

From William Murphy to John W. Geary

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Leavenworth City K.T.

October 11th 1856

Hon.l John W[.] Geary  
Governor of Kansas Territory.

Dear Sir.

Your favour of the 9th inst[.] has just been handed to me, by Joseph Anderson Esq. and it is with pleasure that I give you all the information I am in possession of relative to the subject matter of your inquiries. In relation to the death of Addison Rogers, allow me to state, that although it occurred during the recent troubles here, those troubles had no connection whatever with it. Rogers kept a Dram Shop here on the Levy, and was in the habit of Gambling, he was shot by a Gambler named Brush. Said Brush was tried for the offence before R.R. Rees Esq[.], a justice of the peace in this City, and acquitted. Mr[.] Rees told me that it was a perfectly justifiable case of self defence. The evidence in compliance with the Statute Laws of Kansas was written down and is now in the possession of Mr[.] Whitehall[,], Clerk of our first District Court who will be in Lecompton on Monday next.

In regard to the detention of Mr[.] M.J. Mitchell here, it is in accordance with a writ in the hands of the United States Marshal Maj[.] Donnelson who will start to Lecompton with Mr[.] Mitchell tomorrow morning, for the purpose of having him tried there before the Hon. Saml D. Lecompt. I was not aware until yesterday that Mr[.] Mitchell was in this City under guard, since which time, I have not seen Maj[.] Donnelson and

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therefore do not know the particulars of the charge -- from investigation to day however, I know that Maj[.] Donnelson has in his possession the writ before alluded to.

With Sentiments of high esteem I am respectfully Your Obedient Servant[,]  
William E. Murphy.