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Waco Dec 4th 1853

Mr. Robinson –

Dear sir

I take the liberty
of addressing you a few lines as an introductory acquaintance, on business that will perhaps be of some importance both to you and myself. Dr. Stiner has been kind enough to give me a letter of recommendation to you which I expected to present to you in person, but on account of an E_____ inflammation of the eye I cannot make a trip to see you as it would be endangering myself to do so as I may get loose my eye. Dr. Stiner has been anxious for me to locate on your property so much so that he has written to you in my behalf also Mr. Barnes is and I suppose has written to you. Dr. Stiner has offered me your stone building stables and a garden if I would come there but for no limited time, therefore under those circumstances I would not be warranted to move there without having some different arrangements with yourself

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I learn that Dr. Steiner would be glad have me there to aid him in tending to your business in his absence ~~in his absence~~ should these things be agreeable. I learned that you had it in contemplation to lay off a town there which induced me to make this proposition to several gentleman that if they would join me we would buy half or three fourths of the ~~property~~ fort and fifteen hundred acres of your vally land and you reserve one fourth with the remainder of your lease of land. that by our _____ty and getting emigration there it would enhance the value of the property and the balance of the land. If these propositions dont meet your approbation say to me what you will take for the log building that Major Arnold was putting up and one acre or one and a half of ground and sixty or one hundred acres of land in the south east corner of the village next to the branch there is a large emigration coming to the country that expects to settle near me and there are three or four respectable families are willing to go now if I will go. My reasons for wanting this corner of land

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is to make sheds and pools for bathing and shering my sheep as I expect to go into the sheep business largely, and have a large careyard [?] of mares and some six herd of thorough bred cattle surpassing any in the state. I wish you to price the property to me as low as you can and let me remain in possession of the stone building until I can get the other finished. I have on hand one of the finest geldings in the state that I would like to pass over to you at a fair price if necessary or the best bred bull calf 14 months old that is in Texas the bull appears to be climatized and is doing well but I have him as a surplus and can spare him as I have two. Your active attention to this is called for as I am a renter and am bound to give possession of the property I am now occupying on the fifteenth of this month as there is a family here now in camp who expects to occupy the property should I not hear from you in time or by return mail I shall have to make other arrangements. If you see proper to come in person to see me I will pay your bill of travel. As for further information

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of me, if it is demanded, you will call
on Capt Burney our representative from
Waco. also Capt Crosby & Mr. Moore who traded
with me when I came to the country they can
give you some sketches of information. I send
inclosed a letter from Dr. Stiner. I would be
be glad to hear all your propositions if
wish to make them known to me and they
will be kept retired if it is your wish.
Do not fail to answer me by return
mail. by doing so you will much oblige
your friend

G. B. Camplin.

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Dec 4, 1853
Ans. Dec 8/53