

Executive Apartments
Houston Texas July 10th 1864

Dear

Mr. Hutchins

Sir

I had the honor of receiving
your letter and was glad to hear
you were pleased & copying them & then
pleased with it & to be preparing
and indulged the hope that one day
you would be corresponded freely and
freely on this subject. I now feel
that such might have been done
and your accomplished had you
corresponded directly & idly after
I left Houston. I am sorry to know
that you are still in the city & that
you are in the hands of the
that you were in the hands of the
was known to be my dear & long
& prepared to be a letter

Dear Mr. Hutchins
I am sorry to hear
that you are in the hands of the
was known to be my dear & long
& prepared to be a letter

that as papers were being indulged
 by some persons pushing a system
 for the state disparaging to your
 office & rebelling in the most
 decisive terms, through your informant
 as I say was from Remond's meeting
 I gave positive instructions
 that no man should be made
 • upon the Bureau and that
 my arguments should even
 be made the object of what
 would be to show that the state
 plan was better for the nation
 than yours. I wish the same
 plan simply explained and
 matter left to judge of its
 propriety. Even in conversing
 with planters, I always discerned
 an favorable surprise as to
 the Bureau and to point to the
 contrast between the system
 given you to the Committee
 central over Cotton and
 the confusion this before
 presents. You can see from
 this what our object is

disposition to make laws upon the
 Cotton Office - I may be allowed
 to assure you that I deplore
 the very appearance of a war
 amongst ourselves in these
 times of danger, when there is
 enough for us all to do, if
 we are true to the country

I do wish the state to
 execute and execute rapidly
 her plan, for I know that in
 case of so execution you
 much to her and to the Confederate
 cause and that the same time
 feel that our necessities should
 be left alone in carrying
 out the plan - I have no
 objection whatever to every body
 of Cotton being received by
 your agents on the New Ground
 I have directed the same thing
 to be done. I pass all
 the Cotton conveyed to the state
 in conformity with the plan
 proposed by one of our friends
 that Cotton and any other

views, would be very useful to the
 citizen; for he is to know or to know
 or is upon a day he views, with
 the best response and labor
 of transporting the matter
 If the public receipts of the
 Confederacy are to be permitted
 it is also just to our with the
 public receipts of the state
 and the might of cash to
 deal in liberally with the
 producer in regard to cotton
 in the Confederacy. I hope
 that you will take the same
 views and that you will
 at once instruct your
 agents to take every hole of
 cotton and make the same
 the thing as an article
 for a year or so by hand
 and view the paper in the
 Let this matter be set on a settled
 and you will soon see
 Cotton in the state for the
 purpose of a new, quantity

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of our introduction absolutely
 of course to some portion of
 the state and money, and next to
 her treasury. The amount
 of Letterpress is controlled by
 the state and the military
 board, and it is not necessary
 for the state to purchase any more
 even, provided she can be
 left alone in resolving from
 what she has. I shall try and
 forward to you by next mail
 an extract from my report
 on this subject.

If the objection has
 in view is merely to ascertain
 what portion of the state is your
 first concern, and for
 plans - I shall take pleasure
 in giving you all the
 information as to a party
 here and shall do it
 to be placed before you.

I hardly know what
 would be the best plan to
 adopt or to recommend to you

the identity of state collection
 I wish some plan adopted
 mutually respectful and mutually
 satisfactory. Lists of the collection
 can be furnished as general agents
 and the certificates of the
 the state and the same in order
 and a spirit, being this
 a nation cannot be
 be made, but I am
 certainly as anxious as you
 are, that no letters should
 go out in the name of
 the state, from which she
 does not really wish to
 promise for any of it.
 If this is your object we
 are perfectly agreed.

But let us understand
 each other fully. It is claimed
 that the Confederate military
 authorities will examine the
 papers of the property of the
 owners of the state - is it
 whether she is acting honestly
 or not and to ascertain whether
 she is acting honestly

Let us: How they when the collection
 of the bond was made the law
 rendered, he having gone to all
 the expense of taking up their
 to seize on a half of what the
 state bears to him. If this be
 the case a greater injustice
 could hardly be committed
 the vendor or contractor
 for government when they
 cost all most half of them
 when the interest is ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~paid~~ ^{paid}
 it is considered to get from
 any distance to that the vendor
 I will show these questions in your
 first. The order from some
 Smith I strengthen intention
 to prevent interference
 I believe that in our own
 bank while I have no official
 information, the law has
 repeatedly stated here in the
 last few days with each an
 order by your own reference
 to the Hon. Board. I should
 like - I did not believe them
 when a correspondence was

going on re-^{re-}the subject
which should be commenced
be pursued this matter is
so important to the state
that I beg you to continue
by return mail

The instructions to
your agent were not pursued
and I would be pleased to
receive them - I believe it
is your policy to allow
to respect his name and
I think it is your duty
to do so - I have been
furnished a copy of your
order - I have been
sent to your agent by
next mail

Very respectfully
Your obedient
servant