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To John Brown

Care of the Jailor Charles Town. Commander of the Army at Harper's Ferry Charles Town Jefferson Country, Va.

[Letter]

Chattanooga Tennessee 20th November 1859.

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Altho vengence [sic] is not mine, I confess, that I do feel gratified to hear that you ware stopt [sic] in your fiendish career at Harper's Ferry with the loss of your two sons, you can now appreciate my distress, in Kansas, where you then and there entered my house at midnight and arrested my husband and two boys and took them out of the yard and in cold blood shot them dead in my hearing, you can't say you done it to free our slaves, we had none and never expected to own one, but has only made me a poor disconsolate widow with helpless children while I feel for your folly. I do hope & trust that you will meet your just reward. O how it pained my Heart to hear the dying groans of my Husband and children if this scrawl give you any consolation you are welcome to it

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