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Affairs Kansas.

REPORT Of the Committee of Territories, to the Sen-ate of the United States on the affairs of Kansas.

Concluded.

In view of the fact that the Secretary of War had intimated an opinion that all of the public buildings at Fort Leavenworth were ings for the temporary seat of government at

tory, instead of Fort Leavenworth, but for the offset to the unfortunate circumstance that The colone, lieutenant-colonel, parties of America, and to the oppressed for appropriated for this purpose, skill not be appropriated for this purpose, sk The object, as well as legal effect of this prothe body until the 21 day of July-more rision, was to restrain the governor from ex- than three months afterwards—and that, too

where the legislature held its session, and the herewith transmitted." governor established the executive offices,

ty was made with these same Indians, by the were ceded tothe United States, and, being terms of the organic act of Kansas, included can have no control, and which can be dewithin the limits, and rendered subject to the termined only by the courts of justice, under urisdiction of said Territory.

The second article granted the house in tion. which the legislature afterwards held its sessions, and the land upon which the house to annul the acts of the legislative assembly the same power that enacted it." There is to be regiment —, No. —, of the Kansas stood, to the missionary society of the Metho- of Minnesota, incorporating certain raifroad nothing in the act itself, as has been charg- Legion; and, as such, they are hereby invesdist Episcopal Church South, in these words : companies, this committee reported against ed, to prevent a free discussion of the subject ted with all and singular the authority and "Of the lands lying east of the parallel line the proposition, and, instead of annulling the of slavery. Its bearing on society, its moral privileges with which each and every regiaforesaid, there shall first be set apart to the local legislation of the Territory, recommentity or expediency, or whether it would be ment is invested, working under a character three hundred and twenty acres of land; and the United States, were entitled to the priv- this Territory is made penal; but beyond to the American Baptist Union, to include liege of self-government in obedience to the this, there is no restriction to the discussion the improvements where the superintendent constitution; and if, in the exercise of this of the slavery question, in any aspect in which

The other articles of the treaty provide for the survey of these lands, and for granting two hundred acres to each Shawnee Indian, some more suitable and convenient point in the exercise of their legislative functions.

of legal authority in the legislature coremove season, and where cholera broke out, and a the seat of government, flatter themselves consequence of the inadequate food and shell-

that they have recently discovered a new fact | ter ; and when, under all of these circumstanwhich will extricate them from their difficul- ces of annoyance, they finally passed angaet lature that they elected all of the officers of pose. It is, that by the treaties of November labor school, where ample accommodations 7, 1825, and of August 8, 1831, with the are provided, and where the governor himself six years; and the only civil officers they re-Shawness of Missouri and Ohio, a large tract had previously made it the seat of govern- tain the election of, that occurs to us at presof land, including the Shawnee Mission, ment, they were met by his veto, which is ent, are the auditor and treasurer of state, and

was secured to those Indians, with the guarany part of their duty to examine and react, the commissions issued by the governor ation of arms."

