

Matamoros May 4th 1865

Dear Fred

I am in receipt of your two favours of 20th. I will not present Ernie's soft white I hear from you again. See him and get it in shape of a soft on England if you can give him 12 or even 14 of I cannot get exchange here and prefer to have money scraped the water. if he can use money here let him grow and pay you in his soft or I can send him soft on Austin. If you don't value on me and buy British exchange of House or Ball Antstains do so.

You had best sell your cotton there. I sent you a hat by Sawyer and will try to send the other articles if I can get them. Though I doubt concerning the blue cloth. do you want dark blue. The Bank bill will have to go to New Orleans pay Parms 50¢ and wait for returns. why do you always write such hurried letters. I shall be glad to hear the local news, also send me the latest paper occasionally say once a week. We have been blockaded by

by the Spanish party for several days,
but they seem to have drawn off after
some slight skirmishing, what the
next move will be it is hard to say.
Most of the population left for the Doce
& Brownsville but are now slowly returning.
What a Country, let me hear from
at least weekly, Remember me kindly
to Lotte & Children

Yours
W. H. Rice