

Thomas L. Marsh to George L. Stearns

Thomas L. Marsh wrote this letter to George L. Stearns detailing the lack of response received from Governor Robert Walker concerning the territorial elections. He also expresses his anger over a speech that Walker was giving to the secessionist Southern Fire Eaters on affairs in Kansas, and mentions the people of Leecompton and their "Plantation Manners." The letter ends with an account of money paid in support of the Free State cause. A searchable, full-text version of this letter is available by clicking "Text Version" below.

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George L. Stearns, Esq.

Dear Sir,

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I sent to you this morning the printed instructions to the Free State Men by their Committee. You will see that my plan, as detailed in a letter just previous to the Grasshopper Convention is to be carried out fully as all the voting precincts - I inclosed also a copy of an address - Gov. Walker has not up to this time 5 P.M. sent the Committee his promised reply to the written interrogatories made on the 28th of Aug. He is said to be preparing an address to the Southern Fine Eaters in defense of the position he occupies upon Kansas affairs, when I last heard from it, 64 pages was then written - As money will have to be used here soon, I have been looking about for some one who was either going East to purchase goods, or remit in drafts - I have succeeded - besides drawing the 100 dollars payable to my son on the 4th, I drew on the 5th, payable to Little & Brown, three days after sight \$98.60/100 and to day at sight in favor of George Ford for four hundred dollars,

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The Constitutional Convention meets to day at LeCompton - if any thing of interest is made public of their doings I will let you know. If you could see the town, and people of LeCompton, and had the opportunity that I have to witness their Plantation manners - I think you would at once be reminded of the Scriptural saying "Can any good thing, come out of Nazareth?" Conventions are now being held to nominate members for the Territorial Legislature, and County Officers - The Cause will be spirited - the people are determined I think they will succeed - I could use more money advantageously if I had it, but shall confine myself to your instructions - independent of my expenses of all kinds I have paid out for various purposes \$744.80 by far the larger part was for the census, and the bal. for the Aug. election, my own expenses dining about here and my expense coming here will make at our one hundred more, besides my board - so that I shall not have more than about \$550 for the present use. - There is a man here Missionary for the Democracy - he is very polite - I am satisfied he is little to be relied on for his employers, or his own success -

To T. J. Marsh.

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T. L. Marsh

Lawrence

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