

W. H. Wells.

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My dear Sir,

I wrote to you two days ago by Mr. Bieby who will tell you all the news of us. Col. Morris proposes to go tomorrow - I hope you will see him as he can tell you much that is interesting -

We are getting on comparatively well now - The federals have all gone, and we are occupying a curious position being neither Confederates nor Federals, that is in point of laws we are not willing to be ruled by the Yankee rule, & don't take our original position because we are likely at any time to have a Yankee force sent among us -

For some reason they have evacuated this country for some

Opelousas to B. Bay -

We are hoping to hear daily that Kirby Smith has defeated Grant. We have reliable news of the victory of Lee over Hooker - the N. York Herald admits it.

A vast number of negroes have gone off with the Yankees. The able bodied men were put in the Army, while the women were sent to the vacant plantations on Lafourche -

Many of our prisoners have taken the oath in N.O. - 570 names have been published in the Era most of them known here - Those who have taken the oath have been kept in N.O. & sent to part in the Federal Army - Several thousand (Eight - R. H. Campbell & Wm. Southwell are among the number) We are in low spirits, but well in other respects -

Yours truly  
Hon. Moore } W. J. H.

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