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Monroville Dec 9th 1855.

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Sir

Adam Palmer who resides in the State of Louisiana, and who is now in this neighborhood, has a negro man in the Jail of your Town; he is there both as a runaway and as a criminal. On Monday the 21st December he will be tried, Mr. Palmer only whises his negroes case fairly investigated, if he is guilty he willingly submits to him to his fate.
In order to discharge his feelings towards the negro he wishes to give him the advantage of efficient Counsel — He requests me to write to you on the subject; I would further remark that it would be compatible with my feelings, as having the appointing power, that you should defend him — If you should not consent too so it will put me to considerable inconvenience, and delay the examination

Yours respectfly

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