anty on the part of the United States "that view each enactment and provision of the to the civil officers of the Territory all expirsaid lands shall never be within the bounds large volume of laws adopted by the legisla- ed on the adjournment of the legislature. of any State or Territory, nor subject to the ture of Kansas upon almost every righful To prevent a failure in the local administration and discipline books, papers, or moneys belonging to the or-laws thereof;" and that the 19th section of subject of legislation, and affecting nearly the mass meeting held at Lawrence on the the Kansas-Nebraska act provides that noth every relation and interest in life, with a snumber of temporary appointments, and endorsed by the convening in this act contained shall be construed to include any territory which, by treaty of any Indian, tribe, is not, without the consent of said tribe, to be included within the terri
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Upon the authority of these clauses of the treaties, and of the act of Congress organizing the act of Congress organized by any honorable movement made by the organization of the constitution and the congress of the Constitution and the congress of the Congress organized by any honorable movement made by the organization of the constitution and the constitution and the congress of the Constitution and the congress of the Congress organization organization of the congress organization of the congress orga Territory, it is assumed that the Shawnee and not by the Congress, in which they have annual election in 1855. The legislature ments of the returns, and assemblying the convention. during the same period, they would have done to the regularity of these pro- had they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and the regularity of these pro- had they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and the regularity of these pro- had they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and they been elected on the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the first Monday of Australia and the constitution of the laws, was not within the limits or jurisdiction assent to the laws upon which their rights porary appointments. No election could the recent disturbancies in that Territory, was candidates nominated by this organization of the Territory of Kansas, and hence they and liberties may all depend. Under these have been held without them. There were taken on the person of one George F. Warwere null and void. Without admitting, laws marriages have taken place, children no judges, justices of the peace, or other offiren, who attempted to conceal and destroy To all of this obligation I do most soleven by implication, that the place where have been born, death have occurred es- cers to conduct an election of any kind, un- the same by thrusting it into his mouth, and omnly promise and affirm, binding myself unthe legislature should enact its laws, would, tates have been distributed, contracts have til appointed by the legislature. It was the biting and chewing it. Although somewhat to any extent, impair their validity, it is prop- been made, and rights have accrued which it exercise of a power which the first legislative mutilated by the "tooth prints," it bears iner to call the attention of the Senate to the is not competent for Congress to divest. If assembly in every Territory must, of necessity, ternal evidence of being a genuine document, fact recorded on its journal, that, on the 10th there can be a doubt in respect to the validi- exercise, in order to put the local govern- authenticated by the original signatures of of May, 1854, (only a few days before the ty of these laws, growing out of the alledged ment in motion. We see nothing in this to "G. W. Hutchinson, granted general," and passage of the Kansas Nebraska act.) a trea-irregularity of the election of members of the justify revolution or a resort to force. The "J. K. the Kansas legion, authorizing the first article of which all the lands granted to where it sessions were held, which it is com- also been much misunderstood. The right the document was taken, to form a new regthem by the said treaties of 1825 and 1831, petent for any tribunal to inquire into with to pass such a law is expressly stated by iment, as follows: thus exempted from the operations of the the series of events which have ensued it must which he says: "A territorial legislature may "United States of America. guaranties in those treaties, were, by the be a judicial question, over which Congress undoubtedly act upon the question to a lim-

the protection and sanction of the conditumissionary society of the Methodist Episco- ded the repeal of that clause of the organic politic or impolitic to make this a slave State, from the Grand Encampment. Church South, to include the improvements act of Minnesots which reserves to Congress can be discussed here as freely as in any school, including the improvements there, the people of the Territory, being citizens of of a person to hold slaves under the law in of the school now resides, one hundred and right, they had made wise and just law they it is capable of being considered. We do Encampment, which is "composed of representation of the school now resides, one hundred and right, they had made wise and just law they it is capable of being considered. We do Encampment, which is "composed of representation of the second of the secon Exty acres of land; and also five acres of ought to be permitted to enjoy all the advan- not wish to be understood as approving of all entagrees elected from each subordinate regi- as circumstances should determine. The en- would advise no hesitation; he would present

character of the laws enacted by the legislato be held as private property, subject to such conditions as Congress should impose, and recognize the right of the legislature to lay out roads and public highways across the the Indian lands, on the same terms as the gress to interfere and annul them. In view needed for military purposes, and that the location of the seat of government, even temporally, within the lines of a military reservation, where the military law must necessarily prevail, would be inconvenient, if not injurious to the public service, the following provision was adopted in the appropriation bill of the 5th of August, 1854, for the purpose of enabling the governor to erect buildings for the temporary seat of government at mossession as they should find convenient in harmonized together, and forgot their former terms as the law provides for their location through the same terms as the law provides for their location through the law provides for their location through the same terms as the law provides for their location through the same terms as the law provides for their location through the same terms as the law provides for their location through the same terms as the law of the violent and insurrectionary massures which were being taken to resist the laws of the Territory of Kansas, a convention of the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the lands and insurrectionary massures which were being taken to resist the laws of the Territory of Kansas, a convention of the Territory of Kansas, was held at the city of Leavenworth on the 14th of November 1855, at which men of all shades of political opinions, "Whigs, Democrats, Prosecution of the purpose of enabling the governor to erect buildings of which he held the law unless the provides for their location through the of the violent and insurrectionary massures which were being taken to resist the laws of the Territory of Kansas, a convention of the Territory o possession, as they should find convenient in harmonized together, and forgot their former some more suitable and convenient point in the Territory: "That in the event that the Sectetary of War shall deem it inconsistent with the interest of the military service to furnish a sufficient portion of the military building at Fort Leavenworth for the use of Territorial government of Kansas, the sum of Territorial government of Kansas, the sum of lawfully adjourn and enact valid laws in par- dress to the citizens of the United States,

definition of the previously possess; for the general grant, extending to all "rightful subjects of not a suitable place for them to meet:

