

Houston Aug 1963

My dear Sir

This will be handed to you by my friend Doct. McLeod of Thebes who I like myself is a resident of this place. He can tell you how I am getting along. I went with 66 mules to Skagg's where he has hired his mules. Men at \$5.00 per month women at \$2.50. His carts will be changed into wagons & he has a contract to haul for the Govt from Huntsville Tex to Shreveport at \$10 per day - for each - to that point and back being paid both ways for the trip & the privilege of coming back himself. I have advised him to buy back salt which is worth now one dollar per lb. His mules are fed on the entire trip by the Govt, also the drivers. I think a very good arrangement. I have not heard from home directly recently. Mr Huff <sup>left</sup> ~~was~~ there about one or two days. All were well there. My family were with me - not permitted to leave New Iberia.

I enclose you an extract from a letter rec'd from J. Supper dated Nov 7<sup>th</sup> in answer to mine of Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. I stated to him that you had the physicians & comforts of home to drag out the miserable life of a refugee.

I propose to go towards home with Mrs H C. Weber about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. If the lines are open I will go in, if not I will go as far as I can.

with her return -

I propose as soon as I can get my teams in order to send a train to Mexico - Altho: my confidence in the result is unshaken - still my judgment tells me to prepare for the worst - I think it would be well to prepare the Maxwell teams with the same view - It is by far the most profitable employment for teams - either to get corn or Confederate money - Cotton goods & Calicos are worth here now about \$10 per yard - they cost in Mexico about 40 cents - Just think of it -

I wish you would think of this matter & if you coincide with me, place the Maxwell teams or a portion of them at my disposal - It is a pity that such valuable property should be idle now - address me here care R. & D. G. Mills -

Yours truly  
R. S. Cross

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