

Topeka Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1856

Chas Kellogg

Dr Sir Your favor of May 7<sup>th</sup> I received June 27<sup>th</sup> I went immediately to Nebraska when I found a Notary public & had a power of attorney duly acknowledged & forwarded by mail, but hearing nothing from you & having received within a few days a number of letters which were mailed in Mich. in May I thought it probable the letters never reached you. I have concluded it best to forward the enclosed powers of attorney hoping that one or the other may reach you.

The piece of land in Memphis which I sold to Mr. Joyce & received pay for in part I wish you to urge to him when he fulfils the conditions of the bond or pays the note which is in the hands of Mrs. Sabin and after you take your pay for your trouble the bal. of the money I thought best to pay to Mrs. Parker.

In reference the amt. which the Lapsin lands may be sold for justice to Carlton requires me to make this explanation to you - When we divided the property he agreed that I should realize \$500. - if it is sold for what it will fetch & should fall short of that \$500. I should expect him to make it up - or if he chooses to take the land & pay me the five hundred my claim would be to let him have it. It will be some trouble to you to consult with him yet as matters stand I would prefer having him consult

I have the command of a company of about 40 men raised for the defence of the rights of the people of Kansas & also belong to a scout military company, which has been as effective as any other within the State, our business has been to follow up plunderers & robbers & murderers until they left the State. The robbers for the last month have been confined to within a few miles of the Mo. line & of course we further in the interior have had something of a calm. But a storm is pending more terrible than anything which Kansas has experienced. Buford is up on the big blue river with



his company while Col Henry has come down with 400 men to leave  
to aid Col Smith - It is easier telling (judging from the past) what they  
will not do than what they will. They will not molest the innocents & robbers  
of freestate men, but they will make (if they can) make free state men hold still  
& be murdered & disarmed anyhow. To be an efficient soldier in  
the latter capacity particularly I need a horse & equipage & arms say sharp  
rifle a brace of pistols & set of knives. I have none of my own nor money to buy  
with & every man will soon want his own. If money should be sent & I should  
lay it out for such purposes & it should be lost or I killed if Kansas should  
become freestate I could make it secure to the family.

I supposed when I left home I supposed that the family could not suffer  
for means for one year at least, yet if they are really in want their  
wants must be met. I intend to send Orin home to settle up my business  
& take charge of affairs if with his services & selling off personal property they  
could get along & come to Kansas enough to equip me for service I think  
it would not be an uncharitable deed. If you should sell the land  
I wish you to consult with Mrs. Sabie & Orin if they are in immediate  
want divide the money & send me what you & they think can be spared  
- it will help Kansas as much if it is not over \$50. as a respectable indignation  
meeting held anywhere in Mich.

I feel under great obligations to you for your proper services & hope  
you will not fail to retain enough money if you should make any  
sales to make your self good.

If you should write me again please let me know how your health is & family  
what your prospects are &c. I do not expect to return until the war closes  
here, when if my life is spared I shall again see all who will be living in Mich  
who were my friends