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Being routed from Black Jack by Old John Browns small company, Reid made a night march for Osawatomie, The proslavery leaders having had the company of M.S. Dragoons[,] which had been camped on the Potowatomi near the town[,] recalled the night before unbeknown to the people, thus clearing the way for the enemy to march into the unsuspecting town at sunrise [*text stricken through*] on the morning of August 30th -- Seeing the gleaming bayonets in the west lighted up by the first rays of the rising sun thrown over the sleeping town, Spencer hastened to alarm the people of the coming danger -- The [*text stricken through*] men flew to arms -- whilst the women in their night clothes bearing their children in their arms fled to the woods. Spencer sought out the feeble and sick ones, & assisted them to a place of safety -- (for [MS. illegible] see [Mrs.?] Browns [*text stricken through*] account)[.]

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Hence forth the name of Brown was dropped -- and Kansas was not to be mentioned in any letters from his friends -- Nor did he dare write his father in [MS. illegible] but sent his letters to his mother & sisters then in Utica, wither they had gone because of the drouth--

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