

Phila. Dec 10. 57.

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question his position is correct,  
& I should think satisfactory to  
you. Douglass has ~~ruined~~  
himself I think; he has  
so all probability lost the  
South & will not be able  
to make himself in the  
North. Not one Democrat  
is a hundred in this State  
willing to go with him.

It seems to me  
now you have only to  
stand still. No other  
Southern man will do  
for what Part. & I know



no Northern man that  
will set the Disunion  
out of the way; & between  
you & a very other broken  
Union man I will  
guarantee the State to  
be on our side.

What should be  
done persistently & with  
stead for the next two  
years is to repeal  
all this. The South is  
moral power & to denounce  
the next fundamental  
document. That's how  
come in as a free State  
under the no slavery clause  
of the 1st for granted  
the South will be enough  
the nominal. Provided  
you can extract of  
Virginia now well



give you this  
moment in Hudson  
being out of the way.  
I am very confident of  
this.

As for your brother &  
his father we shall speak  
them up. They will  
amount to - books. Go  
the Party - they may do  
your mischief & I wish  
to drive them out of  
the Party. They have  
never thought of you  
except with hostility. <sup>Union will</sup>  
The Party Stanton walked  
I don't know where  
but I will be in Kansas  
before the 21. Dec. The  
Constitution will be  
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Ye friend

Wm. Duryeff

Yours truly

J. A. Wood



Phil. Dec. 10, 57

My dear Gov.

I trust the President's message suits you. It strikes me as a plain straightforward & able paper, by no means ultra on any subject. On the Kansas question his position is correct & I think satisfactory to you. Douglas has ruined himself I think; he has in all probability lost the South & will not be able to make himself in the North. Not one Democrat in a hundred in his State will go with him.

It seems to me now you have only to stand still. No ultra Southern man will do for next Pres't & I know no northern man that will suit Pa., Douglas out of the way; & between yourself & any other Southern Conservative man I will guarantee the State to be on our side.

What should be done persistently & with tact for the next two years is to arouse all thro the South a moral furor to demand the next Presidential nomination. Should Kansas come in as a Free State (under the no slavery clause) I take it for granted that the South will be conceded the nominee. Provided you are certain of Virginia we will give you the nomination, Buchanan being out of the way. I am very confident of this.

As for Gov. Walker & his faction we shall <sup>spend</sup> ~~spend~~ them up. They will amount to - bosh. In the Party they may do you mischief & I wish to drive them out of the Party. They have never thought of you except with hostility & never will. Unless Stanton, Walker & Douglas encourage a civil war in Kansas before the 21 Dec., the Constitution will be returned with the pro-slavery clause voted out of it & all will be well.

Poor Douglas is playing his last card for a Senatorial re-election & will be whipped.

His Exly.

H.A. Wise.

Yr. friend,  
Ro. Tyler