

—nomination not yet acted on—Jones says you may be certain—
He named you to the President.

Allow me to congratulate you upon your promotion; & to express the hope that your truly noble abilities may be justly appreciated in your adopted country. I shall probably have the pleasure of seeing you at Burlington in the next month.

I am unable to inform you of any other appointments for Iowa; but we are given to understand that although every body has recommended Jones, he will not be appointed Governor. It has been offered to General Jesup, & refused. It is to offered to Gen. Atkinson, & will be rejected. Who will next be selected is not known.

Not having been to Washington, & not yet having seen the Organic Law, I can tell you little more of what has been done; but I learn the Law is very similar to that for Wisconsin.

It is eminently desirable that our country [the Iowa district] should be brought into market as soon as possible. Many people of fixed & substantial character would now emigrate to that region could they get titles to their lands. Yet I learn that there is no time in contemplation for the opening of the Land offices.

Very respectfully & truly yours,

ALBERT MILLER LEA

BUTLER'S REBUKE TO IOWA

One of the incidents to which the late Curator Edgar R. Harlan enjoyed referring was in connection with the Historical department's extensive collection of works of Iowa authors, and directly concerned Iowa's popular and well known Ellis Parker Butler, with whom Harlan had a personal acquaintance.

As he tells it, the credit for the oft quoted last couplet in the verses appearing below belongs to Butler, who included them in a penned reply to a letter from Harlan asking for a free copy of one of his books concerning which he related:

"A few years ago we began collecting data on those of Iowa origin who are contributing to American literature. It was requested of each that he send us, in autograph, the data of his birthplace, his titles and all the facts which

ultimately would furnish of him an appropriate biography in some Who's Who of Iowa Writers.

"I addressed such a letter to Mr. Ellis Parker Butler, born in Muscatine. 'If you will send us a copy of your choice of your books, suitably inscribed,' I added, 'it shall be kept and treated as a sort of memorial to you. This, in a measure, I hope may compensate for your gift which I am obliged to ask of you for the reason that our public support does not amount sufficient for us to tender to you the price of the book.'

"In a few days I received his response in full compliance, and his book 'Pigs Is Pigs' in which he had written:

'Dear Iowa, state of my birth,
Accept this book, a quarter's worth
Oh State of Corn! Take it from me,
And ever let my motto be
Three millions yearly for manure
But not one cent for literature.'

THROUGH THE FREEDOM TRAIN

In its long trek of 33,000 miles across the nation and return to Washington, visiting more than 300 communities, the Freedom Train reached Iowa in June, as a dramatic feature of the program of a Year of Rededication.

The foundation, sponsors of the national rededication program of which the train is the principal feature, said that to date at least 38,000,000 persons have taken part in week-long ceremonies preceding visits of the train to the nation's cities. Now on the road eleven months, the train started on its itinerary from Philadelphia last September. It is scheduled to wind up its tour at Camden, N. J., October 18. Up to the present, the train has criss-crossed 40 states from Maine to California.

The seven-car train was freighted with a precious exhibit of documents, records and mementoes of the growth and development of democracy in the world. One hundred separate exhibits included original draft of the Mayflower Compact, Roger Williams' statement on religious

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