

~~It is a most pleasing~~  
 Character of Governor Reeder in Kansas  
 Territory

It is a most pleasing task for an author in writing a sketch of the character of an individual (however brief that sketch may be) to have it all sunshine round about him & to be enabled to look upon him enlightened by the steady & unwavering light of truth as a diamond of the first water without the slightest shade to dim its transparent lustre & full orb'd splendour

let us then in the first place view him as a lawyer - how boldly calmly & logically he likewise successfully has he reasoned on some of the most intricate & knotty points of law brought forward by the most smart crafty & able lawyers & counsellors of the proslavery tribe they would fire on after the other volleys of eloquence & sophistry at him but when he had cleared away their smoke (for it was but smoke) he stood forth clearly as the conquering hero

but again view him as a Governor of a New Territory surrounded by proslavery enemies who was determined if possible not to be governed & not only so but took

the advantage of throwing casting the most formidable  
 Obstacles in his way that lay in their power