

your Commission but they did have a very definite effect on my liberty to carry on.

I would appreciate it greatly if you might place yourself in the same position in the circumstances that Mr. Lincoln did at the time he was told that Gen. Grant was drinking heavily during the campaign which was quite contrary to all regulations of which Mr. Lincoln was reminded thus placing Mr. Lincoln in a very close place in light of regulations.

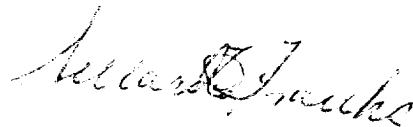
However, Mr. Lincoln evaluated the situation and finally said in his own quite philosophical way, " Gentlemen, I have known of the General's infraction for quite sometime but after reviewing his campaign in the field I have concluded finally that I should like to know the brand of whisky that General Grant uses; I would like to send a barrel to all of my generals!"

I am of the firm conviction that I shall have heavy production in New Mexico which is contrary to the thinking of most majors insofar as the Raton Basin is concerned but this makes the undertaking all the more challenging.

It is my honest desire to satisfy your Commission in every way and justify your faith by bringing the Raton Basin into production by drilling two more wells and completing the Rinehart No. 2 after I have drilled the Jeoffroy well dry to the objective which should provide us with exact information as to how we can best complete the Rinehart well as there are no faults between the two, the Jeoffroy well being slightly higher on structure according to my shot information.

This matter is entirely with you while I do believe that you would be happy to have another field opened in New Mexico which would help all of us and I am ready to proceed as my funds are ready and the rig awaiting word to move on location. I would be happy to have you come along at any time.

Yours very truly,



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