

Charles Blair to John Brown

During his 1857 fund raising tour, Brown made arrangements with a Connecticut blacksmith, Charles Blair, for the production of a number of spears or "pikes" for use in the Kansas territory. On March 20, Blair wrote from Collinsville that he had the first dozen "spears" ready to send and was eager to see Brown to work out the details for the production of more. (He wrote of production details and cost estimates--this first dozen would cost \$12 if Brown decided he wanted no more.)

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Collinsville Conn March 20th 57
Capt John Brown

Dear Sir

I shall ^{send}

You one doz of spears tomorrow.

In regard to making more of them
I would say that I have talked
with Mr Collins about it and he
has consented to have them made
without any profit to the Company.

That being the case I presume
we shall be able to furnish them
at a price that will be satisfactory
to you. The ferrules on these handles
are not what I should prefer to have
them, we made them of sheet iron
and blacked them - If however
you should prefer it we can
procure malleable iron ferrules
and have them polished - but
they would cost more - I will
meet you in Hartford any day next
week which you will name, and
close a contract, if desirable - We
shall I think be able to put them
at a price, satisfactory in consequence
of the liberal offer of Mr Collins - Truly Yours
Chas Blair

will have built me
at once, and left a day
before you

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P.S.

When I see you we can settle
for there if you do not have more
and if you do, they can be put in
with the others. I shall not
charge you anything extra for there
whether you have more or not

C Blair

Should you conclude not to have
any more - you may remit to me
\$12 for there, if you do not wish to
meet me in Hartford

Charles Blair

Answered March 23