the Times office some days ago and inquired if I was the editor. I replied affirmatively. He said he called as a friend of yours to ask me to say nothing, or at denunciatory, of the purchase of the Fort Snelling reserve. He represented, no doubt justly, that he had often assisted the Times office, that he was a particular friend of Mr. Newson &c., assuring me that if Mr. N. were home, his request would be complied with. I had written an article criticising the sale and purchase that very morning, but as I had heard Mr. N. speak of Mr. Rice in the highest and warmest terms as a personal friend, not knowing precisely what course he would take, not desiring to place the Times in a position from which he would have to recede, and having moreover no pecuniary interest in the paper, and not expecting to stay more than a few weeks, I told Mr. " that I would not take a position in the Times on the question until the return of the proprietor Mr. N. I told him there were two sub-proprietors who might dictate an article but I would represent the position of affairs to them and I thought it could be adjusted. He acquiesced, and was about leaving, when in talking of newspapers &c. I incidentally told him we contemplated starting a daily at St. Anthony. He immediately offered to assist us. I told him our plan of subscribed loans secured by mortgage on the office, and showed him how far it had progressed, when he said " We will make up the rest." I thanked him for his voluntary kind offer and accepted it. The next time we met he signed the subscription paper unconditionally, and gave me a draft at sight on you for the amount.

Up to this time I had not connected the loan and the temporary suppression of comment on Fort Snelling together, being entirely obsolescent in the Western way of doing business, and being simply hired, I had no newspaper opinions to sell even if I had been so base as to put them in market. He did not say a word about using the columns of this paper here.

I talked with the proprietors, Clum and Vance about it, and advised them what position we had better take (i.e. no position) as a matter of favor to a friend until Mr. Newson got home. Mr. Vance was disaffected but as he said nothing I thought it was all right. Next day I went into the composing room in the morning and found that Mr. Vance had written and inserted an article on the "Fort Snelling Reservation." I unlocked the form, took it out of the paper, put another article in its place, and ordered it distributed. The next day I went to St. Anthony early, when Mr. Vance got the article, re-set it and put it in the paper, where it appeared on the subsequent morning before my return.

In the afternoon Mr. Rice made his appearance expressing himself as greatly incensed towards the office, and in his impetuosity said some severe things.

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I was sorry that his wishes could not have been more strictly regarded by the proprietors, but denied that I was responsible for any breach of faith or of friendship, as I had at first made him acquainted with all the circumstances. He told me I "must run the risk of explaining the matter to you, and get the draft cashed if I could." This was the first intimation that I had that the \$500 draft was to balance the silence.

You know the rest. I left the Times office immediately, partly on account of this, and partly for other reasons- because I could not say what I pleased in a paper for whose editorial control I had, and still have a written paper from Mr. Newson.

In coming to an understanding upon this matter, it has been impossible for me to meet you and Mr. Rice, for I could never find you together. You are ~~xx~~ intensely busy ~~xxx~~ with your thousand calls, and I could never catch a minute with you at a time. When you did speak on the subject I inferred from your conversation that you Mr. Rice had as your ambassador overstepped his authority, and wished to make him responsible. Mr. Chute says that on Monday you say you told me the draft would be honored by you if I would make out the papers. If it was your intention to tell me any such thing, I must have been astonishingly obtuse, for I failed to receive any such impression. The fault of non-comprehension may have been my own, and if such was your motive, I much regret the steps my notary saw fit to take in order to make Mr. R. responsible.

If it is not too late, my partner, Mr. Clark, the bearer, will make arrangements with you to transfer the loan from you to Mr. R. to yourself. We are starting a daily paper here which we hope to make a reflex of the activity and enterprise of the Falls and vicinity. It will be Republican in politics, but not so rabidly partisan as to prevent a look or expression beyond our political platform. You have property enough within the circuit of our circulation that I hope may be enhanced in value by the influence of a daily paper to more than pay the extra interest on your proposed loan. We have no spleen to gratify against your purchase or yourself, and shall endeavor always to do our whole duty fearlessly according to the light we may have.

