

Bismarck, North Dakota

March 8, 1878

Hill to Hon. H. B. Strait

Re claim near Bismarck. By the time this letter reaches you I think the finding of the local land office will be in the Department.

"There is no doubt but the local office will find against [Jno.J.] Jackman and so far as possible in favor of McKinney and Reader. Mess Curtis and Earle of Washington will make a further argument in favor of the homesteads in the Department and as Mr. Curtis was formerly chief clerk Gen. Land Office I think he should understand the situation well. Jackman offered no evidence outside his own & he swore directly against the facts as stated by Mr. Robbins & myself with the vouchers and letters."The

Black Hills and Upper Missouri trade is growing so fast as to make the business at Bismarck quite heavy & I am sure the future of that locality is very promising.

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