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I cut of the Rope that havend his hands and put, and out off one Frade of this hair tutte the miteration of sending them belower relativo Abrould I bean Eflice nhuestouter I never read ; no friends, and so I had The nain made wite attach deanie by a Lady grund in alt Faul, I wore it Mulice it mas as Jun on at and usu out. and seem v. Lendih to June, Hunthing I'van serne day it might be ig interest with the other momentues of thase tember times and thut quel hanging Event ine s much High might be said about That resorration and the Strange occino of that day that more seem undrustion like, But Thase &, us who mere present and Lasnilier with the harible 12 utcheries of that masacre new hardened to Things that me manda seasonly believe mound will remember the case of Ju LiBlour and the Indian who was

That on the top of the Hoy stack back of Juliero Otore at chew Eller, and the way They were served by over boys, the would not furnish such conduct now, and we could not do so then, onely we were Stated to it, by witnessing the indiscuments masacre of then woman and children and worse. Hopeing you will such this of a chain northey of a place in the Kistanical society I remain Jums try Right

Mankato Minnesota Dec 26 1887

J. Fletcher Williams Esq

Sec of the Minn His Society

St Paul

Dear Sir

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I Enclose you herewith a Relic of the time of the Sioux Execution, Twenty five years ago today. Manny of your Citizens of St Paul and all of the old Setlers of the Minnesota Valley, will remember the Genial face and hearty laugh of Geo Gleason, who was a clerk with Comodore Davidson on the Steamer "Frank Steel" or "Favorite" in 1859 and 60. I mension Gleason in connection with this relic as it was taken with a view of sending it to Gleasons friends or Parents if living, that they might know that the death of George Gleason was avenged by the Strong arm of the law administerd by the Govrment.

Soon after the Inauguration of Mr Lincoln, Major Galbrath of Scott County was appointed Sioux Agent at Red Wood and Yellow Medicine. He appointed Geo Gleason as his clerk a very important possition at that time. It was while acting in that possition that Gleason was killed by Chaska Don, at the time of the outbrake Maj Galbrath and Dr Wakefield were away from home, there home being at Yellow Medicine. Gleason Stood by his post while there was any hope of maintaining it when all of his friends had left but Geo Spencer they both hitched up a team and took the wife and familey of the late Dr Wakefield and Started down in the Direction of New Ulm. Several miles above the Red Wood River Chaska Don and one or two

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other Indians who saw them coming secreted themselfs in the Grass by the road side. As Glason drove up, Chaska Don fired, and with his unering aim, Gleason fell Dead out of the wagon. Chaska Don took the team and the Lady with him, and kept them untill released by General Sibley at "Camp Release", after the battle of wood Lake. Immediately after the Ransom of the Priseners in the hands of the Indians, General Sibley took Several hundred Indians and their family as Priseners, he at once send the Squaws and children to Fort Snelling, and brought the Indians to Mankato. Chaska Don was among the thirty Eight executed here on December 36th 1862.

After Supper on the Evening of the Execution a few well known men of that day acompanied by Dr La Bootilier with a team and Wagon wanted to make sure that all who were Executed were Good Indians took up some of them and among those resurected was Chaska Don. We all felt keenly the injury he had don in murdering our old friend Gleason, in cold blood. I cut off the Rope that bound his hands and feet, and cut off one Brade of his hair with the intention of sending them to Gleasons relatives should I hear of the whereabouts. I never herd of his friends, and so I had the hair made into a Watch chain by a Lady friend in St Paul. I wore it untill it was as you see about wore out, and now I send it to you, thinking that some day it might be of interest with the other momentoes of those terible times and that great hanging Event.

There is much that might be said about that resoruction and the Strange Schens of that day that now seem unchristian like. But those of us who were present and familier with the horible Butcheries of that Masacre were hardened to things that we would scarcely believe now. I well remember the case of Jo LeBlow and the Indian who was Shot on the top of the Hay stack back of Fullers store at New Ulm, and the way they were served by our boys. We would not permit such conduct now, and we

could not do so then, onely we were Steeled to it, by witnessing the indiscriminate masacre of men womon and children and worse.

Hopeing you will Deem this old chain worthey of a place in the Historical society

I remain Yours Very Respt

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(signed) John F Meagher