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couldn't be found - think they were ¹⁹¹ old
Widow Saky's outfit after some beef -
It seems they take a good many liberties
over there at odd times -
I want to round them up first chance
& have a talk with them.
I have just got in so will close & write
you more another time.

Yr bro
RLL

George

have read this letter what do you think?
advise Bob to go down?

yes

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Pueblo, Colorado

May the Twelfth,
1913

W.B. SLAUGHTER, PRES.
ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.
G.C. SLAUGHTER, CASHIER
W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

Mr. G. M. Slaughter, Prest.,
Slaughter Cattle Company,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I herewith enclose copy of letter
mailed Bob today; also a letter to me from him;

It is very essential that we ad-
just matters at once so that we can get hold
of those cheap cattle while the proposition
is open. I herewith quote you part of a
letter received from Robertson on his return
from the ranch, after invoicing all farm
implements, etc. on the farm at Moctezuma.
The part reads as follows:

"I am sending you a telegram this
morning with reference to cattle being sold
by the State Government of Sonora. These
are cattle that are being confiscated, which
belong to Mexicans owning property who had
refused to pay the regular tax which was
demanded by the Government, the Mexican owners
having left the State and are now living
in various parts of the U.S. I have talked
to Judge Richardson about the matter and
he says that the present Government of Sonora
was regularly elected and the laws and taxes
assessed by them are legal and will hold and
the title to the cattle will be absolute.
The state vents the brand of the original
owners and places a State brand upon the
cattle, and will deliver them to us and have
our brand upon the cattle upon delivery, and
furnish us a regular bill of sale and protect
the same should occasion ever arise whereby
it should become necessary. They have further
agreed that should we want cow boys to ride
the range, that they would allow whatever
number of men we should want under a lieuten-
ant, and leave them subject to our orders for
such time as we would want them. We would
have to pay them regular army wages, and they
would be subject to our orders, the same as

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any other cow boys that we should have to hire."

Of course, Robertson has taken this matter up with Judge Richardson and found out the legal status in regard to purchasing these cattle. I am not sure but what the same thing would apply to Mr. Woodward if the tax has been assessed against him. It is just possible that they will take his cattle like others, but he never said anything to us about this while there, and, consequently, I am unable to speak intelligently on this point.

What do you think about us arranging for the money, and where can we get it just at this time? You have been in the banking business fully as long as I have, being President of a National bank, and should be as well posted as the writer.

On the 9th day of July the second payment will come due to Mr. Woodward, and as I understand it, he has turned all of this paper over to the Douglas National Bank. We will have to commence trimming on sales to make this payment. Either you or I, or both of us, will have to go with Dr. Hart to the ranch to make the examination, just as soon as we find that Bob has the cattle in the pasture and a chute made to run them through. We don't want that ranch quarantined under any circumstances, if they are free from disease, and I made it strong to Dr. Melville that the pasture was under fence and that we would build small pastures from there to the railroad, so that we would not come in contact with any of the range cattle. Upon my statements to this effect he agreed to send a man down; hence, the importance of striking while we have an opportunity.

I am mailing Bob a copy of this

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letter to you, so that he will know what I have said. It will keep me from writing two letters.

Please let me hear from you at once, as I will be here or at Dalhart for the next ten days, and these matters must be attended to, George. I realize you claim you are tied up with the C. C. Slaughter Cattle Company and cannot get out and do things, but you are now President of the Slaughter Cattle Company in Sonora, Mexico and must give this matter some attention.

The thing for you to consider fully is in regard to the bull question. If you are building this herd to be carried on by your sons after we have long since departed, it is best to lay the foundation well, but if it is only for the purpose of making immediate money, Herefords might do as well as any.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter from a son-in-law of Gillette's, who says in his letter he can furnish us about a car load of the old Gillette bulls at \$60.00 per head.

Of course, you are loaded with business, as well as the writer, and we have taken more duties and responsibilities on ourselves by buying this ranch, but we will have to be men and face them.

Hoping you will receive my former letters, and that you may be able to come up here and we can talk over everything fully. We could do this much better than by writing, and you could come upon that evening train to Amarillo, and catch the train that leaves there at 10:30 or 11:00 P.M., and

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Pueblo, Colorado May the Fourteenth,

1913

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Roswell, New Mexico.

