

1/9/04.

Mr. W. B. Mersfelder,
Bovina, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Xmas day at hand and will say in reply that you
may put your man to hauling them ^(P. 215) to Boyds camp at the price you state,
viz 35cts per 100 # delivered at my headquarters commonly known
as Boyds camp-Please let me hear from you by return mail when your
man will begin to haul on them.

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Geo. M. Slaughter

1/10/04.

Dear Bro:-

Bud and I went to the Ranch, and found out that our man was the only pebble that was on the Edwds, land on Xmas day-They had a tent on there, but their men went off to Gomez to a roping match on the 24th. and did not get back until the 27th. Our man has been there on duty since the 25th of Oct. They have cut the fence down 6 times.

I send you an expense bill on the 6 cars calves you sent me-It seems they failed to get this on the bill when they came in here, and it looks to me they had no business feeding these calves, unless your man

ordered the feed for them-Please the man that was in charge of these calves and find out whether I ought to pay this or not.

Our depot was burned to the ground about sunup this morning-Have not learned the origin, but we needed a new one any way. More than likely

it was carelessness of the R.R. Employees. Cattle looked very well for this time of year-Dry cattle were fat and the calves were fatter than I ever saw them in Jan. Mother cows look hard and will lose quite a few if we have any storms, but if not too hard storms hit them and we can get early rains they will be all O.K. Bob I want to use the old bay big ankle horse down on my little farm to drive once in awhile single to town-when man comes after grub and on Sunday-Say why can't you and Florence run up and visit us-Do you know you all never have paid us a visit-and you never have time in the summer-why not now and we will get a party and go up in the Mountains for a few days and look for bear and see the country around Capitan-Please let me know at once about when you all can come up-The weather is fine and you could run over the ranch and leave things in good shape for a week or two. I have not been out to the farm yet as I have been too busy answering letters. Now tell Florence I want you all to be sure to make us a visit right away. Love from all. Your aff Bro. George.

1/11/04.

Mr. Avery Turner Gen'l Mgr,
Amarillo,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you sometime ago and accepted your proposition for
the year 1904. I enclose my transportation for the year 1905.

Would be pleased to hear from you at once.

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Jany. 11/04.

West Disinfecting Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your inquiries about the salve you sent me to experiment with for lice-I turned it over to my Foreman at the farm to try and report on it-So far he has not effected a satisfactory test-That is the last time I spoke to him about it-I will see him tomorrow and find out exactly what he has done in the matter-

Now in regard to the handling of the Chloro-Naphth. for this year.

I do not care to handle it any longer, but will recommend a Mr. Price who has been handling through me, he is well known amongst the Cow men and is an honorable upright Gentleman and you need not fear of him doing anything wrong-He will not handle it in barrels, unless you put it in iron barrels-We have now at Portales 6 empty barrels that have not been touched-I built a little house for these barrels when we first got the shipment-The barrels are there for you or your rep. to see and would be glad if you have a rep in this country this spring I wish to show him this. I now have by last night's mail a record of all Chloro-Naphth. that I have handled and what remains on hand-will have an accountant to go over it tomorrow and will then remit you what I owe you. Yours truly,

1/11/04.

Mr. L. G. Wilson,
Plainview,
Texas.

Friend Green:-

I noticed while at Dallas during the holidays that a suit had been filed on the Caldwell lands-I think by Smyth and Randolph-I suppose that you are protecting our interests according to arrangements I made with you sometime ago by letter from Hot Springs Please let me know at once what you have done in the premises.

How are the cattle wintering in your part of the country? We are having nice weather over here. Hoping to hear from you at an early date,

I am very truly yours,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Jan'y.11/04.

Novelty Cutlery Co,
Canton, Ohio.

Gents:-

I was very muchly disappointed in not receiving the knife you sent until yesterday-I left here for Dallas, Tex. to spend the holidays with the old folks, and only got back yesterday and found the knife had come with 2 cts. postage due and several notices in my box-I immediately paid the postage and got the knife-I intended this for a Xmas present but it failed to get to me in time, but I sent it on as such. I now wish you to make at your very earliest convenience a few more-

Harry W Hamilton
Foreman Slaughter's Farm.
Roswell. N.M.

R.L. Slaughter.
Mgr. S Ranch, Midland, Texas.

Geo. M. Slaughter,
Mgr. C.C. C. Co., Roswell. N.M.

E. Dick, Slaughter Sec'y.
C.C. C. Co. Dallas, Texas.

G.G. Wright Att'y.

C.C. C. Co. Dallas, Texas.

The Letter S laying down and the C.C. C. Co. the S laying down is long long & I wish these knives finished #120 style and The bulls put on the other side the same as the one you just finished-You can get the bulls off the letter head above-I enclose you Chicago exchange for \$9.00 if the 6 knives come to more than that-please let me know at once and I will remit the balance-Hoping this will be finished at your very earliest convenience.

Dear Bud:-

Jan/11/04.

The Type writer was here when I got home-I have a receipt for express on same (\$1.70) which I enclose-I wrote Wilson today about the suit on the Caldwell Lands and will write you on receipt of answer. I am awfully busy trying to straighten out my accounts and letters that have accumulated while I was away. I also enclose the key to your trunk-I failed to send it to Harry and he had to get a locksmith to open and make a key and for fear it does not fit I send yours. Hope you got home alright that you did not catch cold-

Write me on receipt of this giving me what news you have that is of interest to me-I wish to keep in touch with you this year through correspondence. If you will make it a rule to answer my letters as soon as received I will do the same and any suggestions from you will be thankfully received. I ordered you knife, viz.

G.G. Wright Att'y,

(C.C. C.Co.) Dallas Texas. with ancient

briton and Bredwell on the other side. I got to thinking about putting your kids on, but found you had too many and thought you would not like to put two on leave the others off so did as above and hope it will meet with your approbation. Love to all-Tell Dela will send the little dog as soon as I think it safe for it to go there.

love to all from all, your bro,

George.

Jan'y.11/04.

The Cremoline Mfg Co,

St Louis, Mo,

Gentlemen:-

Yes the barrel of Cremoline is at Portales and I have not had time to use it yet, but will more than likely give it a test this winter or early spring-I had two Vats put in late last fall and had Chloro Naphth in them, so had to wait on one of these Vats to get down to where we could empty it and put in Crem. I was distributor for Chloro Nap-for the Pecos Valley road and was to give them Notice of 30 days before I could resign-I have given them notice of my resignation. will try to get to your Cremoline inside of early spring.

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Shurt
Curing mange
P.S. have you any testimonials on the dip ~~curing~~ ~~strong~~ ~~slaughter~~. so please send me copies of same, also if you have any special directions as to the use of Crem. on bad cases of Mange. If it will cure bad cases of mange it will be a big thing for the Panhandle country.

Jan.10/04.

E.W.Houx, Esq.

Drumm Com.Co,

Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec.28th. at hand on my arrival home from a visit with old folks-Will say in reply that you do not say when you wanted the calves or yearlings delivered-Do you mean this years calves? My giving you prices would depend on the time of delivery-If you want wanted them delivered this winter I could do nothing for you at any price-If you will give me the time of delivery that would suit you, I will take pleasure in giving you prices on this number. Yes I have some very nice calves and also yearlings-I think I could suit you in quality-I could not afford to round up my herd for 200 head, but if you wanted them sometime when I rounded the cattle for something else could then fill the order. Please let me hear from you if care to follow this matter further-I would also like to know whether they were going into a good feeders hands-

Yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter

Jany.10/04.

Titche-Goettinger Co.,

Dallas, Texas.

Cents:-

I was very muchly surprised to receive on my arrival home from Xmas to find a bill from you of \$25.75 charged Feb 28/03. If I owe you this account it certainly has been overlooked and I do not care to have my bills run this long-In looking the matter up I find in my stub book where I paid you in full settlement 3/9/03.\$38.58-It seems strange that this account made in Feb.should not have been sent me. Please let me hear from you at once on this line and prove to me that this Feb.a/c was not included in the March settlement,and if not why not? We all make mistakes,but if this is not settled in the March a/c I have never had any reminder of it.It is certainly not my fault that it has not been settled.Hoping to hear from at your very earliest convenience,

I am yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Jan'y.11/04.

Hereford Lumber Co,
Hereford,
Texas.

Gentlemen:-

I received yesterday a bill for lumber from you that I know nothing about -Who got this lumber? After this when any one gets anything from you and have it charged to me,you must have them O.K the bill,and then send me and if they have the right to purchase on my account I will pay it promptly when above their O.K. and Signature I have an idea this was gotten by W.L.Neel of Portales,if so,it was for a vat he put in at R.W.Ranch for me and I paid him for the job and he was to furnish the lumber.Please correspond with Neel about this if he is the man that got the lumber-

18 ft
Dec-8-03- to 50 pcs 4/4 @ \$12.00 1200 ft. 33.00

" " " " 12 " 1/12 20 240 " -- 5.75.
38.75

You may send Mr.Neel this letter if you wish and ask him about it and when you hear from him let me hear from you.Please trace this matter at once as I wish to settle all my bills at once that are due

Yours truly,
Geo.M.Slaughter.

Jan'y.11/04.

Mr.Chas.Gamer,
Ft.Worth,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

At last the R.R.has the nescessary affidavit about this claim-The freighter that was driving the team at the time was gone but I had a man that was checking the freight at that time and I have had him to make the affi.I could not make it as I did not count the peices-The expense bill was marked short 4 peices,but I either lost it or misplaced same-It is never too late to right a wrong-The mills of R.R. claims grind slow-I have one that I signed up yesterday that was made ere this one,but I think now they will adjust a same.Would be pleased to have you give me prices at once on a car pipe,

5 5/8 I.J.Casing-4" gal. standard Pipe.-3" blk pipe standard-2" gal.standard.5" Casing. Please let me hear from you at once-I am always willing to assist in adjusting a wrong-no trouble-

Yours truly,

Dict.

Geo.M.Slaughter.

1/13/04.

Hynes Buggy Co.,
Quincy Ill.

Gents:-

You remember you shipped at Portales a Buck board-The boxing and axles did not give satisfaction at all-I now want you to send me at once a set of butts and boxing for all four wheels-I have had to bring this buck-board 150 miles to Roswell to have this work done-Please ship this as soon as you can as I am needing my buck-board every day. When you are in Roswell would be pleased to figure with you on one or two jobs. Hoping you will give this your very quickest attention-send by freight -it will not take much longer than express.

Yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

P.S.

When you are in Roswell please phone Slaughter Farm and my foreman will drive in and get you and take you to the farm, where I wish to have your opinion on the Ambulance that you put up for my Father sometime ago-I wish to have it fixed up and thought you could give me advise as to how and what to do. G.M.S.

Jan'y.13-04.

Gibson Well Co,

Mineral Wells.Tex.

Gentlemen:-

I ship you today an empty case-I do not know how we stand whether I owe you or you me-Please send me at once a case of water and send me bill of same and I will remit on receipt.I intended to visit your city, but at present business will not allow me to get away-Hoping you will give this you very earliest attention,

I am very truly yours,

Geo.M.Slaughter

1/15/04.

The Novelty Cutlery Co,
Canton Ohio.

Gents:-

I send by this mail a Photograph of my two boys-I wish you to get them on my knife on the same side as my name in miniature-Please return the Photo's as soon as you are through with them.

Also would call your attention to an Agency for my Boy ,at his request,for a Territory covering ,Chaves and Roosevelt Counties N.M. and Hockley and Cochran Counties Texas.

The Photos are to be put on the knife with my name-

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Resp.
Geo.M.Slaughter.

Dict.
G.M.S.

1/15/04.

Dear Bud:-

Yours received--in reply will say that one of those turkeys was for Carrie Graham and if you did not give her one of them there will be trouble in that House-hold for me--and what she wont do for me will be a plenty--We are still having the beautiful weather that we had when you were out here--I wish to call your attention to the names of the two men that Devitt thought was in charge of the Edward-s Co on Xmas day and when he finds that you have an affidavit to contrary he might tell the Judge the names of the two men who he swore in his petition was on the land on Xmas day and we can prove by a number of persons was not there, but at Gomez at Roping match and Bronk busting. Their names are Ed. Standifer and Gene Shumate or Shumake--I did not know whether you got these names or not and thought I would send them to you. I think Devitt firmly believes these men were on there or rather he ordered them to be there when he swore out these papers--So it seemed to me that when you show by Wilson's affidavit that there was none of his men there--Devitt will then divulge the names of the men he swore was on there, but if he gets any information before the trial that they were not there, then he will put in other names and have Hall Jorman and a few others to swear some other men were on there--So I give you this information as to the names of the men--Now I have a letter from Ed Green saying that some people have filed on some land in the pasture that he thought was ours and I wish you to look up at once if we have deeds to these sections--

Section-	21-Blk 0.2.	D&S. E. RR.	Lamb county.	Certificate	93
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"	5	Blk. S.4	" "	"	61
"	15	" "	" "	"	66.

My understanding is that we have paid the taxes on these for several years, but some 10 yrs ago they were put up for taxes or something of the kind and that the State recovered them and just lately some smart elect found this out and filed on them. Please let me hear from you

at once about this. Your Bro. George.

Mrs. W. K. Breeding,
Portales,
N.M.

1/17/04.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of the ninth Inst. at hand and will try to give you all the light I can on the subjects you ask about. Yes-Sir Bredwell was the highest priced bull ever sold in U.S. up to the time he was sold-He was the Omaha Exposition Champion-He was bought at public auction for \$5000.00 by Col. C. C. Slaughter Dallas Texas, on march 4th. 1899 and was 4 years old on that day-Four hours after the sale Col. S. refused a cash offer of \$7500.00-The next year Wm. Humphreys paid \$5100 for a brother of Sir Bredwell-Thickset-The next year F. A. Nave sold Dale for \$10000.00-I send you a copy of a piece of poetry on the sale of Sir Bredwell-This represents the sale very well. New Mex. has the honor of having on her soil two of the grandest bulls in U.S. Viz:- Ancient Briton, who was imported to show at worlds fair in 93. He first took all the prizes in the old country and was then brought over here to compete at the worlds fair and carried off the honors for 1st. prize in the Hereford Ring-I could give you my ideas of the cattle business to date, but as you are familiar with the

the range business and can get better information through the press as to what is causing the low price in cattle-I will not bore you with a long letter-Believe me I am very proud to know that the Ladies of your little city are taking up such valuable subjects and I am quite sure you will throw some light on the range industry. Anytime I can be of any assistance to you on this subject, dont hesitate to call on me and will always assist you in my feeble way.

