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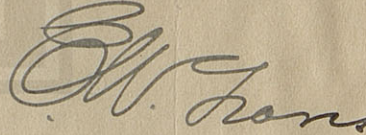
May 7th 1914

Mr. George M. Slaughter,
Roswell, N.M.

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge receipt of your favor of
the third enclosing note, which we have credited
the account of the Slaughter Land & Cattle Company.

Yours very truly,



Cashier.

P.H. returned from Mexico today.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

5/3/14

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell N. Mex

Dear Bro - Am just back from Mexico where everything is quiet and peaceful. I found nothing had been molested in the recent affair altho the Anti American feeling ran high for a few days and speeches were made and a few irresponsible people reached the streets yelling Kill the Gingos & take their property not one of them entered my gates tho purposely left open - They had no leader & the same thing could occur in the U. S.

The leaders were all for peace & held the mobs down



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

They brat the music out when
I arrived as I was the first
American to return to Sonora
after the Exodus -

This act is a compliment
in Mexico -

Manuel Sarquez was in
Aguila Prieta as I went in
and a few days later showed
up in Matamoros with
his lawyer - I did not see
him as I had to leave at
5 a.m. & get back after night
but I sent a message to
the President asking why
he was not arrested under
my old charges -

The Pres. did arrest him the
next day but his lawyer
brogged off and said he
would voluntarily go to
the Prefect in Cuernavaca &



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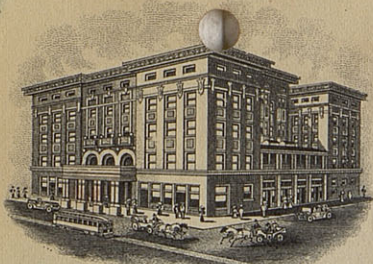
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gives himself up -
whether he did so or passed
an act is unknown to
me for I passed Camp
at midnight to catch the
morning train at Hecoyan.
The Governor had served a
notice on me not to
drive or sell any more
cattle off the Ranch and
I wanted to consult
Richardson on that.

This order shows W -
has got his hand in & is
taking advantage of the
trouble some times.

I think I can change
this order but will take
time -

Now we had the herd ready
to start after a months
gathering and had to
turn them loose



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

It is a kind of injunction
without bond but it
is responsible for any
damages -

Now I had paid Genl
Carranza the duties in
advance on these cattle
and my time limit
was short so I had
to buy a bunch of cattle
that I didn't want to
be able to switch these
duties to myself or we
would suffer a loss
I bought about 600 head
they are all classes and
very thin as May and
June here is like March
& April in Texas and a
bad time to drive still
I expect to make a
bit of money on them



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I had previously bought
153 head of stock cattle
@ 32⁰⁰ Peros (10⁰⁰ Gold) &
skipped branded and placed
on the ranch and the
check came in today
But the 10000⁰⁰ we borrowed
from Packard was to
buy cattle to sell and
I believe this bought
herd will come out of
Mexico without the
usual unpacked for
trouble - Thus I have
covered every point
except they might die
on the road they are
all so poor except 150
head -



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I had a miserable trip
out tin troubles &
and am steep & so
will close -

Will see Richardson
tomorrow & let you
know what he thinks
he says tho he is
not going into Mex
any more till peace
is permanent -

Our wheat is such a
pretty sight and will
be ready to cut this
month -

Love to the folks

Yours bro

R. S. Slawter



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Wettersuma 5/10/14
EL PASO, TEXAS.

Judge D. C. Richardson
Douglas Ariz
Friend Judge:

We arrived at mid-
night and am sending
the car back to Peconic
after Dr. Lewis to bring
him here -

I have received a notice
to appear here tomorrow
to receive notice of a
suit or something brought by
Woodwards lawyer who
has been here a week
Ropey Linarce I think his
name is -

I got some inside tips
that this is a kind of
replevy suit to get the
possession of everything
and I am to have only
10 days in which to prove



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EL PASO, TEXAS.

My case -

Manuel Vasquez got out our bond & hear.

Now the judge of the 1st District is away and the acting judge in his stead is the old Juez Local of Cuernavaca who DeLeon says is without shame.

This move is an important one and I want you to come over and help me out.

These men might set me out at the last moment but if you were here you could step in and save the day.

I expect my son is in your city and you can phone him at the



EL PASO, TEXAS.

Gadsden or Paso del Norte
to come and bring my
papers.

The little box is in
1st Nat'l vault
Tell him his pistol is
with Mrs. Shumachers
and for him to look out
on the road -

My car is in fair
shape and boy can
meet him or yaw at
Hacienda any time

Every-thing is quiet
down thro' here and except
for Woodwards nothing
is molested -

Tell R.L. to bring me a
box of cigars there are
none here, I have a
supply for 6 days only



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EL PASO, TEXAS.

would want you call on
 Sr Orozco and see what
 he has done for me -

Rancho Elias spoke
 to me the other day in
 a manner that while
 polite was not cordial
 and impressed me he
 was sore at something
 See if you can pick
 it up I know of no
 reason further than
 my complaint at the
 Gov. action -

Also send the paper
 that you translated and
 I left with Orozco.
 I may need it -

Will send you a
 copy of the courts paper
 when it is served but
 the mails are very



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EL PASO, TEXAS.

unreliable -

Am sending this
by messenger -

We are all right if
can get a square deal
& have wanted Woodward
to see us and now he
has done it -

I will feel safe if
you can be our hand to
guide affairs

I expect R.L. on
Monday's train so catch
him as soon as you
receive this -

Am yours truly

J. B. Langley

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Dear Geo - Have been too busy to write
every thing kind of hit me in a bunch
just as I left Douglas -
First thing my herd of bought stuff was
held up at Cumpas on account of
ticks after I had so carefully dipped
every head and was so sure they would
pass This was caused I presume by
not letting enough time elapse after
dipping before driving any way the
marching was done and my cattle
was starved till they began dying
Next came an order for me not to
take them to the Ranch or anywhere
and to hold them where they were
and not a single blade of grass
I finally scattered them around
got most of them to a place in
the mountains -
Then the order from Gov. Maytonna
not to drive any cattle off the Ranch
this left me no way to move my
cattle that had been paid to be moved
but I have about gotten around that
for the Gov. was that he didn't give
order him to move me -

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Then Harper met me with at Macogari
all scared to death with the news that
Woodward had sued me for possession
of every thing and I only had 10 days
to answer in (sort of separate &
replevy proceedings) and he possible
lose disaster at once.
I notified Judge R. at once and called
for help which I knew would not get.
Then went to Colonel Samiego who had
our Mex lawyers in his company &
persuaded him to give him 10 days
jurrough to help me which the Col.
did - Then I got busy with witnesses
Went for Robertson who came from
sick bed & is here now -
I framed a wire to Gilt but felt it would
scare him to death to come across
the border now so didn't send it
Carlos Sato is dead Walter Harny ran
out during the last scare and it
looked serious for our chances.
Any one working for you is not
considered a witness lower than
also I will use my boys for

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Then again the District judge is away & the local judge acts in his stead and he is a stranger to me and not competent.