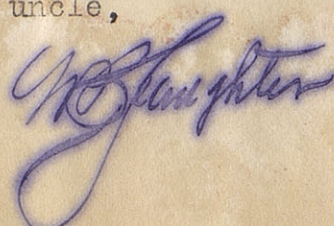
Dear George:-

I failed to enclose Keays' letter to you the other day. I am enclosing it, also Bob's letter and a letter from Woodward. You can read the Woodward letter and return to me.

I am of the opinion that if we conclude to use Shorthorn bulls that Carey Brothers, over on the Western Slope in Colorado have the bulls we need to go there, and I believe we would be able to sell him the yearlings on the ranch next year, in exchange for any or all bulls we might buy of them. While I have not taken this matter up with Mr. Carey, I know him, personally, and if you think it advisable, will take it up, and when you come up some time this summer, we will run over to his ranch and look the bulls over. Of course, you know there is no better strain than the Gillette herd; hence, the reason I had Buell write to these people in regard to the bulls.

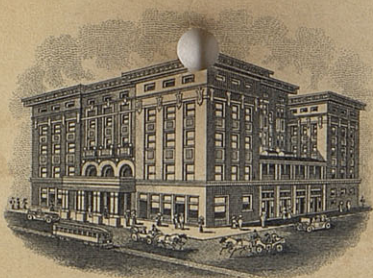
Please let me hear from you in regard to all these matters as soon as possible, and with best wishes to yourself and family, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,



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Encs.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, 5/18/13

Dear Geo and Bill

I am in Gods country again for 2 days will go back early in the morning I took Harper for a guide as he used to freight all over that country 20 year ago and altho he said we couldnt go thro in auto. I decided to tackle it and save time -

I had ridden all my horses down & bucked Colomels back to back altho I had a new Navajo blanket and a new 60" saddle - Its so hot down there must be the reason And I ran out of horse shoes so the only dependence I had was in a car - But the Lord will forgive me that trip I want ever tackle it again



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

However I found the route I wanted & made it in 3 days and its all right for cattle. The deep sand in those canyons will be good for their feet - Very few rocks on this trail -

I turned off at Shermans ranch 20 miles South of Macoyari & pulled N.W. to Santa Rosa Ranch then the watered San Pedro Ranch & then to Bacoachi Pueblo thence E of Cananea thro the C.C.C. Range to Richards Ranch at Naco (The Line) I can water every day in 12 to 15 miles except 2 days & the furthest well is 25 miles to water

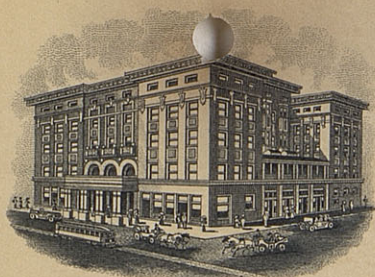


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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

The La Sonra Rancho 15 miles
S of Bacoachi is the prettiest
Ranch I ever saw and very
fine cattle & fine grass &
open country and I can
lay over there a day or
two & fill them up.
The boy (mex) that owns the
Ranch seems to like me
fine -

I didn't buy any land but
I arranged to lease 3
places along the route.
Will buy later couldn't
do it all at once you know
This will make Bill's bluff
to the U.S. & stand good.
I have arranged for the
Mexican doctor to go over
Rancho about June 1st
& he is "fixed" so we will



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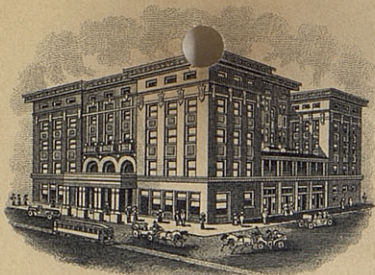
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get papers all O.K. this
will help us with the
Am - Dr.

