

Did you get a letter from me ordering
a few small things - have you
collected the debt on Mr Page

Friend Rice
New York

Houston Aug 19th 1866

Dear Sir

I received
yours of the 3^d & 5th - and was pleased
to hear from you and contents
noticed and according to your
request I here enclose to you
a statement of collections and
disbursements. and hope you
will find satisfactory
as regards Handelin's Ferry, they
are still in your name. I had
no idea of releasing them from
their obligation for I intended
if they should leave the House
~~and~~ they should release it -
that I did not intend to have
anything to do with it until
the expiration of their lease -
I am better posted in business
matters than ~~that~~ to release them
now as regards Capt Denny. ~~I~~

knew nothing about his leaving
the rooms until I received a note
that he had done so. I still
have his lease. I called upon
him a few days since and
told him that if he thought
he was not able to pay \$40.00
for the rooms from this time on
that he could have them for
\$30.00 if his paying punctuated
so he moved in there again
Yesterday he has not paid
anything since you left except
the rent you gave him, he
does not however feel disposed
to pay any rents since he
moved out. which is exactly
one month. he promises to
pay me in a few days for
the remaining months rent
he is certainly a slow coach
I have a rather hard case
who by the by I visit tri weekly
regularly and that is Mr
Maligan, he is now behind hand
two months I hardly know what
to do with him, he still promises

to pay every day. You will notice
from the dates in my Statement that
Your tenants have been very backward
in paying up there rents. The truth
is the times have changed & considerably
as regards money matters now than
it was six months ^{ago} & Scorsley called
upon them over twice ~~than~~ before they
paid now I have to call upon
the best of them from 5 to 20 times
before I get it, the fact is money
is getting scarce, and little or
no business I settled at last with
Richard yesterday. His excuse
from time to time for not settling
was that the carpenter had not
finished ceiling, and then after
the ceiling was done he had not
got the Carpenters bill, so I got
out of patience, and so I
measured the work myself as
I am about as good a hand
at that business as any body,
and the result was that your
proposition amounted to \$62.62 this
being one half of the cost