Yours truly,

Wm. A. Croffut.

Stein GHD, Feb. 14, 1958 + Mar. 17, 1958

222. Shute Head land purchased 1955, with 4 acres that of which
will probably need to be sold to make for \$1.25 a/c. 373, 376
226. Shute Head with 5 a/c. at pub. auction
Has graded a street - built 1 a/c addition to a house, fronted on main
\$600 Has spent 6 a/c & more.
Expects to have a corn land out - but for that, with more
time on agr. has land in 2 a/c. 375
227. 800 ± Shute but 1/3
231. Shute land with H. W. R. 100' x 80
232. Jan 10 - 26 90 common
233. Extracts to Shute many in 2 yrs
See 50 x 165 - Has given away some
234. Land out 640 a/c. in lots average 10 x 150 from Shute irregular
nominal price to improve \$100 a/c or 10 acres
Dr. Graham arranged to sell
236. See inquest to Miller, Clark + Price + others. Committed to them
May have 20 acres @ \$100 1/2 - say 10 acres @ \$100
237. 10-20. Item seen in orig. file. Where??
374. Shute draft with to pay.
370. Map of Martin - Small part land out, lots \$100 - \$600

103
100
175

CONTINENTAL AND COMMERCIAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

CHICAGO, September 7, 1920

BOND DEPARTMENT
 HENRY C. OLCOTT,
 GEORGE W. PEARSON,
 WALTER J. ENGLE,
 LOUIS B. FERGUSON,
 MANAGER OF SALES
 ASSISTANT MANAGER
 MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

Twenty-Five Year External Gold Loan 8% Sinking Fund Bonds

Payable at the rate of 110% of the principal sum on or before September 15, 1945

Price 100 and Interest

In connection with this issue, we call attention to the following features of interest to the investor:

The above bonds are being issued to provide part of the funds necessary to retire the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French 5-Year 5% bonds maturing October 15, 1920; the amount necessary to retire the balance of the French Republic's share of this indebtedness to be otherwise provided.

Provision is made for sinking fund payments of not less than \$4,400,000 annually, which will be applied to the purchase, if possible, of bonds prior to December 15, 1925, and thereafter to the redemption of bonds by lot at 110 and accrued interest.

The rapid progress of the French nation in its return to normal conditions illustrates the well known industry and thrift of its population. Details regarding the principal industries of the country and other important factors are given on circular enclosed.

These bonds bear the highest coupon rate of any large new issue of Government securities sold in this country as a result of the war, except the recent issue of \$25,000,000 Government of Switzerland 8% bonds due July 1, 1940, which are callable after July 1, 1930 at 105, and have recently been selling at about 102 1/2 and interest.

We are receiving subscriptions for the new French Republic 8% Bonds subject to allotment and expect that trust receipts will be ready for delivery in from two to three weeks. Subscriptions may be telegraphed or telephoned at our expense.

Yours very truly,

CONTINENTAL AND COMMERCIAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK.

Wabash 7000

Handwritten calculations and notes are present throughout the document, including:

