

From William Rachel to Josiah Miller

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Mr[.] Josiah Miller Esq[.]

D[ea]r Friend[.]

I wrote to you from Brownsville the other day or two weeks ago[.] at the time I wrote to you I expected to remain there[.] I have since determined differently[.] I wish you would forward the [proceeds?] of the sale of thos articuls [articles] which I left with you to sell to Mrssrs[.] Thompson & Burns of this Citty[.] if you can get New York or Massachusits bank bill that or now paying [MS. illegible] you will send them in a letter by Mail[.] I am here without money & hope you will act promptly in the [MS. illegible][.]

The weather is quite cold here at present[.] Ice formed in the pules [pools] of water standing in the [streets?] last night[.]

Your Ledguslator in declairing it a fellony, punishable with death to atempt to enforce the bogus Laws meats with my harty approbation[.] I regrett that all the Free State men did not voat [vote] at the Election ordered by the Lecompton

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swindle & why was it that Robison was not the candidate instead of Smith[.] the hole Topeka State [offers?] should of been put in nomination[.] You may bet that the Administration will brake down Douglass & the nothern Democrats opposing the Lecompton Swindle[.]

Truly Yours[.]

William Rachel