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Lawrence City, Ky. Sunday May 15th
 Dear Ed. I wrote you a note in
 great haste yesterday, that I
 would send it by the steamer.
 That is the quickest way, at present.
 We have accounts from Lawrence
 up to mid-night last night.
 The border ruffians are sure of
 their prey this time. The Lawrence
 party are defeated. Our advice
 are that the people, by the flight
 of Robinson & Reader are discouraged
 , discouraged & wedone. They are
 now in this dilemma. Reader having
 understood the process of a U.S. officer
 , that functionary issued his pro-
 =clamation, under which the Buford
 party & Missouri forces, amounting to
 over 2000 men, with artillery, are
 assembled on the ground. The
 U.S. Marshall demands an unconditional
 =al surrender of the town. To resist
 him & his force, is to resist a
 officer of the U.S. to submit is to go
 to certain destruction. What are
 they to do?