

Genia Bourbon County, K. V.

Dec. 28. 1858.

Dear Father I now embrace
this present opportunity of informing you
that we are all well at present and hope
these few lines may find you all in the
same state of health I have received 2 letters
from you lately and am now answering
the last one of them also one from
Mr. Larimore by direction of Mr. Price
which I answered also. I stated you all
about the deed in my last letter and
gave Mr. Price a full statement also and
directed Mr. C. F. Ingle to forward it to you
if it was there which I think it is now
in relation to your coming to the Territory
Nothing in the world could afford us more
pleasure than to have you to come & see
us but owing to the ~~late~~ state of affairs
I cannot say when we are at this
time involved in trouble to that
extent that it is not safe to live here
let alone any more during the Abolitionist
have Robd and Plundered the County until
the Spoils will not buy any longer in
the Territory now have come out an

Wormia To give you a full detail of the
sole affair I will commence at the start
The authorities arrested a man named Ben
Rice for murder then seized and took him
away from the civil authorities at Fort
Scott this was not bad enough then killed
John Little shot him in his own store
because he was a Proslavery man then
robbed his store to the amount of Two thousand
Dollars worth in presence of his father and in
open daylight then returned home and
a part of them under command of Brown
went down in the state and killed a Mr
Cruse and robbed him and 2 other men
of property as follows Eleven Negroes 7 head
of horses 2 mules 2 Wagons and some Oxen
in all supposed to be about Fourteen thousand
Dollars the same set of robbers is now in
Linn & Bourbon Counties and can't be arrested
they have rode down all civil law and
are bad up by every abolitionist far and
near this has thrown our country in
confusion a great many has left others are
leaving a great many would go if they could
this is only a single instance that I have
related my own observation in the past
six months has witnessed several just
as bad as our own neighbors I cannot
only give you a faint idea of the brutality