Without more information
from Bel I am timid
about approaching the
U.S. man -

I may spoil something
however any time you all
order me I will get him
too. I am going to tackle
the Cox canyon tomorrow
on my way back I sure
can make it to Moctezuma
in 2 days -

My horses will be rested and
I can skip over the Ranch
Don't get it down that I am
giving you that air when
I say I have been busy
since I saw you -



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

This letter writing is the worst
part tho -

Say Gro. just to show you
how slow the people are
& havent ever seen that
damned type writer yet
and can't use it now if
I had it -

That boy I took in is
going to get his time the
first any way he is no good
Not Hunt but Steve -

Hunts a good kid but still
he is only a kid at that
& a poor interpreter too.

He will make a good cowboy
as time goes on -

And Bill! if you would only
look at the Cananea Cattle
Co's fine Short horns like I
did you would cut out
that Short horn talk -

They are U. G. for hot climate



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

The Herefords are what we need for quick results & later put in Short horns when we can arrange man feed for them -

Their show herd at their dairy farm when they are fed in big barns every day are beauties but I was all over their range & saw their range cattle. The Herefords looked fine the Bulls I mean and were out with the cows. The Durhams were poor & balled up in the shade in the canyons by their lonesome -

Think it over -



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I have never written a Co
check yet but have used
my own money but I
can't put it off any longer
so in a few days will
have to draw on you.

Robertson wants his
money (altho I loaned)
him 250⁰⁰) and I guess
we better pay him off.

I am keeping as close
an eye on expenses as I
can but everything down
there is so different it is
a job - Now I am sleepy
so adios for a few days

Yours
Ch. Haughton

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Pueblo, Colorado

May the Twentieth,
1913

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

Dear George:-

I have received your letter and read the contents very carefully. In reply will say Mr. Robertson came in today and said that R. L. had made arrangements with Mr. Woodward to receive the cattle in September, but he did not think in this arrangement that he had agreed with Woodward to not count the calves, and you realize that this means a thousand cattle short that he would have to turn over now, that if he counts the calves on us will take their place.

I am very much surprised at Bob agreeing to do this. He has been working for Col. S. so long and just letting things go as they pleased, that I am fearful that he has gotten into that habit and it will be hard to break him, but he is now out on his own resources, as well as others connected with him in the company, and he must not do things of this kind, from my view point, without first calling the company together and getting its consent. You know the agreements that we went into at Douglas, and I feel that this is a breach of that agreement, and you as President of the said Company will have to call a meeting and change this, as I do not see where he had any right to make any such agreement until it was first put up to the company; hence, the importance of attending to this at once, for we cannot afford to have those calves counted on us; and Robertson in his conversation said that the Lee boys were trying to sell their cattle to him, and it was thoroughly understood between Woodward and us that the Lee

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cattle were to go in on this trade; also all of the ranches or any ~~grass~~ ^{horses} they might have in that range. Now, I am in hopes that Bob understood this and will do nothing to put us in shape whereby Woodward could say that the Company agreed to do these things. These matters, George, cannot be let run long, and it is very essential that you move at once. Of course, I can only write you; I am secretary and treasurer, and you ranking officer and must take hold.

I realize that the cattle should be received if the calves are to be counted, and unless Bob has made an agreement with Woodward that none of this year's calves should be counted, the cattle must be received now in order to protect us.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bob, so that he will know how I feel in the matter. Of course, I realize that he may feel offended, but cannot help it. Business is business and there is only one way to do it, and do it from the original agreement.

Please answer this at once because I am not at all satisfied with this arrangement, and I want to know how you stand in the matter and what you intend to do. Of course, George, if we have to go in a few days to Douglas, it is very essential that you let me know.

I received a blank application from Harrell, wanting us to send in the

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Woodward brands, but we cannot do this until we receive the cattle, and am so writing to Harrell.

Hoping this will find your baby girl much improved and the balance of the family well, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

G. H. Slaughter

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*George - I might be mistaken from tone of Bob's
letter - decide quick
mos*

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them across the line. Just at this time I do not know what the restrictions are regarding bringing these Mexican cattle across the line; I presume you are more familiar than myself, and, furthermore, I do not know what class of cattle they are. I presume they are of pretty poor grade, but it does seem to me that we could make some good money out of these cattle by bringing them across the line, if there are no restrictions; hence, upon receipt of this letter I desire that you wire us what you think of the proposition, especially if it appeals to you.

