

LETTER FROM JUDGE LECOMPTE, OF KANSAS.—The Cambridge Democrat contains several extracts from a letter written by Judge Lecompte, of Kansas, to William L. Hearn, Esq., of Cambridge, Md. It was written previous to the time the Judge was officially notified of his removal. He had, however, referred to the rumor that he would be, or had already been removed:

"It would not be true to say that I am satisfied with it—but it is true that although some painful reflections follow, there are associated with them some that are pleasant. I am rid of provocations—excited by the unscrupulousness of those who have tickled the ears of the lovers of detraction for two years past at my expense. I am relieved from those vexations necessarily attending long absences from home under the circumstances of an unsettled country. * *

I released upon bail a man by the name of Hays, charged with murder, upon proof presented to me tending to exonerate him and with the sanction of the district attorney in the ordinary discharge of official duty, knowing nothing of the man and having no more feeling in the case than any other brought before me. After his discharge he was re-arrested by order of the Governor, by his aid de-camp, Col. Titus, the marshal refusing to serve his order or mandate.—Hays afterwards applied to me for a habeas corpus, which I issued, and upon his being brought before me I discharged him.—I have no idea that any lawyer can hesitate to sanction my action and to condemn that of the Governor. I regard it as nothing short of a high-handed usurpation, and as conclusive to show whatever his capacity for an executive department, he has none to justify his appointment to supervise me in the judiciary. I have had and have nothing to excuse or retract in my conduct.

I understand that it is reported that I had refused to bail "free State men" in cases of less magnitude. To this I have only to say—it is utterly false—and I have to say of all charges of partiality in my official act that they are equally false, made by whomsoever they may be.