

From Daniel Woodson to E.V. Sumner

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Lecompton, K. Territory,
Executive Office,
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Dear Colonel:

Your dispatch of the 28th came to hand last evening. There is now no ground to doubt that the bogus Legislature will attempt to convene on the 4th proximo at Topeka, and the most extensive preparations are being made for the occasion. The country in the vicinity of Topeka is represented to be filled with strangers who are making their way towards that point from all directions. Last evening I received information through a gentleman residing at Lawrence that a dispatch had been received at that place the previous night to the effect that Genl. Lane was on his way to *[text stricken through]* Topeka with a very large force, and was then some where between that place and the Nebraska line.

Upon receiving this information I *[text stricken through]* sent a dispatch to Col. Cooke, requesting him to place all *[text stricken through]* his available forces in the field at once, and scour the country between Fort Riley and the crossing opposite Topeka, placing a detachment at all the principal crossings on the Kansas River below Fort Riley and above Topeka, for the purpose of intercepting the invaders and driving them back.

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[text stricken through] It is deemed important that you should be at Topeka in person with at least two more companies, if they can be spared from other points. Judge Cato will be on the ground, and I have addressed a letter to Attorney General A.J. Isaacs, requesting him to come over at once and attend in person to getting out the necessary legal processes.

With sentiments of esteem,
I am very respectfully,
Yours, *[text stricken through]*
Danl. Woodson
Acting Governor K.T.

Col. E.W. Sumner, 1st Cavalry,
Fort Leavenworth K.T.