

Corsicana Texas  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Messrs. Grubb & Rice

I have had for a number of years your claims against Estate of David R. Mitchell and I find it impossible to do anything toward Collections. The estate is now largely in debt. I am satisfied it never can pay out. Your claim has yet due on it principal up to date over ten thousand dollars. Solomon Van Hook of this County has a claim against them for a still larger amount. They have nothing but lands and I do not believe they can pay out with them. They offer to me to pay your debt in lands. I think it likely they will want a good price for them. I think you are in a

Condition however that it should be  
best to accept the offer. In my  
opinion it is this or nothing And  
if I were to proceed to force a sale  
of lands now they would bring but  
title and that title after paying the  
usual enormous cart bills in Probate  
Courts would be divided pro rata  
among the Creditors. If you think  
proper to authorize me to take  
lands I will make the best  
selections I can for you and make  
them defray all expenses Commissions  
&c. Whatever course you think best  
notify me and I will pursue it  
Very Truly Yours

R. L. Mills

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Comptroller

Friend Adams  
In view of the certain construction of  
the Central R.R. through Navarre  
County, I would recommend the lands  
retaining the privilege of appointing  
distresses Agent to make the selection