

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 murders 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.