But I have gone into it - own house and secured good witnesses if only shows what kindness will do to get people to help even his China cook will testify for me & volunteered to do so - Of course you couldn't ever understand the difficulties under which one labors here -

The dread & fear & ignorance of these people & how hard it is to get any one to witness anything at all and the war cloud hangs heavy over all. I feel like sitting on a volcano & waiting for it to burst but my head is up and I will win sure. Of course there was no use sending for you you couldn't do anything right now so I will play a loose hand but if this judge isn't brought I can beat this case -

We are only allowed 10 witnesses to each side and I of course cut down

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have already testified and no great harm
don't know his other & and don't fear
them - You see I have now about
W - best men and they will be
our witnesses on Saturday.

The trial is like depositions and
questions are written in advance
and copies sent to each side
The judge here (who is my friend)
asks the questions and all answers
are written down all papers are
sent to Cummins for the judge
then to decide and our lawyers make
out briefs to send to him.

Manuel Sazquez got out of jail on bond
to do his masters duty work for of
Cause W - is not here -

but he is not very smart and I can
keep him off the stand as he has this
criminal charge against him which
disbars him - Then Acuña who was
going to act as his lawyer failed to
show a power of atty when I demanded
it so the judge kicked him out of
court -

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I have got Jose Maria who now
works for Dr. Moore and was
W - Ranch boss and his old
blacksmith Jose who was then
in W - employ

Then I have his right hand man
and Maria who was Mrs W - s maid
and Chuck Fern who was her cook
this is my line up for witnesses
& Robertson who will be his commanding
man - I'll break an egg in him
& then take out our cattle

This is all at present
but a letter from you would
back me up

Yours truly
Bob

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Dear Geo -

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We are full of business and
over law suit -

Tomorrow I put on my
witnesses - I am only allowed
10 and I have 15 to select from.
One business man came from
Cumpas today to volunteer as
a witness that W- told him
last May that he had sold &
delivered to me all his ranches
and cattle, That is pretty nice.
I am pleased the way this case
is going and if the district
judge is at all fair I will
win - but it takes every
moment of my time.

The law here is that if one holds
peaceable possession for more
than ~~one~~ year you have
reverted -

That is why W- has

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trouble last fall & why he
had to bring suit his time
was about up -

He expects to molest me
often enough to regain the
Ranch -

He figured that all the Americans
would run out as the papers
stated and as I only had 10
days after service on my
house that my case would
go by default before I waked
up - Once more he bet on the
wrong card -

Now if this case does slip me
I will tackle the Tribunal
at Hermosillo to reverse -

Of course the only law this
new Gov't has is what we
make as we go along -

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Richardson has failed to even
write or wire any advice
He gave up long ago but I
am "still in my line"

Handicapped I'll admit but
still moving -

Harper is the only interpreter
in town and altho he talks
well enough he don't save the
legal phrases & as an interpreter
he sure don't shine -

We sit all alone in that big
room and I sign papers
witho only a guess as to what
they contain -

We are surrounded with soldiers
and no word of English spoken
It is amusing sometimes to
see all this solemn owl like
proceeding on a gibberish
one can't understand -

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and any moment Uncle Sam
may shoot a cannon on our
border & then brother Bob will
have to use his wits and likely
his legs and do it quick.

But a poker face and a nervy
front helps some -

Often when I get nervous
I wish Hell would pop right
now anything for a change.

Just a note so you won't
worry, for what I lose will be
pulled away from me.

Love to all

Bob.

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Moctezuma Mex. 5/16
1911

Dear Geo -

Just closed my case, and
am perfectly sure no judge
can keep giving us the decision
Woodwards witnesses were
seven cut throats and very
ignorant some didn't even
know what year it was and
half their answers were "No sabe"
I only put on 5 intelligent
disinterested witnesses their
answers were all prompt and
certain I then relinquished my
rights to question my other
witnesses and closed -
we barred the W - side from
cross questioning our witnesses
as amending their papers &c
so we have virtually won.
I feel good of course for its
something to play their own
game with their cards in
their own country & win

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Now I will have to wait 10 days
for the final decision then I
will have 2 of these difficulties
over come -

The other (ticks) I will have
herd clean by then, so I may
proceed with my work.

For 7 days and nights I have
concentrated on this suit.

Now all the feed grass has dried
up and my cattle are not
fat and whether to risk all eggs
in one basket and hold in
the face of war or to sell
400 for expenses &c. to save
that much is the question
I have about decided to sell
a part and avoid regrets.

Yours bro
RLL

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Dear Geo.

As I wrote you I was feeling good over the looks of my case and also the Judge I wanted got back to his office about 2 hours before my papers were delivered so I feel safe. But in another hour Dellman the boss came up and said the boys wanted more wages or he and they would all quit. So I told them to quit and be damned of course its disheartening as I must cross the line with a herd before June 10th but I will wire for R.L. and pick up a few Mex. and try it -

It will take me 3 days to round up some men -

Also my wheat is ripe and must have a crew to cut tops this week. But thanks to Mrs Woodward who was so sure of getting back the outfit this week that she had engaged a lot of men for her wheat and I can capture most of them.

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4 of my Americans quit so that
leaves no one on the Ranch to put
in charge. The only American
in town is old Dr. Moore and I
went up to advise with him &
he had packed up and is ready to
go tomorrow -

He has my old foreman Jose
maria Herrera & I got the loan of
him for 20 days if he Jose is
willing which he will be and we
have sent for him to come.
Now if I get him I will feel better as
he knows the range & the trails
Just love you and have
to kick to some one hence the
note to you. Adios -

Yours bro.

RHS

D.A. RICHARDSON

S.L. PATTEE

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— Lawyers —
Mexican Mining and Corporation Law
Douglas, Arizona

May, 18th. 1914.

Mr. George M. Slaughter.

