Cadiz Ky. December 8th 1866

Hon W T Samuels

Dear Sir

I received your letter a few days ago (of 27th November 1866) stating that you had that day mailed a Treasurers Check for $281.66, To J M Rickman at Golden Pond ~~for the~~ Trigg County Ky, Money refunded for purchase of Runaway Slave named John, upon the reception of which I immediately informed J M Rickman. He is now present with me, in my Office here in Cadiz, and informs me that he has been to the Office at Golden Pond several times, and was there This morning and the Post-Master at that Office ~~at that time~~ tells him that it has never been received at that Office by him, The letter you wrote to me was received at this Office last Saturday, December 1st and the Check should have been received at Golden Pond a few hours afterward. I am afraid it has been taken out of the Mail, by some thief. I will enclose a Stamp please write to me, and if it was not sent. please forward it by mail. J M Rickman requests me to say to You, to send it To me here at Cadiz Trigg Co Ky. I am the Att'y at Law for him at this place.

Yours Respectfully

A. V. Wood