= ment of Missourians from their camp on the Wakarusa. They were about 300 in number & my party — sent out to convoy a load of powder into town — did not number twenty. We were obliged to surrender. They marched us 15 miles to their camp on the Wakarusa where they had 1000 men, of the most desperate character, under the lead of Stehison. At first I thought I should certainly be hung, but having got wet in swimming my horse over Kansas river it seemed to me through that cold & horrible night that every minute would be my last, through the halter or through the effects of the cold. On sunday a treaty of peace was made & I received a passport to Lawrence immediately. The adjustment was highly honorable to our cause & upon the other hand very unpalatable to Missouri. Thus has ended this first array of hostile armies in Kansas. I would have written to you during the disturbance, but feared the solicitude it might create. I had done up a package directed to you in case anything should have happened to me, & placed it