

LETTER FROM GOV. WOODSON.

LACOMPTON, K. T., EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }

Sept. 3, 1856. }

*Messrs. Wm. Hutchinson and H. Miles Moore, in behalf of the
Kansas State Central Committee:*

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your communication of yesterday morning, which was received late last evening, complaining of the detention here of a deputation of several gentlemen on the part of your Committee, I have to state that no such "deputation" have made any application to me, nor has any such deputation been detained here. It is true that Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Sutherland called at this office on Friday evening last, complaining of certain alleged depredations upon their property; one on account of outrages said to have been perpetrated upon his wagons and teams, near Leavenworth City, and the other upon his hack and passengers. They did not represent themselves as a "deputation, in behalf of your Committee," or of any other persons whatever, except themselves individually, each one making his own complaint.

They were courteously and kindly treated by myself, and the legal remedy pointed out to them. Nothing whatever was said in regard to their being deputed to act for any other persons than for themselves, and nothing of the character was dreamed of by me, or in any way intimated to me, until I received your letter of yesterday.

They were arrested by order of General Marshall as spies, he doubtless having the authority in the present insurrectionary state of the Territory to do so. They have been, and are still, very kindly treated. I will simply add, that with their wagons and teams, and hacks, or, as it seems from your letter, your wagons, &c., were found two persons, who were recognized as being engaged in the attack upon Col. Titus's house, and the burning thereof, and with whom some of Col. Titus's property, of which he was then robbed, was found.

Very respectfully yours

DANIEL WOODSON,

Acting Governor Kansas Territory.