

De Graff, Andrew

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Hill to Kennedy & Co., New York

We finally got the De Graff law repealed & the land grant put in such shape that we get it all when the road is completed to Fergus Falls "It was very late before we felt able to say that we represented ourselves & not the Dutchmen & consequently we had to make our fight a bitter one. The whole pack "Tray Blanche and Sweetheart" De Graff Crooks Becker and all excepting old Delano fought hard and had letters & cables from Holland fresh every day or so saying that we had bought no bonds, that our negotiations had fallen thro', &c and someone from Holland cabled Governor Pillsbury ~~upon~~ to

say that we had not closed any bargain for the bonds. I speak of [redacted] to show you that great reliance was placed by De Graff & Co. upon the old feeling against the Dutchmen." Discusses the legislation and terms of the agreement in further detail. "Becker is very angry." I telegraphed you re "Visitor" [J.Carp] I think that whole party are exceedingly selfish to draw it mildly."

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