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Mr M Rice
Houston

Sir

I wrote you some time ago in relation to business matters between us, receiving no reply from you I again write you my recap. Hence I am not able to pay any thing on my Confederate debts —

I donot wish you to sue me, If I am pressed by Law I will not be able to work out —

I have not been able to get any thing on my old claims on by along as I can work it in, in arrangement, I have settled off some 7000\$ since Sumner, at the opening of the war I bought a tract of land for 11600\$ paid up down. have now paid 9000\$ on it and have compromised it in 1, 2, & 3 years time payable in Cotton at the Rio in delivry at Houston price — which makes me easy on that subject. it will not take more than 9. or 10. bales each year —

I now make the following proposition to you — first I propose to add your claims against me together — deduct the worth of bale of cotton I left with you and as it was all made in Confederate Money. do what is right in the premises, and the balance due divide it in 3 notes of equal amounts, and I will pay it promptly. on the 1st day of Decr of 67. 68. & 69 — in Cotton at my own House at 18^{cts} or at the Houston price — delivred to you or your Agent or Attorney —

I propose to sell you my Farm 760
acres 200 acres open - Farm dwelling House
Gin & Saw, Corn, Fodder, meat, milk, other
Produce. For 9000\$. Gold - deducting amt
of your notes at gold value - and you pay
the 3 several notes still due on the Land,
and pay me the balance in cash -

The Tract contains 760 acres 200
open - 400 acres Black & Gray Land 160 acres in
Pine oak and Hickory Land. With a constant
running Spring branch. It is one of the best
tracts of Land in Montgomery County -

There are 12 hands on it doing well
under the management of W B Wood, Land
Corn, Fodder, meat & Lard on the place -
3/4 of the open Land is already broken up -

Now on this if either of the
above propositions suits you, please let
me know - I do not want to be sued - you
must not sue me. If you will not trade
and accept the first proposition and wish
the thing made more safe - I am willing to
give you a Lien on the Land, as collateral
security - and to be entirely borne after the 3
years expire - so will be surely paid -

I am doing all I can to work out
but as I cannot collect old claims and have
to do everything by arrangements - it goes very slowly,
and you know things are hard to manage now
I am no

Respectfully

John E. George

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