In replication, "necessarily included the right to determine the place of holding its sessions.—

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The object, as well as legal effect of this proganic act, by appointing the place and day point where they had previously, in an infor- and he must have paid a Territornal tax.—
of the first meeting of the legislature, and of mal manner, protested against being called, The judges and clerks are required to be expending the money appropriated by Con- with an avowal of their intention to adjourn sworn, and to keep duplicate boll-poxes; and gress for the erection of public buildings, at to the point at which they are now assembled ample provisions is made for contesting which place as the legislature should designate for the reasons that the requisite accoming elections, and purging the polls of all illegal for the permanent seat of government of the dations could not be had; where there were votes. It is difficult to see how a more guar- called Kansas legislative assembly, respond no facilities for communication with their ded law could be framed, for the purpose of Under this view of the subject, it is evident families or constituents; where they could protecting the purity of elections and the convention on the 14th ultimo, for a delegate that the legislature was clothed with legiti not even find the commonest food to eat, un sanctity of the ballot box. The law does not convention of the people of Kansas, to be of being a free State; and, secondly, to promate authority to enact the law in obedience less at an enormous expense, there being no require the voter to swear to support the tu- held at Topeka, on the 19th instant, to con- tect the ballot-box from the LEPERDUS TOUCH

to which its session was adjourned from Paw gardens yet made by the squatters; where gitive-slave law, or the Kan-as and Nebraska sider the propriety of the formation of a State or unput circled MEN." nee City to Shawnee Mission; and that its the house in which we were expected to as- bill, unless he is challenged; in that case, he constitution, and sich matters as may legitienactments, made at the latter place, must semble had no roof or floor on the Saturday is required to take an oath to support each of mately come before it. have the same force and validity that they preceding the Monday of our assembling and these laws. As to the dollar law, (so called) would have possessed had not the removal for the completion of which the entire Sab- it is merely a poll tax, and has no connexion bath day and night was desecrated by the with the right of suffrage any more than any Those who seek to find some tenable ground continual labor of the mechanics : where at other tax levied by the Territorial authority, upon which to destroy the validity of the least, one half of the members, employees, and is to be paid whether the party votes or legislative acts of Kansas, seeing that they and almost all others who had assembled not. It is a mere temporary measure having cannot safely rely upon the alledged irregu- there for business or otherwise, had to camp no force beyond this year, and was resorted there for business or otherwise, had to camp no force beyond this year, and was resorted larity of the elections, nor upon the absence cut in wagons and tents during a rainy, not to as such to supply the Territorial treasury defy and resist them if he choose so to do. with the necessary means to carry on the government.

"It has also been charged against the legisa view to its decision at this day, and after, Governor Reeder in his inaugural message, in

ited and partial extent, and may temporarily

on account of the removal of the seat of gov- Lawrence, K. T. ernment, and while that body was still in session, a meeting was called by "many voters" to assemble at Lawrence on the 14th or 15th of August, 1855, to take into consideration rence, K. T. the propriety of calling a Territorial convention, preliminary to the formation of a State Leavenworth city, K. T. government, and other subjects of public inpreamble and resolutions were adopted with but one aissenting voice:

have been since its settlement, and now are, without any law-making power: therefore, "Be it resolved. That we, the people of Kansas Territory, in mass meeting assembled, irrespective of party distinctions; influenced by a common necessity, and greatly desirous shall be made by delegates from the respective of party distinctions; influenced by a common necessity, and greatly desirous shall be made by delegates from the respect-Territorial government of Kansas, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall be, and in that contingency is hereby appropriated, for the erection of public buildings for the use of the legislature of the Territory of Kansas, to be expended under the direction of the government, for the reason that it the clause of the organic act which authorized the governor to said Territory."

Under this provision, taken in connexion with the clause of the organic act which authorized the governor to convene the legislature at such place as he should appoint, he would have had the right to establish the temporary seat of government, and erect the public buildings at Pawnee City, or any other place he might have selected in the Territory.

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We do not deem it necessary to inquire into the expediency of the removal of the removal of the removal of the reason that it the reasons assigned by the legislatives of the United States, direct the United States, direct the United States district attoring and marshal for the Territory.