Yours very respectfully,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Jan.22/04.

Dear Father:-

I see by letter from Bud that you have had a time with Edwards Land-I am now beginning to think that he must have received a Xmas Present-Yesterday we had a little snow and last night a little more-I sold the 4 mules of Bobs Chuck team yesterday, and two old mules we had on the farm in all 450.00 and placed the money to the farm a/c-Is this alright or would you rather me send it to you and then check on it.I have a letter from Sotham wanting to know if I would prize some of the bull calves and cut them-hat do you think of tailing out all that are not tops for bulls and cutting them and contracting the ones we do not want to keep for bulls-We had better contract them first before we use the knife-How much shall we ask for that class of stuff.I have a very nice letter from Carver-I enclose it for perusal-Shall I go with him? Nice report from Green which I enclose-Have a letter from Spears about going into the R.R. and Townsite Co, wanting me to take 10000.00 stock-If I had the money I would not mind taking interest in Townsite Co, but dont want any R.R. in mine-I shall write him and find out how much they want down on stock in Townsite Co and how much is paid in.I think the townsite Co, will make good money and dont see how they can afford to lose any thing if handled by honest men, but R.R. propositions never have got out whole.Shall refer them to you to answer-We are all reasonably well-Hope this will find you all well, and that your eyes are holding up nicely-Let me hear from you often,

Your aff, Son,

George.

1/22/04.

Mr.C.R.Thomas,
Kans.City,
Mo,

Dear Sir:-

Would it be asking too much of you to order me a sett of
Tattoo irons sent here to me at once and send me the bill and I will
remit you on receipt of account-

By attending to this at your very ea
rliest convenience you will greatly oblige,
yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

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Jan'y. 22/04.

Dear Bud:-

Yours received-It seems from the tone of your letter that they must have the Judge pretty well their own way-Wish you would wire me as soon as Brooks leaves Dallas as I want him to take out a letter to Boyd-Tell him to be sure and call for a letter to Boyd at Portales, before he goes to the Ranch-I enclose letter rec'd this evening from L.G. Wilson about the Caldwell land suit-Jog rather's Memory up about sending me that CODE (telegraph)-I have a letter from Spears about going into the R.R. and townsite Co-He wants me to take a Ten thousand stock-I would like to take stock in the townsite Co. but not in any R.R. Schemes if you please-I wish you would see him for me and find out how much stock would have to be paid in to the townsite co, at once-It dont seem to me that it is so necessary to have the stock paid up fully in that at present anyway-He offers to give me 30000.00 paid up in them both for 10000, but that dont look good to me-Hope your little puppy came through alright and that Stuart will enjoy it-They are awfully smart and if you will make the other children let it alone and never let any one feed it but Stuart, you will be surprised how quick the little dog will know him and love him. Tell Dick to be sure and send me the Status of the Sherman lease How much Divers has paid and when we leased the Sherman, so that I can make Byrd come up with his part at once. Let me hear from you often how things are going. We had a little flurry here of Snow last night but was warm and was gone by 10 oclock this morning-Have had regular spring weather every since I got back here-All well hope will find you and yours same,

Your Pro.

George.

P.S. Father received his Knicker I sent him

1/22/04.

Mr. Henry Slaton, Cas.

Plainview, Texas.

Friend Henry:-

Yours received with orders and Note of J.M. Shafer, which is long past due-Why did you not collect this for me? Isn't it good?

I enclose Voucher #6059, to cover your orders numbers #12978- #13003 and 13010 = \$33.00-How is R.R. getting along? Say help Mc sell my home over there-I will make it alright with you if you can assist him and get it off my hands-I dont want to bother about renting it out-

How is the cattle wintering in your part of the country- what are they holding yearlings and Ewes at spring delivery. what is roughness worth. I cant think of any more questions to ask you-

Your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Dict.

1/22/04.

Mr. Avery Turner,
Amarillo,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

If you wish to make same arrangements as you did last, about
t trail you may do so-The man that was looking after it last year
wishes to know whether I wish him to work again this year-I am going
over to Running Water in a few days and wish to know whether you are
expecting to let the old contract hold good for this year or not.

I cannot hold this open all the year as will have to make my contra
cts pretty soon with my men. Please let me hear from you at your very
earliest convenience. I do not have to ask Mr. Arnett about any trades
that I make-

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slattery

1/22/04.

Fitch-Goettinger Co,
Dallas,
Texas.

Gentlemen:-

Yours received-I enclose my check to cover same-If I ever
got a statement before this spring I have overlooked or thought it
was paid-After this please notify me as I do not wish these a/c to
run over -

Yours very Truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter,

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1/22/04.

Mr. Chas. Mc Cormack,
Plainview,
Texas.

Friend Charles:-

Yours received-will say in reply that I wish you to get all you can out my house in the way of rent-Hope you will be able to sell it soon-I enclose a note on Shafer-I dont understand why it has not been collected-You are the Bank is to blame for not trying it-I wish you to see Shafer and ask him to pay it and if he puts you put it in the hands of an atty or collect it your self.

Please let me know at once whether he will pay this or not and what atty you place it with and have it rushed up-Hoping to hear from you at your very earliest convenience about this matter, How is the town any lots selling? How is your R.R. project? Come over and see a good town, will take pleasure in showing you our little burg at any time,

Your Friend,
Geo. M. Slaughter.

Dict.

1/22/04.

Dear Dad:-

I wish you to see old man Harriss the butcher and find out from him whether he can come to Roswell if I pay his fare for the round-trip-Tell him it is for the purpose of looking into a cold storage plant-I want him to pass on the plant as to whether it will keep meats and vegetables and look it over and tell me whether it is alright or not.I think if the company will accept it,it might be that that I can get Harris a position-Tell Harris I will pay his expenses out here and back and he will not have to stay over one day-you can get him an immigrant ticket if he wants to come and enough for expenses out here and wire me if he starts-I will pay you back and will give Harris expenses back to Dallas.

Your Bro.

George.

R/26/04.

Messrs. Tyler and Watts,

Sevin, Texas.

Gents:-

W.O. Oldham,

Portales, N.M.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

I enclose my check for \$25.00 to settle my
pledge to the M.E. Church South, I am sorry that I have let this run
as long as it has, but in the press of business I kept forgetting it.
Hoping that you will come through alright on your Church building
and pay it out,

I am very truly yours,

Geo. M. Langhorne

Jan. 26/04.

Friend Boyd:-

I got a letter from Wright last night saying he had sent you some depositions, and I send Dr. Jenkins to you so as he can take the acknowledgements, and as soon as you get through with him let him come back here as we need him on the farm as several cows are going to bring calves right away- I write him by this mail to go ahead with his machine on the hole that he started sometime ago and go deeper and see if he can strike water- I sold the rest of the old horses yesterday for 2.00 per head- 18 head of them- Now Boyd I have ordered 1/2 doz. ice hooks and they will be in by next wagon and I want to impress on your mind that the ice will have to be cut thoroughly and thrown out away from the troughs so the cattle will not slip on it when they go up to the troughs to drink- From what I saw while out there the boys were careless about how they cleaned the ice out of the troughs- I think you better give them a good lecture on this and caution them they must cut ice every day- Of course you have been bothered about this Edwards land and did not have time to look and see whether the ice was kept cut and thrown away from the trough but now you are easy to a certain extent on the Edwards and I want you to notice whether the ice is cut right and after giving your men minute instructions about this and then find one man careless, you better let him go, for a little carelessness on their part will probably lose us thousands of dollars- I hope this is enough to say on this subject- As to giving you instructions further will say you are on the ground and anything you see that needs attention go and do it Randal had an awful leg on him, but is doing very nicely- I have him at my house and the only trouble with him now is getting enough for him to eat- I am going to try to get out to see you by the middle of Feb. My buckboard repairs came in yesterday and they are now working on it and as soon as finished will send it to Portales- Do you know where my shotgun and sweater is? They did not show up with my bed- Would like you to send me my small mattress and you can use my other little mattress there at the house. Have a report from Ed Green saying his cattle wintering well, also letter from Carver saying his cows doing fine- Glad to hear that you did not get in jail while gone- Now hoping you will not have to go to see anymore judges, but that you can go over the ranch and get things straightened out once more, with best wishes,

I am yours in A.F.M.M.

Geo. M. Slaughter

Friend Milt-

Jan. 26/04.

After hearing from Wright about the status of Edwards County I have come to the conclusion that we will not wait with the machine for Edwards as it is in Court and no telling how long it will stay there-Now Milt I want you to pull as soon as you can to the place where you drilled that hole out west of Dynamite and go ahead to drilling and go as far as you can through the 5 5/8 casing-I am awful anxious to find out where there is any water there that we can reach-I will be out to see you about the middle of Feb. as I will have to survey the Randal Co lands so as to move the Sherman fence-I am about to get the promise of Sherman to help me do this work, also to look out a few nice places with an Engineer to find places to put in some large tanks-I could not get you word about the posts-The R.R. had unloaded the posts when I got back, and I knew some one would be taking them away, if I waited to send you word, so got a man to haul them. Now old man I am awful anxious for you to pull out there just as soon as you can and make hay while the sunshines-Do the best you can and make every effort you know how to go down and try to get water-We need water there awfully bad-We are having nice weather here and I do hope that you will have nice weather to work in until you can thoroughly test that place for water-It looks like there ought to be water there-Those fellows on the west find water and I don't see why we can't-Now "spit on your hands and get me some water out there and I will set them up to a big box and if it is awful cold might make something warm to go with it. Please write me a long letter telling me your opinion about this well and about the day you think you will be out there with the machine and send it to me by Dr. J. as he is coming right back. Wishing you all the success imaginable in striking water and that you will have nice weather for the work,

I am your bro in bonds.

Geo. M. Slaughter.

1/27/04.

Oyler and Watts,
Bovina,
Texas.

Gentlemen:-

I have a car of posts at your town on the track, and am going to ask you to have them unloaded for me and stack them up near your house where you can keep an eye on them for me- I will try to get them out as soon as I can get some one to haul them, or haul them myself-The other car that came in there the R.R. unloaded them for me and Mersfelder said he could get a man to haul them, but the man charged me 35 cts. I don't want to pay more than 30¢ for these to go over to the ranch. If you will kindly get some one to unload these and whatever expense I will gladly pay them and your trouble also. I don't want these mixed up with the other posts-If this not too much trouble to you kindly look after them for me-Please let me hear from you whether you can attend to this for me.

Yours very truly,

Dict.

Geo.M.Slaughter.

1/27/04.

Mr. Avery Turner,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received with enclosure-You can either send a contract or keep my letter-The only reason I rushed you up was that if I did not renew the contract I had no place for the man I wanted to look after this-You readily see that there is nothing gained in having herds tear up your pasture, but I have always felt kindly to the men that had to go to Market-Someone has to open up for them-I do not know that I would have renewed for any one else, but yourself, but you have always shown you wanted to do what was right with me-I did not feel like kicking out of harness-I sincerely hope that we will not have to make any more trades on this line for another year-I think Mr. Arnett will come through although he might ask you to help help him more on water-My relations with your road since you have had the helm has been very pleasant and I hope it will always be so.

Yours very sincerely,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Enc.

I would like to have you put "freights on my pass sometime-

1/27/04.

Dear Bud:-

Yours received and I sent Dr. Jenkins who was here to Portales this morning to go on out to the ranch at once and get the affidavits you ask for and return as soon as he could, as we are needing him at the farm now on a/c of lot of calves dropping-You better write Wilson about the suit-I wrote Ed Green what you said about the sections he was enquiring about-and told him to see Wilson and have those fellows put off those sections was this right? You may mention to Wilson if you wish when you write him about suit about these sections and get him to tell you what shape they are in, or you can write McCormack either one-I thought you had all the affidavits that could be made on the possession of Edwards-Will Rogers and Gordon Randal are here and I could have them to make affidavits, if you will forward the affidavits filled out ready for their sigs. if you will send them to me at once-Bob sent a man name Kenneday to go up and take Belcher's place with the Clubs, and Belcher arrived this A.M. and Kennedy will leave for Sumner tomorrow I have not talked with Belcher yet, but have a date with him tomorrow morning to talk about the ranch-We have had very pretty weather during the day, nights have been a little cold- all well-love to all-Randal came in with an awful boil on the inside of his leg from carrying a gun-I think he thought he might be called to fight any time-I have him here at the house and Doctor has been treating him, he is getting along nicely and will be about in a few days-Say if you happen to see any one you can ask about him-whether he is separated or not and what is the cause if him wanting to stay in this country-I would like to know so as to figure with him for the future.

Your bro,

George.

Dear Uncle:-

1/27/04.

Have you a letter from Don.A.Sweet of Amarillo about wanting some spayed heifers in the last few days? If not he made inquiries some few days ago and I wired him to write you at Ft.Worth, but in the rush of business he might have forgotten-He wants them for a man in Kans.I think-If you havent heard from him you better write him and tell him what you have in that line for sale and give him prices-I forward you a letter from Ass'm about a square and Comp steer I shipped this spring and Denson held up for Connell I think. I dont see why they want to take 10% out of your steers that I ship-see about and let me hear from you so I will know how to answer Lytle about this steer-We have very pretty weather this winter a few cold nights lately-all well- hope find you and yours same-with love to all from all,

I am your Navy.

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Enc.

1/28/04.

Mr.C.O.Brown Agt,
Bovina, Texas.

