

Houston, Texas
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Sir,

I have several notes of yours viz note by Jesse Rowlett for \$770, ⁸⁵/₁₀₀, Thos S 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 Prof S. A. Gore, & 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 an, and that they will not now pay interest, They say they are broken up

an all planter, have nothing now
but their Land, and are not able
to pay me on, 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 Loebnitz thought I ought to
have taken the money, but I prefer
awaiting your instructions. It is
losing 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

Ch^{as} Stewart