Lecompton November 21. 1858

Dear General.

Yours of the 9th was received night before last, and should have had an immediate reply but for a press of business which was engaging my attention I was preparing a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury a copy of which I sent to the 1st Comptroller and also a letter to the 1st Comptroller to accompany it — At the same time I received information from Capt A J. Weaver of Linn County of a fresh outbreak from Bourbon into Linn County by Montgomery which caused me to communicate at once with the Secretary of State, asking him to permit if possible the remainder of the Kansas Election fund to be appropriated for the purpose of offering rewards for the apprehension of Montgomery and such others of his band as process might be sued out for — The letter to Mr Cobb was asking instructions respecting my duties and powers as Secretary of the Territory over the printing and paying the Clerks &c — as I refered to you in both instances you will probably be consulted in both cases it is unnecessary for me to go further into detail upon that subject — Should you not be consulted let me know and when I want your assistance hereafter I will advise you more fully —