

Stamille Smith to Texas, July 7th 1863

Mr J A Johnson } leave his
Mansfield La } I expected to return
before this but promised to wait for J
M Moore by my nephew who went with
Hunt ~~country~~ & expected to be home last
Saturday but has not yet arrived

Mrs Meade received a letter from W G that
her brother called Houston Texas June 27/63
advising her that since the evacuation
by the enemy he had taken twenty some
of his negro men remaining on the Island
and had come out to Houston and obtained
a contract to furnish & ties to the rail
road at 65 each cutting them along side
of the track lining not more than 100 yards
to haul and deliver. That #3 per load is
given for cutting wood & pulling ^{along} ~~down~~
the track 100 yards to haul. That #4
a ~~month~~ is offered for negro men to
work on the road @ 20 for women -

I have thought that it will possibly

See well for us to go there to get outlayment
For ^{sums} out of our own got provisions, by
James wanted to have to ask him to let
us have about provisions he he
Wheat that his Cooper's market \$15 a bushel
wheatings light barrel at \$3 each. at \$24 -
wheatings of low quality at 1st and - good
wheat - the distance from James field &
darker by our air line on the north is 150 miles,
probably by the road 180 or 200 miles could be
traced here with a train in about 10 or 12
days Charlotte no movement but here. and
we would be there in about 180 miles by the
road I understand from the office making
it very little farther by that route if
at all than the one we came with what
more - much inquiry about the route
through crossing there to Liberty.

They are entering as well of
ground, probably their father by the
father of that is concerned a large &
the capital, but heretofore our affairs
have advanced than has taken to the
country where with respect for it in
this case I hope that from Don Williams
will have you to the way to recognize
and claim any of our claims for our
savings there, also any bonds & notes
my horses are very poor and want
some for want of hay have no pasture or
hay to be had here and no grass in the
country's interests in interest connected with
Wheat & such matters, have cattle here
here is a neighborhood to see get they have
price large grain, the wheat stream
& hay is good for all and is now
plentiful - remember me to the father
with love for the father than requires things
& please let me hear for yourself when things
open

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