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Land Agent
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Tanbureu (M. range 2.)
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Hon. Mr. Norris
Land Agent

Sir, Permit me to call your attention to some of the wants of this vicinity. And first, we want a local agent for this township, (M. range two.) That you should appoint one as soon as possible is highly important to this community; it will promote the settlement of our township and hasten the construction of roads which is much wanted.

Much of this township was occupied, previously to the commencement of the present survey by Mr. Gardner, and from present appearances, every lot suitable for a farm will be occupied nearly, if not quite as soon as the survey is completed.

I very much regret that Mr. Gardner could not, compatibly with his instructions, have surveyed this township into lots not exceeding one hundred, or even eighty acres; eighty acres of good land being as much as any one man needs for a farm, and an eighty-acre lot would as eagerly sought for and as readily occupied as one of twice the quantity; and from present appearances, the demand for lots bids fair to exceed the supply.

Many of the settlers on this township are desirous of commencing the opening of roads - roads that are very much

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needed, and have applied to me to let them jobs. I have not complied with such requests for the reason ~~for that~~ I had no authority to do so. I have also had numerous applications to ~~make~~ and forward to you, notes for land. Mr G. M. Smith, Local Agent for Township L. has kindly furnished me with all the blank notes he had on hand, and by and with his advice, I have taken signatures to the full extent of the means at hand. The notes so taken are herewith forwarded; also one for land in L. forwarded per request G. M. Smith. I informed the applicants that certificates could not be had in return until after the plan and report of survey were made to Land Office.

I wish also to impress upon your consideration the expediency of directing Mr Gardner to complete the survey of township L. as soon as he has finished that of M. I make this suggestion because our local wants require it. Some of the unsurveyed lands of L. are already occupied, and ~~many~~ persons desirous of occupying those lands, are waiting until they are surveyed.

If you have not yet made an appointment of local agent for township C. range one, I would recommend Abraham Dube (pronounced Duboy) for the same; and ^{for good and sufficient reasons} I would recommend such appointment forthwith. Of such reasons, one is in reference to the location and construction of a road through portions of L. & C. where there is a reciprocal desire on the part of settlers on each, for its immediate construction. ^{that are good} Other reasons I deem it not necessary to trouble you with in this communication.

In conclusion I will say that if you have not before the receipt of this selected any person for local agent for this township (M.) it would not be displeasing to me to have such agency. If such suggestion meets your approbation, please notify me of such fact at the earliest practicable moment, and therewith please forward me a generous lot of blanks for land notes.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
Yours Obedt Servt
A. J. Richards

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