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March 26, 1866

No. 37

A letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps: "My plan of visiting the Netherlands was given up because I am by high prices, horrible taxes, drainage etc exhausted. Your letter containing that very kind offer of Brother Schieffelin and his Brother and the encouraging hope to raise the gift to \$500 has changed the Whole. Now the Lord opens the way I do accept that offer very thankful: I crave such a change for Mrs. Van Raalte, it may restore her to certain measure." He hopes to leave the second week of April.

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Holland Mich
March 26/66

Revd P. Phelps D.D.

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Please let me know wether I can go on and what kind of paper or rather what Pass I need. I keep the matter under the rose till I know from you.

All the dominees are willing to supply my pulpit and my Consistory and Church will submit in hopes that my Strenght somewhat may revive.

Tell those gentlemen that I deeply feel their generosity and alsoo I do thank you very much your kindness.

Remember us to Mrs. Phelps may the Lord cheer her. -

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Your gratefull Brother

A.C. Van Raalte

M.B. Please inquire at once for me about the steamers leaving for Europe. If there is no steamer on the first or second May then I have to leave in the last week in April: -I do not know wether it is necessary to procure the passage beforehand: Mercantile men will know all about it: If it is customary please secure then for me the tickets. that I may know when I must be in New York: if possible I should like a steamer to Rotterdam or to Antwerp next to England.

(Below, in Dr. Phelps' handwriting)

Bremes-North German Line Fortnightly - Sat Oelrichs & Co, 60 Broad St

N American-Lloyd S.S. Co April 12 & 26 Roger Bros, 45 Beacon St

Hamburg-Am Packet Co Every other Sat Kunchardt & Co, 45 Exchange Place

(Note by Mrs Phelps in lead-pencil on back of letter)

My dear Husband

These two letters are the only ones I have rec'd since you left. How will Dom V Raalte's movements affect yours? Have you said anything to Robert yet about our going there for a month with me as soon as you can. If Mrs Van Raalte comes on

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Jane?
I would expect to see her before going to Europe. I attended the Aniversary last eve with Fanie. (Mrs. J. A. Otte, then 5½). It went off well. Write me as soon as you can. All well.

Your aff. wife,

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The way open for his going to Europe / Steamer
Lines from Mr. Ship (last page)

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