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James McCartney

Atty Gen Stat of Illinois

My Dear Sir

I wish to inform you that I was in the black Hawk war and my mind runs back to the memorable Event of Stillmans defeat on the night of the 14 day of May 1832 - I was there on the night of the 15th also and Camped with Gen. Saml Whiteside's Brigade and what a time we did have - you ought to have been there and shared the fun And on the 16th of same month we went to work to find who was killed and found Eleven which we resigned to their last resting place God be with them on the 17th we returned to dixon on Rock River and on the eighteenth we started again after the red skins. And found them not - I have, during that time had much fun with the afterwards President of the U S Abraham Lincoln I remember one time of wrestling with him - two best in three and detached him - he was not satisfied and we tried it on a foot race - for a five dollar bill I won the money and it is spent long ago and many more reminiscence could I give but one of the Quaker persuasion and not much quoted in writing

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