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THE VOICE OF KANSAS. LET THE SOUTH RESPOND.

Appeal of the Law and Order Party of Kansas Territory, to their friends in the South, and to the Law-Abiding People of the Union.

Col. BUFORD, one of the Committee, furnished the Editor of D. Bow's Review, the following document containing an interesting review of Kansas Affairs, and an Appeal to the South in favor of that abolition-riden country.

The undersigned, at a recent meeting of the party, were constituted a committee, charged, among other things, with the publication of this address.

That a state of insurrection and civil war exists among us is abundantly evident; the "law and order party" on the one side, opposed by the abolitionists, sent out and sustained by the prominent aid Societies of the North. A brief review of the points at issue, and their controlling circumstances, may be useful to justify this our appeal for aid.

In territorial politics, the question of free or slave State has swallowed up every other. The abolitionists on the other hand, in accordance with their early teaching, regard slavery as the greatest possible evil; and deem it a monstrous national crime, which their false theories of government impute equally to every portion of the confederacy, and thus believing themselves individually responsible for its existence, they feel bound each to struggle for its overthrow; to such extremes have wicked demagogues stimulated their fanaticism, that their perverted consciences justify any mode of warfare a just slaveholder, however much in violation of law, however destructive of property or human life, and however atrociously wicked it may seem to others; nay, many of them already go so far as to approve all laws, religion, property, order, and government among men, as subservive of their ends, and when they are pleased to call man's natural and inherent equality. And with them it is no mere local question of whether slavery shall exist in Kansas or not, but one of far wider significance—a question of whether it shall exist anywhere in the Union. Kansas they justly regard as the mere outpost in the great struggle being waged between the antagonistic civilizations of the North and the South; and winning this great outpost and stand-point, they rightly think their march will be open to any easy conquest of the whole field. Hence the extraordinary means the abolition party has adopted, and which, with the most fanatical and lawless portion of Northern society; and hence the large sums of money they have expended to surround their brother Missourians with obnoxious and dangerous neighbors.

On the other hand, the pro-slavery element of the "law and order party" in Kansas, looking to the Bible, find slavery ordained of God; they find there, as by our law, slavery made "an inheritance to them and their children forever." Looking to our national census, and to all statistics connected with the African race, and considering, too, their physical, intellectual, and moral natures, we see that slavery is the African's normal and proper status; and, in that status, that race, in multiple facts, has more physical comfort, less vice, and more moral and intellectual progress than in any other.

We believe slavery the only school in which the debased son of Ham, by attrition with a higher race, can be refined and elevated; we believe it a trust and guardianship given us of God for the benefit of the African; and we believe that, in the absence of slavery institutions, most of the social distinctions supervene among the free to the detriment of the public generally, and who intend to continue the Saddle and Harness Business, where he intends to keep constantly on hand a supply of Saddles, Bridles, Harness, &c. Of Every Description.

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indubitably show the percentage of these crimes; six victims whose bodies have been found, fell in that massacre, besides four others missing from the neighborhood and not yet heard from. Of the six, one was Allen Wilkinson, Esq., a member of the Territorial Legislature and post-master at Shermanville; sick with the measles, and order man, he was dragged at midnight from his bed, and from the side of a sick and imploring wife, by a band of abolition assassins, acting, as they said, in the name of the great Northern army; within hearing of the terror-stricken wife, with fiendish barbarity, he was flayed alive, his nose and ears were cut off, his scalp torn from his head, and then he was stabbed through the heart. Such is the sworn evidence his widow lately tendered in Westport before the Congressional Investigating Committee.

It revealed on the part of their friends such a picture of savage ferocity that that Committee for once blushed, and even stultified themselves rather than receive the testimony as competent. They had already received and recorded the evidence of Pardee Butler, testifying that since their appointment as Commissioners he had been tarred and feathered for negro stealing; but this decision they unblushingly reversed, and erased the evidence rather than be forced to put against their friends the terrible tale of the Ossawatimie murder upon the record. Besides Wilkinson, Wm. Sherman and brother, and Mr. Doyle and two sons, were proved to have been murdered at their respective homes on the same night and by the same band; one of the DoYLES had also his fingers and arms chopped off before he was dispatched. Incredible as these things may seem, they unquestionably happened in Kansas Territory in the latter part of last month; yet what is more incredible, but not less true, is the undeniable fact that these outrages are not as some pretend, the mere extraneous acts of a few irresponsible individuals, but the result of a policy, chargeable to the abolition party, as the legitimate fruit of their party measures and party discipline, and as naturally resulting from the public teachings, advice and counsel of their chief men and most distinguished leaders.

