

Leavenworth July 20th 1857.

Dear Father. The reason I have not earlier answered your last - the date I don't remember - is that it was sent to Lawrence, while I was engaged here. The proceedings of the Lawrence suit at Leavenworth were suspended, because 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 intensely 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 & down at that. Robt Dickey & his wife were in town yesterday but I did not see them. They will be here next Sunday, preparatory to leaving for Ohio on a visit. Mrs D's is said to be well pleased with the Country. We have had recently some excitement or perhaps I might say more correctly some fun, in a proclamation issued by Gen. Walker against the -