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Wade County Oct. 14 1863

Dear Sir

The militia had a fight with Fed last Sunday. I suppose there were two hundred and fifty and sixty eight chactaw had fight with them but I think about thirty of them had fought with them on account of their meanness or out of a fix gun and lost two of our men

They do not know how many they kill Federals but suppose it was eighteen of them there was horses and saddle on them with coat & ^{the} horses was shot kill and wounded. ^{the} officer was killed there was four chactaw and adam Morris was taken prisoner, but two got way before they got to Fort Smith

our Pickett are in Shulbyville supposing the army of Fed had went up toward North Gibson there are some Fed are Fort Smith they do ^{know} what numbers. Genl Cooper are still at Perryville yet but quite ready to make move either to North Fork or Shulbyville

The Federal cannot get their train through to Fort Smith they southern fellows generally cut off their train constantly so they says missouri

I wish to hear from you by next mail the news from the East and our council what

they have done & letters are started in need of
provision very much wanting on Thomas
Lewis. General Shelby was at the edge of Arkansas
play wild with Union fellows taking the arrows
to Southern missourians. As they went taken
forty prisoners and parole them ^{William} but deserters
as they went my family are still being
with sickness and I was sick myself for a
week but now getting better

I remain your friend
Alfred Wade