

January.12th,1914.

Mr. W.B.Slaughter.

Bankers Trust Company.

Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir;-

We have very near closed the difficulties with Woodward and the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company. We expect Mr. Woodward here any day now and he claims that he is more than willing to make good the shortage of cattle and to make good any damages that was done to the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company by Manuel Vasquez, attempted to take possession of the property. We hope to be able to report to you in a few days the outcome of our negotiation.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. A. P.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

DAR/AE.

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INCORPORATED JANUARY 30, 1902

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DALLAS, TEXAS,

1/13/14

Dear Geo

The case about our notes comes up the 16th we can't get Judge Lockwood to postpone it longer. But C. O. Ellis and Alfred Paul have offered to keep me on a compromise and think they can adjust it. With this in view we can get another continuance.

I expect to take this up in the next few days and I will see Uncle John and Bank of Dallas with this offer — If I can't will they split up our notes so we can meet them and not demand the cash from us.

But we will pay part cash to put new notes in good shape. Now I will offer to pay $\frac{3}{4}$ and Woodward to pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of both notes. His part to be cash of course and to arrange everything else as he last offered —

I may go to Los Angeles and take Ellis and Slaughter with me to try



HOTEL GADSDEN

Macoyari 1/10/14
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Dear Geo

I tried to get your
phone message from
El Paso (presuming it
was you who rang up)
but couldn't before my
train left -

I want Florence to stay
in Baptist Sanatorium
till able to travel then
go to Mineral Wells
for 1 or 2 months
and not to go to San
Antonio at all -

Now I know her and
she will be all Ok
in a week or two
You see her operation
and then well her
brother broke down
and R L came to Mex



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

all these things coming
on top of each other
knocked her out -
So after you left I
wired her again that
if she was better by
the 20th and would
were we on that
day. I would then
wait to come Mon.
1st so we could take
in the Convention
at Okla.
We could have our Co
meeting then.
If she is not better
I will leave Mon -
about the 22. and be
Dallas 25th and will

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were you any way
by 23rd to the Wells

Now Geo. that
deal with Don Carlos
is the cheapest one
& can find in Mex
so lets get 2 fellows
to go in with us
and take it on.

Now I am going
to buy some stock
cattle for our Ranch
on Feby 5th on the
Yagui River cheap
I am under a
promise to take
them and have on

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option on them and
there has been no
American buyers
in there for 3 years
so I am in luck
to get this first whack
And I want you
to arrange 5000⁰⁰
Gold to be at my
disposal by 2/15/14
for I am going
to buy that much
any way and live
them and dep them
and place them
on our Ranch and
any day we want

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to sell I can do so
at a profit -
There is no
use waiting any
longer about this
for they are going
up fast and this
chance won't last
you bro
WHL

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Geo. M. Slaughter

Reswell M. Mx

Dear Bro - The next day
after writing you last
from Douglas, I had
traced the Express Co's
and found that my
papers had never been
sent at all

I wired down here and
they owned up they had
never sent them at all
and wanted more money
&c So I knew the only
way to get them was to
come after them so I

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jumped in my auto
and came.

First I consulted Judge
R and he agreed that
I should come but he
was too weak to come
with me -

Of course I should not
have left here before or
paid out our money
without my hands or
these papers but Judge
said everything was
all O.K. and he was
directing everything

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I began Sunday and
Monday I enlisted the
services of the American
Consul (Hostetter) here
to assist me -

They claim they will
fix me up to day, but
my faith is small and
I can only keep trying

Your wildest imagining
can not picture the tangle
of red tape that is involved
all law and order is
all mixed up with the
state of war here
Still the Military chiefs

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say the civil law must
be upheld - Then the
judges say they can't
move without the
sanction of the Military
x c x c -

Any way I must have
those papers so I will
keep hot on the trail

There is nothing
else to write about so
will close

Yours bro.
Chas

(COPY)

January the Nineteenth
1914

Judge J. H. McCorkle,
Central Block,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Judge:-

I just returned from Douglas, Arizona and want to say to you that if it is possible, I will be pleased, if you return to California, if you could go via Douglas and take up with our attorney there, Judge Richardson, the proposition of ours with Mr. Woodward. Woodward resides in Los Angeles, California and it is just possible I may be called to Los Angeles any time within the next two or three weeks to try and make a settlement with him in behalf of the Slaughter Cattle Company on properties purchased of him in Moctezuma, Mexico. But I shall not go into details with you about this matter. If you go by Douglas, after going over the whole proposition thoroughly with our attorney (and I will endeavor to have our Manager, Mr. R. L. Slaughter, meet you there at this time), then you will be in a position to tell me if you will go into the case, what you will want if we are forced to bring suit, and if we bring suit I want you in the case. However, I want to say to you that I have had this matter up with Judge Richardson and he told me he would be very much pleased to have you in the case and have you come by and go over details with him. I presume if you go by you will make a moderate charge to the Company for this, as you would only have to change your route from Pueblo to San Diego via Douglas, coming down to Dalhart on the Denver and over the Rock Island to Tucson and then Southern Pacific to San Diego.

Please think this thing over thoroughly and inform me what you will do about it, as I am anxious to get the matter adjusted at once so that we can put not less than three or four thousand breeding cows on this ranch, but can do nothing until the matter is adjusted.

This is only rough details, and as I said before, I will not go into it until you get there and examine all the papers.

J. H. McCorkle-----#2

I will today or tomorrow write you fully in regard to the Middelkamp lease. I am not disposed to sign it and will not unless Middelkamp carries out his part as to putting in the vaults, which he promised he would, and so far as I am concerned, unless he does this the trade is off.

Hoping you will favor me with a prompt reply and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

WBS-F

(Signed) W. B. Slaughter.

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1/20, 1914

Dear Geo.

I came down at once and brot the Prefecto Agostini Preciado over in Auto from Cuppas but after two days making medecine here he said I must first record my papers which I had placed in his possession so yesterday I took him back to Cuppas and placed my papers for the recording with the Judge of the first instance and he said it would take 2 days to record them etc.

I made a deal with lawyer ~~Atto~~ Leandro Diaz D's Leon (keep these names in your book) for 500⁰⁰ Pesos half down and half at the finish so he agreed to quit it - and join me.

