

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

OF UNITED STATES

Slaughter Building

DALLAS, TEXAS

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

August Twenty-fifth

1913

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear George:-

Your letter of the 24th before me
and contents noted.

In reply will say I believe we agree
on everything connected with the Slaughter Cattle
Company's ranch in Mexico.

I have instructed Bob about every-
thing, so far as I know. Of course, I think we
had better bring the balance of the cattle out
while the Mexicans are scrapping at Guaymas, be-
cause we can get them out now without any trouble;
later on we might have all kinds of trouble. I
further agree with you to hold back any bulls
that are good for service. Of course, I told you
the old cows would have to come out, and as you
say, the "old Nellies", which is alright, and if
you remember, Judge Richardson told us in our inter-
view with him at the meeting we held there in July,
that if Woodward did not show up, that all we had to do
was to ask the Ranking Officials of Moctezuma for a
man to represent Mr. Woodward in turning over the
cattle, and by doing this we would comply with the
law. I presume Bob remembers the conversation thoroughly
and no doubt he will take it up with Woodward so that
he will be prepared to protect us. I am of the
opinion that Mr. Woodward is going to fall anywhere
from \$25,000 to \$50,000 shy on cattle and lands, which
will about wipe his interest in this Company out. In
fact, I do not believe in paying him one cent until
the whole thing is closed. As I said to you in my
letter, we had better pay the interest on these notes
and not pay the principal until the matter is closed
up. This is the only way we will ever get George Woodward
busy.

I presume that Bob has turned the cattle

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over today. This is the day I understood he was to turn them over, and I am expecting a letter from him at any time. I am taking the precaution of sending an extra copy of this letter to Douglas, as I think Bob has gone home.

Have you heard from Coon about the bulls lately. I want to know at what time I will have to go to Cheyenne to pass on those bulls. I want to adjust my matters so that it will not interfere with other arrangements. I was of the opinion that it was some time in October, but may be mistaken. It is a long way off, and as I am now located in Dallas, want to know as I will have to go when the time comes.

Did you make full arrangements with Coon for the Angora goats, and what have you done about the hogs? You remember Bob told us he wanted some extra good bores; also the stallions he spoke of: Do you think we can get them at El Paso? I am of the opinion that we can get them better there than elsewhere by having someone stay around the race course in Juarez and take advantage of those that get crippled in running, and we can get some horses there that will be the very ones we need for the services we want to put them to on the ranch. What do you think about having Will Harrell look after this for us? Will is honest; while he may not be a first-class horse man, he will get someone that is a judge of horses and can buy these stallions so it will save us a great deal of money. Please let me hear from you fully in regard to these matters at the earliest possible moment.

I am in hopes Bob will get the preliminary survey of the ranch and the cattle turned over, so that we will be in a position, if Woodward does not come through, that we can say we have lived up to our part of the contract, which we intend to do and want to do.

If we could get \$20,000 more worth of steers off of the ranch, it would be sufficient money for us to buy the cows we want to put in, hence we would have to borrow no extra money for that purpose. Write me fully so that I will know what to do in these premises.

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I am hoping you will get through dipping
your cattle and that you will soon have good range and
the cattle will come out in good shape this fall,
and with best wishes to you, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

W. B. Slaughter

WBS-
Copy to R.L.S., Douglas
and Moctezuma, Mexico.

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Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Goerge:-

Your letter of the 24th before me
and contents noted.

In reply will say I wrote you fully
yesterday in regard to all matters. However, up to
this time have had no word from Bob. Presume, how-
ever, he has delivered the cattle. I am in hopes
that he carried out our letters of instructions
and sent the money forward as we suggested. I asked
him to write me fully all particulars.

I also wrote to ^{Richardson} ~~Robertson~~ in regard
to the position Woodward occupies in turning over
the range cattle. Will not hear from him for two or
three days; as soon as I hear from him will advise
you.

I am forwarding your letter, with
a copy of this letter, to Bob so that he will under-
stand your position, as well as mine.

With kindest personal regards to
you and all your interests, I beg to remain, as
ever,

Your uncle,

W. B. Slaughter

WBS-F
Copy to R.L.S.

Copy of letter sent
to Dr. B

August 27, 1913.