I infer from what Bob Slaughter said in his letter to my father, that he could make some extra good buys on cattle down in Sonora, but the unfortunate part being that I am rather sceptical about the safety of putting too many cattle on this ranch, but it does seem that if cattle are as cheap down there as Robertson's telegram indicates, and R. L. Slaughter's letter also, that we should take advantage of the situation. Please let us hear from you as above stated.

With the kindest personal regards to yourself and family, I am,

Yours very truly,



Cashier.

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get here the next day at 11:45; only a short run. I have been away for 75 days and have an enormous amount of work piled up on me.

Hoping that you will reply to this promptly and that it will find you and your family well, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F

May the Twenty-first,

1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter, Gen. Mgr.,
Slaughter Cattle Company,
Moctezuma, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

I have just read your letter to the President in regard to how conditions are on the ranch, and I want to admonish you, as I did when I was with you, to do nothing that will get yourself into trouble. We had better take many insults than to have our Manager get into serious trouble, for his life is worth more than all the insults, and I say to you, go slowly and don't make any threats. I think you made a serious threat in saying to the officer that you would personally hold him responsible for certain things. You cannot afford to do these things the way you are at their mercy, and the sooner you understand it, the better. Get along the best you can without allowing your temper to get the best of you. You know what would be said if anything should happen to you; the load would rest on George and myself; hence, the important, as I told you before leaving you, to not allow yourself to be fretted, and I admonish you again not to do this.

I presume you read the copy of a letter mailed you a day or two ago in regard to putting off receiving of the Woodward cattle until September, and what I said to George was this: That we could not afford to do this unless you had made arrangements with Woodward that the calves were not to be counted. Of course, this is the main thing with us.

I want you to take a note of everything Woodward failed to turn over, and at the proper time I will attend to this with Woodward. He certainly will have to make good everything we bought from him that he failed to turn over, and I will see to it,

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personally, that he does. I know that he got the hogs and a lot of the alfalfa, and perhaps lots of saddles and other fixtures that should belong to our Company, and one partner cannot treat another partner that way and stay in business with them; hence, make a note of everything, but say nothing, and let me talk to Woodward at the proper time in regard to the matter. I realize that you have to get along with Woodward and need his help and assistance and will have to take much that you would not take otherwise, but he and I have had several disputes over things, and it is nothing for us to have disputes, so long as you keep out of it; he is nearer my age than yours and we will settle the matter and I feel sure that he will cough up the money that is due the Company when the time presents itself. Of course, I would like the dates, as nearly as possible, of these transactions, and the money considerations with the interest from that date on will have to be settled; or, in other words, all saddles and other fixtures that we need that you have to pay for, will be charged direct to him, or anything that he takes.

Of course, Bob, I had a letter from George and I presume you got the same letter, stating that he thought he would call a meeting at once of the Company at Douglas, and if he does, why I presume you will adjust matters to come up.

You realize that you must say nothing about taking those steers out, and let the matter get out that you are going to take them out. If you do we will have trouble. If you remember, I told you to keep your own counsel about this matter and not even tell your cow boys, but when you

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get them all together, if you think best, we can get four, five or six good American cow boys and bring them down with the American cow boys you have, and they can come out without any one knowing anything about it. In other words, you can arrange to have all the Mexicans away and pull out with the cattle, and I feel sure, without a mere accident, they will come up that divide, if you can find water, without any one ever knowing they have left the ranch. This is a ticklish time and you have to use a good deal of strategy, and I believe this is the best way to do it. I am in hopes, however, that you will find the places and get the little pastures with water in them established, as I have made this plain to the Department and would like for something that I have stated to them to be complied with.

Now, in regard to your interpreter, young Hunt: He is nothing but a boy and you have to tell him to interpret just as you want it, and my idea is for him to repeat to you as they talk, and then you will be able to know everything that is said. He not being trained for an interpreter, you have to train him, but be patient with him and keep him, as he will be worth lots to you in time to come if you remain in that country; whether you remain or not, someone will have to remain, and he will be worth much to them. This is an expense we have always to figure on, unless we are successful in getting a man that speaks their language fluently as manager. I am in hopes everything will move along and we will have no trouble.

