



To Thomas Eddy, Prov. R. S.
From George W. Winter with — Kansas.

Lawrence Dec. 8, 1855

Mr Eddy, Dear Sir.

We are having a great time out here with the old Missourians. I suppose you have heard about it. There is a gang of Missourians encamped about 7 or 8 miles from Lawrence and they have been there for most 2 weeks and doing nothing but drinking their whisky and riding up into town bragging and boasting and telling what they are a going to do but yet they do not dare to do any thing. And they say that they are a going to take the city but I guess they will find it a hard one for there are companies here from all parts of the Territory and they are all armed with sharps rifles and other small arms and we had a cannon arrive here day before yesterday and they have fortified the city and so we are ready for them. I wish I was big enough I would go out and fight quick enough for I do hate them old Missourians and I have a good reason for it too for they have done every thing almost that they ~~they~~ could to make us commence the fight but we have have kept still and done nothing but to defend our selves. And they have got up all sorts of stories about us down in Missouri and they are all lies every one of them and they said we have 3 hundred houses here and have ^{turned} the women and children out of doors and we have done no such thing for you know our people would not do that