the copies of various affidavits, letters, &c., which will give you some information in detail touching the subject matter of this dispatch.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

WILSON SHANNON.

His Excellency FRANKLIN PIERCE.

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS TERRITORY,
*January* 21, 1856.

SIR: We have authentic information that an overwhelming force of the citizens of Missouri are organizing upon our border, amply supplied with artillery, for the avowed purpose of invading this Territory, demolishing our towns, and butchering our unoffending free State citizens. We respectfully demand, on behalf of the citizens of Kansas, that the commandants of the United States troops in this vicinity be immediately instructed to interfere to prevent such an inhuman outrage. Respectfully,

J. H. LANE,
*Chairman Executive Committee, K. T.*
C. ROBINSON,
*Chairman Committee of Safety.*

Attest:
J. H. GOODIN, *Sec'ry Ex. Com., K. T.*
GEO. W. DEITZLER, *Sec'ry Com. of Safety.*

FRANKLIN PIERCE, *President U. S.*

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LAWRENCE CITY, *January* 23, 1856.

SIR: We notified you that an overwhelming force, supplied with artillery, was organizing upon our border for the avowed purpose of invading Kansas, demolishing the towns, and butchering the unoffending free State citizens—they constituting nineteen-twentieths of the entire population. In addition to the relief respectfully demanded in that notice, we earnestly request you to issue your proclamation immediately, forbidding the invasion. We trust there may be no delay in taking so important a step to prevent an outrage which, if carried out as planned, will stand forth without a parallel in the world's history.

Yours, respectfully,

J. H. LANE,
*Chairman Executive Committee, K. T.*
C. ROBINSON,
*Chairman Committee of Safety.*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.