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July 12.

M^r James Colthorpe
Loris^a P. Office
Cherokee County
Texas.

Please forward this



Lincoln Co. Ky. June 30th 1850

M^r James Botharp.

Dear Sir.

Again I address^{you} a line on the subject of moving to your country^{&c}, I wrote to you while on my journey to N^e Orleans, requesting that you would if you could conveniently do so, heats or lease any of the northern part of the Stansbury tract, and any part of the Ludlow tract of land that you pleased, and on such terms as you might think advantageous. If you have done so be good enough to let know, I am still strong in the faith that "shall see you all again before Christmas day. And I have no idea that I shall come alone. There are a great many persons here who have the Texian fever, some of them are quite wretched. And I intend to give it to as many good fellows as I can.

In your answer to this be good enough to say what you know about the springs on the Stans tract. Whether they have failed this summer or not, and should you visit the Ludlow tract let me know whether there are any running springs of water on it or not. We did not visit the Ludlow tract for the want of time. Consequently I know but little about it. If you will ride over it, and the Northern part of the Stans. tract. And write me an account thereof touching the Land, Water, Limber^{&c}. I will take a great pleasure in compensating you for so doing. I have some valuable neighbors that I want to bring with me. And I have told them that I though I had some good land in Texas. And I want that opinion strengthened by your observation as a Farmer. I know your opinion relative to portion of it, but I would be pleased to have it relative to the whole. There are two or three mechanicks that talk about going with me and turning their attention to farming in future, I tell them that they may stay in Ky and work until they are as old as Tenterabogus's big dog, and not be worth

a cent in the end. If there is any little thing that you or Mrs Colthorp may want, which Charity or myself can bring, name it and we will procure it if possible. I intend bringing as many seeds of the different kind as will be necessary, I shall come to Shreveport, on ^{the} Red River. And I want you to give me all the directions you can to enable me to find my way from that ^{place} to your house. A kind of way bill, I wrote to our mutual friend Judge Brown a short time since, and shall wait with patience for an answer from him. - Charity and I talk about visiting ^{of} L'Angier this fall, but it is mixed with doubt whether we do or not. You will confer a favour by answering this as soon as possible. And as before remarked, any trouble that I may put you to, I shall take a pleasure in making you compensation. What can a good work horse be had for in your neighbourhood? What is a good yoke of steers worth. It will afford Charity or myself a pleasure to do either you or Mrs Colthorp a favour by procuring for you anything you may want, that we can bring from Shreveport. What think you corn will be worth with you this fall.

I should add that on my arrival in Orleans since I saw you, I learned from a land agent there that my lands had been sold for taxes, which was due on the lands previous to the year 1847, when it was bought by my brother in Orleans. But I have redeemed both tracts and have got the controllers receipts for the money. Present my respects to Friend Brown and family, Mr Bell and family, and oblige yours with great respect,

H. O. Johnson

B. Direct for me Hustonville P. office Lincoln Co. Mo.

Brown
Ludlow

J. J. Stanbury

Southerton

R. H. Vail

League

This small sketch may enable
you to know the Ludlow from the
Brown tract

Beginning at a point 11.400⁸/₁₀ varas N of
the N. W corner of the Nacogdoches Saline League
and 24.710⁹/₁₀ north of the line between
the Counties of Nacogdoches and Houston
a stake for 1st corner, from which a
Hickory 10 inches in dia. brs 3316.18 vs
a red oak 3 feet in dia. brs 875⁶. one
vara, thence North 440 varas to a red
~~oak~~ oak. lime tree 18 inches dia 650 vs
a lime tree a red oak 2 feet in dia ~~to~~
850 varas a branch runs S.E. 950 vs.
to a stake as 2nd corner from which a
Hickory 10. in. dia. brs N. 30^W 8 vs
a red oak 3 feet in dia. brs 875⁶ 3 vs
thence E. at 8 vs. a post oak a lime tree
2 feet in dia. 1350 to a branch in prairie
runs S. 17^W 8 vs. to a post oak lime tree
7 feet dia