

William Jacob Fields the capt. of the
Guerrillas is now in Tennessee, it is said I and the
company is in charge of Bill Elliott - I think he
married an Elliott - I have not heard how
much other damage was done - some seeds taken -
They were only a few years

I have just learned that about 2500
company are the men that were in Grayson on Saturday last
Elias Davis was released, but Moss & Richmond a deputy Sheriff
was here and taken off or rather moving off before then
They refused to release him & may hold him because
they do know to their lives in the cliffs

When is the balance to come from? Echo answers
where?

I have thought of some changes in the laws
that I thought would perhaps be proper but it
may now be too late for your present session -
Little Landlord & Tenant -

Have distress warrant and attachment returned to Quinby Court -
See Sections 6 - & 27 & 28 -

I think a Justice of the Peace & County Judge
should have as much fees as a Circuit Clerk for
all ^{criminal} cases ~~&~~ ^{of} Misdemeanors and when a person
is held to bail by an Examining Court the person
who holds the Examining Court should receive from the
Commonwealth not only the costs per day but for
all the bonds; subpoenas, recognizances &c. ^{and he should have} the same
as Circuit Clerk receive -

Last week I held an examining trial for larceny and took
2 days (all day) for which I only receive \$2.00 -

There are other matters about which I have not time to write -

The law requires an Execution to be directed to the officer
who executed the summons - I had ^{an Ex.} issued directed to the
Coroner who lives in Springfield and he did not make his
appearance for more than a week - I thought perhaps the law
should be so amended that
"When an officer, who executes the original process in a civil or criminal
case, shall fail to call at the office of the Clerk for
the execution when it is due the execution may be directed
to another officer"

I have received yours of 12th Much obliged -
Keep the money till you come home -

Subscribe to pay for the Weekly Commonwealth for me for 1 year
provided it will remain in Union men's hands that long

I have written this quite hurriedly and have not time
to make "Marginal References" for your benefit not
even time to read it to correct errors

The Guerrillas were in Grayson again on Saturday
14th and I ^{just} heard had taken Elias Davis & some others
no particulars - Mon morn John Scatter

to direct the execution to the Marshal

Sumner July 13th 1863
Ireland

Frankfort Ky.

Having within the last
week or two days measureably
recovered from my sick spell.
I have felt considerably filled with
the spirit of talking printing about
the current topics of the day. viz.
the state of the country. the action
of Congress. and particularly of
our Legislature. What I shall say
may, however, be as little varied
as so far as I say to you may
be a bore, however. I venture
now as I have been doing for the
last few days. to impress upon you
the reading of another letter.
We have, however, or other
since your Sepian met here
greatly disappointed in getting
Frankfort papers. I have not
to hear the same complaint from
others, gather the half of mine.
We have, therefore, lost the correction
of the account of your proceedings

July 13th 1863

E. D. Hallen

Yesterday I got the Cumt paper
of the 10th with your proceedings
as late as the 6th. There was one
thing in it that greatly surprised
me. You had impressed us with the
idea that nothing but highly
Conservative actions would
bring from the Committee and
Fed Relations. The New papers
as far as we could see them
did the same. Yet strange to say
after all this, we find Mr. Nat
Walf. the Gov. of Louisiana -
reporting from that Committee, and
(we suppose with the sanction of
a majority of it,) resolutions
for a Com. of delegates from
to meet at Louisville, with others
from Ind. Illinois & other States
to take into consideration - what
the state of the Country & the best way
to bring about peace: & they
say - But in fact, the object is
to find out and mature the best
& most feasible way to break up
the Union, the nation and the form
- that of a Western or Mississippi
Republic, in the place of that

Arch Demagogue & Scoundrel, Cal
Vallandigham - Had preserved by force
any more Conventions - Has she not
had enough of them in the failure of
the one at Washington & the Border State
Conventions? Is this plan sanctioned
by the Union men of your body?
I hope not. Can't they see that
it is full of snags. That it is a trick
and ruin of the South to drag her
into the rebellion and indeed the whole
North West. Have not our Union
men long since learned that the only
way to put down this rebellion is to
fight and break its military power
capture & hang or drive out of the
country its leaders. Can't they see
that this rebellion is controlled &
conducted by a few leaders. Not over
a hundred, ~~and~~ where they are
broken down. The masses will by
the force of circumstances & by
necessity as well as a desire for
the Union return to their allegiance
and reconstruct their State & Gov.
and in this manner the Union. There is no
other way to save it. If the masses will
not do so. if enough of people in each

