Leavenworth July 20th 1857.

Dear Father. The reason I have not earlier answered your letter the date of which I remember is that it was sent to Lawrence which I was engaged here. The proceedings of the Lawrence mob at Lecompton were suspended, he came the officers of the Land Office, before whom the Examination is held, were obliged to go to Paola to superintend the land sales. The weather has been unusually hot, for the last week. the Thermometer ranging from 105 to 115. I lost a fine horse last Tuesday, for which I paid 186$ a few weeks ago. I had driven him 25 miles daily & close at that. Robt Dickey & his wife were in town yesterday but I did not see them they will be here next sunday, perseverating to leaving for Ohio, on a visit. Mr D's visit is rather ill timed with the Country. We have had recently some Excitement or perhaps I might say more correctly some fun, in a proclamation issued by Gov Walker against the=

= of Lawrence, for setting up a municipal government of their own making.
The troops & the Governor are at present camped in that vicinity, but what they propose to do, know one is able to tell. Tranquility prevails elsewhere & there is no apprehension, whatever may be done at Lawrence, that the general peace of the country will be at all affected. You will have seen before this reaches you that the Free State Convention at Topeka selected me as their candidate for Congress. I was averse to taking any political station, but those who are my warm & sincere friends overruled me in the matter & I consented to become their candidate. The principal objection I had to it was that it would hurt my professional business. But they argued that my reputation as a good lawyer is now so unalterably settled that I can enjoy a fine practice, if I choose to return to it hereafter & if ~~otherwise I desire~~ to hold some office of trust, there is nothing I might not get by accepting this & serving them faithfully at Washington.