

Lawrence K.T. Aug 16/56



Mr Thomas Eady or Friend. it has been a good while since I have written to you — you will no doubt wonder why I should be so silent — all I can say is that there is nothing of any great importance taking place immediately around us that would be remarkably interesting to you — for you have seen so much in the papers about Kansas — that the very sound must be tiresome to your ears. — If I write & tell you — it is or would be only a recapitulation of outrage. Stealing robbing & murder have become so common here since last April when the Southern (Buford's) Company came that what once would have startled me, now creates little or no effect on me. — the oppression of the powers that be. — backed by Congress or rather Pierce & the Soldery — that it seemed to be useless, in our feeble state, to make any attempt at resistance — The loud talk in the North & East & so little done that our men became discouraged & hundreds on hundreds have left the Territory & others becoming careless & despairing. feeling all lost Congress talking & wrangling & doing nothing while we are suffering & the Country on the verge of civil war & time approaching when they are to adjourn & question after question thrown