

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 very 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 free state 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