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Brandon Mineral Springs
Sept 8th 1855

Col. Robertson –

Dear Sir

I have been in correspon=
=dence with Mr. J. C. Lynch in relation to the pur=
=chase of lands in Texas to settle on, & had conclu=
=ded to visit your section of country early this
fall, to try to effect a purchase of a league of
land of you, near Fort Graham, 3900–acres
which from his description, & that of Major Maxey
I thought I would be pleased with, and also
the price which I understood was \$2. pr acre
one half in hand & suitable time on the
ballance – I expected to have realized, some
funds, from my father in laws estate, who died last
February in Louisiana – at his residence on the
??? Lets – but there being two sets of children they
have got to law about the distribution, and
I shall have to wait the verdict – hence I am
unable to make the first payment in cash
now – I desire to purchase the place, and to move
in part to it, in time to raise a crop of corn –
and I write to inform you, that I shall surely
realize from my wifes fathers estate some ten
or fifteen thousand dollars – and this money, I
desire to lay out in Texas land – and I propose
to buy of you at \$2. pr acre, the tract of thirty
nine hundred acres – & pay as fast as I shall realize
from this Estate – makeing no payment in hand –
I must either make such arrangement or post
=pone moveing, for the present all together – I
shall enclosed this letter to my friend Lynch, &
ask him to deliver it to you, and if you can

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sell to me, on this kind of payment – I will come out to see you, as soon as the yellow fever subsides – as it is at present spread along my route – and I do not choose unnecessarily to expose myself to it – My force in part are now in Louisiana, worked this year, rented land – but cannot rent for next year, the same place – the ballance of my negroes are in Alabama, have been hired for the last 10 or 12 years to work out a security debt & I have brought suit for their delivery – alledgeing that they have worked out the debt – which they have but which the opposite party contends is not paid yet – the chancery court must determine it – and I cannot leave here with my family until, it is decided – but should like to be fixing a place in Texas to move to when the decision is made – not being a party to the suit, in relation to the distribution of my father in laws estate, nor connected with the executorship, I cannot predict at what time, that fund may probably come to hand, I can only say it surely will come – & if you sell me land, you shall be paid as fast as I can realize it.

Respectfully
yrs,
S.M. Puckett

Col. Robertson
Texas

S.M. Puckett
Sept. 8. 1855
Ans.

[This is Samuel Murrell Puckett (1799 SC-1874, buried Ouachita Parish LA) and married Mary Jane Matthews (1808 MS-1857, buried Ouachita Parish LA). In 1850 census, he was living in Rankin County MS.]