

Alleyton Dec 12th, 1863

Dear Rice

I am here all right and find nothing has been done with our cotton since the report I shew you. up to about a month ago. Of the F AN cotton 30 Bales has been shipped. 70 of the [[Green?]] [[Wood?]] Oswald has orders to ship the cotton in the order in which it comes as to time of delivery. We have slept on our rights - if one of us had come here a month ago, we could have gotten all our cotton off. I shall stay here until Tuesday & hope to make every arrangement - for getting our cotton forward. see [[Tactahill?]] & get him to order [[cars?]] for my Cotton at E. Nickum

Please tell Dan to bring my slippers left in room at Maces. If [[Mrs?]] N took the key with her Dan can get in through the door connecting with the Room Mr [[Ran?]] occupies. My gun was left on the cars if Dan delivered it to Baggage Master - please telegraph or write Mrs Nichols to look it up & keep it. I will write her about it but have no time this am in the Cars am off. Yrs E B Nichols