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Lawrence K.T. Dec 2nd 1857.

Dr Father & Mother

Yours of the 20th is at hand We were glad to hear that all were well, but sorry that you had such bad luck about your business. We have been in good health We are now boarding with a family and pay at the rate of four dollars a week for each, that is, we pay 5 dollars and give the family part of our house to live in, charging them three per week rent. It cost us about the same as it would to board ourselves. Well as to politics we have just had a Delegate Convention at this place Stanton issued a call for an extra session of the Legislature yesterday, and they are to come together the next monday the 7th. Our policy was to get all the members together meet any town, and then petition Stanton to recognize them, but Stanton, thinking of this, did not wish to be forced into that, & he anticipated our action by issuing his call before our members got together. The design of getting the legislature together is to pass some act repealing the law providing for a Constitutional Convention and then repeal every other long pur an act submitting the Topeka Constitution to the people for their approval, give the Probate Judges criminal Jurisdiction in all cases with power to arrest every Border Ruffian, who has any thing to do with the Lecompton Constitution or Lagus law and thus effectually oust our that party from the usurped authority they have been exercising over us so long and so oppressively This is our policy for the future.

There was great harmony in the party all day to day. We adjourn from this place to meet at Lecompton on Monday next in mass convention. There will be more men in Lecompton that day than ever was before, some told that it is the old legislature that will meet. But Stanton evidently intended the new one to come together. On next monday the legislature meets, and there is a convention of the Democracy to form a state ticket to be voted for in January, and my county also meets, and there is a mass convention of the Free State party all of which comes off at Lecompton on the same day. It makes a great time we intend to have more free state men in town on that day than ever was before. There is a great crisis in affairs there at present. Grave questions arise. Which Legislature shall come together? What laws they can repeal when they do get together? How far they can affect vested rights? &c.

It is thought here that Walker & Stanton will both be removed & it is supposed that this is the reason that Stanton call the Legislature. The free state men are in ecstacy at this last act of calling the legislature. Well the land has come in at last in this country. I have sold the three one hundred & twenty acres at $1.25 per acre and from ten per cent per month. But I will have more trouble with the Sos. I have been trying to effect a change at the land offices in Ills for 16 Os but I can get no answer to my letter. They

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rant on a quarter, & it is so seldom that
any one wishes to enter his 160 acres
that I do see in no demand. But I will
try and get rid of them some how.
Talk to George. He wrote a letter full of insin=
uations about me having it in my power
to ruin the family forever, & that I should
not have done this, that, & the other thing.
It was hurting to me to be told in plain
words that if I should die, Mrs Miller would
get all the property bought with your money.
George denied what he said in his letter to
me, and to convince him I unsealed his
letter so that he can see it in his own
handwriting. I am very sorry that any
thing of this kind should have taken
place. As to the deed, I had to get it
recorded then before I could send it to
you. My men behind recording so that it
was delayed. It is too late now it is more
over & recorded for all the lots you have.
This winter will be a good time for in=
vestments. Money is very scarce and
lands freely at 25 per cent per month.
I am well satisfied with your
letter I hope there will be no more
fuling about our affairs. It is
always has been my design to do
what is right, as I told you on one
occasion before I would rather give
you all I had rather than have you
dissatisfied. I have spent most of my
time explaining to you instruments