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Letter from Albertus C. Van Raalte to Mr. [H] Pennoyer

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22 November 1847

Holland Ottawa Michigan

A letter of Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte to Mr. [H.] Pennoyer of Grand Haven requesting him to contact the owner of land which some of the immigrants would like to buy.

The letter is in Van Raalte's handwriting but at this time he did not know English sufficiently well to write it. Someone else must have assisted him in the writing of the letter, possibly Henry D. Post.

Original in the Van Raalte Collection, Hope College, in microfilm, labeled "Albertus C. Van Raalte Papers 1840-1847, box 3, microfilm roll reel 237-1, H88-0230.

W. Pennoyer
at
Grand Haven

W. Land & Water Michigan
22 Nov. 1847

Dear Sir

I have made openly the probable changing of
Mr Dungenis mind that he is perhaps willing
to sell his lands, but for good high price. - Several
families are anxious to buy the whole half section,
therefore I pray will write Him for what price
he will sell his land, the people wish to buy so soon
possible is because they wish immediately to go on
that land and to clear so much possible is. - I pray
you will write Him immediately and do what you can.
Will you the Beavers help to get my deed from the re-
gisters office. - For what States tax land must I pay the
taxes in Detroit, may I thereof a list from you because
I wish those lands to secure. - What lands are there
now for sale yet in our Town - but also in Town 6 & 16.
How is it with the lands of the Indians & Hurons that they
come for sale. When you can do some thing to get that
ready I would be very much obliged. - The Commis-

Sioners of the Highways have me told, they
could only make an road to our town, I am very
sorrow of it. but that they at least make and line
strait upon the head of our lake. that we can
get an trail: and that they make at least an bridge
over the river at Port scheldon: else it would not
be of any use -

Sir I trouble you often with our matters by our
Ignorance: therefore I am sorrow that I not
have asked an bill in behalf your troubles. I
feel we ought you to pay your troubles and
such I wish to do, therefore send me a bill.

Your obliged friend

Ac Stan Baatte

~~When you Indians meet~~
~~will you talk with them over the selling~~ The Indians will tell their
~~over their lands~~ & Will you also
talk with the owner of the vessee over such contract
When you meet him

~~Mr. K... has not given the money~~
~~and the... is not to be held over the~~
~~matter~~

I am looking for an request concerning an Harbour.

Mr Pennoyer
Grand Haven.

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