

James Redpath to Thomas W. Higginson

James Redpath, a journalist who had spent some time in Kansas Territory, writes this letter to Reverend Thomas W. Higginson, an abolitionist and agent of the Massachusetts State Kansas Committee. Redpath begins the letter with a vehement denouncement of Mr. Cutter, who has allowed the Missouri ruffians to arrest him peacefully. Redpath is appalled that Cutter did not even fire a shot. Redpath is obviously distraught and seeks advice from Higginson on how he should proceed.

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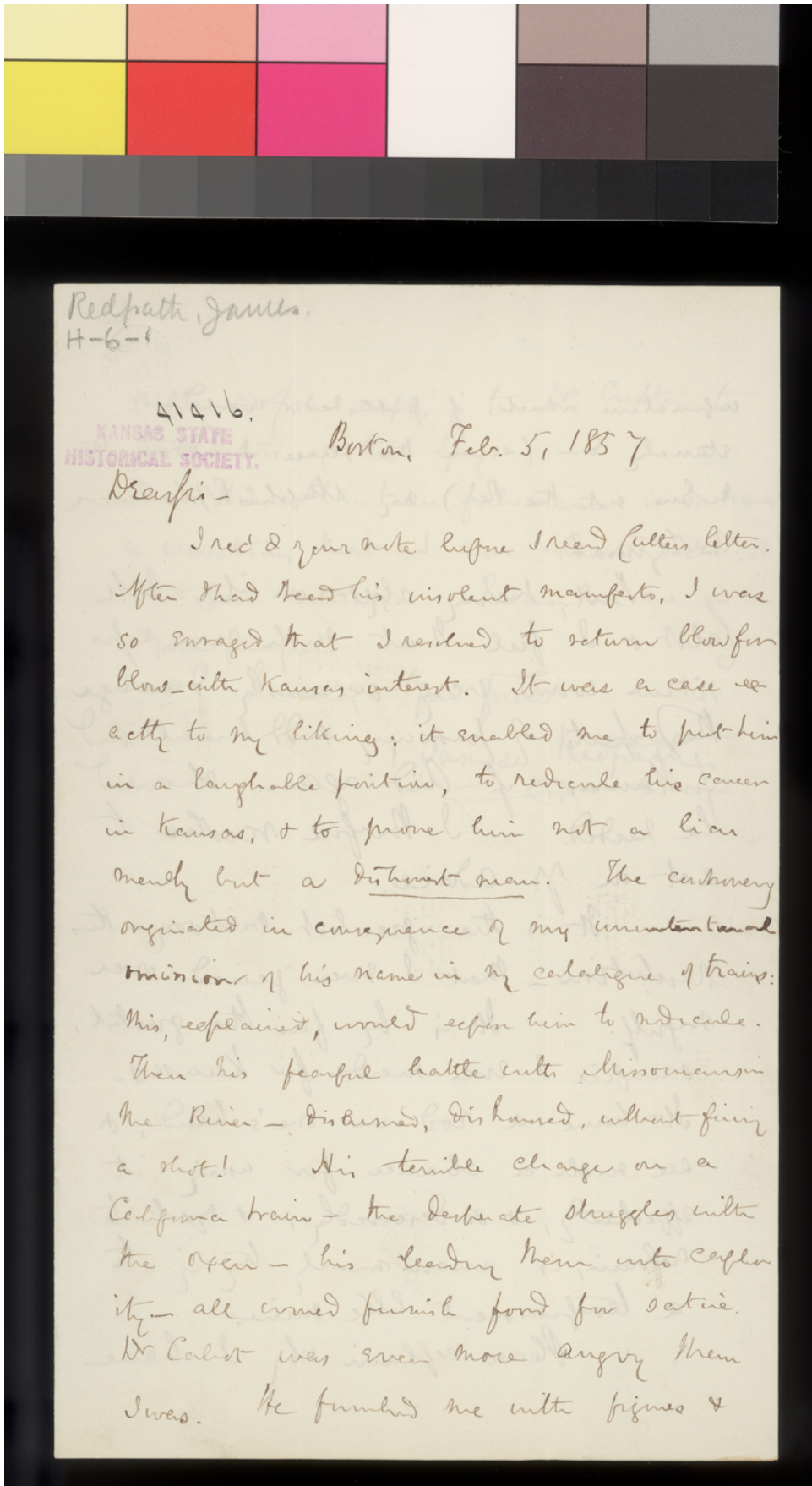
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them, not the Res.) my Mississippiholceer
artizuish.

But, having slept on it, both
Calist & I feel that such an effort
it would very seriously damage
the prospects of procuring additional aid
for Kansas, if Aid again showed
he needed. I therefore resolve to
act on yr. advice.

It is the greatest victory - this
resolution - that I ever gained over
myself. It is by far the greatest

sacrifice I ever made for Kansas.

It have a rod in one's hand, &
see such a chance for using it
effectively, & so deservingly, & yet to
refrain, is uncommonly trying to
a temperament like mine.

Please explain why I have

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