

From Sumner Corbin to Frank Walker

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Linn Co[.], Kansas March 4th 1862

Friend Frank[.] I did not receive your letter until yesterday[.] And was glad to hear from you[.] I wrote to you last spring when I sent your book And have not heard a word from you until now[.] You wrote nothing at all concerning affairs east[.] How is times[?] And how is the folks[?] And what have you been doing for the last year[?] Have any of the boys about there gone in to the service[?]

We are all well here[.] There has [been] a great many enlisted for the war about here[.] Montgomery got up a regiment here last summer[.] I understand he is mustered out of service.

He is getting to be very unpopular[.] His men don[']t like him[.] Those who were his best friend he is a bitter enemy now to them[.] The reason is because they would not go in to his regiment[.] He would not commission Jennison as captain to raise a company and go into his regiment[.] Jennison now is Biggadier General[.] He is a good officer & his men like him[.] He has cleaned out all the border counties of Missouri[.] We have not any of us gone in to the service[.] I think some of going in if I can rent my place[.] You wrote what Chaffe said about 70 of Kansas boys getting killed[.] We had a fight

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down in Missouri and five of our boys got killed[.] It was their own fault they did not keep together[.] The loss of the enemy was 30 killed & 18 wounded[.] The number of our boys was 75[.] That of the enemy was 200[.] We whipt them and run them[.] Byron paid the tax on the quarter you preempted last year[.] It was \$4[.] And it is the same this year I think[.] James Scott is tax collecttor this year[.] Prair[i]e breaking will be worth 3 dollars or 3½ this year[.] I think you can get yours broke[.] Myron has not received any letter from you[.] Barlow lives at Paris[.] I will send a [*text stricken through*] paper when I send this[.] I dont think of any more to write now[.]

Write as soon as you get this[.]

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