

GOV. GEARY'S MILITIA DISBANDED—THE WALKER AND GEARY CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence of The Missouri Democrat.

LAWRENCE, Kansas, Dec. 2, 1856.

Day before yesterday, an officer in the United States army was in this city, and mustered the militia under command of Capt. Walker out of the service. The same thing was done at Fort Leavenworth, on the same day, with the companies under the command of Col. H. T. Titus.

The following is a copy of the correspondence between the Governor and Capt. Walker in relation to the militia:

LAWRENCE, K. T., Nov. 19, 1856.

"His Excellency Gov. J. W. Geary, Governor of Kansas Territory:

"SIR: The undersigned members of a company of Kansas militia, mustered into the service of the United States, at Lawrence, Kansas Territory, in obedience to your call, would respectfully submit that when our services were required, the Territory was distracted with internal feuds, and threatened with invasion by those from abroad, who had no residence in the country then, since or prospectively.

"We were ready to give assistance in staying the hand of violence, which had laid the country waste to some extent, depopulated it and made life insecure.

"We trusted you were sincere in your professions to act justly toward the settlers, and we cheerfully left our ordinary occupations to aid, so far as we could, in restoring peace and quiet to this unfortunate Territory.

"We have watched your course since your arrival among us, as our Executive, with much anxiety, and although we have wished to see you do what you have not done, still we are sensible, and bear it in grateful remembrance, that by your activity and energy, you have done much toward the restoration of that feeling of protection, that all who live under organized governments have a right to expect.

"We thank you for it, and trust confidently that you may not forget that we are a part and parcel of this great Republic, although we may differ from our neighboring State on some political subjects.

"We feel now that you have the power and will protect the citizens of the country, and that, therefore, our services are not required. If you should think such was the case, we would request that we be permitted to return to our several occupations, with the assurance that should you require our assistance in the future, you may be sure that right and justice to all will always be the object of our best efforts, and if you should call for them, they will be given to you with unreserved zeal and fidelity. Respectfully,
[Signed] "S. WALKER, Captain.
"And other members of the company."

The Governor, a few days since, sent the following letter in reply to the above:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, K. T., }
November 27, 1856. }

"Capt. S. WALKER, Commanding Company Kansas Militia, mustered into United States service at Lawrence:

"SIR: The petition of yourself and command, desiring to be mustered out of service, because the purposes of your enlistment have been accomplished in the restoration of peace and order in this Territory, has just been received.

"I take pleasure in granting the petition, for the reasons therein mentioned, and will have an officer detailed to muster you out of service one day this week.

"You will please convey to your command my thanks for their kind expressions of regard, and assure them that I highly appreciate the service they have rendered, by their example and soldier-like conduct, to the cause of peace and order, and should I again have occasion for their services, I will unhesitatingly accept their generous offer, and rely upon their hearty and energetic cooperation.

"Wishing you all a happy return to your respective homes and families, and to the most agreeable and congenial pursuits of peace, I remain, with great respect, your obedient servant,
JOHN W. GEARY,
"Governor of Kansas Territory."

On Saturday last, sixteen of the Free State prisoners on trial in Judge Cato's Court, on a charge of "murder in the first degree," for being in the Hickory Point fight, were acquitted, and set at liberty.

The sale of the Delaware trust lands at Leavenworth created some excitement at first among the speculating community, but the squatters monopolize the sale of the best lands. Many of the capitalists have left without making very extensive investments on account of the high rates which they are "knocked down" at. The Governor has disbanded the militia organized under his administration. Col. Titus reports that himself and the most of his company will leave St. Louis on the fifteenth for Nicaragua. Captain Walker's company remain in Lawrence, as the most of them are residents of the place. I think it is becoming more quiet in southern Kansas, as I hear no complaints from that vicinity. Geary seems more inclined to do justice to the Free State men than heretofore. The border papers are rife with denunciation concerning his course toward Lecompte and Donaldson. Thirty-seven of the State prisoners made their escape from Tecumseh by beaking through the wall, and several have escaped from Lecompton, reducing the number down to nineteen, seventeen of which are those convicted to five years imprisonment. There are a large number of indictments pending for those who were engaged at the battle of Franklin. Free State men are picked up here and there, just as the deputy marshals take a fancy. The weather is very cold with snow on the ground.