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Robinson Aug 25 1856

E. S. C. Robinson Esq

Dear sir

I wrote you a few lines on the night of the 16 giving you an account of a difficulty that occurred between Greenwade and myself but as I did not give you a full explanation of the occurrence I write again. he brought about the difficulty himself and commenced on me when I was unarmed without giving me any show. he shot at me twice and I was compelled to step back in Scott's store to keep him from shooting me as he had a six shooter. I had to call on a friend to guard me part of the way home to get my gun. on my return I met him in the street armed with a double barrel gun and a six shooter. when I got within twenty or twenty five steps of him I saw him make a motion to shoot and I shot him. it was thought he was badly wounded but tiz thought now he will recover without a doubt. one thigh is broken and one shot passed through the other and one shot went in his left elbow. I only shot once when he cried he was killed and his friends gathered around him and I did not want to hurt any body else. I have stood my trial before the magistrate and been acquitted. I feel myself entirely justifiable and will be acquitted before any jury. but I think he has a great deal worse case than I have before a jury as he commenced the shooting. From his threats and the sign of the times I am fearful that some of his clan may waylay me but I apprehend no danger any other way for they wont come out and act on the square for they have been offered the opportunity. I sent judge Eubank to him to try to get his house but he would not let him have it but offered him his store house if he would purchase his goods. I think the sooner you get him away the better it will be to your interest. he commenced burning the rales and poles from around the garden and contended they were his and that he would either burn them up or sell them. I put up a written notice forewarning any person from moving or burning or destroying in any way any property belonging to the town or on your lands or from cutting any green timber within one mile of the place that was partly the insult. he has bought the blacksmith Cornett over since you were here that I tried to secure his place for himself of you he speaks of leaving and has been trying to sell his cedar poles that he halled off of your land. he says you told him you would pay him for them when he got ready to leave if he dont go in a short time you will do well to have him moved for he wont do. As they have threatened to burn me up I may be the cause of your property being injured and have advised with my friends they think best for me to leave for a while. I have concluded to do so, but will not go far.

Jackson Puckett

[in the margin: "write to me at Waco"]