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Wiley's Cove Ark Feb 17 1850
Gov^r John Seldon Roane

Dear Sir
your favor of the 6th Inst^l last, was handed
to me, day before yesterday, the cause of this
was owing to the P.M. at Lebanon ~~not~~
My Object in addressing you on the sub-
-ject, I did, ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~ I had been info-
-rmed, of a communication sent you, from this
County, in which, I feared Injustice was done
Some of our good citizens, springing from where
it did, I did not suppose that my name
was used, for up to that time, I had done no talk
but little, rather way nor not much since,
you say the communication, contains some 25
-page, of course it would consume considerable
time and labour, in copying it off. More than
I ~~am~~ would of requested of you, had I known its
length, you must therefore & ever me, for make-
-ing the request I did, I shall be at Little Rock
some time this Spring, when I hope to see you.
Now I can ~~more~~ assure you that we have in
this County, as Orderly and Low a bidding Com-
-munity, as lives in any partion of the State
with the & exception of some few Individuals
and they are yet a monger us, ~~but~~ ^{and} no person

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Little Rock Ark

disposed to use arbitrary power to get rid of them
The great excitement in this County, was caused
by these Individuals, who were enemies to the
Everetts, and managed so as to have themselves
pleased to guard a certain pass, and find on
some persons that was aiming to pass that way
this and not believing that Everett was guilty of
wiffully murdering ^{the King} ~~as it is charged~~ was
charged, caused person to take a more active
part than they would of other wise do.

you ask Why did the Everetts resist
the officer charged with the process, and
submit to the Laws of the land, suppose you
had in custody a man charged with the
murder of your Brother, and he endeavored to
make his escape, would you fold your arms
and let him go I think not, suppose you
were to do as the Everetts do and a warrant
was issued against you, and the men
to take you ~~off~~ Who was foremost in try-
ing to arrest you were your personal
enemies and you had good reasons to think
they would murder you, would you submit
to this, this is ~~Everetts case~~ this is the case
- On Everetts assigns for not giving up to the officer
at that time.

I should ^{not} have you to understand me that I am in
favor of men committing Murder or any crime, and if
I could think for a moment that they ^{murdered} ~~murdered~~
the King, as represented by the surviving Kings, I
I would say hang them

Gov, do not understand me to
think that you was influenced by ~~any~~ any
person. in your action, in this matter, far be
it from me, ~~that~~ I consider you composed of
better material.

I remain your friend
Gov^l John Felden Poole Sam^l Sedlin
Little Rock Ark,

Write me at
~~Little Rock~~ Writing