

James Stanley Emery correspondence

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These letters are the incoming correspondence from the James Stanley Emery collection. James was born in Franklin County, Maine in 1826. Educated at Waterville College, he was admitted to the bar in New York in 1854. He was involved with the New England Emigrant Aid Company, coming to Kansas with the second party of immigrants, to ensure that Kansas became an anti-slavery state when it entered the Union. Through the following years, he worked in numerous states for the cause. Emery was a member of the Leavenworth constitutional convention and served on the Kansas Legislature in 1862 and 1863. He was a lawyer and worked as a journalist for the New York Daily Times. President Abraham Lincoln appointed Emery U.S. District Attorney for Kansas in 1864. In 1891 he was president of the Kansas State Historical Society, and from 1892-1893 he was president of the Kansas Historical Foundation. Emery died in Lawrence in 1899.

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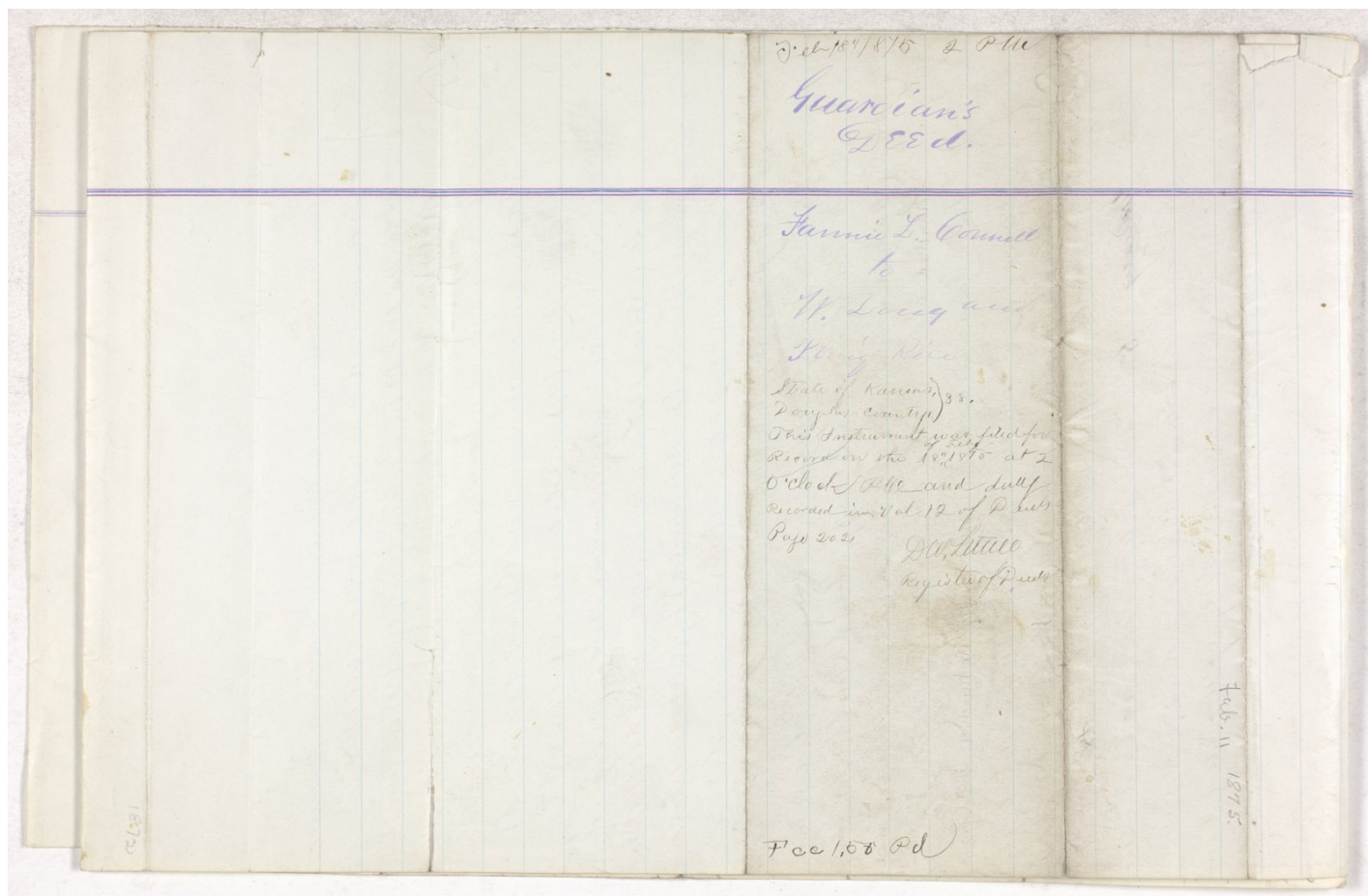
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East Cambridge Mar 16th 1870
Rev. Frank M. Ellis

