

- 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, Knowlton 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 Leitchfield 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  
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 ~~unwilling~~ desirous to hold some office  
of trust, there is nothing I might not  
get by accepting this & serving them  
faithfully at Washington.