He says that my "original plan" ^{Sub?} _{Sub?} was the only way to proceed and any other would involve a

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long and costly suit -

I believe he is correct and will act accordingly then we will be in possession and on the defensive -

I have just written Judge P. as much as I could and warned him to be ready to come to my assistance as soon as he rec'd a wire to that effect. I expect to get busy about the first of the week -

I must go to the Ranch and inspect it. P. L. is already on the Pecos Ranch and we have it its the last of the Ranches to get back. Manuel Jacquez left here yesterday for there with only one man so I am not uneasy -

The farms are still in their hands and a few horses & mules

They have bagged they could and would hold those farms

Old Mrs W - claims that she never consented to a sale of them and

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all kinds of Rumors -

If we do secure possession I will at once appeal to the law to protect me from further molestation and if I am granted this order They will have to bring suit to get it back.

I hope I can get these affairs off my hands before the first so as to keep my appointment on the Yagui River and will have heard from you by that time about the purchase of cattle. There are 2 men going with me to get part of the herd.

My appointment is Feby 4th.
Joe Dawdle and another slipped in and got a few hundred & now they are being held up about 30 miles below here as they have no permits. I am dealing with the full sanction of Carranzas Gov.ment and its too good a chance to

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pass up - An order is out to prevent the future sale of all cattle in Sonora, owned by her subjects - So we must buy or get off the job.

I can use enough of my own money to hold my trade and the balance on delivery that when I will need about 5000⁰⁰

Geo Holmes and R. L. will go down with me and if things look good will buy a bunch also

R. L. has about 4000⁰⁰ to invest

Don't know what Holmes will have not much tho and he will interpret as he has lived in Mexico for 25 years -

He and I worked up this deal from Hermosillo -

I am going to offer \$1.00 Gold for a pick of stock cattle - and if its not accepted I have made my word good as I promised to meet them and make an offer -

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a fellow named Triplett passed thro
here to day going down there
after 2 or 300 to take care -

He virtually agreed to wait there
for me and let me buy for him
so we won't get to "bidding"

This deal is supposed to be on the
A.T. but he "winded" it and so
may others but a man has
to have hair on his breast to
go down there now "believe me"
if I get this stuff will leave P.L.
in chgr & come out and
arrange for dipping -

They swear they are mountain
cattle and no ticks but I will
dip anyway.

Keep writing me here.

The worst thing about the first
deal mentioned above is that
I must weaken my defense
on the Ranch to make my run
on the Farms - Quien Sabe? Bob.

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1/24, 1914

Dear Geo

Please find enclosed etc for 20⁰⁰
for the 2 pigs and I sent R. P. Coon
a similar amt. for his 2.

Also 160⁰⁰ for the 8 goats all of
this stuff is very fine and the
price was cheap -

They are all still on dry feed in
my patio -

I must go to Cuernavaca today for
my papers that were to have
been sent by mail several days
ago - & - there was -

I took a trip over the Ranches
and they are in the finest
shape 80% of our cattle are fat
the rest in fine shape

Green grass 3 or 4 inches
high and water everywhere
Met R. L. out there and he rode
with me he says he never
dreamed of there being such
where so fine a cattle country

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My horses are holding up well
without any grain -

My horse is falling fat.

I arranged to have 4 of my boys
to meet R. L. and I down the
river tomorrow and we will
have our former back at once
I hope we will have no trouble
and am sure that we will not.
However their ring leader is at the
Fombos and he told Harper that
if he showed up down there he
would shoot him down.
But R. L. and I will attend to him
while the other boys go to the other
farm - I will carry a quilt &
trust it will convince him to
vacate our premises.

Of course no one likes to get into
these mix ups but it is necessary
at times -

Manuel Vazquez is expected back
to day from Hermosillo where
he claimed he was to meet W -
and get an order from the acting
Governor to prevent me from

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regaining our property.

We went home back and rode one of our horses

I don't think W- is in Mex. and I don't think he will get his order altho Carranza & Maytoreno are away in Cullisau -

The next S-B - that gets in an us will have to fight for possession here like every-when is 10 points in the law -

I am afraid we have waited too long to buy cattle. The order has arrived for no more cattle to be sold but I will claim a previous contract on mine -

Cattle have gone up here to 50 pesos per cow and calf -

We will fast around too long on these deals.

I can't find my fountain pen but I got the 3 handkerchiefs from J. Dick and am so pleased with them

Thank them all for their thoughtfulness

Yours truly

R. L. S.

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G M and W B Slaughter

Roswell and Dallas

Copy sent each address

Dear Sirs - I have been pretty busy since my arrival here.

Of course it took a week to get my papers recorded and several trips to Cuernavaca - I rode over the Ranches and every-thing was in fine shape since we ran off the last of those men from Potosi there has been no further molesting out there.

I had 4 boys from the Ranch to meet R L and I down the river yesterday and we rode up to Tambo and caught Jose Monreal the majordomo (Boss) of Manuel Vasquez and made him leave - He is a pretty tough fellow all right and was rather stubborn but he left there and hit the road to town - The La Huerta Farm was not so much trouble and was in peaceful possession of them both - I left Harper, Dillman, & Lee & one mex at La Huerta and R L & I & one mex at Tambo but Monreal returned to La Huerta where he had not been and ran

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off my brave farmhand Dillman
and his men -

I could not hold both places my-
self and was afraid to let R. L. get
loose, so as the Prefecto had promised
me, that after I had placed myself
in possession he would prevent
an armed force from dragging me
out - I came up here to telegraph
to him in Cumpas but the
telegraph line was out of order &
I had to go to him by auto.

Of course he would do nothing
till manana and then decided
to wire the Governor for instructions
which he did to day.

I wired our counsel at Hermosillo
the facts and told him to call on
the Governor also -

Before leaving here I took pains
to send a note to the Presidente
who is a brother of the bandit
at El Tambor asking for protection
from future molestations

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after I left he made a cigarette of my request and got up a band of deputies and went into my camps in the night and ejected my men and confiscated their guns - When I returned at noon I was sure mad and called on El Presidente to return my guns which he refused and also threatened to arrest me - I immediately wired these developments to El Prefecto and gave his Government until tomorrow to rectify these errors or I would go to Washington with the whole matter - Have just rec'd his answer while writing this letter and he has ordered El Presidente to return my mens arms to me and further to allow me to do as I pleased - So he may be loyal after all - I will demand in the morning of the Pres. to call off

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his soldiers and leave the handits
to us - If he refuses I will send
a copy of my request to his Governor
I wired Richardson to come to Empas
next train but so far he has not
answered me -

all these Mexicans tell me our
papers are in very bad shape and
De Leon says he will prove it to
Richardson as soon as he comes

He says that Mrs Woodward as wife
owns half of estate and must sign
these papers -

Old W - is signing nothing as
usual and she signed the complaint
yesterday for this last affair -

Neither have I complained about Mr
W - but about Vasquez and Monreal
so as to keep out the question of
title also one Am - against another
American -

Possession is the only thing I want
to maintain - You will see that
it is all important before long.

