

## **A. H. Reeder to Franklin Crane**

Andrew Reeder, former governor of Kansas Territory, wrote from Easton, Pennsylvania to Dr. Franklin Crane of Topeka. The letter discussed business interests in Kansas Territory and prospects for its admission to the union. Reeder also suggested it might be beneficial to replace place names, which had been established by the bogus legislature, that had pro-slavery connections.

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Easton Pa. Nov. 28. 1859

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 18th came to hand last evening and I hasten to reply. I am much obliged to you for attending to this matter and giving me the information and I enclose you an Easton Bank Draft on New York for Twenty eight dollars  $57/100$  which is Five Dollars over the bill you sent me. Please pay the bill and what is over you will do me a favor to keep for yourself as a small compensation for the trouble of writing me and thinking of my interests. I will always be glad to know when there is any thing to be paid and will remit the amount promptly whenever I am informed what it is. Please send me the deeds by mail after they are recorded, so that in case they should be ~~recorded~~ but we shall have the record.

I am glad to hear that your prospects of improvement and progress

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are good. I want badly to see Kansas  
and travel over the old battle grounds  
once more and am determined  
before long that I will do so.

Your prospect of admission as a  
State is now good and one of the  
first things you should ~~do~~ is  
to change the names of your  
Counties and towns which were  
given by the bogus legislature and  
border ruffians in honor of the men  
who took the lead in the oppressions  
and outrages on your people.

We have no news here that will  
interest you. Our Court is in session  
and I write in haste

Yours Truly

A. H. Reeder

Dr. F. L. Crane  
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