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1875 December 23: Statement by J.C.R. Stephenson regarding pursuit of One Dodson, charged with larceny; Notes high water at the Blue River and Ouachita River.

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Western District of Arkansas if
J. C. W. Stephens, do solemnly
swear that I left Fort Smith
on the 23^d day of December A.D. 1875,
having in my possession a Capias writ
for One Dodson charged with larceny
in the Indian Country -

That I was informed that said
Dodson was under arrest at Fish
camps and proceeded immediately
to that point but was delayed at
the crossing of Blue River for three
days by high water, the stream being
too deep to ford - That on my arrival
at Fishcamps, I proceeded before
taking the prisoner into custody to
summon the witnesses at a point
30 miles distant from Fishcamps and
was detained while after them two
days longer at the crossing of Ouachita
River by high water, said stream being
too deep to ford - That I immediately
returned to Fishcamps, and on the
6th day of January A.D. 1876 arrested
said Dodson and immediately ^{detained him undergoing}
~~returned to Fort Smith retaining myself to summon witnesses~~
~~returned to Fort Smith against J. Smith charged~~

That the two Guards named in
the account were actually and
necessarily employed and paid

gone and that the whole account
hereto appended is correct and
just in every particular.