

From Samuel Medary to Robert M. Stewart

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Executive Office
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Hon. R.M. Stewart,
Gov. of Missouri;
Sir;

I received your dispatch by telegraph, to Mr. Newsom, to day. I am under great obligations to you for your prompt action. I have ordered U.S. Troops to that region in Kansas, and will organise such force of citizens of the Territory as I shall be able to arm, to act as a Marshall's posse with the Troops. If you can keep your people on the line, they may be of the utmost importance to us, if Montgomery & his Banditti, attempt to escape in that direction, as well as to protect your citizens there from invasion.

I am informed that Montgomery intends to escape into Missouri if the force on this side is greater than he thinks safe to attack. Montgomery and Brown have three forts, one is very strong in the rocks. If we can get them into these forts, or any one of them, we shall have them safe. Montgomery & Brown can bring into action from one to two hundred men, well armed and plenty of horses. Montgomery boasts that he can raise 500 men, but I doubt it very much. There are no Infantry in the Territory at

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the forts, and only two companies of Cavalry--but plenty of cannon. These last are useless except to use against the Fortifications of Montgomery & Brown. We shall have to defend, therefore, [raids?] upon armed citizens if Montgomery is as strong as supposed. To raise these, here, without money and without any Military organization is perplexing me very much, and we may in the end want all the aid we can get from every quarter. This is the worst side, but the side that may by possibility turn up, and it is well enough to be prepared for it. I hope to make so complete a work of it, that it will not want doing over again in that region.

Little did I think when I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance so recently, that I was about to meet so many difficulties as I have already encountered.

Very Truly & Respectfully[,]
S. Medary.