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My Sir: ^{In answer to your query regarding State Seal} As near as I can remember
~~your question in regard to the State~~
~~Seal~~; the time was during a legislative
session, either the last Territorial or
first State Legislature - a committee
or rather a member of it came to
^{& requested me} me, to draw designs for a new State
Seal - I made two ~~or three~~ original
^{& submitted them to the committee} designs, and was told that the
Committee accepted one of them &
gave me a vote of thanks for it -
^{It was in my mind to be adopted by the legislature}
The old Territorial Seal with its
questionable Latin "quod securum vult
videre" had never been reversed in
the die, consequently the Indian in
the stamped Seal was always going
the wrong way towards the rising sun

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as it was his idea originally

an Genl Sibleys suggestion, ~~the old~~
~~Seal~~ ^{it} was ~~properly design~~ ^{properly design} and the latin
motto ~~substituted~~ ^{omitted} substituting the present
L'etoile du Nord - in this form almost
as at present, out of deference to
Genl Sibley expressed liking for the
old Seal the Committees work was
held in abeyance and the impend
Territorial Seal has been continued
without any definite or formal authority
other than usage and recognition
by the Courts which I presume ^{would} ~~make~~
it legal - even if the Territorial Seal had
been abolished and its authenticity questioned.
The Seal itself I think was cut by one
a Mr Bradett engraver & die sinker
whose workshop was 4th & Washburn
2nd story front over Thompson Pitchers hat store.

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I knew him very well and was
often in his shop - I think he worked
there several years in that time
making a great many copies of
the State Seal upon the smaller dies
used for Notaries.
~~Notarial Seal-dies~~ which I think were
first gotten up by him in this State.
I have a copy of a document acknowledged
before J. C. Humphrey as Clerk of District Court of
Ramsey Co. ¹⁸⁵² whose Seal was a 50 ct piece.
I paid for the acknowledgment which he
pressed into the paper & explaining as he
did so was the only Seal he had!



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