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Judge Moore:

My 5th office - Through
an accidental meeting with Wm. H. L. I
I have just found your whereabouts
and hasten to write you a few hurried
lines. We did not know where to address
you and besides we were both very sick
and unable to write for a long time.

Our spouses are now all well but
have had much sickness - every one
from the youngest to the oldest have
been quite ill with what I presume
might be called the acclimating fever
of refugees to this country. We have
not disposed of any of them permanently
as yet, but am now expecting to make
arrangements to locate them - where
and at what prices to be hereafter determined.

My Wife has been quite ill but I am
proud to inform you she is now in
magnificent health, although not quite as
plump as when you last saw her. My
own health is much recuperated, but
I have been afflicted for more than
twelve years with disease which you
are aversion to complain, I believe I have
communicated to you. They are two
and to thank and all as well as we

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negatives, want to gladly retrocede our steps
to Louisiana if it were prudent to
do so — It is only to say that General
Magruder received dispatches from
our State via Niblett Bluff & Beaumont
stating that Federal forces were at
over a million 20,000 strong destined for
Texas which dispatch and telegram I
read myself in General Magruder's Office
this morning. The General & Staff are
in fine spirits and think if Texas
via Niblett Bluff is the destination
of said troops that they will have
a hard road to travel. Believes here
can place an army at least faint
in less than forty-eight hours adequate
for the emergency — now being giving
them back with invaluable help in
other demoralization &c.

We are here on business for a few
days only — expect to leave Monday but
until permanently located all letters
will be forwarded to me & directed
to Houston. I will write you as
soon as we locate the baggage which
surely must be accomplished soon but
until then write me at Houston and
have made arrangements to have my
letters forwarded. We hope you are
well and expect to see you as soon as we
provide for the hands. These truly &c.