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Mound City March 4th

I now take my pen in hand to
in form you that I am well
since I came out her I have
not worked but 3 weeks for
ther was so much fuss here
but all is peace and quiet
now I received your letter dated
Jan 15th the letter was good
I will answer your questions
~~the reason that Mr Montgomery~~
Mr Montgomery the great
free states man has never
made a fort yet last fall he
was attacked by a band of men
numbering about 15 at mid night
they fired in to his house an came
near killing him and his children
he then called his boys to gather
and children up from bed and

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if his sharps rifle had not missed
fire one of the damned scamps would
been shot on the spot the pro slavery
men have tried to kill a number
of the boys in that manner but
have failed every time the boys
have not lost one man yet
noway shape nor manner but they
have had 5 skirmishes in all
they have had 3 badly wounded
one of them through the thigh
through the side and through the hand
and breast and arms this man was
shot with buck shot the two first
with balls all were fighting in
self defence. the pro slavery have
had number shot dead on the spot
and others mortally wounded
I so were you be fore about
the compromise that we made
it has been had upto in good
shape in that side.

missed this band of men pretended
would that they were sent here by orders
of slavery but not so the free states men
number have come out masters of the whole
but whole after all the fuss.

when the pro slavery men carried
the boys to Lawrence the free
states men took the prisoners
from them and released them
undel took the Marshall that carried
me them there and put him under 4,000
hands dollars bonds for his cares down here
as and my son was summoned to
first testify against him and his pro slavery
gang which we did. if the compromise
had no of been made the old Marshall
and his men would have been sent
to prison. they said that they would
drive out all of the free states men
from Lynn and two other counties
if Mr Montgomery had been
a minute to of fought them

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he would have killed allof them
but he saes let them be punished
by law this man I am well acqaint
ted with him he is one of the
nobelist men that I ever saw
he can command 5000 men if
he so wants to he is said to be
one of the likelest men in kenias
I knew that he went to port
scott and looked out benjamin
rice from the pro slavery prison
for they said that they would
kill him be cause he was a free states
man & montgomery with 68 men
went there and liberated him from
them and whilist so doing the pro
slavery men thought they would
play hell so one d—d fool
fired at one of the boys slitley wounded
him and so in return one of the boys
shot the pro slavery cuss through
the head. this is just as it was
the hertford times said that there was
6 men killed and that the capt of had
2 of men. that is aly I know some of
the boys that were there.

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and I know how it was for they toled me
Mr Brownhead I of his 6 sons
killed here in the troubles of 1856
and so he is paying them for it
he liberated 11 slaves which made
the proslavery men damnd mad
but all to no use they could not help
them selves for if slave gets in here
he is sent to Connelly in great haste
the troubles are all over now so I
shall not write any more about them
now. Now I will write about the
wether and country the wether is
like summer here now the grass
is green and every thing is hand
som tell father if he can get
2000 dollars for wadd he has got
to take it and come out here he can
make money as fast as he has a mind to
and if he can not sell to get

against next fall 250 dollars
and come out here and pre-empt
160 acres for him or for you
it will cost him about 40 dollars
to come out here and 40 to return
which makes 80 and it takes
150 to buy a land warrant and
out here and to pre-empt
it is best to buy land warrants
out here than to buy them in the east
for if they are not good they can
be exchanged here and another one
got in its place if he will come out here
have him say so and I will pick
out a good claim and save it for the
purpose. I have some ~~talk~~ talk
of going to a place called Palmyra
in a few days to work I shall
pre-empt for my ran as we agreed
the claim is the best one that I
have seen my half when I get a
deed of it is worth \$1200

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