I hear they have gone to the Ranch to
grab that. However the President
denies this -

By the way the haystacks on the
farms are not touched and there
is quite a lot of baled hay left
However things happened so fast
I didn't get a list -

If I wasn't so mad it would be
amusing to see the quick
moves each side makes -

The question of my arrest
came before the council today
and the judge just came in and
said all voted No except El Presidente
Take it from me I want be arrested.
I wanted to let you know these facts
so if it was necessary to wire you
later. You will grasp the situation
You needn't worry about me I
won't get us into any worse
trouble than we have been in
and if I had a couple of navy
men to keep what I get instead
of the white livered things I have
I would be on easy street today
Well outside of this everything is
all right yours
RHS

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DALLAS TEXAS.

Dear Geo

1/28/14

Everything broke out war yesterday - I secured the traps guns and reinstalled them on the farms and didn't let old woman Woodward lead me off on a false trail to the Ranches altho 3 times during the day runners were sent in for help -

About dark I secured an order for the Jefe de Armas (who is on our side) to take an armed force and eject these bandits and put my servants in peaceful possession so we feel pretty good this morning -

I am called to Cuernavaca to receive the instructions of the Governor for some reason they work with

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DALLAS TEXAS.

them to me - They are favorable
& am sure by this last move.
Of course this is only one of many
rounds with W - but this round
was a knock out to them.

I am sure as well at Richardson
for was coming to my help and not
come to aid my wife, and will
see him about it -
As wires and 1 letter and he never
advised me once.

So long am going to try
to overtake the stage with this

Yours
Bob

W. J. Slaughter 1/28/14

D.A. RICHARDSON

S.L. PATTEE

Richardson & Pattee
Cumpas
Mexican Mining and Corporation Co.
Douglas, Arizona

February, 2nd, 1914.

Mr. George M. Slaughter.

Roswell,

New Mexico.

Dear Sir;-

Confirming my telegram of Friday, beg to state that upon telegraphic request from Mr. R.L. Slaughter, I went to Cumpas and straightened out the affairs of the Company to such an extent that six men were arrested and put in jail and two men Manwell Vasquez and Jose Monreal became fugitives from justice. Vasquez is in Douglas. I presume Monreal is on this side of the line also. While conditions are not just what I would like them to be, yet we are now in a position where we can afford to wait until Mr. Woodward thinks that a settlement would be to the best interest of all concerned,. I do not think that it would be best to call upon Mr. Woodward at Los Angeles. He would take advantage of our coming to see him and construe that to his benefit and refuse any settlement that would be reasonable. Upon my return to Douglas I informed Mr. Frank Watts, one of the many so called agents of Woodward of the matters herein contained and suggested that if Mr. Woodward would come to Douglas that I thought a proper settlement could be made and litigation avoided.

Richardson & Pattee
— Lawyers —
Mexican Mining and Corporation Law
Douglas, Arizona

I have not heard from Mr. Woodward and do not know whether Woodward will come to Douglas or not. I think it would be well to bring suit against Woodward for damages under his contract and for performance of the same at Los Angeles. I think this would be another step in the right direction. Mr. W.B. Slaughter informed me that his personal attorney would pay Douglas a visit soon and discuss the situation with us. I have been waiting for him. I hope he will come soon or if he is not coming we could draw the complaint and submit a copy of it to any attorneys that you might suggest, either in Dallas or Roswell before the complaint is filed. We think however that suit should be brought at Los Angeles as soon as possible and service had on Woodward. I do not think it would be well to call on Woodward as stated herein but simply to bring suit and serve him with summons and see what effect this would have on him. The bringing of a suit, if this caused a compromise would not be of any expense to speak of, we would be compelled to pay some local lawyer at Los Angeles, probably \$50.00 to file the complaint for us and see that Woodward was properly served. We would of course prosecute the suit at the time of trial personally and not depend upon some attorney in Los Angeles. So far as our fees are concerned, in case the litigation should go through to judgment, we will say at this time our charges will be reasonable. If you prefer we will state a sum of money for fees with the understanding that such charges shall not exceed that sum

D.A. RICHARDSON

S.L. PATTEE

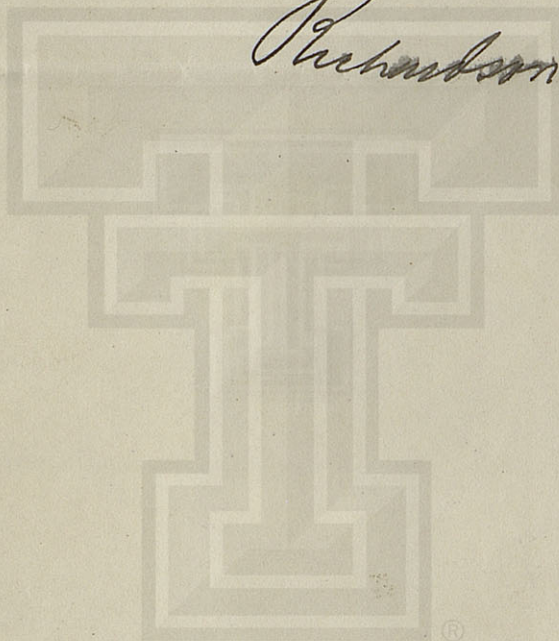
Richardson & Pattee
Lawyers
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Douglas, Arizona

but may be much less. Please let us know your pleasure in
this matter as soon as possible as we think it important.

Truly yours,

Richardson & Pattee

DAR/AE.



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S. L. and C. Co.

Dallas and Russell

Copy to each place -

Dear Sirs - There has happened many things in the last 10 days, and I will not attempt the details -

I intrusted to Robinson to write you last Friday of all to that date -

He finally appeared on the grounds too late to be of service except to advise me as regards to giving a pass of atty. to our lawyer. He expressed himself as being highly pleased at all of our relations -

We thought he had just made to make peace between all of our former enemies.

