

Lawrence Kansas

January 24th 1860

Dear Sister

Your "Stationery" came to hand in due time and I hasten to acknowledge its receipt. I own that I have been rather forgetful of you all of late, and the fact is that I cannot help it. I am a follower of the Quaker doctrine that nothing (at least in letter writing) should be done unless the spirit moves us.

As for news I have little to give. The Legislature is now in session in this place, though they had a good deal of trouble in getting away from Leominster. The Republicans have not a two thirds majority in both houses, and the Gov. vetoed the bill adjourning to this place. By rather shrewd maneuvering however it was passed

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over his veto; but on account of a slight informality in the Journal made by the Clerk, the Gov. & Secretary refused to go with them, taking the ground that in adjourning from Leominster they had adjourned sine die . They remained in session some ten days, and as a compromise with the Gov. & Sec. who refused to recognize them, they did adjourn sine die with the promise that they should be called together, and have the privilege of trying it over again. They again met on the call of the Gov. passed a resolution adjourning to this place, carried it over the veto, and have got here regularly and the Gov. & Sec. with them.

We are of course looking to Washington with a great deal of anxiety, and with some hopes of admission as a state provided Congress should be able

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early in the afternoon. The Telegraph
brings it to Leavenworth on the same
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and reaches Lawrence about noon on the
next day. This time four years ago
we had heard nothing from the States
for more than four weeks; quite
a change, You would probably like
to know what I have been doing, the
last six months. Well, I have been engaged
in the Treasurers office as deputy, and last
fall I was nominated and elected as
County Treasurer, and since New Years
have been discharging the duties of the
office as principal. I believe you wrote
to me that - "Col. Elliott" or some such a
person had been awarded \$40,000, for
his losses in '56", this certainly doubt