

Bismarck, North Dakota

March 15, 1876

Hill to "Dear General [Sanborn]"

Taylor wrote me that you have asked him to make an argument in the Bismarck case and I wrote him hoping he would do as you requested. In the argument you make in the Hackett and Proctor case: wont it be a big Point to do everything possible to show Sweets attempts to preempt and after failing in that at Pembina [?] for the reason that his witnesses would not stand and swear for him, he must stand in reality at the bottom of the Townsite. Looking the whole case over you see the Townsite party have no other witnesses or attorneys than Sweet Canfield &c. We have no doubt but anything you prefer to show the disposition of the PS & LS [Sweet] Co. to gobble the

thing by either Townsit or preemption, or any other way, will be considered. Jackman has just arrived and Proctor leaves for home tomorrow. In regard to the Plummer 80 north of the Harrison[?] 80 you will remember that we want to beat him also as ~~that~~ old friend Peter is anxious to have that done as you will probably remember some Soldiers filed addition Homesteads upon it."

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