

and the third time will tell the tale. Nothing is surer now than that Kansas will be a slave State. While I am writing this, Clay county is sending over 500 men, who are now crossing at this place, headed by Col. Doniphan. Platte county will send 500, and Jackson county 1000.

Yours,  
J. A. HITCHCOCK.

TECUMSEH, Aug. 17, 1856.

Dear -----: You need not be surprised at any thing you hear from Kansas, for there will be the deed to pay in this territory within the next thirty days. You know I am not very excitable and not apt to multiply dangers; but I tell you the pro-slavery men are seeing a hard time here now. Lane is here with about 600 ruffians, and is overrunning the country, killing and burning wherever he finds the people are too weak to resist him with success. He has made assaults upon three or four towns and settlements, and in every instance has driven off all that were left alive of the pro-slavery party.

The pro-slavery men in the territory cannot assist each other, from the fact that they are obliged to stay at home to defend their own firesides. We, here in Tecumseh, are expecting an attack hourly, and can only muster some 35 or 40 men. In case of an attack, we would have about the same number of free soil citizens to contend with, our town being about equally divided. The last hellish act committed by these fiends, was upon a party commanded by Col. Titus, about one and a half miles from Leecompton. After a heroic resistance with only about 30 men against 600, for three or four hours, and after his house was destroyed, Col. T. was compelled to surrender; when Titus and his whole company, with the exception of three (one killed and two who made their escape,) were taken prisoners and carried to Leecompton, and have in all probability been butchered before this time. Chas. Otey and Mr. Newman, of Richmond, were in the company and carried with the rest to Lawrence.

But they cannot go on much longer. I tell you there is a day of retribution at hand. If Virginia and other Southern States think proper to stand at a distance, and see her sons, who do not now and never expect to own slaves, inhumanly butchered, to her shame let her do so; but thank God there are a brave set of men in Missouri, who now, since the U. S. troops have refused to act and say it is a free fight, will come to our rescue. Then there will be no quarter for Lane's men, but war to extermination.

Long before you receive this, these beautiful fields of Kansas will be dyed with the blood of citizens of the United States, and worse than all, shed by brother citizens.

Yours,  
CHAS. S. MCKINNEY.

[A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing from Lawrence, Kansas, August 18th, asserts that Col. Titus' party, nineteen in number, were on that day delivered up to the U. S. dragoons, according to the terms of agreement made with Gov. Shannon the day previous. —Eds. Whig.]

#### LETTERS FROM KANSAS.

A gentleman in this city has placed at our disposal two letters of recent date, from which we make some interesting extracts. One, it will be perceived, announces the death of Messrs. Woodson & Farris, and states that many other Virginians have been made prisoners by the free soil party. We have reason to believe that the writer has been informed in regard to these matters, though we shall await further tidings with much anxiety.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 19, 1856.

Dear ---:—I am grieved to inform you that I have just heard of the death of Woodson and of Charley Farris, and that T. S. McKinney, Charley McKinney, Charley Otey and all the Virginia boys are prisoners. I have no doubt they will meet the fate of Woodson and Farris.—They defended Leecompton all day last Sunday, but owing to superiority of numbers, had to surrender. Woodson's and Col. Titus' houses were blown to pieces. We hear of nothing but distress now from Kansas, and while I write companies are being formed to go to their relief. Col. McCarty and all our folks will leave to-night. We will go in this time with a force sufficient to clean out Kansas you may rely on that; and this attack will make Kansas a slave State, beyond all doubt. Let me assure you that Missourians will never go into Kansas again without driving out the last scoundrel. Before eight days have elapsed, Missouri will send in five thousand "border ruffians," and they will never leave as long as there is an abolitionist in that beautiful territory. They have been there twice