

[Letter from Ludwell Lee Rector in Alum Creek, Texas, to his son Kenner]

March 8 day 1858

Son Kenner

I have just recd [received] a letter from your Brother John dated 14 February he seams [seems] to be in a grte [great] fret with Mr. Brewer for ritin [writing] to me & says that he Brewer invited him to his [unclear] & when he got thear [there] he told him he had a letter from me and was ritin [written] to me and asked him what he wished him to say to me he wanted to see my letter & he Brewer handed the envelop and would not let him see the letter he says he told him that it was not my cotton that it was yours John seams [seems] to think hard of you. I this day have give him a full statement of all the facts about the hole [whole] matter John rote [wrote] me two sheats [sheets] full and in the hole [whole] he dont [don't] even say that he is well or

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that he is doin [doing] well he wants 125 dollars by the first of April I shall try to get it to him in time. Mr. Brewers letter cam [came] in answer to mine in due time he says the marker against [against] John was for not attendin [attending] [unclear] in every other way he speaks favorately [favorately] of him I dont [don't] know how John will do or how he will com [come] out all that I can do is to do my parte [part] & then leave that ballence [balance] in ther [their] hands the school that Jennetta is go in [going] to commenced today I will try to have her thear [there] by this day week it will take this week to finish her clothing all is well my farme [farm] is all broke up [say?] 40 planted in corn thear [there] is many papele [people] among us at this time that cant [can't] git [get] bread or sead [seed]

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corn the times hear [here] is truly hard the young grasshoppers is thick on the ground I fear they will take the crop as it comes up Lea says he wants you to send him his Christmust [Christmas] gift that you have and it long enough Rite [write] soan [soon] I remain

Your affectionate Father  
L. L. Rector