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fact that or the 3d of March 1855, and before any portion of the money had been exthe people of Kansas would be deprived, for
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the period of ten days, of all the ad body, and as an excuse for the revolutionary subjects of public interest, and particularly pended, or even the site selected. Congress and protection which were expected to femade a further appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for public buildings, with
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the period of ten days, of all the advantages and protection which were expected to feall these misrepresentations; but we will notice some of them, that have had the most ted as a State into the United states of America.

States of America.

This meeting so far as your committee.

any Territorial tax entitles the person to power;" in the face of the well-known fact vote, provided he has the other qualifications that the Territorial legislature were then in the present exigencies of political affairs," at which, among others, the following resolutions were adopted:

> its recent repudiation of the acts of the somost heartily to the call made by the people's

people of Kansas; and that every freeman tude as before. among us is at full liberty, consistently with his obligations as a citizen and a man, to

of the meaning of so much of this resolution ry to state that there was at that time existlegislature, or the lawfulness of the place law for the protection of slave property has said George F. Warren, from whose mouth by angels, and abandoned by God."

"Charter of the Kansas Legion.

Territory of Kansas. "Know all men by these presents, that we, prohibit, tolerate, or regulate slavery in the the Grand Encampment of the Kansas Legion Territory, and in an absolute or morified of Kartens Territory, have created chartered. form, with all the force and effect of any oth- and empowered, and by these presents do cre-

"Grand Vice-General, C. K. Holiday, To-

peka, K. T. Grand Quartermaster, J. K. Goodwin, Law Grand Paymaster, Charles Leib, M. D.

By "the constitution of the subordinate ento the disserting voice:

"Whereas the people of Kansas Territory ave been since its settlement, and now are, ithout any law-making power: therefore,

"Re if recolved That we the people of the peopl

Kansas Territory, of whatever political views' ness and modes of proceeding in the subordior predilections, to consult together in their nate encampment under the following heads: respective elections districts, and, in a mass 1st. Reading the minutes by the quarter-

6th. Unfinished business appearing on

7th. Miscellaneous business. 8th. Adjournment.

The "opening cermony" of the subordinate ncampments is as follows:

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Then follows the process of initiating new members of the order, the preliminarily obli- a slave. "Resolved, That this convention, in view of gations to observe secresy, the catechism to which the candidate is subjected, and the explanations of the colonel in respect to the obects of the order, which are thus stated. "First, to secure to Kansas the blessing

These and all other questions being satis-

factorily answered, the final oath is thus ad-" OBLIGATION.

mend to our hiends throughout the Territory is a member of the same; or even the exist-With the view to a distinct understanding expelled from this organization, I will keep was his opinion, that if we are well prepared this obligation to the end of life. If any that moment the victory is won." successor in office, or any one legally author- tion held at the Big Springs on the 5th and

der the penality of being expelled from this organization, of having my name published to the several Territorial encampments as a perjurer before Heavan and a traitor to my country, of passing through life scorned and reviled by man, frowned on by devila forsaken The "closing ceremony" is as follows:

has been both pleasant and profitable to all. We met as friends, let us part as brothers, remembering that we seek no wrong to any; and our bond of union in battling for the You have met gentlemen on no ordinary ocright must tend to make us better men, better casion, to accomplish no ordinary purpose.

Church South, to include the improvements act of Minnesota which reserves to Congress can be discussed here as freely as in any of the Indian manuel labor school, three sections of land; to the Friends' Shawnee labor ommendation was based on the theory that the provisions of the Indian mental three sections of the Friends' Shawnee labor ommendation was based on the theory that the provisions of the Indian mental three sections of the Union, without infringing any of our hands this sixteenth day of August, one ments of the Kansas legion," as constituting an immediate organization of a State govern river should be divided into not less than three into section of the Kansas legion, and whenever any school, including the improvements there the bearing session the of said States shall have sixty thousand free into obdience to which the demonstrations "October 30.—In the evening session the of said States shall have sixty thousand free into obdience to which the demonstrations in observations of the Internation of the Inter

will no doubt be tepealed or modified at the meeting of the next legislature. But this is nothing more than what fequently occurs, both in the legislation of Congress and of the various State legislatures. The remedy for such evils is to be found in public opinion, to which, sooner or later, in a government like ours, all laws must conform."

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The officers of the "Grand Encampment in the Grand Government in the Territory."

