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### Letter from A. C. Van Raalte to "Honorable Friend"

A. C. Van Raalte

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18 March 1851

[Holland, Michigan]

A letter of Albertus C. Van Raalte to "Honorable Friend" in which Van Raalte discusses housing costs. "This week again four families arrived here from the colony at Kalamazoo." Is the honorable friend Paulus den Bleyker? See Van Raalte's letter to den Bleyker of 11 March 1851 in regard to housing. Van Raalte, at this time, is hoping the den Bleyker will move to Holland.

In translation only.

The Albert Hyma Papers, Holland Historical Trust, Joint Archives of Holland, T88-0084, fldr. 5.

Honorable Friend, - ?

KEVR 10/1/66

I have received your welcome letters and note with satisfaction the welfare of you and yours.

It is too bad that houses here are poor and expensive and the last one we mentioned can be made fairly good but is expensive for a frame house 1250 Holland guilder, unless we can at once can take possession of it, otherwise it avails us nothing. It seems good to me, since things are thus, if I see a lot with a good stand of trees, to purchase it. It is pleasing to me that you advise Mr Post to get things ready, nevertheless in all other work matters you will wait till I personally, by my cooperation, can be of assistance. However as regards a brick-maker if you (can get it) for 300 of the best and of good stone, that is good to me. That is the price here also

the road or path will cross my land march 16, 1851 (so that the placing of the house will be on the most suitable location)

This week again 4 families arrived here from the colony at Kalumazoo

well. I often say to myself, what will be the outcome, my hands seem to become weak and my understanding seems to stand still. Oh that we and everyone might alone look to god and might loose sight of all other things, from what I understand, they in the billings of Zealand are afraid that their men's desires better things. Surely many idols must still be destroyed and the Lord alone shall save.

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To you a gracious greeting, many compliments from  
my wife and children. also regards to your wife  
and children.

Herewith I close with all respect

Your servant and friend

Edw. Kaulle

March 18, 1851