The Slaughter Land & Cattle Company,

Dallas,

Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have finally finished up the delivery of cattle and such other matters as claim my attention in Douglas, and before leaving for the ranch, I will make a short report to you.

After many delays and lots of red tape I closed the deal last night with Teyron and Storm and received their check in full payment for all of the cattle. To recite the deal, I sold to them for ten cents per pound for dressed meat delivered on this side the line, duties paid, and after the beef had been on cold storage twelve hours came to be weighed. We selected twenty head of cattle to arrive at an average the average weight of these cattle to be considered the average weight of the whole herd, they to count and receive the balance of the herd at their own risk, and they assumed the payment of all duties arriving at the same by the duties paid on the twenty head killed and to deduct such duties from the total amount and to pay me the balance in cash and to be returned to the ranch. The cattle averaged 425 and 5/5 pounds (dressed). I delivered to them 437 steers

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also six cows that I sold them separately for \$10.00 a head, net, as they were too poor to kill. These are the cows that we brought along to help keep the herd quiet and their calves to furnish beef on the trail. They paid me a total of \$15647.79, which I placed to your credit in the Bank of Douglas, after assuring myself that I would be unmolested and then mailed a check for \$10,000.00 to the Mercantile National Bank, Pueblo, Colo., I forgot to mention that the total duties amounted to \$6.82 per head gold. You will note by referring to my letter to George of a week ago, that I was hitting close to the mark when I told him I had offered the cattle for \$37.00 net, and would have taken \$36.00 if it had been offered me, although I did guess the cattle weight and the duties. You will note that the net average for the steers after deducting the sixty dollars for cows, brought us \$35.67 per head. I refer to my sealed guess with some pride. I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Woodward and call your attention to some of the details to save rewriting same. I regret losing some of our steers but am sure I can recover within four or five head of the number lost, but as I had over sixty stampeds, I am well pleased with the delivery.

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I want to begin branding and surveying and gathering the steers, and placing them in the pasture which I hope is finished by this time, as near the first of September as possible, and to start for the line with another herd about October the 10th., if these plans do not meet with your approval you must let me know at once so that I may change them. The danger I see in holding the other steers is that the Soldiers at Guaymas are getting very hungry and have eaten practically all of the cattle between there and the Sonora River, and as the last resort, they may confiscate ours. I am guessing that time will be reached early in October. I intend to play the limit to get all the flesh on the cattle that I can, and to know how many cattle we own before the time to pay the next note to Mr. Woodward.

By the way, I received some assistance from J. B. Robertson, for which I paid him \$100.00, which I hope meets with your approval. I want to go in and get a drink, so good bye,

Yours truly,

Since writing the above my man
Came in with 7 steers of the ones
lost at Cabellana - Bob

Copy

August 27, 1913.

Mr. Geo. F. Woodward,

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

At the last directors meeting we decided to bring out our steers, and I proceeded to gather the same and left the ranch August the 7th., with four hundred and fifty-two head of the largest steers, and eight cows. Of course there is no need to tell you that I had a pretty hard drive to reach here. I lost a few in Cumpas, that I think returned to the ranch. I lost three head at Sherman ranch and left one at Hohstedt ranch, and lost eight near Cabellona, that I am still in hopes of recovering. I finished delivering last night four hundred and thirty-seven steers and six cows. I sold to Tovrea and Storm at the Quarantine Slaughter House for ten cents per pound for the dressed meat delivered on this side of the line. We cut twenty head dressed and weighed them, and estimated the duty. The average weight eight twenty-five, and the duty amounted to six dollars and eighty-two cents gold. They assumed the payment of the duty, and paid me the difference and received the abalance of the herd at their own risk. The total check amounted to, \$15647.79, which I placed in the bank in the credit of our company. This is the best that I could do under the

