

Hampton, Nov 16th 1863.

Wm John Moore

My Dear Sir.

I wrote to you some days since from Pitts Bluff, since which time I have come to this place to see Mr. F. Marks in relation to holding cotton. Things have been very much disturbed in this place by the occupation of Brownsville, by the Enemy. This is now the cotton market of the western side of the River, and an immense capital is invested in forwarding cotton to Brownsville. We have made no arrangements as yet, and will not until matters settle down. The news from our country is that the Enemy has left & captured the Bog. Our wagons are still in Louisiana where I am holding.

We have a good deal of sugar here. Mr. F. M. made a sale to day of some \$4000 pounds at 90 cts without any tax.

I shall leave here tomorrow for Pitts Bluff where I will be for some time holding cotton. I have had nothing direct from the since I last wrote you. Should you have anything to write you had better address me at this place. William is well.

Yours truly

Alfred Smith

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