

Marcus J. Parrott to Henry Miles Moore

Parrott, the representative of Kansas Territory to the U.S. Congress, wrote to Moore from Washington offering his assessment of the upcoming session of Congress. Parrott predicted that the Congress would reject the Lecompton Constitution. He also offered Moore, a Free State advocate recently elected to the Kansas Territorial House of Representatives, advice on activities to pursue in the Territorial Legislature.

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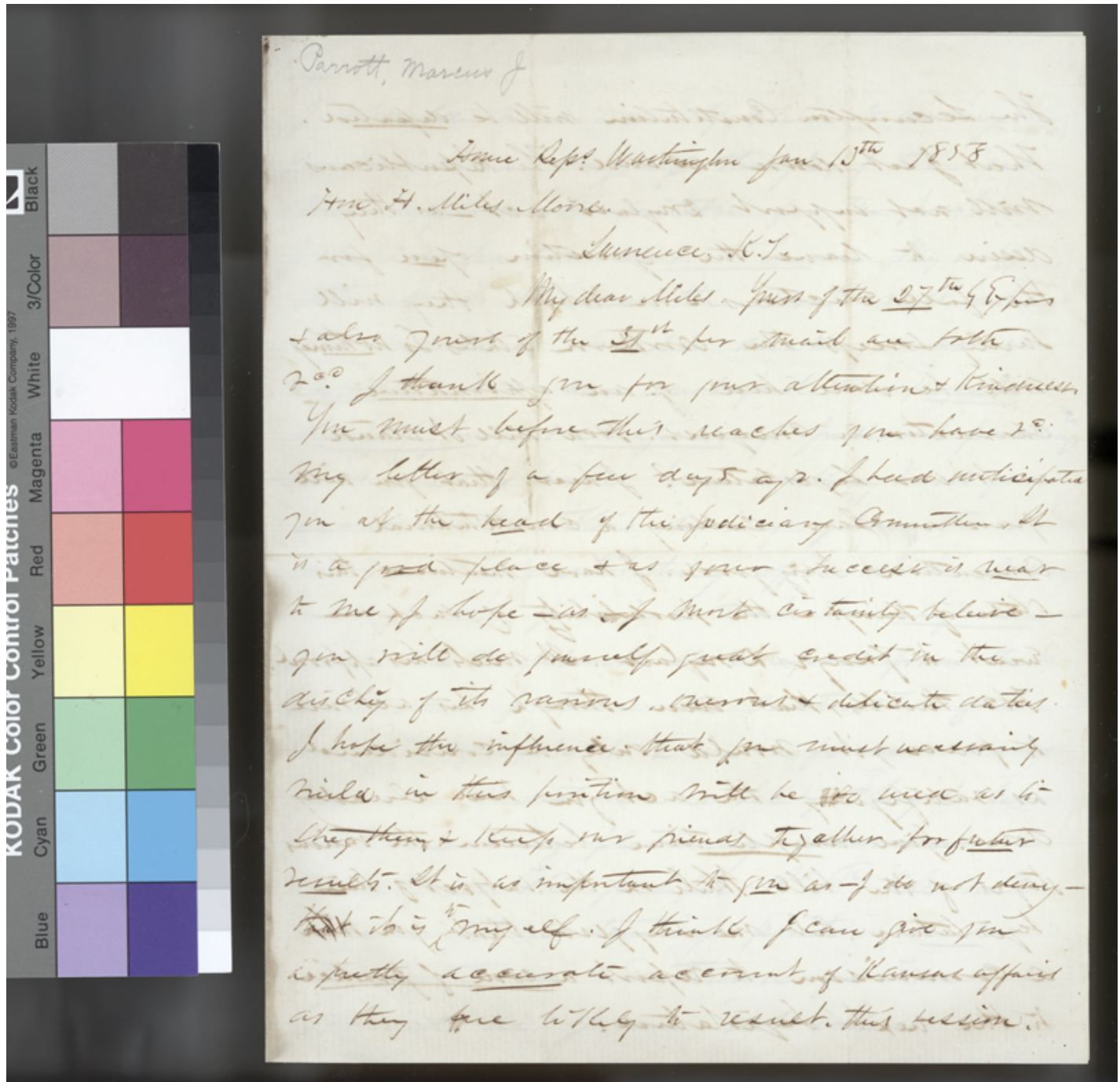
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The Lecky Constitution will be defeated.
That I set down as sure. The Republicans
will not support Douglass' act - as they
desire to leave the question open for
the fall elections - in which they will
surely sweep the Southern States. So nothing
will be done here of an affirmative
character in Congress. How will it stand
as to our Legislature? I hear that you will
pass an law calling a Constitutional
Convention. Very good. I have mentioned this
state of things - the probability of such an
event to Judge Douglass. It meets his approval.
He thinks, that even though his act were
to pass, it would only be considered
as ratifying the act you had already
done. Give ample time between the various
stages of the bill. While on the subject of this
Legislature, let me suggest that you send
a Commission to report a code of practice
to the next Legislature.

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I should have no objection to serving on
 the Committee myself though, if there are
 other applicants suitable for the position
 I should prefer not to be on. My only
 interest is to have the work well done.
 The measure would make in some
Capital, as it can not fail to be popular.
simplifying & cheapening judicial proceedings
 as it does. I have been working hard for
 Leavenworth. This morning I have the
 promise of a distributing office at L - also
 the partial promise that the California
 Mails shall debark at & depart from that
 point. Also I have the construction of a
 line of telegraph to L in a forward & very
 favorable condition - as Secy Floyd has
 given me very flattering assurances in
 the subject. The Pacific R^r P^r will
 provide for a starting point in Kansas
 taking thence Southward for Texas.
 I'm well as I am not idle -



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