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Friend Group,

This is ~~thanks~~ giving day and we are having a jolly time, but it is likely to become to jolly for us in a few days - The Indians (Barocks) are on the War Path, have shot and killed Alexander Roden, a fine quiet young man employed on the Agency - was shot within a rod of the station - fired into a camp of wood choppers and scared them to death - The Indians have all crossed Snake River - and some are moving in the direction of Salmon - It will be well for you to look a little out - Cause of the outbreak - The US Marshal ordered and arrested by deputy Morgan the Indian that shot the two men on the Agency this summer - A brother to the Indian <sup>Reservation</sup> that was arrested became indignant and shot the first white man he came to - Capt. Bain - Bridge with fifteen men

Came down from Fort Hall - And demand<sup>ed</sup>  
The Indian - from the Indians But up to  
The present time has not been brought in  
- Capt. Bainbridge, refuses to arm the  
Citizens, under the pretext, that he lost a  
Musket last summer by doing so - But  
advises them to arm themselves - All kinds  
of rumors are afloat, and the excitement  
runs high - for myself I have ordered  
Fire Arms from Salt Lake and intend to  
stay around about here - It is the opinion of  
all, that there will be a general Out-Break  
in the Spring if not this winter - I have lost  
thirteen head of my mules, and am afraid  
they have been run off by Indians. They are  
all branded L on left hip keep a look -  
out for them - John Wheeler and Milly <sup>Wright</sup> <sup>Wright</sup>  
were on the 27<sup>th</sup> - And if any of those Menogades  
<sup>(L)</sup> should overtake them on Birch, I fear they  
will meet the fate of Hayden, Roombles and  
Green - Since writing the above this minute  
Mirk Fabric came in from Wolf Fork  
and reports that the White Chief BB  
and his little squad of soldiers badly  
scared - guarding the post night and day

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and also heard from my mules  
on the Portneuf. Good enough - I think  
I will find them in a few days. and  
he further states that the Indians  
that were in pursuit of "Shoe Shoenia" of the  
Banocks Benogades and Murderer  
overtook them near ~~the~~ one of the three  
Butts between Snake River and Birch  
Creek. but they gave their Pursuers  
a Rabbit dodge and came back  
and recrossed Snake River and are  
now in their Lodges near the mouth of  
The Portneuf. and I don't think there  
is men enough in this section of the  
Country to dislodge them. On account  
of this statement and other rumors, the  
excitement is way up here this evening  
I do not anticipate an attack this evening

If you have not removed the  
remains of the Boys - Hayden Green and  
Coombs - I will send my views in  
regard to the Burial and leave it  
all to you and other friends in Salmon  
I have talked with Wheeler and Moss  
and others in regard to the matter  
and they all say it would be more  
Christian like to remove them

Yours as ever

Henry C. Leatherman

Answer to Ross Fork Idaho

Care of Mr. Warren

Blackfoot