What is proposed to be done? It first proposes to supersede the present weak and interpretation that we will to a laws enacted by the Kansas legislature] to a laws enacted by the Kansas legislatur

to be formed at Topeka, they will set up an independant government in defiance of the federal nuthority. The same purpose is clearly indicated by is this: whenever any form of government the other proceedings of this convention, in becomes destructive of the ends for which it which it is declared that "we with scorn re- was instituted, it is the right of the people to pudiate the election-law, so called, and nom-inate Governor Reeder for Congress to be vo-ted for on a different day from that author-human rights into facts, to practically apply terest." At that meeting the following campment," "the officers of each subordinate ted for on a different day from that authorregiment shall consist of colonel, a lieuten- ized by law, at an election to be held by this great principle to the wants and the ne-

> or out of the Territory. In accepting the nomination, Governor Reeder addressed to convention as follows;

which God has endowed him, to the righting of their wrongs, and the final triumph of their cause. He believed, from the circumstances which had for the last eight months surrounded him, and which had at the same time placed in his possession many facts, and bound him, heart and soul, to the oppressed

that if any one supposed that institutions said:
were to be imposed by force upon a free and than three menths afterwards—and that, too pending the appropriation until the voice of the people of Kansas should be expressed, through the legislature, in the selection of the place; leaving the governor to perform the place; leaving the governor to perform this whole duty under 22d section of the governor, attack the governor, attack the governor, attack the governor, and the governor, attack the governor and the governor, attack the governor and the governo and the man who, having once been free, recruits, who are properly vouched for by could tamely submit to tyranny, was fit to be

" He urged the Free-State men of Kansas who followed the star to the manger, looking back only for fresh encouragement. He counselled that peaceful resistance be made to the selled that peaceful resistance be made to the or of a Territorial government ceases only by tyrannical and unjust laws of the spurious the enactment of the body which created it; in legislature; that appeals to the courts, to the ballot-box, and to Congress, be made for re "Resolved, That we owe no allegiance or obedience to the tyrannical enactments of this spurious legislature; that their laws the spurious legislature; that their laws the spurious legislature; that their laws the spurious legislature is the spurious legislature in the proper tribute.

"Resolved, That we owe no allegiance or other powers of this Territory, or any other powers. I do not pretend to deny that, as all civil power is derived from the people, they have the moral right to abolish unjust laws, or have no validity or binding force upon the obligation placing yourself in the same atti- all these should fuil—if, in the proper tribunals, there is no hope for our dearest rights, outraged and profaned-if we are still to suf--in the solemn manner, here, fer, that corrupt men may reap harvests watin the presence of Heavan and these witness ered by our tears—then there is no more not the shadow of suspicion on the motives of "Resolved, That we will endure and sub- ers, bind myself that I never will reveal; nor chance for justice. God has provided, in the the advocates of this measure, that from the point mit to these laws no longer than the best in- cause to be revealed, either by word, look or eternal frame of things, redress for every terests of the Terrisory require, as the least of sign, by writing, printing, engraving, paint- wrong; and there remains to us still the steady two evils, and will resist them to a bloody is- ing, or in any manner whatsoever, anything eye and the strong arm, and we must conthe Territory for six years. This is without sue as soon as we ascertain that peaceable pertaining to the institution, save to persons quer, or mingle the oppressed upon the soil ceedings of the convention for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil ceedings of the convention for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil formish any reasonable prospect of successful formish any reasonable prospect of successful formish any reasonable prospect of the organization, which the Declaration of Independence no showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil showing that it was distinctly understoon for the purpose of the oppressed upon the soil oppressed up ty, and enable them to accompish their pur- adjourning to this point. Shawned mangal- the Territory for six years. This is without sue as soon as we ascertain that peaceable pertaining to the institution, save to persons quer, or mingle the bodies of the oppressors longer protects. But he was not at all apprehensive that such a crisis would ever arrive. He believed that justice might be found for short of so dreadful an extremity. cess; and that in the meantime we recom- the place of meeting, the fact that any person longer protects. But he was not at all ap-

the district attorneys, who hold their offices the organization and discipline of volunteer ence of the organization, except to persons rive. He believed that justice might be be blaued, was a decision in tavor of repudiation to companies, and the procurement and prepar-legally qualified to receive the same. Should found far short of so dreadful an extremity; ting the laws, and overthrowing the Territorial I at any time withdraw, or be suspended or and, even should an appeal to arms come, it

ceedings your committee see no necessity gust, A. D. 1856."

