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Lebanon Searcy County Ark

Dear Sir I now write you a few lines
 in answer of your letter dated Sept 27 I received
 yours on the 3rd of Oct. you requested me to
 write to you immediately in relation to affair
 in Searcy & Marion Counties the reason of my delay
 was occasioned by my goan to marion to court
 I thought I could give you more satisfaction
 by goan to Marion County Since I came home
 Sickness has prevented my writing untill now
 the state of affairs is to be lamented in our counties
 the excitement is great in Searcy and worse in
 Marion and it is spreading in to the adjoining
 Counties, what the end will be is hard to foretell
 the ordering out the militia ~~for~~ rather the un-
 fortunat affair of the nine men being fired
 on not by the militia but by some men picked
 up at Lebanon and them the avowed enemies
 of the everetts some of them glad to get some
 cullen of excuse to shoot at the Everetts in
 Marion County Capt. Dentons conduct towards some
 seven men he took as out laws or men concerned
 in the murder of the kings, the Sheriff Mooney
 and six other as good men as the county held they
 or the most of them was dragged out of their
 beds and took to yelleville and there forced in
 to a filthy stable of Hampton Jett's the

Wm. S. Shaw

Shannon
Ark

Genl. John Alden Brown

Little Rock

Wm. Searcy
Ark

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prisoners remonstrating against being forced in to
such a hole. Money he offered if they would take
them to the tavern or to the Court house or any
vacant house there that he would pay all expenses
of the guard and for their board but all in vain
in they must go to satisfy the tyrant that
had them in charge tho' not by any legal authority
these two unfortunate circumstances has created
more excitement than a little, the false statements
that has been published in the papers has had some
influence in prejudging the minds of the people who
do not know the true state of the case the first
statement that came out in the banner
was all most entirely false except the killing
of the Kings that part was true, the men
that claim to want protection I fear are not the
right grit and I believe if you had been fairly
advised the militia would not ben sent to see us
I the expect you have received some awful accounts
concerning the situation of some of the people in this
country but as fair as I know not one honest
man called on the Governour for assistance there
are some bad men in this country and they
become alarmed for fear of their safety and
they have misrepresented matters in a shamefull
manner I hope we will get things set to right
and let the whole truth be revealed without
favour or affection and then the world can
see how matters stands and Judge for its self

I have got acquainted with General Wood
and I think him a fine man, but he is pushed
in regard to matters not knowing the true
position of affairs, I here venture to give it as
my opinion that he wishes he had never came
downy If my family keeps well I expect
to be at that rock before long and then I
can give you a better relation of things write
to me on the reception of this epistle your friend
and fellow servant

J. S. Shaw

To his Excellency
Gov. John Selden Roar