

Buffalo July 20th. 1815

Dear Sir,

I hear nothing from Washington. The distress of the Indians is so great, on account of provisions that they have called for the Phelps Money. - they have sent to the different Villages to be here in six days from this time. the Money in your hands will be wanted. ---

I have now to relate a serious affair that has taken place.

On Tuesday the 18th. Inst. the Chiefs were at my house in Council. - in the afternoon I went with them to Buffalo to complete the business. About sun an hour high, they started to go home - Young King and others - all perfectly sober except Jack Berry. -----

The same day, David Rus & two others had been mowing on the South Side of Buffalo Creek - on a clearing made by Old Mr. Meddow. they had recrossed the Creek - were returning home, and met with an Indian by the name of George - a Cayuga - rather a stupid fellow. - some altercation took place between Rus and George about a spear.

Rus by repeated Blows knocked George down, and then kicked him in the fan until he bled freely - George, although sober, made no resistance, and did Not appear to provoke a quarrel.

Young King & party, being on the return home, came up about the same time, and seeing the Manner in which George had been used by Rus, felt exasperated. -

Young King having in his hand a light White pine stick, gave Rus a rap on the side of his head. - the effect of the blow was nothing. - Rus goes to a man, who had a new, heavy scythe in his hand - takes it from him - approaches Young King, who was sitting on his horse, and at one stroke with the scythe, cut off his left arm above the elbow. - that is, he cut off two thirds of the Muscular part of the arm, & the whole of the bone. - the arm was amputated yesterday Morning Near the Shoulder. ----- Young King is very low - the weather is hot, & we fear a fever & mortification. every attention is paid to him. ----- Rus is bound over to Court in a bond of \$2,000. - with two sureties. ----

The Indians are incensed; & have sent runners to call a Council from all quarters - Jack Berry can not be depended on - he is drunk at every council. - No went in My agency has given me so much trouble. - If you can possibly leave home - come here in six days time. I have no Interpreter that I can rely on.

My health is poor. ----

yours respectfully

Erastus Granger

J. Parrish, Esq.

P. S. the Phelps money in my hands is in Treasury Notes, of that description which are to be funded at 7 Cent if your Bank will take them, you had better bring one the whole Sum of \$500. in small Notes.

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N. B. our Wigwam is in trouble. - come and see us if you can.

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