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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IN RELATION TO KANSAS AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, January 24, 1856. To the Senate and House of Representatives: Circumstances have occurred to disturb the course of governmental organization in the Territory of Kansas...

With such views associations were organized in some of the States, and their purposes were proclaimed through the press in language extremely irritating and offensive to those of whom the colonists were to become the neighbors...

Such of the public officers of the Territories as, by the provisions of the act, were to be appointed by the General Government, including the Governors, were appointed and commissioned in due season...

While, by this act, the principle of constitution for each of the Territories was one and the same, and the details of organic legislation regarding both were as nearly as could be identical...

In other respects the Governor, instead of exercising constant vigilance and putting forth all his energies to prevent or counteract the tendencies to illegality which are prone to exist in all imperfectly-organized and newly-associated communities...

his attention to be diverted from official obligation by other objects, and himself set an example of the violation of law in the performance of acts which rendered it my duty, in the sequel, to remove him from the office of chief executive magistrate of the Territory.

The requisite preparation was accomplished for election of a Territorial Legislature an election of Delegate to Congress had been held in the Territory on the 29th day of November, 1854, and the Delegate took his seat in the House of Representatives without challenge.

The persons and parties whom the tenor of the act to organize the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas thwarted in the endeavor to impose, through the agency of Congress, their particular views of social organization on the people of the future States, now perceiving that the policy of leaving the inhabitants of each State to judge for themselves in this respect, was inadvisable...

Angry accusations that illegal votes had been polled abounded on all sides, and imputations were made both of fraud and violence. But the Governor, in the exercise of the power and the discharge of the duty of his office, declined to be moved by the clamor of the popular press...

Accordingly, the Governor, by proclamation, convened the Assembly thus elected to meet at a place called Pawnee City... The Legislature met and were duly organized in the ordinary parliamentary form...

It will be perceived that if any constitutional defect attached to the legislative acts of the assembly, it is not pretended to consist in irregularity of election or want of qualification of the members...

General Intelligence.

MEN FOR KANSAS... We have learned with great satisfaction that a corps of three hundred men has been organized in Abbeville District, for the purpose of proceeding to Kansas...

It is the undoubted right of the peaceable and orderly people of the Territory of Kansas to elect their own legislative body, make their own laws, and regulate their own social institutions, without foreign or domestic molestation...

Virginia and the Fugitive Slave Law... A select committee of the Virginia House of Delegates has reported a bill "to protect James Parsons, Jr., of Hampshire, and other citizens of the Commonwealth, in the prosecution and maintenance of their constitutional rights..."

RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY.—O'Connell describes religious bigotry in the following nervous language: "She has no head, and cannot think; no heart, and cannot feel! When she moves, it is in wrath; when she pauses, it is in ruin..."

WAR'S DOINGS.—According to the Albany Evening Journal, the entire number of men killed by the wars of 1855 is over 300,000. Seventy-three battles have been fought, and no such bloody record has been presented in any year since the days of the field of Waterloo.