

## Owen Brown to Mary Brown

On August 27, 1856, from Tabor, Iowa, Owen Brown wrote to tell his mother that according to all accounts "Father is the most daring courageous man in Kansas" and to relate other happenings in K.T. involving Jim Lane and Governor Shannon. Another invasion from Missouri was rumored, but free state recruits were assembling and "the Missourians are trembling in their Boots."

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Dear Mother, The last news we had from Kansas.

Father was at Lawrence & had charge of a Company the bravest  
Men the Territory could afford, Those who come through here from  
the Territory say Father is the most daring courageous man in Kansas,  
You have no doubt heard that the free state men have taken to ports  
or block houses with a fine lot of arms several Prisoners  
& two Cannon, Shannon was obliged to flee for his life, afterwards  
came to Lane to negotiate for peace, he proposed that the free state  
men should give up the Prisoners & Arms they had taken, at the same time  
they should still hold our men as prisoners, I & keep all the arms they  
had taken from free state men, but Lane would not consent to that  
but he required Shannon to deliver up the Hoibner they had taken  
at Lawrence, release some prisoners, disarm the pro slavery men in  
the territory, & do all in his power to remove the Enemy from  
the territory. With fear & trembling, Shannon consented to all  
of Lane's demands. There is now at this place, a company  
of volunteers from Maine, Massachusetts, & Michigan, about  
80 in all, we hear lately that about 2 thousand Missourians,  
have crossed at yet for another place where gone armed into the  
territory, that Governor Woodson has sent 400 men  
out to the frontier to intercept our volunteers, & prevent them  
from going in proportion to ammunition, which is so much needed  
now in Kansas, the last information comes from reliable source  
& is probably true a portion of it. We also learn that they have met  
up all the old ho fire, they can get hold of for ammunition  
now the news comes from reliable source that Lane is  
about to enter Leavenworth with 2 thousand men,  
that he has sent word to the Citizens of Leavenworth  
that they are required to deliver up a few prisoners  
they had taken with some wagons & other property  
on the way to the town, with Col Smith of  
Leavenworth refuses to protect the pro slavery men of the  
territory, replying that Lane is able to dress them all out,  
Troops & all, Shannon made a speech to them urging  
them to cease hostilities, that they could not depend on Lee  
our Enemies, At present our enemies & the Missourians  
are trembling in their shoes, if reports are true  
gained strength quite fast, & I am now determined  
to go back into the territory by the Elephant another full  
we hope that men with volunteers, by the thousands from  
the states, well armed with plenty of money to lay provisions  
on, which are scarce in this part, there is probably several thousand  
acres less of corn than there would have been, had it  
not been for the war, we look hard for help, how comes the  
two of you, We have sent 20 men, to learn the state of  
affairs, on the frontier, & shall well move on into the  
territory shortly, we are now waiting for another company

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here is glass within old's Revolver a few days drive of here  
 near the want of time I leave out many particulars in connection  
 with the taking of those parts, which  
 would be quite 244 interesting, without  
 showing skill & strategy at least. If any of our  
 folks write to us, or to me, (I assume an other name,  
 (George, Lyman) direct to, George Lyman Tabor  
 Winemont Co Iowa) care of Jonas Jones Esq  
 Mr Jones will take them out of the office here & send  
 them on by private conveyance. We can not hear  
 from you in any other way. Perhaps you know  
 of a different way, but I do not.

Your Affectionate  
 Son Owen Brown