

CONFESSION.

I became acquainted with Capt. Jno. Brown in his camp on Middle Creek, Kansas Territory, just after the battle of Black Jack, and was with him in said camp until it was broken up and his company disbanded, by Col. Sumner, of the 1st Cavalry, U. S. A. I next saw him at the Convention at Topeka, which was on the 4th of July, 1856. I next met him some days afterwards, in Lawrence. Did not see him again until the fall of 1857, when I met him at the house of E. B. Whitman, about four miles from Lawrence, K. T., which, I think, was about the 1st of November following. I was told that he intended to organize a company for the purpose of putting a stop to the aggressions of the pro-slavery men. I agreed to join him, and was asked if I knew of any other young men, who were perfectly reliable, whom I thought would join also. I recommended Rich. Realf, L. F. Parsons and R. J. Hinton. I received a note on the next Sunday morning, while at breakfast in the "Whitney House," from Capt. Brown, requesting me to come up that day, and to bring Realf, Parsons and Hinton with me. Realf and Hinton were not in town, and therefore could not extend to them the invitation. Parsons and myself went and had a long talk with Capt. Brown.

A few days afterwards I received another note from Capt. Brown, which read, as near as I can recollect, as follows:

DATE _____.

CAPT. BROWN :

Dear Sir,—You will please get every thing ready to join me at Topeka by Monday night next. Come to Mrs. Sheridan's, two miles south of Topeka, and bring your arms, ammunition, clothing, and other articles you may require. Bring Parsons with you if he can get ready in time. Please keep very quiet about the matter.

Yours, &c.

JOHN BROWN.