Reswell,

New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you a letter received from R.L. Slaughter which explains itself. I have not had the opportunity of writing to you before this time for the reason that I have been busy in the Superior Court at Tombstone and Mr. Pattee has been busy in the Federal Court at Tucson. So far as conditions at Moctezuma are concerned, there is but little that can be done at this time. Governor Maytorena is at heart a Huertista and will do all he can to favor Woodward. Governor Pesqueria is a Carranza man and will do all he can to favor R. L. Slaughter. There is trouble brewing between Maytorena and Pesqueria in the State of Sonora. This trouble may break out any minute. I do not know to what extent the trouble will go but it is probably that there will be some fighting between the two factions. The Pesqueria faction however has the best of it and the fact that Villa is winning out in his battles against Huerta naturally strengthens Pesqueria's position.

I secured an order through the local Consul here releasing the cattle that Mr. R. L. Slaughter speaks of

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as having been held up. I forwarded him the papers he called for by a special messenger. The only thing that can be done at present is to use diplomacy and wait until the revolution is over. The decisions of the Courts of Sonora at present would not amount to anything if they did not suit Pesqueria, for undoubtedly he will be Governor.

I do not think that it is safe for me to go into Mexico at present. I have many enemies in Mexico that I have made in fighting law suits that would be delighted to get a shot at me from behind a rock. I think that this condition will not last long however and the only thing to do is to adopt a watchful, waiting attitude and take action as soon as conditions will permit.

Regarding the banking proposition at Moctezuma I believe that it is a splendid idea and would take some stock myself but I do not think that it is the proper time to consider a venture of that kind at present and whether or not it will ever be a proposition that can be seriously considered will depend upon the result of peace in Mexico. If we get peace in Mexico in a way that will cause the Mexicans to respect the Americans and give them fair treatment then the banking proposition would be a splendid one but if peace is secured or brought about in such a way as not to cause the Mexicans to respect the Americans then I would say that the banking business or any other business would ^{not} be profitable for Americans.

DAR/AE.

Truly yours,

D.A. Richardson

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Uncle Bill and I looked over this ranch at a dangerous time and when we didn't have to put a cent in Mexico if we did not want, to. We both reported to George that it was the best ranch we had seen and too good to let slip, so we bought it, we formed a corporation and Bill wanted his own way a little more than our by-laws would permit, so George and I bought him out. Bill still thinks we have a good deal and our father says its a dandy, so we feel like we had good advice. There is 250 thousand acres and we can make a big thing out of it as a breeding ranch and such ranches are getting scarce even in Mexico. We think there will always be a demand for all the good calves we can raise and with our experience as cattle men and business men we are bound to make a go of it, but we need some one to stay on the ranch and watch the leaks and you are the man for that. We have tried to hold all our stock although we have had plenty of offers to go in with us but it has been from men who would not help us much, outside of their money. We want every stockholder to work and help the deal. We have recently invested 2500 pesos in more cattle for the ranch and bought a car load of fine bull calves to put in. We have farmed that raise more than plenty to run us. We have lots of goats and hogs to furnish meat and lard and a nice bunch of stock horses to furnish all the cow ponies and mules that we need. So you see we are self supporting. So far the Mexicans have never taken five cents worth from us and as we are an American corporation I think we will keep getting the protection we have enjoyed in the

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past. Carranza who seems about to win out has published that he will protect all foreigners, now there is so much to discuss that I can't get it all in a letter, so the best thing is for you to come over and talk it all over and see for yourself. If you could arrange to be in Douglas the first week in August, I can arrange to meet you. I am going to try to get out one thousand head of beef in August, and would like to round up about the 5th,. This will necessitate my presence on the ranch and it will be a good time to show it to you. I think this is a great opportunity for you at this time for the war is about over and every one will be rushing for Mexico and we will put you in on the ground floor if we close a deal.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date I am.

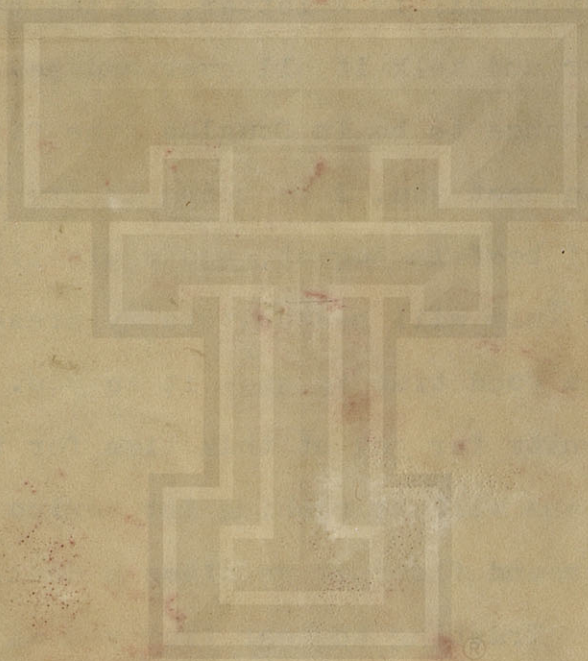
Yours truly,

Permanent address Douglas Arizona. % Gadsden Hotel, For telegrams or letters.

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May 23

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Dear Geo

Today is one day I feel a bit discouraged and hardly know what is best to do.

I went to Cumfres to see about my lawsuit and my lawyer was afraid to go in fact he has laid down on me I think so I picked up a young fellow who is studying law and took him along.

Nadward & lawyers have been over there several days working up some scheme and M. V. is thick with the new Project everyone says they have bought him and it looks like it for he will not let me pass my cattle off the Ranch with all the papers I took to him He sure blocks me all right and I must go to Douglas & Hermosillo for more authority

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The cattle will be ready to leave the Ranch again the 25th and the only inspector who could have acted is dead and I can't find out if another has been appointed or not.

If so I must hunt him up and drag him down here. I still feel safe in winning my law suit. The decision will be handed down the 27th and it is all important to us.

Of course either side will appeal probably but its best to win in lower courts.

There is another question bothering me. Supposing they decide on us paying a big War Tax if they get their hands on me they will force their price if they can't get me they will have to collect as they can & maybe before they can get very much some

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some other change will take place
There is a lot of talk about
making Mexican Corporations
pay same as Mex citizens &
holding the managers in jail
to force payment.

I have never feared the Ransom
Bandits for one could shoot their
up a lot and get away but if
the Government decided to hold
one ship all his property would
be seized for it if he could get away.

These internat troubles I am
worse if possible than the War
troubles. Any way it is now the
first time I have been undecided
what I wanted to do.

