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justice as I do think so far as I can learn of the case that the officers were the aggressors, and from what Houston has to say, believe they will be able to prove that the Renchman who was with the officers made the first assault on the Indians, but I fear they will not regard the Indian as competent to give evidence, or in other words they will not give his evidence any weight now I wish you would make a special effort to ascertain all the facts and get all the evidence possible in the case we might just as well throw up our hands and plead guilty as to go into court without being ready and having our witnesses on the ground, and as soon as I hear from the office I will notify you as to what course we will pursue,

another matter I wish you to look after is this warn all the Indians you can to not go out on the Grand Canon Forrest Reserve, as they are all forbidden to not go there for any purpose, I have warned them from time to time of this order but it has been impossible to reach all of them especially west and northwest of you, I have sent Police up in the north and west part of the reservation and even over to the N.E. corner of the grand Canon reserve to notify them of the order and to drive out if any are in that part of the forest reserve, many of the children have been sick with the measles but are now doing well the weather here is very pleasant, no snow, let me hear from you as often as matters of interest occur,

Yours sincerely,

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