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N. G. Ordway to Hill
Governorship settled by President, "as you and I were sure it would be, and I think that if it had been settled in the other direction it would have been a great mistake to the Administration and to our friends in the Territory; although Aleck thought it wise to hedge, as he is apt to do when two difficult points are before him ... so your lines from Dakota should all be pointed to St. Paul instead of encouraging those who are seeking to send the Dakota business to Chicago...," understand that Mar-

atta does not find the Dakota Marshalship as lucrative as he expect and has decided to resign. I know of but one man in Dakota who can make the Marshalship pay, and that is Alexander McKenzie. I am aware that after having been a Democrat all his life and having been elected as Democratic sheriff for Burleigh County for twelve years, he thought it was necessary to protect his holdings around the Capitol at Bismarck to attend a Republican Convention at Sioux Falls two years ago and beat John B. Raymond for Delegate to Congress, yet I think that you and the influential gentlemen around you could make Aleck Marshal ... remembering that he was a mighty good friend of yours... especially as you might take some interest in having the officers in Dakota good