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Copy of a letter to Mr. Colby
of Phelps County
Missouri
April 21st 1846

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Executive office
Little Rock
April the 21st 1846

Sir,

I received your communication on
yesterday evening requesting the Executive
to make a requisition on his Excellency
the Executive of the State of Louisiana to
detain Nathan Ray who has been charged
with the crime of stealing your negro to some
authorized agent to be appointed by the Executive
of this State, the act of kidnapping make it the
duty of the Executive of Louisiana to notify
the Executive of the fact, or you will furnish
an abstract of the proceedings on the charge
or commitment of Nathan Ray by the civil
authorities of the State of Louisiana, or an indictment
prepared, a grand jury ^{find} the crime was
committed, you will furnish the information
required as soon as convenient and the
Subject will be attended to,

William Colby
Phelps County, Mo.

Yours respectfully
John Williamson