

Letter from Col. Tins.

LECOMPTON, Kansas Territory, f

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Messrs. Editors:—In a communication over the signature of "The Constitution," contained in your paper of the 2d inst., I am most foully misrepresented, and ask of you as you value personal honor to correct the slander.

It is true that a robber, incendiary, and horse thief, who is called Capt. Walker, was in command of his fellow-thieves at the cowardly and disgraceful assault upon my house. It is true that he and his party robbed me of money, household furniture, and other valuables, to the amount of \$12,000, and burned my house, a very comfortable one, with four rooms, a parlor, and other conveniences, although I told him that they had shot me in three places, sacked my house, and asked him not to burn it, but to let it stand. He replied, "God d—n you, and God d—n your house. Men bring on the hay." And when it was in flames, took me dripping with blood from my own wounds, pitched me into an uncovered wagon, and dragged me through the blazing sun to their great den of thieves—Lawrence. This fellow Walker saw and participated in these acts, and insulted me when wounded and disabled. Perhaps his little shanty, which he had deserted in order to become an assassin, was afterwards burned down during his absence by some thoughtless person. Of this I know nothing.

I did meet Walker in the "Executive Chamber," and through courtesy to Gov. Geary, when introduced, spoke to him. I am wounded and disabled, and could not have struck the dastard down if I had been so inclined; but I ask if this is any excuse for a correspondent to place me upon an equality with such a man. Our party is composed of honorable men, and we are unwilling to be placed upon a level with thieves, assassins and robbers. We are not in the habit of "mingling manly tears" with tears from the eyelids of thieves.—Honorable men are not in the habit of pledging "eternal friendship" to robbers and murderers—to men who have been reared in the sinks of iniquity and in the moral cess pools of abolitionism.

I am willing to submit to anything to keep peace and heal the wide breach which now exist between our friends and our abolition invaders, except being placed upon an equality with them; and I know that no honorable man will ever, even for the sake of peace, demand such a sacrifice from honorable men.

Gov. Geary is doing his duty to all. He is a firm, resolute and commanding patriot, and skillful Chief Executive, and if any man could bring together these discordant elements, he might; but he knows the impossibility of such a thing, and will never undertake it.

Your obedient servant,

H. T. Tins.