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Wade County 27 of Sept. 1862

Dear friend

Your letter comes to hand
last night. In reply I have not much
news to write to you this morning

I was at Adam Morris place last
Thursday and heard reported of a big gun toward
at Shullyville and have not heard any particulars
about fighting. After I left from Jack Mcurtin
and coming home at Bankhead Hospital and
found a man that he was with Bankhead that
he understood three hundred choctaw and some
white soldiers was to go in scouting toward Shully
ville I expect they are the one had a fight

I also heard that the Federal had very strong
guard at Shullyville and I just believe that our
men had retreated from their

The Federal General Land had went down
toward Ashensons river to meet five hundred
deserted soldiers from Gen Price to escort to Fort Smith
and also the Fed are increasing daily at Fort Smith

Genl Cooper is at Narrows on Bassil creek
about thirty miles from Shully

I went over to Washlatube District to see
to Mr. Page and the chief before I got them John Page
had went to Genl Cooper Camps

The district chief had not received any
order from Principle Chief concerning of the
convention and I told them that ^{it was} very important
that they should send some delicate to Daultville
and I left for home him and Jack Mcurtin was
together to select them to come over to Daultville

Capt Stephen Holston is out with his men at the
Camp and the company from here ^{will go} tomorrow
or next day and the company from Salt Lake are
going to Coperrail be long tomorrow

While I was over the sugar loaf I saw some
children and women are naked nothing to buy
corn with because their ^{corn} are taken by the Red
since I left from your house I keep going
yet and I expect to go to Deakville and meet you
all there. My wife are still lingering with
sickness yet. Some news that I wrote on this
Paper are only report that I heard it might
be so or not.

your friend
Alfred Blake