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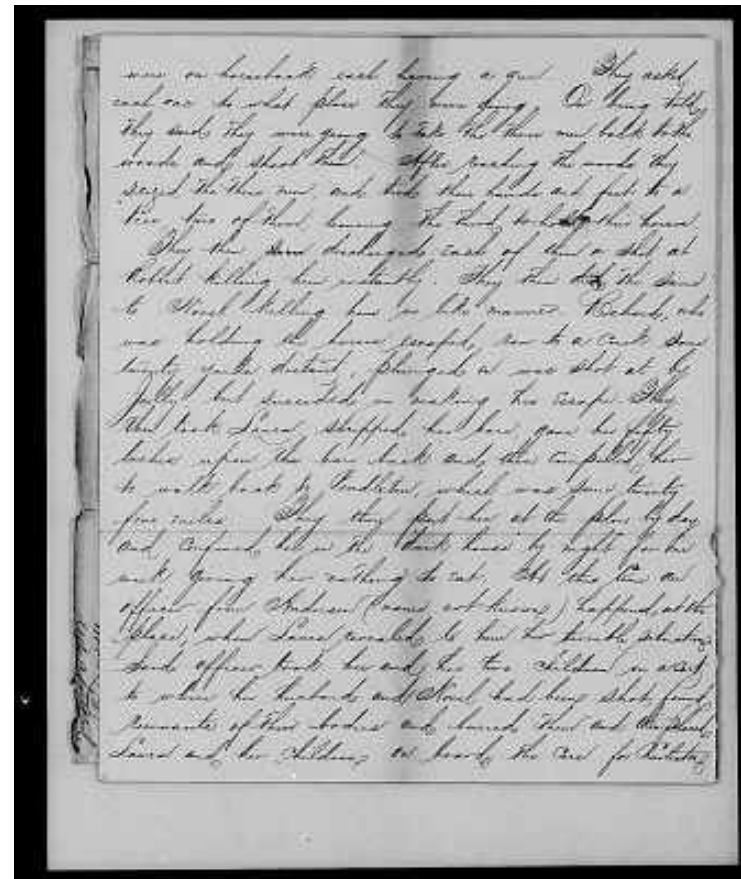
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were on horseback each having a gun. They asked each one to what place they were going. On being told they said they were going to take the three men back to the woods and shoot them. After reaching the woods they seized the three men, and tied their hands and feet to a tree, two of them, leaving the third to hold their horses. They then ~~soon~~ discharged each of them a shot at Robert killing him instantly. They then did the same to Novel killing him in like manner. Richard, who was holding the horses escaped, ran to a creek some twenty yards distant, plunged in was shot at by Jolly, but succeeded in making his escape. They then took Laura, stripped her bare, gave her fifty lashes upon the bare back and then compelled her to walk back to Pendleton, which was some twenty five miles. They then put her at the plow by day and confined her in the dark house by night for one week giving her nothing to eat. At this time an officer from Anderson (name not known) happened at the place, when Laura revealed to him her terrible situation. Said officer took her and her two children in a cart to where her husband and Novel had been shot, found remnants of their bodies and buried them and then placed Laura and her children on board the cars for Charleston.



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