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circumstances, as all the stations was quarantined including Naco, but I am quite proud of the deal, as I passed several herds in route that couldn't get out, and I don't think will get out for sometime to come. This firm is the only buyer, and I have stocked them up for forty days anyway. Mr. Creek my new American foreman, quit me the day we left the ranch, so I only had one American boy to help me. I put Jose Mario in charge, and he did some nice work. I gave the boys a day and night in Douglas, and entertained them at my own expense. They all left for the ranch the next day feeling fine. I will leave early in the morning via automobile for the ranch to prepare to go to rounding up and branding our cattle on September the first, as per our agreement. I trust that you will be on hand or deputize someone to represent you in counting the cattle. I can spare Mr. Harper to do this work for you, if you care to have him. I wish you would telegraph me, at Moctezuma, who to appoint, as any delay would cost me considerable expense. I am negotiating with a surveyor to survey our land and to begin right after the first of September. I would like to have both these matters go forward. Everything is in our hands and we are waiting for you to tell us I could one

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now. About fifteen of Cordova's men have been captured and are now in Cumpas, this may keep the red flaggers quiet for a time, however we have heard nothing of them since you left. I hope that you will decide to come down or at any rate come to Douglas, as there are many matters that I want to consult you about. Bud and Van Lee have left the country taking their cattle and horses with them. I hired Walter Hanny to hold down the Rodeo ranch until my return. I rented the La Huerta farm to Guerllmo Miranda on the first of July, to expire on 31st., of December. This is all that I have time to write about at present, and thanking you for an immediate answer,

I am,

Yours truly,

August Twenty-eighth,
1913

Mr. A. L. Slaughter,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Bob:-

I am expecting to get out the stock book of the Slaughter Cattle Company next week, and I wish you would send me the brand, showing the exact location on the animal, as well as the mark you are keeping up on the Slaughter Cattle Company Ranch, and anything else that you think would be allright to put in our stock book. Please give this prompt attention.

I have not heard a word from you about the steers, and I am entirely "at sea". However, I presume everything is allright as I notice an article from you in one of the papers about the roads to Nacozari, but I think you ought to advise me what you have done. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest possible moment.

With kindest personal regards, I
beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

W. B. Slaughter

WBS-F
Copy to Mootzuma &
G. M. Slaughter.

*I See by the Paper you turned cattle over
last Friday, 22-13*

August Thirtieth,
1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,
Moctezuma, Sonora,
M e x i c o.

Dear Bob:-

Your letter of August 27th reporting on the sale of the cattle received, and in reply will say that I am fearful that you have made a mistake placing all the funds in this Bank and mailing the draft. However, it may turn out allright, but it was not the instructions.

I note you paid Mr. Robertson \$100.00 for aiding you. I am at a loss to know why you should give up \$100.00 to Robertson for aid. It seems to me like this is a waste of money, but I may be mistaken about this, as I am about many other things. What did he do to aid you in the sale of the cattle that he is entitled to the \$100.00? Of course, Bob, I realize that you have always had all the money you wanted to spend along all lines. You have had a rich father; money was no object with you, but it is not so with the Slaughter Cattle Company and we must look out for expenses.

After you cut these cattle out and know just what you have, and are satisfied as to the conditions there, I would be pleased to have a letter from you saying how many cows you think this ranch would carry as a breeding ranch. Of course, you cannot know this until you survey the land and know the acreage. You realize that the Slaughter Cattle Company have not enough cattle on the ranch at this time to pay the prices they are paying their manager and other help on the ranch and make any money; hence, we have to do something to reduce expenses or we have to stock the ranch fully, and the time is now getting near that this must be done. Of course, I do not know how your President feels about this matter; I have not talked it over with him, but I shall try and see him within the next sixty or ninety days and come

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to some conclusion. However, I had a letter from him saying that he wanted me to get the stock out as soon as possible and that we possibly could find someone who would make us a loan and take the stock as collateral at a low rate, for the purpose, I presume, of stocking the ranch.

I note what you have said to Mr. Woodward in your letter, and I am in hopes that Mr. Woodward will be on hand to turn the cattle over as per terms of the contract.

In regard to bringing the other cattle out in October, will say I am of the opinion that this is too late. We should get them out sooner is possible, or in other words: Get them out while the attention is all called to Guaymas. I believe we would come nearer getting out without any trouble then than any other time. I have not had a letter from George as to my proposition of bringing the other cattle out at once, but I presume I will hear in the next day or two, and if I do I shall write you again. I realize it is quite a job to bring the cattle out, but we had better bring them out and get the money out of them while we can.

