

Yancyville Sept 6th 1849.

Hon A. W. Swearingen

Dear Sir after my respects to you and family and friend Leonard, — I desire to know of you which I should issue an order to. The Sheriff or Hooper the jailer to appear before me and show cause why he should not be attached for contempt, when the jailer refuses to obey my orders as acting J.P. which he did on last Saturday, and today I issued a State Warrant and delivered it to Del Jordan Esq Sheriff, which he refused to execute giving as his reason, that he had instructions from the Sheriff not to regard any precept from me, on this answer, I issued a warrant or rather an order to Dr A. G. Yancy ordering Charles Jordan Esq Sheriff to appear on Tuesday at 9 o'clock and show good cause why he should not be attached for contempt which I sent to the Coroner this evening, if he shall refuse or fail to execute that precept what recourse now I left ~~me~~, can I issue another and expect an officer to serve the same process on the Coroner or Esq Sheriff or can a man serve them

I wish to know if an officer has
a right to assault a prisoner with a pistol
when he is not resisting, this was
done in a case where a white man
arrested a Col man, this man J.
James, arrested the Col man
George Tateat that reported to
me Mr Senora as to the lot of
manufactured tobacco we went
to see after, but weak, should
I issue a warrant on complaint,
being made by George Tateat
which he has done since he was bail-
ed from jail, Sam Esputising
in State action as the Sheriff will
not serve for me, The Sheriff and
Cook, Esq, had a bust up today
he also refused to recognize
him as a legal magistrate,
The Co, Commissioners has not
furnished a key of the magistrat
yet, ^{with a list} judge please let me hear from
you by return mail on these
questions, Tell Mr Senora that
there is some yd day a day to see
him, cum name Sean, as possible
I have the honor to be with great
respect your Obedt Servt
J. H. Stephens

P.S.

Adeline is ready to cum expected
to have you last try Mr Esputising
says his buggy is break down
so he will not be able to come
this trip, says he will do do

Friend Senora why is it that
Crane has not sent an officer
down to see after that tobacco
I understand from George Tateat
that the tobacco was made
the night we was in Leasburg
in the direction of Leasburg
and that Hancock told him
the next day that the tobacco
was in his gutters, a game,
let Mr Crane know this move-
ment, and tell him to let me
if he thinks that there is nothing
wrong in all this, I am satisfied
that the intention of them was
to deprive the government
let me hear from you by return
mail on this, very respectfully
J. H. Stephens

J. W. Stephens
Sept. 6th 1869

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