

Washington, Ct

April 3. 1858.

Dear Friend

Genl. Brindle sent me a copy of the "National Democrat" of the 25th ult., in which I find a review of the Course of Lane (Commander in Chief &c), and reply to his Card in answer to your proclamation. I am sure you have adopted just the right Course towards Lane. I hope you will have no further difficulty with him, but if you should ~~be~~ then give him a thrashing, (as the article suggests) without any formality.

Your friends all rejoice at your success in Kansas. I think the Governanship of that Territory the most difficult place to fill in America. Both Sections of the Country have a large interest in, and are exceedingly anxious for the success of your Administration - I speak of patriotic & National Men of the North & South. Of course you are aware, there are many who would rejoice at any complication of Kansas affairs, some with a view to sectional political advantage, and ^{others} that a sentiment in favor of dissolution might be engendered, and strengthened.

The fortunes of our party in the Northern States