

Independence

Feb. 24th 1869

Mr. W^m M. Rice
Houston

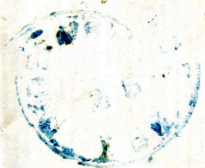
Dear Sir

You hold an execution against myself & others for about 1100⁰⁰. When I started in the war I paid to Mr. Emis the note which Mr. Mr. McGowan then held, but at the time Emis could not find the note but which he was to destroy when found I was gone 4 years, and on my return was surprised to find he had traded the notes on which I was sued. I went to see Emis about it & he could remember nothing about it. but I certainly paid it. Besides I sold the mill for which the note was given, the vendor to pay this note (since the war) he is bankrupt, & I will have to pay the note, which really I have now paid twice. I have now but little means. I have been liberal in settling with my debtors, even claims that were perfectly good, deducting one half, which I do not ask of you. But I am much embarrassed, and if you will make any discount, I will settle it at once. If you can not, I must take it up on writ of error to the Supreme Court, which will give me over a year's time.

Respectfully

J. H. Morris

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Feb 24 1859 no
regard to a debt
due by him now no
execution of No. 2



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