

To John Sevier

Mr. Rawlings October 3rd 1803

Sir

Your note without date,¹ handed by Capt. Sparks, and which I suppose was wrote this morning is now before me—and am happy to find that the interview proposed by me in my note of yesterday,² is pleasing to you, but I am extremely Sorry Sir that the answer has been so long upon its passage and that my friend Mr. A. White was obliged to call so often on yesterday. You say you will wait on me at any time and place not within the State of Tennessee. This Sir I View as a mere subterfuge. your attack was in the Town of Knoxville, in the Town of Knoxville did you Take the name of a lady into your poluted lips in the Town of Knoxville did you challenge me to draw, when you were armed with a cutlass and I with a cain. and now Sir in the Neighbourhood of Knoxville you shall attone for it or I will Publish you as a coward and a paltroon. I now call upon you, that you will this day meet me in the manner prescribed by my note of yesterday. If it will obviate your Squemesh fears, I will set out immediately to the nearest part of the Indian boundery line, on receiving an answer to this note. but to travel to georgia Virginia or North Carolina is a proposition made by you to evade the thing entirely. I am therefore compelled to be Explicit. you must meet me between this and four oclock this afternoon Either in the neighbourhood of Knoxville or on the nearest point of the Indian Boundery line or I will publish you as a coward and paltroon. I Shall Expect an answer in the Space of one hour or I Shall Expect as you are so fearfull of the consequence of a breach of the law, that you may think it advisable to shield your body from paying the Debts of honour under the law as you have heretofore your property. I here pledge my honour on yesterday my friend did the same—that no advantage of the law shall or will be taken by me or my friends let consequences be as the may. I am Sir &c &c

Andrew Jackson

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1. John Sevier to AJ [October 2, 1803].
2. AJ to John Sevier [October 2, 1803].