

U.S. vs. Charles Robinson

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United States of America

Territory of Kansas [MS. illegible]

To the Marshal of the United States for the said Territory

You are hereby commanded to hold Charles Robinson, now in your custody, to answer an indictment by the Said Terr[itor]y at the April Term of the First District Court first judicial district of said Territory sitting for Douglas County In the crime of High [Treason?], & to [have] him before the said court at Lecompton in & for Douglas County on the Second Monday of September next, unless sooner discharged by due

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course of law--

Thereof fail not[.]

Witness my hand this 24th day of May Anno Domini 1856[.]

Saml. J. Lecompte

Judge First Dis[.] Court US

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Mr. Cox appeared before the Gen. Jury and being sworn--deposed and said--that he had heard Charles Robinson, in common conversation, repeatedly urge upon the people the propriety and necessity of resisting the enforcement of the Territorial laws, peaceably if they could; but if any force was employed to enforce them, that such enforcement at all hazards. also that he had seen Lane commanding and drilling the forces--arrayed in Lawrence--against the legal enforcement of the laws. also that he had heard John A[.] Wakefiel assent. that the people would kill as [*text stricken through*] many sheriffs as could be appointed before they would submit to the laws of Kansas Tty., also that he had heard Samuel [W.?] Woods repeatedly assent that he would resist the law to a bloody issue.

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First Judicial District.

U. States

[vs.]

Chas[.] Robinson
Indictment on Treason

The defendant, Chas[.] Robinson, comes & by his council moves the Court, to sever his case from that of his co-defendants in the above indictment & and that he may be put upon his Trial separately.

Marcus I. Carroll--
Atty. of Dfndt[.]

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United States of America,
Territory of Kansas.
Douglas County
In the first district court of the U.S. of America, sitting in Douglas, county and territory of
Kansas.
September [two?] AD 1856.

U.S.
vs.
Charles Robinson
and others
Treason

C[.]H[.] Grover who prosecuted for the United States in this case comes and moves the court here for a continuance of the said case for the following reason, to wit.

first, That insurrection and rebellion pervade this county and territory to such an extent that a large portion of the citizens have fled from their homes to seek safety in the adjoining state of Missouri, and such terror and alarm pervades those that remain in the said county that a jury of men could not be empaneled, so as to [seat?] under circumstances, likely to secure a fair and impartial trial.

second, That the District attorney of the United States, for the said District is now absent.

third, That material witnesses, who have been subpoenaed in the said case, are absent and that their attendance cannot be [promised?] at this term of court.

C[.]H[.] Grover.