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Mr Bro.

I suppose that you have long since heard that Mr Stone is dead he caught cold and did not live long. The Light horse was on John hot next morning, but made a failure, he would not had any show if he had time ^{taken} at that time, he is now now there on Red River, I want you to ~~write~~ ^{write} him and he will tell you all a bout it. John is gaining ground fast, and the other side is losing. I am in hopes that his relations will treat him well, and keep him in good spirits, I am ~~the~~ confined to my bed, and my hand is still swollen, Doc from the Fort says that it is the Rheumatism, I have suffered in Body and mind very much since I saw you, I have not received a letter from Cooper, I am not able to set up long at a time, I am in hopes by next mail, I will be able to write more all as well,

Your Bro
Thos. J. Fitch