I guess I will run up to
the Line tomorrow and see what
can be done to pass my cattle
If I can get an Inspector and
the proper order to pass cattle
and this court gives me the
possession of the Ranch I will
snap my fingers at the war men

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You would just have some too if
you had Richardson to go square
back on you & have to lean
his hands and mix up your
papers & chances.
To have all your chances to quit
and have to pick up a stray horse
at the end of the street and not
know who is even for it your state
or to whom to make an appeal for
justice -

Well that's part of it anyway
and by the time you get this I will
have my old grip again.

Your bro
Rob.

The winner is sure looser in our courts.

I await your answer to this and my other letter. I will enclose you my copy of this letter, that you may forward to W. B. if you think best, but in any case I want the copy returned to me finally.

About next Friday you will receive papers from Richardson setting forth your answer to the suits now pending. Please return it to him promptly.

Now, George, answer me promptly and fully, frankly setting forth your ideas in regard to a compromise so that I will be prepared to take action in case Mr. Woodward accepts my offer of a joint discussion in Tucson at an early date.

Can't you take my letters and your contract to your attorney and discuss the matter at length? I feel that you are fully posted and competent to give me some sound advice.

With love to yourself and family, I am,

your Brother,



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

5/31/14

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell N. M.

Dear Bro - I wired you a
night letter to night so you
would know I had gotten
out of the "jack pot" down
in Mex. Altho you didn't
show enough interest to
write me I supposed
you would like to hear.
I was run up against
the hardest proposition
I ever had yet -

You see every-thing is
ready to break down here
right now and altho it
might all blow over as it
has in the past several
times, Still it felt lonesome
The very necessity of defending
a law suit kept me in



HOTEL CADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

prominence when I would
have laid low and not been
in danger but as it was
I had to fight day and night
or lose the possession of
our Ranch and my liberty
as well for they boldly
plotted to put me in jail
on a criminal charge of
selling Abod words cattle
as soon as the case went
against me for if he
proved my possession
was not legal then of
course the cattle sold was
also his and it was a
steal on my part.

at once they would order my
arrest and of course if I
submitted I would have
been mobbed before I ever
reached a jail for there were



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

18 of the Woodward gang in
town drinking and raising
it — while I only had one
kid with me —
The Prefect is aching to get
his hands on me for I
had it out with him in
his office and exposed his
hands, when he refused to respect
the orders from Gov. Meyer
which I had secured by wire.
Of course he only wanted an
excuse and plainly said so
to "get me" Even night when
I couldn't sleep I was tempted
to slip out the back door
and drift for the line but
I saw that the one chance
in a hundred that I had
to win my case would
then go up in smoke
if I did — got that ranch
away from me it would
take years & years to regain
it —



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

So I hung on from day to day
and every-time he would secure
a witness on the day I would
find it out and hunt him
out that night and convince
him what would happen to
him if he swore any lies
on me when I did finally
win my case and I had
a long example right
before their eyes in Caspar
of Guillermo Miranda one
of Woodward's bosses who
was then looking thro the
bars serving sentence
since Feb 1st.

That seemed to convince
them for the next day
on the stand with me
looking them straight
in the eyes they forgot
their training and said
Quinn said to everything



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA.

Of course I knew I had to win
on witnesses for they had
the best lawyers in the
country Lopez Luarez from
Carranca the attorney for
the Carranca Copper Co &
I had none.

Of course Old Richardson
laid down on me and
wouldn't even witness me
he wasn't coming or
sent a messenger with
a letter of advice how to
act. He is a yellow hound
and my best lawyer just
told me he wouldn't risk
his life in Carranca he
is a great big baby but
don't think he was 'disloyal'
I told him altho I couldn't
force him to court that
if he said me out I



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

would empty that shotgun
in his belly right on the
Plaza - There came a
kilt named Alfonso Salas
who is smart as a whip
staid right with me but
he had to sleep in my
room - He was scared
but dead game.
The old judge (district judge)
was my friend but his
respect for that lawyer
made him rule in their
favor - He told me he
was afraid to decide right
out for me altho I did
have the case but he
thought best to send it
up to higher court for
final decision
Meaning this would be lost
and give me time to get a
lawyer & catch my breath
so I told him to send it



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Now we had 3 trials in a row at Mazatlan before the "Jefe Local" (Local judge) whom I had had appointed and was my friend and right in my home town where I was backed by 3 American & 3 Mexican cowboys on the streets so I had a walk away. They carried it up to the "Jefe Primera Instancia" (District judge at Campa). Then my cowboys all quit my lawyers all quit & my friends got scared so I had a rough time but I hung on and won out again. Then their lawyer had a new trial (which he had no right to & couldn't get if I had any lawyer for the judge held back.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

told me for goodness sake
get a lawyer and put in
a paper counter to them,
asking for "Facts Testigos"
(To impeach my witnesses)

Then I got pictures &
threw a score into his hand
of hard cut throats that
made them forget their
mother name even
so I beat him the other
time & he gave up and
came to the line -

I trailed his every move
here to day -

Even the Customs Inspectors
came to me and told me
he was in town and the
answers he had made
to the Immigration officer
about his intentions & g



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

The bell boys stole his
telegrams from Woodward
& I got copies -

The messenger posted stood at
his elbow when he bought
a round trip ticket to Los
Angeles & just this minute
came here to my room
& reported it -

Altho he said he was going
to Hermosillo to night &
knew he wouldn't for Old
W - after receiving his
telegrammed report wired
back to him - "Come at
once to Los Angeles to
make other plans"
I failed to catch what he
had wired to Woodward
but it must have been
a bit discouraging to



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

the old Coyote or he would not have sent for him to go there to consult.

Now Richardson showing me copy of his letter to you and he tried to make out like the law would not hold down them & but I have still got the Possession and before he can oust me, changes may take place that will put me in a secure position.

And you take it from me had they beaten me down then it would have taken 5 years legal battle & thousands of dollars to have regained what we now have and besides



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

that you would have been
much on brother Bob
and they would have
been a few less men, for
Uncle Sam to like.

Sure it would be
nice to follow Richardson's
advice and come out &
let them have all we
got and he would be
riding in a new auto
before many days but
that don't suit Bopbie
Now I'll admit that I
came near losing my
nerve this last round
but was ashamed to
run and up to this
moment we are on
top and no one hurt.
But I got to get a couple
days rest I am all in,



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Tomorrow Alfonso will be
out with all copies &c
and we will go to Hermosillo
(where they scrapping on
the streets & hear) and we
will get us a lawyer and
pull a few wires with the
powers that be and I
guess we will win again
altho' W - has a better chance
over them than in Matamoros
for all lawyers were
formerly Cientificos you
know -

The statute of limitations
in Mex. says after peaceful
possession one year you
can not assail said
possession and the year
has passed except for this
one suit which was
brought barely in time
so if we win, we win,



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Now I want to get loose from
Richardson, Can we do it?
I want another lawyer
Can we find him?