- Top left: 160 , $16\frac{1}{2}$, 256 , $16\frac{1}{2}$, $272\frac{1}{2}$, $43,520$, $43,680$.
- Top center: 272 , 160 , 16320 , 272 , $43,520$, $43,680$.
- Top right: $43,700$, $22,100$, $4,500$, $6,400$, $1,800$, 270 , $26,500$.
- Far right: 640 , $4\frac{1}{2}$, 2560 , 320 , $255,000$, $152,120$, $62,470$, $7,91540$.
- Left margin: $10,000$ plus, $10,000$ minus, $10,000$ saved, $10,000$ total, $10,000$ net, $10,000$ gross, $10,000$ profit, $10,000$ loss, $10,000$ interest, $10,000$ dividend, $10,000$ capital, $10,000$ income, $10,000$ expense, $10,000$ asset, $10,000$ liability, $10,000$ equity, $10,000$ debt, $10,000$ credit, $10,000$ debit, $10,000$ balance, $10,000$ total, $10,000$ net, $10,000$ gross, $10,000$ profit, $10,000$ loss, $10,000$ interest, $10,000$ dividend, $10,000$ capital, $10,000$ income, $10,000$ expense, $10,000$ asset, $10,000$ liability, $10,000$ equity, $10,000$ debt, $10,000$ credit, $10,000$ debit, $10,000$ balance, $10,000$ total, $10,000$ net, $10,000$ gross, $10,000$ profit, $10,000$ loss, $10,000$ interest, $10,000$ dividend, $10,000$ capital, $10,000$ income, $10,000$ expense, $10,000$ asset, $10,000$ liability, $10,000$ equity, $10,000$ debt, $10,000$ credit, $10,000$ debit, $10,000$ balance, $10,000$ total, $10,000$ net, $10,000$ gross, $10,000$ profit, $10,000$ 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Notes on letters of ^{Steele} F. H. Silliman found
in "telescope" - 1850 +

no reason for submission

Steele, F. to Sill

Fort Snelling Nov 27 1848

Congratulations to Silliman on his triumph over his
quarrelsome partner & democratic rival [Rice]

Much about his effort to sell property in Boston
for \$20,000. Wants a charter for boat down the Falls,
\$1.00 per seat to Crow Wing. Mills have cut down for
timber - Silliman's new office at Fort -

Steele to Silliman

Fort Sn, Dec. 18 1848

Pine market full of Indians - Rice breeding at
St. P. - Selling furs in St. A. - By can sell 1/2 million
and 1/2 dollar - Silliman's business good

F. H. S.

Duluth, Jan. 25, 1850

nothing re him

F. H. Silliman

Duluth Jan 26, 1850

0 re him

F. H. S. to Silliman

Mendota Apr. 25 1850

Arrived at Mendota yesterday - Pleased -

Bad news this morning - "Hear the contract for
to remove the works at \$70 each, Dr. Brown &
Gov. Ramsey are much excited, the former especially,
Hambro going to Helena to see about it

Cont

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x I am sorry to say that the W. is the most
unpopular man in the territory x

F. H. S. to Siles

Minneapolis Apr. 28 1850

Will transfer assets to new books May 1 - Amt.
of goods on hand small. inventory will be short.

Forbes' goods ready to ship - Rice's bond for moving
wheeled, exorbitant. "the Indians with the knowledge
of our band being collected & ready to come up into
Sen. Territory, Gov. Ramsey is apprehensive of, con-
sidering it a violation of his duties & rights"

Relation of delegates from 1850 Nov 1851.

Boards very unpopular. Short rough, in business.
"We had a hard job selling up the old
outlet of Rice - B. has even everything in his
power to reduce everything to zero"

B. shows notes at various rates on the C. Saw
this change a man 20% for 3 mos -

Proposes change in "Palmer's" name - Has been al-
lowed to take whatever he would from the store
without entry -

F. H. S. to Siles

St. Paul May 4, 1850

Begin to put in double entry books Monday

x Hypothetical business?

Notes on -

F. Steele, Ledger - 1847 - 57

book 3 pages, in books

and

Petty Ledger, 1850 - 1854 -

Books book to an O. P. L.
not bound -

Also list of F. Steele's business
books bound in trunk left me
by Col. Wm L. Steele - Mar-
June 1810: W. W. F.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.

J.A. RIDGWAY, SECRETARY.

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CHAS. H. WOODS.

FRED L. SMITH.

C. J. JOHNSON.

SAMUEL HUNTER.

GEO. T. D. BAXTER.

N.B.
fs. = family
supper

Notes of Ledger of Franklin Steele, 1847 + '57
References to N. York. & N. Journal.

Seem to have been the
Principal Book - '47 +

Major Clark - f.s.

Wm. Henry Forbes - f.s.

Capt. Seth Eastman f.s. - some ledger.

