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January 7th 1858

Dear father

General Leoper passed here yesterday on his way to Fort Smith. He was sent for at the urgent request of Brown & Jones Surveyors. The State of Arkansas has her Surveyors there disputing the starting point and the true boundary line, all in a squabble, Leoper "immediate" presence required. Great excitement about the running of the line. The people over Arkansas are on their tip toes.

Gen Leoper will go from Fort Smith home. You can write to him at New Orleans care of Hale Massey & Co. He will be in New Orleans by the 1st of February.

I am fearful that Leoper's claims at pushing us will go over board. The sooner such matters are pushed through the better. I have large fees pending

-g. upon the issue of these claims?
I have been busily at work in
making contracts of private
nature for the prosecuting of
these claims ^{before a panel of commissioners} I should just succeed
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I have been busily engaged in
attending to some legal matters -
and receiving some fees from 50¢
up to a dollar, and I had accum-
mulated in the last month
over a hundred dollars, but I
have labored for and made honest
I am decidedly penurious, I will
not give a dime and dollar that I can
get. My wife is anxious to visit
her relations in New Orleans and
greatly dissatisfied with the
security and so soon as I can
raise money enough which I hope
to do in a few years I design
leaving the Nation for good.
I may leave it sooner than I antici-
pate. I want to live in a civili-
zed country, I want society, -
Intellectual society. It will be
years before this country will be
anything. I want to mingle daily

with smart men - I want to come
in contact with mind, intellect &
talent, a man living in this
Country his energies are apt to stagn-
-ate, I want to live in a country
where I can feel & think that
I am somebody and where honest
merit is appreciated and good
conduct respected, the all
are getting along smoothly -
a better state of relations -
feeling has not existed ^{for} a many
day, all is harmony, peace
and friendship.

National affairs
considerably deranged. Governor have
was at the point of death last
account. His mind is not sound.
He will never cut a "fig" in this
world. Law order & peace
are not known to this land, Public
morals are at low water mark -
Human nature is seen in its most
degraded & corrupt state. Drunk-
enness, riot & violence prevail
through out the land. Crime
is permitted to go unpunished - the
most flagrant outrages upon innocen

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