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Description: Neal Dow letter about Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad, Portland, 1849

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In all this, I go upon the supposition that you and friend Ware believe Small to be entirely capable of the duties of this Office— if I am mistaken in this, of course I have not a word to say.

He is a man of untiring energy and is never happier than when fully occupied, and has all the qualities that constitute a faithful and trusty servant.

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