

John Brown, Jr., to John Brown

Two days after encouraging his father to visit him at the prisoners' "camp" near Lecompton, John Brown, Jr., wrote to say "I had not better try to meet you just now." He thought things looked "favorable" for the free state prisoners and wrote of what he had heard of the Battle of Fort Titus, which took place that very day, August 16, 1856.

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The prospect now appears so favorable for us, that it does seem as though I had not better try to meet you just now. The prospect is that there will be either a writ of Habeas Corpus issued or a change of Venue which will in either case take us into the States for trial.

I have sent you several letters lately by persons going to Topeka. and I enclose one which I wrote on the 13th. The bearer of it, not seeing you there has returned it.

I was in hearing of the attack on Col Titus this morning. A messenger has just come in stating that he Titus and several others were taken prisoners. Titus wounded.

We also reports that a free state man was either killed yesterday or last night as he was found at Titus's staff and cot. Saw the fire of Titus's house. Well it seems that

Heaven is smiling on our arms. The case may be that ^{within a few days} I shall think it altogether ~~that it~~ best to try to meet you. — a very few days will determine. — All well

May God bless you —
Good bye —

John Brown, Jr., to John Brown

I should be very glad to see you if you
think it prudent to visit me - There is
nothing here that I know of in the way - If
you come just at edge of evening no one
need know it is you - - But dont risk yourself
if you are aware of danger - There are spies around
- In view of present prospects the
prisoners think best that no attempt should
be made at present to release them
The are all well treated here - Captain
Sackett is a noble man

Should be very glad to know where
I could communicate with you from
time to time

John Brown