

Olin Thurston to John A. Halderman

Olin Thurston of Humbolt, Kansas Territory, writes John A. Halderman to comment on the past election for state offices, to thank him for "your gallant fight in behalf of the Democracy," and to assure him that "we of southern Kansas are always ready to co-operate with our friends in Leavenworth."

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Friend Halderman

Your favor came to hand a few days previous to the election & I have not heard of your being scratched any in Southern Kansas. I worked hard in Southern Kansas & had the day not of been so bitter cold we would of given a good account of ourselves. Our County went Republican by about twenty.

Well we are all defeated I presume & I am not at all disappointed; to have carried Kansas at the last election would have been ^{equal to} one of the seven wonders of the world. We all feel much indebted to you for your gallant fight in behalf of the Democracy & hope at some future time to be able to ~~pay~~ remunerate you for your good & valuable service. You can rest assured that we of Southern Kansas are always ready to co-operate with

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our friends in Lawrence & should
you ever want any thing. let us
know. I understand our friend
Mass intends contesting the seat
of his opponent, {Mr Stewart} upon the
grounds that Stewart is a nonresident
of the territory. Should you be at
Lawrence do what you can for
him.

What is to be done as to a
convention to appoint delegates to
Charleston or have you any confidence
in Kansas being admitted into the
union this winter? I have thought
from the beginning it was extremely
doubtful. Should we appoint delegates
to Charleston what in your opinion
would be best as to instructing them
for Douglass or any one else?

I am of the opinion Douglass would
get a larger vote in Kansas than
any one else, provided we get a chance to
vote. Please write at your earliest
convenience.

Truly your Friend
Olin Thurston