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WORCESTER, JULY 11, 1854.

DEAR SIR:—On Thursday, July 6th, an Association was formed in this city by a Convention from all parts of the County, for the encouragement and organization of Emigration to the new Territory of Kansas. You will find annexed a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, and of the names of its Officers. We trust that its objects will so far interest you that you will exert yourself, in your own neighborhood, to obtain active members to it, and to extend its operations.

You have undoubtedly been informed of the establishment of a Company, called "THE EMIGRANT AID COMPANY," for providing facilities for Emigrants to the new Territories, and rendering them such assistance as may be possible on their arrival there. The offices of this Company are at New York, and at Boston. Its trustees are AMOS A. LAWRENCE, Esq., of Boston, ELI THAYER, Esq., of this city, and ~~MOSES H. GRINNELL, Esq., of New York.~~ They are already engaged in arrangements for a pioneer party, which will leave New England for Kansas, on the 17th instant. The officers hope to send forward as many as 20,000 emigrants before the close of navigation.

The purpose of the Emigrant Aid Company is to protect emigrants against fraud on their way; to provide for them temporary homes, when possible, on their arrival at their destination; and to furnish them passage tickets at a reduced price. You will readily see that it is neither possible nor desirable for its officers to attempt to correspond with each individual who desires information; and that, if they tried, they could not make such convenient arrangements for persons desiring to emigrate, as can be made by those who know their wants and intentions.

Arrangements have been made, therefore, among emigrants and their friends, in different districts, to provide AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS, to extend information, and conduct the negotiations of emigrants with the Emigrant Aid Company. The *Worcester County Kansas League* has been organized with this view, at a Convention of emigrants and others.

The Secretary, Mr. W. W. RICE, will be prepared to give to all applicants such information as can be obtained, regarding the prospects of emigration.

The Board of Directors will render such assistance to emigrants as the funds of the Society will enable them to do.

Whenever a number of persons desire to emigrate about the same time, we shall be able to arrange them in the same party that they may travel together, and if they please, establish themselves together, in Kansas.

To carry out these designs, it is desirable to secure, at once, as large a number of members of the WORCESTER COUNTY KANSAS LEAGUE, as possible. We invite you, therefore, to assist in the great enterprise in which we are engaged, by calling the attention of your fellow citizens to the objects of the League, as widely as you can, by a public meeting, or in whatever other way seems desirable. May it not be advantageous to establish a Branch Society in your own town, with the object of extending a knowledge of the Society's plans: of collecting the names of persons who wish to emigrate; and sustaining the interest which is generally roused at the present time? So soon as you think the people generally, are interested in the measure, will you canvass your town thoroughly for members to this organization?

The subscriptions to the funds of the League in your town, will either be appropriated for emigration, according to the wishes of your own members, or applied by the Trustees to the general purposes of the League.

The Officers of the Society will be happy to receive any communication from you, or to furnish you with any information in our possession. In particular, we shall be glad to learn the names of any persons who propose to emigrate.

Any persons who wish to visit Kansas, can avail themselves of the Emigrant Aid Company's first train, which will pass the Western Station, Worcester, at 4 P. M., July 17th. The journey will occupy five or six days.

The importance of the exigency presented in the settlement of Kansas, is such as to make prompt action among the friends of Free Institutions particularly essential. With great respect, yours truly,

A. H. BULLOCH,
WM. T. MERRIFIELD,
HENRY CHAPIN,
EDWARD E. HALE,
HORACE JAMES,

WM. H. HARRIS,
CHARLES THURBER,
WM. A. WHEELER,
OLIVER C. FELTON.

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THE WORCESTER CO. KANSAS LEAGUE.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—Any person may become a member of this Society, by signing his name to this Constitution, and paying to the use of the Society, the sum of one dollar, and shall continue to be a member so long as he shall pay such sum annually.

ARTICLE 2.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, seven Directors, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be Master of Emigration,—to be elected, in the first instance, immediately, and thereafter, on the second Monday in March, annually, at a meeting held in Worcester. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 3. The officers shall perform such duties as shall appertain to their respective situations, and such, also, as shall devolve upon them, under the By-Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of the Master of Emigration to receive and keep the names of all persons desiring to emigrate to Kansas, from Worcester County; to agree upon the time and conveniences for their departure, and to confer with the Emigrant Aid Company, so as to make the best arrangements for their conveyance to Kansas, and their location there.

ARTICLE 5. The moneys of the Society shall be appropriated to promote such emigration into the above-named territory, as shall be opposed to the introduction of slavery into the same; or, if slavery shall be introduced, as shall be in favor of repealing all laws tolerating the same; and also for such means of promoting free emigration as the Directors may select. Provided that no-

thing shall be done, in virtue hereof, in contravention of the Constitution, nor in conflict with the existing laws of the land.

ARTICLE 6. Suitable By-Laws shall be adopted, at the first meeting of the Society, and the same may be altered or amended at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE 7. It is the design of this Society to co-operate with the Emigrant Aid Company, in the colonization of Kansas with freemen.

ARTICLE 8. The Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies in their Board, or in the list of officers, antecedent to the annual meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. A majority of the Board of Directors shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority shall reside in the city of Worcester.

ARTICLE 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep safely all moneys of the Society, and to pay the same over, from time to time, on the order of the President, or in his absence, of the Vice President.

ARTICLE 3. Neither President nor Vice President shall give such an order except in pursuance of an appropriation by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 4. The Secretary of the Society shall also be Secretary of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5. The compensation of the Master of Emigration shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE.

President—A. H. BULLOCH. *Vice President*—WILLIAM T. MERRIFIELD. *Treasurer*—P. L. MOEN. *Directors*—Henry Chapin, Chas. Thurber, Horace James, Wm. H. Harris, Edward E. Hale, William A. Wheeler, Oliver C. Felton, P. L. Moen.

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We, the undersigned, citizens of \_\_\_\_\_ pledge ourselves to pay the sums affixed to our names, to constitute ourselves members of the *Worcester County Kansas League*, and to promote the objects set forth in its Constitution:

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