

Lawrence Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1856

Dear Father.

My communication with you must be very slow & infrequent though I write often. Our affairs are not materially changed. Aullen inactive hostility still hangs, making a passage through the country for known individuals, very hazardous. I am preparing for the trials next week. Judge LeCompte will preside - my position will be embarrassing.

Never then, I shall stand by my clients at all hazards.

An election was held under the laws last Tuesday. The Free State men refused to vote. The vote in Lawrence was 7! last year they - the pro-slavery party - polled over 1000! What a falling off! This year the Missourians dare not invade this precinct. Night invasions have taken place at other points. Another example of the discrepancy of their vote took place at Willow Springs. Last year the pro-slavery vote was 350! this year 50!



Another legislative is now in operation  
against us. Our people have with  
great unanimity repudiated the  
validity of elections held under  
these laws - they will do so to the  
end, whatever be their fate.

A ballot box tampered &  
polluted as is ours, presents no  
temptation to the free electors.

Our cause will be  
decided at the Presidential  
election. It may endure a defeat  
without destruction, but success  
at that time will speedily save  
us from new trouble & a prolonged  
warfare. Earnestly I hope the  
people comprehend our cause  
& will sustain it.

8 P.M.

I have just received by the  
mail your letter of the 27th ultimo.

The morals of our army, was not  
below the average of morals in peaceful  
localities. I have adhered to my  
promise to you, save when in camp  
at a distance from Head Quarters  
a small portion of the time.