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[1861] Today

I wrote a letter over to Johnson and
 told him that I heard he was
 going to war and I was glad
 of it and that I was going
 with him and stand by
 him and die with him.
 He wrote back to me - a very
 kind and affectionate letter
 calling me "dear Brother" &c
 &c - I am determined that
 he shall not out General me
 I have appointed a Big war
 Dance ~~at~~ ^{at} my House next
 Tuesday night and visited
 the whole county to it -
 and Thursday morning
 I shall be off - without
 any doubt or failure.

By express man Liberty
 just fresh from courts
 of treason - all of
 Robert Jones negroes
 have been "disarmed" by
 the Choctaws at Shoney
 Jump - They (negroes) thought
 the "feds" were in the Choctaw
 nation and thought it
 was good time to "rise"
 and strike for freedom!
 Bad white men were at the head
 of it - negroes all had long knives
 Push