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Roberson Hill Texas
Feb 4th 1857

Mr. J. C. Roberson

Dear Sir as this is mail day I conclude to drop you a few lines to give you a few items about Roberson & things. The first item is that you have a pestener in your interest in this corner about this place a man over on the Colorado. This is what I have learned they write of so you might do well to look out for I think there will be an effort to buy him out this thing I learn from some of the natives here Dr. Hynes is up at this time bought half Leap Long Crook River being his some talk of or hints that they might be a town in that direction with most liberal views I never heard Hynes say or hint such a thing but probably such talk has been

Ans. Roberson
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and
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rather this I sup is all common
from those that are self opinionated
& self interested I am holding on.
I neither say for nor say they all
think that your terms or not
liberal a nuff or your lots big a
nuff this or a few items that
you may see how things are keeping a
long some of the men on your
best friends seemingly they would do
to bet on is a little place. there is one
thing I would suggest my self that you
make some one man your agent to sell
lots and look to your interest honestly
you will for your flat & most lots at
your price so that your agent could
sell with out any embarrassment some
lots could have been sold I think
& to what sort of men to sell to
would be messy - Blanking Ship has
been up thinks of going on with
his house I he could be bought
out I think that it would be
advisable to do so soon
I am a fool to approach him

on that subject for fear they will
think that we was trying to keep him
of for comparison sake that
is not the object at all & you could
by this lots back I would take this
framing timbers here at a fair
price this object is to put up a
grocery here if he does any thing
at all " this I think that I have
given you is in strict confidence
between me and you as the mail
is wasting I must close if you
want any thing done here
that I can do I am at all
times your friend write me
soon
James Hillman

P.S none of the items I wish
spoke of to any body