The elections of all these officers were held for further criticism than is to be found in The elections of all these officers were held the fact that it was the movement of a politation at the times specified; and on the 4th day of the the fact that it was the movement of a political party instead of the whole body of the been put in operation, in conflict with the Terzeropele of Kansas, conducted without the ritorial government established by Congress, and law, of overthrowing the Territorial govern- for the avowed purpose of subverting and over-

organized by electing Colonel J. H. Lane

"Gentlemen of the convention : For the position assigned me, accept my thanks.--

"G. H. Herchinson, "Grand General.

"J. K. Goodwin, "Grand Quartermaster."

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mit Kansas as a Secte with the constitution stitutional movement. Ay, it does more. It to be formed at Topeka, they will set up an proposes to prove into a fact the leading idea. the Declaration of Independence, the highest human authority in American politics, which is this: whenever any form of government

made, and result proclaimed, and certificate pies a most extraordinary position, and congranted, in a mode and by persons not persistency would suggest that he withdraw mitted to perform these acts by any law, in from this body. No, when we say that we will take measures to supersede and render The "ritual" continues the order of basiness and modes of proceeding in the subordinate encampment under the following heads:

1st. Reading the minutes by the quartermaster.

2d. Proposals for new recruits.

3d. Voting for same.

4th. Initation of recruits.

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"In giving him this nomination in this manner, they had strengthened his arms to do their work, and, in return, he would now pledge to them a steady, unflinching, pertinacity of purpose, never-tiring industry, dogged perseverance, and in all the abilities with which God has endowed him, to the righting been—I mean the doctrine of squatter sover
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It is but just to state, that, in mother part of this same speech, Mr. Emery declared himself opposed to an immediate election "under the new constitut on, and an immediate session of the general resembly, when all the wheels of State government shall be put in motion, irrespective.

organization, Mr. Delahay, of Leavenworth;

"Under the defined rights of squatter sover gentleman from Lawrence (Col. Lane) has assumed as a fundamental position, in advocating an immediate State organization, that neither government nor local law exists in this Territominedly the one great object, never swerving deny, Mr. Chairman, that a Territorial government steadily pressing on, as did the wise men ment can be legally abolished by the about the star to the st and I think that my position would be supported by our highest legal authorities, that the powother words, that the government and laws of Kansas can be abolished by Congress alone, and to overthrow obnoxious governments by force; but I do question the expediency of effecting a reform in Kansas by any overt act of rebellion. For I must confess, Mr. Chairman, while I cast of view from which I regard this question, it appears to me to be an act of rebellion."

Your committee have made these voluminous extracts from the best authenticated reports government in defiance of the authority of Congress. By this decision, as incorporated into the schedule to the constitution, the vote on the ratification to the constitution was to be held on the 15th of December, 1855, and the election for all State officers on the third Tuesday of Janua ry, 1856. The third section of the schedule is

ment established by Congress.

The constitutional convention met at Topeka on the fourth Tuesday of October, and mission into the Union.

Your committee are not aware of any case in president, who returning his acknowledge- the history of our own country which can be fair-The "closing ceremony" is as follows:

"[Colonel.] Fellow-soldiers: I trust this of the Territorial legislature and its acts in occurred in which the inhabitants of particular these words: Territories have been permitted to form consti-tutions, and take the initiatory steps for the organization of State governments, preparatory to their admission into the Union, without obtain ing the previous assent of Congress; but in evneighbors, and better citizens. We thank you for your kindness and attention, and invite you all to be present at our next review, to be holden at _____, on _____next, at ______ o'clock p. m. Sentinels, you will open the first legally elected representative to be holden at _____, on ______next, at ______ o'clock p. m. Sentinels, you will open the first legally elected representative body ever assembled in the Territory, "&c. o'clock p. m. Sentinels, you will open the first legally elected representative body ever assembled in the Territory, "&c. o'clock p. m. Sentinels, you will open the local government of the United forming are sometimes cited as cases in point ______.

ed with all and singular the authority and orivileges with which each and every reginent is invested, working under a character room the Grand Encampment.

"In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this sixteenth day of August, one will of the Kansas legion." as constituting and interest of the Kansas legion." as constituting an immediate organization of a State governiver should be divided into not less than three rivers and whenever and received into not river should be divided into not river shou

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