

Waco Dec 4th / 1853

Mr Robinson

Dear sir

I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines as an introductory acquaintance, ~~but~~ business that will perhaps be of some importance both to you and myself. Dr Stina has been kind enough to give me a letter of recommendation to you which I expect to present to you in person, but on account of an Egyptian 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 Stina 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 Stina 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

I learn that Dr^r Sturtevant would be glad
to ^{have me there} 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 gentlemen that
if they would join me we would buy
half or three fourths of the ^{fort} property and fifteen
hundred acres of your valley land and
you reserve one fourth with the remainder
of your lease of land. that by our industry
and getting emigration there it would
increase the value of the property and
the balance of the land. If these propositions
don't meet your approbation say to me
what you will take for the log build-
ing 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

shed and for bathing and sheering
is to make pools for my sheep as I
expect to go into the sheep business
largely, and have a large cariyard of
mays and some six head 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 China Tug
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

of me, if it is demanded, you will call
on Capt Burney our representative from
Waco, also Capt Crosby & Mr Moore who ~~traveled~~
with me when I came to the country. They can
give you some sketches of information I send
inclosed a letter from Dr Thier, I would
be glad to hear all your propositions if
wish to make them known to me and they
will be kept retires 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. Campbell.

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