

Exerpt from the HERALD OF FREEDOM, Lawrence, Kansas, Saturday,
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In accordance with the call published in our issue of the 20th ult., a mass meeting of the citizens of the Territory was held in Lawrence on Thursday the 25th ult., at one o'clock P.M., to take some steps in regard to the establishment of a University and other institutions of learning in Kansas.

The hall was well filled, and at half past one o'clock, the meeting was called to order. Gen. Pomeroy was appointed chairman, and John Hutchinson, Esq., Secretary. The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, and called on Gov. Robinson.

Gov. Robinson said his object in suggesting the calling of this meeting, was the feeling he had in regard to the importance of educational movements to the interests of the Territory, and, also, the desire of pointing a way to benefit Kansas, to those Eastern friends who are asking "what they best can do for us"? for a system of charity will soon cease, and even if attempted to be carried out permanently, will aid but in the support of loafers, for the honest and industrious will refuse assistance when they can help themselves. We can raise \$100,000 for the purpose of starting a College now, and it will also help the appropriations through Congress. If we show to Congress that we have a nucleus formed, we shall be more certain of getting the land appropriations we ask of it. For these reasons, he was in favor of some action being taken on the subject.

Mr. Deitzler moved the appointment, by the chair, of a committee of five for the purpose of giving form to the business of the meeting. The motion was adopted, and the chair appointed Messrs. Deitzler, Robinson, Wattles, Ladd and Army.

Mr. Army concurred in the remark of Gov. Robinson, in regard to furnishing labor to the people of the Territory. He had submitted a proposition to the National Kansas Committee, which would be considered at a full meeting of that body, to be held at an early day. In regard to the educational system, which had been devised for Kansas, it would, if properly carried out, far excel that of other States. A resolution, recommending the establishment of a collegiate institute, would not forestall the more extended system which a few friends of Kansas had been laboring for during the last eighteen months. He had no doubt that appropriation of lands could be obtained from Congress. Only one member of the land committee objected, and he did not think there would be any objections during the present winter.

The following letter was received by Mr. Army from Gov. Geary;

Executive Department,
Lecompton, Kansas Territory,
December 24, 1856.

Mr. W. F. M. Army-- Dear Sir:--