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## Democratic Nomination.

FOR DELEGATE TO CONGRESS.  
SAUNDERS W. JOHNSTON.

**JOINT POLITICAL WRITING.**  
The following is a copy of a letter from the editor of the National Democrat to the editor of the Kansas Democrat, dated September 28, 1859, and published in the latter paper, September 29, 1859.

Read and Preserve.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That no man of character or reputation for truth and justice in Kansas Territory, has dared to openly defend the fraudulent and anti-Republican Wyandott Constitution.

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That the Wyandott Constitution lacks the essential features of a Constitutional

document, and limit the power of the people to elect their representatives to the Legislature.

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That the people are urged by hundreds of men who expect to obtain office by a deceptive and anti-Republican

Constitution, because it can easily be altered, and that the people are assured that those who frame it will aid in

securing its acknowledged defects.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Constitution requires a two-third vote in the Senate and House of Representatives before any amendment can be made, and that only three amendments can be made each year, and that

it is supremely ridiculous to hope that men who framed so deceptive, odious and

unjust a Constitution to steal into power under, will voluntarily surrender to power should they ever obtain it.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the proposed Constitutional law so called, is incapable of being amended; that nothing but a Convention and an entire new Constitution can eradicate its errors and supply its omission of fundamental principles of Constitutional law;

that, before a new Convention can be had, two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature must consent, and that a popular vote had, which, if favorable to a Convention, cannot be had until the meeting of the Legislature next succeeding said vote.

Thus will "the people" be deceived who trust to the false and deceptive promises made them by avaricious expectants for office.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Constitution contains no provision for the election of any Executive officers to succeed the Governor and other Executive officers that may be elected in December next, but it does provide that they are to serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Their power may be perpetual under this Constitution.

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That the Constitution contains no provision for contesting the election of State officers, nor does it contain any qualification for State officers.

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That the Constitution requires the first Legislature to be composed of twenty-five Representatives and twenty-five Senators, the first of whom are to serve for one year and the latter for two years, and makes no provision for the election of any successors.

time when Executive and State officers shall be elected, is an essential feature of Constitution law, and is a dangerous power to confer on the representatives of "the people."

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Constitution confers on the Legislature the extraordinary and dangerous power of driving public servants to resign their offices by depriving them of their just and legal compensation.

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That the Constitution destroys the independence of the Judiciary, by conferring on the Legislature the dangerous power of removing them from office by a simple resolution. Such is the idea of

FREEDOM, entertained by the slave and tyrants who framed the Wyandott

Constitution, and who aim to destroy the liberties of white men.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the two foregoing named powers contained in the Constitution afford unmistakable evidence of the design on the part of the tyrants who composed a majority of the Constitutional Convention, to make all public officers subordinate to and subservient to the will of the tyrants of the Constitution of the United States, who aim to destroy our glorious confederacy, and by so doing, the liberties of American citizens.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That for the first time in the history of this confederacy, an attempt has been made to break down a co-ordinate branch of the legislative department of government by depriving the Senate of all power to originate any measures for the public good.

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That the Constitution provides for an independent Executive, and that the Legislature, which if ever carried into practice, will be found to be destructive of the public good.

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an absent Judge from any cause, allows "The Bar" to elect a Judge. This is one mode of showing their contempt of popular rights.

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That the Constitution says that white persons who are citizens of the United States, and those who have declared by law their intention to become so, shall be deemed qualified electors. It carefully excludes civilized Indians from the rights of suffrage who have long been citizens of the United States; and then in the 4th section, on suffrage, it empowers the Legislature to declare negroes and mulattoes voters under the Constitution.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Constitution requires negro children to be educated with white children. The people are told that teachers shall be employed and separate schools shall be erected for negroes, which is a gross humbug.

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That one part of the Constitution provides that school lands shall not be sold until authorized by a popular vote; and in another part it says, "the Legislature shall make provision for their sale. By this, a ratification of the Constitution will empower the first Legislature to sell the public lands. Good-bye to the school lands say we.

