

Manhattan Oct 13th 1859

Dear Ead. I am just down from
Junction City - a point beyond Fort Riley -
where I have been to fulfill a political
engagement. Burlingame accompanied
from Leavenworth, expecting to get
an outfit at the Fort, for a short
Buffalo hunt. but as the Quartermaster
- who has charge of such things - had
just left to accompany the English
Sportsman Grant Berkeley, he found
himself in the predicament. I therefore
lent him & his friends my mules &
wagon & driver for a few days & am
for the present at the mercy of stage
lines. I came here to take the Coach
to-morrow morning for Topeka. I rec^d
your last & your briefest, just on my
departure. As your election day was
last Tuesday I hope by to-morrow at
Topeka to receive news of your election.

You are a happy young man with
your speeches before the Court House &
in Town Halls, with good tables where
you are toasted & good beds wherein
you find a late "nest" ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Little do you know of us who "skin" = so
it for many months, on hot saleratus pr
bread & fat-pork & feather beds with ac
other horrors of a like kind - howling re
night & day in the open air & terrified
by the apprehension of a fraudulent
defeat in the end: This is the suffer
of sorrows which I have to taste now
a days. Thank fortune we have ~~an~~
~~now~~ won our preliminary victory by
the adoption of the Constitution & in
three weeks more my case will be
called when I hope as Gib would
say to take a "judge" & shall wrest
Pike's Peak or some other fraud job
me out & then I shall appeal to
Washington. Where my colored friends -
I mean the Black Repubs - will I
hope stand ready to correct any
errors that may appear on the
record. I mean to try if elected, to escape
the Territory so as to spend a few days in
Dayton before going to Washington. The
difficulty is this - the election of our
state ticket does not come off till the
3rd of Dec & no doubt there will be quite
a pressure to have me stay, it may
besides comfort with my interest to do =