

Manusfield Desoto Nov La Oct 2^d 1863

To Mr W. F. Weeks } Dear William
Houston Texas }

I have just seen a
Sea Service, of the 30th 1863, in which
there is a letter from New Orleans stating
that the Green's troops sent to
Texas by way of Portainer, I have been
unable to hear any thing positive
about their movements on the Lake

I think it more probable that they
will either be sent across to Mobile, which
where we have stores accumulating
or be sent by sea to Galveston or
some other port on the sea board

but what the prospects are in the
mouth of Sabine near Henry looking
out for plans for their removal either
in Louisiana or Texas near the border

Some Refugees are said to be
on the Road near this returning from
Texas stating that they were so badly
treated here that they could not remain
exploration in the form of all newspapers were
practised upon them

I have been looking at some places
near the Sabine to locate our new road

but as yet have seen none that I should
ever give in a few days, to the S. W.
part of the Parish and a few part of
Sabine Parish to look at some more
& if I find any suitable will secure
them - I have heard from a reliable
source that corn is selling at \$10 the
bushel in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} Texas near
Harris - I can not stand such extortion
we are buying corn here at \$1. the bushel
& have been offered some old corn at 50¢
on the Island near Red River but it is
too far to haul & there is a bad ferry to
cross - our slaves are getting healthy
again - and we are now doing a little
fishing cotton here

I expected a letter from A. C. Wether at
the arrival of each mail but as yet
have received none,

my health is improving some and I
have been missing about - some without
any serious inconvenience - Mr. Wether
went to Shreveport and before yesterday
& I expect him back to day - he is intent
on going to Texas unless you write to
him advising him otherwise
Yours. John ~~Wether~~