

Appeal of Mr. Brown of the Kansas Herald of Freedom.

We find the following appeal of Mr. George W. Brown, editor of the Herald of Freedom, in the Alton Courier of the 4th:—

To the Friends of Free Discussion throughout the Union:

FELLOW-CITIZENS: I am now in a tent eight by ten feet, surrounded by armed soldiers, while a guard is passing back and forth in front, with instructions to shoot me down if I attempt to escape. Visitors are forbidden to see me without written orders from the Governor!

A few days ago I was enjoying the boon of liberty, and was publishing a paper, the Kansas Herald of Freedom, which for its moderate and dignified course has received the unanimous approval of all men who advocate free discussion. Now I am divested of that freedom, and the press and printing material that cost me the toil of many years in a Free State, have been demolished and thrown into the Kansas River. All my valuable papers have been destroyed, together with my private correspondence. To add to my affliction, my law and miscellaneous library, comprising hundreds of the most valuable publications, were torn in pieces and scattered broadcast in the streets, while less valuable documents were piled up and set on fire with the office which I had just erected at a heavy cost, though the latter was not entirely destroyed.

The question arises, Why am I a prisoner and thus guarded by armed men? Why is my property destroyed, and insults offered me whenever certain individuals appear in my presence?

My list of readers of the Herald of Freedom, allowing six readers to each subscriber, will give me over twenty thousand. With the exception of that few who believe one man has the right to enslave another, I am not conscious of any who have not approved of its course. The most distinguished men of the nation have spoken of it in the highest terms of approbation. And yet for publishing that paper, and proclaiming the great truths which the fathers of the American Republic declared inherent in all men, I find my property confiscated, and myself a Slave!

Others will recount my wrongs, and the American people will redress them through the ballot-box. A day of retribution must come, else a God of justice will forget his powers, which he can never do.

Though imprisoned and strongly guarded for daring to speak the truth, yet I have resolved to resume the publication of the Herald of Freedom immediately, and make it still more the foe of tyranny and oppression than ever. To do this I need the aid of the wealthy and philanthropic. The lovers of eternal justice everywhere will give their means to float again the banner of Liberty on the watch-towers of Freedom. Who is thus disposed to aid us and the cause, and place us and the cause of freedom in Kansas under eternal obligations by giving of their accumulations in this important crisis?

I trust my name has been sufficiently long before the country, and that my position is sufficiently understood to justify me in making this appeal.

I have delegated my sister, Miss Annie W. Gleason, to repair to Alton, Ill., forthwith, and complete all necessary arrangements for the prosecution of my enterprise. As soon as my wife shall feel justified in leaving me, she will join our sister and place the paper on a permanent basis.

In consequence of the fact that it will be impossible to get a press, type, and fixtures in Kansas as soon as it is desired; and in view of the fact, also, that letters containing remittances from the States are frequently lost in passing through Missouri; and that whatever difficulties occur in the Territory, the mails are stopped and the papers delayed for weeks in reaching their destination; therefore, with a view of correcting these inconveniences of the past, I have resolved on doing the mechanical work of my paper at Alton, Ill., and there shall open my business office. I shall have several associate editors who will transmit by every mail, and from different parts, all the news of interest transpiring in the Territory. The paper will be dated at Lawrence, and will retain all the marks of being published there. Subscribers will thus be enabled to get it with news at least a week later than they could when printed in Lawrence.

All letters, communications, donations, and other matters designed for us may be mailed at Alton, Illinois, until we give directions to the contrary.

To the lovers of the good and the true, and to those who desire the triumph of the right, we urgently appeal in this hour of our extremity. If my pen is silenced for a few months to gratify the spleen of enemies, I have the consciousness of knowing that there are others who can wield one superior to mine, and that the public will learn through my columns of the outrages practiced in the name of "law and order" upon me and the cause I represent.

Those wishing to subscribe for The Kansas Herald of Freedom will remember to address me at Alton, Illinois, inclosing \$2, with his name and that of his post-office, county and State, carefully written. Donations may be similarly addressed, which shall be publicly acknowledged through our paper.

Hoping the friends of free Kansas will bestir themselves in this crisis, and that justice will triumph over outrage, I am the public's humble servant,
G. W. BROWN.