April 12, 1935

Mr. Nathan M. Southwick
Leicester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Southwick:

Your letter of March 8th addressed to the Mayor of Lawrence has been handed to me.

I am a member of the board of both the Kansas State Historical Society and of the Douglas County Historical Society and I shall forward your letter to the State Society. However, I am fearful that no funds would be available for paying you anything like the offer you received some years ago. As a matter of fact, such treasures as these societies have are more largely the gifts of those interested in the preservation of historical matter than that attained by purchase.

It is also difficult at this time to find persons rich enough to pay liberal prices to procure a piece of furniture of such value. Again, as time passes, perhaps general interest in Mr. Thayer and his great work in making Kansas a free state is lessened although he will never be forgotten by those who have made a study of what he did.

I shall be very happy to be of service to you in any way that I can, and believing that you will have no objection we will carry a story in the Journal-World relative to the existence of this Butler's buffet.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM