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Poetry.

For the Herald of Freedom,
Song of Invitation.

BY THE AUTHOR OF THE WINDS.

Let, then, the dark breeze, among the low trees
That cluster around my home,
Whispering soft—tell the friends far away
To come to this Kansas scene,
Leave their winds cold and bleak, 'Till fan the
soft cheek
And on the roses shall bloom;
Instead of being now-winter's
And while winter is wedded to June.

We have bounding deer, and gladness cheer,
And hearts that welcome can give—
No fiercer dew, or vine-wreathed bowers
Than in Eden did lie.
Right 'er the dark green lea
Hark! I doaned day and night, kissed the lily
white,
Bat, I never saw a leafy bird,
Nor saw a flower, nor a more I'll roam,
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Thus sang the soft breeze, I listened well pleased,
And again it murmured to me:
"Kiss me, kiss me, as you did, dear, tread on me
In the land of the free—
Shall I lose my name, as a golden thread on me,
That shines 'er the beam of the sea."
Come all far and near, take heed to the cheer,
And haste to find you a home,
Where the broad prairie lies, 'neath bright sun
and
Like the roses you'll never wish to roam.
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From the Herald of Freedom.

Having been recently removed from the office of Secretary of Kansas Territory, under circumstances which imply severe censure on the part of the President, and having had no official formation of my removal, nor any opportunity for explanation or defence, I have deemed it necessary to present to the people of the United States a brief statement of facts in vindication of my motives and in explanation of the results of the act for which I have been condemned.

The office in question was not given to my solicitation. My acceptance of it, under all the circumstances, was a proof of strong friendship for the President, and of unbounded confidence in the firmness and faithfulness with which he would adhere to the line of policy deliberately agreed upon between him, his whole Cabinet, and Gov. Walker.

On my arrival in the Territory in April last, in advance of Gov. Walker, I confess that I had an imperfect knowledge of the real condition of affairs. I supposed the question of slavery to be the only cause of dissension and difficulty among the people; and in my brief inaugural address on the 27th April, I treated this as the chief subject of my remarks, and a submission to the people would be likely to be demanded. I soon found, however, that this view was altogether too limited, and did not reach the true ground of the controversy. The great mass of the inhabitants of the Territory were dissatisfied with the local government, and earnestly denied the validity of the existing laws. Asserting that the previous Legislature had been forced upon them by the judgment of Congress, to which they claimed they owed their constituents, they proclaimed their determination never to submit to the enactments of legislative bodies thus believed to be illegitimate and not entitled to obedience.

It was the condition of things when Gov. Walker came to the Territory, and the latter part of May. It was evident that the just policy of permitting the people to regulate their own affairs could not be successfully carried out, unless they could be inspired with confidence in the agents of Government through whom the law was to be effected. If a mere minority of the people had been thus dissatisfied and contumacious, they might possibly have been pronounced factions and treated as disturbers of the peace; but when the dissatisfaction was general, comprising almost the whole people, a more respectful consideration was indispensable to a peaceable adjustment. It was evident that the policy of repression—a rigid attempt to enforce submission without compromise—would inevitably result in a renewal of the civil war. With commendable anxiety to avoid this contingency, Gov. Walker resolved to go to the people, to listen to their complaints, to give them assurance of his aid, and just administration of the Territorial Government, and to induce them, if possible, to abandon their hostility, and to enter upon a peaceful and decisive struggle for the ballot-box. I was often with the Governor when he addressed the people, and gave my best efforts in aid of the great purpose of conciliation.

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