

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 recd
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" ~ ~ ~ ~ ~