Philadelphia Dec 11th 1852

Dear Sir

I wrote you on my arrival Home in answer to your Letter Recived in my absence which I presume you have Recived; in that Letter I Predicted the change of Administration. the Results have more than meet the hopes of the friends of the Democratic Party Pierce & King have been Elected by the largest Majority since the the days of Washington & Madison, they have also a large Majority in Congress to carry out their Measures. we may therefore Expect that much will be done during the next Congress Either for good or Evil

My position has been such during the Presidential canvass that I may hold some small influence with the incoming Administration. I would therefore desire to know if there is any thing touching the Territory of Utah that I can serve you or the People in

I had an interview with Douglas a few days since he Expressed a wish to aide in any Measure that would Remote the Interest of the Citizens of the Territory of Utah

he also express astonishment that the Present Delegate had laid no Matters of Interest before congress touching Utah & said that although he was Chairman of the committee on Territories that the Delegate never called upon him to assist in any Matter or thing touching Utah. I will be at Washington during most of the winter & may be in your country during next season, the later will however depend on circumstances

I would however suggest that in the Selection of your next Delegate to congress that one be chosen that has nerve enough to Present the Petitions & wishes of this constituency & Rise in his Place & defend the Rights of the People who sent him. Any if he was drunk half of the time let him do something when he is sober

I am aware the above hints are gratuitous yet they are made in good faith for is plain to be seen that the Territory of Utah has not had like the other Territories her portion of Men in due season & the fault lies some where. & as no move has up to this time been made on the Part

of the Delegate we cannot charge
congress with the default

There was one clause in
the civil & diplomatic Bill that passed
last session that the Delegate from Utah
Utah should have strongly opposed
(to wit) the clause that orders all money
not Expended which were appropriated
for specific objects back into the Treasury
thus sending & at one sweep the two
appropriations made during the time
that I had the Honour of Representing
your Territory for the support of the
Gov. of Utah back into the Treasury
also the Money for volunteers in the
late war with Mexico hence no one
of the Mormon Battalion ~~can~~ can until
an act is passed get his Bounty Scrip
three months' Extra Pay & Return Pay
& Subsistence

With my best wishes for your
health Peace & Prosperity with all I remain
I Remain your most obedient Servant
A. W. Babbitt

His Excellency
Brigham Young
Utah

A W Babbitt
to
B. Young

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Wanting to be Delegate for Utah

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