

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  
3<sup>rd</sup> of Dec & no doubt there will be quite  
a pressure to have me stay, it may  
besides comport with my interest to do =