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**MS 0585 (Rare)  
Heath, Herman H., d.1874  
Papers, 1867-1869**

**DESCRIPTION**

Twenty-four letters from José Francisco Chaves to Heath discussing political issues in New Mexico Territory. Chaves, the New Mexico Territorial delegate to the United States Congress, writes from Washington, D.C. to Heath in Santa Fe, N.M. Chaves writes about campaigning to take his seat in Congress after the fraudulent election of Charles P. Clever, political support and legislation affecting New Mexico including the bid for statehood. Also present is a printed proclamation by Heath, as Acting Governor of New Mexico, stating peonage in New Mexico has been abolished, 1868.

1 boxes, .1 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Herman H. Heath was Secretary of New Mexico Territory from 1867 to 1870, occasionally serving as acting Governor. José Francisco Chaves was a New Mexico businessman and politician; he served as president of the New Mexico Territorial council for eight sessions, then as Territorial delegate to Congress for three sessions.

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