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 referred 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 Leaf remains at Washington I presume is doubtful.

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