

John Quincy Adams to William Rabun

Washington D.C., June 30, 1818.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + docket.

His Excellency,

William Rabun,

Governor of the State of Georgia.

Department of State,

Washington 30. June 1818

Sir,

The President of the United States has directed that Captain Obed Wright should be prosecuted for the murder of friendly Indians before a special Commission, to be issued conformably to the 15th section of the act of Congress of 30. March 1802 – to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes and to preserve peace on the frontiers. Instructions to that effect will be immediately forwarded to the Attorney of the United States – But as from the expressions of the Law the Commission cannot issue until the accused shall have been legally apprehended by the Civil authority of the United States, I have to request [2] request your Excellency that Captain Wright may be released from his arrest by your Excellency's order, in such manner, that he may pass immediately into the Custody of the Marshal.

I have the honour to be, very respectfully,

Sir, your Most humble and Obed^t. Serv^t.

John Quincy Adams

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Letter

Hon: J.Q. Adams

Secretary of State U.S.

dated 30th. June 1818.

Answer written

29th. July 1818 –