Rev. E. G. Jean f.s.

Hygen (sic) Mowers f.s.

Dean Bt. Fairbank f.s.

Alvin Fairbank "

Sanct Peter's Outfit, made + sold orders.

Peter Quinn f.s.

Cal. G. J. Brown "

Thom^d Williamson "

Prison & Carriage made, carried furs,

S.W. + W.G. Ewings made.

R.P. Russell f.s. orders.

David Fairbank f.s.

Josiah La Fairbank f.s.

Henry H. Sibley f.s. some papers, 37c 00g

Chapman Outfit made = f.s.

H.M. Rice made f.s.

Fair St. Anthony Co. made p. 179, \$ 11.624, 68, 00m. no
and how & after that.

Philander Prescott f.s.

Andrew Webster

S.B. Fowry

And Fillet

Man & horses

Capt. Lee f.s.
Capt. Munroe "
Capt. Todd " J. S. B. Todd.
Capt. Dana " 30/5/48
Col. Woods " 17. 11. 48
Capt. Pike " 6 J. 49
Capt. R. O. Kuhn " 23 Apr. 50
Alv. Ramsey " 19 J. 49
Col. Loomis 6th Inf - "

147 Group Outfit Mass 6 J 49 194

Major Amistead f.s.

Lt. R. W. Johnston " 10 Jan 1850 Cr. Pay Amst 2 mos. \$150!
not made in 1850?

10. 193 Munster Outfit Mass 23 Fe. 11

186 Lac Qui Parle Mission. Jour. to. P. M. 1849. Dr. H. W. M. M.

187 Trav. des Ind. Nation Sam Sam 30 J. 50

188 Maj. Nathl. McLean. f.s. 14 Dec. 1849

189 Indian Department. Sander, Gran Mass 11 Mar. 1850

193 F. B. Sibley Mass reports 1 J. 50

195 David Clements (Mass man recall. f. 50. 6 J. 1857)

202 John H. Stevens Co. Mass. 23 May 1857.

214 Stevens Co. acct opened here Dec. 1. 1850.

86 John H. Stevens, Private Acct. Mass f.s.

268 Sam continued + carried to. 378 - 414

and to 444 - This (private acct. settled July 3/57)

Footings \$19107.57.

+ 983.99 - final

Over

John H. Newton private acct. begun on
folio 214. Dec. 1, 1850. Amt from Pelly before 992.17 || 996.30.
To folio 86.

May 26, 1852 \$435.28 debit to folio 268

Oct. 18, 1854, Amt to folio. 378

\$ 3590.99 + \$ 328.80.

July 10, 1855. Amt to folio 414,
5816.59 + 12,274.26.

Then credits on p 378

July 10 ⁵⁵ - Amt. not previously entered	1450.70
Sheet Private acct.	794.76
Ferry farm acct.	1200.00
or or or	500.00
Proceed of Sale	8000.00

Nov. 26, 1855. Amt to folio 444

8612.59 + 12,274.26. no credit

Acct. Settled on p. 444, July 13, 1857.

Credit - Jan. 10, 1856. Cash. 100, Co. order 100 200

July 9, 1857 acct. agt Hunter claim 3015.35

Shannon loan 26,50.00

Acct. rendered. 960.00

Sever. debts, Nelson 1853, 00

Spencer McFarlane 1600 00

Acct. acct. 754.00

Cash 2000 —.

