

Jan 17, 1881

Some fine applicants have
been pressing their claims for
the whole time since I have
been here, it is decided
in favor of Mr. Tucker,
of Hancock Co.

The snow here is
two & half feet deep

Page makes a very
fair appearance, I
think he will do well

I have seen Ellie,
she is getting along well
in his studies

I send you a
copy of plan of the Seat
of War

Give my kind
regards to your family
and Friend Smith,

There is but one
opinion where ever I
go about the Ft. Hamilton

office, I presume
Friend Smith has wrote
to Pike, I think you
had better do the same
just put it down
strong!

Give my respects
to Friend Kergan and
all the friends

Yours truly
J. B. Pettie,

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Friend Richard

I have been here nearly three weeks getting nearly blind, and anticipating

I expect to leave to-morrow or next day, I shall go to Calais on my way home,

No human mind can fathom what is in the future, touching the fate of our union.

The weather for the past week has been up long side of our own throats,

Wheeler has been here, thinks his prospects the best, so does all other candidates.

There has been a warm contest for Wheeler