

John Doy to Strong

John Doy, writing from Lawrence, Kansas Territory, to a Mr. Strong, described an incident in which a Westport, Missouri, man charged him extra money for notary services because he "was a Yankee."

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Mr Strong

As a number of the
Citizens of Westport have of late desired to
know the reasons that induce the inhab-
itants of this City and neighborhood to go
thru their City to Kansas to trade, altho as they
say they sell as cheap as of course nearer and
therefore we should save so many miles travel
now one reason that I wish to have no dealing
with a part of Westport is that, on the 18th
Sep last I had to get a printed power of attorney
which signed by a Notary which would save me the
trouble and expense of going to Independence. This
said Notary had just fill up a similar power
for \$1=00 for Residents of the reserve on the aforesaid
day I call on him with my Power fill up only wanted
dating and signing with the notary's name and the
Clerk of the County Seal which each notary keeps
and charges fifty cents well he agreed to do all for me
as he had done for the person whose name I introduced
myself with, for \$1=00 and after setting in his house
a few minutes waiting, he ask me if I was a Yankee
I said I was from N. Y. State but I suppose I came

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under that denomination here, well, he the
notary says. I shall charge \$1-00 for the seal
and my signature as agreed, but I shall charge
\$1-50 for walking to my office making the
sum total, for dating the Clerk of the County
seal, and his signature \$2-50 because I
was a Yankee. now such fair dealing as this
will be sure to have its proper effect on its
perpetrators. if the Merchants and traders
of Westport or elsewhere, desires the Yankees
to trade with them they would consult their own
interest by acting manly, looking well after
Citizens as this notary, in fact giving fair play

J. Doy, D.

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