

When we compare the condition of the country at the present day with what it was one year ago, at the meeting of Congress...

The Supreme Court of the United States has previously decided that all American citizens have an equal right to take into the Territories whatever is held as property under the laws of the States...

It is to be lamented that a question so insignificant when viewed in the practical operation of the people of Kansas...

My recent mention, however, for the first time, of an election in Kansas, failed to meet the approval of Congress...

It is not probable, in the present state of the Union, that the Constitution can be lawfully framed and presented to the people of Kansas...

Under these circumstances, I submitted to Congress the Constitution thus framed, with all the officers already elected necessary to put the State Government into operation...

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granted to any State upon entering the Union; and also a certain section of land for twelve miles on each side of two rail roads proposed to be constructed from the Northern to the Southern boundary...

burden of State taxation, and the means necessary for the improvement of the Territory and the advancement of their own interests are thus diverted to very different purposes.

The Federal Government has ever been a liberal patron of the Territories, and a generous contributor to the useful enterprises of the people...

Just as the people of the United States require that this rule should be established by Congress. Each State is entitled to two Senators and one Representative in Congress...

For these reasons I earnestly recommend the passage of a bill to amend the act of August 22, 1854, in relation to the admission of new States...

right of search, now so happily terminated, could never have arisen if Cuba had not been forced a market for slaves. As long as this market shall remain open, there can be no hope for the civilization of benighted Africa...

It has been made known to the world by my predecessors, that the United States have, on several occasions, endeavored to acquire Cuba from Spain by honorable negotiation...

While the possession of the island would be of vast importance to the United States, its value to Spain is, comparatively, unimportant...

Our position in relation to the independent States south of us on this continent, and especially those within the limits of North America is a peculiar character.

Mexico has been in a constant state of revolution almost ever since it achieved its independence. It has been the theatre of another usurpation of the Government in rapid succession...

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