

Sherman T. Waful's Kansas Letters.

A few days since the *Daily Union* of this village published a letter from Sherman T. Waful of Kansas, to his father in Pamela. That letter threw the whole blame of the Kansas troubles upon the Free State party. Mr. Waful was represented as a free soiler, and therefore a disinterested witness against the action of the Free State men. The letter referred to has been used by the Buchanan press, as an effective weapon against the Republican nominee and cause. In another column will be found another letter from the same *disinterested* source! Below also we give extracts from letters of the same *fair and candid* witness, written to his father prior to the one published in the *Union*. Let the public read these and say whether Mr. Waful is that unbiased truth telling person which he is claimed to be by those who are now using his letters to the prejudice of Republican principles.

This son of Mr. Waful of Pamela, left here more than five years ago, and had been living from that time in Western Missouri, up to the time the Territory of Kansas was opened for settlement, soon after which he with other pro-Slavery Missourians went over into the territory and took up a claim. Whatever he may have been five years ago when he resided in Jefferson county, there can be no doubt now that he has become a thorough Border Ruffian. The rough language of his letters and the obvious misrepresentations they contain show what he is,—that he is a tool of Atchinson and Stringfellow.

But we will let his own letters speak for him on this subject.

On the 20 of February 1855 he wrote a letter to his father of which the following is an extract, viz :

"The Governor has ordered the census to be taken. We anticipate the election to come off some time in the month of April. I am anxious, I want to know whether the abolitionists, the demagogues can rule, or whether we can have a good old fashioned Slave State or not. This is a strong pro-Slavery section. I think the north will find that they have been led on soft corn when the election comes off.

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On the 15th of August 1855, he wrote again from the Shawnee Mission, and said :

"I still hold my office" (the office of clerk in the bogus Legislature, then holding its session there.) The wheels of government are still rolling on. The Governor (Reeder) has been removed from his exalted or dishonorable position and from the last report it was stated that John L. Dawson of Pa. was on his way here to fill the vacancy, I have some thoughts of resigning my office owing to my ill health as the session will close on the first of Sept. I came very near going out on an electioneering expedition most to the Nebraska line, to day. I was offered big pay. We want to bring out George Whitfield as the pro-Slavery candidate to Congress."

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On the 15th of April 1856 he wrote again to his father, and among other things said :

"The north cannot force a free nigger State of Kansas by sending Sharpe's rifles here. I just stand in need of a Sharpe's rifle, and if I can ever see a Yankee out alone with one of them I will ask him for it, and if he refuses, wont give it to me, we will take what you call a rough and tumble fight. It makes me ferocious to see one of the lawless devils around. The Yankees saw the Presidents special message on Kansas affairs, they came to the conclusion to stop. That was the best thing that has happened to Kansas for many a long day, or time. He manifested some of the spirit of that good old hick'ry, and must be the next President.—The Constitution men should be for him.—New arrivals from Virginia Kentucky and Georgia, and from all the Southern States, and some from the nigger States."

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Other extracts might be given showing his thorough identification with the Border Ruffian party—but enough. He has been five years in Western Missouri—was appointed clerk in the Bogus Legislature at the Shawnee Mission—sympathised in, and labored for the election of Whitfield the pro-Slavery Candidate for Congress—Says Gov. Reeder "dishonored his position" because he was in favor of making Kansas a free state—In short he has the Border Ruffian Vocabulary by heart and talks as they do, and is heart and soul with them and of them There is therefore the same reason for crediting his statements and representations that there would be for crediting Stringfellow, or the grand horse thief Col. Titus, whose neighbor he says he was, and with whom he so deeply sympathises.

His father, Conrad Waful, to whom these letters are written, is a thorough, earnest Republican, working for Fremont with a hearty good will, and has no more confidence in the correctness of his son's representations of affairs there than any other sensible, well informed person knowing his associations. And that is none at all.

So much for the testimony of this *disinterested* Kansas witness.