

From James H. Lane to E.M. Stanton

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Hon[.] E[.]M. Stanton
Secty War
Sir[.]

Maj[.] Eldrige Paymaster is one of the largest of the Lawrence sufferers, having lost his [magnificent?] Hotel (The Free State Hotel) & everything else he possessed[.]

It is of the greatest importance to the rebuilding of our Town that he rebuild his Hotel. To do this it is indispensable that he visits the Eastern states. We respectfully urge you to grant him leave of absence for 60 or 90 days. by doing this you will aid the people of Kansas & oblige your friends[.]

Yours truly[.]
J[.]H[.] Lane