Friend Brown:-

I will pay ~~BURNS~~ Burns the freight on that car of posts and wish you to Oyler and Watts unload the car-I wish you tell me why it is that this car is 85.00 and the other car that came from the same place was 72.00-Please look this up so I will know how to go after the overcharge-I wish you to give me your opinion how it is more than the other-Wishing you all the success imaginable for the new year,

I am yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

1/28/04.

Mr.C.O.Leach, Coll.

Portales,

N.M.

Friend Leach:-

Yours received and I hasten to enclose you amount of
taxes fro the Spillers place 160 acres and

" " " Cooper place " " please send me the receipted

Tax receipts on receipt of Voucher for same-Many thanks for your
promptness to my request about notifying me about the Taxes.

Yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Dictated.

1/28/04,

Mr. Don. A. Sweet, T.M.

Amarillo, Tex.

Dear Sir:-

You notified me through Mr. Burns your agt here that you would move the other ear of postd that I had at Bovina before Amas and I made arrangements to have them moved to Portales in a few days and my team came in and I learned that you had them unloaded at Bovina so I had then to hire a freighter at a high price to take them to the ranch from there and load my teams with what I could for the ranch. Mr. Turner thought you could change the heading of the car to read Portales, but it seems you could not-I am not making any kick about this, but your agt said he would have the rate in by 10th. of Jan. or rather he told me that was what you said you would do, and I have had this car stopped there, expecting you to fill your promise through your Agt. here and now I find that I will have to pay Ten days demurrage on them or let the freighter there hold me up for ten cts per 100 pounds-Now Mr. Sweet if you can relieve the situation so I can move them to Portales I would consider it quite a favor-I would not ask you to do this, but on a/c of expecting this from a promise through your Agt from you I am up against it-I have written Mr. Brown today to let the people unload, but after talking ---

He has consented to wire Mr.brown your Agt at Bovina to hands off until I could get a letter to you explaining the matter and if you could not relieve the situation that you wire Mr.burns here tonight or early tomorrow morning and we would go ahead and unload them there So if you cant do anything let Mr.Burns know as soon as possible so we can unload at Bovina and I will leave them there until I can get a freighter from Hereford to haul them out-After this I will buy my posts at Portales,ofcourse will have to buy cedar as they have no cy press posts there-This was an experiment that will affect several cars from East Texas-If it proved alright then you would get long haul on several cars from there,but if we have to have all this trouble we can not afford to experiment with them and will have to cut cypress out of the question-I am very sorry that this has come up for the 2nd.time and assure you that it will not come up again.

Hoping you can see you ^{way} through for me,

I am very truly,

Geo. M. Flaugher

1/28/04.

Mr. C. R. Thomas, Sec.

Kansas City,

Dear Sir:-

Yours received with bill for Horn Irons-If you will look at my letter again you will find I said Tattoo Irons-I wish a sett of Tattoo Irons for the ears of cattle-As I have a nice sett of Horn Irons-I will try to sell them to someone here if cant will return them to you and you can return to who you got them from-I will pay the express back to K.C. and I suppose they will take them back-

Hoping you will get me the Tattoo Irons and send at your earliest convenience,

I am very truly yours,

Geo. M. Flaugher

1/29/04.

Dear Bro:-

Kennedy came in alright and was here a day or two waiting for Bert. I gave him a horse and let him ride through and look at all your old horses, and he seemed to think they were looking awfully nice-one of them has got in ditch and died-I sold your old mules the other day for \$300.00-Did I get enough for them? We are keeping an eye out for 4 more to take their places-You better look out too and if you find anything worth the money and suit you, you better buy and send them over here-I have been thinking of getting Penny and Oscar Boyd to look out for mules near Lubbock as there is some good mules raised down there-Please let me know how high you want them and what age right away so I can write them-Bert was busted and I gave him a draft for 25.00 on C.C.S.C.Co Voucher-He talks like he don't want to go back up there, says he he can get a job near his land from others, is not dependent on the S's-I write you this as you will know how he feels-I told him if you did not have a man that you could send up there that would stay and was trusty that I would have to get one-Reports are good from R.W. and I was over some of the C.C.S.C.Co and Ed reports everything in good shape and the cattle I saw look good to me except the mother cows which look hard-When do you think of coming up-I thought we might drive from here up to Sumner and look at Carvers ranch-Bert rode his horse down here and I let Kennedy have a fresh one out of his own mount and put Berts on alfalfa-Could you buy me a car of Yr and 2 yr fillies out the same herd you bought the mares-C herd I think-find out what you could do for me f.o.b, Let me hear from you at once as to when you can come up and if the yr yearling and 2 yr-olds can be bought out of the C horses-I guess Bert will leave tomorrow ~~noon~~ evening for Midland-he said he wanted to stay here a day or two-Your puppy is doing fine-

Your bro,

George.

Dear Doc:-

1/29/04.

Yours received-I am somewhat surprised at you shipping me another car of posts, without notifying me-I don't know what to do with them-They haven't got rate in yet from Bovina to Portales-and if I get the rate will have to wait 10 days and pay demurrage on them at of 1.00 per day-I don't know what to do-Guess will order them unloaded to stop demurrage-Now you know I contracted posts from you at 8¢ and why you draw on me for 10¢ I can't understand-I will send you 8¢ and maybe you can tell me where I am wrong, if so will correct it. I am offered cedar for 8 and I know what they are, but know nothing about cypresses in this country-Because Hagerman likes them is no criterion-Don't ship anymore to me until I give you order-I don't think I can get a freighter to haul from Bovina less than 35¢-These posts took 8.00 more freight than the others-How is this? I paid 72.00 frt on the others and they charge 80.84 for these-Yes I had a time with Bonnies horns, sawed them off myself and expressed them to you myself There was no mistake in them-Did Clifton put his improvements on his land? You know when I made affidavit to his 320.00 worth of posts you said they were laying down there on the track and you would have them shipped to him as soon as you got cars-If you have not put the improvements there-he will lose his land and you will do the same-If you did not put the improvements there to the amt. of 320.00-you have gotten me in a terrible scrape and also yourself-I never dream that you would place me as well as yourself in the line as perjurers Next time I will go and see the improvements made ere I swear to it If you make the necessary imp. such as wire on yours and posts on Cliftons, alright-I depended on you to do this and if you didn't you have done me the worst thing you could have possibly done-Please let me hear from you at once and for God's sake say that what you promised has been done-Write me on receipt of this-

Your bro,

George.

1/29/04.

Dear Doc:-

I wrote you this morning in a hurry and forgot to put in the draft-after studying the matter over and to help you out-If you will put me in as many as ~~8~~ you say of 8 foot posts 1/2 car and 200 9-10-12 foot posts to be good ones-I will take them as I may use them later on, but dont as I will need them for a long time, but I suppose they will keep-Ship them to Bovina Tex-Not earlier than the 5th of Feb. and draw on me here through the Roswell. Nat. bank.

Sweet has promised to put me in a 5% rate, but it takes ten days under the law-That is has to be published ten days before it is effective. I enclose his telegram of this morning-

Contract for 1/2 car to be good 8 foot posts Geo. M. Slaughter.

and at least 200 9-10-12 feet and balance to be #1 fence posts @10¢ a piece.

1/29/04.

Mr. Hy Brixner,
Silver City,
N.M.

Dear Sir:-

I have a letter from Mr. C.H. Moore saying that he had made a note for 1170.00 due Mch. 15/05 - That you had all three signed it and if I would send the Coulson and Kilburn note, he would send me the new note - I can't see that you are treating me fair on this at all. I do not mind carrying this note over for a year, but I can't see why you gentleman want to make me lose two bulls, or rather that you want to get hold of the Coulson note and make me lose two bulls - I delivered the bulls in fine shape to Mr. Coulson and on Mr. J.C. Cureton telling me that Coulson was honest and would not beat me, but I might have to extend the note, I am willing to do this and it does seem to me that I am toting fair with you people and you should make the new note for the original amount - Mr. Cureton wrote me he had a talk with you and you told him I should not lose anything, but that you merely wanted you Partners to sign with you - Now it looks fair that you make me another note for balance 130.00 dated Mch. 15/03 and payable /05. ~~So~~ says he will not sign for more than 1170.00. I have ordered the Stallings

the Bank to send the note and accept the Note you have all made out and I will pay the Bank the difference of 130.00 and endorse your new note to the Bank - I think you could make Coulson pay you the 130. the difference and everything would be alright - So I write you this to see if you will make this kind of arrangement - Of course if you don't think this is right I don't want it - I only want to do what is right and from what Mr. Cureton says about you I take it you wish to do the same - Please let me hear from you right away about this -

I understand you bought Coulson's interest and no doubt you have some of his paper and can hold the note (original) until he pays a Cr of 130.00 - I enclose Cureton's letter to me - I have been thinking of running over and see you about this, but am so busy can't get away -

Hope you will do what is right about this - Rather than to have trouble about the note I have accepted the only thing I can do the new note - Would be pleased to hear from you on these lines.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Dict.

1/29/04.

Fires and Crews,

Childress, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose a sight draft on you for Twenty Bulls, @ 50.00 per head, for \$1000.00-I ~~attach~~ will make you bill of sale as soon as I find out the marks of the bulls-I hold receipt for these bulls . From what the boys say you got some awful pretty bulls and I hope you are pleased with them-They ought to be dandies-

Anytime I can ser

rve you over in this part of the world command me,

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

2/1/04.

Mr. Chas. McCormack,

Plainview,

Texas.

Friend Charles:-

Yours received -Am glad to hear that you have rented the house and hope that you have got renters that will not be taking all the rent for repairs-I enclose Shafer note-You may credit Shafer on this not for sub.to his paper to June 1st./05 making four years sub-The credit on the note was sub.in full at that time-

Your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Dict.

Enclosure.

2/1/04.

Dear Bud:-

Yours of the 28th. Inst. at hand-I was very muchly surprised at its contents, wherein you say you have just sent the blank Affidavits to Boyd-You wrote me the 23d that you were in a hurry and that you had sent these blanks to Boyd, and for fear that you would not get them back in time -I sent Dr. Jenkins over from here to Portales and hired an outfit for him to hurry-He has been gone a week and I now get a letter saying that you had just sent the blanks-We are helping the livery stable alright as Donohoo Mctrl Co, will now have to hire a horse to take these blanks out and Doc will have to keep his livery there until this other special messenger gets out there. Now as to the Cypher or Code -Tell Father he need not send me a message in Cypher here, for the Western Union has no code here or cypher Says he knows nothing about such things-I wrote you this so that you will not send a hurry message here and it will have to go back to D. and the be sent back in english-I think you all have been DUPED on the code business-We had a light snow Sat. Nigt -Sunday all gone a beautiful summer day-How about Carvers trouble? Too bad I dont believe it. All well-everything doing very nicely on the farm-

Your bro,

George.

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2/2/04.

Dear Bud:-

Jenkins came back from Ranch yesterday to Portales and *got*

The Interrogatories and got scared and came over here to see me about them-He wanted an attorney to go out with him-I wired one at Portales and he wanted 50.00 for the trip-I sent Gordon Randal back with him to assist him in doing the writing and trying to get the boys in line-He said he could do it-I sent Rogers back with him-George Woods had quit the ranch-got important and felt his oats and tried to show and Boyd let him go-He is at Alida, but there is no telegraph office there-So I put Doc, Gen. and Rogers on train this morning and told Doc to get off at Alida and get Woods and hire a team and drive to Portales tonight, some 10 miles, and tomorrow morning they will get a surry and all four go down and get things up in the best shape they can-I took Doc and Gen down this morning to the Dist. atty and had him to take the papers and explain everything to them and I don't think they both will forget-I could have taken Rogers down here if I had had time, but it would have delayed them a day-Doc went out to ranch and got boys all together and the papers did not come, so Doc came back in to get George Woods and the papers. I would have gone out and taken my Typewriter, but thought the boys would do better with Doc and Gordon-They are both familiar with the proceedings on the ranch and would not embarrass them as much as I would-There will be a lot of writing, but by sending the Gen. they can take spells about and keep the good work going on-This is the best that I knew how to do-I had the Dist. Territorial Atty to give them minute instructions and go over the whole thing with them and they were satisfied they could carry things out as the papers justified and satisfy bro. Meeks. I got your and Dicks Knives today, they made some little mistake in them and I send them back tomorrow and will have the outfit to repair and send direct to you-

Your Bro,
George.

2/2/04.

Gibson Well Co,
Mineral Wells,
Texas.

Gents-
Please send me another case of water-I enclose 3.60 -you can
cr. empties when they get there will try to empty tomorrrw.

First Trade

Yours truly

Dict.

Geo.M.Slaughter

Enc.

2/2/04.

E.B. Carver,

Henrietta, Tex.

Friend Carver:-

Yours received some few days ago-In answer about going to the Ranch with you will say I will be delighted to go, if nothing turns up to prevent me, and if you will wire me when you leave H. for Portales I will try to meet you-Will wire you at Portales whether I can get away or not-If it is so I cannot get away at that time-Bob is thinking about coming up and if he does he and I will try to get away and drive up to your ranch from here and look over your Ranch-I noticed in the papers where you were accused of Embezzlement-I don't believe this of you and I am from Missouri-I saw Weir here and he was asking me what your steers were worth-He said he thought 20.00 I told him that they were worth, or at least you were offered 21.00 last spring and it looked funny that after they had a year's growth that they were not worth more-Hope your cows are doing nicely and I can't see why they should not, as the winter has been very mild, but not telling what the spring will bring forth. Wishing you all the success imaginable with your cows-Your horses are doing very well, with exception of about four that were badly alkali-ed-That you will come out of your trouble with flying colors, I am your friend, Geo. M. Slaughter

2/3/04.