- 207 Joseph Q. Wheelock Oct. 8, 1850 to Apr. 30, 1851
 Captain 6 yrs, Sardinia 4. Thermometer 110
 Workman, 160, 2.00, 25^c Sun, Temperature Mar, 18, or, 8^c
 Adv. 26, Or, 250
 Adv. 26, Credited by salary 1600 as agreed \$151, 25
 W bal. acct. 25^c to P. Kelly Redepen.
- 208 Sient Buckum. fs. 300 50 S. B. Buckum
 220 Ball Alley 23 S. 1850
 241 Col. Francis Lee. fs. 27 Aug. 1817 & 256 - May 20/57
 252 Mgr Alexander. fs. 23 S. 57.
 271 And Godfrey Co. St. Anthony Sundry, 2 Aug 52
 289 Usher Sions Culbert Wade Jun 21, 1853
 319 Brothman Sherman (J.W.) fs. 310 53.
 335 C.W. Boruh & C. Oaks. Sundry, 9 Mar. 54
 359 St Anthony Sundry Sundry, 1 Aug 54
 364 Custer Northrup. 28 S. 54, from P.L. 6554, 20 to 11, 50.
 Oct. 20 or, H.O. drpt, \$220. Mules, clean \$6000, —
 365 Rev. G. H. Puro, fs. 28 S. 54 from P.L. to 400.
 368 Sls Pellyton Nuth, 28 S. 54 from P.L. to 219.
 369 Woodstock S. A. and fs. Sundry Mar. 11, 50, not stated
 374 Saml Jnr. Friendly Nuth fs. 10. 54 from Sundry 403
 427 Captain Bee, fs. 190. 55 - liquors.
 429 Capt. C. D. Dalton fs 20 0. 55
 443 Maj F. Hunt 24 N. 55 - fs.
 444 Estate of S. J. Friendly - 7 N. 55 fs.

COW

468 Col. Canby - Cigars 31 May 1856 -

M.B. -

469. May. Wm. -

July 25 - 1857 Clearcut 1/4 various. Wm. Wm. act -
sum 8400 -

474, B. H. Kendra acts giving demand note
for balance \$1262.81 - June 1. 1859 -

1. Seem to the P.L. 262 to
Notes on F. Steels Daybook Ledger, 1850 Jan 30 - Sep. 4/52
Qu. ? Petty Ledger - Rubs back to O.P. Ledger
and forward to N. Book -

Filed

- 1 - Rev. W. N. Adams, furthest.
- Rev. Mr. Curtis next "
- 4, Paris Bottoms bndg \$704.⁵⁰ debt from O.P.L. 170
5. Allen Bailey b -
Rev. Mr. Rawson - \$6.00 - p. 88. Lumber Cash \$179.00
- 10 Henry Sullivan (Sic) b
- 24, Brunson, George & Jo. Campbell
- 27 Hale - in - the day Dr. to amt from O. Book, \$466.¹⁹ 00
- 32 Caleb Dorr - to N. do.
- 35 Allen Frankland
- 36, Fredrick Frankland b.
- 37 Geo. Frankland
- 45 And Godfrey - p 214, 353
- 46 Hon. D. M. Gordon Jun 30/50
- " Alex. Graham. ? seem as he of '57
- 55, Norman W. Vetterlin
- " Major Koels
- 60 C. P. V. Sudd. 1850 not settled
- 65 W. G. Leone shingles 3 1/2 m c \$3²⁵ \$11.37
- 68 Martin Neeloo. b.
- 70 Isaac Sabistoniere b -
- 71 Maj. Murphy.
- 74, Capt. J. R. Rallis.

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19. Wm. H. Newhall. 30 Jan 1850 - Carried to p 216.
 Jan 28/53. "To amt charged here for survey-
 ing Island, \$ 217.00 b. 216 - Settled. with charge
 upon note. 3
81. W. de S. Aubert 30 Jan 50
82. St. Paul Aubert Jan 30/50
83. Rev. Sam. W. Pond - Jr 30/50 fs - < O.P. L
- 84 Rev. G. H. Pond, " " " " "
85. Eli Pattison Jr. 30/50 < O.P. L
- 92 Rev. M. W. Newhall. \$ 10.00
- 94 J. H. Stevens. Jr 30/50 < O.P. L. \$ 360.⁷⁵ fs.
992. 17. Car^d. to Big Journal. Nov. 20/50
96. Wm. Halliburton
- 99 John Faller - fs.
- 100 Calvin Tuttle
- 101 Star Titus
- 104, M. L. Wilkinson. \$ 99.⁸⁹
- " Orange Wacker-
- 107 Sento Campbell
- 108 Red Lake Mission 5 Jan 50. Paper & Writing 1.20 Wm
New
- " Cass Lake Mission " " " " " 1.88
- " Steam Nominee
- 110 Louis Roberts.
111. Wm. H. Newhall 18 Jan 50. for your \$ 5.⁰⁰
- 112 Parker on a lark of dogs rabbits & Squirrels - 67 dogs
 213, 848 feet - In handwriting of Squire, Joseph H. Brown
 Surveyor - St. Paul Oct. 17. 1850