The scrap is just opened
& will we win? We must
will!

By the way I got the
appointment of one of my
friends (a former Pickens
deputy for me) as inspector
and will send for him
tomorrow over on the
Sonora River to come
& inspect our cattle.
Do we want to bring them out
is poor as they are when
2 or 3 months of the rainy
season will fatten them
Shall we take the chance
Let the hide go with the
meat & save the hide?



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Some things you must
say ahead of time, just
say so.

Now this letter may
sound bragging to you
but I wanted you to know
how & what has been done
so if any thing happens to
me you will know of it.
but be careful with this
letter for there is stuff
in it could hurt me
in the wrong hands
you know -

Now for all

Yours bro

W. S. Slaughter

P.S. If we ever need Ed Green
we need him now as a
farmer on our ranch
but tell his straight goods
that I can't or tired Bob.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

6/7/14

Dear Geo - Am back again here
from a quick trip to Cuernavaca
and Moctezuma, in which I
had a scheme to get the district
judge to recall my appeal
case from Hermosillo and
then under his decision in
the 3 days the law demanded
thereby putting one of our
wardwards lawyers who
could not get back there
within the 3 days and
couldn't defend the case
But altho we convinced
the judge at the last,
still he was timid about
offending the Tribunal for
every-thing and every act
in Mexico now must be
cautious as it is all in
a delicate condition, and
one could have a judge
shot as easy as anyone



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

See - This poor fellow is
my friend and wanted to
help me and wished the
Gov. for permission to
act, but was answered
to let the Tribunal alone.
Hence my plan failed
This left me only time
to reach Hermosillo by
Tuesday night and my
case came up Wednesday
(10th) and I still have to get
a lawyer there -
I leave to night for Tucson
by stages for Hermosillo,
Still my trip to Cupira
was not wasted for I had
to give a power of atty to
Alfonso Valencia so as to
have some one on guard
to look out for me while
I was gone -



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

You see that in all these
'wheels within wheels' this
power of atty. bus. man
is very necessary & lots
of red tape to it for it
took 10 days to get the
permission of the Governor
to make it -

You recall that the only
person who had this power
from me was De Leon
who had quit me cold
and I am the only person
in the world who can
act for our Co. or give these
powers to another -

Now if I was arrested or
accused of anything criminal
I would be debarred from
appearing in the courts
or even having a lawyer
and our hands would be



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

tried for you as President
even could not appear
or have any standing.

This is one reason
I figured out why they were
so anxious to bring charges
against me -

They even sent a man
from Douglas to accuse
me in Moctezuma of
buying stolen cattle from
Dr Wright and my friends
(the officers in Moctezuma)
warned me and refused
to issue the papers till
I could cross the line
I drove my car 65 mi
to Macoyan without head
lights altho the moon
was good & covered them
1 a.m.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Now I hate to go to Hermosillo
the papers to say say that
armed forces are holding
the streets there still but
I can have no representa-
tion in the Tribunal
until I give my power
of atty down there
I have the permit all
arranged but I must
go & attend to it myself.

I have got this possession
case back to a stand still
if I keep up my lick
and then word will
have to try another course
& my lawyer says he
will guarantee to hold him
off 3 years on trial of title
Possession is the thing now



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Old Wilson will never let
go this hold till all is
safe in Mex for Americans
He is slow but sure and
the day will soon come
when we can laugh at
all these scares and
get cold American justice

Of course naturally I
want to stay out of jail,
one reason is they are
full of gray backs and the
other is they don't furnish
cigars & whiskey on the
5 cents a day the law
allows to keep up each
prisoner -

But they all say that no
American can claim to
be Mexicanized until he
has been in jail & had the



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA.

small box -

As W. is determined
on putting me in and
I am just as sure to
beat him to death in his
own office. if he ever does
Now if I get in there no
use getting excited over
it - Just send 2 game
fellows down there quietly
to see that some mob
don't take rise out of it
I am disarmed the rest an
order to release me on
bond -

Cumpos is the only place
there is any special doings
and my best friends there
are Juan Manuel (merchant)
Geo Moore (merchant)
Danna Guadalupe Moreno who



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

owns the hotel & half the town. and Miguel Medina the juez de Primera Instancia and Florencio & Jose Friskie Ranchers from San Antonio Texas family -

Keep this for reference

Now about the cattle, I can't get them out till this case is decided so guess will let them go till August or Sept and take a chance of course I turned into ^{our} ~~the~~ ~~company~~ the 675 head I bought but we only borrowed that best money for 60 days and must arrange another 60 days on it - I will see Packer next trip out



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Now I just rec'd your nice
letter dated 6/4 from Clovis.
I'm glad to hear from you
and that these conditions
are so good for this is
always a hard time in
West Texas -

Pretty nice trade with
the Col. & I hope he will
make lots of money on it.
I will write you today
about meeting you in
El Paso -

If you can wait till
I get back here about
the 15th I will be glad
to meet you.

I was glad to get Jo Dick's
note -

Love to all

Yours truly

Bob.

June 30, 1914

The C. C. Slaughter Cattle Co.,

Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs:-

I arrived in El Paso this morning direct from Carrizozo where George and I closed a deal yesterday with Gov. McDonald for 1500 head of his own raising. He is to gather all of his cows and calves and deliver F.O.B. the cars at Carrizozo and Riverside and if he is short on the number he is to put in dry cows at \$40.00 each. Also 30 bulls at \$40.00 each and of course the cows and calves at \$60.00 each and for all of the cattle (which will be about 3/4th of them) that are shipped from Carrizozo, the Governor is to pay 60¢ per head of the freight, whatever that may be. I suppose the freight from Carrizozo to Littlefield will be \$61.00 per car of 30 cows and calves. I would guess the freight from Riverside to Littlefield to be about \$32.00 per car and I feel sure that the Governor has influence enough with the railroad company to get us a very fast run, which counts no little on a deal of this kind.

George has promised to be present and to have John Lemonds with him at the delivery of these cattle. I feel sure that they will amply represent our interests in case I cannot attend.

George drew a draft on you and attached the copy of contract, which you should have received already and ~~xx~~ it explains itself.

However, we had some side agreements that I am sure will better this contract, but the Governor is a scotchman and would not put in the contract these items.