I note you have put the old man that was with us on the trip in charge of the farm, and I presume the wheat has been cut

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by this time. Would it not be a good idea to plant the ground that you raised the wheat on in some kind of a forage crop, so that we have plenty of roughness for the young bulls we hope to put down there this winter? This is only a suggestion. You must try and get all crops raised that you can, for I feel sure we will need it this winter, but I do not want to interfere with your getting the alfalfa crop planted on the ground. You look over the farms, and if you think there is any more rip-rapping needed, I suggest that you have it done.

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

Your uncle,

YBS-F

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Saint Louis, May 23, 1913.

Mr. C. C. Slaughter, Cashier,
Mercantile National Bank,
Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Sir ;

Referring again to the draft on the American Exchange National Bank, Dallas, Tex. \$20,111, which you received from the American National Bank Roswell, N. M. and about which we have had some correspondence, we wonder if you have collected the exchange charge from Roswell.

We will much appreciate it if you take up the matter again as the item was their own draft and the question of the exchange charge should not be a difficult one to settle.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your attention,

I am

Yours truly,

Henry Reis
Asst. Manager Exchange Dept.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

5/11, 1911

Dear Geo -

Yours of 5/11 to hand Am sure sorry
about Claire's sickness trust she is well
again by now -

Bob will make P. L. a good hand
but he needs a man with a head
however all must learn -
any way Bob is trusty & loyal -
So the lower Ranch cattle had to be
dropped but it couldn't be helped -
Expenses on that bunch was pretty
heavy & then a 5% loss too.

Am glad you got in some good planning
it may be a good year -
about Robertsons telegram you were sure
to pass it up as far as this Co goes
for it - and I had talked it over and
decided that to buy these confiscated
stock cattle to hold on this range
for several years wouldnt do for
altho the title was good in law it
was bad on the range these poor
fellows would always feel like it was
their stuff.

I can buy small bunches of cows
and calves 12⁵⁰ to 15⁰⁰ Gold when
delivered and no wrangle or chousing
The State cattle have been caused to
death by rough soldiers.

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I left Mr Woodward this week and she
would own me & the Ranch pretty
soon - But we quit good friends -
Say can't you if you fellows find me a
poor devil who can run my type writer
& keep my books for his expenses but
no fees and no burgers for mine
Bill I am like you I don't want to
keep a set of books but there's a
thousand little details that I must
keep and please have your book
keeper keep my accts separated
so I will know what the fence
cost what the wheat costs &c
so I can tell if it pays or not
I put on every check to what
acct its to go -
This will pay us & save me lots
of figuring - all my bills come in
Spanish what you going to do I
have no translator -
Buy a Spanish-English dictionary
for your man He will need it he
don't mind trouble I eat it 3 times
each day and sleep on it all night
you are expected to like it down here
I have been 5 days without any
one to interpret a word -

Have time to do but will need to you at once

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all over the Range, looking for horses
& any old excuse - Smoke is the only
talk for them (destroy this part of my
letter tho sure)

Havent had any more scares about the
Colorado's altho one German ran
out of Lampasas & stopped by on
his way to Douglas at 2 a.m. and
warned me - He had stood his ground
3 years but his nerve was broken
& asked him to stay over a few days
& I would protect him but the U.S. for
him & on he went.

When ever this running bug gets them
like Mr It - they can't stop so far
it hasnt bitten me the slightest but
it may & maybe you will hear of
me in Canada.

I am surprised that I have my
horse still but so far have lost
nothing but 4 rolls of wire & one
of the Air. boys lost his gun -
I told him he'd have to pay for the next
one He loses too many (Bud Robbing)

Geo my typewriter came 2 days ago
what do you think of that?

I may learn to use it later -

I am better fixed now and my personal
expense here will be lighter -

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The Yaquis at La Huerta are satisfied but they must be paid every Sunday morning or there is a war - you can't change the time honored custom no use trying - I wish I had more of them tho. They are the only ones that don't kick at everything - They are going to thresh out most of our wheat altho Woodward advises strong against it. He wants it cut in the dough for hay - and while at it I must run a little commissary at the farm Harper can't figure any way out of it.