In placing the \$5,000 in the Bank of Douglas, it seems to me that you ought to give a check to G. M. Slaughter for \$1,000 and to W. B. Slaughter for \$1,000, the money that we put up to carry on the expenses of the ranch before you sold these cattle. You being the Manager of the ranch, the check should come from you, and if you will kindly give us these checks, one to George and one to myself, we will appreciate it. This will keep our books straight and it will show through the regular course of business.

Please read this letter carefully and try and comply with its terms at once.

Hoping that I may hear from you by return mail and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Your uncle,

W. B. Slaughter

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S.L. & C. Co.,

I received a letter from Woodward as follows.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Aug, 30th, 1913.

R.L. Slaughter.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 27th, Inst. carefully noted.

AS I was not asked to be represented at Steer gathering and driving off Cattle from range nor consulted as to sale cannot understand why I should witness round up on ranch.

You certainly agree on this point. secondly any Survey that you make without the due formalities of the Law is a useless spending of money as I previously informed you until Law and Order is restored (quietness of affairs and now interference by Rebels does not cut any figure) until Mexico and Sonora have an established recognized Government nothing valid can be accomplished and the only Survey that can be valid will be a "deslinde Judicial" Judge Richardson knows this and can explain fully.

In the contract existing between you and me on full completion of payments by Slaughters I am obliged to transfer certain property in live stock to Slaughter Land and Cattle Co, and which will then make said Corp. owners of same, Lands and Cattle et al, and not before be in condition to Survey etc, etc.

Sorry to hear you can't keep good Americans on range and think by taking away your good men from the range you are overlooking the most valuable part for drives a man can pick up Vaqueros but Jose Ma should be kept always on range and with vigilant look out as cattle have been drifting considerable lately and rainy season is time for stricter vigilance on range, especially now more than ever.

Mr Frank Watts will be able to answer any and all questions in my absence which you desire to ask of him.

Yours Respt.

Geo. F. Woodward.

S.L.&C.Co.

In the above letters you will note that W. shows his teeth and can plainly see his method of attack,

He is hunting trouble and has come out in the open as an ~~enemy~~ enemy and from now on I expect to treat him as such, it becomes more necessary than ever to make our preliminary survey and to count the cattle before a witness so that we can show facts and figures as an offset to future payments, he expects to throw me off my guard but only wakes me up as to his intentions.

I sent C.C. DeLancey to Douglas on the 1st, to examine Titles, consult Judge Richardson and get ready to begin the Survey, I expect him back tonight. DeLancey takes the stand and said he can prove it Scientifically that no more grass will grow on a rolling country measured on the surface than it will on a level country with the same boundaries and that an aerial Survey is the only correct method to do this work and to ascertain our acreage, I expect to do the work in this manner and be prepared for a contest.

If W. wants to chain it let him do it himself, in fact let him prove that I am wrong.

I want to correct my former letter where I stated that the Pinto ranch and La Huerta farm were included in the confiscation act further information shows that only the East side of the river including El Tambor and Mai Plas are in danger and they belong to the Terepe estate. I wired Richardson three days ago for advise have heard nothing from him, I was cited to appear in Court Sept, 10th. at this place to show Titles and reasons for not giving up my possession, I sent the papers to Douglas by bearer today he will reach there tomorrow noon.

I offered no advice to our Attorney as he should know how to act.

Of course we need a good Mexican Atty. at Guampas as we will be in Law for years to come, what do you think of it ?

We all regret the reported up rising of the Yaqui Indians for they haven't any sense and are mean as ~~Hung~~. this makes an interesting array of people to look out for.

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S.L.&,C.Co.

The Huertaistas, Maderistas, Redflaggers, Yquis, Outlaws and old Woodward so any time you want a little excitement come down.

I have a good chance to buy one half interest in the Mal Pias (about 60000 acres) 1000 to 1400 head of cattle and 100 mules for 40000 Pesos and have option 'till ~~the~~ Sept, 11th. of course we buy the Law suit but it is a "Dandy" ranch and I want to buy it. if you turn down the offer are there any objections to me trying to buy it for myself, I would always give the Co. the refusal on a sale please answer at once.

Had a good rain yesterday. I had a letter from Coney yesterday and he had received the check.

I must go to the ranch tomorrow and get back the 9th.

Yours truly,

R.L.Slaughter.

copy to G.M.Slaughter.

HOTEL DE NACOZARI.

NACOZARI, SON,.....191

Geo - Bray, wait answers
my questions by wire sent
him several -

Had to return to day was
afraid wouldn't have any
cattle The boys lost 30
while I was gone 2 days
fired 4 men tonight
and no more to be gotten
here -

Storin is with me to
look at cattle tomorrow
at 4⁷⁵ - del. at Agua Prieta
He is the only man can
buy them -

If he turns them
down will tackle
Del Rio and want you
to come to my help
Some body has to order
cars jolly the collectors
force inspection and

HOTEL DE NACOZARI.

NACOZARI, SON.

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all that stuff also to test
the markets.

From Nogales it seems
Los Angeles is our market
only one feed while
H. C. is 3 feeds and
the run will knock
the life out of them
& should be back at
the Ranch to begin
counting and surveying
Sept 1st

It will cost us thousands
if you don't come
& consider 1000⁰⁰ lost
already by one of you
not being in Douglas
& can fill one place as
full as any body but I
can't be at 2 places at
once Yours Bro. Bob.

This letter is copied & sent to both of you

Aug 30th 3

J. L. & C. Co

Dallas & Roswell

Dear Sirs - I got back last night and find reports from Ranch that are satisfactory. After noon I will look over our farms and tomorrow pay up all bills here and see my surveyor & if can make trade with him will him in & get started in a few days -

The man I have decided on is an American Engineer named DeLancey who lives here & reads & writes good Spanish. He married Old Dr. Moore's half breed daughter and Old Moore hates Woodward like poison so that I am not afraid of any "stand in" which is very popular in this country. I disagree with you about Woodward "agreeing" on a surveyor & I think we have a perfect right to our own surveyor & to protect our interests. The only other surveyor I wanted was Chas Hyde of Macoyan and he wanted 15⁰⁰ gold per day and I wouldn't pay over 10⁰⁰ so we couldn't trade -

These fellows all get a big price down here - I want an American surveyor so I can ask questions & learn all about our lands -

I think it is of the first importance for one of us to learn these lands -

I was very pleased when the two boys showed up ~~inside~~ at Douglas with those 7 steers they had hunted for them it days & found them in a small pasture 30 miles away. That I went to Phelps Dodge & bot them a nice Stetson hat each -

I got them out of town and across the line just before I left -

I passed the rest of the outfit at Campas where they turn off this trail and go to the Ranch which they will reach tonight - I got back with all our horses & mules -

I told Jose Maria to clean all strays out of our new pasture and to gather all our cattle south of the pasture and throw them in so we can begin counting & branding out of there I expect to leave all shipping stuff in my pasture and to concentrate the balance ~~North~~ of the pasture and ride lines on them for several reasons to doctor for worms, to give the bulls a chance, to stop the stealing, to salt them all economically &c

2) The grass & water will stand it now -
I will go out in next 2 days to
get them started and I will keep a
separate acct. of the cost of counting
for Woodward agreed to pay our half
of this expense -
If I don't hear from him by Sept 5 I
will ask the Presidente here to appoint
a representative & try to get Harper put
in at Woodward's expense -
Must get rid of Harper he costs too
much for what he does
I sure hate to lose him but 60⁰⁰ gold
is too much -
Geo, I expect old man Davis the father
of Richardsons stenographer to come
down next week and can get him
cheap to watch over the farms
Am afraid they will double cross me
if I havent one American to look out
You see I've got 7 or 8000 pesos worth
of wheat & hay on hand that they can
steal -
By the way I want to sell that wheat
on credit to be taken out of the flour
when ground - This will be best for
us - I cant sell for cash at all -
Think it ought to go by Oct 1st I am
uneasy about holding too long -
A sudden change in the war might
get it confiscated -

(4) Well if we do hold it it will be in great demand for there was a shortage this year. ~~But~~ If you think best you might give me authority to make a trade with the mill here "Gallego" is his name and he is well to do & has a good reputation. Harper advises this deal - On July the first I stopped the expenses on La Huerta farm by leasing it out for 6 months - Of course I have to furnish the money to run it but I will get it all back or produce to the same amount and I am to get 500 big coffee sacks full of shucked corn for the use of the land - They are worth 3 to 3⁵⁰ per sack so 1500⁰⁰ pesos will be due Jan'y 1st

The Tambor farm is getting on well enough except Harpers salary - I must have some alfalfa seed at once I want enough to plant 80 to 100 acres in Oct & Nov. so don't put it off. Have Geo. send it to me at once for it takes 1 to 2 months to get it -

Bills ideas are mine about getting Stallions, so please get me 2 good ones and Geo please send boars for 40 sows better send 3 head down and I want good ones -

I can get good Angora Bucks @ 45⁰⁰ but you better get those from Coon -

enough to go to 800 navvies if you can spare that much money, if not then send me a few and I can cut down my herd.

I don't know how many one can serve but I could feed the bucks a little and they would go further - I sure do want the hogs & goats in Douglas by Oct 1st at the latest.

Don't wait too long on those bulls for its already getting past the hottest season here -

By the way my reason for putting our money in Bank of Douglas was that they had staid with me had offered all duties (over 3000⁰⁰) without a note even and I didn't want to hurt their feelings -

Then besides we don't owe any notes till they become due and no one could touch our money -

Ellis says he only bought the one note that was paid - and that we will have no law suit over the others -

I looked up the matter of them claiming Richardson had written them that those notes were negotiable and he did write to that effect but not as an attorney or opinion of law

(1) that they wanted for advice and he
did write in a doubtful way to find
out their own lawyers opinion
which he did and their Bishops Atlys
were positive they were not negoti-
-atable - The probable is crooked &
never saw a lawyer yet who was
not but go easy till he shows up
against us - Edler is pretty cuts himself
but I'll gamble he has not got a letter
addressed to himself or his bank like
he claims he has for he dodges the
question where you want to look at
it - Any way we will stick to it that
we only pay for what we get -
and what we get & will keep -
you must pardon me writing so rough
about neither of you bring in Douglas
to attend to selling & crossing those
steers but I was worried to death my
for man had quit They had closed all
the pens and if I left the herd I was
afraid they would lose the whole bunch
and I had made such brags to all
my friends that I would take out that
herd & in good shape that I couldn't
bear the thoughts of a failure so you
see why I was hot -
Of course I am drawing pay and am
willing to earn it but I can't be
at 2 places at once -
However it all worked out nicely so
Adios Yours Truly W. H. Chapman

All other copy.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Aug, 31st, 1913

R.L.Slaughter, 3sq.

Dear Sis:-

Under existing conditions I will not come to Sonora, until Our Government notifies that Americans have consent and backed by guarantee of both Governments.

Would advise you to have strict attention given to maintaining integrity of all properties up to such time, eliminating unnecessary expenses and avoiding publicity of our contract in Son. especially,

Yours Respt.

(signed) Geo.F.Woodward.

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

Copy sent to Dallas

Sept. 1, 1913

S.L.&C.Co,

Dallas, Roswell,

Gentlemen:-

I think it best to notify you while the Mails are open of the rather alarming condition of affairs that have arisen here in the last day or two, there is a movement on foot that points to the confiscation of our farms and all that is on them, I was approached yesterday by adjoining land owners who seem to be in the same "Boat" who wish to know my attitude in the matter I told them that I would never give up possession and would defend the property with a Winchester, until overpowered, they wanted to join me or get me to compromise. I refused both offers and told them I would stand alone on my rights as an American, to give you an outline of the matter they sent Soldiers down the valley and disarmed all the people on the Pavipa Estate to which our farms belong, they arrested and put in jail old Monge who owns the next largest share to ours they claim to have an order from the Gov. of Sonora backed by a decision of the Supreme Court of Mex. demanding the dispossession of the present occupants and to reinstate original Yaqui Indians owners whom they claim was swindled out of this land twentyfive years ago which brought on a Revolution at that time and the Prefect who ordered them put off the land was waylaid and killed, they claim they won their suit several years ago but that Woodward and others bribed the Gov. to prevent the execution of the Courts order.

Gov. Mayoreno who has recently come into power has made some arbitra

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rulings such as preventing Foreigners from buying Lands so he may have given the present order but I have not seen same, they had an Election here yesterday (Sunday) and put in a new Presidente who I am not acquainted with and Military Rule makes it hard to get information. I will notify Judge Richardson but if things come to a show down I do not believe he will come across the Line and you might have to send some other Attorney to assist me, if I am ousted out by an armed force (which it will take) I will still be in Legal possession of the premises this maybe a false alarm but I thought best to give you the details while I can so if I send a runner to the Line to wire you you will not be taken unawares. they have established a censorship on the Telegraph line in the last few days that no message in English will be accepted.

