

## Thomas J. Marsh to George Luther Stearns

In his August 20, 1857, report to Stearns, Marsh again asked for some clarification on a couple payment issues and described his role for the committee (Mass. State Kansas Committee) with regard to Jim Lane's efforts to organize protection for free state voters. For a short while, things looked good for the Free State cause, but Governor Walker's conduct to date had been disruptive and Judge Cato and friends began to issue arrest warrants.

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Aug<sup>t</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. 1857.

George L. Stearns, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have recd. your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>. (Also one of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> from Mr. Williams) I had previously acknowledged the receipt of your letter authorizing me to draw upon you for \$500. Also Mr. Lawrence's order on Gov. Robinson for \$335. I have also asked for an explanation concerning the latter. I have aided the organization by Lane, so far as I feel myself at liberty to do so. I promised to pay their necessary Printing bills, not exceeding one hundred dollars. The expenditure for the organization was estimated at some fifteen hundred, or two thousand dollars. I gave them no encouragement for money beyond the sum named, unless I had more funds placed at my disposal. - The prospect looked well for a time for the Free State men, they were well united, but Walker's change of policy, the apportionment, &c. rather shades present appearances. I think however the trial will be



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made to vote - and if possible, secure  
the Territorial Legislature. I have sent  
to you and the Committee a copy of  
the Lawrence Republican of this week.  
it contains a pretty correct statement  
of affairs, concerning the chance for  
the free state men.

There is evidently an attempt  
at revising the persecutions of the last  
year on the part of Judge Cato, and  
his clique - there are now more than  
two hundred & fifty warrants issued  
against the free state men for offenses  
charged to have been committed last  
year, and the supposed offenders  
are constantly being called to answer  
at Leecompton. Gov. Robinson has  
been on trial since Monday for  
usurpation of office, and there are  
the very offenses which were to be quashed,  
according to Stanton, who heralded  
the coming of the Great Pacificator to  
the people of Kansas, and Walker him-  
self were to be forgotten - and the people  
exhortated to live together in comity, and  
good neighborhood - As the mail will  
close in a few moments I must close

Yours Truly  
T. J. Marsh