at the present price the
contry is in a great commotion
there are large parties of Jay-hawks
all through the state they steal
horses and cattle and take all
animals out of houses and are
protected by the union troops
in fact the soldiers steal horses and
all their fires horses are often all
in at so for ten or fifteen dollars
I expect every night to lose
my team. This is done in direct
violation of the proclamation of
the governor. The Jay-hawksers are
from this state mostly from the
southern part though some are
men that have lived here for
years. I suppose you have
heard of the Lexington fight. the
rebellion took twenty seven hundred
prisoners beside a great deal of arms
and ammunition the prisoners took an
oath not to fight against the south