As to the state of affairs here, they are yet highly excited. The elections, for State officers, come off and resulted in a difficulty near Fremont. The Proslavery men then, with the aid of some from Mo, attempted to break up the election and got into a little skirmish & 8 or 9 wounded were found on both sides. Two proslavery men were badly wounded, but none on our side. It was not long until some 8 of our men were taken prisoners, but they were all released except one Brown, who commanded the little party of women. They just butchered him up cutting him all to pieces with hatchets. After they had beat & chopped him stocking they traded him his miles in the cold & then sent him home to his distressed wife, when he lived a few hours & died.

This incensed our people very much, but it is now very generally believed, that we are notable to cope with all Missouri.

The people thus have always believed, that the Mos were cowards & would not fight. Knowing the character of Southern men, I have always told them differently. But the last war fully substantiated the truth of what I had always said. & this is the reason that Robinson & Lane made the Treaty, agreeing to assist in the execution of the laws, as they thought they were not this ready to fight. They did not act wisely about it, for as soon as the enemy had disbanded, they again defied