

James H. Greene to John Brown

James Greene, who had spent two years in Kansas himself, wrote from his Jefferson (hometown of Senator Benjamin F. Wade), Ashtabula Co., Ohio, newspaper office (Ashtabula Sentinel) to inform his friend that he would be publishing Brown's circular "soliciting aid for Kansas" and to ask what Brown's future plans were. The news from the territory was not good, according to Greene, and he wondered if there would be war or peace. Greene was still hopeful that the "free state men will eventually triumph," but most of his neighbors believed Kansas "will be a Slave State."

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Jefferson, Ashtabula Co. Ohio
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Capt. John Brown -

Dear Sir - We received at this office (the "Ashtabula Sentinel") last mail a circular from you, soliciting aid for Kansas; and as I am proud of knowing that we were friends and sufferers together in the Territory, I presume upon the old acquaintance to write you. I have kept pretty well posted in regard to your movements, and watched with pleasure the favor and love which you have received from the people of the East; which, however, would have to be much more than it is to be equal to your wants. We will publish the circular and call attention to it. But I want to inquire what you propose to do in Kansas? Do you think there will be any more fighting? Are you preparing for troublesome times there, or do you expect peace? - Where is your son, John? Sometime ago I heard he was in this County - at Williamfield - but my efforts to see or hear from him were unavailing. The news from Kansas has been discouraging lately, but I hope the free state men will eventually triumph. I spent two years there doing what little I could. I see you don't like Geary extraordinarily well! I guess nobody but Herald of Freedom knows anything about him. Do you expect to visit this part of the country? The people don't say much about Kansas, generally believing it will be a Slave State. Possibly they might be stirred up. Do you see Redpath or please to remember me to him. Senator Wade and J. R. Diddings reside in this village -

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they are two good and true men - If it is
not too much to ask of you, I should indeed
be exceedingly gratified to hear from you by
letter. I wish, more than anything else,
in writing to you, to express the great respect
and love I bear you, and the admiration,
which springs from a personal knowledge, of
your untiring zeal and heroism. I feel these
so earnestly that I could not say them in a less
flattering manner. Yours respectfully
James H. Greene

Answered for (April 26)