

## **H.W. Farnsworth to Governor Thomas Carney**

U.S. Indian Affairs agent H.W. Farnsworth's letter provides a brief account of a guerilla raid in the vicinity of Council Grove, Kansas, and the arrest of several innocent men in place of the real perpetrators who managed to escape to Missouri. In addition, Farnsworth requests that Governor Carney send forces to help protect against such raids in the future as he, and many of his fellow Unionists in the area, do not have confidence in the abilities of either the local sheriff or General James G. Blunt.

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Sir

You probably have been made acquainted with the fact of a recent guerrilla raid into this vicinity, and the fact, that although pursued by the U. S. Marshal and a posse of citizens, none of the most dangerous men of the gang were arrested. Probably half of those who were arrested were innocent of any known connection with the guerrillas, and the others were the teamsters, not those who do the stealing, robbing killing of loyal men and women.

These last all got safe back into Missouri, having murdered a considerable number of loyal men,



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and carried off about \$20000, in money and stock.

The loyal men in this and other sparsely settled portions of the State are in danger every hour, and many are forsaking their homes. The whole State suffers by this, and every Copperhead rejoices.

The unconditional, loyal, Union men in this County have a very small majority, and every vacant place is being filled by Missouri refugees, in whose loyalty we have little confidence, and whose hand may turn against us in the hour of trial.

We have no confidence in the Sheriff of this County and if our safety depends on his carrying out the orders of Gen Blunt, we shall

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have no protection,  
The people here and throughout the  
State, look to you to take such  
measures as will effectually keep  
these men out of the State and  
exterminate them.

Unless you do it these murders  
are to be repeated, as long as  
an exposed Unionist tempts the  
fiends to blood and plunder.

Kansas has lost too many good  
citizens for want of sufficient  
protection, and now that we  
have a governor in whom we  
have confidence this state of  
insecurity ought to cease.

Yrs Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant  
H. W. Farnsworth

Gov. Thos Carney,  
Topeka  
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