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Dear Bro. Henry

I mailed a letter to you today but since then this P.M. 2 colored men have arrived from our county having walked 100 miles since Tuesday night. The Kuklux made a raid on night of 31st Oct. 100. Strong, and near Malones our boys fired on them mortally wounding one man by the name of Bro. M. Donald of Jackson County, and very severely wounding 3 others whose names are not known. 10 colored men left on next boat and these boys (one Bledsoe's and one of Hortons) say that many others left to come here about the time they did, but they have not yet arrived. An expedition is fitting out to go up and take the County, and all these men will return with it. The State will be divided into 3 Military districts, and I have been today to see if Governor will not commission Joseph Brooks for our district, the Commanders of the 3 districts will be Brig. Generals. Gov. Clayton said he would do so if Brooks would

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accept, and I called on B. tonight and think
he will accept. He is fast recovering from his
wounds received in Monroe Co. when Mr
Kendall was killed. Saturday eve 11.30. Nov. 7.
Col. Specks sent some game for me to come and
see him this P.M. and I found him improving quite as
well as could be expected. he was wounded severely in
the thigh, and a buck shot or ball entered his back
in the vicinity of the lower ribs and came out front
7 inches around front from where it entered, so you
see it must of course make him rather sick to
specify much. He positively declines the position
of Brig. General in command of the 1st district
comprised of 19 Counties for the reason that immediate
action is required, and he is not able to move out.
I have received tonight @ Little from Lizzie enclosing two
letters from you bearing dates 18th and 25th. I was
glad to hear from you as it had been some time since
I received @ Little. My health is very good.
My wounds are pretty much healed. Lizzie writes
under date of 3^d and says within less minutes I
have counted forty rebels pass and they have been
going for half an hour. She sent me a box which I
received yesterday containing the harness and many
other valuable all of which had been buried in
the ground two nights before I left home.
Lizzie took in two bales of cotton and drew \$150.00
from Lem Co. and writes me that all her money, note
&c are in quinine bottles buried in the ground.
Malone has had to leave the County, some of the
negroes have arrived here from White Church &
Lizzie writes that they hung a negro four
times last Thursday to make him tell where the
others were. Grant & Colfax of course are elec-
ted, beyond possibility of doubt. It is late
now. I will write more tomorrow. Sunday 10. 8th 6. P.M.
General order #21 is written out by Gen. Clayton, and
will go to press tonight, and come out tomorrow. Section
reads as follows, to wit. District of the N. E.
will comprise the counties of Fulton, Lawrence, Sharp,
Randolph, Green, Izard, Independence, Jackson,
Craighead, Conzett, Mississippi, White, Woodruff,
Cross, St. Francis, Crittenden, Parain, Monroe,
Phillips, and that portion of Desha County
lying north ~~west~~ of White river, commanded
by Brig. Gen. D. O. Upham. "I can assure you
there will be a fight. I will send you papers,
so you can see what is being done. The State

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by the new order which comes out tomorrow
is divided into three Military Districts.
You will see by the map that I have control of
White River. You shall hear from "the District of
the North East." I shall have regular Army officers
for Staff, and have U.S. Forces in the District
at various points. Write me at Augusta, after
you receive this.

Yours in haste
D. P. Upham

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