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April 10?, 1847

A letter of Charles Noble to N. Silsbee, indicating that Silsbee sold the property to Van Raalte, and other matters including the information that the state government decided to place the seat of government in Lansing.

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? April 10, 1847

Hon. N. Silsbee:

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Since yours relating to a sale of the Black River land to the Hollanders, I have not seen them, and have nothing to say on that subject more than this - they are now temporarily located at the mouth of that River, with a view to explore the countryside ? on location, and await the arrival of more of their countrymen.

Since I last wrote you, I have to inform you the legislature have located the seat of govt permanently under the constitution in the township of Lansing, Ingham County, on Grand River, the N. W. township in the corner of the county - it is about 14 miles from Masonand about 8 from what we call Columbia (the tract of yours on the river between Ingham and Eaton. We might have got it there I suppose by paying about \$30,000 in buildings for the state. It is just about as good location in every respect and just as central but I did not feel authorized to say I would give it and there was not time after I learned the fact to communicate with you upon the subject. You may remember I have always predicted the location of the Capital of the State in Ingham County - and had supposed that possibly Columbia might be the ? - but perhaps it is just about as well as it is - for it must before many years make this land available at a very handsome advance - it cannot well be otherwise - it is all beautifully situated on both sides of the river. The capital being now permanently located must of necessity enhance the value of property in that portion of the state, ^{and will} ~~must~~ constantly increase tho it may be located not in its immediate vicinity. The lower end of the lake is all blocked up with ice yet and it will not be entirely clear yet for some weeks as is generally supposed. I will endeavor to write you again and let you know as nearly as I can when I will get there, present appearances do not indicate much before 12 June.

truly and Respectfully yours,

Charles Noble