

From Unknown to Thomas Carney

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To Gov[.] Carney

By Telegraph, from [MS. illegible]

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Col[.] Phillips [Telegraphs] as follows[.] Indian Brigade Ft[.] Gibson 23 Aprl [was?]
Genl[.] Curtis[.] Sir I already sent you 2 telegrams from Ft[.] Smith that Quantrill was going to
Kansas[.] he had gone up on Grand River & by night marches I sent several

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small columns[.] I had only infantry to meet him at Day break on Prices Creek[.] It has rained
hard for 2 days[.] the rivers are rising[.] Adair who had 325 men had been driven from Illinois
River above [*text stricken through*] Tuloqua [Tahlequah] & had gone east seeing himself about
to be taken between

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the Rivers[.] quantrell crossed the Verdigris & Arkansas by a forced march last night[.] the
rivers are up this morning[.] my scouts well on his trail at daybreak twenty (20) miles south west
across Arkansas River again[.] I have a force over there under Capt[.] Kayhan that may meet

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him. suffering here for the train[.]

Respectfully

(Sig)

W[.]A[.] Phillips

Col[.] Comdg[.]

From this I infer the rebels have fallen back to south side of the Arkansas[.] I had [MS.
illegible] that the

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Indian [*text stricken through*] brigade should be mounted but It is taken out of my command[.]

S[.]R[.] Curtis

Maj[.] Genl[.]