

Lawrence Oct 7th 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!