Dear Dad:-

Yours received glad to hear from you and that your eyes are so much better and that you have hopes of them being better improved-I see in the papers that Carver is in trouble-I cant believe this of him-Have a letter from him-saying that he concluded I ~~could~~ would not be able to meet him at Portales the 5th.and he was at Santa Rosa,and was going down to the ranch-I am expecting Bob up in a few days to visit me and as I have my Buck-Booard over here for repairs thought we would leave the women folks here and he and I go up the river from here and see how many cows had drifted down below Sumner and then drive up over his ranch.I got Jenkins,Rogers and Randal off yesterday and they were to get Geo.Woods at Alida 10 miles west of Portales yesterday and drive last night to Portales and leave this morning for the Ranch-I have not heard from Doc so suppose he got Woods-Doc has just gotten back from Ranch says Boyd is under the weather with cold or grip-Cattle looking fine-had all the boys in to get depts.but the papers were not there and Woods had to be gotten before they could do anything-So he talked with all the Boys and they told him cattle were doing fine as could be expected-Phelps White just in from Yellow House says no trouble to get Beef amongst the dry stuff,but mother cows looking hard,and if we have backward spring will lose several-Letter from Ed says his doing fine with exception of a few short ages-I struck old Man Nath.Eldridge here-He is nearly blind and broke down-Opium fiend I think-Old fellow was thinking of going on the County-I made arrangements and paid a months keep for him-He says his father baptised Grand Pa Slaughter-Was it his father that married you? Please let me know about him-whether you think him worthy of your help-His son I learn is fairly fixed,but has refused the Marshal to help him-I feel sorry for the old man- What shall I ask for three yr old str.-Have letter from Boardman-says cattle wintering fine-Heifers looking fine and they like them fine-says he did not ship many-I take it he tried to intimate he did not want many cattle if any-how would it do to write him asking if he was going to stock up any -I enclose his letter-I thought I would write to the Old Man that bought the L.F.D. last yr.ask him if he was in the market this spring-That B.might not want to stock up-but if B,did not want all ours,would like to talk to him-What do you think about it on this line? Your aff.son. George.

Calif. 1/14/04

2/4/04.

Dear Pa:-

Tell Bud that I am sidetracking everything to get those depositions in Dallas in time for suit-I enclose Dr.Jenkins letter,so that you will not be uneasy about Geo.Woods deposition,as the data was kept by him and he had charge of the fence for awhile-Consider the most important witness for us-They got off to the Ranch yesterday morning in a surry-Rogers,Jenkins,General and Woods-I sent Gen'l with Doc so as to help him do the writing-I tried to get a jack-leg atty,but he wanted 50.00 and General read them over and thought he could catch the boys so they would not change their testimony on cross examination or interrogatories-Fine weather-Has been fine all winter here-The Drs gave Capt Lea up last night-Pneumonia-I understood they had wired for Mrs.Day yesterday to come to him-too bad-

all well, hope will find you all the same,

your loving sn

George.

2/4/04.

Friend Joe-

L.H.Hallam, the man who went out last year and fixed the Gasoline Engine, was telling me he had sent some papers to you to get signed up-I will take it as a favor to see that this is done if you can, as Hallam as favored me on two or three occasions-How about that fellow who has been owing for that salt grass used a year ago-It is time that he was paying this up and you must make him come through-What has been done about the salt grass that was put up last fall? It looks to me that you could get some of this baled so as not to have to buy alfalfa, but feed your mules on this-I dont want you to buy any grain for the mules, but use the corn that I bought in the car-If you have not kept enough at your house to feed your mules, when you go back to Ranch, put enough on your wagon to last you to R.R. and back to ranch each trip you make-If your folks are well enough to leave them I want you to go to Bovina next trip and haul posts-They are cypress and will not be hard to haul-Those people over there want to hold me up for 35¢ and as you havent much to haul now, you could haul those posts-Would not load too heavy so as to hurt your mules in the sand and by untrailing I dont see that you should hurt your mules any worse than going to Portales-Please send down when you get this and explain fully all that I have asked you about in this letter-Now I want to economize as much as possible and never spend or buy anything that you can possibly do without-It seems to me that you are getting terribly weak in the back when you have got to hire ~~one~~ some one to help you load everytime you get to town-What do you do Boss the job-I have a bill for 50¢ for a man to help you load a little dog that I sent over there to Mrs. Penny? It looks to me like you are afraid you will not be able to spend all that we have on the ranch-Or that you are posing as a public benefactor-I want this buying a whip or lash everytime you go out-take care of these things and stop buying-Be careful with your collars and bridles and dont throw them down and have them torn up so will have to buy new ones-I have all these things on one piece of paper and will show you how much repairs you have spent since driving the team, and you will be surprised how much it is when you see it-Now Joe if you owned that team your self the bill would be very light for repairs, so after this run it like you owned it.Your friend, Geo.M.Slaughter

Mr.C.R.Thomas,
Kansas, City,
Mo,

2-4-04.

Dear Sir:-

I received the Tattoo Irons last night and I enclose K.C.
Xchange for \$8.00 for the Horn Irons I let Wm. Atkinson have and the
Tattoo Irons for myself-Many thanks for your promptness in sending
same-Hope you have entirely recovered from your trouble,

Dict.

Enc.Xchange.

I am very truly,
Geo.M.Slaughter

2/5/04.

Friend Joe:-

Yours received--es you can load all the piping you can haul--you better make a trip to Bovina for posts before you come back to Portales--and then you can make a second trip if there is nothing needed on the ranch--I dont know what I could load you with at Portal as next trip--so you better go to Bovina and make your arrangements at home to be gone two trips--Dont let anything interfere unless it is sickness in your family--Write me if they are well enough for you to be away long enough to go to Bovina, by next mail--and what day you will start back to the ranch. Sorry to hear that Boyd is sick, but hope it will be only temporary. Remember me kindly to your wife and Girl. I dont want to hear that you are trying to empty any of the saloons. I am liable to have a job for you quiker than you think for.

Your friend,

Dictated.

Geo. M. Slaughter

2/7/04

Oyler and Watts,

Bovina, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

I have nothing for my teams to do so will send them over there to commence hauling-You asked me about taking enough out to make a yard fence,that is alright ,yes you may take enough for your yards-You may select at 25¢-You may take enough to make your lot fences and any cross fences you wish to put up-Any groceries or grain that my may want while hauling,please let him have and O.K. same and then send bill to me-

Yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Mr. J. N. Donohoo,
Canyon,
Texas.

2/9/04.

Dear Father:-

I suppose you have heard from McGaffey that the walks have been put down on your Residence property on Richardson Avenue. The best that Mc could do was 15¢-I got to work and got it put in for 12¢-This is the best that I have heard of-I was talking to Wright Xmas about that Opera house deal, and he thought the Deed could be set aside-I was thinking of writing you then about it, but thought I had better talk with a N.M. Atty-Sunday Cap Lea was buried and Camron of Freeman and Cameron a good law firm of Carlsbad, went out to the burial in my buggy with me and when we got back late, I had him to dñ dinner with me, and I got to talking with him about that proposition and he thinks it might be set aside-Now I want you to send me at once all the letters you have from Veal and all the cuts of the building he or Patton have sent you, any letters Cpt Lea might have written you about this matter-In fact every letter that you have that would throw any light on this matter-I was telling Cameron that Wright thought that it was possible to set aside the deed on a/c of Patton not putting his north side on the line or making the jog-and Mr Cameron said he was not sure, but was inclined to believe it could also-I will submit to Freeman any letters you may have on this subject render us an opinion on the matter-ofcourse we will have to pay them to examine the facts in the case and then if they think they can win it or rather set aside the deed, then we will have to make a trade with them to bring the suit-I think it would be better for you to go to Carlsbad and see them, if they think they can win for us-Veal and I will stand our part of your expense, as you have more experience then I and I wouldn't want to let Veal make the trade-Let me hear from you fully and freely on this subject. All well except Allie, She has neuralgia pretty bad-Weighed yesterday 197, says she has only a few more days to live, that when she weighs 200 she is going to commit Susan-side-We see by the papers that you and Ma are down to Plainview visiting Mr. & Mrs Ware every few days, but that you all do not care enough for Mr. & Mrs Slaughter to run over and see them You might fool your self by saying that you have business down there but you cant fool us, for you have business over here also, just as much, also that you are risking a gooddeal in your health by going on the stage in the cold and you can run over here in a sleeper and not risk anything-Your Daughter is beginning to see where the favoritism is shown, also your grandchildren are beginning to see it, and your son knows it. Your son. George.

2/9/04.

Dr.S.D.Thruston,
Dallas,
Texas.

My Dear Doctor:-

Mama sent me your little a/c yesterday and I hasten to enclose you P.O.Order for same-I overlooked this when in the bustle to get away-So many little things to look after about that time. My oldest boy has the foreskin adhering all around the head of his "Peety",and I have anout concluded that I better take him to a Sanitarium and have him operated on,and I thought probably Dallas would be as good as any-He is 7 years old,and I am afraid it would be dangerous to give him Choroform,unless I had someone that was experienc in giving it-"ould there be any more danger in giving it to a 7 year old than a grown person?I had a Doctor to examine Georgie and he advised me that I would feel better,by having ~~some~~ some prominent surgeon to operate on him-Would be pleased to hear from you on this subject if you are not too busy.

Wrs and Chlidren ask to be remembered to you-Joe-Dick getting as fat as a bear,eats anything he wants to and has not been sick a day since you treated him,

with best wishes

Geo. M. Slaughter.

2/10/04.

Dear Father:-

The boys, General, Doctor Jenkins and Rogers got in last eve, and report that they got the Interrogatories up in good shape, that it took both of them 2 days and nights hard writing to put them on paper-They had a hard time with Geo. Woods to get him in line, but they finally got him to come through alright-+ understand that Jarman has left the country-It is either that or D.A.F have him down there to spring him on you in court I dont know which. General was awfully well pleased to the way they had their affidavits and he does not think that the Judge can give them the land after he sees their testimony-

We tought of and spoke of you many times yesterday, started to wire you yesterday morning first thing after we got up, I thought I would wait until the boys got back from the ranch- I sold two old mules for \$130.00-I sold the balance of the cut back and crippled horses that we had 18 head for \$150.00-This included 2 one eyes, 5 crips and the rest were old enough to vote in anybodys country-Have been offering them to 4 or 5 eastern horse buyers for the last 5 weeks and they all turned them down so dropped 10.00 and got a man to take them, they were eye sores and were eating hay and alfalfa and were not worth anything after we would feed them all the ~~next~~ winter. This looks awful cheap for horses, but taking in consideration the kind of sticks they were I think it a good trade-You might say 8 of them were no good to any one and call the 10 head @15 I look at these things this way, if we have anything that is no good to us, we better dispose of it at what we can get for it. Have a letter from Boyd saying he is on his feet again, that the boys report everything doing well-I enclose his letter for you to read and then you can burn it-I ~~put~~ placed 150.00 for old horses to Farm a/c and the 130.00 to take up a fall down on 1300.00 note, that I sold bulls in El Paso-20 head at 65.00-Two of them had died, and the man that made the note had died also, and his partners offered to make a good note for 18 head, so I thought better be safe and lose the two bulls-I had turned this note to bank and took Cr. on Farm a/c so paid this to bank to make the note good-I will send Dick the amts and where it was placed so he can charge farm for these small sales. I have 5 old mules on hands, Rags, Red, Big belly &c. Dont know what I can get for them, but will sell to someone who will make me an offer. Think will go to Boyds and over to Eds. about the last of month *Geo.

2/12/04.

Mr. Green Wilson,
Plainview, Texas.

Friend Green:-

Yours of 9th. at hand-In reply will say that whatever
you think best for us about the land that was taken by the State, you
advise Ed. As to the Cladwell lands you know best what to do I dont.
Yes I will attend to looking after your 5 Acre block and report in a
day or two-Anytime I can render you any service over here, command me
All well, pretty weather-hope the same with you,

your friend,

Dict.

Geo. M. Slaughter

2/12/04.

Dear Bud:-

I enclose L.C. Wilson letter-You will see what he has advised Ed. Green about the land I wrote you of sometime ago-It seems the State confiscated it and sold it to Sttlers, and from what I understand Wilson thinks we ought to hold it and let them bring suit-I do not know what is best in this instance -You are the law part-I enclose you Green Wilson letter and Copy of what I wrote Ed. Green- So you will know how to advise Ed. about this-In my letter of 1/15 you will

find the sections, and what I have heard about them-Please advise either Ed. Green or L.C. Wilson atty. about how to do in this matter. I answered Wilson letter that he knew more about what to do with Caldwell lands than I did and do as he thought best, also that he ought to know what was best in the 4 sections that parties have filed on of ours and would depend on him to advise Ed. for what was best for us-Now Bud what I want to do is for you to take this land matter up with either Ed. or Wilson or both-Any way it is your part of the business and I don't know what to do in the matter and wish you to familiarize yourself with the status of these lands-all well-Dr. is in bed since he got back with severe cold, Gen is also laid up, and Rogers is at hotel with rising in his head since his return.

all well-hope you all same,

Dict.

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Wilson letter Inc.

Copy of my letter to Green Inc.

As it is late now you can let old man HARRIS alone-If you have not sent him let him alone-Parties will get a man from the North.

2/14/04.

Dear Pa:-

I wrote you that Dr. Jenkins, Gordon Randal and Will Rogers came back with the grip-Rogers is at the hotel and is getting along alright-Randal is at home with me and is getting up alright-Jenkins is at the Farm and is worse this morning-Just got a phone the cook out there has gone to bed-Harry went to bed yesterday morning and I learn has just sent for the Doctor-Mrs. H. says he is complaining about his lungs being sore-I was out there yesterday came back about noon with high fever and had Dr. examine he says I have Grip-gave me 15 1/10 tablets of Calomel every 1/2 hour and I feel somewhat better this morning-Think will be alright in a day or two-We are expecting Viola to calve every day, and about 8 cows to ~~ex~~ calve this month, and it worries me to have Jenkins and Harry both in bed, and I can't get out there-We are having quite a lot of Pneumonia all over town and surrounding country-I forgot and sent you Carvers letter when he went to the Ranch from Santa Rosa, in place of the report he made when he returned-I enclose it now, but I guess he reported to you ere this. We have had fine weather, but if we don't get some moisture soon I am very fearful of results in the spring-In regard to the mange I have resigned from the Chloro-Naptholeum-it might be a good preventative, but it does not seem to do the work on bad cases-We are trying Cremoline that a St Louis house sent us as sample to Portales last year, here on the Farm-Harry thinks it good, but I think we will have to wait until we dip the second time, before we can tell much about it-I am of the opinion that the Rex Sulphur and Lime is the thing, if any of it is worth anything-I think I will send some of this to R.W. and let Ed try it. The Government seems will not recognize anything else, and they are the people, who will inspect when we go to ship. Letter from Goffman, he is in Florida trying to keep an invalid wife alive-He writes me that he turned his calves over to Buell and told him to do everything he could for them-says reports are good on them-That the old cows going up was the idea and his last years calves show up 25% better than Buells.

