

From Edward Fitch to Dear Brother

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Lawrence, Kan[.]

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Dear Brother,

I rec'd a letter from you day before yesterday dated the 28 ult and before this you have probably heard from me as at any rate I sent a long letter to you.

In reply to the question about the cash I must say that I cannot raise any. It would be utterly impossible for me to raised 30\$ without selling some property at a great sacrafice. I have a share in Moneka that cost me 50\$ that J.B. Wood, Treas. of the Com. considers worth 150 and it is, when money is easy, and now I am only offered 25\$ for it by Mr. Wood but he don't want me to sell it even to him. I am worth nothing except what is in land and that I cannot realize any thing from at present. You might as well try to sell Father land (down East) as to sell at any decent prices now.

If it had not been for your kind loan in the spring I should have been troubled to finish my house and I have not had twenty dollars this summer except that I borrowed.

I am sorry that I cannot return you what you want now, but it seems impossible for me to do so.

You say I intend to find a place for John in the Com etc. I read your letter to John and he says he is well enough off for this winter now.

He arrived here Thurs[.], the day before your letter, from Sumner, K.T. where he had been for a fortnight with the rest of the Hopkinton folks. He intends to go back there in a day or two and expects to run a kind of shingle machine this winter or if he does not do that he will chop wood. Wheeler & he are talking of putting up a shingle machine. Wheeler finds the money & John does the work. I guess he will do pretty well there. I talk some of going up to Sumner with him when he goes. I don't know as I shall[.]

Our Election has gone well enough considering we should have carried every county had it not been for fraud. The ProSlavers, Not Dems, carried Leavenworth by stupendous frauds. Parrot is elected and has got in _____.

There was a mass meeting at Lecompton to sustain Gov. Walker in his course in throwing out the fraudulent returns from Johnson & McGee counties. And the Band was hired to go. We had a first rate time and a first rate supper when we got back. That was a week ago yesterday.

Sarah sends love.

Edward