the Sheriff to execute the laws. This has aroused the enemy, & they are now dailling the forces in every part of the State. My policy was to make no treaty of peace, unless we could get our own terms, & when made to stick by it to the end. To say nothing about the laws as we were acting on the defensive to protect our lives & property, but to require them to leave the Territory & deliver into the hands of Justice the murderers of Barber. But the others thought that by putting them off & agreeing to enforce the laws, for the time, until we could get reinforcements from the States, would be best. This is a Yankee way of doing a thing, but it is not in accordance with the policy of high minded honorable men.

They have now sent to the States for men, money & munitions of war. The enemy has heard this & are also preparing for the contest. Our Commanders acted highly impolitic in letting this be known, but they presume so much on the cowardice of the enemy, that they imagine they can frighten them into terms, which fact will, I fear, prove disastrous to our cause, as the enemy can conquer us & cut off our reinforcements before they can reach us. The Legislature meets the 4th of March next & it is said that the enemy is lined attacking & dispersing & that today was defeated bill for the Legislature, by the Eastern men, because I am a Southerner and advocate this treasonous policy. This prejudices