Love to all, write me when you have nothing else to do, all well except, your loving son,

George.

2/18/04.

Hynes Buggy Co.,

Quincy, Ill.

Gents:-

Enclosed please find K.C. Exchange for 7#00 in payment of a/c
of bill for Buck-Board repairs.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter,

Dict.

Enc.

2/19/04.

Dear Father:-

Yours received yesterday, stating that you had Insomnia, I am very sorry to hear this, for if you cant sleep at night, you cannot stand up to your work long-Yes I would go somewhere and try a change-I know you hate to give up at this time, for if there is any inquiry for two yr olds, next week or so will bring inquiries-Yes I think it a wise for you go to Hot Springs right after the convention and stay there for 3 weeks and then from there to Mineral wells and stay there for a course-I believe it would be a good thing for you to order at once a case of Crazy Well water from Mineral wells, and keep a case at the house and one at the office and drink no other water, and try to drink all you could during the day-While at Mineral Wells, I saw so many that was affected with Insomnia using that water and they told me after 3 or 4 days it gave them relief and they slept fine-It is fine for nervousness too-I remember several that was broken down with nervous Frostration-Now try this-It wont hurt you and is bound to help your system-Try it for a week for me, please. I am drinking Gibson well water every since I got back from Dallas. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to be with you at Hot Spgs. but I got scared the other day and took out a big Life policy and it places me where I have got steer close to shore these hard times, and while it might be a good thing for me, it takes money to go to Hot Springs and I havent it to spend-If I sell 3&V farm I could go & alright, or I might be able to put up my Tontine policy and get the money to go-I have only two more payments to make on a 10000.00 Equitable, 15 yr tontine, which is now good colateral. If we can sell the two's at the convention, I think I could spare the time, between the Convention and the time of delivery, and have plenty of time to get a course of baths and get back in plent of time to deliver-I saw Hood of Emporia, the prs. of K.C. Com Co, and he says he has a man that has room for 1500 strs. near strong City-Wants 3.25 and 1.25 for feed per Mo, until grass-Holmes pastures-I have offered him 3.00 for 4 A and at the rate of one dollar per mo for feed-I figured that they ought to get thereby the 15 of April and feed til May 1st. as soon as I hear from Hood, I will run up there and look at pasture, by the 3d. and then go on to convention. If you have any one you could ask about the Holmes pasture near Strong and Bazaar, I wish you would write the to report. Am getting over my grip and the boys at the farm are someb better this A.M. Love to all-Hope to hear from you soon that you hav

2/25/04.

Joe Anderson,

Portales, N.M.

Friend Joe:-

I send you your check-I want you to go to the Depot and you will find a box of float valves and open it and get out 6 4 inch valves and take to Hardy and then nail up the box and leave it in care of the Agent- Now be careful about this and dont make a mistake about the size of the ~~fox~~ floats/Valves-Remember 4 inch is what I want you to take out to Hardy-There is only 6 4 inch floats in the box-There is also 6 3 inch valves in the box-The rest of the Valves are 3 1/2-2 1/2 and 2 inch-I tell you this so that you will be sure to measure and get the 6 4 inch Valves-Tell Boyd to be care and not put out too much sulphur in his salt as I am afraid that Sulphur will make the cows lose their calves by abortion, but a little I guess will not hurt them-I dont know how much sulphur he has ordered, but I think 300# would be plenty-Yes load your wagons with all the salt you can carry without hurting your teams-Go on back to the ranch as soon as you can load and then when you deliver the salt this trip, pull to Bovina and get the rest of your posts-Dont buy anything you can get along without.I am holding you responsible for everything that you have charge of and you want to be careful how you do things.

Remember me kindly to Mrs.A, and the children,

Your friend,
Geo.M.Slaughter.

Dictated by G.M.S.

Enclosure.

2/25/04.

Dear Father:-

Not having heard anything about Edwards I guess it went against us-I see that Coke was affirmed-We are having pretty weather last night was a summer night-I enclose a bill from J.W. Frost & Co for cleaning type writer-Dick sent me this yesterday-You remember you got 5.00 from me to pay Raines and I told you to pay this when it came in and had Dick to make a memorandum of this-Please send them ~~3.25~~ 3.25 at once on receipt of this-I enclose you Boyd and Green's report of how things are on Ranch. Columbine brought a big fine heifer this morning from Bredwell-Everything beginning to bud and leaf here-Alfalfa greening up-all well-The boys at the farm are about over their grip-Putting out the young Orchard as fast as we can.

Shall I close with Hood for pasture for 1500 cattle? Please let me hear from you as to this trade-It looks like it is paying a good deal for pasture 3.00, but I guess it is about as good as we can do.

If I do not hear from you to the contrary will leave here about the 4th. for Strong City to look at the Holmes pasture at 3.00 and feed at the rate of 1.00 per month. If it is alright will close and then come down to the convention. Love to all-Hope Ed-Dela has entirely recovered and that you are feeling better -Love to all.

Your aff. Son,
George.

Mr.H.P.hood,

2/26/04.

Emporia,Kans,

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Your telegram received-In reply will say that I will probably leave here the 2nd.for Emporia to meet you and look at pastures-Will wire you when I leave here so that you will know what time to expect me-We are having fine weather,just like spring-The trees are beginning to leaf out and the alfalfa is getting green Remember me kindly to Mrs.H. with best regards,

I am your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter

Dict.

2/27/04.

Friend Joe:-

I have a letter from Price saying that he did not think they could get any salt to Portales in less than 2 weeks-I have about come to the conclusion in placing of you laying up and waiting there for salt, that you better load what little things you have orders for and pull up the rail-road to Bovina and haul the posts and then by the time you got back to Portales the salt would be there- So now you better get those floats and Iron I had shipped from here by express and the float valves I wrote you about and what other stuff that Boyd ordered and go at once to Bovina and load the posts and takethem out and when you return to Portales, I will have a load off/ salt for you-You better leave your wagon beds at Portales and not take anything that you will have to leave at Bovina.

Please write me tonight what you have done, whether you can go to Bovina and haul the posts first-I dont know of a thing that I can load you with unless it is salt. So go on to Bovina at once.

Your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

2/27/04.

Mr. F. O. Moburg Pres.
Omaha. Neb.

Dear Sir:-

I was talking with Mr. Hinkle of this place and told him I had about concluded to take 30 Bbls. of your Rex Lime and sulphur dip, but wanted about 25 bbls unloaded at Portales ~~and~~ about 90 miles up the road from here, that is I wanted the car stopped long enough to unload about 25 barrels there and then bring the other on to Roswell-I think we can make arrangements with the R.R. to do this. I have been using the Chloro-Naphth-but want to try your lime and sulphur-I would also like you to send me a cut of some outfit to heat the dip with. I have in four Vats-I suppose Mr. Hinkle has written you if not I am in a rush to get mine and cannot wait on him much longer I represented this Road last year on Chloro-Naphth-If these people dont hurry I cannot wait-If they are too slow, why cant you ship a car to Roswell with privilege of unloading about 1/2 at Portales and consign 1/2 car to me and the other 1/2 to Hinkle here-and let us pay you when it is sold-Am satisfied we could dispose of it for you that is what we could not use ourselves. Please let me hear from you at once as I am ready to dip with some dip and cannot wait all summer for other people to make up their minds.

Dict.

Geo. M. Slaughter

2/29/04.

Mr. Charles Thomas,

Camden, Ind.

Friend Thomas:-

I have just gotten back from the ranch and found the prettiest Dog I ever laid eyes on-the only objection I have to him is his name-I am going to change it to Charly Thomas-Every one that sees him gets stuck on him-When you come down next fall bring your gun and I will let you hunt over the best dog you shot over-The winter has been the finest we have ever had that I can remember and cattle are wintering fine-Hope your calves are doing fine-I am sorry to hear that your calves have the itch-I enclose you a circular of a good dip so I am told I am going to try it. Rex Lime and Sulphur-I would advise that you get you a can of this and put your calves in a shute and take a good stiff brush and brush them good with it. We have an early spring or rather can get some rain in the next 60 days we will have the prettiest bunch of calves a man ever saw-Now old boy I hope all the Powers will get into the war and that when your babies get ready to kill that they will bring you 10¢ a# Thanking you again for the beautiful dog and wishing you all the success imaginable with your calves, I beg to remain,

Your friend,
Geo. M. S.ughter.

3/1/04

Dear Father:-

I sold yesterday	
15 head of Bobs heifers @10.00 per head =	150.00
10 head that we raised on the farm from old cows	120.00
2 S cows that brought over for market and	
they had calves last year and could not kill	30.00
One bull calf that we intended to castrate	20.00
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	320.00

I placed this to the farm a/c

I got a note for the 20 head that I sold Fires and Crews last fall 1000.00 and endorsed the note to the bank and placed to farm a/c -Making 1320. placed to Farm a/c yesterday.

I will leave here morning of 3d for Emporia to look at pasture for the steers-Do you want to put any old cows from Bobs?

The reason I ask is Winston wanted to put some cows in these pasture s if there is room-If you should want to place any old cows up there Wire me as soon as you get this-If I do not hear from you by wire-I will arrange for 1000 head of steers-Columbine-Roswell Maid -Viola have big fine heifer calves and Queen of hearts a big fine bull calf all doing well and the largest calves I ever saw-Regular summer weat her-Willow trees all out in leaf-About one month earlier than I ever saw it-all well-I am going to bring my family down to the convention As will have to take Son to sanitarium to have an operation on his Pee-Pee-Truston advised that I employ Shelmire to perform it- The fore skin has adhered completely all around the head-Alfalfa gr owing very fast-Everything over here in very good shape-When ever I get a chance to sell anything we dont need on the farm-I am going to turn it loose if it is cheap-as all cattle are cheap-Winston sold 200 2 yr old str native Iatan str for 17.50.Did I sell Bobs hfrs too cheap?What shall I ask for his open heifers.

Love to all,

Your aff Son,

George.

3/1/04.

Mr. P. B. Penny,
Lubbock,
Texas.

Friend Penny:-

I enclose you Amarillo Exchange for \$22.65 to pay you for the Interest Money you paid \$ for Will Rogers on his section- Please send me the receipt from the Land Office-It seems Rogers has had a time paying his Int. money-I wired Dick to pay it for him last fall and did not know the number of the section, so the land office sent his money back, Then it seems Rogers sent it to you by Cano Hill and he did not give it to you, but waited until a few days ago and he sent it back to Will I hope this will reach you and that you will acknowledge and send the receipt you have from the land office showing it was paid. How are you getting along? Are you going to make the race again this year? Let me know at once so if you are going to make it I can do what I can for you, but do not wait too long-

Remember me kindly to Mrs. P. Did she get the little dog I sent her?
Your Friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Mr. J. F. Raley,

Gomez,
Texas.

3/3/04.

Friend Raley:-

I enclose Voucher for \$50.00 as per your order from
Boyd-Glad to hear that everything on your Division is doing well-
Now when you can spare the time put in your idle moments to break-
ing land as I want you put in a big farm this year-I am thinking now
of coming over to your pasture about the last of this month to get
all the three year old steers you have and take them to Kansas.
Hope to see you at your camp about the 20th Inst. Now Raley you know
what to do and I want you to keep things going the best you know how
and have everything in nice shape when I come over and see you.

Wishing you success in all your undertakings ,

I am your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

3/25/04.

Mr. Charles Williams,

Kansas City, Kan.

Your letter received some few days ago just as I was on my way to the cattle convention-I have been away ever since-got back last night and hasten to write you-Now Charlie, I have a nice little home at Roswell-Wife and two boys one 7 and the other 3-I have a horse and wife has a horse and we have a jersey cow to milk-If you would like to take care of the place-Do the cooking and take care of the yard and barn I will start you at 20.00 per month-After the first month if you can keep things moving will give you a raise-We have a nice little city of 6000-Several negroes here-They have a church and if a negro behaves himself and keep in his place he is alright here, but if he gets out of his place they would be rough on him-You know will see that you are not molested at anytime as long as you keep your place-I believe you would like it here and that we could get along alright-If you wish to come wire me as soon as you get this whether you are coming or not as two or three negro boys want the place and I need some one at once-write me on receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

3/25/04.

Dear Ed,

I have just gotten back from the convention-Will start some horses and a small outfit over to Boyds to get the 3 yr olds and dip them and get them off to Kansas-I would like to see you to commence with a small outfit to get your three year olds cut out of your herd and put them in a small pasture so as to have them ready when Rogers gets over there with this little herd and then you can put two men mounted in and let Rogers take them all on to Bovina-I will bring the dip and a small engine along with me to heat the dip when I get Boyds bunch started-I want you also to cut about 50 or 60 head of the best two year olds you can-I want them for show this year.

60 Reds and Roans (or rather Durhams) and 60 Herefords-Now when you round up cut all your 3 yr olds and then hold the roundup and cut 60 best Durham 2 yr olds and 60 best Hereford two yr olds. I will be over ahead of the herd with the dip and we will then dip them.

I am using a Sulfur and lime dip and have a little engine to heat it with. If you can put these cattle in a small pasture until we can dip them it will be alright. You better start about the 1st to work- Rogers will start the 1st and it will be about the 5th before he can get over there. Hoping this will find you and yours all O.K.

