Sycamore Leg City July 5th 1853

Friend Woodward

Sir

When I Left you in March Last I promised to write you Long before this. Being somewhat Unfortunate while at Pawnee was not able to write unbeknown to Lee

You will See by the way I date my Letter I am Travelling that is I am not at Pawnee And having an opportunity to Send a Letter to the States I write you I Shall be home at Sept Court if alive and well and with you to have my case Ready for trial with the Bridle Dirty Dutton I presume. Whitney and Several others have Returned home before this and Kansas put Down to the Lowest Pitch He I will Say is Any Man that finds fault with the Soil or Climate of Kansas In my Estimation is not worthy of Notice

I will not Undertake now to give you a history of Things For I intend to be home Soon for My Family I may be home as Soon as the 1st of August The Legislature is now in Session at Pawnee If they Move to the Shawnee Mission as the Missourians Say they Shall I Shall Start home in a few days I have my Claim made Town built & Partners in a team Sufficient to Break Prairie &c We can get a boy for $15 per Month to take my place and Drive the Team Therefore I may as well be home as here Until it is time to put in a crop

I presume before this you have seen Statements in the Paper Concerning Stirring Work & Reuben I will give you a