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Executive Dept. C. S. A.

~~Confidential~~
Oct. 20th 1863

Sam. Buchanan

St. Geo. E. Kintzsch

Dear Sir

I am delight-
fully informed that there is being or-
ganized a plan for commencing
the business of Jay-hawking in
this nation. So far as I can learn
experienced and aspirate char-
acters, ^{from amongst the opposing states} are the prime originators
of this scheme for plunder.
Their plan will be to take some
part of the property for
that purpose, change that section
in this nation
persons, are in view to the South,
will be made by circulation. Indeed
and select only those self-constitu-
tional agents of Southern loyalty.
To further their scheme and con-
struction abroad, they will seek
to enlist as many characters

in the enterprise ² as possible.
They will thus secure certain guides
to success and when danger threatens
they will shift the responsibility
and leave their dupes to the gov-
ernment. ^{It will occur, that the} To you such organiza-
tions within, or acting on the terri-
tory of this nation will, if timely
arrested, lead to a border war with
the state and an interference ^{war} on
this nation. I am credibly infor-
med that ^{some of our prominent gentlemen} ~~I am~~ ^{entirely} ~~one of their selected~~ ^{part}
victims. Thoroughly informed as
I am, I have prepared for the
worst yet I hope and trust that
something will be done to pre-
vent such outrages on our prop-
erty & what can be done to assist it.
We must have troops to protect our
persons & property against ~~in-~~
vasions and depredations from such
lawless bands. We must have an
agent from the U. S. A. ^{through}
at whom we can act via
~~the confederate~~

T Y P E S C R I P T

Executive Dept. C.N.

Oct. 30th 1863

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Saml (Garland?)

Lt Gen. E. Kirby Smith C.S.A.

Dear Sir

I am reliably informed that there is being organized a plan for commencing the business of Jay-hawking in this Nation. So far as I can learn experienced and desperate characters ^{from adjoining states} are the prime originators of this scheme for plunder. Their plan will be to seek some pretext for taking property; for that purpose charges that certain persons ^{in this nation} are inimical to the south, will be made, circulated, believed, and acted on by these self-constituted judges of southern loyalty.

To further their scheme and cover their retreat, they will seek to enlist as many Choctaws in the enterprise as possible. They will thus secure certain guides to success and when danger threatens they will shirk the responsibility and leave their dupes to the consequences. ^{it will occur that} To you ^{such organizations} within, are acting on the citizens of this nation will, if ^{not} timely arrested, lead to a border war with the states and an internecine ^{war} in this nation. I am candidly informed that ^{some of our prominent citizens are} their selected victims. Thoroughly informed as I am I have prepared for the worst, yet I hope and trust that something will be done to prevent such outrages on our property. What can be done to assist We must have troops to protect our persons & property against invasions and spoliations from such lawless bands. We must have an agent from the C.S.A. through whom we can act.

We want one appointed immedi-
ately as the presence of ^{government} officers
in our nation ^{of a} government Agent
will deter lawless bands from
passing our border and enlisting
our people in their wild and reckless
Schemes of robbery and murder.
The unity, the efficiency and
tranquility of this nation is greatly
endangered by delay also by
characters who are
unconnected with any organized
confederate force, and who are
permitted to pass unchallenged
through this nation.

I will anticipate ^{an answer} ^A by the Messenger.

To	With high regard
Lt. Gen. E. Kirby Smith	your obt. svt.
C.S.A.	
Shreveport	Principal chief
La.	Choctaw Nation