The only men we can get can't live till the end of the week for their pay & then all come here for grub and all get drunk and a rain catch us with the wheat down & no men. Mrs Woodward is too hard on us for prices she is the worst grapple I ever met not barring Sheeny's either so I must try Nocoyari - There's a report out that we are losing cattle by theft over on the Sonora River side I must chase over there tomorrow for a few days and see about it - When I get a couple of men I can trust I want to shoot into that bunch a few times & scare them from prowling all

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I found Chas Creek (boss of Jno Wohstedt) and as he used to work for me he had already notified his people, he would quit them on June 1st on the bare chance to get in with me again so I hired him he will be down the 1st I am sure glad to get him for altho he is very peculiar and must be let alone (Like old Jno Thorpe) he sure is a cow man -

By the way Bill ~~old~~ the old fellow think Pierce is his name is in Moctezuma if I get a chance may try him (The man you spoke of he would be good on the trail) I can't sell my hogs here offered them at 30 Pesos too.

Tried at Cumpas and at Moctezuma -

Guess will try at Douglas next - am just about full of hogs its all right to raise our own hogs but as a business fattening hogs here is a failure Woodwards game is falling thro about what they will bring - The Chinaman at Tambor is on a strike will let him go as have another one ready who is well recommended - I won't raise on a strike any old time -

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I am in a quandary about that fencing the men won't go out and the few I get won't stay only a few days of course I don't pay for going & coming but it don't get the work done -

I tried to contract the work & offered 8 Pesos a roll (100#) of wire this would cost about 90 Pesos but I have failed to get an offer - The casting measures 125 as it is with 5 or 6 miles to build yet to close up -

When I can get a contractor I can put Draney (the fence boss) to building corrals & shutes -

By the way the Mex doctors will be here the 3rd of June & by the 10th I will be ready for the U.S. Grift for goodness sake get busy with him for they are passing lots of cattle over the line now by all dipping - The water is too low to gather & hold on but plenty for the range cattle -

Geo you must come down & see this ranch to realize what it is to gather cattle on - And don't mist our my driving more than 400 steers at once

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To G. M. & W. B. Slaughter

Robert & Bill

1913

Dear Geo & Bill - Its hot enough down here
to blister the horns off a goat - I guess
it can't get much worse in June
The water is low on the Ranch but the
cattle are getting on well enough -
the worms are so bad well have to
stop branding calves when the saddle
horses get worms in their backs -

Its lucky we are not in the middle of the
branding of the grown cattle -

Geo & I am glad you forwarded Bills letter to me
and he can rest assured I don't feel hurt
at it - Bill just don't know me very
well and know Robertson still less it
seems to let him " load him up
so - I have intimated before that I
found Robertson was no good and talked
too much but not having any one else
near I called on him to witness my
talk to Woodward and after we left you
Woodward I mentioned before other
witnesses to Robertson that I had had
enough to ask him into the office so
as to have a witness that the calves
were ours and that he W - would pay
half of 2 months branding expense

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If he is that poor a witness he won't do
me much good if any row comes up
& can't help but feel that he told a deliberate
lie to Bill - Any way Woodward helped me
get up the brand and had it recorded
himself & told the boys to put it on the
calves and I don't think he can ever
claim one of them -

He will be in Douglas till the first
of June so we can have a meeting all
at once if you want it & can't get there till
the 3rd tho come to think of it as I am
off to the Ranch for the week but you
can write me from Douglas or
the Bank can write me to come up.
I am all ways open to friendly criticism
but expect my side to be heard before
either of you condemn my actions
you have no idea of the difficulties under
which I am forced to act and no one
can tell you of them

However the Co will not suffer & am sure
for any of them -

The ranch has never had any improvement
there are only 2 corrals that will hold
cattle. There are no chutes at all

The boy himself couldn't have branded
out these cattle by July 10th when my
next note is due -

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We didn't buy these cattle to kill them
and I see no wrong in waiting
till after the rainy season to brand
them - I believe the 1000 steers ones
up are on this Ranch and you had
better use your time in getting them
out or rather get ready to order them
got than coming to Douglas -
Of course its awful dry right now to
handle them but July ought to be good

As you about that year of Robertsons
my trying to buy out the Lees -
Never spoke to but one Bud Lee to sign
him up as a foreman and he is no
good for that and told him I would
not buy anything he had. That he and
Woodward was on some trade -
By the way they did not trade and the
Lees are against us I am afraid -
Think they can force us to buy them
I guess - I must buy some horses
before I can do any rounding up
and am enquiring about some
quietly - The most of our stuff is
broke down pack mules -

