

Mandan, North Dakota, Jany 13/91.

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My Dear Major

Yours of 11th inst. at hand and fully noted - I have this day written a letter to the Sec'y of the Interior expressing my views in the matter - Copy enclosed - I trust your sense of security may not be dispelled

Sincerely

J. M. Turner

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Jany 13th.

Hon. Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

At the request of a large number of citizens of this city I have the honor to address you in the interest of Mr. James McLaughlin, Indian Agent at Fort Yates and to assure you of the confidence the people have in him and in his ability to control his Indians - The citizens are indignant that a General of the Army should request his removal upon the most superficial examination or prejudiced testimony. We are here with our wives and children and have great faith in any statement made by Mr. McLaughlin, as he has always been fair and truthful to his Indians and has their confidence.

Respectfully yours,

John M. Turner.