We were not satisfied with our first day's looking at the cattle, so remained over the second day when we were both satisfied.

These cattle are well bred Herefords and have been bred for a long time along good lines. They are not up to the standard of our cattle in weight, but otherwise compare favorably. This bunch has not been topped, but has been culled from time to time. They are mostly young cattle and we deemed it a big advantage to find a herd where nothing was to be held out on us. There is an unusually fine season on these ranches and the cattle are in good shape to stand shipment.

The Governor thinks that he can put up 2,000 head, but I was afraid that if we contracted that many we might have to take something that we did not like, but I do believe that he can put up the 1500 all good ones.

Now by taking these cattle in three shipments of about 500 each, I believe they can be properly handled at both ends of the line and we think that we can ship just as many cows and calves as we could if there were no calves. We consider the calves take up very little, if any room in the cars. We have ordered the first train for July 12th and the second for July 18th, which should clean

up the Garrizozo ranch, then the outfit will move to the Block ranch and ship from there about Aug. 1st and by Aug. 5th, all of these cattle should be at home on our ranch.

Now if you inspect these cattle and take into consideration the young ages and the fact that they were raised on the short grass of New Mexico, I think you will all be pleased with this deal. At any rate, your servant thinks this is the best deal that he could make under the circumstances.

George and I think we can get \$42.50 for our yearling steers by Oct. 1st if not sooner and I advise that we hold out for that price and George thinks he can get \$32.00 for our own steer calves. This seems to be to be a good price. George wants to offer all the McDonald calves at \$25.00 and I agree with him. We arranged that we will not have to rebrand these cattle, which is quite an advantage to us and they should be held with their bulls in a separate pasture and in a few years, we could sell all in this brand to some neighbor probably, when the increase of our own stock will have filled the range.

This being all for the present, I am

Yours truly,

Ed. Stanley

Copy of letter to Dallas

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DALLAS, TEXAS

July
Thirtieth
Nineteen Hundred
Fourteen

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Roswell, N. M.

Dear George:-

I herewith enclose you copy of letter to Dal Driskill. I have tried to make the cost of the ranch so that it will cover everything up to this time. Of course what I said is from memory, and I might be mistaken as to the original cost. This is about the third letter I have written Dal, advising him to go down and look the property over, and he has finally concluded to go. I am going to Soash tomorrow night to see your father, and will be with him Saturday and Sunday and back in the office next Monday morning. It is pretty warm here; I think last night was the hottest we have had this year, but it is considerably cooler this morning. We now have, in round numbers, \$700,000.00 worth of stock sold, but sales are very quiet now, and I believe they will be until the first of September. We are very anxious to reach the million dollar mark this year. Hope you and C., when you meet on the 15th, will arrange to see some of the leading men in that section of New Mexico and West Texas, and will be able to place quite a block of stock. C. tells me Bob was at Long beach, California, yesterday. My folks are over there as well as his. I hope this will

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find you at home, and that you will adjust matters so as to give at least eight or ten days to C. in trying to sell stock. I had a letter from Jack Alley, and also one from Carrie, saying that the Colonel was doing fine. I presume you have got most of the McDonald cows and calves on the ranch by this time. How do they compare with the S's? Littlefield's made a good sale of their calves, and also our friend Clayton, at Lubbock. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Hoping this will find your good wife, little daughter and two sons, as well as yourself, well and prosperous, I beg to remain, with kindest personal regards, as ever,

Your uncle,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. B. Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

July
Thirtieth
Nineteen Hundred
Fourteen

Mr. W. D. Driskill,
Gadsden Hotel,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Dal:-

Your letter of July 24th from Spearfish, South Dakota, received, and its contents carefully considered. I regret very much that the rain has been limited in your part of Dakota and that it will set you back in disposing of your interests there. I was in hopes you would be able to dispose of your holdings there to a good advantage. I have never had another letter from our party about the south Texas ranch since you were here. I saw Bob Pyron a day or two ago, and he said he had an excellent ranch proposition to submit to us, but up to this time he has failed to put in his appearance. I am exceedingly glad to know that you have finally concluded to go down to Sonora and look the Slaughter Land & Cattle Co. property over. I feel sure you will be more than pleased with this ranch as a breeding proposition, for it has so much living water on it and the lower south end of the ranch is covered with black brush and you know this is good browsing for cattle, especially through the winter months. Of course it has no prickly pear, but it has an excellent coat of grass, and I am fully convinced

that the range will carry somewhere from 10,000 to 20,000 mother cows each year, provided the yearlings are taken out, and this many cows on a ranch, if properly handled, would make plenty of money. Besides, it is backed up by a 450-acre farm, which will produce more than sufficient foodstuff each year to take care of the ranch. My recollection is that the ranch, ~~cost~~ and all cattle cost us \$160,000.00. Of course this is only from memory, and I do not believe there has been enough stock sold to take care of expenses, and I am of the opinion that today the ranch stands us about \$170,000.00 in round numbers, but I want to say to you confidentially if I owned this property individually and business conditions were settled in Mexico so that I felt sure I would have no trouble in the future, I would hesitate a long time before I would consider \$500,000.00 for it, so you can see how I feel about this ranch. But this is confidential to you, and I hope you will so treat it. I feel sure you will be more than pleased with everything when you get on the ranch. Please let me hear what you think about the ranch as soon as you examine it.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

7/20/14

Dear Geo

The doctor dismissed me to day and I feel pretty good but the conditions in Mexico are so torn up, for a while now till the new government has a chance to take hold that I consider it the most dangerous time since first going in and that by waiting a while now will be the best move I can make. The Colorados are taking advantage of the excitement to get a last whack at any



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

graft they can get and
they might rob me.
for ransom

And I want to go
to California to advise
with the folks what
places they make for
the winter so I will
take this opportunity
to go -

W - might get in
some crooked work
but I can't foresee it
right now -

Anyway 10 days will
put me back here

The only address I
can give you in case
you wish me is



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Hotel Alexandria

Los Angeles

Of course I want to
there much but I
will phone them
now & then for any
telegrams -

The rains are coming
fine out here and
every thing is looking
up - The knackers
are talking of another
revolution but I say
Wilson won't stand
for another one now.
Of course a few attempts
will be made and it
will take time to get



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

straightlined out but I
surely think Paer
is in sight

The reconstruction
period is always hell
and we expect it but
when we begin to
see day light ahead
we overlook a lot.

Keep me posted about
your cattle deliveries.
It's a hard job but
you will handle it all
O.K.

