

5th Nov 20th 1879

To the Honorable Judge of
Chatham County Superior Court
Wadek respects Friend

Having
had some acquaintance with thee
and having served one term of
our Court Under thee, ^{as juror} and believing
thee to be a liberal man, I take
the liberty to inform thee of our
misfortune We had on the 20th of
last month our House Kitchen
Smoke Hoop & Granary all burned
up with all of their contents, I
not save a single article living
my self Wife & 5 Children without
Home or garments, to shift or any
thing to eat having lost all, the
reason I was not at our last Court was
owing to the said man by
another man, If I had got to

Coat I should have aplead
to thee in person, I. The
fealy like doing any thing for
our helth it will be thankfoly
received and long remembred by
me & mine as we are in great
nead, and without help I dont know
how we are to start again we
were from home at the time of the
fire I had a good frame house &
kitchen

Thy Friend

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