

From G.A. Parsons to Robert M. Stewart

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R[.]M[.] Stewart

Commander in Chief Mo[.] Mi[.]

My dear Sir

I received a letter from Capt[.] Alexr. Spencer of West Point Bates County since you left home giving an account of a threatened invasion [*text stricken through*] into the Counties on our border (I mean Bates & Vernon) by the Marauders of Kansas Territory growing out of the arrest of Pickles: This information may be entirely reliable, but yet Sir would it not be better for you to send up to the Kansas line a member of your staff to [MS. illegible] as [well?] the movements of the enemy as the necessity to call out the companies on the border[.] In my opinion it would result in a saving to the state.

If you should think my view of the case a correct one

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and should think proper to order me to the scene of troubles I shall be ready to obey your order at any time, though it would suit me better to go in two weeks from now than in any time less than that, and by that time you will be at home and have an opportunity to examine the premises thoroughly: As I have been there before on this business and my course of conduct there was compatible with your feelings, I should as a matter of course prefer carying out such a plan of operations as you might deem right and proper[.]

Yours truly

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