

Anonymous to Clerk of Court, Kanawha County, 23 October 1859

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Charleston W. Va

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careful what you - with "Ossawatimie Brown" - so sure as you have
One hair of his head - mark my word the following day you will see
every City - Town and Village South of Mason & Dixon line in

Flames

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Your chirch has received a pretty good concession. The noble John Brown has given you a blow from his brave arm that you never can survive; he proceeded you in the taking of Harper's Ferry and the arsenal as you proposed, and the little handfull gave your great dominion the delirium tremens and she will never get over it.

He is a hero and will be regarded as such and a master in future American history, and by your own State to

Chirch, indeed! You are but the miserable offspring of ostentations and piratical Scires; they have handed down their piratical gain to your barbarians of the present day and you are clinging to it and their habits with all the tenacity of death to his victim.

But you cant hold on much longer, your grasp is growing weaker daily and ere long your hands will fall paralized at your sides.

The noble John has done a great work, he has struck the blow and America will honour and praise him for it; and now he and his little company are your prisoners you can hang them, ~~we expect you to do it~~, but they will hardly have grown cold ere vengeance will be visited upon

your heads; when you put the rope around his neck you put a dagger in your own heart and in those of your state, I tell you the truth, I am not deceiving you, you will find it a manfie, its no play, your days are numbered, your Slaves will cost you dear and your gratification of vengence ~~dearer~~ still, we are on your track, we will watch every movement and certain ones among you may count your selves as dead men we swear upon the hear of John Brown and you will find it verified. Your barbarians are howling for their prey it will be a luxurios morsel and a pretious moment to them when like the Turkes of the French army they can put their mouths to the throats of their victims and drink their blood but it will be a woful deer drink to them.

In all this matter, you as the Executive have no wisdom, discretion, policy or forbearance, you are like your people howling, reaking, yelling for vengence, but it will come upon your own heads and that right, early.

The saying is verified, one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight, and again, the wicker felle when no man pursues, A war my wise has convenience that you can not stop, a fire has broke out that you cannot quench you may prepare for death, I write for Legion, for we are many

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