

Alleyton Dec 14th 1863

Dear Rice

I have arranged
with the forwarding agents
to send our cotton forward at
once. They have sent out
runners in every direction
and engage to get all on
wheels at government rate
of freight to Eagle Pass &
San Antonio. Chiefly for
the former place for \$ 10
dill in Confed per bale

You must see that
cars are furnished at
E Richmond. Mr Twitchell
can have it done for
you in Maj. Bloomfields
name if you will attend
to it. My arrangement

for forwarding our cotten
includes what is here and
at East Richmond which
covers all that has been
delivered - They are
doing thier level best
and I have agreed to pay
ten dollars a bale for
all they get off before
the 1st of Jan. They think
they will get it all off next
week if the balance of the
F.A.R gets her in time.

From all the information
I can obtain we will need
coin to pay freight at Eagle Pass
or else we will be forced to sell
a part of our cotton at a great
sacrifice - Cotton is worth
at Matamoros 33.00 to 38.00

at Eagle Pass probably not more
than 20.00 when it costs but
4 to 5c per [[illegible]] to transport it
Matamoros - Bring all the
coin you can with you and
if any of your friends - Bremond,
or anybody desires to send
money out for the country
for any purpose - bring it a
long. I will engage to invest
it in exchange at Matamoros
for the use of it to pay freight
on my cotton I will take the
risk of transporting it in the
barges. perhaps E Bremond
would like to send some - If they
wish to send money & you can not
bring it I will pay the Express charges
to San Antonio. Send it to me to
S.A. by Express & advise me -

I am through here & if Parnall
& the Ambulances fail to come

up to night I shall leave
in the Stage for San Antonio -
You ought to be there certainly
by this day week - write
me to S.A. when you will
be there - There are rumors
afloat that Eagle Pass has
been taken by the [[Neugads?]]
I do not believe it -- I
wrote you about my Gun
left in the Car I wish you
would get it & bring with
you.

Get all the Coin you can
for yourself & for account of
others - it is a good chance
a [[?]] [[down?]] & taking all
risk & agreeing to deliver at
Matamoros

Yours Truly
E B Nichols

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