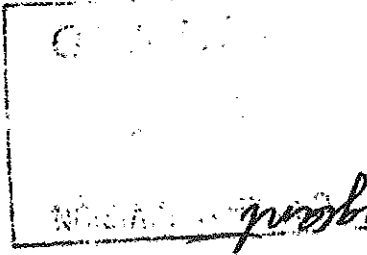


Sir, Quava with her flowing blood and
position has little more than surpassed

bullets.
stay them; They riddled another door with
my mother and sister frantically pushed to
they rattled down a door against which
of the felons to get my father was failed
the night in a struggle. After the effort
a nearby cop who he spent most of
in a way than night gone, escaped to
out of fear for his life, my father, dived
where he found himself in a deep furrow.
advance he went to a nearby plowed field
was forced to flee from the house, from
terror a few young brother of mine
his dwelling, about midnight. Due to
and drove my father from (his bed)
under grace of the R. K. K. attacked
Eighteen months ago a mother

Dear Sir:

Attorney General Sargeant
National Capitol
Washington, D.C.



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this dastardly outrage upon peace and life.

We, the Burdick family, haven't sufficient money to investigate thoroughly and prosecute, that is bring these curs to justice, through the months that have passed, since this occurrence, my father has thru discretion seen it necessary to go well armed, he has found that he has had to do much that the state should have done, that is guard his life. We, my father and I, are tax payers and citizens of the United States. Since the county and the state have failed to act upon this Constitutional offense I supplicate you in the name of peace, liberty, happiness, and life to see that action is had.

My father and his family reside at
Ethridge, Tenn. (G. W. Burdick)

Very sincerely yours,
Rampy J. Burdick

Exercise 12: Rampy Burdick Letter

Worksheet 6

1. Describe what happened to the Burdick family.
2. Locate the words in the letter that are evidence of Rampy Burdick's feelings about what happened to this family. Write those words here:
3. Describe the role of the local and state government in aiding the Burdick family.
4. How do you think Attorney General Sargeant might have answered this letter?
5. If you were to face a similar situation, describe how you think you might feel or react. How might you seek help? What assistance or response would you expect from the government?