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a Party drove out law suit
and I laid a trap into which
they walked blindfold and
then appealed to the Gov.
Our Prefect went a little
stranger than he was
authorized to do and he got
scared up, when "Amador"
Woodwards lawyer attacked
him at Hermosillo but
we checkmated him again
and to day the Gov. puts
his final approval of all
our acts and closes the
matter by wire -
I began a new deal 10 days
ago and accused Guillermo
Woodwards of stealing our
corn this charge is grave
in Mexico and if I don't

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proves it. It will go hard with
me - But I can prove it
and he has confessed to taking
1200 sacks -
I will get back 9 or 1000
I guess -
Of course his trail will lead
at last to Geo. Woodward
and that's what I want -
I found nearly all the wheat
and sold it for 7⁰⁰ per
"fanega" - They will furnish
sacks and do all the hauling
and let me have all the
train at 1⁰⁰ per 100 passengers
and sell me flour at 7⁰⁰
I found the 2 stacks of alfalfa
hay intact and a few bales of
alfalfa -
They have planted the sorghum
the ground now wheat and it
is coming up nicely -

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

So we are not hurt so very badly
after all - If anyone we have
suffering things to claim damage
for and will do so -
I ordered Richardson not to go
to Los Angeles until I had
reported all to you -

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We are on easy street why
should we worry -
It will spoil it all to hunt old
W. up for a compromise
Let him come to us he is not
a chaffer -

We are in peaceful possession
and will reap the benefits from
the soil and not pay any notes
till he sues us or comes there
on his contract -

I have to go to Cuernavaca Saturday
to close my trade with the
lawyer and will bring the
Sunday to pass cattle -
Your partners to reply in time
The very letters made me so fit

Personal

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my opinion -

It will cost 25% more
now to buy any cattle.

We simply must put more
cattle on that Ranch and now
is the time for the calves are
just coming and every dry
cow will raise calves -

Cattle are cattle and to own them
is like placing money in the
bank -

My auto was of untold value
in the last 2 weeks but finally
broke down Friday -

I never slept hardly for 10 days
and was moved too fast for
these Mex - Simply beat them
to it on every turn of the cards

I expect to reach Dallas about
March the first for a private
trip - I hope to have a meeting
somewhere there

Yours truly
R. L. Slaughter

Los Angeles, Calif:
February 18, 1914

Geo. M Slaughter, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12th instant, received today;
and will say that I was pleased, with spirit of same.
My man went to Douglas, at time agreed; but was informed,
that he would not be recognized, so he went on about his
business. I did not attend in person, as he went fully
authorized, and instructed, and I had other matters pending.

I am sorry that matters are so mixed, but I
feel conscientiously, that I have not been treated at all
fair, and that deliberate steps have been taken to antago-
nize, and humiliate my part; something foreign to my way
of procedure. I am open to reason, and friendship, but
considering that, I am without blame in this matter. Would
return your invitation, by asking your to call on me here,
where I will be at your orders.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Geo. F Woodward

C O P Y

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

(WITHOUT BANKING PRIVILEGES)

Slaughter Building
DALLAS, TEXAS

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

February 19, 1914

Mr. Geo. M Slaughter
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear George:

Your letter of the 17th before me and contents noted, and in reply will say that I have just been up to your Father's and had quite a long talk with him. He is feeling well; his hip is still discharging and he feels rather blue about it, but I am of the opinion that later on, he will be all right.

I think you sold the Slaughter Company's coming THREES for a better price than you did the FOURS.

Note what you say about the letter to Woodward, and hope it will have the desired effect. I do not know whether Mrs. Woodward will be able to maintain her position or not, but I am in hopes that she will not. I wish we could get this settled and get the matter out of the way. It has worried me considerably and presume you likewise.

Presume you are making all your arrangements to be at the Convention at Oklahoma City on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of March. You must be there without fail.

Someone was in from Amarillo a few days ago and told me that a Mr. Skinner had bought your 'Fours', for \$70

a head, May 1st delivery. Hence, presume it is already
out that the cattle were sold at this price. However,
I shall say nothing about it.

Hoping this will find yourself and family well,
and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Leighton

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

P.S.

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Dear Geo.

Just got a wire from Robertson that another inspector has been appointed and when should he send him, answered (soon as possible) Just sent telegrams to Col Calles, Gen Maytoreno, American Consul at Hermosillo, then Col Samaniego sent me word Col. Calles was in Agua Prieta to day and called him & I could reach him there in my auto he would put in a good word for me & agreed to this as he is the military commander here. We leave at 3 A.M.

I may pull this thing off yet in spite of Woodwards bunch & the Prefect.

My men say I am being watched and will not be permitted to leave this town but I am

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sure to go this time for the Col,
has to go and they know I will
return for I have to.

Jose 'Ma' just rode in
says 390 head are ready to hit
the trail - I told him to hold
them 3 or 4 days more.

If I succeed in making
the quick move I have planned
tonight I can pull it off and get
out this week that is by next Sat.

My young lawyer says he
expects he and I will be accused of
something by Wednesday but
can't guess what it will be but
my uncle he says I told him to
brace up that dog had to catch a
rabbit before cooking.

So you see the encouragement
I am getting.

I won't be at the line long
enough to write you so write
this tonight - Hope to get a letter
from you in Douglas haven't
had a line since I saw you
last.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

(WITHOUT BANKING PRIVILEGES)

Slaughter Building
DALLAS, TEXAS

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

February 23, 1914

Mr. G M Slaughter
Roswell, N M

Dear George:

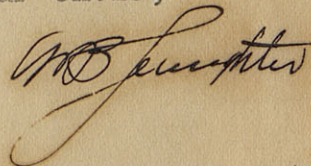
I herewith enclose you copy of letter received from Woodward, and herewith hand you copy of letter mailed him today, with your name signed, as President.

If we can get him to agree to come to Douglas, we had better have our attorney prepare suit and at the time he is there, serve him with papers so that the suit will be in Arizona, instead of California. It will save us a great deal of money and time, and besides, we can get any witnesses we want, for a great deal less expense to us, than if we have to go to California.

I am mailing a copy of Woodward's letter and copy of your reply to it, to each of the stockholders, as well as our Attorney at Douglas, Arizona. I have consulted Mr. Wright fully about these matters, and am carrying out what he suggests in the matter from a legal standpoint.

Hoping everything is coming on nicely,
I beg to remain, as ever,

Your Uncle,



PS I was with your Father all of yesterday evening and he is doing fine.

W B S

February
Twenty-three
1914

Mr. G F Woodward
Post Office Box #3
Los Angeles, Calif

Dear Sir:

Am somewhat surprised at the information conveyed in your communication of the 18th instant, in reference to party being at Douglas, Arizona, to represent you, under appointment, which all of the other stockholders filled, and found that your representative, as indicated, did not appear, and was not there, and never was heard of; hence the default seems to rest with you, at least as to that matter.

So far as I, and the other stockholders in the company that we are interested in, are concerned, they are perfectly willing to comply with all the terms and conditions of the contract, and all they want is a meeting with you, to go over these conditions and terms, and ascertain which ones have been complied with and which ones have not, in order to adjust any differences that might exist and to come to an amicable adjustment of all features connected with the matter.

I can see no good to be gained by a visit from me to Los Angeles, California. All of the papers and all the facts are at Douglas, Arizona, and if you will name a time when we can meet you, I am satisfied that I can arrange it so that all will be present and the matter of adjustment entered into. At that point we can obtain all information necessary to fully understand conditions as they exist and facts that have taken place under terms of the contract.

I only represent one of the stockholders, who is myself; hence, you see that the burden is rather great for all parties interested in it, to come to Los Angeles, California, to go over a transaction, which was made in Douglas, Arizona, at which place the facts can be readily ascertained, to explain any differences that may exist.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

President

February, 23rd, 1914

Slaughter Hand and Cattle Company. Dr.

to Richardson and Rattee.

Filing articles of incorporation with Arizona corporation	
commission -----	\$10.00
Certified copy of same -----	5.00
Recording same with County recorder of Cochise county----	10.00
Publishing articles of incorporation in Douglas	
International -----	35.00
Appoinement of agent for corporation -----	5.00
Filing affidavit of publication of articles of	
incorporation -----	
Fee for certificate of incorporation -----	10.00
Trip to Hermosillo and return, absent from office	
11 days, expenses	40.00
Charge for services of trip to Hermosillo, 11 days -----	
Trip to Cumpas and return, expenses -----	15.00
Charge for services of trip to Cumpas and return-----	
Total.	\$131.00

Received payment,

February, 23rd, 1914.

Slaughter Land and Cattle Company.

% W. B. Slaughter. Bankers Trust Bldg.

Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen;-

Enclosed please find our bill for expenses to date.

truly yours,

Richardson & Patten

R&P/AR.

WESTERN UNION DAY LETTER

Form 4580 K

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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ELPASO TEXAS FEB 27 1914

GEO M SLAUGHTER

ROSWELL, N.M.

PUT MEXICO RANCH IN GOOD

SHAPE BUT MUST RETURN PROMPTLY

I WANT TO HOLD MEETING

BOTH COMPANIES IN OKLAHOMA AND

DALLAS AM LEAVING FOR CONVENTION ON SPECIAL TOMORROW NIGHT VIA

FT WORTH WHERE EXPECT TO PICK UP FLORENCE WILL YOU BE

CONVENTION ANSWER QUICK CARE SHELDON WHERE TO MEET YOU.

R L SLAUGHTER- 1025A

*Florence better expect to be Convention
Tuesday Morning. Staying here.*

C O P Y

Dallas, Texas

March 10, 1914

Mr. Geo. F Woodward
C/o Woodward-Bennett Packing Co
Los Angeles, Calif

Dear Sir:

Upon my return to the office today, I find your letter of the 2nd instant, contents thereof is a surprise to me, as I do not understand the facts to exist as outlined in your letter; at least, I am unacquainted with anything of the kind. There was an effort made to get in connection with some gentleman out there, the name I do not recall, but I understand was authorized to represent you in some way; the extent of his authority was not known to me nor anyone else connected with the Slaughter Land & Cattle Company. My understanding is, that the suggestion was made, that in a week or ten days, or two weeks probably, they would be able to locate the gentleman, but that was unreasonable to require us to stay at Douglas that long, when the appointed time for the meeting had arrived and passed, and we were all on hand at the time.

I am sorry that the complication in the meeting has assumed these conditions, but I am satisfied that it will all be overcome at the regular annual stockholders meeting, which will take place on the 24th instant, a notice of which has heretofore been forwarded to you.

Yours truly,

WBS-s

SIGNED W. B. Slaughter

C O P Y

Seneca Apartment Hotel
620 South Flower St

LOS ANGELES, Cal. Mar. 2, 1914

Geo. M Slaughter

Dear Sir:

Answering yours 23rd Feb. Will repeat my man arrived in Douglas on time. Was informed by Mr. Watts, "Richardson said he would not be recognised" Watts called on you people and you expressed surprise at Richardsons actions. Watts offered recall man. You people told him "no!" Am settling up affairs here to return to Sonora about first next month. Will advise a week ahead so we can get together. I want avoid trouble, if possible .

Yours Respty'

SIGNED Geo. F Woodward

C O P Y

NIGHT LETTER

Form 2289 M

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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SEND the following NIGHT LETTER subject to
the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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To G.M.S.

Just rec'd letter from
Judge R. as I covered him
to inform me by mail
at this place

I have for'd his letter with
my remarks to W.B.S. D's

From what I learn here
there is a squabble among
the 3 governors at Hermosillo
and whereas Randall was
in chair at the time action
was taken in my favor
& now Maytoreno who has

NIGHT LETTER

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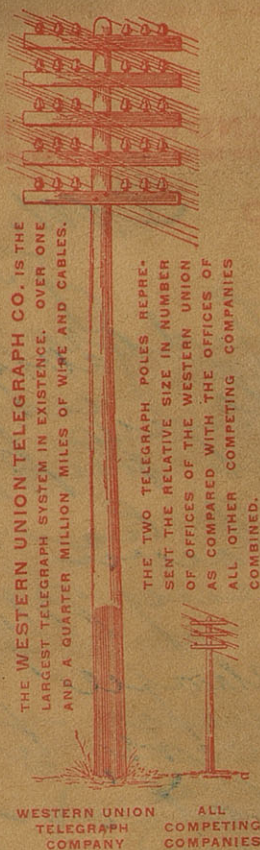
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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER



MONEY TRANSFERRED BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE TO ALL THE WORLD

After this address all mail
and telegrams care of this
hotel or Bank is very
careless



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

3/17/14

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell

N.M.

Dear Bro - I hurried back
from Harston the same
night & got the message
but came by Dallas
and saved my ticket
knowing the Mexico
train left here at 1:55 P.M.
I saw I couldn't make
any better connection
The scare was not
necessary but I would
have come 2 days
later any way and I
had left guards all
over the country to
warn me at the first
sign of Woodward so
one of them got scared



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

and shot the wire to
Richardson & Co.

I went to Cummins and
signed a statement
against Woodward to
accompany the
papers in the recent
case of the scrap over
the possession of our
Ranches & Farms.

These papers have been
called for by the Governor
evidently at the request
of Woodward's atty.
with a view to reopening
the case but I take it
from me those papers
were all made out in
view of just such a
call and they are O.K.

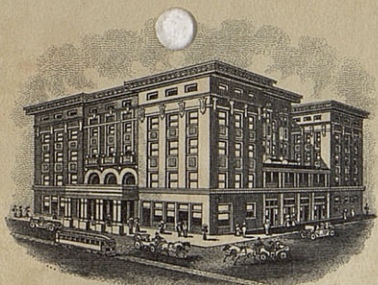


HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I may have to go to Hermosillo and explain and defend my case but nothing more.

The judge asked me to close up the case of Guillermo Miranda and tell him what I wished done with him. I told the judge I was satisfied with the amt recovered (which was more than he stole) and for him to give him a 6 months sentence if he would confess that W- put him up to it all which Miranda did and was put on the records too.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I have sold nearly half
the corn that was
recovered and expect
to sell the balance in
next 30 days -

Originally I was simply
the "depositor" of the corn
same as a court officer
but I got released so
I could sell the corn
for our Company.

I was vaccinated in
El Paso as I came thru
as there was an epidemic
of small pox in our
town I am half sick
from the effects of it
and will stay here till
I am better -

I understand from Robertson
that P.L. has pulled off a



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

4/2/14

Geo.

I surely was surprised when I went to close the loan with Ellis after he had promised me a month before that I could get it. To have him turn us down. He says that his board of directors took the stand that until we had settled the Woodward notes they did not care to get mixed up with us any further. Of course this is a dodge to hurry us up on the Woodward matter. Now I stand with Ellis in the face of his buying the W- notes and against Bills advice on his Ellis' say so that the Bank would not let this matter interfere with us in any way -



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Now here is where he put me
& must go to the Ranch &
have no time to make
other arrangements

I have contracted
with Mexicans to get
their cattle together and
the price \$5.00 pesos
for selected cows with
money @ 3 for 1 gold
is a price I don't expect
to get again -
If I fail to take these cows
it will mean loss of
confidence of those Mex.
whereas if I do buy now.
then hereafter any cattle
they have for sale will
be offered to me first
I think you had better try
to raise this \$10,000.00 somewhere
and go slow on helping the
Boyd as per my last letter



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

There is a rigger in this
wood pile but I can't see him.
I will meet my Max
on Apr 5 and hold them off
if possible till I hear from
you -

If I knew we could get
this money by May 1st
for sure I could hold
back the delivery till then
but I am in a quandary
just how to proceed
right now -

I took up the matter of
Stock with Richardson &
he says we can & should
issue our stock so we
could use it if necessary.
He says there is no reason
to hold ours and we can
hold Woodward's just the
same - you too

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WESTERN UNION



NIGHT LETTER

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT

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EL PASO TEXAS MARCH 20 1914

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GEO M SLAUGHTER

ROSWELL N M

GOT ALL NECESSARY MONEY ~~HERE~~ HERE TODAY WILL REMAIN HERE
TOMORROW, WIRE ME WHEN YOU WILL COME DOUGLAS WISH YOU
COULD SEE THESE CATTLE THEY ARRIVE HERE MONDAY BELIEVE WILL
INTEREST TEXAS COMPANY WELL BRED HEIFERS THREE AND FOUR ALL
UNBRANDED AT THIRTY DOLLARS

R L SLAUGHTER

PASO DEL NORTE

830AM

WESTERN UNION DAY LETTER

Form 2589 K

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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ELPASO TEXAS MAR 21

GEO M SLAUGHTER

ROSWELL N M

Rhea
CATTLE DELAYED MAYBE WEDNESDAY WILL WIRE RAY IN TIME, ALL
THIS STUFF IS UNBRANDED AND GOOD COLORS, THEY WILL PLEASE
HIM WE ARE NOT ADVERTISING, WANT TO SELL DIRECT TO
RANCHMEN, ONLY ONE OTHER BUYER NOTIFIED ONE COULD CUT AND
DEHORN THESE YOUNG BULLS HOLD SIX MONTHS AND CLEAN UP
IF THEY HAD MONEY AND GROSS BOTH SEXES TWO TO
FOUR YEARS OLD, I MUST BE DOUGLAS TOMORROW CANT WAIT
BILL REACHES HERE SUNDAY NIGHT, WIRE ME WHEN YOU WANT
START

R L SLAUGHTER

2 PM

Douglas, Arizona.

April 3, 1914.

Copy
Mr. C.C. Slaughter, Jr.,

Dallas, Texas.

Dear Bro:

I have been kept here on a deal with the Bank of Douglas trying to get them to bring suit in Los Angeles against Woodward for selling our (now negotiable) notes to them. They have practically agreed to do this and I am confident they can secure the judgment and they say that he is worth \$200,000.00 in his own name in Los Angeles. They know where he has deposited \$125,000.00 cash in banks in 1913, so they can collect the judgment and he can not draw us (Slaughters) into the case as it is his home and he must sue us here. In fact he can't off set on us or bring us into this case. They (Bank of Douglas) are only waiting for us to agree to stand by them in their fight. As soon as they bring suit we will bring ours and follow up and at the same time bring suit in Mexico. I think Mr. Woodward will be so busy fighting law suits he will not have any time to annoy me on the Ranch.

I am negotiating a loan of \$10,000.00 from the Bank of Douglas to buy 1000 breeding cows to put on the Ranch; these cows will probably cost me \$12.00 gold per head.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

4/9/14

Dear Geo.

You remember I started to get up a company to break thro that 10⁰⁰ prohibitive duty & got it started and Sherman pushed it and we sent Charlie Wickwall to close the offer I had made & authorized him to make such changes as were necessary and we would stand by it.

