

Matagorda January 10th 1864

Lieut Rice

Dear Sir to night I rite
you a few lines nothing of mutch importen
we get But littel nerves, and what
we do get is harde to Be leave, they
yankes ar still at Selura and decks of
Point steamers has Every day westerd
I think it will Be a tite fit for us
to stay at this Place, untill the 8 of february
on the a count of forage for our horse
you never saw horses look as Bad as ours
and thir is a nother item Beaf. is getting
dam nation Pore. Friend Rice Permit me
to use your name in that furnilure tirm
to day I received a letter from my wife
stating to me how Kind my Friend Pool
had treated hir in the way of furneshen
hir with something to eate and wood to
Burn when I left thar he would not
a grea for me to make any arangement
with Enay won for he Pledg me his
word he would see that they like a for
in the way [crossed out] nothing in the way of Provisions
But not having the utmost confidence
in the gentelman I maid a rangement
with Jes. Bains if he did not comply with
with his promis I wanted him to furnesh
them which he has noble don Friend
Pool, has not don one thing in the way of
furnishen them since I left one good
turn desiros a nother. heafter I will fead
him out of the same spoon I hav don
more for that man than I ever don for m farther

purmit me to return my Best thanks to you
for hauling my wife the wood, Mr. Rice I dont
mind sirvan my cuntry. I think it is my duty
to do so. But in one sence of the worde I hav
a Pore helples, family I and I onley can they
look two for a suporte, and if you can
make any arangement, so that I can Be with
them a parte of my time I would never will
for get you I ask this of you Be Caus I no
you ar a man of influence you ar all to
aquanted with the most of the departements
if it is so that we all hafter Remain in

the service if there is any detail that comes
under your knowledge, that you think I can fill
that will permit me to attend to my family
at times when they particularly need my
assistance I will adore you It will long
be remembered and never forgotten By your
umbel servant dont think from the above
that I dont wish to fight for my country is
this there is But few men in my fix in regards
to my family I wish to serve my country and
See the End of this war at the same time
I would like to give my wife and four little
children some of my time, and you know that
a man in the regular service sees home But
seldom if ever, only by chance if at all
Captain Weston speaks of raising a guerrilla
company if he can get the commission
this leaves all well in camp, hoping it may
reach you Enjoin the Some

I close By remain yours Most Respectfully
W. A. Sims