

From S.G. Allen to Robert M. Stewart

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Gov. R.M. Stewart

Respected Sir[,]

on my arrival at home I found affairs in a still more threatening attitude than when I left[,] our people were anxiously waiting to learn the success of my Mission--and you may be assured that it afforded me the utmost pleasure to assure the People here that you would readily and speedily afford them all the aid consistent with the high and important Station you fill[,] during my absence a company has been formed here[,] another S.W[.] in this (Cass) and one in Bates and all look to you for state arms Pledging themselves to act only in self defence within your Jurisdiction[.] I arrived

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at home about an hour before sun down and found the company in Town meeting to drill[,] I briefly reported Success and fell into ranks.

new depredations have been committed[,] new threats have been made and vigorous preparations are going on just over the line. what is to be the end God only knows.

I hope Sir that you will allow no delay in affording what protection is in the compass of your power. you will please accept my grateful acknowledgements for your kindness showed me while in your city[,] an[d] especially for the marked interest manifested by you in protecting your subjects from the dangers impending and the injuries already inflicted--and Sir be kind enough to give my best respects to Genl. Ewing as I can not fail to remember his kindness. I am pleased to inform you that in forming companies none are allowed to join but bonafide citizens of Mo.

in haste I am your obedient servt.

S.G. Allen