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Dear Father: Yours of the 29th

ultimo & also Edw. Ir^o in my return from Lawrence yesterday. We have been in a state of war, for the last ten days. I have not time now to give you a history of the particular difficulty, which brought about an appeal to arms. It is sufficient at present to say that a determination had long existed in Missouri to drive the free state settlers out of Kansas & the present state of things has been designedly brought about to that end.

I raised a company here & went to the assistance of Lawrence. I was at a subsequent priou Commissioned as a Lt Col in the first Regiment. We had about one thousand troops in Lawrence, with various munitions of war, fts - batteries - cannon &c & would have made it a bloody battle, if an attack had been made, though doubtless the Missourians would, through an overwhelming numerical force have overcome us at last. On last Saturday I was taken prisoner by a detach =