I am with kindest regards to you and wife,
Your friend,
Geo. W. Slaughter.

4/13/04.

Dear Father:-

I got back from the Ranch last night, where I have been for the last two weeks, trying to get up a herd for Kansas-Had some little moisture, but not enough to any good, unless it will start the grass in the sand-I found the cattle in very fair shape with exception of a few-We are losing a cow or two nearly every day now and unless we get rain soon will lose quite a few cows and some few steers I think by the time we get the herd to R.R. we will have about 950 We got 600 at Zavalla and carried them to R.W. and about 400 at Eds- It took us two days to dip and it was rather cool, north wind hanging on for 3 days-we had a time getting the dip hot enough in the tank- You have seen the new rules governing the movement of scabby cattle- it is much harder to get a bunch through the inspectors now than ever-I will go back this morning and look the herd over and cut everything that shows a scar in one of Lairds small pastures, so as to keep from being held up-While dipping the last day I got mixed up with a steer in the chute and broke a small bone in my hand and it was so painful I did not trim up the herd, but told Ed to trim it up drop back everything that he thought had live bugs, but when I got to the R.R. and found the Government had made new rules I am afraid he did not cut them clean, so I will run back and meet herd tonight and look them over carefully-Have a letter from Bob saying he had good rains-His men are here after his horses now-Doc and Minnie were here when I got back-Minnie looking well and Doc roaring about Harry and I losing his negroes land-I wired him case could not be continued and when he got the message he said it read Case dismissed-The operator at Jefferson either changed it or dock misconstrued-Looks like Boardman will not want anything, but I am in hopes he will come through yet-All well-will write you more later on-Phelps White doing very well with his burns-he will be marked badly and probably lose some fingers and several nails-I don't see how he came out alive-Will write you how I get along with Uncle Sams man later-If I don't get them through will have to take them back to the ranch and dip again, but hope to pass these and finish number when we dip the twos. I am afraid to start dipping the 2's until it rains, but as soon as it does will rush them through in a hurry-Will be compelled to double dip the twos-about 10 or 12 days apart.If it don't rain soon will dip them anyway so they will be healed up by time we move them-I am still holding my breath to hear B say write contract-Don't see what we will do with them.If he makes a pass we better take him up. George.

May.21/04.

Carver and Witherspoon,

Dr

To

Geo.M.Slaughter,

To wintering horses on Alfalfa-

Nov-20-51	Head to	Apr 14th.	=4	Mo.	and 14 days=	134 days@5¢=	341.00
" 25-19	" "	" "	=4	" "	9 "	=129 " "=	122.55
Dec-18-10	" "	" "	=3	" "	16 "	=106 " "=	53.50
Mch_6 -4	" "	" "	=	" "	28 "	=	5.60
April-4th,25	- To	May 20th.	=	26 days	=		57.50
							<hr/> \$580.85

Cr by 13 horses taken away 3/8 to 4/4 26 days

16.90

May 21st. amount in full settlement for pasturage \$563.95

May 21st.1904

Paid in full,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Mr. Howard Sanders,

4/28/04.

Dallas, Texas.

Dear Howard:-

We have a little Bank here opened last year, have been opened about a year-I enclose our last statement-We declared a Dividend of 5% in Jan. our Cashier will leave us on July 1st. that is wishes to do this-Now I have thought about you-We can afford to give you 150.00 per month-I don't know whether this would interest you or not-I have thought about you a good deal-I think as I told you once or twice before that I believe it would be the thing for you to come out here and make your home with us as we have the finest climate in the U.S. or as fine anyway-You know you cannot stand it where you are much longer-We would want you to take about 25 shares-I think the stock can be bought or at least that much for ~~125.00~~ 125.00 per share-Let me hear from you at once whether you could be in a position to accept this or not? would want you to come ahead of the 1st. of July so as to let our present Cashier introduce you and be with him a little while before he leaves-I think we could raise you later on if the business would permit-There are two older Banks here, but we are doing our share according to our age-I firmly believe that if you can shape your business so you can take this position that it would be life to you-I have 25 shares in this Bank and if you come and take the window I would try to get more stock.

Now think this over quick and let me know whether you think you can come-Write me as soon as you can about this and if you can accept let Get some letters from the Bankers and Cashiers of Dallas and send me as soon as you can and I will take it up with Directory and let you know at once-or if you think you could accept I will take it up with the Bank and wire you to come out and look the situation over before you decide-If you cannot accept please give me the name of some one that you could endorse for this position-Would Lloyd Smith be competent to manage the Cashiership of a little Bank.

Your friend as ever.
Geo. M. Slaughter.

4/29/04.

Dear Father:-

Yours of 27th. Inst. received-In reply will say that we are in better shape after the fire than I thought-When I came back to Portales Joe met me at the train and was telling me that a fire started in our silver lake pasture and burned about 8 sections for us and then went into Yellow House and burned a big lot of that-then went on through the south spade pasture-The wind changed in the north and came down through south yellow house and backwest and caught Oxsheer-Our silver lake we are not using for you know that we stock that heavy every year and eat it off before turning cattle in winter pasture and about the only grass that was in there was some old sage that they would not eat and by burning would help in place of hurting us-Rogers said when he was getting the steers out of Ralays that some green grass was coming and the cattle had good pasture. Clarence Scarbrough brought a herd through crews and our west side east of scraped out and he said grass was coming right along and that our cattle were looking better than any he saw except his 5 wls pasture-Randel was in and said Boyd and the boys reported that they had about stopped dying, that there was lots of calves coming and the grass was showing up in the sand quite a little-Now the pasture that I got from Laird is west of Red Tower-about 8000 acres in one pasture and there has not been a hoof on it this winter-another pasture about 12000 that he had only about 400 on it-They are well watered-but awful dry but lots of old grass-He will move the ones he has to adjoining pasture-He has a vat being put in near these pastures and I can double dip them in his vat at about the same cost that I would be at home-I thought when we moved the 1300 in first herd we would dip them and while waiting for the 10 days bring the others up and dip them 1st. time ~~was~~ just a day before dipping 1st. herd 2nd time by this we would lose no dip-There is no use you worrying and me two-So I tell you let me do the worrying for both of us-Rest assured I will do everything I can for the best. I thought by you running up the other day and spending a day with me looking at Lairds pasture it would help you and you would not have been exposed at all-and we could have looked at the pasture in one day and have a talk and you could have caught the train for home the next day and got on sleeper and back home next morning-Under the existing circumstances we are doing as well if not better than any ranch in the Panhandle-I feel better over the way things look than I have for a month-It looks like 15 and 16 will be all that 2's will bring-still hoping Boardman

*will come through - will me if he should
Close deal - my receipt of news.
all well - your aff son.
George*

5/6/04.

Dear Dick:-

I have been very anxious to hear Boardman say he would take the cattle, but as yet have not heard the news-I enclose a letter from Merritt of Amarillo-I wrote him that I could not price him part of the cattle, but would advise him to write the Col. at Dallas. I have news of another rain at R.W. Ranch and the grass ought to be coming alright over there-Ed and I have figured that we could probably commence dipping there by the 10th or 12th. I have been undecided as to what is best to do about dipping the 2's on Hockley on a/c of it being so dry over there-Have about decided to go over there and see if the grass will permit dipping them there and if not will move them on to R.W. and dip there and we will then have them all in one place and will save the expense of losing the cost of filling a vat. I have been working on arrangement to heat the vat and have found an arrangement that will do it at a nominal cost-we experimented on the vat here and it works alright, so I ship them by express today one set to Bovina and one to Portales and will send them right out. I sent a man by name of Nick Orr to Onaga Kans to look at a team of Black mares for Fathers Depot wagon-This man is a good judge of horses-I have a wire from the man that owns them saying they are 15 1/2 hands high and weigh 1015 -If Orr should buy them he will take them to Dallas at once-When he gets them there if they do not suit have him sell them-They will cost 300.00-When Orr gets there with horses show him all the courtesy you can as he is a friend of mine-Owns a farm here and went more for accomidation to me than gain-I would advise that you and Bud have him hitch them up and if after driving them show them to the folks and see whether they like them-if they do have Bud get a hack driver to drive them on the streets day and night for some 2 weeks, so as to get them used to electric lights, cars and city driving, so there will be no danger of a runaway later on. My wife is getting over a hard case of Tonsolititis-hope the children will not take it. Ask Bud if he got the Bird dog I sent him. Have not heard a word from the office in quite awhile, please write me oftener-love to all,

your bro,
George.

5/6/04.

Mr. A. D. Marriot,
Hotel Amarillo,
Amarillo, Tex.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 4th Inst before me-In reply will say that the S
2's are well grown and have had two rains on the in the last 10 days
They wintered well, but like all panhandle cattle are thin on a/c of
not having any moisture to fall on the grass during the winter-They
were dipped last fall and went into the winter without any lice to
bother them-they are much better and better grown than they were last
year-The office at Dallas has some enquiries about them, but I
have not heard from the office for sometime-I don't know whether Col
S would sell part of them with out all or not-~~you~~ If you are interest
ed enough you can write Col. C. C. Slaughter Dallas, Texas for price &c
I can meet you any day you say at Hereford or Bovina and take you to
them in one day-I believe the cattle would suit you if the price
would. I leave for the ranch today and will be back by the time you
could get answer to a letter written at once. I think the S two's
as good as I ever saw come off the Ranch.

Yours truly,

I shipped 1000 3rd -cut backs of 2s last year and never got a one down-they are strong.
No cut backs in them as I shipped them all out this spring to Kans.

Geo. M. Slaughter

5/8/04.

Dear Father:-

I wrote Dick day before yesterday that I would leave Sturday, but got a letter Friday night from parties that wanted a car of bulls and met them last night and sold them 35 head of yearlings at \$35.00-Mart Robinson, Lem Cheshire and L.F. Wilson on the note- They give me two notes one for 10.00 per head payable this fall and the other note due in 12 months at 12 per cent. Got a letter from Ed Green last night saying he had more lake water than he has had for 5 yrs. This will make grass good-I will pull for Hockley Co Ranch this morning and get all the steers that are there and drive them at once to Running water and will dip the whole busniss as soon as I can and then days later will dip them the 2nd. time-Think we will have them ready to ship if we sell by the 26 or 27th. Inst. I guess from reports north about the backward weather that will be plenty of time or early -W.P. Anderson showed me a letter Creigh (Dal Driskill Bro-in-law) saying he had lots of good pasture-I thought I would mention this to you-Its awful dry over here, people trying to get alfalfa to put their small bunches on until it rains-Wire me if at anytime you make a sale. Boyd some of the old cross J cows are dying, but the other cows are dying so bad. Allen the man Bob sent up to go to Carver and Witherspoons is here and will wait here a day or two for Carvers men to come after their horses. Will rush out to Boyds and down to Raleys and back through whitefaces and bac and start steers and then back to Portales and take train and go to Hereford and have Ed to send after me and down to Eds to fix to dip-Will report to you how everything is-White has a letter saying good rain from Yellow House hqtrs east-I guess we got a little of this -dont know-I have been afraid to leave the R.R. until I heard from you, but now my mind is clear since hearing Green had lots of rain-so in a weekst time all the steers should be at R.W. Allie is up this morning -she was 5 days in bed and could not eat a thing with Tosilitis-fell off 10#-all well -Hope find you and yours as well-Love to all,

George.

5/12/04.

Friend Boyd:-

I send this out by Joe Hudspeth-I have hired Joe to go to Gourdvine and dig a well and when he has ggot the well done and Hardy has a wheel up and it pumping then I want him to clean the well that is there and see if he can get it to running alright-You will let him have another mule in place of the mule that belongs to the machine that is crippled-I think you better send the mule that is crippled to where we have had rain and turn him loose until he gets well I tell Hardy that I could find no one inch manilla rope -In fact manilla is not made in that size, but the well men tell me that 7/8 manilla is better than inch sisal so I bought it and send by Joe and want Hardy to get up that mill as soon as he can and get it to pumping I havent time to look up Nicks time now, but will write you later I send you a little dry weather corn, please plant it where you think it will do the most good-Had one inch rain here last night, looked like it was raining over in your country-hope you got it-Have a telegram saying meet party at Hereford saturday sold if they suit, Tell will to take good care of the twos, get them on as easy as he can, so they will look well anytime I meet him on road-Assist Joe in getting the machine to Gourdvine-I gave Hardy 250.00 so anytime he should want any money tell him to wait until I come out-Dont draw any orders on paper, but use your draft or order book, as I have given instructions not to pay any bodys orders on me and not to pay yours unless drawn on your order book-Remember this-Let me hear from you anytime you can get a chance to send it-if you should get rain send a man to Portales and wire me about it.

Your friend as ever,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

5-12/04.

Mr. N. S. McGee and Co.,

Portales,

N.M.

Gents: _

Please deliver to Joe Hudspeth the team of mules brought in from the ranch by S. M. Williams, and the wagon or buckboard with them. The outfit of mules and wagon is the ones that Milt Sherrill has been handling-

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

5/28/04.

