

Wyandot Co. Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1893

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Dear Sir.

I have been noting with the deepest interest the development of facts in connection with the lynching of the man Miller at Bardwell. From your article in the Anti-Slavery of Aug 1<sup>st</sup> I infer that you are investigating the case with the purpose of securing damages from officers & others engaged in the lynching for Miller's rape and that at the solicitation of other parties who propose helping to meet expenses incurred. It may be all right to investigate the case with that object in view but I would say that it will be but a waste of time & money. I cannot see the shadow of a hope of securing damages in the case from a Court & Jury of Kent's county or any other further more unless you were permitted to make your own selection. Such proceedings might establish one very important point - i. e. Miller's innocence. If it can be made out by the sworn testimony

of the points he visited from the time he left Kansas  
until his arrest. Trip Wells being a paper man  
& statements will have no weight with the people  
of South & but little with Mary in the North.

I have written the Editor of the North Ocean that  
since they have commenced an investigation suggesting  
that they take measures to prove an alibi & that  
if Mary is needed for this purpose & they so wish  
are their readers that thousands of them are ready  
to help & that I have offers a mass of proof  
for this purpose, but this proof must be had from  
white evidence to secure attention & belief of the  
general public. This seems to me is as far as  
the matter can be pushed at present.

To my mind it is as plain as that the same stories  
that this Nation must fulfill its promise to the  
Negro & that speedily as there is in store for us another  
terrible catastrophe; just how it may come no one  
can tell but probably as in the rebellion white  
slaying white. Over now we are having a preliminary  
war in an unwarred time; for it can be easily  
shown that the Negro is the base rock upon which  
the public come. God & the Negro are still in our  
politics. If it can be proved beyond a doubt that Miller  
was an innocent man & that in this an innocent

of Missouri, although the case may go far in assuming the guilt  
over of the North to take back Missouri as well as to  
the rights of the Negro, if they back out in these States  
as from the just battle our people will not justify. D. B. Thompson  
15th Aug 1857

of a pitiable white man that Miller was in  
Bismarck (a other place) as he said he was on  
the 5th of July then we have the fact to them  
in the teeth of these officers & the printing that  
they bring an innocent man. Then we will see what  
then these men are horrified at such crime <sup>or charge</sup> or having  
wreaked their vengeance on another of the despised  
race are horrified & consider the law vindicated  
From the information you give & the statements  
made in the Inter Case of Miss Wells every one  
prejudiced mind will say that an innocent man  
was hung & then hanged, Miss Wells report does  
not fully meet the case. I mention a point or two  
She says Miller had a stripe & razor which were rusty  
& stained. The enemy will say "blamed with the  
blood of crime" the blood of his picture" near the  
close of her article she says referring to Miller's wife  
"she had a letter from him July 5th mailed at Cairo"  
but Miller says he was in Bismarck on that day  
& of course the letter could have been written & sent  
by a friend to mail at Cairo, but men will not be  
convinced it. Miller does not name Cairo as an