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LAWRENCE, K. T., Dec. 24, 1857.—I have already forwarded to you an account of the Fort Scott difficulties. By the arrival of Col. Phillips, we have full particulars. The Colonel left here on Friday at 8 A. M., and arrived at the camp of Abbott, Sugar Mound, 90 miles from Lawrence, in the evening, having ridden that distance in eleven hours. He found about 100 men in camp, and on Sunday 183 were assembled. Instead of the Free State men committing outrages, it was the Ruffians who had done them. Under pretence of collecting taxes, &c., cattle, corn and horses were stolen. To stop these depredations the Free State men organized a Vigilance Committee. No acts of violence were committed, and one man who had stolen a hog was ordered to replace it. This was the only act of punishment inflicted by the Committee. The Rev. Mr. Stewart and two others were taken prisoners while acting as scouts, and taken into Fort Scott. On Tuesday, Capt. Dain and 40 men were building for Stewart, and approached Harnesville, about eight miles from the Fort. A citizen of the place invited Dain and his men, informing them that they knew where Stewart was, but at that moment the Captain caught sight of a large body of Ruffians approaching from the east of the street. He immediately gave the command to fall back, and soon became a flight, they being pursued.

Dain's men were taken prisoners, the rest escaped. On Wednesday the fight occurred between the Ruffians, headed by Deputy Marshal Little, and Gen. Abbott, the particulars of which you have already received. The numbers, however, were incorrect. There were 45 in the Free State camp in a log house on the Little Osage River, half a mile from the bank; there were 70 of the *posse*. The Marshal demanded their unconditional surrender, which was of course refused. The firing commenced and lasted an hour.

After the Missourians retreated, the Free State men fell back to Sugar mound. Here Col. Phillips found them, and on Sunday the forces numbered 183 men. Phillips, who took command, was directed to release the 8 men held in *durance*, without any presence of law, if it was a possible thing, and to avoid a collision with the troops, two hundred of whom were encamped near Fort Scott, but in no case to allow his command to be disbanded or disarmed. He had difficulty in preventing his men from attacking the troops, so much are they embittered by the outrages perpetrated against them. It must be remembered that Kansas is now under the rebellious act of Congress, that act having been repealed by the late Territorial Legislature, and all proceeding under it quashed. On Sunday morning a movement was made on Fort Scott, with a view of rescuing the prisoners, but the troops having but four miles distant, it was not deemed advisable to risk an attack from them, as ammunition was scarce and the companies were poorly armed. A retreat was ordered to Sugar Mound. Thirty miles distant. A blinding snow storm came up and the cold was extreme. The men bore it bravely and without a murmur. Gen. Lane arrived in camp on Monday noon and assumed command. He commenced organizing the Territorial militia and issued a proclamation to the citizens, stating his object was to preserve the peace and granting protection to all real inhabitants of Kansas, but, at the same time, declaring his intention of hanging every Missourian caught in arms after a short time had elapsed. There are about 250 Missouri Ruffians assembled at Fort Scott and Barnesville.

LATER NEWS—Since the above was written, B. B. Whitman and Col. Harris Stratton have arrived from Lane's camp with the startling intelligence that the United States troops are marching to arrest him. A Council of War had been held, and it was unanimously decided to resist the dragoons. It was also reported that the Ruffians had murdered the prisoners, but had been burning at the stake. Capt. Cracklid then started with about 30 men to meet the troops, and Lane despatched to learn intelligence. As we have not returned, the latter is supposed to be with the troops. Gen. Lane and his men were encamped on the Marais des Cygnes River, from the camp of Capt. Cracklid, and were armed only with revolvers and sabres, the latter of which would be of but little use in the timber where Lane is entrenched. The position occupied is a very strong one, situated in the heavy timber on the headwater of the Little Sugar Creek; the men occupy three block-houses, which command all approaches, places any advancing foe under a most gallant fire. We do not anticipate any battle, and Lane sent word that if attacked he should "whip them." The reports were given in the Convention to-day, and every allusion to the idea of resistance to the United States troops was received with the most enthusiastic applause. When it was announced that Gen. Lane intended to resist the Federal troops, three pealing cheers were given for him. Every detail was received with the most profound silence or the loudest cheers, according to its character. When it was announced that the U. S. troops were advancing on the Free State men, and that Gen. Lane and his officers had decided to fight them, every person in the Convention Hall seemed to hold their breath for a few seconds, and silence, solemn as the grave, hung over the assembly, which was broken finally by one simultaneous burst of cheering. The Rubicon was passed—the danger did not look so overwhelming, and is was felt that energy, courage and devotion enough existed in the Free State party of Kansas to stand the brunt and consequences of the act in which they were engaged, and carry it to a successful issue.

THE SLAVES OF MR. CUSTIS.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The emancipation of the slaves left by the late Geo. W. P. Custis, of Arlington, will, it is feared, be much retarded, if not wholly prevented by the heirs, chief among whom stands John Washington, Esq., the man who cuts down the old ancestral oaks of Mount Vernon to sell for canes, and who charges visitors fifty cents a head for the privilege of visiting the tomb of Washington, and who has turned the home of the Father of his Country into a slaveholding Open. All attempts to see the will of Mr. Custis have proved abortive. After much inquiry, it has been admitted by the heirs that the slaves are to be set free in five years. The poor darkies tell a different story. They of the Arlington House say that they were called into the room and stood by the death-bed of their master; and that, after having taken leave of each of them personally, he told them that he had left them, and all his servants, their freedom. At Arlington there were about one hundred negroes.