or twenty threatened to tar and feather and inflict other punishment upon the justice of the peace who issued the warrant; that he, as sheriff, has been repeatedly insulted by the citizens of the said town of Lawrence, and threatened with violence if he attempted to execute any process in his hands against any citizen of that place, and he verily believes that he would be resisted and violence committed upon his person in attempting to execute a legal process in said town; that the citizens of that place and vicinity are all armed with Sharpe's rifles for the avowed purpose of resisting the execution of the law of this Territory; that they are daily being drilled for that purpose alone; that the mob who rescued the said Jacob Branson out of his hands he verily believes were induced to do so by the citizens of Lawrence, and that the public newspapers of that place openly recommend and call upon the citizens to resist the laws of the Territory, and that the prisoner, Jacob Branson, and a portion of the mob who rescued him from his custody, he verily believes to be at this time in the town of Lawrence, or secreted by the citizens of that place, and that warlike preparations are being made by the citizens of Lawrence, for the purpose of resisting the execution of the process in his hands, and that it would not be prudent to attempt to execute said process without a very strong force of armed men to assist him.

Sheriff Douglas county, Kansas Territory.

Sworn and subscribed before me, S. G. Cato, associate justice of the supreme court of Kansas Territory.

CAMP CLARKE, December 3, 1855.

Dear Sir: I hasten to write you by our express, that is now on its way, (12 o'clock,) at night; my house is a fortification. I am compelled to keep a guard with sentinels all night. Unless the violators of the law are disarmed the country is ruined. If the troops should withdraw without this being done, a partisan war will continue. Murders, house-burnings, and all the outrages incident to civil war will follow; or we (the law-abiding men) will have to withdraw from the Territory, to our great pecuniary distress.

The outlaws have marked our men, they keep their movements secret, and we know not who is first to be attacked, or where it will be made. We have learned, from ample authority, that more than one hundred Sharp's rifles are distributed in this immediate neighborhood. My next-door neighbors have them in possession; and only two days ago ten armed men surrounded a member of my family with threatening language, and ended the interview with a threat to dispose of myself. We, the law-abiding men, appeal to you, and insist that nothing less than the surrender of the arms now held by the traitors can satisfy the country. They are in open rebellion. They have these arms for the special purpose of resisting the laws and avenging supposed injuries. With these arms in hand they have forcibly rescued