

Copied

Vanburen Ark. Dec. 10. /60th

Dear Cal:

This will inform you that Mr Wilson the prosecuting Attorney on the part of the Government has said he will pay no regard to the orders of the Attorney General, about just a step to ^{the} proceeding against my sons, Hecatah, and others who has been charged with the murder of H. C. Slack. I find all the Government officers at this place are more or less prejudiced against my sons. To day was set for the Trial last night Hecatah was taken with an attack of the cholera morbus and was exceedingly sick indeed - but Judge Ringo sent twice to have them brought into the Court room before 12 o'clock - Rather thinks I suppose he is acting with deceit

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He will make another, to have them brought out to the Court room at 2 o'clock this evening. He is pushing the truck on us that is him and Wilson. The Prosecuting ^{Att'y} talks like he is not subject to the orders of the President - particularly in this case - I understand he has ~~been~~ telegraphing to Washington. And no doubt has reported the matter in such a light that the President may think that the Chittaur officers had committed a wilful murder - There is some 15 or 20 witnesses against my sons and nearly every one of them are white men - men picked up by old Garey to swear against my sons - They are making the case very tight against the boys, - it will truly

be a hard case if my sons will
have to suffer, when they were
summoned by a legal officer
to assist in destroying whiskey—

I am told the Prosecuting Attorney
Mr Wilson will resign his
office on the 21 of this month,
if the case can be baffled
along by my Attorneys, so the case
is not decided before ~~the time~~

Mr Wilsons time is up, I think
if we can get a particular friend
of yours as well as mine appointed
to fill that place in the place
of Mr Wilson will be a great
advantage to my sons, I mean
Mr ^{Wm} Walker of Van Buren

See Mr John J Cochran and
tell him for me I want
him to get Mr William Walker
appointed prosecuting Attorney
in the place of Wilson— I want
you to put your shoulder to the

wheel and get him appointed
attend to this matter right off

Your friend

Geo W Perkins

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Your friend

George A. Wall