

DOCUMENT 31 – LETTER FROM ROBERT STUART TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING AN  
UPCOMING LAND SALE

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David Leavitt Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Dear Sir

I arrived here safe & sound,  
last night – find all well – M<sup>r</sup>. Loop has been  
absent in New York for the last 3 weeks, which has  
much deranged operations here; and there seems to  
be some conflicting opinions as to the best mode of  
offering the lands for sale, which may prevent final  
action until your arrival, when all may have to be  
changed – I therefore hope you will be here not  
later than the 20<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>l</sup>., you will find abundance  
to do, and the system should be perfected before you  
begin the sales, – It would be highly disreputable  
not to have <sup>a</sup> matters in the best order – all eyes will  
be upon you, & every effort made to find fault. –

The tolls are handsome, say about \$30,000,  
but the repairs &c: are very heavy, & will continue  
to be so until until next spring —

I have written Cap<sup>t</sup>. Swift to hurry  
on; & hope you will back me, for depend  
upon ~~it~~ its being needful –

Truly yours

Robert Stuart