From The Few That Are Left to John W. Geary

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Sugar Mound, Kansas, Sept 18th 1856

Hon[.] John W. Geary Dear Sir[,]

This section of the country has just been ravaged by the war parties from Missouri and our best citizens nearly all driven off[.]

They still continue to threaten the few of us that remain[.]

We beg your excellency to send a sufficient force for our protection.

We need a small force at West Point in the S. West corner of Cass County, Mo. and another at Sugar Mound on Little Sugar Creek; and still another at Fort Scott. The people here are unarmed and defenseless.

Respectfully Yours[,]
The few that are left