

## Charles Robinson to A. Guthrie, Esq

A letter written by Charles Robinson and George W. Deitzler to A. Guthrie asking for help in defending Kansas Territory from Missouri insurgents. He tells Guthrie that 350 armed men from Missouri are encamped at Lecompton and Wakarusa. Robinson states that he has sent messages to all parts of the territory, the northern states and the President of the United States asking for assistance. He writes that war is inevitable. A searchable, full-text version of this letter is available by clicking "Text Version" below.

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A Guthrie Esq.

General Head Quarters. Lawrence Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Dear Sir: Your letter of yesterday is before me. The forces of the opposition number, as near as we can learn, about 350 men, who are encamped at LeCompton and Warramusa. It is certain that an attack will be made upon this place in a few days. We have about 600 men well armed and eager for the fight. We are receiving reinforcements every hour. Last night we sent messengers to Gov Shannon to demand of him whether these armed men from Mo are belaguering our city by his authority and sanction, and if not, request him to remove them immediately or compel us to resort to other means and higher authority to accomplish the same. Messengers were also sent to all parts of the Territory to call upon the squatter to come to our aid. Dispatches were sent by telegraph to the President of the U S and to the people of the northern States to come to our assistance, and this P M Gen S B Pomeroy starts for the States to lay our case before the people and raise men and money for Kansas. War, and that, too, a general war, seems now inevitable. You are expected to bring all the forces you can get forthwith. Dr Ainsworth requests me to write you to bring all the swords and guns that can be procured.

Yours, for Liberty or Death.

C Robinson.

Com in Chief.

Geo W. Ditzler.

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