

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., April 6, 1883

Rt Revd H. B. Whipple

Bishop of Minnesota. Fairbanks.
My dear Sir.

I am sure I value
Your good opinion, and will
only be too happy when I
can manifest by substantive
acts my appreciation of your
partiality.

The trip I have counted on
for next summer is now
deferred for next year, and
postponed to this by reason

of the Session of Congress continuing so far into the Summer of 1882. that time enough did not remain between that date and the first Monday of October when the Supreme Court meets in Washington - Chief Justice Waite and Mr Justice Gray will be along, and they must be back early in October. I cannot start until after the West Point Graduation Day June 20 - and for that day till October we will be on the trip. I am almost certain

that we will not have a
day to spare at St Paul
on Feb Sunday, for I want
to be at Worcester by July 1 -
From the letters of inquiring
already received, I see that we
will have to run a franchise
of about ten thousand miles,
and a compensation with our
invitation in the will take
about ten years of time,
whereas we are only allowed
ten weeks, I fear therefore
that it will be impossible
for us to undertake any thing
like a promise to come

to Fairbanks. If we promised
the Chumchees, and then we will be
compelled to break the promise -
and to devote the last ten
years of our lives in 'catching' up -
what I shall undertake to do, will
be to see the Natural beauties of
the Country before man has
levelled the forests and despoiled
the water courses.

With profound respects

Your friend,

W. L. Channing

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Geo. W. L. Channing.



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