

From S.C. Pomeroy to Col. S.W. Eldridge

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S.W. Eldridge

Sir[,]

I have submitted to the Committee a proposition in writing that they appropriate Five Thousand Dollars of the Funds intrusted to them to repair & build again, for Lawrence and for Kansas--a Hotel--upon the old historic site of the Free State Hotel--And that they select the Mayor of Lawrence, or some other agency--to execute the trust under such conditions as they may deem it their duty to impose.

I have also suggested, that their agent--the Mayor--or some one else--see that the money is paid--as the work progresses, and further--that when the Hotel is finished

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and furnished--successfully as before--their agent then--and not before--shall collect 5 pr cent annually from the Hotel--upon the sum advanced by this Committee--provided, that there shall then be widows and orphan children, made so by this Raid--not otherwise provided for--which same shall thereafter be annually expended for the education & support.

This last provis--sweetens the thing--and I have little doubt that it will pass.

The Committee has not met yet--but I have got them privately to favor it.

I expect to be in Southampton on the Sabbath--and return here on Monday.

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S.C. Pomeroy