

## Cyrus Kurtz Holliday to Mary Dillon Holliday

Cyrus K. Holliday wrote briefly from Free State Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas Territory to his wife, Mary Holliday, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, describing the number and location of surrounding Proslavery forces and of Free State forces gathered in Lawrence. Cyrus had been working for peace, but was prepared to fight in a shortly expected attack.

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Head Quarters  
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My Dear Wife -

Major Shanksland is just  
coming from the States and has only  
opportunity to write a line - My last  
informers say that we are in the  
most favorable position. This informs  
you that as yet, they have  
not been - We are now  
busily expecting an attack -  
1000 troops are now a position  
in Laramie on our side -  
Two of the Enemy is 4 miles south  
of us and for eight miles  
west of us -  
There is now no river of water

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To His Excellency, Milton Shannon, Governor  
of Kansas Territory

Sir: We as Citizens of Kansas  
Territory desire to call your attention to the fact  
that a large force of armed men from a foreign  
State have collected in the vicinity of Lawrence  
in this Territory  
but that they will be the biggest  
kind of a fight - I am doing  
all I can to prevent it.  
But if the Enemy attack us  
they will catch us in a  
mistake  
Kiss Lillie for me - I may  
never see you or her again! But  
if not remember I fare honorably  
as I trust I have since  
C. K. Holliday