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Dear Sirs

Your letter of the 22nd ulto has laid before the Board and I am desired to say that without any resort to appraisement we are content to fix our future Rent at 1500 per An - This of course includes our present Rent which is to be added to the increased Rent -

I need not repeat to you what I have already said at our last interview in order to show that a fair valuation of these lands, would give us a much larger income, or occasion you to say to the Council for the tenants that this offer is merely made for the sake of peace and is not to be used against us if our negotiation should fail. We have been approached by persons desirous of purchasing our right to this increased Rent for a specific sum in cash but we have declined making any proposition until the tenants have had a fortnight to consider the terms of our offer. After the 1st of Jan'y 1861 we shall consider ourselves at liberty to make with any person the best bargain we can.

It is scarcely worth while to send you a form of submission until this note arrives some definite answer -

Yr truly
H. J. M.

E. E. Dutois Esq

Des Moines 18th Dec 1860