

Albert C. Morton to Hiram Hill

Albert Morton wrote from Quindaro, Kansas Territory, to Hiram Hill in Massachusetts, providing for him some conclusions regarding Samuel N. Simpson's fraudulent business practices. Morton reported that, from information provided by Simpson's brother, Samuel N. Simpson had taken \$40-50,000 from the Quindaro Town Company, and deeded the land of others. He had also given Hill an unauthorized bond, which was not valid. Abelard Guthrie, however, according to Morton, had offered to give Hill title to some land, in order to minimize financial losses brought on by Simpson's actions.

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Mr Hill

Sir After being absent some ten days
I have just return home from Council Bluffs
& have received the package you Express me the
first of June. which I received of the agent of saint
paul. (C. G. Lear, Iowa Agent of Parkers Express Co
Council Bluffs) I on my return here received
two letters from you & two from you, advising
(that about the Expence have been in regard to that
money matter, my fare up & back was 30 Dollars
besides my time, & the Express Charges were 8, 50.
but I think when those I should it of collected
charges or left it in other hands for collection.
I thought I should rather come back & by your request
with you the Expensis & you can act as you please.
it is certain that some one is responsible for the d-
amage & hope you will be able to collect pay-
ment of some one. C. G. Lear says that he had
in write & sent it to me. for he was responsible
for it after he had received it. for he had sent me
a receipt by mail. for said package. which I rec-
ived six weeks ago. but I not got it after it. I
do not know as I should of gotten it at all.
Mr Hill after waiting so long I have received it & it relieves
my mind very much in regard to money matters.

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Afternoon
 Mr Hill I have just return from Mr
 Guthries. Let him have Four thousand Dollars
 towards my half & I think he will wait until
 I can get the rest I have paid you every thing else
 excepting about \$125 towards the building the plastering
 & chimnies which I am to pay in work. & by the time
 I get through the building I hope I shall be able
 to pay the rest. (it is to be a brick house on three
 and a half acres) Hill Sir I had a few words
 with Mr Guthrie in regard to the grange he says
 that he will have that attached to & says he will
 take the property back or whatever the damage
 is he will pay. He seems to be sure about it
 & will do what is right. There was a contract let
 here yesterday for a building nearly opposite of
 yours which is to be stone with cut stone
 fronts. (he is a new corner) we had quite a flock
 arrived there last night some twenty persons got
 off from the boat. I don't of them one person
 that are building here & some are going to build
 the prospects are good & there is no doubt but
 what this will prove to be a good investment
 although things have been very quiet there for
 some few weeks since. But now are making
 up a little. in regard to the other building
 & improvements here I write in my letter. I hope
 this will find you well & would like to hear
 when you expect to come out here. I am
 well & in good health.

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Mr. Hill

Requint to your interest in there and
site lands & other things. I wrote at the Guthrie
I took the opportunity to require into the matter
& sent that part of the letter to him that I write
receive what information I could so as to sit
you an abstract of the whole.

Mr. Simpson left here & his brother after he
arrived where the first time (in about two weeks)
his brother took his wife. & Mr. Guthrie ^{with} him
he will never come back again here.

Mr. Guthrie ^{has} he has committed fraud upon
you & I ~~and~~ ^{and} the company out of Fortiger
Eighty Thousand Dollars & if any one deserves
the penitence it is S. N. Simpson. In life.
& the property that S. N. Simpson has sold
to individuals and it is not his he never paid a cent
for it. But does he have an interest. I wish he paid
for it. He has Decided to take property which did
not belong to him & has taken the company's money
& sent it off there are marks from the lips
of Mr. Guthrie & I have written his language
as near as I could recollect. But have not
written it half as strong as I received it it
is suspicious enough to show what S. N. Simpson
is & how he stands in Kansas there has
a great many things been out since he
left he stayed here as long as he thought it
would do & was obliged to leave.

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across the prairie
 Mrs Hill the Board you built against
 S. M. Simpson Mr Guthrie says that
 absolutely the Governor & himself will not
 you have that S. M. Simpson ever owned
 it & never had any business to give a Board
 for it but neither connected with the Board
 business they will neither be responsible
 for. Mr Guthrie says that the Board
 you had of Long session just as they
 did when you was here. he is ready to give
 you a title any time you wish.
 Mr Guthrie says that you had some paper
 near him which he wanted & took off some
 suits. whether this is the Long Board is not.
 I cannot say you know better than I do
 he told me of another piece you took of
 him whether this was the Long Board that
 he took the suits off or the other, you know
 but I will say that he says he will sell
 the Board for you (I take it he granted it is
 the Board near by him) if you wish he
 thinks he can sell it for Sixty per acre
 as the suits he took he will pay you for. he
 must do before you want him. this is how
 the matter stands & Mr Guthrie is willing to
 deal for & just & will do what is right
 I have these from this trip, but he would
 advise you to see S. M. Simpson & have him
 just as take to land as fast as possible.
 please write as soon as you get this and let me know