

William A. Corbett by J.P. Wilson to the Corporate Authority of St. Augusta
St. Cloud, Minnesota
August 1, 1863

Sir,

Your note of the 31st come to hands yesterday. And although you refused to receive my filling; your letter to me acknowledge yes that you did receive the filling in as good to me as if the same was on file with you.

I am some [?], yes a good deal surprised by the statement in your letter that I never had an intent in the town of St. Augusta. I suppose that you never examined the Records and don't know what [they?] contain. I besides there are many things not upon the records that you don't know and then there is the law under which you act I see you don't know that. And should I find you doing an illegal act I shall have a mandam as sewed upon you immediately.

I don't know what you mean when you say that I had no intent. You appear to be very [?] to make a assertion nether the same be false or not where J.P. Wilson is concerned. You will see by the enclosed deed that you have not stated back that you have not told the truth. [It?] appears to me that you are carrying your [?] very far. When you have no intent in the Lots yourself and had very little in the the Town and that a [?].

But I understand you perfectly and cannot be deceived by you.

You know what is right to do. Now I want to see you show your manhood and act manly. Don't try do what you cant succeed in doing but act and do what you know in your heart to be right. [Don't?] for the sake of the few small, almost worthless town lots of [said?] Do a mean act and one that you will be ashamed of. I [counda?] that a [New?] Home and reputation is worth a great deal to [me?] in this world.

If you think anything of your own intent in this matter you will show your manhood –

I have never given you any trouble, but my right [must?] and shall be [maintained?] It may take [five?] years to do it, but as I place no value upon any of the property then and I expect to get nothing out of it the time will be of little consequence to me.

William A. Corbett
By J.P. Wilson attorney
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