

W. F. Weeks

Waverly Sept 27/44
Hon John Foster - dated Oct 15/44

My dear sir -

Yours of the

24th ult is the last I have
have had from you -

We are busily engaged harvesting
in our Corn - We have harvested
200 loads, and are about half
done - The Corn is very fine -

The Cotton did not do so well -

it fell a victim to the ~~the~~ waves
of the worm - will make
ten or twelve bales, about what

we will need for our spinning
Gov: Allen did not write to me
at Houston as I expected, so

the arrangement I expected to
make with him will fall

through - I am endeavoring
to make ~~some~~ get up an expedi-

dition to the Rio Grande on
my own account - with about

fifty bales of Cotton -

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kind a few teams which
with my own will haul what
I propose to take with me -
Cotton is worth at Matamoros
40 cents in specie - It will cost
me 7 1/2 cents here and about 5
cents expenses - I hope to put
the Rio Grande at an ex-
pense not exceeding 12 cents -
I propose to invest any little
earnings in medicinal & other
goods which ^{will} pay 100 per cent &
frequently much more -
As usual, I must call on you
to help me a little - It is neces-
sary to have my teams exempted
from impressment for the trip -
That exemption should come from
high authority - I think you can
get it from Gen Boggs - Please
write to him that I am a refugee
having control of many slaves
who need Medicines, Shoes, clo-
thing etc - which I propose to
purchase with the Cotton haul

that I will comply with all
the requisitions of the
Mexican - and ask nothing
more of him than that my
teams, & ten in number be
exempted from impressment for
the period of five months -
These teams have been in the
service of the Govt for 15 months
and they are now exclusively
the parties who have had their
pay at least 15 days & are
for Cotton, & if I find the business
to pay, will make another trip -
I rec^d a letter from Mary dated
the 3^d 4th of ~~the~~ this month, all
well well then, she says little
son had been sick -
C. C. Marks is here, A. C. ~~is~~
has gone home -
As soon as you have leisure
I wish you would take steps
in regard to the ~~exemption~~ exemption
If you are going to Shreveport
soon it would be best to make

the application in person - if
not please write to him -

I received a letter from Mr Wright
man - dated on the 12th stating
that - Alice had been badly burned on
the 26th Aug - she was bitten
at the time of his writing -

I propose to visit them in a
few days - they live about
120 miles from here -

The Yellow fever is quite bad
at Galveston - one case reported
in Houston -

Confederate money will not
pass - now specie is the
only circulation, & it is very
scarce - a great deal of trading
is done - the legislation of con-
gress on our currency has
killed it - and I fear the
same issue will be no better.

Great hopes are entertained
of an early peace - I cannot
say when it is to come from -
certainly not from Mr Sherman -

Yours truly
J. W. Miller
Write as usual to Mr D. G. Mills
Houston -