

Farrer, Gaspard

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Hill to Farrer

Re F's letter "of July 19, in regard to the 3rd co. proposition." Views of Gt. Nor's charter power by "the most eminent outside lawyer in our State, Senator C.K. Davis (who has been a member of the Legislature, gov. of the State, & U.S. Senator, where he is considered the leading lawyer in the Senate Comm. on Judicial Affairs) & with E.P. Sanborn, bro. of Judge Sanborn, who is considered equally as strong a lawyer as his bro. They do not hesitate to say that our Charter has abundant power and that it is safer to act under it than under any third Company .... organized in some Eastern State. This whole trouble has grown out of Mr. Adams' publication

questioning our power... I fear he has been influenced by his Col. Cromwell, who has a very fat salary for himself from the Nor.Pac. as its Gen. Counsel.... he was the adviser in Mr. Adams first plan for the consolidation wiping out both Companies... Our counsel ... are all agreed that the charter rights are not reduced or limited by the legislative acts of '74 and '81. We are so confident we are right that we have offered to have the matter decided in the United States Court here, before the Judge who has general jurisdiction over both properties. This would cut off all discussion, and settle the question permanently, & I believe this course will be adopted." We are now in midst of the most bountiful harvest we have ever had.