

Martin Stowell to Thomas W Higginson

Martin Stowell, from Nebraska City, Nebraska, is writing to Reverend Thomas Wentworth Higginson. Stowell and other members of his company from Massachusetts had been driven out of Kansas Territory. Fortunately, none of them had been placed under arrest. Stowell had just returned from Lexington, Kansas Territory, and writes that he had "left Brown there in as comfortable circumstances as I could." The identity of Brown is unclear. The "Plymouth men" in Lexington had stolen their flour and tools which they had hidden in a neighbor's haystack. Stowell inquires about the news revolving around the upcoming Presidential election and other news from the East.

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Nebraska City
My Dear Friend Oct 27
I have been
I presume you have heard
the news from Kansas with
such of my comrades as are
known to belong to my camp;
Steward I H. Hunt,
Seward Fish & myself
are here but intend to
leave for a place nearer
the Kansas line tomorrow.
I have been informed
that a warrant is out in
Nebraska for me but
I think I shall risk
it. I just returned from
Lexington 'Kansas'. I left
Bourbon there, in comfortable
circumstances in the
circumstances as I could.
When you was at Lexington
we had flour enough to
last us for three months.



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over, but the Plymouth
men, I am told by Stinson
and others stole nearly
all of it and also our
tools and other property.
We had stored them in
a neighbors hay stack,
from which place they
took them. This was
hard for us, our being
driven out of Range of
Nebraska has made us
additional expence, and
after leaving I have
permitted & moving enough
for 30 or 40 days. I find
our funds nearly exhausted,
I have succeeded in getting
some work, and
am trying to secure more
for others. Should we
be driven to it I shall
borrow if possible and be
personally responsible, though
I am already heavily out

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of pocket for my camp.
I care but little how
much I am out if
I cannot secure an
election, though I fear
we shall have a serious
time as soon as the result
is known, However I will
not speculate, but
wait as patiently as I
can for the result, I
wish, would write me
immediately on receiving
the result of the camp
and give me the signs
of the times east, and
with my information
of things in Kansas I
can know both how
to calculate, I have
been quite sick since I
saw you, am better
but fear I shall be
obliged to come home &
attend to my head

Stowell.
or be deaf, This manner
of life, some of the time
being done like a felon
slipping on the prairie &c is
a little dangerous, on my
recent trip to Lexington
I slept out on the open
prairie two nights, without
anything but a blanket
~~and~~ supper, or dinner.
Honor I thank God I
am still free from arrest.
Some of my company is
under arrest, and I
trust will not be, Should
Bureau at Filmore be
elected I see no hope for
even Abolition but in
revolution. I find now
you are sitting here than
I had any idea of.
In my regard &
inquiring friend
O. Stowell