We met again to day & took in two new men and raised the 50,000⁰⁰ & gave Charlie the money as he must close tomorrow. He acts in his own name for his company and I do the same as we figured that was best - & figured on bringing out



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

at least 400 head so &
put in \$2000⁰⁰ for sell
part and

Cananea C&C Co	13,000
M & Williams	5,000
M. M. Sherman	3,000
Bebr Thompson	5,000
(a - Neal	
Jno Hohstedt	5,500
L A " "	1,500
San. Land & C. Co	2,000
Jno Dandle	4,000
Bates	9,000

This is an exclusive commis-
sion to these men and
we only have 60 days
to run We are allowed to
cross cows over 8 years
as steers all at 5⁰⁰ Gold
and calves if any at 3⁰⁰
Bulls same as steers
Now I want to clean up
stuff that should go anyway



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

which is Big Steers old cows
& old bulls & think 400
will clean up -

I will crowd me for
time as this Hermosillo
trip delays me so much
Of course this is a straight
gamble and if Carranza
who signs up in person
should lose out then we
will probably lose our
money -

But the risk is better than
to pay double on the
outside don't you think?
I will try to enclose copies
of contracts so you will
understand the 2000⁰⁰
check given to day.

Now I have changed Banks
here to The First Natl
Bd Bank you know &



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

will have new check books
printed and will write
to C.C. to day to have
it done as soon as
he hears from you
Now if you think it
best let us have your
name as counter signer
instead of C. C. as he
knows nothing about
why he signs up and
you will & again you
can get quicker action
than he can—

Please, write, him
The chaotic condition in
Sonora caused by the
jealousies between the
State and Military officials
makes me have to stand in



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

with both sides (if I can)
but if forced to select one
will take the Military,
& simply must go to
Hermosillo and every
day now I am needed
on the ranch for if I
fail to cross in 60 days
up goes our money.
Of course if I get the permits
& backing I expect of Col
Calles I can easily make
it but a dam near
Perfect can obstruct and
delay me indefinitely.
You can't conceive
of the nervous worry all
this causes but like bad
medicine we got to take it
So long
Yours truly
B. H. Laughlin



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

much but that was all.

Of course I am nervous about R. L. I am afraid he will get into trouble still he is the only one I know that won't stop when they tell him to and I must have that kind of the cattle would not down there. After getting the cattle off I ran over to Phoenix for 2 days to attend some business up there -

I saw Doc Neal and Bob Stuart. They had left their car in El Paso and were getting a little business -

Doc told me about the

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HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

loss on the Ranch (dipping)
and yesterday I got your
letter - That was some
bad luck alright -

Of course you had to give
Skinner a little time
and I hope he can get
his money and come
across on that deal
right now.

I am sure sorry your
ankle hurts you it looks
like it should be strong
by now.

And I worry about that
Ford car be careful for they
will turn over.

A friend of mine was
told her to day by one
This makes 3 her this fall

	we	you
35	42	46
47	84	80
78	92	116
122	142	162
168	184	
590	190	
	274	

1060	in Cows
60	to Douglas
<u>1000</u>	
25	may
<u>975</u>	
125	galena
<u>850</u>	
100	vineyard
<u>750</u>	
20	old Bull
<u>730</u>	
30	not made
<u>700</u>	
150	Cows Cows
<u>550</u>	
50	dry Cow
<u>500</u>	
	10% cut
	Dry Cows

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HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Those fords wait hold the
road when you let em
loose. You look out for that
Mexican family
nasty to send to you shall
I send them in a week
or so -

And you send those bulls
the first chance I will
look after them here.

I am going to bring
suit against Woodward
about Dec 1st in Los Angeles
on his failure to comply
with his contract and
for goodness sake send me
all the vouchers you can
I must get up those books
Don't forget this this time
Yours Bro
Bob.

we	you	we	you
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Our cattle should
have sold on
Friday's market

This is Sunday
and haven't heard
a word from
them -

Bob

J. S. DOUGLAS, PRESIDENT
W. H. BROPHY, VICE PRESIDENT F. H. FISHER, ASSISTANT CASHIER
C. O. ELLIS, CASHIER E. C. PIPER, ASSISTANT CASHIER

The Bank of Douglas

Douglas, Arizona

April 15th, 1913.

Mr. George M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M.

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

We beg to advise that we have purchased from George F. Woodward the three notes executed by yourself, W. B. and R. L. Slaughter, for \$27,187.50 each, due in 3, 6 and 9 months from April 9th, in behalf of ourselves and associates. The notes are payable at this bank, and will be held here until maturity.

In response to a a telegram received to-day from R. L. Slaughter, addressed to Mr. Woodward, asking him whether he would accept a part payment of two thirds on the first note, I immediately wired him that we would accept any amount that you would care to pay on the notes at any time. I am writing you hoping that it might be of interest to you to know that the notes will be held by us, and will not be negotiated elsewhere.

With kindest regards, I am,

Your sincerely,

Cashier.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

4/28/14

Dear Bro.

I found R. L. in pretty fair shape in El Paso. He has a clear case and good attys. Hudspeth and Dale - who think they have a cinch -

McKinnigh (of Amarillo) is agt for bonding co and says he will put up 100,000 bonds before securing any collateral. He also is convinced R. L. will win -

R. L. made 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per head after they held his stuff 8 days in the pens. I went over to Frayer and looked at another 750 he was unloading and $\frac{3}{4}$ are coming easting and $\frac{1}{4}$ coming 2 $\frac{1}{2}$



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

They are all unbranded
and fine colors 95% an
nds - Those yearlings
are ~~not~~ cheap at the 17⁵⁰
he is asking
Arizona yearlings here
are 27⁵⁰ and no better
Joe Wyatt thinks the deal
is all right and when I
asked him he said
he would see the
kid thro, and wasn't
getting any cold feet.

I wired you from
El Paso till you could
get the newspapers -

El Paso was quieter than
Douglas -

You see there's no big
officers left in Northern
Sonora and we are
now at the mercy



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

of the rebels -

I intended to go right in on my arrival but for several reasons I didn't

All Americans had come out. Macoyan & Cananea had closed and the Rebel officers had ordered them to close and leave at day break and the order was obeyed -

a few stubborn ones remained a day longer but wilted and came out - Old miners and Panchemen who hadn't been out for 20 years came across and all begged me not to go in but I felt it my duty to go as else order and my 5 American cowboys the only ones now left in the district so I asked for passports and was



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

refused & wired Col.
 Calles & Am. Consul at
 Hermosillo & Simpich
 of Nogales for passports
 and have failed to get
 them -
 Every body here was excited
 over 3 men that had
 not been warned and
 were cut off at Lempagos
 Mine 50 miles below
 Moctezuma so I wired
 Consul Simpich that
 I would volunteer to
 take my car and rescue
 them or any other
 marooned Americans
 Thinking that if I could
 cross as a deputy
 consul I would be
 safer and then by reach
 our point



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Our herd is ready to start
the duties have been
paid on them but I
don't know what is
best to do -

The Anti American
feeling amongst the
more ignorant part
of the town is running
high and for my boys
to venture thro these
towns seems risky &
I am afraid to risk a
straight bunch of Mexicans
to try to get our cattle
out. I am in the dark
as to what the U.S. is
contemplating doing &
if war should break
out on this border while
we were on the trail
we would lose our
cattle and

6.