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115. S. J. Furlley. - p. 41-
116. W. W. Williams. - p. 42 - paid.
135. Louis de Meane. - Mds - 107.57
136. St. Anthony Ferry
138. J. W. North. 14/ Feb. 57.
143. Duncan Kennedy - Nov. 57
157. M. E. Quinn - Jan 17
156. J. E. Colman. Oct 1/57 - Feb. 19/57
 Pers. supplies - gradually increased - acct. can't be
 bal'd 170. & 105.45 capital, eq'n, sundries 2
 acct not balanced on p. 170-
172. R. R. Nelson - 1852. Cash in N York, 100. on boat, 208
182. Jack Frazier 8 Jan 52 + Mds + 231
194. Mac. Quinn - 1957. Michael Quinn
196. K. McKenzie Nov. 1852 Mds - A. Balch Chamberlain
 Dec. 3, 52 + Mds =
201. M. Myrick Nov. 13/50 - Mds +
202. Albert E. Quinn. Nov. 22/52 from 1st to
208. Edmund Rice Dec 18/52 + Jan 53
210. Dr. J. H. Murphy - 1850 =
221. Dr. J. R. Potts. 1853 - 5p. 463
225. Wm. L. Quinn - Jan 12/53 + fs
228. Rev. J. S. Chamberlain. 1853 - Jan 31, bal. in lat 50.
 St. Anthony. \$75.00 S.M. 16, 2 bills Chamberlain \$10.00

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- 228 Joseph Ralitto 1851 - Misc
229. Thomas Les Blanc (Ant Provenc call) die Misc
- 230 Rev. Mr. S. R. Riggs - not settled
- 231 Joseph D. Frazin - 1853 + Misc Hs - cannot be.
- 271, 320, 377 - Ant cannot be 377. 6 M. North,
 70.62 - \$10.605.00 \$ 9482.86.
 acct. from bank by 231, + 182.
 on 182. Frazin has credit.
 Dec. 15, 1852 By Cash from Middewaters \$ 2045.85
 " " from Webster Warner 1857.00
- Frazin paid in smaller sums at different times. & that
 on July 15, 1854, his credit = \$ 9482.86 - He evidently
 kept the cashy Dec. 15, 1852 in Peter's hands &
 traced - no credit for interest?
2445. Little Six (Sioux Club) 1853 - P. S. Paid cash
 \$60, paid \$86.35 by presents to be - Dec. 5
258. New York Outfit / B, B. H. Remond & Co. May 10/53 -
Misc. Oct. 5/53. Charge by \$120.20 for P. G. Grub & Shoes.
275. Isaac Atwater 53-4, fund. \$326.78
276. Amos Van Sitten, '54. Min bill \$130
277. Rev. H. H. H. H. H. H. 53-4. Fund \$500
 Money by \$10.00 + \$30.00
- 292 Warren Woodbury Jul 1875 + Fis -
- 292 Ford Wood Nephew. Sum + Aug. 17/54