Now dont get alarmed by this letter for I am in no danger and am not scared but I expect to work up some sympathy and teach these Mexicans a lesson if they do take away that property and all that good wheat and hay that I have worked so hard to put up.

DeLancey my surveyor who has just gone out to Douglas thinks there is little danger to us as we are Americans but Mr Harper and all the rest look on the dark side.

I spent the day on the farm today and find every thing in fairly good shape while the corn is backward and not a very good stand on account of the drought there is still time for it to make a fairly good harvest. The new head gate at the Tambo~~R~~ saves labor and damage to the ditches. I see the necessity of putting in a system of drainage on both farms as a large area is water logged, the Johnson grass on the Tambo~~R~~ causes lots of extra labor. on the lower end where I let it alone has made fine hay which will be cut this week.

I can steal about fifty to eighty acres from the river by buying an adjustment of fences, hedges and dykes that will come under cultivation in the future.

I expect to concentrate on these improvements in Nov. and Dec. after winding up the cattle work and surveying, I think I will move down on the farm for a month or so while superintending this work.

The two stacks of Alfalfa hay after two months of settling look very good, I want George to write me his formula for measuring haystacks one of my stacks is six steps wide thirteen steps long and the other is five steps wide and twelve steps long they will average about seven and a half feet high not counting the tops, these stacks are well drained and are topped with carisa or wild cane and I think all of the hay is good, I am reserving the Mal Pais pasture which adjoins the Tamboa for the use of the Bulls the grass is getting fine in it but one of the tank dams on top of the Mesa overflowed and broke I must repair it at once although there is plenty of water on the farm at the foot of the breaks, the trail to the same needs some work on it, the fence around this pasture is in good shape since putting in the new posts, the Bulls should do fine in there and the rocky trail to water and feed will harden their hoofs, I expect to have the Bull man to feed and break some young colts this winter while feeding the Bulls. I am ready for the Bulls at any time. one of the expenses that is annoying me is the fifty pesos per month that it costs to herd the Mares at the Pinto ranch I propose to put them over on the big ranch where I can herd them with the bronco horses and mules and the extra saddle horses and mules that are not in use there by saving the expenses of one man.

I have paid all the bills and labor up to date and advanced 500 pesos to Guillermo Miranda on his rent contract of La Huerta farm, I am letting him draw 250 pesos per month to be paid back at harvest time. I am forced to open a Commisary at my house for provisions for the men I hate to do this it is such a nuisance but between the waste of the men and the robbing of the merchants our check bill is enormous by purchasing in person and by the quantity I believe I can save

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Our store keeper won't cost any thing please express your opinion on this matter .

The saddle horses and mules are worn out on the trail and as I had to use every one of them so I have nothing to change on, the men claim that it will kill them to right out on another work without rest I feel awfully sorry for the brutes but the work must proceed so they started right out.

Have heard nothing from Woodward and don't expect to, on the 5th, I intend to go before the Court and demand the appointment of his representative I expect to brand every thing but the steers and the bulls, will probably paint them for sale. I fired the goat herders was paying them 80. pesos and put an old man in his two Muchachos in charge at 60. pesos, I counted the goats to him myself and I had the time of my life, ⁹³² 932 nannies, from six months old up and 56 sucking kids, ²²⁵ 225 stags and no bucks, the way they have been handled the kids come all the season but I expect to put in the new bucks at a certain time and take them all away at once so the kids will come all about the same time and the kidding season will be over in a short while, now if you will send me eight young full blood Angora bucks it will be sufficient I think I could do with six but it would necessitate feeding them grain and an extra man to care for them so the eight will be the cheapest, this goat herder can hold down the Pinto ranch instead of the horse herder that is there now.

Geo. the Pinto is the range lying on the east side of the Huerta Mt. (which is the eastern edge of the big ranch) and extends to the Moctezuma river where the farms are located possibly an area of 16000 acres and originally belonged as also the farms and Mal Pais to the Pevipa Hacienda and on account of the scarcity of water and its rough character most of it is only good for goats but could be improved in the future to run 1000 cattle, at present it seems full of cattle thieves and outlaws.

