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Dear Dad. There is at present
an armistice. Whether the
war will reopen depends
on slight contingencies. I do
not see that we have made
much by listening to Gov
Grant. The W Army, which
confronted this town on
~~Saturday~~^{Sunday} night & Monday
morning were ordered or
rather they promised to
retire. Instead of doing so they
have separated into small
parties & are doing damage.
On the other hand our
forces engaged in the fight
at Hickory point last
Sunday, were arrested by
a military company while
on their way back & =

taken prisoner to Teanumpston
where they are still held for
- over 100 of them - without
an Examination of any
kind; their arms & one piece
of Artillery - a six pound
Cannon - having been
taken from them.

The pro-slavery forces
with whom they engaged
although not over five
miles distant from our
men ^{when they were arrested} were not molested.

What sort of even-handed
justice is that? Gov Geary
has within a day or two
proceeded to Topeka & at
that place arrested 12
of our slaves, who were at
the taking of Tecumseh.

The men held at Teanumpston
are said to be badly
treated; their horses &

Wagons have been taken
from them & run off &
themselves maltreated. If
not soon liberated a
demand will be made
for them. Some left for
Iowa more than two
weeks ago. Our lands
are to be sold on the
20th proximo. An attempt
will be made by the
Ninnovians to buy the
claims of Free State men.
As a regiment of over
men passed through
the place where Russell's
Mill is located - the same
place where we halted
with our broken buggy -
on their way to Eastern
they found arms & other
things concealed in
the Mill. Among the other

- things was a plat of the
Orkware country, with
every mans name marked
on his claim & his Politics
affixed. This shows a
scheme. As I have not
20 any letters I can
not tell what money you
have sent me. There
will an excellent chance
for investment in the
20th I shall want 2 or
3000 £ to buy my own
land & whatever you can
raise you had better
send to me to invest for
you or loan at almost any
rate. Shoemaker thinks
when the land office
opens, that you had better
enter the partnership &
open an office in N.Y.
city. He thinks we can
make 10,000 \$ each in a
year & perhaps more. I
will give you his plan
in detail when I have