

Stirling, Robinson County, Texas. March 3rd 1864.

Honble John Moore:

My D^r Sir - Papers of the 23rd February came to hand just now, and hasten to reply. I believe you have received all of my letters, and therefore it is unnecessary to recapitulate or detail any further particulars concerning ourselves, or business matters, except that I have one hundred and forty acres of the best of Brazos bottom land planted in corn, now coming up finely, and for which I pay one third of the yield.

I think I mentioned in previous letter that I had hired out all the hands at 25¢ per month for men and 20¢ per month for women - both men and women to be furnished with two full suits of clothing, one summer and one winter - also each man and woman a Doctor bills, and other expense at the cost of the party hiring - requiring a note in solids with responsible security for payment and the faithful performance of contract which is all included in note.

I am sorry to learn the news brought you by the young Gentleman you sent to Atlanta, is incorrect, and not corroborated by latter intelligence by Telegrams, and also persons from across the river. Texas seems yet to be an Asylum; but for how long, its time will sooner or later demonstrate. From present appearances things look much like we are to be plagued with temporary quietude here - for nearly all the commands in the State have been granted quite extensive furloughs, varying from 30 to fifty days, which to say the least of it must be construed in to an attitude of safety.

appreciation of the worth of your late departed wife
but with what success it is yet difficult in times
like the present and at so remote a place in the
interior as this to divine: But you know with your
energy and with such determination ordinary obstacles
never prove to be insuperable barriers.

We regret exceedingly to learn from your letter that
your health has been impaired and hope as you
rather indicate that you will speedily recuperate.

My wife is very anxious to see you and would
wish you to visit if it was practicable, but having
lost her fine gray carriage horses, they being put
in the Artillery service, about three weeks since
she is in an annoyance left nearly a foot.

But she is in begging you to come
out and visit and if possible and agreeable
to accommodate both to be situated for you to remain
with us, for at least as long as you can be contented.

My wife requests her regards from your mother
and home, and that wherever you have any
care and affection to every want and pleasure
would be anticipated.

We wish of you join in your earnest solicitation
for your health, comfort and happiness during
your exile and banishment from home. My wife
wishes your love and hopes you will be able
to make the visit to us, and some prepared to
remain as long as possible and believe me
Dear I remain as ever yours truly,

Yours truly
Wm. St. Light