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th just came to hand last evening, enclosing Johnson's letter to you. I thank you for Mr. Johnson's letter. I assure you it will make no ill feelings between Johnson and I, and I will make no use of it whatever. I am quite used to this kind of talk especially from Mr. Johnson. He carried this style of talk to such an extent recently that I was compelled to silence him by a threat of prosecution. He admits to you that I have told the truth. But says that if I pretend to build a better organ than he does that it is not true. Now I do claim to build as good an organ as Mr. Johnson in every respect. While in some respects I claim to excel him. an experience of twenty five years in this business has not been lost upon me. I have served a regular apprenticeship at the organ business and learned it in all its branches. Johnson has not. he picked up the trade by a few months experience in an organ factory he was by trade a Mason or bricklayer and has worked himself in by dint of copying from others. his own pretensions

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are now to say the least modest, and his letter to you at this stage of the matter is only an evidence of bad taste, and the bitter disappointment he feels in the matter.

I will say nothing in advance for my own organ preferring to let it speak for itself.

The fact of the whole matter is that the Congregationalists now realize that they have been a little too hasty. I have received a letter from their pastor Mr Cordley in which he admits that he had been in favor of giving me the contract and that he had postponed action and that the Committee afterwards waited several days for me but finding that I did not come they finally gave up all hopes of seeing me and voted for Johnson. Mr Cordley heard the best reports of my organs in every place where he inquired, and Stimpson, or Simpson the Bank Officer wrote to Mr Bullard the Cashier of the Cambridge Nat Bank here. Mr Bullard knew me well and my organs and gave as favorable a report as could be desired. Thus everything was in my favor and they waited for me. Had I appeared at the nick of time their order would have been sure but unfortunately I was late and some outside influence being brought to bear in favor of Johnson they decided in his favor. Mr Kimball was frank

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enough to admit substantially the same.

But now they are in for a Johnson organ they feel that must make the most of it and for fear that your people are going to get a better organ than they for less money they begin to throw mud at your organ in advance.

Now I have noticed that they who throw mud, generally befoul their own hands while they often fail to hit their mark.

Take no notice whatever of this. Treat it with silence and my word for it it will recoil upon their own heads.

I think the Congregationalists organ will have one or two stops more than yours. it has a trumpet I am pretty sure. This stop gives considerable power and effect when it is new and all in order but in a few months it becomes useless unless there is an organ builder at hand to keep it in order.

I wish there was a Trumpet in your Great organ as it gives character, body of tone and power, and would be a good thing at the outset. with this stop I could snap my fingers at Johnson and every Congregationalist in Lawrence he can well afford to put it in as he gets \$1000. more than I do. The trumpet is a large and expensive stop the cost of a good Trumpet C^{to} & 58 pipes is \$125. If your people will have one put in I will throw off \$25. and put in a splendid

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Trumpet for \$100. it is not now too late the great organ windchest is not yet completed if you conclude to have it a few words by telegraph would be necessary

I have received all the measurements and have worked accordingly and the organ will be on time.

I also wish I could bring my organist with me but it is so far and travelling expenses count up more than I can afford. he is a fine player and would be capable of conducting a concert of any style or magnitude.

Once more I assure you that I am ^{doing} now and shall continue to do my utmost to give you a superior instrument. I have just had some front pipes ornamented for my Syracuse organ by a new artist. the design is at once modest and elegant. I think it would look well in your case. but I do not urge it.

The only point I repeat I fear is in the Trumpet. the Congregationalists will beat us in power. but with a trumpet in my organ I should feel easier. although it is a reed stop and liable to get out of order. Still as my business is now tending westward I might frequently stop and keep it in order for you. I should know at once about it.

