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New St. Peter, 1 Feb. 1841

Col. S. C. Hamblough }
Washington City }

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 24th ult. last past, was not received by me until the 25 ult. otherwise it would have received immediate attention. Mr. Fairbault who is now here desires me to say that he would have sent the instrument you requested, with the signatures of the Indians, ratifying their previous grant of the island, had not the principal men been absent from this place at the Red Cedar, whither it was out of the question to attempt to follow them. Mr. F. hopes that you will not have found it indispensable to your success, to have had the Confirmation of the grant forthcoming. It was unfortunate that Mr. F. was not apprised earlier of the necessity of having the consent of the Indians again declared, as there would have been no difficulty in obtaining their signatures before their departure.

In regard to allowing you a farther remuneration in case of an appropriation being made for the purchase of the island, Mr. Fairbault wishes me to state frankly to you, that he cannot consent to ~~you~~ allow you more, than (\$4,500 say) Four thousand five hundred dollars, (out of the \$12,000. for which he has authorized the said island to be sold), and which his Attorney, Ramsay Crooks Esq., has been authorized to pay you upon the receipt of the \$12,000. aforesaid.

Mr. Fairbault desires me to present you his best respects.

Very respectfully Yrs
H. W. Haley

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Col. J. C. Stambaugh

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