

Linn. Sept. 30th 1856
Dear father

Our disorders still continue.

I have been engaged, defending 100
of our men under arrest in a
City of murderers for the last week.
They will be tried next
week. All my letters have fallen
into Border Ruffian hands. As may
be supposed, my position has not
been improved, from their contents
being made public. One letter in
particular, said to have been written
by E. A. D. has been placarded in
the streets, because the writer
wants to know "Why I don't shoot
or assassinate Le Corrupt!" The
expression is very impudent, if made
by E. A. D. is the second time his
impudence has complicated my
position, if ever intentionally.

I do not know how long
I may be able to hold my ground
in the Territory. My personal affairs
are so well known as to inspire
great caution in moving about & I
am not sure that I could escape in
an emergency.