

Anderson Texas  
August. 28th 1867.

Col. W. M. Rice  
New York.

Dear Sir.  
We have been making a  
diligent search for your claim on David Witsel's Estate.

Wrote to W. G. Veal and sent the order you  
gave us to ~~[[Waw.=?]]~~ got no answer yet from him  
We then wrote to Weatherford (where we heard he was)  
to an attorney then to call on him and get the  
claim. He called upon Mr Veal, who told him that  
he never had such a claim.

Our correspondent wrote us that there was an atty  
by the name of Veale that once lived at Waco  
but he could not tell us where he was now.

The Veal we enquired of and sent the order to is  
or was a preacher, before the war, lived a Veal's  
Station in Parker Co.

Will you please inform us whether the Veal, or Veale  
who has your claim, is a Lawyer or Preacher, and  
where he lived when you gave him the claim, and  
where he lives now if you happen to know.

Our Senior will start up the country in a few  
weeks and would like to get a reply to this letter  
if possible before he went.

Respectfully Your Friend  
Easton & Goodrich

Charley Barnard owes me a note of 3200\$  
~~[[loss with?]]~~ ~~[crossed out]~~ which I gave you an order for

He bought quite a lot of goods last  
spring on 6 mos securing all parties by deed of  
Trust on Saw & Grist mill. He was to send  
down flour to Van Alstyne the first  
to be appropriated to paying & paying ~~[crossed out]~~  
some 1900\$ which Van & Morris accepted  
for him and then all parties to be paid  
prorated as for deed - I suppose the flour has been  
sent to Morris - The acceptances I gave

Charley the money for and left there  
with Botts - please see to it [crossed out] if the  
flour is come down and been properly  
appropriated You can get the acceptances  
from Botts - I am doubtful if the  
security is bonafida - if you will take  
an interest & Collect the note you can  
use the money - Do not forget to push  
the Railroad for collection of the note of about 9000\$  
which you have the controle of. Hutchins  
promised me in presence of Botts that it  
should be paid. I met Smith on my way up at Springfield &  
shall call upon him when I go down  
Can I do anything for you