

Charles Robinson to Sara Robinson

On December 19, 1860, Charles Robinson writes to his wife from Washington, D.C., where he is lobbying members of Congress and other officials on behalf of Kansas and himself. Numerous Kansans, including Robinson, who is conducting a vigorous campaign for appointment as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, are seeking positions in the new administration. "Unless men lie beyond all comprehension," writes Robinson, "I don't see how I can fail of the appointment." Robinson did not receive this appointment.

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My Dear S-

I sent to the mail a letter for you this morning but having a little leisure will write again. Mr. Thayer went with me to Montgomery Blair's house who is likely to be Secy of War. He says it is fit I should be com. & he & all his friends will do what they can to bring it about.

Mr. Bates of Mo. Mr. Crow & Mr. Ewing are each talked of for Secy of Interior & I feel very sure I can have the appointment from either of them if they succeed.

In fact no one is talked about for that position that would not be very likely to give me that ^{Commissionership} ~~position~~. I have the assurance this morning that our railroad bill will be fixed as we want it. Mr. Stanton, Penrose & Canning all say they will favor my appointment as com. & Hale, Henton, Crow, DeForest & others will do the same.



I expect now to leave tomorrow for Kc.
I may return at any time should my
friends here think it important. Smith
writes that he will send to you a draft &c.
If it is payable to my order you had
better send it to Lawrence Kansas as
you will be unable to use it. I shall
leave word here to have all letters forwarded
there. I will enclose Smith's letter
that you may see what is going on.
Alfred Gray has been here but has
gone this morning. He will get Gov.
Patterson to use his influence in the
right direction with Weed, Seward & co.
Unless men lie beyond all com-
prehension I don't see how I can fail
of the appointment. Stevens don't
yet here yet. I regret it as I wanted
to see him before leaving.
Love to all, & especially your own
good self. C

H. Oliver 1939