

## Barstow Darrach to Samuel L. Adair

Dr. Barstow Darrach had returned to New York Hospital after being in Kansas Territory. He wrote that he felt the prospects were not very favorable for Kansas Territory. He had found "some warm friends disposed to yield Kansas to the slave power rather than resort to a revolution," and he believed [President] Buchanan would only pretend to support freedom "until the south can make sure of their prize." Darrach felt it would take a large emigration of settlers to Kansas to make it a free state, and that free state settlers would be thwarted by the "bogus authority" and "another mob from Mo." should the Free State party appear at the polls. He stated that "the strongest argument [against success] that I see is that the people do not seem prepared." He wrote that he would ship clothing, flannel cloth, and blankets to Adair by way of W. F. M. Arny in Chicago.

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New York Hospital  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup> /56  
Dear Sir.

We reached  
our journey's end at this  
place last Friday; just  
one week after leaving  
you. We were exceedingly  
favoured in making  
connections on the route.  
I find all well here.  
To me Kansas affairs look  
dark. I find some warm  
friends disposed to yield  
Kansas to the Slave power  
rather than resort to a  
revolution. Others are dis-  
posed to place confidence  
in Buchanan, that he  
will use his influence on  
the side of freedom. A delusion  
I fear, which the south  
will strengthen by  
a few conciliatory



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measures, until the south  
can make sure of their  
prize.

The tribune comes out  
with an article against  
resistance to the Gen.  
Government, & seems to  
place his hopes on emigration.  
That must be large to secure  
us anything, even should ~~we~~  
the freestate party appear  
at the polls, appointed by  
bogus authority. For as  
soon as it is known that  
such is the plan, prepara-  
tions will be made for  
another mob from Mo.

Some of Greely's arguments  
against resistance are  
good. Others will disappear  
as soon as the first  
blood is struck. The strongest  
argument that I see is that  
the people do not seem  
prepared.



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I shall ship by the 4th prep  
a box of clothing & a small  
bale of canton flannel &  
blankets. directed thus.

S L Adair O sawtorn KT  
Care of W & M Army. Chicago  
with instructions for him  
to forward as soon as possible.  
There are 4 pairs of blankets  
& about 30 yds of flannel  
all from one firm. The  
clothing is mostly second  
hand & considerable of it  
for summer but I think  
it can all be made of  
some service.

I called on Mr Freely soon  
after my arrival. Your box  
had been sent forward some  
time previous. The abolition  
of slavery seems to be the  
apt absorbing subject with  
him. Kansas a collateral  
issue.

The clothing has been



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contributed by various  
friends of our cause.  
The blankets & flannel  
are from John McNixon of  
this city.

Remember me to all  
friends. My best respects  
to Mrs Adair,

yours truly,  
Barstow Darrach  
To the Rev. L. Adair.

Dr. B. Darrach  
Dec. 27, 1852