

Chowan July 4th 1878

Friend Benn

I received those three letters  
all right I expect I came very near  
getting my scalp taken since I  
have been up here the indians are  
pdaying the devil up here if you  
want you more you had better  
come up and get her for there is a indian  
riding her they have got possession of  
all of our horses excepting two that the  
boys got away with when they left  
the ranch the indians and soldiers had  
a fight on our ranch and the indians  
got whiped and partey killed but they  
got away with the horses it is hard to  
tell what it will amount to the women  
and children are parting up there has  
been one house full of women and children



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Stockton July 15 Yours at hand and  
finds us all well, and glad you are going  
to stop at Mr Sherrills. I am on the Grand  
Jury expect to be detained a week or more  
what do you think of Maet's narrow essay  
I expect the old fellow got out of there pretty  
lively when he heard what was going

Don I think I will let  
the Indian ride  
the mare awhile

before I go for her  
Yours truly  
B. Matthews

I am the Indians  
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