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## Content Description

Autographed signed letter from Dixon Evans to his brother James Evans in Fayetteville, North Carolina with his account of his shooting, and killing an unnamed enslaved person from Marion, South Carolina. The enslaved person was trying to obtain food from the dairy and smokehouse. Dixon Evans was being sued by Nathaniel Evans who was the owner of the enslaved person. Dixon Evans blames the enslaved person for Dixon's own murderous actions.

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## General

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The letter from Dixon Evans tries to justify his killing of an enslaved person. The unnamed person was trying

to obtain food from a dairy and smokehouse and was shot and killed by Evans. Nathaniel Evans wanted to sue Dixon Evans for compensation for the loss of his enslaved laborer. Dixon Evans blamed the enslaved person for his own murderous actions.