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vention usurped the power of attempting to ignore the law of the Territorial Legislature, by disfranchising citizens of the United States, and by defining the qualifications of voters, and imposing restrictions on voters on the ratification or rejection of the Constitution not authorized by the law which called the Convention into existence. Great and consistent legislators are negro fronted "chickens." Victory is their motto, no matter by what means accomplished. Theirs will be the fate of cunning men, who have overdone their work.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Constitution repeals the Territorial debt, and modestly requests Congress to assume it, and that ten after it has paid all the necessary Territorial expenses. The Territorial Legislature of 1859 appropriated over \$106,000 to pay debts contracted since December, 1857, and thousands yet to be provided for. Taxpayers prepare for the future.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Constitution provides that no part of the land or money which the State may receive, shall go to pay the debt contracted in the name of the people, nor to aid in paying any other taxation than that for school and University purposes. The latter institution would be of no real service to the people of Kansas, now or at any future time.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Bill of Rights falsely declares that "all men are possessed of certain inalienable natural rights," which the Constitution, for deceptive purposes, does not in the suffrage article openly carry out, but empowers the Legislature to exercise in such manner as to them may seem best.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Bill of Rights does not declare the inalienable and indefeasible rights of the people to alter, reform or abolish their form of government as to them may seem best. This is an omission made to screen the deception practiced by the Republican party in regard to the right and power of the people to alter, amend or construct a new Constitution in the place of the Lecompton Constitution.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Bill of Rights, under the pretense of freeing negroes in the future State, provides for enslaving white men for poverty, which has uniformly been regarded as a crime by the advocates of the 6th section of the Bill of Rights.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That while the 7th section of the Bill of Rights properly does not give the people the right of doing business, it declares that ATHEISTS may provide for our courts of justice, and that all men who also deny the existence of a God, and a future state of rewards and punishments, may testify in our courts of justice.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the Preamble to the Constitution professes gratitude to ALMIGHTY GOD for our religious and civil privileges, while the BILL OF RIGHTS ignores the very existence of a God. Are the people of Kansas prepared to ratify an ATHEISTICAL Constitution? This cannot be unless the facts are overlooked by the people.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That no where in the Constitution is private property declared sacred, and prohibited from being taken for the public good or use, until the full value thereof was assessed and paid, or fully secured to the owner. This is not an oversight, but designed to conceal the wickedness and villainy of Abolition principles, which is not a necessary course to abolish slavery in the future State of Kansas.

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That the Ordinance attached to the Constitution demands more lands than is usually given to a new State, and more than was offered us in the English bill in 1850, which was called a bribe.

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That Congress will not grant us more lands, as a matter of right, than is usual, and that another vote on the change of Ordinance will be required should Congress conclude to admit the Territory as a State.

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That the change of boundaries in the Constitution so as to exclude a large population in Western Kansas, and the attempt to disfranchise "native born" citizens of the United States, may, as it most probably will, determine Congress to reject an application for the admission of a Territory as a State, that has less than 70,000 of a population, with a Constitution that is anti-Republican in its character, and ignores many of the fundamental principles which uphold free governments.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the negro-equality Republicans, who have denied the elective franchise to "native born citizens of the United States," by the terms of the Wyandott Constitution, ask the people to ratify it that they may force Congress to "vote" the prohibition against Kansas applying to a mission with less than 93,400 of a population, or force it to do so as admission that they may make capital out of it in 1860. This is their real desire.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That, should the Constitution be ratified, and should Congress change the Ordinance and reject the boundaries, or declare the disfranchising citizens of the United States anti-Republican, and send it back for ratification or rejection on such changes, "the people" will then have ample time to canvass the entire question more thoroughly, as to whether it is for the interest of the people to remain a Territory, or assume the expenses and taxation necessary to sustain a State government.

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That the Republican Abolition Legislature designed to deprive the people of the time necessary to examine and canvass the Constitution, so as to deceive the people into ratifying it.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That a national Democrat fears to go before the people of Kansas or the people of the United States in opposition to a Constitution that grossly violates the fundamental principles of free government, enfranchises negro men and women, and disfranchises "native born" citizens of the United States.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That the National Convention of Kansas will never ask Congress to intervene in the domestic affairs of Kansas, by rejecting any Republican portion of the Wyandott Constitution, should it be ratified, notwithstanding it contains a fraudulent appointment, designed to give the negro-equality minority power. That is the faith of the people of Kansas and not of Congress. It is the first quality lands in Eastern Kansas, and admitted the right to alter, amend or construct an entire new Constitution at any time; whilst every member of the Legislature elected under the Constitution, and every Executive officer was an anti-slavery man.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

The people were induced by false representations to reject the proposition.

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That should we be admitted into the Union in 1860, Congress no longer owns the lands offered us in 1858, and can only give us second quality and out of the way lands.

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By electing a Democrat to Congress who will expel all doing business, we may and can obtain the extinguishment of the title to first quality Indian lands in Eastern Kansas, and have them reserved for the future use of Kansas, to be given us when we are prepared to become a State.

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