

I am told Unpermitted Cotton is worth  
 10 to 12¢ at Houston which you see is  
 better than sending it here. Before any  
 more Cotton is Shipped Make yourself  
 sure that the Quality is good and  
 that it is in good Condition. Concerning  
 the Fanning House, have you had a new  
 lease signed so that the furniture is responsible  
 for the rent, and so that you have the  
 power to put him out if he does not pay  
 promptly. If he did not pay any back  
 rent, the new should certainly be payable  
 in advance, after having had twelve months  
 use of the property he certainly could afford  
 to do that, and the improvements, if he desires  
 them made he certainly can not object to  
 pay for them out of the amount he owes.  
 It is tolerable tight papers to rent your  
 House for nothing, and keep it in repair  
 write me often direct to Brownsire  
 Box 54 and I shall be sure to get them,  
 Had not you better get some warrants  
 from Robinson and try and work them off,  
 I have not much faith in the future  
 of them or the Bonds. Let Murray make  
 contracts for repairs under your supervision  
 payable out of amount due on rent  
 for 1864, Hand the enclosed draft to Gen. Nichols,  
 do not forget it as it is important and delay  
 dangerous, also say to him that he must  
 draft was paid