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March 1, 1867

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In regard to the incorporation of the city, Steketee does not want the property of A. C. Van Raalte left outside of the confines of the city. His English is crude but he claims: "A. C. Van Raalte wishes to be left off I am against this and hope you will not allow it for we want the Swamp Sand in he has made him Self Rich out of us poor duchman and therefore it's no more than Right that he should help to base the Esspence of the city and in this way our taxes would be lower."

Original in the Archives of the Netherlands Museum.

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Holland. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

Mr. Moses B Hopkins

Dear Sir

you are probable aware of our doings  
 in regard towards having this place incorporated  
 as a city, and as much as I am a  
 member of the Committee I would like  
~~to have it set off from the town for~~  
 a good many reasons, but my principle  
 reason is, that we have a majority  
 of the people here which are Copperheads,  
 and in having this village incorporated  
 in a city we will have a large majority  
 Republican for the way we have had set  
 before we could do nothing, the Remonstrance  
 against it are seven eight of them. Caps  
 than one more thing I wish to write you  
 about. Mr. A C Van Rante wishes to be set  
 off I am against, this and hope you will  
 not allow it, for we want that Swamp  
 Land in he has made him self rich  
 out of us poor duckman and there for it is  
 no more than Rights that he should  
 help to bare the Expence of the City

and in this way our taxes would be  
lower and I hope you will try and  
push this matter through and please  
explain my letter as in regard to Mr  
Van Rassel to the committee that has our  
matter in their hands as to the political  
matter you would oblige not only myself  
but the whole of the Republicans of this  
county and you know we want this  
city to go Republican every time if we  
are so lucky as to have our petition  
granted I would like to hear from  
you if you can not write <sup>than</sup> please send  
me some printed documents and you  
will oblige

I am with respect  
to you  
Yours truly

George J. Stebbins

Frederick  
Holland City