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- 294, Judge Chalford - Sub. 30/53 \$12.332
- 295, Little Cow Village claim. Jul. 7/54.
 To paid Kulevka cash. 100.
 " " 600gs $\frac{200}{300}$ - to U.B. - 127
- 299 William Munch, (Munk) a many paper -
- 308 Globe Courneyer - 6/10
- 313, Louis Grand Maine. club to value. '53 \$8
- 325 John Jaffer - Jan. 30. 1854 has credit for
 Salary 2 yrs + 4 mos. \$849.33
- 329 Secty Roster. 15-5-4. Champagne Mandy -
 Fun cash. \$9.00. Champagne 1800 Borker
- 368, Mineebah claim Mar. 16/54 - Jun 1/54
 Wood, Kulevka. 8121 18121, an acc charged
 \$259.75 on June 1. plus (no) 710.00 -
 \$446.00 additional charged to Roster. In acct,
 with 1450.70 Roster acct and balance to
 with \$300 paid Kulevka.
 Total \$4745.86 - 4755.85 to U.B. b. 57
- 390 - Anna Kulevka - 5-21 Sep. 21 - known Roster
 \$6584.20, less \$11.90 =

The O.P. Ledger refers to no found -
 above note as in the P.L.

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Sent by - 7. Steel's business card, Jan 7/10

* Ledger - 1847 - 1857 Daybook ledger T. N. Book

1 Daybook 1856-8 = Morten.

Daybook 1856 - On, Penny ledger

Cashbook - 1853 - 1856

2 Morten 1854-5

3 Morten 1849-50

4 Daybook 1855 (Jun 11 - Oct. 26.)

5 Morten. Mar 11, 1856 - Sept. 19, 1858

Scrap (8x) acct. - Semi-quantos 1856-1858 (now)

Insurance book. 1853-1855

6 Morten 1852 (Jan 1) - 1852 (Nov 2)

7 Morten 1854 (Feb. 26) - 1854 Sept. 8,

8 Morten 1855 (Oct 23) - 1856 (Mar 6.)

Journal 1859, July 1 - Jan 1, 1860 (Reynolds -

* Daybook - ledger 1850 - 1854 - Rebus to O. P. Ledger
and to N. Book.

2 Cashbook - Jan 19/56 - Apr 20/57

9 Daybook - July 1/59 - Dec 17/62

10 Daybook - May 1/57 to 26 Oct 57 - out of course

11 Morten Mar 15/56 - Oct. 23/57

3 Cashbk, Aug 9/54 - Oct 10/61

12 Morten. Aug 13/53 - Oct. 29/53

13 Morten - Nov. 18/56 - Jan. 7/57

14 Morten - Dec. 17/50 - Jan 1/52

15 Morten - Nov 2/52 - Aug 24/53

16 Daybook Oct 14/61 - Aug 1/62, from March 1878

Sculp book - 10 pp. v. entire, 29 - 290 entire $\pm$

Numbers, Campbell's Index the last 100 numbers

Daily Journal Index Bureau Index Moraine

- 17 Day Book. St. A. Fuller - Mar. 17/52 - Apr. 10/53
 Cash Book - July 27/40 to June 7/53 -
 Blank checks Books + Oakes - Penn. paper - 66 long -
 Ledger - Mar. 25/59 - Oct. 1/61 - ? Henry Reynolds book -
 Keeler - only 50/ 799 pk. used - Modern Bookkeeping
 Journal - Mar. 25/59 - Sept. 1/59 - 67 pk. used -
 Henry Reynolds Book-Keeler -
 Sent two entries on p. 67 -
 Expense to H. Reynolds - 2 yrs service Mar 1/59 - Mar 1/61
 \$2000 -
 H. Reynolds to F. M. M. for am. paid on acct.
 \$75.00 - 1 Muggs, \$75.00 -

- 18 Platte. Valen H. Bennett Co, Platte, May 1/57 - Aug. 30/57

The ledgers marked * are the only ones
 of historical value - Mem. ask Col. M. to
 put them in the Hist. Lib. -

Nov Aug 1917 - N. L. L.

St. A. Water Power Co. Charter Feb. 26, 1856

Stock, \$640,000

Stock \$240,000

Devs. to 160,000

General to 80,000

240,000

Sambo 80,000

Clute 40.

Premi 40.

Paid up, 1856, in 632,200 \$.

77 saws, 70 million bush a year.

