

San Antonio, Texas

Lone Cypress  
Holmesville  
Arroyo de la  
November 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

Hon John Moore:  
Dear Sir:

Your favor  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> October came to hand  
yesterday by the hand of Aaron  
Prescott junior in which contained  
one thousand dollars in Con-  
federate bills.

We got home last Monday  
night which made us three  
weeks out - We went by Burro  
ferry and returned by Sabine  
town ferry - When we arrived  
at Crockett my Wife & Fddy  
were taken with chill & fever  
and were compelled to  
remain some five or six  
days and recovered, but were  
left very much debilitated -

We then put out for home  
by Sabine town ferry a way

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pleasant route - good roads  
and excellent accommodations.

I did not succeed in  
any of my enterprises -  
Happ in consequence of the  
total failure of most, were  
so poor they could not be driven  
and what is surprising rates  
at enormous figures 6 to 10 dollars  
per head and the poorest objects  
I ever beheld. We did not see  
a fat hog from the time  
we left Bayou Boeuf until  
we returned.

Berries could be bought at  
15 & twenty dollars but attended  
with great labor to pick them  
up and nobody in the  
country to drink them.

I made an effort to buy a  
drove of 150 collected but the  
owner refused to sell, being  
resolved upon taking the  
chances of our market, having  
heard as was generally reported  
there that berries were worth  
fifty dollars per head in  
Louisiana.

My Wife got home sick -  
every servant was sick - Emily

was taken on the road before  
we left <sup>the Bayou</sup> about eighteen  
miles from home - We left  
her in good hands and went  
on - Ned was next taken  
very ill and was 8 or 10 days  
dangerously sick - Spencer  
also was quite sick, so you  
see we were nothing more  
nor less than a travelling infir-  
mary.

I sent my wagons  
to day to the Salt works in  
your vicinity, having heard  
my salt was ready.

The overseer put up only  
forty acres of seed corn  
before the freeze not quite  
half that he intended -  
commenced grinding this  
morning. Many of my neighbors  
failed to put up any seed - In  
the Parish Rapides all saved  
their seed in due time.

I am to the Federal  
are near you - Perhaps you  
had better come up - We  
can make you very comfortable  
and as you well know, we  
would be pleased with your  
company. My Wife is uneasy  
about your position and expects

to your proximity to the enemy  
and says she would be miserable  
if they should take you prisoner  
and for the whole I cannot  
but deem it most wise & prudent  
for you to evade the iron rod  
of the beast & brute Butler.

I think you had better leave  
in time and come up  
with your wife and make  
our house your head quarters.

Now you cannot be so  
comfortable as at home, but  
you know my wife would be  
delighted and would take  
great pleasure in making  
you agreeable &c.

I can buy paper cheaper  
at home in the States and  
on Red River than in Texas  
and am about making arrange-  
ments to do so.

My wife sends love to  
you & lady and with my best  
regards for you collectively  
I subscribe my self your

Old Servant

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