

Brashear 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 take 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 Masey
I thought I would be pleased with, and also
the price which I understood was \$2. per acre
one half in hand & suitable time on the
balance.

I expected to have realized some
funds, from my father in laws estate, who died last
February in Louisiana - at his residence on the
Grass Lake - but there being two sets of children they
have got to law about the distribution, and
I shall have to wait the result - 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 prefer
to buy of you at \$2. per acre, the tract of thirty
nine hundred acres - & pay as fast as I shall realize
from this estate - making no payment in hand -

I must either make such an arrangement or post-
= pone moving, for the present all together - I
shall enclose this letter to my friend Lynch, &
ask him to deliver it to you, and if you can

tell 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 on 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 balance 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 - alleging
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 rela-
-tion 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. Pickett

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Texas

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