

Andrew H. Reeder to John A. Halderman

From the National Hotel in Washington, Andrew Reeder advises John Halderman on the disposition of some business matters, especially those related to his Leavenworth lots. He comments on a variety of subjects including his desire "to return to Kansas in the spring," and to have some long-term impact on the growth and development of Leavenworth. Reeder also mentions his influence with "some of the men who will probably control the Pacific [Rail] Road when it is built," his desire to help Leavenworth secure the eastern Kansas terminus, and his activity with the National Kansas Committee. Although he had no interest in the rival town of Quindaro, he intends to "help build up" that city if he is not "fairly dealt with" in Leavenworth.

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attempts at competition in hope of secur-
ing it - of threatening to bid for me
on the lots of others if mine are not
at once - of giving ^{out} yourself or some
one else as an undivided half owner
and of making an actual bona fide
Sale of a part on condition that the
purchaser hold himself at as the
purchaser of mine - or with what con-
dition as you think best.

As I said in my former letter
I am very reluctant to sell any lots
unless we are driven to it by neces-
sity in order to save them. My friends
by Kansas have been so heavy that it
is necessary to make some of them up.

I expect to return to Kansas in
the Spring which you can mention or
not as you think best. As to the town
I shall do my part toward its improve-
ment and will as soon as possible
improve some of my lots there to the
general benefit of the place. The mention
of this may be of use. I am also in the
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At me know. You can address me
at Eastern under corner of B. S. Clark
Mun. Hotel St. Y. East Kentucky Cor.
St. & Arch Phila. or St. G. Battell
Chesnut St. Phila. or your corres-
pondents and clients Bullitt &
Fairthorne Phila. will be glad
to hear from you

Very Truly
Your Friend

A. H. Reeder

J. A. Halderman Esq
Leavenworth
Kansas Ky

Please consider yourself my atty in
anything that may turn up in
Leavenworth or at and exercise large
discretionary powers

A. H. Reeder
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