The Jacksonville (Fla.) Republican, learns that Gen. EDWARD HOPKINS is making an effort to raise 100 men and the necessary means for settling permanently in Kansas. That Gen HOPKINS should bestir himself in this matter, follows very naturally from the following letters, which he has received from the wife of Col. Tirus: WEST PORT, MISS., Aug. 17, 1856. Mu Dear Father-I am in great trouble. I have

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been obliged to fly from my home to save my life. Our house was surrounded yesterday morning by five hundred Abolitionists-our property destroyed and our all taken. The property of every pro-slavery man in Douglas County destroyed and the pri-

soners taken from the United States troops. I have just learned that my husband is a prisoner at Lawrence. God only knows what they will do

with him. 1 will go to Lawrence to morrow, if they kil! me on the way.

August 19, 1856.

My Dear Father-I have just arrived in Lecompton with my husband. He has been released

by an exchange of prisoners. Five hundred men attacked the house; Mr Tirus having only ten men in the house with him at the time the attack was made. He fought them two hours, and did not surrender until they had fired six cannon balls into the house. He was shot in the breast with a SHARP's Riffe-the ball still remains in his breast. His right thumb was shot off, besides other slight wounds. The Abolitionists stole every thing we had-even my dresses. Mr. Tirus is left without shoes or hat.

They tore up the floor in order to find me, but I made my escape to Westport. Write me immediately, your daughter, MARY.