

From George Collamore to G.L. Stearns

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Lawrence, K.
Oct. 23, 1861

Geo. L. Stearns, [MS. illegible].

My Dear Sir,

Agreeable to your request per letter dated July 22, 1861 I have advanced to Adjutant C.B. Zulansky Eighty five dollars (\$85.00) and have drawn on you for that amount, at [Sight?], for [MS. illegible] Bullene & Read, by dft. dated at Lawrence Oct. 22 '61. The clothing sent for the volunteers has been disposed of, which fact I presume you have been notified by Doct. Webb.

The crops of this year exceed or equal in quantity that of any two years previous since the opening of the Territory. Next year we cannot

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expect farming to be carried on to such an extent as this year, as Kansas has been much drawn on for volunteers, beyond her own interest. In part this [MS. illegible] is remedied by large numbers of fugitives from Missouri, who are daily arriving. A thousand more can be employed in this State beneficially to them selves and to their employers.

They are daily arriving in no small numbers. Some of them are being formed into companies and drilled. Slavery is fast disappearing in Missouri and in six months, if matters go on as they have, it will be virtually abolished.

But a cold winter is upon them (the fugitives) & I fear

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many will want for clothing. Out of what I have retained for an emergency will be spared to those actually in need. The want of clothing for the poor, in this State, will be more felt this winter than the last. Food is in great abundance and the poorest & meanest cannot want for that.

Yours Truly

Geo. W. Collamore!