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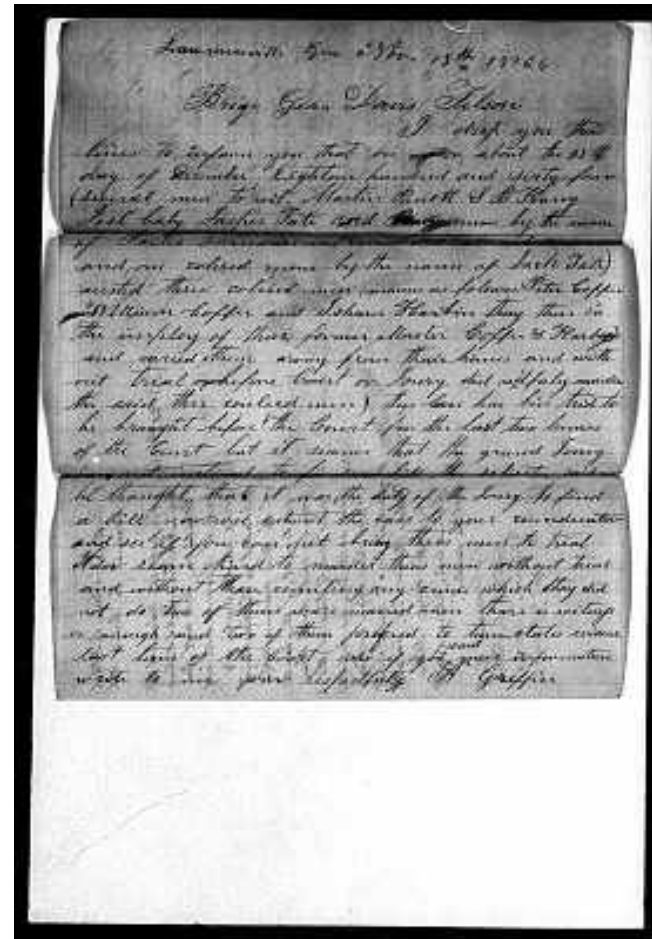
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Lawrenceville Ga. Nov. 13th 1866

Brig. Gen. Davis Tilson

I drop you these lines to inform you that on or about the 25th day of December Eighteen hundred and sixty four (several men to wit Martin Pruett SB Hany Joel Caly Jasper Tate and [[?]] man by the name of Partie surname not related all white and one colored man by the name of Jack Tate) arrested three colored men (names as follows) Peter Coffee William Coffee and Isham Harkin they then in the employ of their former Master Coffee & Harkin) and carried them away from their homes and with out trial before Court or Jouri did wilfully murder the said three colored men) this case has bin tried to be brought before the Court for the last two times of the Court but it seems that the grand Jouri is not inclined to find said bill ther solicitor said that he thought that it was the duty of the Jury to find a bill now we submit the case to your consideration and see if you can not bring these men to trial [[?]] It does seem hard to murder these men without trial and without their committing any crime, which they did not do two of them were married men There is witnesses, enough and two of them preferred to turn to the states evidence can't turn of the court, who if you want more information write to me yours respectfully A Griffin



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