

Charles Keeler to Governor Thomas Carney

This letter was written to Governor Thomas Carney from Captain Charles G. Keeler. Keeler advises Carney about the location of a Kansas bridge that is about to be built. He believes the location should be at the Chouteau ferry site in Johnson County, thereby securing trade from the southern portion of the state as well the Santa Fe trail trade. A searchable, full-text version of this letter is available by clicking "Text Version" below.

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Johnson Co. 978.1

Shawnee May 8th /63 -
Gov Thomas Carney
Leavenworth

Dear Sir

I visited Your City when you was at Washington for the purpos of ascertaining something in regard to the location of the bridge about to be built by the people of your city across the Kansas. I have only to say that if it is located well down the River say at the Chouteau Ferry. Your City would get the trade of Southern Kansas and a large portion of the Santa Fe Trade but if it is located further up the River it will throw the trade to Kansas City. if your people will locate the Bridge at the Chouteau Ferry it will accommodate the people of Johnson County so much that I believe I can get the County to take Stock and issue their "bonds" at any rate I will give it a desperate try. I ^{am} confident a majority of the votes will go for it and as I am practically acquainted with Bridge building your people had better make

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me one of the managing men in the
matter. The people of this County would
not take stock or permit the County to
give bonds at any other location
that is near the Center of the County and
would be a location for a Commercial
Town in the County provided the Rail
Road from Kansas City west ~~or~~ runs on
this side of the River. And can get the lands
for myself & friends.

Very Respectfully Yours Chas. G. Keeler



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Capt. Keeler, Johnson
Co. in relation to
Bridge -



Keeler, Capt. Chas. B.
Shawnee, Johnson Co.
(from Spring)
Advices location of Topeka bridge
at Chaoteau ferry, thereby
securing trade of Shawnee.
May 8, 1863