

From Daniel Woodson to William Hutchinson and H. Miles Moore

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Lecompton, K. Territory.  
Executive Office,  
Sept. 3, 1856.

Messrs. Wm. Hutchinson & H. Miles Moore,  
"In behalf of the Kansas State Central Committee:"  
Gentlemen,

In reply to your communication of yesterday morning, which was received late last evening, complaining of the retention here of a deputation of several gentlemen on the part of your committee, I have to state that no [*text stricken through*] such "deputation" have made any application whatever to me, nor has any such deputation been detained here. It is true that Wm. Hutchinson and Mr. Sutherland called at this office on Friday evening last, complaining of certain alleged depredations upon their property--one on account of outrages said to have been perpetrated upon his wagons & teams near Leavenworth, and the other upon his hack and passengers. They did not represent themselves as "a deputation" in behalf of your "Committee," or of any other persons whatever except themselves individually, each one making his own complaint. They were courteously and kindly received by myself and the legal remedy pointed out to them. Nothing whatever was said in regard to their being [deputed?] to act for any other persons than themselves, and nothing of the character was dreamed of by me or in any way intimated to me, until I received your letter of yesterday.

They were arrested by order of Genl. Marshal, as spies, he doubtless having the authority in the present insurrectionary state of the Territory to do so.

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They have been and are still very kindly treated.

I will simply add that with their waggons and teams and hack, [*text stricken through*] or as it [*text stricken through*] seems from your letter, your Waggons, &c. were found two persons, who were recognized as being engaged in the attack on Col. Titus' house and the burning thereof, and with whom some of Col. T.'s property of which he was then [robbed?] was found.

Very respectfully,  
Yours,  
Danl. Woodson  
Acting Gov. K.T.