

From John Brown to Orson Day

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Osawatomie, K[.]T.

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Orson Day Esqr[.]

White Hall

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Dear Sir[.]

Yours of the 17th Jany[.] is at last received. Deep Snow drifts have prevented the arivals of the Mail several times of late. We shall endeavor to be ready for you by the first of April; & I think you need not hesitate about starting with a view to reach by that time. Such has been the state of the weather: that we could not well undertake to set a time for you before. I know of no further hints to give you; than those which I & my Son John Jr[.] have previously sent you.

There should be a regular Mail Waggon to leave Westport every Monday Morning but it sometimes fails. Westport is Three or Four Miles from Kansas City. This route is direct to this place; & is much the most convenient. It is 35 miles from Browns Station, to Lawrence; & no regular carriage conveyance. When you get here; enquire for Mr[.] Adair[.] who will receive you as a friend. He is a half Brother in Law of mine; & a Missionary to Kansas. We are about 60 Miles from Kansas City; which is near the Missouri line.

I think that Free State people who go quietly along their way; will not now meet with any difficulty in Missouri. I have been a number of times of late into the State; & though I always (when asked) frankly avow myself a Free State man; have met with no trouble. I would advise to frankness; & quietness. The Contractors on the route from here to Westport are good Free State men; & Friends. Can think of no more to say now.

Respectfully Your Friend

John Brown