Paid, at, Fracs. 10,000

Clute's Return \$1.16

Jan 29, 1861. Clute proposes to annex Canada
after South leaves 1st Capital at Snelling.
after new republic

R. Clute's house built 1860 - p 40 -

1864, Pond filling up with Silt.

Wells to Rich Aug 18 1860 - Falls off 50% -
People quit going over to St. A. People hate
the Union Company - carries them over - Offers
to w. at 50¢ in any thing.

But see p. 52 Statement of Wells as Sec, 1st, B, Co.

Sept. 1862 Order for discount of 75% on laps on
 Nicotian Reduced Island - $\frac{1343}{4} = 336 \frac{3}{4}$, payable
 1/4 cash, 3/4 in Coupons & plain scrip - p. 18

Memorandum of Chapters Headings.

1. French Explorations.
2. French Occupations.
3. British Domination.
4. Trans-Mississippi acquired, Native Tribes.
5. Pike's Expedition: Cass, Keating, Beltrami, Schoolcraft.
6. The White Man arrives.
7. Indian Missions.
8. First Settlements.
9. The Territory.
10. The Suland Acquired.
11. Peopling of the Territory.
12. Chippeway and other cessions.
13. Territorial Railroad Miscarriages.
14. Sale of Fort Snelling.
15. Preparation for Statehood.
16. Admission and Organization.
17. Five Million Loan.
18. The State launched; Plunge into War.
19. The Sioux Outbreak.
20. Sibley's Campaign, 1862.
21. Abercrombie and Chippeway Alarms.
22. Punishment of the Sioux.
23. Causes of the Sioux War.
24. Sequel to the Sioux war.
25. Last years of the Civil War.

C. Folwell

French explorations notes

Later explorations notes

Sale of Fort Snelling

Bunch of "articles."

&c.

M.H.S

Franklin Steele manuscripts found in this folder on
December 28, 1959, were removed and filed with the Steele
Papers. They were filed in the Steele Papers on December 29,
1959.

BOND
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July 14 1857 Hancock substituted Welles . June 181862, Capt. K. gave Wells
a separate power.

Jan 20 1858 Steele deeds to Wells und. 1/4 all Mnpls land not sold.
Consideration \$15.000.

Oct. 5, 1869, Steele sells Welles Block 20 for \$25.000. all not sold.

[Steele's claim]

Memorandum, re Steele and Stevens.... 14/1/14, from printed abstract of title, furnished by Minn. Title Insurance & Abstract Co. through Mr. E.C. Gale.

1855, Apr. 28, Stevens entered about 86 acres.

Apr. 30, Stevens gives warranty deed to Steele. Consid. \$16,000.

1856, Feb. 16, Patent to Stevens. Filed Mar. 8/56. and again 8/4/82.

Mar. 8, Quitclaim, Stevens to Steele.

1879, Sept. 30, Another Q.C. to same land, Stevens to Steele.

Stevens deeded his entry claim to Steele two days after made; and quitclaimed his patent on the day it was filed, and twenty days after its date.

This leaves open the relations of the two men between Apr. 1850 and the conveyance to Steele. Query? to which one was the government permit to occupy land in consideration of maintaining the ferry issued? If to Steele then Stevens was a mere employee; if to Stevens then the latter had an inchoate title, or claim. Probably the permit issued to Stevens, since the entry was made by him and the patent issued to him. If so Stevens posed as a proprietor of his "ferry farm."

Query? Did Stevens ever own the house he built on High St.?

Steele's plat of Minneapolis, was dated August 4, 1855.

On Mar. 13, 1856 Steele gave H.T. Welles a power of attorney to sell the land patented by Stevens and the Bickford lot (2 Sec. 22. 5. 29. 4. 24.) Same power renewed March 3, 1857, and March 13, 1857. ? W H Y.

July 11 1857 Steele deeded 1/4 to Capt. Kirkham. H.B. Hancock held a power of attorney from Kirkham dated June 21 1856.