Yours truly
Bob.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Geo -

Bad luck follows me
for after dipping all the
cattle in regular U.S.
style then the Mexican
doctor found ticks on
them and I can't ship
He is my friend tho &
didn't turn them down
officially first tipped
me off and I must
now "pick" the whole
herd - That Arsenic dip
is a farce -

These are bought cattle
Then the Governor has
ordered me not to
move anything off
our Ranch I had his
order translated for
you & enclose it



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Consulted Judge and he
said he couldn't help me
So I went to Sr Jorge
Orasco who is in charge
of the "junta" here and
we will go direct to
Carranza over the Gov.
head and am sure
of getting relief of course
this will make the Gov.
sore but he is not
helping us as it is -
I am tired of running
to Hermosillo but must
have to go yet -

Of course I will find
a way out but she do look
blue right now.

Will keep you posted
Yours b.c.
Bob.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

8/3/14

Dear Geo

I was glad to get your telegram and know that you had finished receiving those cattle and was pleased with them -

Dad came and I couldn't very well go down with him as it would take 2 weeks and Old Mrs W - had just come out here and had her lungs here so not telling what is in the wind -

I went R.R. at El Paso to come & show the Ranch to Dad and Dad just left on the "Burro" train.

I want Dad to take his time to look around & be satisfied and if he goes in it will be with



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

his eyes open and then
he can't kick at every-
little thing.

He read of over our
papers yesterday & seems
to like the deal.

Now when he comes
back I will offer him
what stock he can buy
at cost & 10%. but what
do you think best to offer
him as salary.

Do you think he will
take 60⁰⁰ gold & stay down
there - That's my idea -

Now Dal is 57 years old &
his working days is over
He is too old to learn the
language which is a big
handicap but on the other
side he will be honest
and loyal to our interests.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

But you must give me an idea of what to pay him

Now you say that we may have a meeting on the Ranch about the 15th

Is it to be a kind of reunion Will the families come or will it just be the boys. And how is the best way for me to come from El Paso.

I want to come if I can and will make my arrangements that way.

Your bro

RH Slaughter

H.P. Saunders Roswell N.M.
C. American Natl Bank.

~~Tell Neal Express matters ordered~~
~~for me Littlefield.~~

Express matters Neal ordered ~~for me~~
~~also at house~~ ~~of~~ ~~me~~



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

4/7/14

Dear Geo

I spent the day at
El Paso as I came thro' and
sent a report to our
Co and a copy to you.
Clay Robinson Co had
found out that we had
those cattle and they had
a man — Dorris of Kansas
who was going to take
them if we didn't —
They begged me to resell
but I refused
They talked 300 per head
horns but I insisted
they were not for sale
I told them of the Collyers
deal 52 x 40 I put it
and covered Buckle Bill
to get busy with them



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Consulted Dr. Miller and he said I was getting on fine and would be well in 2 weeks or so.

I came on here & am under Armstrong who gave me my last shot last night but insists for sure for me to be very quiet & on strict diet & medicine another 10 days and I would get absolutely well I went to see Packard at once and paid our interest out of my personal funds and extended the same note. He was very nice about it all and advised me to wait to get out the cattle



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I appreciated all this for
I had assured him I
would pay this loan
when due.

The Kinsors have heard I
worked at it tho!

The Bank examiner
was checking up but
he wrote in the local
paper some nice things
of the First Nat^l Bank.
The strike at Cananea
is tearing up the local
factions -

I am laying low to
see which side wins.
I am pretty sure I can
stand in with either
side as both are Con-
stitutionalists.

Will you have lots of hard
work ahead to handle



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

The McDonald deal and I
feel sorry that you are
up against it in the
hottest weather.

I sent some new
plows to our farms to plow
for corn -

The old ones had
played out

Adios for the
present

Yours bar.

Bob.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

8/20/14

Dear Bro.

I spent a day with
the Cal he wouldn't hear
to me going that night
He is in good health and
spirits and I felt better
for having gone by.

I hurried right over here
and met Dal.

He like every cow man
who looks over our
ranch felt in love with
it. He had no fence to
find and wants to take
me up on the proposition
I had made him.
He only asked what I
would pay him and I
said 60 ¢ I thought he
would kick and I would
~~be~~ would back out of the
trade but he accepted
providing he could sell



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

his Dakota place in next
30 days -

I couldn't accuse
him of getting drunk as
R.L. had asked me not
to mention it. but I
brought up the subject and
he admitted he drank
occasionally but said
he could quit anytime
and not feel it -

He said he wouldn't let
whiskey come between
us so I could say no
more -

Now if he joins us it
won't do for us to knock
him with other people
for that will destroy the
main reason we had
for getting him -

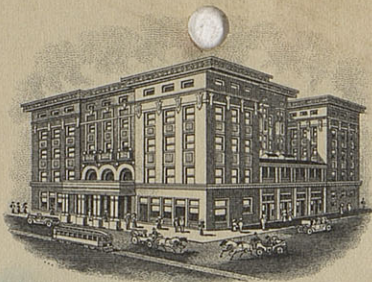


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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I haven't yet found out how much stuff he has but he agrees to sell out (if he can) and put every thing he has in the deal I told him that was the only way I could let him in - I expect to let him have some of Bill's stock and let him take his $\frac{1}{2}$ land notes as part pay on my account.

I wrote Bill 10 days ago what I expected to do and expected an answer before Driskell came out of Mexico but Bill never answered my letter or my telegram even. We should have answered my question about those notes any way.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Sonora is in trouble again Maytorna and Calles are in open war but don't think it will reach serious proportions if Villa and Carranza come to terms.

