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It is said that the object of the bill organizing the Territory was to leave the people to do as they please. The people of Kansas to do as they please, when there is not an officer of the Territory in whose election they have had a voice, and cannot have for two years to come! The people of Kansas to do as they please, when by force you trample down their ballot-boxes, and deprive them of the full exercise of the elective franchise! You have imposed on them a Legislature which has enacted laws striking down the dearest rights of freemen; and you call it law and order to sustain the invasion, and enforce the enactments. And after the people of Kansas have been disfranchised at the ballot-box, and they have been deprived of their rights because they undertake to demand a redress of their grievances at the hands of the only body that can give it—the Congress of the United States—armed men are to be called in to shoot them down. Are the citizens of Kansas competent to take care of themselves? If so, why import men from other States to enforce their laws? The fact that men are imported to execute the laws of the Legislature is conclu-