Try to a hold of the U.S. & for me and
get this inspection settled

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U. S. OFFICE
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RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

5/24 191

am to meet the Mexican Inspector here
on June 3rd & take him out to Ranch
Gros - Don't let that fellow Brown load
you on altitude - He is just guessing
He don't know any more than I do
but I gamble she will average
over 3000 feet - And I don't think
she is ticky either -

of course time will prove all this
Can't you send me an instrument
to carry on my pack mule it
won't cost much and I can
measure pretty near it then.

This is all for this time I must start
There is so many things would like
to write but just haven't the time
now - Shall pay off all my bills the
first as I have agreed to do so
be fixed to take care of them

Yours Truly

W. B. Slaughter

am trying to make my letters answer
for regular reports but will send a
list of all my checks about June 3

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Pueblo, Colorado

May Twenty-seventh,
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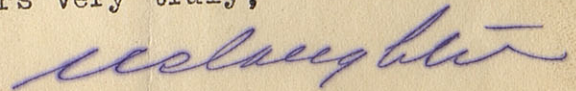
Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I am herewith enclosing another letter from our correspondent in St. Louis regarding that \$20.00 charge on the draft you sent me, and I am sure they are going to make me stand this charge, which is not right, as it is interest that we had earned, and will ask that you take this matter up with the American Exchange Bank and get a refund; otherwise, we shall be forced to tax this on the note. I cannot see the justice in the matter when it is a bank draft and should go any place in the U. S. at par.

Trusting that you will
attend to this immediately, I am,

Yours very truly,



Cashier.

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Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Goerge:-

I herewith enclose you letter
received from Bob and my reply thereto.

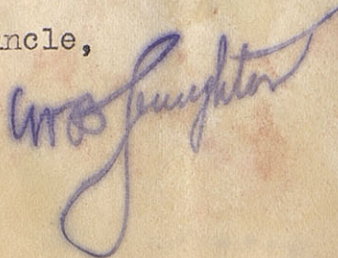
He seems to be somewhat offended
at the attitude I have taken in regard to
the Woodward cattle, which is uncalled-for,
for Woodward might take advantage of us if
we did not hold him down in every respect,
and we must do this.

I just got back from Texline
yesterday. Sold 1500 of my Mexico steers
to go to Pekin, Illinois on still slop.
Will deliver one-half of them this coming
week, and presume the others the next week,
after which time I can go with you to Douglas
and not before. I am not sure that I can
go then, as I have promised Coney that
I would hold his desk down eight or ten days
to let him have a vacation during June.
This being true I will have to remain at
his desk to look after the business while
he is absent, but you can hold a meeting
without me any time. Any time you are going
I will send a statement down so that you will
know exactly the status of the Slaughter
Cattle Company here. Coney told me that you
had requested that the notes signed by all
of us be returned. There is \$20.00 still
due on the note, and as soon as that is paid
it will be cancelled and returned to you.
This is for exchange your good Texas Bank charged.

Hoping that your little baby
girl is now well and everything is moving
along nicely with you, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F
Enc.



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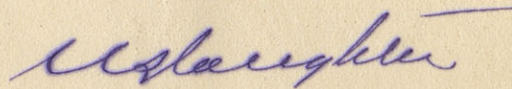
Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I herewith enclose a letter from the St. Louis Bank, which explains itself, and as I have stated before, we do not feel that we should be made to stand this \$20.00, in view of the fact that our notes are payable here, and this is quite a little item, and it furthermore does not appear to me that the National Exchange Bank should make a charge of \$20.00 on a bank draft, especially when you are carrying your deposit with them, and you will notice the Bank in St. Louis has charged our account to cover this.

Please take this matter up with them and insist that they get this \$20.00 back, as we will have to be reimbursed in some way.

Yours very truly,



Cashier.

CCS-F

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W. M. CHANDLER , Assistant Cashier.

Saint Louis, May 29, 1913.

