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(written by Joshia Miller to his parents mr. and Mrs. R.Miller Chester S.C. before they start for Kansas.)

Lawrence ~~June~~ 15th /57

Dear Father and Mother

Yours of the 23 May having the check for $1593.69 is at hand So is Georges two letters of a later date. We were happy to know that your eye was getting better & sincerely hope it may be well ere long. I will haveto send your check back to st Louis to get the gold on it. I can send it by express & get a return in eight days.. It cosing five dollars. It is almost impossible to get so large a check cashed here & gold is worth two for ct. Everything is dull here now but times will be better soon. Yesterday was the day fixed by bogus law to elect Delegates to Constitutional Convention but the Free State men did not vote. There were no polls opened at all ib this place. The proslavert men advise Walker to enforce the laws collect ~~men~~ taxes & c with the army but he thinks that a bold operation & supposes he can do more by making speeches. ~~People are almost starving~~

He sees that there are so many more Free State men than pro-slavery that he can do nothing. He is in favor of submitting the Constitution to the people for their approval but the pro-slavery party generally have turned Democratic & it is a question with them whether they will get up (get any) A free State Constitution or not. They all see that Kansas will now be Free so the Pro-slavery or National Democratic party wish to have the credit of doing the work so as to give the lie to the Republicans who have ch charged the Democracy with trying to make Kansas a Slave State.