



Bilety Sud agency July 24th 1872

J S Palmer
Sheriff. Cornwallis

Dear Sir

Your note of yesterday
in relation to the arrest of Depra Charley's wife
has been received, and I am somewhat surp-
-prised to here that Charley had made threats
of bodily harm to Boyle, and I think yet
there is some mistake or misunderstanding
as to what they have said, I have no fears
of his or her doing ^{Boyle} any harm unless
first attacked, and I have no hesitation
in giving their bail for good behavior
but it is out of the question for me to come
^{to Cornwallis} out just now, for my wife is dangerously
ill sick and there is no consideration that would
induce me to leave her until she is better.
Charley may have said, as I have and
as I repeat, that it would be unwise for him
to return to Newport. Now there is no danger
of Charley's injuring him, or any one else, but there

are red lips & pits among these Indians, that
will be difficult restraining in the event of his returning
they may not attempt visiting punishment upon
him - but these are isolated families scattered
along the bay and through the mountains, where
any evil disposed person could cut them off
without a hope of resistance - And whilst
Boyle and many others may feel that he was
justified in the act of shooting Gaskin, it is hard
to convince all these people of the correctness of
that position. Were he to stay away until
after the trial, and that to be made appear,
all could be explained to them and they
would be satisfied. It does appear to me
that those who are determined to force his
presence among the people where that act
was committed, under the circumstances,
take but a narrow view of things, and whilst
Charley may have expressed himself in different
language, yet, I am greatly mistaken if he meant
anything beyond that which I have expressed.
However be this as it may, I will come out as
soon as I can, for the mean time, if they are returned
in custody, I hope they will be treated as human

beings. If they have really made threats of injury
to any person, they ought to be punished and you shall
not attempt to screen them.

Respectfully yours
J. B. Palmer
Ind agent

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