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

possibly be in grave
danger ourselves -
Tommy Connel has letter
has come out and if
our Councils know
anything they think at
grave changes in the
next few days -
So I guess I will get the
"Bryan disease" of watching
waiting -
I have had a
herd of 500 steers that
are now at Matizuna
and I believe I will
send a man with
word from to Wilman
to meet our Company
here on the Mountain
so the Mex. will find
it hard to find them
and then devote our



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

efforts to getting out this
baught herd of 500 big
steers & have worked
for 4 months getting
together this herd of
big steers they are the
last in that country
and I have put up
3500 pesos on them
already -

I never don't want to
lose this trade -

They cost 60 Pesos or
about 18⁰⁰ Gold down
there and will bring
40⁰⁰ gold on this side
the line -

You can't blame me
for worrying about a
profit like that.

Now I must have
10,000⁰⁰ to handle



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA.

this bunch so I told Mr
Packard to win you
for endorsement to
my note and he will
let us have it as soon
as he said he would not
let me have anything
for 2 or 3 days just to
force me to stay and
that being so I agreed
to take his advice and
that pleased him -
and soon he will let
us have the money.
You see my contract
with Caranza will
guarantee me against
confiscation unless
war breaks out U.S.
and Constitutionalists
who seems for off



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

4/29/14

Dear Geo -

The U.S. put embargo on everything except food entering Mex to day.

This will make the Mex. sore again.

I think the big mine owners had this done so the Mex. couldn't operate the mills as soon as their present supply of oil & coal is exhausted they will have to close down -

Pedro Braw came out last night said nothing had been molested at our place -

Our 5 Americans sent word they wouldn't come out at all. Said if they left people would them



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

dependate on us.

Pretty loyal, eh?

The boys are Harper
Fisher Ler & Dillman Bros
Old Van Ler has gone to
join them makes 6.

No other Am. left down
then now -

I am doing all I can to
get a passport.

I think I can get thro'
without any personal
danger to speak of

I want to go in my car
so I can conceal my
arms in passing the
custom house.

I got a 12 ga. pump gun
& 50 loads of buckshot
Sawed off the barrel and
shortened the stock so
will be armed alright



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

You can't imagine how
stirred up the people on
the border are -

We have been fooled so
much by both sides
that it is up to each
individual to do as he
thinks best -

This is what I said in
the Refugee mass
meeting here today.

I will be the first to
cross but couldn't
advise others to go.

The newspapers show
everything is quieting
down and I figure
that during the lull I
must act quiet.

The cattle we have
bought must come

90

Johnson

3-33-99

5-30-150

62-342108

34

248

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2356

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cut 90-60

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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

on out while the Ranch
stuff is fairly safe
on the rough range.
I have 100 steers of
Dr. Morris, and 540
head from Salinaripa
and can ship at Purita
with proper inspection.
This puts me out here
a week sooner than
to drive to Yaco and
that part is closed.
Old Beckard will loan
us the money and
we ought to clean up
2 or 3000⁰⁰ on this
deal.

(Will furnish in the
morning)



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

4/30/14

P.S. Didn't have time to
finish letter last night
Got a wire from P.L.
yesterday stating that
he crossed his second
batch 840 head &
sold them to Joe Nations
for 1850 and he paid
1400 450 profit per
head ain't so bad and
he has the promise
of 8000 more from
Villa and has now
contracted 4000 from
another source -

The reason his price
was 1400 on this side
is that they were all
calves & yearlings -



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I saw this last bunch
unloaded in quarry
last Sat. and they were
all deep reds not an
off color in them -

Some body is missing
a chance to get some
good stuff.

They are cheap at 20⁰⁰

Now I saw Packard and
he is willing for me
to go in -

He believes I can
pull off my deal alright
of course he hates to see
me take the risk tho.
Manuel Vasquez (brother
in law to Woodward)
went down on today
on the train



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I was surprised to see
him go in but he thinks
that now is a good time
to get back -

It is reported here that
Woodward is in Nogales
they flock in like
buzzards when they think
we are in trouble -

I think I will have
Jasquez thrown in jail
when I go down anyway
will try it on.

I must get Dr Vega the
Mexican inspector to
see my herds and see
several others & get ready
for my trip so for the
present Adios

Yours truly

P.S.
find letter from
R.L. just recd.

Bob



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HOTEL PASO DEL NORTE

OPERATED BY THE HUMPHREYS,
S.G. HUMPHREYS, PRES.

EL PASO, TEXAS. Apr. 29, 1914

Mr. R. D. Slaughter,
Douglas, Ariz.

Dad:-

847 cattle mixed crossed Monday, sold \$18.50, 5% cut
to Joe Nations. Purchase price \$14.00, expect 1,000 more Thursday,
30th.

Prewett wires he has 1,000 head branded with clear bill
of sale from different owners in Western Chihuahua. Will stand us
\$15.00 on this side. Expect Holmes will go to look at them this
week. Nothing under 3 years old in the bunch.

Replevying bond on this last load is \$30,000.00.

Yours truly,

To the Citizen perfecto of the district under the date of the 20th of April and now says to me the following:-

To comply with a telegraphic order to this perfecto by the citizen Governor of the State relative to the information which he has that Slaughter and Company expects to export from the lands known as the property of Mr. George F. Woodward herds of cattle. You will please investigate as fully as possible this act which constitutes a violation of the penal law preventing by any means the movement of cattle, advising me immediately of any infraction that may be committed by the said Slaughter in this respect. E.P.M. En F. De P. J. E. Rivera. I have information that Slaughter has rounded up ready for exportation from the Woodward ranches and is holding on the ranch La, Mojada several bunches of cattle. In compliance with superior orders to prevent this, please send immediately competent persons and advise me of the result immediately.

In order to better execute this business it is my opinion that you send persons authorized in writing with full power. E. P. M. en F. de perfecto J. E. Rivera.

Complying with the above instructions we desire of you that you abstain from carrying into effect any act contrary thereto with the understanding that if you disobey that action will be taken in the most convenient form.

CONSTITUTION AND REFORMS.

Nootezuma May, 3rd. 1914.

Manuel Montano P.