

Topeka Aug. 8th 1856

Chas Kellogg

Dr Sir Your favor of May 7th I received June 27th 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 I think than anything which Kansas has experienced. Buford is up on the big blue river with

