

From Frederick Starr to Unknown

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On last Wednesday the greatest outrage on the ballot box ever perpetrated on American Soil was witnessed [*text stricken through*] at the two new towns opposite to us at Leavenworth below the fort & at Kickapoo above. Some 1200 or 1400 Missourians armed with bowie-knives & revolvers took the polls and at the former point more than 40 free soilers were unable to come to the polls at all. Whether the same was done above us and below the Kansas we have not heard. Big times are coming. Wake up your [Northmen?] & have them ready for boats always come up the Missouri by the first of March. The river is now open & the weather mild & balmy as with you in middle of May.

All well. things in W[eston] look dark[,] but more next time.

Yours Affectionately,
Frederick.

[P.S.] Love to all.