

## National Kansas Committee letter

This printed letter is from the National Kansas Committee. Its purpose is to solicit money, supplies, and settlers for the Kansas Territory. It provides details on these efforts. Also, it mentions Colonel Buford's expedition to the territory and speculates on Southern motives.

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SIR:—The NATIONAL KANSAS COMMITTEE have fully organized and entered upon their duties. The President, THADDEUS HYATT of New York City, and the Financial Agent, DR. S. G. HOWE of Boston, have just returned from the borders of Kansas, having made arrangements for efficient operations in the Territory, and on the route by the appointment of good agents. We are now prepared to receive and forward any funds or articles that may be donated in aid of the oppressed Free State men. We solicit the IMMEDIATE co-operation of every friend of Kansas, and request Local Societies to forward their funds immediately, as we are prepared to use them economically and effectually in the forwarding of persons, and provisions to Kansas. All moneys should be sent to the officers of the Kansas organizations of the respective States, or to H. B. HURD, Secretary National Committee, Chicago, Illinois.

The main purposes of this organization, and for which it is urged, to immediately raise and forward funds, are:—

FIRST, *The retaining of all actual free settlers in Kansas.* For this purpose it is necessary that we should furnish them with provisions and clothing. In consequence of the outrages perpetrated by foreign bands of pro-slavery men, many are destitute of the necessities of life, and women and children are without clothing, and in many cases, without habitations, which must be supplied to them before the coming winter; in order to do this, we ask the ladies in every town and neighborhood also to organize, to concentrate their efforts and forward their money or clothing at as early a day as possible to the undersigned, No. 11 Marine Bank Building, Chicago.

SECOND, To induce all Free State absentees forthwith to return to the Territory, and where it is required to furnish them with aid.

THIRD, To induce ACTUAL SETTLERS from the Free States to go into the Territory as fast as possible.

The National Committee has appointed ELI THAYER of Worcester, Mass., general agent to organize the States, and he is engaged in that work, and solicits the aid of all who desire to see Kansas a Free State. Do not wait to be visited by agents, but form your society and commence your subscriptions immediately. The undersigned has been appointed General Transportation Agent, and with assistant agents at Iowa City, Burlington, Mt. Pleasant and other points in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, is now prepared to forward money, provisions and clothing, and to have them faithfully distributed to those who are in want in the Territory. Arrangements have been made to transport emigrants on the Railroads at reduced fare; those who desire to go to Kansas will be furnished with information as to the best routes, modes of conveyance, and locations after their arrival in the Territory. It is requested that each county and town organize immediately. Send to the Secretary of their State organization or to the undersigned, a list of such persons as they are sure can be relied upon to go and stay, stating the amount of means in their possession, the time when they propose to start, &c. It is hoped that no companies of emigrants will be forwarded without giving previous notice to the General Transportation Agent at Chicago, or without previous arrangement in regard to the expenses, so that he may be able to forward them on without detention. The fertile and magnificent country holds out sufficient inducements to make it to the interest of all persons to migrate to it; none will there fore be hired to go, and the committee desire none but those who will go as peaceful settlers to find homes in Kansas. Families with their own conveyances, who wish to go, will be furnished with information so that they can unite with some train and travel in companies. Col. Buford has gone South to rally the necessary men to make Kansas a Slave State, and every man who has the ability to help him, and can be spared, has been detailed upon the same service. The fact is, the South is just now making the most earnest effort she has ever attempted to get control of Kansas. She is doing more to day, in proportion to her population, to colonize Kansas than the North. The South is making a final desperate struggle, and unless met in the same spirit will triumph. Free State settlers are going forward and are entering the Territory, though more slowly than could be wished, but unless Free State emigration gets an active impulse soon, we shall see the South ahead, favored as it is, with the exclusive control of the Missouri River, and the use of governmental powers.

Let it be borne in mind, that all political efforts will avail nothing, unless we have a majority of Free State men in that Territory, and keep them there; work therefore for Kansas while you work for Fremont, and at all your political meetings do not forget the starving thousands of freemen in that Territory.

We call upon the friends of Freedom to arise and out of their abundance to furnish the money immediately, to supply the wants of Kansas, and to strengthen the noble bands of freemen who have prudently submitted to outrages, murders and robberies in that Territory, and who have nobly fought our battles for freedom. Men and women, Freedom's advocates, arise and let your committee know in a tangible form that you are determined to aid them in this great work, and that Kansas shall be free.

**W. F. M. ARMY,**  
General Transportation Agent National Kansas Committee.

