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Letter, from Benjamin Harris Brewster, attorney general, to William H.H. Clayton, U.S. District Attorney; regarding charging Elijah McCool for public timber trespass; John G. Miller

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

M. R. F.

WASHINGTON

November 19th, 1883.

Wm. H. H. Clayton, Esq.,
United States District Attorney,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

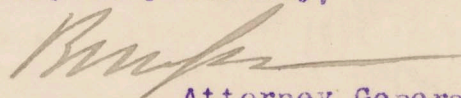
Sir:

I send herewith copy of a letter of the 15th instant from the Secretary of the Interior and the accompanying papers, in which is set forth a timber trespass committed upon the public lands, as is alleged, by Elijah R.L. McCool of Berlin, Arkansas.

The facts are fully detailed in the papers above referred to.

As requested by the Secretary I hereby direct that you institute criminal proceedings against the said McCool for having unlawfully cut and removed the timber from the public lands; and also civil suit against John G. Miller (to whom McCool, as is stated, delivered the timber) for the full value of the same in its present condition (see *Wooden Ware Co. vs. The U.S.* 106 U.S.Reps. 432), provided that on examination of the case you are of opinion that such proceedings will be for the interest of the United States

Very respectfully,



Attorney General.