It has been very dry in the valley but enough rain in the mountains

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Sept 1st 1913

Dear Judge

Your letter I note what
you say about
Crabtree & Kendrick &
will see them on my
return home from
Rochester Minn when we
go tomorrow from
here. In regard to the
Bucks & goats. I have
about 30 Bucks coming
(2) at home I don't
know yet just how
many Colvers I will
get from Theyerne
this fall but will
write them to let me
know about how many
as I told you before.

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I paid 60 dollars for
them delivered
about novish a man
offered me 10- dollars
profit and take my
Contract which I
have at Dabark-
now to save you the trip
to Wyo- I will say this
I will have them
sent to Dabark and
you can see them
there and if they
suit you- you
will have to pay
the freight from
Wyo. to Dabark and 10-
per head for my
Contract if they
don't suit you are OK

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as I will keep them
and winter. I will
give you a price on
Tony 30 when you
look at the Colours.

I think there is about
15 goats you can take
as many as you like
20 per head

Good night feed them
for 50 per head

I have over 300 registered
yet on hand-

Drop me a line
Rochester Minn be there
About 20 days from R.S. Gov.

9/1/13.

Mr. Coney C. Slaughter,
Pueblo, Colo.,

Dear Coney:-

I hope that you have received the proceeds of the Mexican Cattle ere this that it will put our a/c on easy street for awhile. If you did not use the Five thousand dollar note, please return it to me at once. I wish you to return the first note of 30,000.00, and draw on me for the -Exchange on same, as I wish to settle with the G.M. and R.L. account and cannot until I get this note marked paid. I have written you several times about this and cannot get the cancelled note so far, what is the matter with it? I would thank you very much to send this to me at once, as my bank wishes to close up this G.M. and R.L. account, so please attend to this at once. I have not heard from your Father in several days - How is he getting along with his Trust Co? It looks like that U.S. is going to wait for Mexico to settle her own scraps - I would like to see intervention or rather would like to see Sonora Secede and the U.S. allow them to come in with the U.S., but this would ~~like~~ be like taking candy from the blind. It looks pretty hard to have to pay 8.80 cts per head duty, but I was glad to get what we did, under the circumstances. I have been wanting to go down there and see this ranch and hunt awhile, but can't see my yet - Think now that Dec. would be a good time. Can you join me about that time and go down and take about 10 days hunt - I wish to take about 3 friends with me and would like very much to have you join us - It is awful dry at the ranch, in fact drier than I have seen it in 15 yrs. Don't know what I will do unless we get rain by the 10th. expect will have to feed lots of cake. I would like you to send me a Statement of the Slaughter cattle co a/c, and don't forget to send the notes above spoken of. Hoping to hear from you at an early date and with best wishes to you and yours,

I am very truly your cousin,
George.

George Slaughter

September Fifth
1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,
Moctezuma, Sonora.
M e x i c o.

Dear Bob:-

Your letter of the 30th before me, contents noted. In reply will say I am glad that the bank did not own the other Woodward notes. This makes the matter easy for us now. We will never pay these notes until Mr. Woodward comes through and delivers the land and cattle as per contract. I would not talk anything about these notes to anyone. It is private business of ours and if we get into a suit over them, it will go against us if you make any talks about them, hence the importance of keeping quiet on that point.

I wrote you fully in regard to keeping the expenses down, and this must be done for we have not sufficient cattle on the ranch at this time to pay the expenses. You realize that small leaks sink great ships, and you realize further that the ship you have been with up to this time never had any leaks, hence the importance of guarding yourself along this line.

I wrote George fully about everything about which you asked in this letter, as to goats, stallions and bulls, and I presume you will get the letter within the next few days. I had a letter from Mr. Coon in regard to the bulls and goats, and sent it to George, and as soon as I hear from him will know how to act. Of course, you need not figure on the bulls more the goats being at your place until some time in November.

In regard to selling the wheat: If you believe there is a chance of it being confiscated, and by selling you will get credit for it and it will come back to you in the way of flour later on, I believe it would be a good idea to do this.