Mr.C.C.Emerson,

St.Louis,
Mo,

Friend Emerson,

I found your letter awaiting me on my arrival last night from the Ranch-I have a letter from Stone on about the same lines as you wrote about-

It is my honest conviction that the man that holds the largest amount of stock should be at its head-You know this is my views as I have always expressed them to you freely. While I want to see the bank go along and do a good business, and will do all I can in my feeble way to advance its cause where and when I can-I have quite a pride in this little institution- I shall vote for the man that has the majority of the stock as president, especially so when he owns the controlling interest. I do not want to be obstinate or bull headed, and I hope you and the rest of Directory will never accuse of anything of this kind, but I would not feel right in standing at the head and you or anyone else holding the controlling interest in the Bank- I am quite sure that we have the right man at the window in Stone-I was talking to Gus Morris of the Horse Shoe Ranch and asked him to take a little stock with us and he thought favorable of it-says his deposit would more than likely stand at from 10 to 12000.00-I think Jim Curtis will deposit with us also Will Curtis, Tom Atkinson-I had a talk with Jim Curtis and Will and they both wanted to assist Stone-Morris was here two days -I sold him two cars bulls-Our Statement will be low-McCluskey told me yesterday we had about 60000.00 Dep.-I have had a talk with Bradley and he thinks a good deal as I do-That you are the man for Pres. As to the stationary-I think best to let alone until you and Stone get on the ground-I was in Amarillo the other day and Fuqua and Ware both told me they saw that I had been made Pres.also at Hereford Furgeson Pres.of Hereford National said the same thing-I told them I knew nothing about it having been away for several days-I hope you will see that I cannot accept this and that you will also see that you ought to have the place-We have had nice rains and people are feeling brighter-Our P.M. is very low and is liable to pass away at any moment.Wishing you all a nice time at the Fair,

I am yours truly
Geo.M.Slaughter

Mr.C.L.Stone,
Fort Worth,
Tex.

5/28/04.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 17th.Inst.before me-Am sorry that I could not wait over at Bovina to see you,but it was impossible-Am awfully busy getting our steers ready to deliver on 10th.of June,and will then have a few days leisure when I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you and getting acquainted-Now as to accepting the P.of the Bank,will I say I appreciate very much the honor,but as long as any one man owns the controlling interest I cannot see my way clear to accept if tendered-I am not capable anyway-I am like you I believe if we will put our heads together and our shoulders to the wheel and work in Harmony we will make a nice Bank.I am very anxious to see her go the front and will do all I can to promote her interests-You will readily see that I cannot stand at the head of a one mans bank-I have only 25 shares-We are expecting great things from you-Curtis Boys and Morris talk like they will help you in your new capacity-I am very anxious to see you and have a talk and will not put too much on paper-Rest assured that I will always be ready to help promote the little Bank,as it is my maiden venture in this line and would feel quite badly if we dont push her to the front.Hoping to see you soon,
I am yours truly,

5/29/04.

Mr.H.P.Hood,

Emporia,Kans,

Friend Harry:-

In reply to your two letters,will say that I am surprised in what you say about Holmes wanting me to pay for feed that we did not use-You were present when we talked with Holmes about feeding at the rate of 1.00 per hd pr mo.-We also talked as you remember h that if the spring was backward and we got the cattle there as we figured that we would more than likely have to keep them on feed for two weeks-My understanding was that we were to pay for what they were fed at the rate above spoken of-I think this is right and you c can draw on me for that amount-You know I dont want to be held up-You were present and assisted in making this trade and what you should have done was to have had a contract in writing,but you told me that you would stand good for Holmes that he was straight and did not hold up people and I did not insist on having a contract-Of course the winter was mild and people did not use all their feed and it looks to me as a hold up,but you were present and understood the trade and whatever you do in the matter will be satisfactory to me-Of course I dont want a suit up in Kans,neither do I like to be held up-Now I want you to be sure and have some cattle on all the pastures so as to keep the grass down-I wish to send the balance of the cattle to fill up the number about the 10 of June-We sold our twos to Ike Humphreys and will deliver about 10 of June-Have had some rains over all the panhandle-some good rains in spots in N.M. and some showers over all the eastern part of N.M.

Say what have you decided about coming to Roswell to live? I would like to know as I think I could make arrangements whereby you can get some stock in our new bank and probably give you a position-Keep this qt. and let me know at once if you are thinking of coming down-I dont know that I could work things but think I can.Remember me kindly to Mrs.H.and let me hear from you

Yours truly,

Dict.G.M.S

Geo.M.Slaughter.

5/29/04.

Mr. J. A. Holmes,

Edmdale, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

On my arrival from the ranch I find your letter awaiting me-In reply will say that I wish you to keep some cattle on all the pastures so as to keep the grass down and will send you the balance of the cattle about 10th. of June-I have a letter from Mr. Hood about paying for feed that was not used which I am very muchly surprised over-I thought we had a thorough understanding about this feed matter and on a/c of Hood being present I did not ask for a contract-Hood told me in Roswell before I went up there that I could make arrangements for feed at the rate of 1.00 per month and pay for feed used at that pro rata-He also told me that he knew you and that whatever was promised would be carried out-Now it seems we have misunderstood each other, or rather the man that you bought feed of misunderstood you-This was my understanding of the matter and Hood was present as witness to our talks on this line and whatever he says goes-I have written him to go down and settle according to the way he understood us-

Hope the cattle that you have up there are putting on some and doing well-Will try to get the others to you as soon as can but not before the 11 or 12 of next month. Will wire you when they leave here-

Let me hear from you once in awhile about the cattle, we have some rains, but not enough yet to make grass,

Dic. G. M. S.

Yours truly,
Geo. M. Slaughter

6/1/04

Joe.Anderson,

Portales,N.M.

Friend Joe:-

I enclose you Voucher for 25.00 in full settlement-

Write me at once where I will find the horse that you was telling me about that the boy claimed I gave him-What is the mans name that has got him and /how will I go to get him- Write me about this horse at once-If you have time I wish you would go down there and get him and put him in the pasture with the other horse,before you leave the there-Now if you have time ride down there and get that horse for me

Your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Mrs.M.S.Phelon,

6/3/04,

Owensboro,Ky.

My Dear Mrs.Phelon:-

Like yorself I know but very little about the Slaughter's-My Great,Great Grand ~~Father~~ was a colonist born in S.C. He had two brothers,Robert and Leake of which Robert Moved to Va,and Leake to Ky.Leake had one son named Dr.Reuben Slaughter and a son named William,they both had large family's of boys.

Yes we are trying to get all the Slaughters to have a family Re-union at the St.L.Fair in sept.I do not know what day is decided on,but will let you know as soon as I learn it.My understanding that the Slaughters were goig to get a book and try to learn more about each other.

My Grand Father was Geo.Webb Slaughter.I have heard my Father speak of the Ky.branch being related and he has met some few of them.

Hoping to see you at the Fair,and anytime you wish would be glad to give you what data on the S.family that I may learn through correspo ndence.

Very truly yours,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

Dear Father:-

7/1/04.

I wired you that we had gotten back from the mountains and that Serruys wanted price on 500 2 yr Hfrs, but as yet have not heard from you-I suppose by that you did not want to price them to him-Phelps sold his 2 yr yellow House Hfrs I understand for 16\$- I intended going to the Ranch yesterday, but have not been able to get any draft books from the office-I wrote Wright on the 15th of June to send me draft books immediately-when I got back and they were not here I wired him on the 28th. to send immediately and I am still waiting for them-I have several drafts in the different Banks here waiting for me to take up-I guess will have to use customers drafts and draw on you for what we owe-It seems funny to me that Wright should act this way-I ought to be at the ranch, but if I leave without paying these drafts there will be trouble-One is for freight on the yearlings I shipped to Kansas-One for feed used by first bunch who went to Kans-Now as to the Jack Alley cattle that were in the Humphrey shipment-will say that I spoke to Alley about them and he said that they were all branded S and you had bought them the year before so that they were the same as S cattle-I ask Vouchers for all the money that I have paid out for the ranches-will not make any more drafts without pinning the itemized statements to the draft-I have no notes on hand-The notes that I have sold cattle for or horses or mules have

Col.C.C.S.

been placed to the credit of the farm and I have deposit slips to show for them-I sold a bunch of cows and calves-15 cows and 15 calves and party did not have the money and I took 5 shares of Bank stock for them-I did not have it placed to C.C.S.Cattle Co as the Bank advertises the stockholders and I did not think you cared to have the stock-It is good and as soon as I can turn it to some one will do so and place the money to credit of The Farm- Father dont you lay awake one moment thinking that George will hide away any of your or anybody elses money-I might make some mistakes, but all the money that I have spent I can show where it went and what it was for-I will admit that I should have pinned the orders and a/cs as they were paid so that your books would show it at the office-When I have paid orders such as Greens and Boyds I knew they were straight or as near as I could know before I paid them-And I will stake my life on them not drawing anything that was not alright-I would much prefer to let the vouchers go to the office than paying them myself-Will insist on going to Dallas and run over my Vouchers as soon as you get back - Father I know that the farm is expensive-they are all that way, but I dont believe Harry would try to hide a dollar of your money or try to pocket it-Think myself he is extravagant, but when we change him we will probably do worse-I have letter from Ed saying he would be after the yearlings at Boyds about the 2nd. RHe reports another rain Letter from Crews says they have had good rains and grass growing-Rogers passed there with Horses and cattle 27th. so I guess Boyd will start to cutting the yearlings about today-I will write you as soon as I can look over the ranch what I think about the losses and the prospects for this winters grass or rather the looks of it. we have had some showers here in the last few days-May Belle has a letter from her mother saying fine rain there and lakes full in the south side-thought all over the ranch-Letter from Allen saying C and W have had good rains and grass and cattle coming alright-Letter from Kansas saying cattle doing fine-Boy that went up with yearlings say cattle look fine and fat-Sorry that you have had trouble with Dick, but think now he will be alright-Now I have not given Harry notice-will have to give him 30 days notice-He is in bed-came very near losing his leg-went to Ice plant to put in his meat and coming out the Vat where the boiling water comes out was left open and coming out of the dark room he stepped one foot in it up to his knee and was badly scalded-the doctors thought awhile they would have to amputate his foot, but now think he will get over it alright-I could not say anything about getting another place while he was in this condition-I have jacked him up about expenses-I will do the best I can with the farm and what I have under my care until I see you on your return to Dallas will either come down and see you or you can run out here and look over things with me-I will get a bookkeeper to run up my years a/cs and send them in as soon as I can go to ranch and look over it-I think I can explain everything to your satisfaction-Rest assured I will do the best I can with everything and will use my best judgement not spend anymore money than I will have to-Now dont get it your head that your boys are trying to rob you-I know that we all spend a lot-it costs to run a big outfit and sometimes I get disgusted as it looks like about all I do is to pay out debts-I dont believe there is any money in cattle ranches or Farms anymore-But while we are running them the bills have to be met-I would much prefer to have some one else to give the checks and pay off the men-I have never had any pleasure out of paying bills-they all worry me-I suppose you saw the a/c of R.L.killing the bear-All seemed to enjoy the trip to the mts.it was lucky we had no accident-I was fearful all the time and did not enjoy from worrying, but Jo-Dick fattened like a bear all the time and Son also-Bob enjoyed it

Col, C.C.S. #3.

I think more than anyone else-He found one or two places that he could hardly drive over-I think the only thing that kept him from enjoying it more was that he could not drive the Ambulance up on "Old Baldy" the highest peak in the White mountains which is 14000 feet-He was one whole day trying to cut out a road to get up close, but what hurt him was that he could not get the Ambulance any closer than about 7 miles of the peak-So he did the next best thing He rode Buckle on top of the peak-He took R.L. Minnie, Ray Belle and Florence each on horse back and started early in the morning and they did not get back until night, but they all rode their horses up on top-The Ambulance stood the trip very nicely he only wrenched front axle a little -I have it in the shop now and will have the front tires tightened a little-Will leave it here for a couple of weeks any way maybe longer and let the horses pick up a little-The Mountain country is drier than the oldest settlers ever saw it-Cattle are dying yet-Their losses will be heavy-A great many of the Pines are dying-No grass at all-we had to buy hay for our horses-We killed all the Squirrel we wanted right at camp-got one big mess of speckled trout and Doc killed a big mule tail deer, so you see that we had plenty of fresh meat-Bob hired a boy about 18 to take R.L. out one day and see if he could find a bear-told the boy he would give him 5.00 if he could get in sight of one for R.L. to shoot at him-They were gone about 4 hrs when they both appeared making a statement that they had killed a bear-I took a horse and went with the boy about 3 miles and we loaded Mr bear on him and brought him in-he was about 2 yr old-The dogs had treed the bear and they both proceeded to shoot until they killed him-R.L. took the hide back to Midland with him-We had a fine rain here last night and I think it was general-I understand Phelps sold Serruys 500 of the yellow house 2 yr Hfrs for 14¢ in place of the report that he sold all of them at 16¢ -That is awful cheap-They are nearly as good as our cross J hfrs-I think I would go hungry before we would sell our hfrs for that sum-that is cross J any way-The Hondo reservoir is a go-will go to work at once, although the big canal that goes to Carlsbad is trying to enjoin them from putting it in, but don't think it will amount to anything-I had Ed Green to send over to Boyds and get some big corral posts to put in his dipping pen and bought lumber at Bovina at 17¢ to make a good one-think will let him have 2000 yrlngs, and dip them twice as soon as he gets them home-I understand from Phelps that Tom Trammels 2 yr sters were turned down at Portales a/c ticks -they came from Fisher Co-They came through Phelps south pasture and he says the came through part of our white faces, but I hardly think so the way he says they came-He and have agreed if any cattle are lost this summer to sue him It will take Boyd until the 10th. to get the yrlngs weaned-Dont know yet whether will brand as soon as yrlngs are cut or not-Anyway will rush up the weaning so as to get Eds herd off at once, and then will see what best to do-Now I would like you to write me how you all are standing the trip and I will write you when I see something to write about-Now with much love and hoping the trip will improve you muchly and do away with your insomnia and that you all will enjoy your outing-I will say good bye for the present-

your aff son,
George.

7/4/04.

Dear Father:-

I wrote you some few days ago and yesterday morning was getting ready to get away to ranch when Jenkins phoned me Bredwell was sick-He has a bad case of Gastritis-Jenkins does not think it very bad, but cant tell how it will terminate-We worked with him last night and got a small action from him, but cant tell until this evening what it will develop, so Jenkins thought by tonight or tomorrow morning would develop into something bad, or he would rally, I dont think there is anything serious, but cant tell-will wait until tomorrow to go to ranch and will write you before I leave-We had two big rains here and I think that is what is the matter with Bredwell more than anything else has caught cold and it has settled on his bowels and joints-all well-Will make fine hay crop this time-Harry has been suffering a great deal with his leg, but Doctor thinks now, by proper nursing he will save his leg, but it is a nasty burn and very painful-he is looking awfully bad-has been under opiates for several days-Hope you will have a pleasant sea voyage and that it will recuperate you muchly-

Let me hear from you when you have time to write,
your aff son,

train in-

George.

