

Thomas Hopkins Webb to Martin Franklin Conway

Thomas H. Webb, secretary of the New England Emigrant Aid Company, wrote from Boston, Massachusetts to Martin F. Conway, general agent for the New England Emigrant Aid Company in Kansas Territory. Webb expressed disappointment about the manner in which a territorial claims committee viewed New England Emigrant Aid Company claims for damages. He also stated his concern about seeing the Company listed as a delinquent taxpayer in the Lawrence Republican newspaper.

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N. E. Sm. Aid Co.
N^o 3 Winter St.
Boston Aug. 17, 1859.

Dear Sir,

Your N^o 84 inclosing financial statement for July came safe to hand, as also your N^o 85 addressed to the Treasurer.

I regret very much the course taken by the Convention in regard to our Co.'s claim, it is a very poor return for the many benefits, directly & indirectly, rendered by the Co. in the Territorial day of small things, for which much gratitude was expressed, that now very evidently proceeded merely from the mouth, outward. This conduct offers very little encouragement to friends this way to keep up a continuance of their favors.

My individual opinion has always been that we must look to Congress for our remedy. — Still, ~~as~~ we simply asked for an expression of opinion, which would have cost nothing pecuniarily, and yet would have, in a marked manner, shown the good will of the presumed representatives of those who have so largely profited by our labors, it is greatly to be regretted that they did not avail of the opportunity. — They must not complain, if the disadvantage resulting from the proceeding should injure the participants, and backers of the unjust legislation, rather than us.

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I perceive in the Lawrence Republican of Aug. 4th. a three and a half columns advertisement of the County Treasurer, headed "Tax Sale"; and this is the reason of my writing at present. In the fourth column of said advertisement you will find named the "Shew-England C. & Co." as a delinquent tax owner, and against the name certain lots are specified which are to be sold for Taxes in Sept. next. How is this? What means this proceeding? We supposed all the Taxes had been paid and that we should receive no further annoyance, nor be obliged to watch our property in this regard, at least for a year. Again under the head of "Unknown Owners", we find the following lots belonging to this Co.; viz. on New Jersey St. Nos. 100, 140 & 168. on N. 3rd St. No. 149 - on N. 4th St. No. 75. All of the latter are duly specified in our Tax Receipt. Of the former, No. 47 Penn. St. was sold to M. Hartman, who, I suppose is the present owner. According to one of our Lists and marked Plat, No. 332 Indiana St. is ours, respecting this, and the other lots, (excepting No. 175 Ky. St. which we know to be ours), please examine the Register at Ladd's Office, and pay the tax on all that are clearly ours, and not included in the Tax bill settled.

There are several business matters about which I shall write, immediately after the next Ex. Com. meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas H. Webb
Sec. N.E. Em. Aid. Co.

M. F. Conway Esq.
gent. Mgt. ac.
Lawrence K. S.

P.S. Under the "Unknown Owners" head, I find my second best lot; viz. No. 15 N. 4th St. on which the Tax has been paid as my receipt shows. Your letter I value to me, with Land Certificates, came safe to hand.