Leavenworth City - May 9th 1856

Dear Edd. Mail of the 29th has just been rec'd, with except for 2125 & 2126 Ind. My statute has not yet come to hand. We are again unfathomably deep in the waters of territorial trouble.

During the last two days, armed men, have been pouring towards Lawrence. The town is again invested. Before this reaches you, the telegraph will relieve your suspense.

To me, the moment looks big with fate. A company marched from here at day light this morning, numbered, it is said, by Shannon, who having found the regulars unmanageable, has turned again to his favorite militia. Just this moment precisely, a company - the second - marched past my window for the scene of strife. I went to the fort this morning to tell Sumner of what was going on. He said he would go over to morrow. Lt McIntosh, is in the neighborhood with a few troops. The pro-slavery men are now clamorous to have Sumner removed from the Army.

they charge him with being a pre-
cursor. It is doubtless true. It is
good for us that it be so. I dare not
say that they may not get him
removed. It would add nothing
to Pierces infamy, as his cup is now
full. There is a rumour in town to-
day that Shannon is shot. I do not
think it true. Jones is convalescent.
Reeder & Robinson are probably at
this time under arrest. The grand
Jury of Le Compte Court sitting for
Douglass County having found
bills against them for high treason.
Their arrest, is equivalent to their
death. One or two attempts have
been made to way lay me, at
night. but failed. I go armed &
keep a watch in my office. If the
impending troubles should blow
over, I shall start on a trip to the
Neosho river, 100 miles south to
look at a town site in which
I am offered an interest on
good terms. The Commissioners are
here to appraise the Delaware
lands. I saw Miss Stockton this
morning — she is well. I wrote to
Father yesterday, laying in a =