

## Hiram Hill to Samuel Newell Simpson

Hiram Hill wrote from Williamsburgh, Massachusetts, to Samuel Simpson in Kansas Territory, complaining to him that he had not received the map and information on the newly purchased Wyandotte lands Simpson was to send him. Hill expressed a desire to purchase two or three town shares if they were not too expensive, bringing the value of his investments in Kansas to almost half of his total worth. His aim, as he expressed it, was "first to make money, secondly help the Caus [sic] of freedom". Hill also communicated his dislike for President Pierce's recent statements, and that the free state supporters lobbying in Washington were having "pretty warm work."

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S. N. Simpson

Dear Friend yours of  
Nov 1 was duly received saying you had  
collected the claims held against Dr. Lykins  
and part of what Mr Wright told me, and you  
had invested same in wine dot Lands and  
you would send me a Map of your new town  
and the Land you purchased for me - I have  
been waiting week after week but no letter comes  
as yet you said you would send it in a few days  
I would be very glad to see your Map and  
know where your new town lies, where does it  
lay from Mr Armstrongs a wine dot indeed  
who lives in a brick house on the top of the  
hill - I always thought there would be a very  
good chance for a town in that vicinity -  
I should be glad to have an interest in the  
town - say two or three shares if they don't come  
to high - you say you will invest for me as far  
as I will furnish the means - I should like to know  
where and how you have invested what means  
you have in your hands - and what prospect  
there is for investment - I would like to have  
you invest what means you have in your  
hands - in something that will pay and if the  
prospect is good for investing more I suppose I could  
raise a little more and send you But I should  
want to be pretty sure that it would pay as



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The Yankee says - My Means you know are  
 rather limited - I already have in Kansas just  
 about one half that I am worth But my credit  
 is good and I can command almost any amount But  
 I have got to old to run any great risks - But I  
 had made up my mind to run the risk with what  
 I had already invested there I had two objects in view  
 first to make money secondly help the cause of freedom  
 in Kansas - I will send you notes to you  
 any time when you direct - for the one half of  
 May I at 33 & I will send you such a little as I have  
 got any time when you say - I am in hopes you will  
 get your Town matter arranged there soon so that we can  
 get good seats to our seats - Please write me on  
 receipt of this - you asked me to see Gov Robinson while  
 last he was on his return there when I received your  
 letter I learned he only stopped a few hours at  
 Belcher town I should have been glad to have seen  
 him - we are all well and feeling pretty well except  
 when I read the Independent's message or his Law Mean  
 Bileinsgate slang he ought to be ashamed of it if he is  
 not - I am - we are glad to hear that things look  
 a little more favorable for peace in Kansas - if you  
 could send account of with Titus as his Corp.  
 - or at South America I should have some hopes of  
 peace in your midst - our Free State people  
 are having pretty warm work in Washington at  
 this time I hope they will prevent Whitfield  
 getting a seat