These outrages above specified were preceded, and up to the present time, have been followed by others of a like character and dictated by a like settled policy on the part of our enemies to harass and frighten, by their deeds of horror, our friends from their homes in the Territory. Undoubtedly this policy (a well settled party system) has done much to excite the law and order party, and to overthrow the law and order party at the decisive election for a Territorial Legislature to come off on the first Monday in October next. It is not impossible they may partially succeed in their aims; their labors to inflame the northern mind, and to excite the law and order party, and to overthrow the law and order party, have not been in vain.

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Any communications our friends in the South may be pleased to favor the undersigned with, will reach us most safely and certainly, if directed to us, at Westport, Missouri. Funds contributed may be sent to our treasurer, A. G. Boone, Esq., directed to him at the same place.

DAVID R. ATCHISON, WM. H. RUSSELL, JOS. C. ANDERSON, A. G. BOONE, B. F. STRINGFELLOW, J. BUFORD.

June 21, 1856.

WESTPORT, June 24, 1856.

Col. Jefferson Buford:

DEAR SIR: Your colleagues of the Committee appointed by the "law and order" party in Kansas to direct and control their action, have unanimously resolved to require you to proceed at once to the South for the purpose of presenting to the people of the South the vital importance of their earnest, early and efficient action to defeat the lawless purposes of the abolitionists.

You can be of infinite service to our cause by laying before the people a correct exposition of the condition of the territory. With sentiments of sincere regard, we are your friends.

D. R. ATCHISON, A. G. BOONE, WM. H. RUSSELL, JOS. C. ANDERSON, B. F. STRINGFELLOW.

Mr. Buford is now on a tour through the Southern States, engaged in the duties assigned him by the foregoing letter.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

Herewith you will find the appeal of your friends in Kansas, together with a letter accrediting me as their agent to solicit your aid in maintaining that indispensable break-water to the angry tide of Abolition. Want of time forbids my calling on you personally. Read that address thoughtfully; consider that if Kansas, our natural boundary to the North-West, is lost, that not Missouri and all West of the Mississippi may, too, all East of it, must soon follow, while, if we maintain it, the territories West of Arkansas and Texas are safe to us—namely, the future is safe. Ask yourselves whether you are prepared to surrender white supremacy in the South, to debase your blood, to degrade your social and political status to the level of an inferior race, by submitting to Abolition's mandate to fraternize with it. Remember, that all who know the country know that slaves thrive and do well in Kansas, and that there and in Western Missouri their labor pays better than in any cotton State in the Union.

Reflect that we have every thing to encourage us in our efforts to maintain the Government of this Territory, our immigration is daily increasing, while that from the North has greatly diminished. In Illinois, as if in disgust, they have lately applied to electioneering purposes, the funds they had raised for emigrants. Remember that, instead of endangering the Union, our winning Kansas makes it permanent by enabling us to defend our rights in it, and by discomfiting and breaking down the agitators. Think of the magnitude of the questions at issue; think of the imminence of our peril, and you will not need personal solicitation, but each one of his own volition will send his contribution according to his means. Those who cannot alone send their funds, hundreds or thousands, can unite with fifty or an hundred others and do so. Where there's a will, there's a way.

Remit in drafts on New York, payable or endorsed to our chairman, the Hon. D. R. Atchison—if convenient, get duplicate drafts—enclose the original or the duplicate to our treasurer, A. G. Boone, Esq., at Westport, Missouri, and the other to our chairman at Atchison, Kansas Territory. Take the Postmaster's receipt and then you have three guarantees that your contribution will not miscarry. Be assured it will not be misapplied; our treasurer and chairman are both gentlemen