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Mitchell, Dak. January the 9th 1889.

Hon A. W. Touque,
Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have this day sent to you
a copy of the "Western Sentinel". In order that you
may see what is said about you in N.E. no doubt
you are fully posted in regard to what is said of
you. but I trust that it may be pleasant to you
to know that I kindly remember you, and while
I am in my far Western home I often think of the
people of my native state. and wonder what they

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fortune will be, I came to this town in September 1883.
and am much pleased with the country. I am over left alone
with my two children, having lost my wife one year ago.
The remainder of my life will be spent in Dak. and I
with all of her Citizens are anxious that Congress will admit
us to Statehood, and while we could not vote for
President. Yet we are thankful that the 4th of March
next will bring a change in the Administration. That we
hope will be to our benefit. This note perhaps will
be a surprise to you, but I trust not disagreeable.
I often think of the stormy times in S.C. for the first

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Long years after the war. that you said I had to pass through
and I must feel thankful that I am in a free country
when I can enjoy my own opinions. and exercise the rights
of a free man. without being insulted. I should be pleased
to meet you again. and should you ever visit Dakota
I most cordially invite you to my house.

I am truly and affectionately

Yours
E. W. Smith