

## J. H. Kagi to his father

Having finally made and returned from his long-delayed trip to Nebraska City, Kagi writes his father from Lawrence, Kansas, where he had gone almost immediately "on business." Although he can't discuss the particulars for fear of "bribed P.M. [post master?] spies," Kagi makes some interesting observations about freestate "prospects" throughout the territory, which "look much more hopeful now than when I left." Kagi mentions some land investment opportunities and the expected arrival of Governor Robert Walker, who would not last long if he tried to enforce the "bogus laws."

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My dear Father  
I arrived at Topeka one week ago last Friday night - four days from Nebraska City - and in good health and spirits. I have been in Topeka not little since, having come down here but a day or two after on business of importance, politically, and have remained here most of the time since, and shall until next week. My particular object on business I cannot say again, as it is altogether unwise to reveal matters of great importance to a friend P.M. office.

I have now been all over the State with but three companions. The driver is with him, fellow school teacher, who created him with the greatest respect. I see State more than bought out all the proslavery, towns on the Missouri River and we will soon have complete sway everywhere in Kansas. Our prospects look much more hopeful now than when I left.

Topeka prospect has risen greatly. Topeka is Topeka a land of promise. Since the completion has reached from two places. Lots which were sold in Topeka at 10¢ are now sold at 15¢, and are now selling for upwards of 80¢. Still and many could not be bought for 200¢, not for 300¢. Topeka will now be built in the present summer.

The Potawatami lands are not yet in market. I am making an effort to ascertain the condition.

Feed is good for cattle or Potawatami and on the other hand and business for three or four weeks. It is very good here now.

We are expecting it would be Gov. Walker. In last of month, Mr. Lusk's appointment will; for the cannot be given free state without his support and to support of the boys' laws. If he attempts to exclude them he will not remain with us long - I will be to embrace as long the next time.

Most truly yours,  
J. H. Kagi

Please let your letter find me. I will be home at the time.