

Walker County, Texas. Feb. 10th 1864

Dear Sir, I have just received from you, for me to read, one of which contained an account of the great bereavement which has befallen you, in connection with each & every member of the family. I had had tidings of it previous to that, through a letter from A. C. Weeks, it is unnecessary for me to say the shock was great, coming, as it did, wholly unexpected.

I was pleased to learn from another, that you had been reelected to the Senate. I have done very well I think in coming to Texas I have hired very good Skaggs men at \$50 per month & women at \$25 & boys at \$25. I hired them by the month, as labor will be higher, when cotton picking commences my carts I took to Mr P. C. Bethell to have converted into wagons, they are now done & I will go for them on

Tuesday next Government has offered me
\$10 a day for a wagon team & driver - with
all expenses paid which I accepted, there be-
ing no alternative, as they would have been
pressed had I declined. I have by the arrangement
I accepted the privilege of bringing ^{back} load on
my own account, salt, sugar, or whatever I choose
& my mules are fed, payed for & all expenses
paid by Government. I am to leave from
Huntsville (clothing manufacturer in the
penitentiary for soldiers) to Knoxville and
I am now at a place near Huntsville sent
me by W. F. Weeks

Hoping this may find you in the enjoyment
of good health - I remain yours truly
W. F. Weeks
Huntsville, Feb-15th 1864

I have been ordered
to hold myself & my wagon & mules immediately
to go to "St. Louis" from there I am to
I will be ordered to Knoxville
Please let Maggie know you have heard from
me

W. F. Weeks
Huntsville, Feb 15, 1864