

Office of

U. S. Geological and Geographical
Survey of the Territories,

Washington Feb 15th, 1879.

My Dear Sir

Your kind letter
came today. I will com-
ply with your request.

I desire to ask a great favor
from you. You are doubtless
aware that there is a bill
before Congress to consolidate
all the surveys into one
Bureau. I think this will
be done. I desire to ask
you to favor to address
a letter in my behalf to the
President of the United
States recommending

me as the suitable person
for the Director. The ~~same~~
organization cannot be
different from the one which
I have developed from small
beginnings & had been known
its success. I have been
engaged in this work in the
Northwest since 1853. now
nearly 27 years, and should
I fail to receive that appoint-
ment, I am for ever out
off. By any rule of Civil
Service, the Directorship
should fall to me, and
to President Payson. but
public opinion would aid
him in case of pressure
from without. You could

address a letter as
a foreigner on a neighboring
soil. Expressing the wishes
of the people of the country.

If you can do so, please
sign the letter with all
your titles. Influence
of this kind from Canada
would effect much.

Could you not secure
more that might aid
me in this emergency.

To the bill passes, and I think
it will be made before the 4th
of March coming, so that
time is short. I can
singly beg you to do all
you can consistently.

Hayden
Feb 29

Please let me know by return
mail if you will aid
me.

I send you also a copy of
Extracts in which a former
letter of yours is quoted.

Did you get a copy of my
Atlas. I sent you one
with best wishes for success
J. V. Hayden

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