

Private

Depart. of Interior
Jan. 29th 1858

My dear General

I have to thank you
for several letters and you
can easily understand the
reason why I have not
responded to you. It is
want of time alone -

The best arrangement I
could make has been
made for money - As Sec.
of the Territory, you have
been sent money which
you can use and when an
appropriation for contin-
gencies are made you
will have to place your
contingent expenses out
of that fund. This is the

only thing that can be
done - You will be justified
in my judgment in meeting
any contingent expense out
of any funds in your hands
applicable to the Territory
to be restored to that fund
when the money for those
specific purposes is obtained.

Last evening Genl. Clarkon
reached here with the Leomp-
ton Constitution - The Presi-
dent will recommend it to
the admission of the State
with that constitution; In-
deed he cannot help it - This
has been all along in ac-
cordance with your views
expressed to me - His message
will be a powerful one and
is destined to have a powerful
effect upon the Country -
I was pained that in your

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letter to him by Judge
Edmon, you seemed to differ
with this policy - To turn
aside now is downright
weakness. The South and
the North alike would pro-
nounce it vacillation and
cowardice - You know there
is no want of cool courage
& self abnace with the
President - Edmon since
he reached here thinks it
best. I hope you have com-
mitted yourself in no
way - The President wrote
his message sustained as
he believed by your views -
I hope you will not by
any inadvertence allow those
men to betray you into an
opposition to the President's
policy - It requires that there
should be a cordial co-operation

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in all things between you
& the President: as far as you
have acted you have given
entire satisfaction -

I see the territorial legis-
lature propose to abolish sla-
very - This I would veto
as against the Scott
decision & therefore uncon-
stitutional - I hope you
will be firm to all the
^{well settled} known principles of the
Democratic party - All my
influence should be exer-
ted to induce the moderate
~~men~~ of the Legislature
to abstain from legisla-
tion till Congress act
on the Leconte's consti-
tution - Every step they
take leads to additional con-
fusion - To admit Kansas
under the Leconte's con-

stitution is a state necessity.
We are now like the man
who held the wolf. To hold
on is bad enough, to let-
go is inevitable death.
From every direction in the
South, the cry comes up
all is lost in Kansas save
our honor; to reject her
now is a direct thrust
at her institutions and
shows a determination to
insult and crush her. This
feeling, if it gets abroad
will lead that people God
only knows where.

As soon as you can be
relieved I want you to
return to the Indian office.
I hope you will familiarize
yourself with all these interests

in Kansas in the North West.
Of course you will have
no time to attend to these
questions while acting as
Governor. Alas all. I feel
a feverish anxiety that
there should be & continue
to exist a cordial union
& sympathy in feeling &
actions between you and
the Administration —

I now believe Kansas will
be admitted by Congress.
I do hope Sen. Calhoun
will publish the exact
returns as they reach his
office. I take it for
granted whichever side is
whipped will raise the cry
of fraud. Let each man
do his exact duty and do
it honestly. All frauds
I despise and the President