

Austin June 20th 1854

Dear Sterling

At the risk of being thought too importunate, I write to ask whether you have not made some collection out of the sales of lands in which we have a mutual interest.

I assure you, I say truth when I say that I have not felt so embarrassed for ready means since I have been in Texas as at present, and if you could furnish me with ~~the~~ the whatever amount may be due me on that score, it would very much relieve me - and besides, would esteem it a favor which I would reciprocate.

It has been my fortune generally to feel tolerably easy in monied matters, but having lately encountered so many disappointments, I am at this time particularly cramped.

Hoping soon to hear from you

I am

very truly

Yours

Thos. H. Jones

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Aug 24/57

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