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Att. Gen: Office 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1817

I received the Honor of your Letter on the Subject of the three Indians near Stony Creek — I have only to remark on that unhappy Murder, that every possible Exertion was made in the Year 1816 I had a personal Communication with different Magistrates in the Vicinity of Stony Creek, I wrote to Mr. Norton himself, begging his particular Attention to the Subject of Evidence & after all we completely failed — previous to the last Affairs I received a Letter from Mr. Brasley stating that he had procured fresh Evidence — I furnished my Deputy with all the Documents in my Possession and directed him to institute the Prosecution, on his Arrival — Upon his Return <sup>Hearat that</sup> part of the Prisoners had made their Escape & that Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Davis had absconded & the Magistrate who had taken his Information, had omitted putting him under Recognizance — thus circumstanced my Dep<sup>y</sup> was without Testimony to support the Prosecution — As to the Culprits being allowed to escape, I have nothing further to say than that if Evidence was furnished of any