State will not show their leaders and caught
their armies dispersed & broken up.
take their affairs in their hands and
reconstruct - then we are gone -
Then it will be time for us to debate
the questions of Compromise, Separation
by treaties or conquest & how to
preserve the Territorial integrity or
entirety of the nation -

But if, Conventions are the order of
the day with our Union party. I shall
well say in the misery & despair of
my soul; Where shall I go? With
Whom shall I act? What shall I
do? - Fight these damned insipid
stages of Treason. Already the select
say it is the only desperate act of
Lepian - Doubt this, show which way
the wind blows - Is it not enough to
open the eyes of Unionists. Show by all
of the sacred ties that bind you
to your nation lead. fight these
throttle these men. Or we are undone
Since writing the above - on Friday, which
I hid away. I forgot to finish &
Puh in the office. I mean on Sunday the

15th had to give, gave a list of news.
Yesterday the 14th by a general
understanding & concert there was
a meeting of the Disunionists of
the County, for the avowed purpose
of sending delegates to State Conventions
the 18th of this month. After much
cavensing & secret understanding
they met in open meeting at the
Court house about one o'clock.
Near a hundred, I supposed, found
what I was told, for I did not
go to it. were present. I heard
from Blake & Mr. Corwin (whom were
the only Union men present. and
they & John Stanton are my authors
for what I write) that the meeting
seemed to very happy and confident
of carrying every thing before it. that
they passed as their resolutions those
that were passed by the Secs of
Gann baggy. The managers of the affair
were G. E. Rad. Jerry Davidson, Bryan
Rice Jim Herring. Bob Riggs. the
Bigges & Kate. all all others, but
Rue. I saw Corwin was putting the background

From the evidence of the persons in
I am. There was a pretty general Council
of the party. All but those, who
have not openly spoken, were here
I regret to have to say. I find that there
were some two or three who we have trusted
looked upon as Unionists. W. J. Ruffey
this day. Young John Gray. Sam Brown.
The ^{Frank Martinson from off East} whole Copperhead force in the lined
Battalion, except Keab Harring & W. J.
McLeay says were here. Jerry Davidson
& J. A. Harring were the Chief Speakers.
Jerry took bald Vallandigham graces.
I learned that G. E. Red. Adams & Billy
Biggs will be the Chief Contenders for
Candidacy of the party for the leg.
The 1st Regt has gained back upon Sunday
All the troops from other States here.
left. I wish the men at the head of
affairs would bring all of the Regt
troops back into the State & take the
masses of the others with. I don't fear that
our troops will prove true. Why don't
you write. Bob Rabb says that you
have gotten drifted about something that
has been said & that you went into this
& strange.

Respect

Edw H. Sullivan

Cincinnati this Sun 29/1864
W. L. Ireland Esq

My Old Friend,

Your very kind
favor of May 25th with enclosed
Draft for \$300 came duly to hand
for which you will please accept
my thanks. Enclosed you
will find receipt.

I am very glad to renew
our acquaintance and
I assure you that the many
old friends that I used to
meet when I rode the
Circuit in Kentucky will
never be forgotten. and
My good friend Ireland
and his estimable lady are
prominent among that
number. I sent you a
splendid Pair and I am

Much mistaken if any person
in your country has one that
is equal to it.

I shall be very happy to
see you when you come
to the city

Give my kind regards to Mrs
Ireland,

Your old friend
O. H. Baldwin

No. 34 West 4th St. Cincinnati

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Frankfort Ky
July 31st 1864.

My Dear Wife,

I was surpris-
ed, and gratified to meet
David this Morning with
your note.

I am glad to hear you
are getting along pretty
well.

I shall not probably
get off from here before
Tuesday Morning. You
may expect me therefore
on that day. Nothing
interesting.

The Ladies here say
they don't know how to
reconcile themselves to
not seeing you again.