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Dear Sir

On yesterday a prty [party] of

armed men stroped [stopped] the mail stage

on my rought [route] near Munfordsville

and retained it at least one hour

and a half[.] There [Their] intention was

not to rob the mail but to take

from the men in the stage some

negroes. The nature of the case I will

state, a man by the name of Thos.

Middleton and his son John had some

negroes which they were paid? for the

suit had gone against them and

they Attempted to run the them off[.]

The other party followed them and retook

the negroes, in Meed [Meade] County[.] Mr. Middleton

followed the stage to Munfordsville[,] there

John Middleton swore that the party

had stolen them from him. The Clerk

issued a ritt [writ] which was given to a

sheriff who summoned a gard [guard] of men

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who overtook the stage about five

miles from Mundfordsville in Hart

County[.] The two Middletons overtook

the stage some time before the officer

came up seased [seized] the two had horses

and stoped [stopped] there [their] progress one & a half

hour till the armed force came up[.]

I wish you [to] direct me what to do

in this matter (the Middletons are

worth nothing) You have a plain

statement of the facts[.] Your instructions

in the subject will be gladly recd. [received]

by your Humble Servant[.]

W.W. Henry

(contractor for the mail

from Louisville to Nashville)