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Jas. G. Blunt

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S. P. Chase Esq-

(Wrote to him Sept 5, 1859.)

Dear Sir

Doubtless ere this you have penned the constitution for Kansas. Emenating from the convention at Wyandott which has just closed its labors, the Democracy are determined to oppose its ratification by the people, not because there is anything in the instr ument very objectionable- except the [apportionment], but because they are opposed to the organization of a state government unless they can themselves control that organiz ation and seems the U.S. Senators They admit that if this constitution is ratified by the people, the administration and its friends in congress, will not dare to

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oppose our admission into the union just upon the advent of a presidential election; If they do [away] themselves against us we can as well afford to stay out of the union. as they can to risk the consequences of a refusal to reorganize our just demands. The democrats in the convention-commanded by the federal office holders in this Territory, and all the Border Ruffian leaders of SC made every effort to enduce us to take some action that would furnish the democrats in congress a pretext to oppose our administration such as admitting additional members, when the law creating the [convention] defined the number at 52 &C - Their greatest effort was to get our northern boun dry extended to the Platte River

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but this they cannot accomplish. The Constitution will be ratified by a handsome majority = you need not be surprised however if the democrats should elect their delegate to congress this fall, as I full well [assumed] that a stupendous fraud is to be infused upon us in the returns from Pikes Peak.

I am happy to see that your name is being canvassed in connection with the next [unclear] [unclear]. I took some pains while at Wyandott to accertain that feeling in this territory relative to this nomination in 1860. And I find that your friends are quite [unclear] [unclear]numerous. I think That with a little management this dele gation from Kansas. Small though it may be, can be [secured]for you. any thing that I can do for you in that [line]. I shall do cheerfully-Dr. [unclear] Mr. Hanoway wish to be remembered to you -Yours truly Jas. G. Blunt