

Houston, Texas
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Dr Sir,
I have several
notes of yours viz note by Jesse Womack
for \$770.85, Thomas J Smith for \$920.19
and P W Walton for \$985.43, all made
in the spring of 1862. The parties live
near Plantersville Grimes Co, and propose
to pay the principal in currency, and
say they will do no more, unless
compelled by Law. They allege that the
notes were given to Messrs T A Gary & Co
for goods which were sold to them at
Confederate prices, and that at the time
these notes were given it was expected
that they should be paid in Confederate
money, which was then worth about
two for one, and that they will not now
pay interest. They say they are broken up

are all planters, have nothing now
but their land, and are not able
to pay more. I told them I would
communicate their proposition to you,
and I hope you will upon receipt
of this advise me what to do.
Capt Loebuitz thought I ought to
have taken the money, but I prefer
awaiting your instructions. It is
loosing a good deal to relinquish
the interest for the last four years
but the money may be worth
more to you now, than to have to wait
perhaps a year or two before collections
can be enforced by Law. What ever you
say I will strictly comply with

I would be greatly obliged to
you for any northern business
that you may be able to throw into
to my hands during your stay north

Very truly
Chas Steward

