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Correspondence re: U.S. Marshal vs. Crawley P. Dake, 1881, 1884-1888

DESCRIPTION

Photocopies of letters concerning the attempts to raise money to reimburse the government in the case of U.S. Marshal's Office vs. Crawley P. Dake, dated 1881-1888. The only letter from 1881 is from the U.S. Attorney authorizing Dake to arrest outlaws. The others letters are between the attorneys representing the case in Washington, D.C. and Arizona; most of the letters are written to E.P. Clark, one of the sureties of Dake's bond. The attorneys include Brewster Cameron and A. J. Falls. Other correspondents include R. H. Walker, M.H. Sherman, Abel S. Dungan, Col. Zabriskie, and A. Bean. A few letters mentioned attempts to locate Wyatt and Virgil Earp to get vouchers for their expenses while assisting Marshal Dake and testimony provided by Joe Evans against Dake. The actual testimony is not present.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The U.S. Attorney General authorized U.S. Marshal Crawley P. Dake to arrest outlaws and restore order to southern Arizona in an April 3, 1888 letter. In the same letter, he was advised of the need to obtain vouchers from deputies for their expenses. In 1884, the government brought suit against Dake to recover \$29,000 that had previously been paid to him and that was not subsequently supported by vouchers and receipts. E. P. Clark and several others had been sureties for his bond and the suit sought to recover the money from either Dake or his sureties. On Oct. 5th, 1888, Clark sent \$2,500 collected from the sureties and the case was dropped. E. P. Clark was a Prescott businessman.

ACQUISITION

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