

R.S. Stevens to General James William Denver

In this letter to General James W. Denver, Governor of the Kansas Territory, R.S. Stevens explains in the post script (p.s.) section of the letter that he had just interviewed the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury [Howell Cobb] who recommended "that 320 acres be set apart to each New York Indians." However, Stevens also explains that Cobb "will go no further," and that he, Stevens, plans on talking with the U.S. Commissioner of Indians Affairs the day after this letter was written.

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Gen

J. W. Denver

Sir -

The inclosed letter appeared a few days since in the Fitchburgh (Mass) Revelle - Not having but one printed copy & desiring that for use here) I inclose a written one - You will discover mixed all along through certain views & one or two plain declarations - 'Twas as far as he could go in safety & let me tell you, I have used it pretty effectually among some shaky Democrats - I want it published in territory in order to keep open the breach between Robinson & Lane with the ultra Topeka men - Please ask Briggs to publish it with the accompanying comments - Robinson wrote a most bitter letter to the Leavenworth Times a few days since against Lane & Co. - The great trouble now in passing Secompton is to keep the sore & tender footed fire-eaters straight -

Very truly yours

R. S. Stevens

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R.S.
I had a long interview with Secy T. D. Day -
he will endorse Mix's report recommending that
320 acres be set apart to each New York Indian
but will go no further - Tomorrow I shall see the
Indian Com. in House - He is also very favorable
to the 1/2 breed Rows & will be liberal - I shall
also hope to fix up their matter this session,
if he decides against Mix's idea of reversion
reversion & recommends to give all to 1/2 breeds -
Having a Com. apptd to sell dead sections, giving
settlers preference at a stipulated price -
R.S.S.