7/4/04.

Mr. Louis F. Rick,
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Sir:-

There is no one to blame but yourself about this a/c running as long as it has-If you had marked this shipment direct to me and put my name on it you would have gotten your money on receipt and we would have gotten the goods, as it was it was over two months in depot and agt knew not who to deliver notice to- when we did get it the maple dresser was in hard shape one of the front legs was broken where the roller fitted in and it was broken on the front side up to where the roller would go-I told Mrs.S. not to receive it, but she was needing and had me go to a cabinet maker and have him put a piece in where it was broken-I went to the Agt here and reported it and told him I would have it fixed if he would pay the a/c and he said for% to have it fixed and he would ask it be paid and you know what that means-I have no apologies to offer you about this not being paid sooner-Mrs.S. wishes you to send her stamps for this a/c -you may do as you wish about the matter.

After this if she buys anything from you and have it charged to me I wish you to refuse her or ship the shipment straight to me and send bill for same.

Yours truly, Geo. M. Slaughter.

7/15/04.

Col. C. C. Slaughter,

Saratoga,

Springs-

Dear Father:-

I returned last night from the Ranch, where I have been for ten days-I suppose you have seen in the papers where we lost Bré dwell-We will miss the old boy everytime we go to the Ranch-I have not seen Jenkins yet, but I am sure that he took care of the head and hide-Your letter recd on my arrival of 10th. 1st. letter I have recd from you since you left-Am certainly glad to hear that you are improving and that you all had a nice trip-When I got to the Ranch everything from the time I struck it looked like a wheat field-Boyd and Ed Green were weaning the yearlings-It looked like every one of them were sucking, and you talk about work to cut them-it was the hardest work I ever saw-This is the first time I ever saw as many sucking in my life-everybody else says the same-The yearlings are good and when they are weaned the cows bags look like they would burst-We are weaning them separate-we cut the steers in Martin Co, and the hfrs in Gourdvine-Boyd thinks we will have about 1/2 calf crop-I think about 25%-Boyd thinks about 500 cows lost in big pasture and about 250 in Whitefaces-I think this will cover 10

Dear Bud:-

7/4/04,

I am at a loss what to say to you-It seems as Father writes me and Jacks me up about "not putting enough on my Vouchers So people can understand them" Says" he has been informed that was the case" and the only two that you can find so far are as simple as A.B.C. and if they dont tell the tales I wish you would draw up a pattern that you call plain and explanitory-I have prided myself on my Drafts being kept right as that is the only book-keepin that I do-Now I am not saying this through any hard feeling-For if I have made any mistakes I wish them to be pointed out so that I will not be falling in the same rut all the time-We all make mistakes, and the man that does not make them does not have much business to attend to-I have always been very careful with my vouchers for I stand by them to prove what I have done with the money spent by me, not only with my Ranch checks, but with my individual checks the same-I have always kept a stub telling what the check was spent for I would be pleased to have you look them over carefully and send me the number of voucher that is not right and I will send you back what should be on the draft, as you say writing over Fredwell is hard to read I have always objected to that-you remember I called yours and Dicks attention to this when it was put on and asked that it be changed to one end-I today appointed Doc Jenkins as Auditor for this month on the Farm-I have jacked Harry up and told him that the Farm must cut down expenses-I have not had any war with him as he has been in awful bad shape and is not out of the woods yet, as blood poison is liable to set up at anytime, but hope he will be able to get out on crutches in a week-I will have to give him a months notice-I am not afraid that I cant get any one to put up the hay-It is the water that I am fearful of getting someone to manage-Harry has had a fight on the water every since he has been there, when we had dry times and has always managed it like a Genl, & I will order Joyce Pratt, and Pecos valley for a duplicate of their a/cs and send you- The Mason a/c I know what it was-It was AD of bulls and I had it stopped it is alright-was this all that you found wrong in Harrys a/c I believe Harry to be the soul of honor and if he has done anything wrong it must have been unintentional-I am from Missouri when it come to believe he is that little to try to doctor a/c-He may have his price, but I think it would have to run up into the thousands are better-Harry is now not dependent on the farm and if I change him will let him resign, but our contract is to give each other notice of 1 month-I enclose a check that Dr. Jenkins gave me to day-I had to make him an advance or loan on his time of 100 and chgd him int.

losses-In looking at the watering places and riding over the range it does not look to me more than last winter-The cattle are beginning to put on some flesh, some cows are getting fat-the yearlings we killed for beef was fine as I ever eat-when I left they had 4000 yearlings weaned-I hardly think we lost any yearlings to speak of-The watering places are in fine shape and the tanks are nearly full of water and the bermuda is about over all of them-It is a pleasure to go in a hot day about noon to one of the watering place and sit on the bank and look at them-I have concluded to run a fence at once from the SW mill near the -X- bar corner, making that a line mill and then to south mill making that a line mill, then on to SE and making that a line mill then on to whitefaces-this will divide the ranch the best I know-It will take about 12 miles of fence-I have 8 miles of wire on hand and have ordered 5000# more to go out-I guess Ed will start tomorrow with 2000 yearlings and a few 2 and 3 yr old steers-Ed has had another good rain and I thought with everything favorable he ought to take 2000 easy-I came back to R.R. to get the Dipping cookers hauled out and wire &c. We have had very good grass rains all over the pasture not so heavy on the hard ground near Prairie Dog a scope of country there where the short grass is beginning to fire up on a/c of rain-the rest of the pasture green as a wheat field-lots of surface water between Dynamite old north surrat mill and Slaughter) Scraped out 2 mills tied off-and water in lake-Rogers got back where he had taken 197 dandy bulls down to Bobs, says grass fine down there and looks like a good calf crop-I have 3 letters from men wanting calves this fall think I will show them mine and then take them down to Bobs-Our calves look like dogies now-I did not get over to white faces, but Boyd says they are not so bad-We turned out 465 bulls on the 12 and they were a fine lot-Joe Sherman and Oscar Boyd and Ed Green thought they were the prettiest bunch of bulls they ever saw-In fact Sherman, Green and Oscar Boyd thought we had the finest ranch and water they ever saw-they say it is a dream-The crops at all the camps are well put in and a good stand and if we have any rain at all will not have to buy any feed-Raley thinks he will raise 1000 bu grain-Our new wind mill man is doing fine and is keeping the things going alright-Our new well man put a good well in at Gourdvine and is down 100 feet out in dry strip in a months time, which has not cost over 100\$-They are both working for a rep and a steady job-Boyd gave me a chk for his interest which I send in today 450.00 The little bronks are doing nicely and the boys think they have all the horses now that they need-We will get the cookers in at once for cooking lime and sulphur and as soon as Ed gets off with his herd will go to building the division fence, so we can work the wet cows or cows and calves on one side of fence and the dry stuff on the other and then dip the dry stuff and then brand and dip the wet stuff I thought I would turn the horses loose after weaning and wait until about 10 to 15th Aug to brand calves are longer-There is some signs of itch in the whole herd, but they are none raw and I think the green grass will stop the itch from hurting for awhile, but it is going to take us humping to dip them and brand-Ed Green will pull his yearlings home as fast as he can and dip them and turn them loose-I leave day after tomorrow again to install the cookers and fix corrals-Ed has a fine plank corral-I bought lumber at 17.00 at Bovina got those fellows to fighting-we have been paying 22.00 to 24.00 for it I bought enough to make two good dipping corrals at Ranch and Eds and I think enough to make a cutting corral to wean calves-Am not going to stand back on expenses until I get these things in good shape-I think you are going to have the books show up from the way Wright is writing me and looking over the dfts.

Col.S.

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I have settled with all my men up to the first of July and gave sharp orders to have Boyd give them orders for their money every 30 days-some of them had 13 months time coming to them-It will take a load off my shoulders and by this new arrangement I think I will have some peace in my home,as heretofore the walls have been decorated with bills and ct.It will be much easier on me,and will keep me from lecturing me and having me kick the kids around when I mislay a bill and accuse them of destroying it and a day or two after find it in some place wher I had put it and forgot about it-I tried to get her to let me get a stenographer and bookkeeper,a nice back eyed one but she never would hear to it and now all this will go to where it belongs at the office,where it should have been several years ago The yearling bulls I have here at the Farm is bothering me as knowing what best to do with them-I have two telegrams dated 6th. and 7th. from K.C. from manager of the Riverside herd in Old Mexico making inquiry for 200 bulls,but it is 9 days old-As soon as I got back wired K.C. and El Paso to try to find the man,but as yet have not found him-My wife thought it was too much of an expense to send me the telegrams by runner,I am sorry that she thought so,but it is done-I think I could sell him 200 tops out of the yrings for 7000.00 Judge McGill of fort Sumner wanting 15 head on time-I thought I would let him have them at 35.00 with approved note at 10% If I can make this sale of 215 I can run the others some way- Rogers brought back 42 cows and 14 calves from down below the nuns of the Carver and W.tallied cows and I put them in the north bull pasture and saw young Witherspoon yesterday and told him to go over there and get them-He is working the DZ now,and I also told him any long S cows that he gathered to take them to ranch and have Allen brand and tally them and send number to me-I wrote you two or three letters at Chataqua Lake N.Y. as you directed me-I enclose under separate cover a letter from Wright which does not bear out the statement that you accused me of knocking down on the you -Now this has worried me a good deal-I will not cease to worry until Wright draws off my account and checks me up-I do not know what to say about going up to Montana to see the Bulls and steers-I will not have time this summer and I think it would be a nice trip for you and Mama and I hope you will see it this way-If you order me to go I will ofcourse, but before I go I wish you to figure what the expense ought to be and send me the amount you want me to use while away so that there will be no temptation to me.Doc is fencing his land-he beat the man that was contesting his place-Minnie is well-Jo Dick was awful sick while I was awy with bowel complaint and came very near losing him-I knew nothing about it until I got home,but he is better now and I hope alright,son and Allie are fat-Harry I understand is improving I am looking for another man to take Harrys place-Now you will notice Wright thinks we ought not to use any feed in the summer,this is for the Registered calves that we are crowding-I guess Alfalfa King will have to take Bredwells place this year and next year we will put in Columbus Slaughter.Wright wants an inventory of the ranch-I cannot take this up until later as we have our hands full now-however I will get Genl Gordon to go out and get to work on it,if I can I certainly want to get things up in shape,but it will take time to do it-I hope you will get on back and go over the ranch and farm with me at an early date and if my stewardship is not satisfactory I will resign my position-I certainly have done my best and that conscientiously-I do not doubt there being some leaks-there will always be in a big outfit. Love to all-Your affectionate son. George

July. 15th. /04.

Friend Boyd:-

I rushing off I made the mistake in taking your draft and when Arch over took me I only looked for that one and gave it to him, but on my arrival at home I found that I also had High pockets, which belongs to you, so I send by first mail to you. I sent Arch back with buckboard with 300# flour and case of lard which I hope will do you until other stuff arrives in wagon-It was promised to go out this morning-I sent you a box of 4 cylinders for 4inch pipe-you better have Royalty to put them in at once at Gourdvine and south mills-we can change them later, but these mills ought to be trowing water at once-I think you better go to Gourdvine as see whether the yearlms are getting enough water, if not move some to Martin, until we can get them dipped-I will be out there as soon as get things ordered at R.R. moving out there to work with-in meantime go ahead with your fence and rush it along.

Your friend in bonds,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

JULY 16-04.

Mrs. Gallie Wilson,
Liberty Hill,
Texas.

Dear Madam :-

Please find enclosed Dallas Exchange for 10.00-

I saw Brooks last week and he told me to send you this amount-Brooks is well and if I can keep him from spending his wages, except enough to keep you alive it will take him long to pay out what he owes us, and my advise to you is to call on him for as little as you can make on, until he pays back what we have advanced him on a/c of his ~~dr~~ Doctor bills and then he can send you all his wages each month, but as long as he owes us he ought to pay that before he uses only money to actually keep him and yourself clothed ~~at~~. I would certainly like to see him free of this account and then I could pay him his wages every month-

Yours respectfully,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

7/17/04.

J.N.Donohoo,

Canyon, Tex.

Dear Father:-

I have a man that wants your best cash price on your 3 lots on Richardson Ave-Please put a price on it if you care to turn it loose-Say option for 3 days immediatly-I understand that you have sold the P.M.CO, is it so?-We have been looking for you all over to visit us-I have been wanting to write you and Ma ih reference to Wil ls death, but that is something it is hard to write about and open ol old wounds-If I knew anything to write that would console you all I would gladly do so, but from actual experience I know that to be void

It was several days after that I heard of it, when I did I rang you & all up at Bovina to talk to you, but you were all at Plainview and it was stormy and I could hardly hear Central-If it is true that you are out of Mercantile Co, why cant you come over here and live-I thih k we could find something here for you to go in-Joe Dick and his mt ther are both getting fatter, but Son this morning has a little touch of Dirherer, Please let me hear from you about the lots by return ma il-love to all,

your son,

George.

7/17/04.

Laird and Curtis,
Bovina, Tex.

Gents-

Load and send to Ed Green R.R. Ranch as soon as you can-

#500 Flour
60 Lard
100 Bacon
25 Beans
4 cans molasses

One barrel of Beaumont oil and the 2 barrels of dip if they are there- If the dip is not there load wagon without it-

Write me as soon as you get this off-

Your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

7/17/04.

M.T.Jones Lumber Co,
Portales, .N.M.

Gentlemen:-

I have no itemized statement of B/R Nov.19/03

Dec 9th.03
Jan. 19. 03.

If you have an itemized statement and an O.K. of who got these bills
send me by return mail and I will remit draft for same by return mail
mail-If you have a copy of the O.K. by whoever carried this out please
send it to me-Hoping to hear from you by return mail,

I am yours t
Geo.M.Slaughter.