Yours Very Truly James S. Merrill



Department of the Interior,
Office of
INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 10 1870

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, by reference from the Secretary of the Interior, wherein you call attention to an appropriation made by Congress to pay you for your services as an attorney for defending suits instituted against United States Officers in Kansas, in the years 1865 & 1866, and requesting to be advised as to the process of reaching the money.

In reply I have to say, that the claim has been examined and allowed in this Office for \$1,000, and is this day referred to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, - payment to be made to you, at Lawrence, Kansas.



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Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
Wm F. Cady
Acting Commissioner

James S. Emery, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Lawrence,
Kansas.



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Missoula, Montana, July 14, 1899.

J. S. Emery,

Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Sir:--

We enclose you a copy of the formal forms of the Eighth Annual Session of the National Irrigation Congress, to be held in this city on the 25, 26, and 27 days of next September. Under the constitution you are entitled to appoint a delegate to this Congress.

There is no question concerning the entire country that is being more deeply discussed than those to be considered at the Irrigation Congress.

We hope that you will be fully represented.

Please advise us of any action that you may take.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Kellogg
Assistant Sec.

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS

WILL BE HELD AT

MISSOULA, MONTANA,

September 25, 26 and 27, 1899.

The eighth annual session of the National Irrigation Congress will be held in Missoula, Montana, on the above dates. The first meeting will be held Monday morning, September 25 and will continue through Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26 and 27.

The importance of the sessions of the Irrigation Congress cannot be overestimated. The vast area of arid and semi-arid lands in the United States have been the subject of much discussion during the past five years. Upon the reclamation of these lands depends in a great measure the prosperity of this nation. It is a subject that is engrossing the attention of statesmen, agriculturists, editors and engineers, and much has already been accomplished in this direction. It has been demonstrated that these arid lands may be transformed into fertile fields of marvelous productiveness by the utilization of the waters of the streams and by the reservoir storage of the storm waters, and the excessive flow from the mountains during the spring and early summer months, for use during the later months of drought. For the perfection of the plans already inaugurated and for the introduction of new measures, additional legislation is required.

This is not a local issue. It is a question that directly affects the people of every state, East and West, North and South. The growth of the population of the United States renders imperative the provision of new areas, where men can build homes for their families and gain from the earth a competency for themselves. The area embraced in what is denominated the "arid belt," if reclaimed by practical and systematic methods, will furnish homes for millions of people.

The newly awakened interest in the reclamation of these lands indicates that the whole nation is beginning to appreciate its importance. It signifies that the purposes for which the irrigation congress was organized are questions which concern the whole nation. The previous sessions of the congress have been attended by engineers, agriculturists, statesmen, scientists, editors and representatives of the several departments of the federal government and of the state governments. The meetings are open to all and the committee invites proposals of subjects and papers for discussion to be presented at the approaching meeting of the congress.

The valleys of Western Montana, of which Missoula is the center, offer a splendid object lesson in the results of scientific irrigation. Visitors will be shown the practical working of extensive irrigation systems. A visit will be made to the famous Bitter Root stock farm, where an excellent lesson in irrigation will be presented.

The delightful climate of Western Montana's autumn, the many points of interest near to Missoula, the proximity to the Yellowstone National Park and the famous mines of Butte will prove additional attractions for those who con-

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template attending the congress. The railroads offer special rates of transportation and the Missoula meeting will be full of interest.

Governors, mayors, irrigation associations, agricultural and horticultural societies, engineering associations, agricultural colleges and commercial bodies are requested to attend at once to the appointment of delegates who will attend and take part in the proceedings of the congress.

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The governor of each state and territory to name	7 delegates
The mayor of each city of less than 25,000 population.....	2 delegates
The mayor of each city of more than 25,000 population.....	4 delegates
Each agricultural college.....	2 delegates
Each organized irrigation, agricultural and horticultural society.....	2 delegates
Each society of engineers	2 delegates
Each irrigation company	2 delegates
Each board of trade and chamber of commerce.....	2 delegates

In addition to the foregoing the following persons are delegates by virtue of their respective offices :

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The governor of any State or territory.

Any member of the United States senate and house of representatives.

Member of any state or territorial irrigation commission.

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