

Lawrence K. S. Feb 11. 1858.

Dear Mother

As I promised to write again
in a few days, in my last I have thought
it about time to do it; nothing of any interest
has transpired since I wrote you last. The
Legislature will adjourn in a few days. They
have reported all laws passed by the
Legislature, but still they proceed very
sluggishly in their business and I fear if
they will leave the Territory in any better
condition as to laws than it was before.
They have repealed and passed and missed
them up in such manner that it will be
hard to tell what laws are in force.

I got a letter from George a few days ago. He
speaks of selling the Min. land, as I said in
my last it is a very bad time to sell
land when everything is so low, and
thus having to wait so long at only 10 per
cent interest. I think it a very good more
profits is very still here not advancing yet.
I have sold all your warrants but one. I sold
the three 13.00 some months ago for \$150 each
and 4 percent per month interest. I sold
the 16.00 for 10 shares of property in new town
and one 16.00 for \$160 with five per cent per month

and one for \$175 will give you a full month
Warrant, than sold as you see as \$140.

I have been very busy in my office for
some weeks. My Court is first day
of most cases and will hold over three
weeks. I have about 80 cases on the Docket
and all the business in Judge Cato's
Court is placed in my hands by the
Legislature. There are 45 ^{Criminal} writs against
the State, that will be brought before me.

Mostly for rebellious and horse trading, &c
imaginary offences that they engaged in
against our army during the difficulties.

If they come before me I presume a motion
prosequi will be entered in all cases.

They are about passing a bill that makes
it a felony punishable with death for
any one to accept office under the Seconf-
ton Constitution if one is admitted under
it. All seem united in resistance to
the Seconf-ton Constitution & will fight
it to the bitter end. We have a man meeting
tomorrow to determine who's policy to
pursue. The Legislature adjourns to night
at 12 o'clock. This 4th day having expired
will as to coming up in the Spring, I do not
know what to say. I would like to have
you here, but I should dislike it if
you were dissatisfied afterwards.

I would like to have some understanding
as to investing your money. It takes a
good deal of my time in order to do it
well. My expenses have been not less
than four thousand dollars the past year
and I have not made any thing. If I
go on with my office I will not have much
time to devote to your affairs and if neglected
they will not make you near so much.
I could hire some one to attend to my
office I suppose. I have been trying to
buy 10 or 20 acres for you close to town
but I have not yet succeeded. If you do
conclude to come I would advise against
coming by land. If the boys are going to
school it would be best for you to sell
off your horses and wagon & C. but if
they are coming here if they could get
Company it would be best for them to
drive the team through and you, women
& the girls to come by boat. We have a
very fine school here of 300 scholars
and I suppose the boys could board with
you here and go to school as cheap as
any other place and thus you could over
look your money affairs and attend
to investing it. I got a letter from Susan
Ready a few days ago. She seems very
well & is finally in her new home.