

Pafford. Aug. 20th. 1862

Left Henderson

Per Adm.

Sir

from the
I have just returned
from near the front. When Dutcher's company
were two large volumes of smoke & heavy
firing of guns. When Dutcher's of the
Hill on this side. I saw one man
dead with his throat cut. I caught two
distinct feelings one no doubt the ground
stables & the other the bandage house on fire.
I returned from there & will go back
to night. If you can spare
force you had better send to their
relief, or the whole may fall into
the hands of the Indians.

V. M. Smith

Aug 18, 1862 outbreak
of war

A. Myrick
Aug 21st 1862



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