

## Gaius Jenkins to Charles Robinson

From Washington, D.C., Gaius Jenkins, the man who would be shot and killed by Jim Lane on June 3, 1858, writes Robinson regarding an business investment issue (apparently a Wyandotte Float, perhaps involving the Quindaro land investment) of theirs before Congress. Jenkins devotes most of his letter to "the Kansas question," and "that bogus [Lecompton] constitution. Former Kansas Territory governor Robert J. Walker, whom Jenkins "called on" in D.C., branded it "the most damnable absurdity and rong [sic] that he had ever known committed in a Republican government. . . ."

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Gov Robinson

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44/ Dr Sir this  
is to let you know a little  
of how matters are moving  
here our investigation is  
going on verry slow but  
I think our prospects are  
good. the Commissioner  
has finally taken our case  
up out of its regular order  
and ~~the~~ I think we will now  
have an early decision. I am  
after that old flots with  
hot blocks. and I am confident  
now more than ever that I will  
beat them notwithstanding  
all their intrigues. Washington  
is begining to be quite lively  
the members ~~are~~ arriving daily  
and the Kansas question  
appears to be the principle topic



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I called on Gov Walker <sup>day</sup> yester  
and asked him his views touch  
ing that bogus Constitution  
and his reply was that it was  
the most damnable absurdity  
and song that he had ever  
known committed in a Repub  
lican government. and that  
he will oppose it with all  
the power that he can com<sup>d</sup>  
consequently the Admin<sup>on</sup>strat<sup>on</sup>  
is down on him and yesterday  
at the meeting of the Cabinet  
they resolved to say nothing  
more to Walker but sustane  
the Kansas Constitution  
the present prospects are that  
the old democratic party ~~are~~  
will have an interesting  
time of it. before they quit  
through. which will be in that place  
we read of down below \* Hell =



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I hope you will none of you  
vote at the bogus election  
~~and~~ I see nothing to be gained  
by it on the contrary we will  
be doing in my opinion a great  
wrong. I suppose that we have  
got to have an other fight  
with those fellows and if so  
we might as well commence  
now as to stand their devilish  
persecution a while longer and  
then fight. we have justice and  
the popular <sup>feeling</sup> of the United States  
with us. and I think our bound  
duty is a firm resistance to such  
base oppression. excuse  
all errors

Yours with much  
Respect  
Gaius Jenkins