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Fort Maximus Mont.
Gov. S. T. Hauer, Helena, M. T.
January 20th 1887

Dear Father:

I have just received word from E. E. Bailey telling me that the trade for his horse interest were all A. K. The cattle on the range are all looking very well, over one half of the ground is bare. Unless we have more snow the loss will not be heavier than any ordinary year. Granville has just told me that he has received a telegram from you & Con to come up to Helena & bring statement. I suppose Con is going to make a change in the Sup'ty. He told me last fall that he was about the holidays. Granville himself is all right in his present position, but the location of the ranch is wrong, it is too near the Fort & Maiden, I say Granville is a good Sup't, but I cannot run a ranch & have to

hire his half breed relatives or have them & their friends around, & do it economically. There is too many eyes on this ranch. I am satisfied now that Reece Anderson just lives off of the Co. One cannot put any thing down & have it long. The boys seem to think that everything here, they are entitled to have. I am satisfied that I can run the outfit several thousand dollars cheaper a year than it has ever been run. I do not want to run Granville out of his position, & if you want me to I can resign. But the outfit will never be run very cheap as long as you have to support his boys & Reece Anderson's family. Everything all right here I go down on the Missouri river in a day or so. The people here all seem sorry that you resigned. Love to all

Your Affec. Son
H. P. Kenneth

Gov. S. T. Hauser,
Helena, Montana,

Ormaginnis M. T. Jan'y 29th 1887

My Dear Father:

Granville started for Helena yesterday, I have just come from a 2 day ride around our range. Our horses are all fat & we need have no anxiety about them, but I cannot say as much for the cattle, for they are now as poor as they are at the end of a hard winter & we do not know what is coming. I have no doubt but what last night killed several thousand head of cattle over in the Judith Basin. Just think what can poor cattle do when it is 15 degrees below zero & a wind blowing at the rate of 60 miles per hour, still the cattle on our range will come out where the cattle on the other ranges will die. I do not think we can get out no matter how the weather clears away with less than a 15% loss any how & if the weather continues like last night & to day for a week it will be nearer 40 than 15. That is just how

we stand, & as I say the cattle on other ranges around here will die before ours. so look out for cattle mens accounts. I am in hopes it will clear up before two days though. I expect you will ^{all} make some change in the running of this outfit. I do not know what it will be, but someone will have to be down here to look out for the affairs of this company & a foreman alone cannot do it, for a foreman only knows about cattle generally, & is ignorant in other business matters, & there will be considerably business connected with the affairs of this company the next year. We have got twice the number of cattle Con Kohrs has here & our expense has not been twice as much, we have had to buy horses & he has raised his. We have run ours for less per head even counting horses we have bought than he has. Con & wants to get the entire running of this outfit, & I must say I do not agree with him in all of his ideas as to how to run a cattle ranch I think they are a little set. His handling of his own cattle down here this fall has been at a loss to him self & a big loss to the rest of the range. I will explain every thing to you when I see you next

so look out for him, or he will handle this outfit entirely, & so that it will help his other outfit & not help ours. It has to a small extent done so in the past. I think he expects too much. I am satisfied the outfit can be run much cheaper & I know that I can run it cheaper. Look out for the weather for the next few days & you will see how we will come out. T. L. Power will lose a large percent of the cattle he brought from Texas. I have seen dead ones all over this country of them, he will be lucky if he saves 25% of them. I have some boys out now gathering to feed & will send more out as soon as this storm abates we will save quite a no. this way. Love to all.

Yours affec. son.
H. C. Kennett

I will keep you posted about the cattle.

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