

Copied

Pike County Sept. 10 1863

Dear Sir

My family is so sick, that I cannot
get them to your house before council
meet. But I expect to be at the council
next ^{week} sometime. Mr. Jasper Pickett guard arrives
at Stephen Holstons as I understand from there.

And this morning I saw a man
from Cooper camp and the Army are still
at middle Saquoy. After Cobble retreat from
Fort Smith Pickett guard overtook them and
Col. Cobble rebel on them and kill 77 taken
prisoners. run away ^{with} only one.

I was at Dallas in Pike County
as I understand that Army of Cobble was
to advance back again.

The Federal are not so cruel
to the chactaw as I understood before. But
work on white people. And the Pim will
do their best to destroy the things belonging
to the chactaw and kill them if they get
the chance.

I will hear more news
to day from Arkansas District I send
the man over their 3 or 4 days ago bring the news
your friend
y^{rs} Alfred. Baker

Pls some how your mail Bag
do not come to the place where you
meet at Capt Hatahee