Lecompton November 21. 1858

Dear General.

Yours of the 9th was received
night before last, and should have had
an immediate reply but for a press of
business which was engaging my attention
I was preparing a communication to
the Secretary of the Treasury a copy of
which I sent to the 1st Comptroller and
also a letter to the 1st Comptroller to accom
pany it — At the same time I received in
formation from Capt A J. Weaver of Linn
County of a fresh outbreak from Bourbon
into Linn County by Montgomery which
caused me to communicate at once with
the Secretary of State, asking him to remit
if possible the remainder of the Kansas
Election fund to be appropriated for
the purpose of offering rewards for the
apprehension of Montgomery and such
others of his band as process might
be issued out for — The letter to Mr Cobb
was asking instructions respecting my
duties and powers as Secretary of the
Territory over the printing and paying
the Clerks &c — As I expect to join
in both instances you will probably
be consulted in both cases it is unne
-cessary for me to go further into detail
upon that subject — Should you not
be consulted let me know and when
I want your assistance I can call
advise you more fully —

They have had a pretty little quarrel in Shawnee County respecting the County Seat and an appeal to the Governor of Kansas for Executive interference — I have refused them to the Court, for a settlement of their difficulties, and declined action until after a full hearing of both sides —

With regard to Indian Agencies I presume you are quite as competent to act without as with advice and any recommendation I may send you must always consider as a necessary consequence of my position without I write you privately for special reasons You know the people and I do not desire to be considered as importuning or officious — Serve your own friends first, I know that amongst them you will always find competent men —

With regard to Land offices I have but one desire and that is that the old hypocrite Ransom of Fort Scott may be set adrift as soon as possible, whether it can be done while Mr Lap remains at Washington I presume is doubtful.

With regard to Postoffices, I am decidedly of opinion that Holbrook should be appointed, and that Mr Hunton should not. I am satisfied that his present zeal in the democratic cause is for the office and not for the

party — She is Son in Law to Judge Spicer
So is one of the Eldridges — Eldridge
Eaton Penny Hes are the owners of the
Kansas Stage Line company and
if they kan influence enough to get
the present postmaster to get in false
report how much more easily will
it be if Relations, are all mixed
up in the affair —
Smith the mail agent says that if
the postmaster kan make such report
it is false and contrary to his reports
to the department — he can prove by
There is something rotten in some
portions of the Post office Department
at Washington and I expect from what
I hear that report are suppressed
by some of the Clerks there — You had
better call the Postmaster Generals
attention to this subject — Storey
is by this time at Washington and
he can give more explicit information
than I can — No Stage runs direct
from here to Leavenworth — the mail
has been carried on horseback and
the Postmaster here and at Leavenworth
both know it — The condition of
the roads up to the time you left
were generally good enough — Since
that time they could not by possibility
have done full Service at all times;
for 1 month back they have good and
valid excuse, but previously none

Stevens reported him on the 5th
that Rucker could not come to
time with his last quarters recpts
what inducements were held out
by either party I do not know but
one thing I feel certain of he ought
to be removed — A passenger info
-med me that upon his arrival here
from the east at midnight that
Rucker had gone to bed and the
mail which now start at 3 o'clock
A M. was on the platform outside
door in front of the office, and
Rucker said he put it there so that
he would not have to get up to
deliver it to the driver —

I will get further information &
send it to you — Lieut Holbrook he appointed,
-ointed, and Rucker removed and
put Silas Otterman in his place

A good stone building will be
built for the P.O as soon as practicable
after he gets it, the arrangements are
all made for it.

I enclose a letter to the 1st Assistant
P M General on this subject —

I understand from the dispatches
that Gen Meday has the power
of the Governors position in Utah Ty

I fully believe all I said to you
on the subject on the back piazza
when you read me your resignation
but am sorry to hear that Dr Ino O

P. Wood claiming him as his brother
in law — how in the name of all
the Saints can a secret be kept
in the office if he is to have the
sum of it — There is only one conso
=lation and that is the Governor
has shewn so much tact hitherto for
that he may be able to keep him
at a distance — if he does not he
is a lost Governor sure —

Judge Conway of the Leavenworth
Constitution came here last week
and asked me if I had the bill
which provided for the constitution
=al convention, and if I had he
wished a certified copy of it — I
told him I had it and would give
him a certificate under the Terito
=rial Seal that it was a true copy
of the paper, but that I could not
certify to any thing but the facts
She said he would be satisfied
with that, that all he wanted was
my Statement — I enclose you the
certificate which I intend append
=ing to it — it will do you good to
read it and it is a true bill
and will stand the test —

And you were born under a lucky
Star, may a portion of your mantle
fall on me — I will send a duplicate
of the whole bill duly certified to