

Samuel C. Pomeroy to Samuel N. Wood

From Washington, D.C., Samuel Clarke Pomeroy expresses his concern for the Wood family, who had just lost their "'House & Effect'" in a fire. But as consolation, Pomeroy informs Wood that Kansas was "going to be admitted 'into the family of States,' this season." Then, making reference to the 1856 dispersal of the Topeka free state legislature, Pomeroy writes: "I wonder if our State Legislature could not be called together at Topeka upon the 4th of July, to commemorate the day of our being 'dispersed' by the United States Soldiers!!" Although optimistic, Pomeroy concedes politics might still hold up admission, if the anti-Seward forces thought Kansas votes might influence the decision of the upcoming Chicago convention.

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S. N. Wood Esq

My dear sir

I learn from a Territorial Paper that you are "burned up," or rather your "House & effects,". I am sorry to hear of such a misfortune happening to any one, and especially in a new settlement where one's household Goods, cost much more than they are worth elsewhere.

But I took my pen to day to you, that we are going to be admitted "into the family of States," this session. And no mistake. The Democracy are here today in large numbers on their way to Charleston. ^{& others} Fernando Wood, of N.Y. held forth last night, and from the tone of their remarks, and our large vote (61 majority) in the House, it is inevitable.

I wonder if our State Legislature could not be called together at Topeka upon the 4th of July; To commemorate the day of our being "dispersed" by the United States Soldiers!!

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Our Land Grants will pass if there is time after the Senate vote upon our admission!

They won't vote the Grants to the Territory! But to be disposed of by the State Legislature only!

Judge Safford of Topeka is here, we have got a mail Route Reported from Atchison to Topeka and Council Grove &c - "daily in Coaches,"

Also we have added to day one new Road to the old Bill of Land Grants, viz - also one Road from Topeka via Council Grove to the South west line of the State in the direction of Santa Fe. That is in addition to the old Bill - which you have seen published.

Our friend Geo. W. Deetler Spear is elected Mayor of Lawrence!! What's become of Lane! Can't Lane defeat anybody any more! I think Lane must have been asleep! or in the "lap of Dalilah!"

I shall leave here forthwith in the course of a week - You ^{have} your Pass I suppose by this time. I hope you will be at the Chicago Convention! That vote of our Convention, ^{at Lawrence} instructing the Delegates to vote for Ward! will defeat their vote in

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The Chicago Convention! You know we were
admitted to the Convention "by courtesy," we
could not claim it. Those opposed to show-
-ing, will now resist the vote of Kansas,
until it is known who the nominee is.

Being admitted, only as an act of
courtesy by the National Committee.
It did not become us, in a close con-
-test to say in advance who we
should cast our votes for.

I am expecting a stormy time at the
Convention. — I shall be home by the
1st of May. And shall be glad to see you
at my home in Atchison.

My regards to Mrs. Wood & family,

I am truly,
S. C. Pomeroy