

Albert C. Morton to Hiram Hill

Albert Morton wrote from Quindaro, Kansas Territory, to Hiram Hill in Massachusetts. Morton discussed the allegations of fraudulent investment activities on the part of Samuel N. Simpson, and told Hill that Alfred Gray, an area attorney and future Secretary of the Wyandotte Board of Trade, had lost five acres of land due to Simpson's deceptive practices. Morton updated Hill on Quindaro's development, stating that the prospects were good due to the railroad's anticipated presence in town. He added that he still had not received that package containing \$700 from Hill.

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Mr Hill

Sir one week has pass since I wrote you last. I according to my promise in that, as I have made inquiries from several individuals in regard to those out side lands. I inquired of Alfred Gray he being one of the Justices that lost of Simpson. he told me that Simpson did not do with him as he agreed to & gave him out of one thousand Dollars, Mr Gray says that he lost Five Acres exclusive from the Streets but did not get it. the general opinion here is that Simpson has planted a pretty fine game among the people here in regard to those out side lands. I have made inquiries of Mr Guthrie about it he does not know any thing about it & is greatly aposed to Mr Simpson & is seeking & talks very hard against him. he thought

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if you could see him or write to him
while at Boston & settle up with him
it would be the best thing you could do.
For there is no one that knows any thing
about it here for I have ask all that have
an interest in these lands, these lands
have become very high. so much so as to
ask \$500 hundred per Acre. Mr Alfred
Gray has constructed to have a nice res-
idence put up on one of his lots there.
Mr Hill the prospects are very good about
the Railroad here. Mr Robinson & Mr
Johnson & Thompson & Office return here
this evening from Plattsburg & say
that we will have the Road in spite
of the rest, Mr Johnson is building him
a nice stone residence on B. Street Mr
Kell also. & there is some Gentlemen
from Denver that have built within
two weeks & are building a stone
house just above our store, in regard
to property here it is just at present
rather dull all over the country. But

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things are working nicely now. The Park Building is progressing rapidly. The Mill. Co. have got the pieces from I ever said I have got almost ready to send again intent to start Thursday.

Mr Hill I have not received that package of 400 hundred Dollars yet but I expect it Tuesday or Wednesday if nothing happens for I sent for it about one week ago & as to the back part of this week, had the package been directed directly to me I should of received it before, it ought to have been directed to Sumit Lewis & Co. Boston & I am sure by Richardson Express Co. & I should of received it without any trouble. I have managed the best way to get along & get along very well so far. I commenced plastering this week it will cost about three hundred Dollars & plaster it all over, besides the chimneys & about 5000 for two chimneys, making in all

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about 350 Dollars for Morton & Co. (Lumber)
the chimneys. I ask Mr. Guthrie about
the payment whether he would insist
on it before they paid when it comes
due. he says I need not worry any
about that pay it when I
can conveniently. They have taken
all the boards off from the fence
I sent them an answer & said I
say they will have the goods & write
off. Mr. Hill any thing I can do
in regard with those Lumber affairs
I will do with pleasure.

Mr. Hill I received a letter last week
from G. P. Morton & he is in Algeron
Michigan Algeron County. I wrote
him a letter & told him to pay it write
off. Just write me when you receive
this whether you receive it or not.

I am well & hope these will find
you the same or growing

A. C. Morton