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James Fairbanks

Fairbanks  
27  
Apr 1841

Mr Thomas Richards

San Francisco

James  
~~Richards~~

Chocomaok, 27th April 1894.

Mr. Atmore, Richards.

Dear Mr. Eshman, Clark

has entered a complaint against Leonard Reed for abuse at his house, the Reed has done the most outrageous act, I ever have heard of on this river, if it all be true what I have heard, I have not the least doubt of Clark's complaint being true from what I have heard from the neighbours, I understand Mr B & you & Annie Mr Mannie Mr Handy & some others stood by and looked on, while Reed choked the door ~~down~~ <sup>down</sup> ~~down~~ <sup>down</sup> in Mr Stumroy kept others from helping Clark Reed went at Clark with the axe & said he would split him from end to end Whitcomb took his axe away, Reed then took a lead stake Clark tackled him took him down twice, after this Reed hit Clark very hard, throwed all his things out along the people looked on it appears in fear of Reed satisfied with his doings I cannot write but a small part what was done Misses Reed & Miss Steevens went to aid I am informed what I can reveal I wish most I request you to come to my house on Sunday next I forenoon if you cannot I must send to you for this

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business must be seen to if you cannot  
come to my house by Sunday noon next  
I request you to write to me & I will apph  
some other person but donot wish to do it

I am informed Mr & Mrs Reed to the  
matter could but Sir I say to you that the  
I had be something done to stop such war  
I wish you to keep this to your self for it  
is thought they will be arrived I hope you  
not let any one no what is to be done  
nor tell you come to me then I will put y  
in the right way to manage it is a stated  
case therefore you will not want for fee  
I had plain complaint in your keepings Clot  
in order to prevent trouble please to keep that  
letter with you

I am Sir yours respectfully

Samuel Fairbank

please to excise me for tuming two pages  
over instead of one mistake that is last