

From Thomas A. Carney to J.M. Schofield

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Leavenworth[,] Kan.

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Sir[,]

The brutal outrages committed upon the unoffending and unarmed citizens of Lawrence, by Quantrell and his band, has not only [*text stricken through*] aroused every man in the State, but shocked the whole country.

The wish of both, is that the doers of these bloody deeds, their aiders and abettors, shall be steadily pursued and surely punished. For there can be no safety in the present or the future, while these miscreants are permitted to live.

The 9th day of this month, by order of your District Commander, is the day fixed upon to begin the summary punishment. That this punishment may be swift and pure, I offer you any forces at my command. You have promptly sent me a

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sufficient quantity of arms to meet the wants of the State. With these arms in their hands and organized, our citizens can repel any raid which brutal marauders like Quantrell and his band may attempt, or punish instantly and severely those who shall aid or abet them.

I have confidence only in organization [and] action, and satisfied both of your ability to lead our forces, and your resolve to punish the guilty, I shall be happy to place the military of the State at your disposal.

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obt[,] Servt[.]

To

Maj[,] Gen'l J.M. Schofield

Commanding Department

of the Missouri