

Huntsville Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Wm Rice Esq

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On the 22<sup>d</sup> Dec 1862 I loaned  
five hundred dollars for you to Mrs Archer a  
soldiers wife, with which to buy a home, on  
the 2<sup>d</sup> July 1863 she paid one hundred dollars  
I invested. The balance was due 22<sup>d</sup> Dec 1863  
the debt bore ~~date~~ interest from date. Mrs Archer  
desires to pay the debt, I do not feel authorized  
to collect it. I need not say she desires to pay in  
C.S. notes. The debt is secured by a lien on the  
property. If you are willing to receive the money  
I will collect it and remit to you without any  
charge to you. and would be glad if you could  
do so. the rate of interest is ten per cent.

Please let me hear from you on the subject

Respectfully &c

Joab H Bantua