

Hiram Hill to Dear Wife

In a brief letter similar to the one written to his brother on the same date, Hiram Hill told his wife that he would continue to Kansas Territory. Hill was in Richland (possibly Richmond), Missouri, on his way to Kansas City and ultimately to Lawrence, where he had heard that 1,100 free state and 800 proslavery men were prepared to fight. The governor of Missouri had called for 3,000 more to oppose the free state "Rebils." Hill, a free state supporter, assured his wife of his well-being.

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Letter

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Richland December 7 1855
Dear Wife

Thinking you would
have some anxiety about me I take
my pen to inform you that I am on
my way to Kansas City I thought when
I wrote you last that I should return
as soon as my health would permit
But it seems to me that Providence
has ordered that I shall go on to the
end of my journey - My health is impro-
ved - I think I shall get a long if I am care-
ful I have a cold in my head but think
it will be better in a day or two - There
is such an excitement here it is impossible
to tell how things are out in the territory
So I am going up to Kansas City to see
if I can tell any thing about the truth
of affairs there are a great many reports
Some state that there Eleven Hundred
Men up at Lawrence all armed with
Sharps Rifles and Six Cannon -
The last report is that the proslavery
Men have Eight Hundred in the
vicinity of Lawrence - The governor has
sent out five thousand Men to help
put down the Rebels, as they are called

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give your self no uneasiness about
me for I shall try to keep out of
trouble - Rememb. me to all
who are or may be interested.
Kiss father for me & tell him
to be good boy & affectionate, yours
Hiram Hill

Dear Sister while reaching
this in the office I received yours was very much pleased
your deep affection may you & this have
grace to support in this trying hour.
I feel that I can't know it that
Melvins must get better.
I want to see him to see how
he has started back will write him
if he don't come soon. I don't write
a letter to Lawrence if he gets to
he will let me know if he comes back
if you wish I will not wait here for
him your in love Dear wife

may we all meet again shortly
sincerely with grateful hearts