

Owen Brown to John Brown

Owen Brown, who died at age 85 on May 8, 1856, wrote his son, John Brown, about mundane family matters, his delight at the regular arrival of letters from his son, and his faith in God. He also mentioned correspondence with Congressman J. R. Giddings and the vote in Congress to send a committee "to Kansas to investigate the situation."

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Dear Son John I received yours of 13th on the 20th and was
 very glad to learn that all your family were as well and
 that you had not been disturbed by the enemy your letters
 came very regular and we took carefully after them I have been
 faithful to answer them not out of ambition but to keep
 one on more one the road all the time my health at present is
 not so good for three weeks past I am some what fit to
 breathe mostly nights and some ^{times} as though death was
 at the door, I feel as though God was very merciful to keep
 such a great sinner on probation so long I ask all of you
 to pray more earnestly for the salvation of my soul than
 for the life of my body and that I may give myself and
 all I have up to Christ and honor him by a sacrifice of all
 we have. I think that the movements of Congress will prevent
 an invasion of your rights they have voted to send to Kansas
 to investigate the situation elections I think of clipping
 from some papers some short acts of Congress and inclose them
 in a private letters and send them to you I think I shall
 have them very regular, I wrote Mr. Giddings about 3 weeks
 ago to send me the debate and acts of Congress on the subjects
 of Kansas from time to time He was at home then sick but has
 now returned to ^{Washington} and the papers begin to come.
 Friends are middling well as far as I know I am now at Edward
 it is rather a cold stormy day we have had a remarkable
 cold snow winter and the snow is mostly on the ground
 now we have some pleasant ^{days now} they but have had no rain
 through the winter I consider all of my children at Kansas
 as one family in hope you will take turns in writing they
 are middling well a Edwards and wish to be some where you
 unfailingly Dear

Owen Brown

At 25 after writing the above Edward had a paper from which we
 clip the within. etc

Owen Brown
March 27th 1856

Owen Brown
father of John Brown
died May 8th 1836
aged 85 years

John Brown
Assassinated
H. I.