Of course if they do not then Sonora will be the starting point of another revolution & if Wilson stands for another war & will never properly on any political question again. Of course I expect trouble till fairly first but I do expect safety by that time -

Yours bro
Bob.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, 8/6/14

Dear Geo -

I have just wired
you at length about the
Compromise that was
put up to me to day by
C A Remacke a mining
man of Sonora who
came from Woodward
with a written offer
signed by W - and his
wife -

He offers to give us his
stock in our Company
and a deed to the Mesquite
Ranch if we give him
the 2 farms and the
Goat Ranch and to pay
up our notes and cancel
all contracts -



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I answered that if he
would select one farm
and 500 acres of grazing
land adjoining and
let us keep the other
farm that I would
take him and Richardson
to Paswell to meet you
and Bill on next Tuesday
Parradke ran back
to Los Angeles to get
W — to agree to this
change if possible
and if he does we all
agreed to leave here on
Sunday night for
Paswell to see you
We will get into El Paso



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Monday morning at
7⁴⁵ A.M. and catch first
train out

I suppose we should
go Pack Island to the
marrest point to Powell
and you can have a
car to meet us so
we will reach Powell
Monday night & hold
meeting Tuesday and
maybe Wednesday
when they will have to
return but I will
stay and go to Ranch
with you to meeting
on the 15th
Wish we could get them



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

to meet on 14th and save
me one day, what?
I would Bill and wrote
him to meet you and
I at Roswell Tuesday
I think he will come
I think he knows the
Huachuca Ranch and can
tell us of its value -
Woodward claims it is
worth 20,000⁰⁰ I guess
about 10,000⁰⁰ but be that
as it may a bird in
the hand is worth a
turkey in a court room
and now that Paet is close
to hand if we settle
with and get rid of old
Woodward we are ready
to make money



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

With the lands that we
will have clear titles to
and the outside
interests and claims
that we own and
bring in possession
of that valley & we can
& can control nearly
the whole thing
5 years of litigation
will keep us down
We can make more
than we lose and a
whole lot more satis-
faction

Dad will fall for that
Ranch sum and if
we make a deal with
him it will help to pay



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

off what we owe W.B.

This compromise
will hang fire and fool
along for a month or
two giving us time to
arrange payment of
notes &c.

I only hope we
can all get together and
eliminate Woodward
if he follows Old Huerta
I will feel better.

However if he still wants
to scrap I will stay
with him willingly
Ranch is in fine
condition

Yours Bro
R.H.

D.A. RICHARDSON

S.L. PATTEE

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Douglas, Arizona

August 28, 1914.

George M. Slaughter,
Roswell, N. M.

Dear Brother:-

I have just been served with the papers in two law-suits involving the Woodward notes, brought respectively by J. H. Slaughter, and the Bank of Bisbee, Elmwood & Ross, Attorneys, at Bisbee Arizona. These cases are set for September 19th, at Tombstone, I was also served two garnishments by the same people to show what interest each one of us held in the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company, These cases at Douglas, September, 9th.

Judge Richardson is away and will return Sunday at which time I will meet him and Judge Pattee and place these cases in their hands, as I know of no better Attorneys out here. I do not know of any reason why these cases were brought at this particular time, unless it was caused by the negotiations toward a compromise that are now pending, and Mr. Ellis thought to intimidate us by having these suits brought and I think he is the prime mover in these proceedings.

I will take steps to get this case in good shape right away, and I believe that we can win it. Now in regards to the compromise Mr. Romadke who returned from Mexico day before yesterday, showed me a personal letter from Woodward in which he treated our offer with scorn. However I do not think Woodward will answer us officialy until Romadke has returned to Los Angeles, which will probably be in one week. Romadke insisted on further discussion of the matter and intimated that Woodward would throw in the Tambor Farms before cutting off negotiations. My

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answer was this; after Woodward has made this concession I will propose that he and Romadke will meet Richardson and I at Tucson at an early date for a friendly discussion of the remaining differences that may exist between us. If he accepts my offer it will be virtually a "split the difference" compromise. I have ~~thought~~ ^{thought} this matter over seriously and consider it best for us to make a compromise, on the best terms possible of course, but any way to make it. Briefly my reasons are; 1. the character of the man we are dealing with, 2. The unsettled state of Mexico,

3. The absence of his wife's signature,
4. My inability to procure the services of a suitable attorney,
5. The great expense and long time involved in litigations
6. The lost opportunities and wasted abilities that will be incurred.

On the other hand we will know what we own and be able to enlarge our business at the auspicious time during the reconstruction days immediately following the war. This is an opportunity that all the border Americans are prepared to grasp. Under his present proposition I contend that we are getting all that we pay for at a fair valuation, and if he will return to us the Tambor Farm and accessories we could afford to accept without further condition. Of course I will hold out a few months for all that I can get. After reading this letter carefully and if you agree with its contents please write me a letter stating that you authorize me to act in this matter for us both and to abide by ~~the~~ my decision. For this reason when the time comes to act it will be difficult to have you present, you can see the point, I will state further that if

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it becomes necessary I expect to give up the Jorquipa Ranch and split the remaining difference in money or I will keep the ranch and pay the note . The First National Bank note will be due at once and I intend to pay the interest and renew for sixty days, and to sign for the company adding your signature and mine to satisfy the Bank. I have taken ~~those~~ steps to remove the cattle until after Villa who is now in Nogales has taken such action as he sees fit. I feel sure that he will place the affairs in Sonora on some temporary basis that should last a month or two anyway, during that time I hope to export the cattle we bought as well as the marketable cattle off the ranch. I can contend with the war or with Woodward but the combination is too strong for me. When I dodge one I am blocked by the other ~~but~~ but when peace is established and Woodward out of the company, I should be able to proceed rapidly and feel certain to make good money.

Feeling the absolute necessity of keeping a set of books I have arranged with the secretary of the Ma Bibi Company, a young Englishman residing here, to open a complete set of books and to keep the same for \$20.00 a month, so that on January 1st., we can strike a ballance and know where we stand. I think I will send a copy of this letter to W. B. for his information. With love to your family, I am,

Your Brother,

R. Slaughter

D.A. RICHARDSON

S.L. PATTEE

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September 1, 1914.

George M. Slaughter,
Roswell, N.M.

Dear Brother:-

Judge Richardson has not returned to his office, but will probably do so tomorrow, when I will see him in regard to our law-suit. I have just interviewed Mr. Packard, and paid the interest and \$1000.00 on our note and made a new note for \$9000.00 and told them to send it to you for your signature. I indorsed this note for our company by me and also by me individual. Mr. Packard agrees with me that I had better wait about one week to see how the new state of affairs are adjusting themselves before beginning on any exportation. He thinks I may be able to get out on a \$5.00 basis and I am perfectly willing to pay that amount. Received a letter from R.L. this morning stating that he had a line-up with Villa in which he thought he could get me out free of duty in the next thirty days. Now there was never but two men who interfered with my exportation, one of them Colanell Calles, who has been fired by Villa and the other the Prefect at Cumpas, named Riviera, who claimed he was only acting under orders from Calles, hence I am pleased with the turn of affairs.

Now in regard to the compromise I had another talk with Mr. Romadka last night he outlined the proposition that he would advise Woodward to make us in answer to ours, like this; he to give us the Tambora Farms and deliver us twelve hundred head of cattle in bunches of four hundred head every four months so that the delivery will be completed in one year. We to give back the Joriquipa Ranch and pay those notes