

Dear Col.

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Fort Smith Oct 21. 1860

I came to Stubbyville about the 15 of Sept. to collect our percentage and have been at Vanhook ever since up to this time - My object was to endeavor to get the Boys bailed out until the regular term of the Court came on - but the Commissioner (Ogden) refused to do it - and now they are in that strutting jail and the Lord knows how long they will have to remain in it or what will be the result of the trial - I find great prejudice against my Sons among the people of Vanhook - What my Sons done in the Killing Black was to save their own lives they were summons by the light Horse man to assist in destroying and searching for liquor when the difficulty took place - the most of the outcries against my Sons are those bad white men that was about the Blacks and Ganeys House - you know we talk about it when we was at the Council at Boggy - that those men if suffered to remain in the

would produce serious difficulties.

The way matters stand my sons are placed in a critical situation.

The 7th Article of the Treaty of 55 certainly gives the Christians the right to try all white men in our Nation who are Citizens by marriage - both in civil and Criminal Cases - I wish you to assist Mr King to get a favorable decision from the Attorney General if possible - I for one never would have ratified that treaty if I had not been led to believe we had full Jurisdiction over adopted white men both in Civil and Criminal Cases - it is important we should know how we stand - I got Jones to attend to the collecting of our per centage at Boggy Depot and at Drake's Mill - I do not know how he succeeded - I collected fifteen hundred dollars at Smith's Mill - which would be \$500 to each - thinking you stand in need of money I send you \$500 by one friend Mr King - I got a letter from Daniel Johnson to pay over two hundred and fifty dollars to him for your son Peter who is in distress and will be only to leave for a while & shall do it. Geo. W. Perkins