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Wade County 20th 1863

Dear Sirs

I have not much news  
to write at present only Genl Cooper  
is marching on to Fort Smith to attack the place  
and Col Sandy Walker and comrade Col Martin  
with together has only three hundred men  
are camped at Rock Creek, and Col J.M. Martin  
has only two companies <sup>with him</sup> Haston and Washington  
The people of the Choctaw, <sup>is so</sup>ilitary to come out to fight  
they made great excuse and keep putting off delaying  
the time I suppose for not wanting to go out and defend  
their country. Those <sup>is</sup> force these people to fight  
They all talk mighty big at home but they dont  
show what they are, The Northern District is  
complaining about the people of the Red River  
for not turning out, and there were very few men  
came out and went back again and so the thing  
dont work well altogether and so Col Martin  
has <sup>had</sup> orders to get all the men in their camp and  
so all the soldier that belong the army

Provisions train are up this morning ~~it is~~  
it will be left in this neighborhood and two  
way you are starting up to them as the order from  
from Col L. Martin. It was report that Col. Shelby  
and Coffey has capture the big train that belong  
to the Fed which was coming down  
and beside of getting Genl Blunt kill as they say

it is <sup>one</sup> they are in confused condition at this time  
and I think if they could whipping back  
over the river and I think we could have  
peace this winter. Col Standout went out  
to Petegash in Chequamegon country capturing  
wagon eleven prisoners and kill thirty Fred  
and I believe this to be so. our shootin fed that  
goes northern had wrote to Jack McCurtin  
if he will not hurt them, they would come  
come back to them this show there is something  
in the way. I am going to send video clear out  
to your place and the next team you can  
send your video to Capt Hatahee

I wish to hear from you the news you  
got from that vicinity ... you can send  
this letter to the Principle chief after you  
read them and also send you a little report  
of skirmishes the mtn had last week.

my family are still sick yet  
and I expect to go next week to get in the  
fight with Fred. I will wait till I hear from  
you by the next mail

your friend & kin man

Alfred, Hude