Mr W M Rice

Sir I received your letter of Aug the 8th and would have answered it but owing to sickness in my family and I was not at home when the letter came which cause has kept me from answering it until now you wrote me you would give 12 1/2 cents per found for midling cotton furnishing bagging and rope I think my cotton can be classed for midling as it was picked in good dry weather and put in the ginhouse where it has ben kept perfectly dry it is all gined now and ready for the bagging and rope I will deliver it at the depot or Bernard Station where the railroad passes up to Alleton you can send bagging and rope enough to bale 20 bales my press makes over a 5000 weight bale if you wish you can send an agent to look at the cotton I will send it to the depot as soon as it is baled if you wish it yours very respectfully E P Gillispie