Mr. C. C. Slaughter, Cashier,
Mercantile National Bank,
Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Sir ;

We received in your cash letter of the 5th
inst. draft on the American Exchange National Bank, Dallas,
\$20,111, on which that bank charged us \$20. exchange.

We do not feel justified in standing a charge
of this size and are accordingly debiting your account today
with the \$20.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I remain

Yours truly,

B. D. Smith
Manager Exch. Dept.

May Thirty-first,
1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,
Moctezuma, Son. Mexico.

Dear Robert:-

Your letter of the 24th I received on my arrival home from Texas. Glad to know that you are getting along nicely. Sorry that it is so warm, but feel it will do you good to have a good "sweat out."

I note what you say in regard to me believing Robertson. Will say you are certainly mistaken as to this. If I had had such confidence in Robertson as you claim I have, when he presented his bill I would have paid it, but I referred it back to you, and you should not get offended at anything we say to you, as it is all done in good faith and is not intended to ruffle your feelings in any way, but we are one in common and must talk plain to each other and not be so easy to get miffed. I was only afraid that Woodward would take advantage of our deal and give us the worst of it, but from your letter I understand that everything is arranged satisfactorily and there will be no hereafter in regard to the matter.

I note in your letter you say there are 1,000 steers from one-year-olds up. Now, this is not in accordance with Mr. Woodward's statements to us. He told me there were 1,000 from three's up, not 1's, and I have been figuring on this all the time, not on younger cattle.

I had a letter from the Bank saying that you had advised them that you would pay \$20,000 more on the Woodward notes. I replied to them that I understood from you in a general way that you were disposing of a lot of your Texas cattle and expected to make the payments on the notes, but said to them that it was the

R. L. Slaughter.....#2

intention to meet the notes at maturity of each lot.

I have not heard from George for some days. I am sending this letter of yours to him by today's mail, for I am not sure that you wrote him, and expected me to forward this letter, as it is addressed to both of us.

Robertson was in again one day this week and asked me if I had heard from you in regard to the money due him, and I asked him if you had promised him \$5.00 a day while he was down at the ranch and he said "no." I said to him he could not expect you to pay any such amount.

He told me that he expected to leave next Sunday for Douglas. This is all I can tell you about Robertson, for I have only had one talk with him and that was when he first came and wanted his commissions. Don't get it into your head that I am stuck on Robertson, for I am not, and will pay him nothing that he claims you owe him unless he brings an order from you.

I presume you will write a reply to the letter that I have written you since you wrote this letter in the next few days.

I do not know when George intends to call a meeting, but it will be impossible for me to go before about the 7th of the month, as I have sold a string of steers to go to Pekin, Illinois on still slop and have to deliver them next week. Got back from Texas yesterday and found the grass good on my ranch and cattle doing nicely.

Hoping this will find you and all others doing nicely and happy. Please

R* L. Slaughter.....#3

keep me posted as much as possible, as I am always anxious to get a letter from you, and don't get offended at what I say because you know I mean it all in good faith, and you know further that you have been with a man that allowed you to use money jsut as you pleased at all times, and you are now with a concern that could not stand it if they wanted to, and you will have to learn to curtail expenses just as much as possible. This will be good for you because it is very essential that you learn how to save. A dollar saved is made, and hence the importance of saving if you can, although I do not ask you to stint the ranch in order to do this.

As ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F
cc- GMSlaughter,

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Pueblo, Colorado June the Second,
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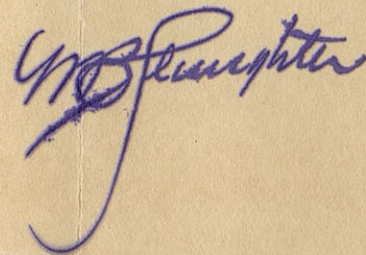
Mr. G. M. Slaughter, Prest.,
Slaughter Cattle Company,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I wrote Bob that Coney
had let that fellow Robertson have
\$50.00 on the strength of he claiming
that the Slaughter Cattle Company owed
him something over \$100.00, and I wrote
Bob I wanted him to hold it out. I
wish you would confirm this by short
letter. He came to me for it and
I turned him down, and Coney in order
to get rid of him let him have it.

Hoping everything is
coming along nicely, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,



WBS-F

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Pueblo and Roswell

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DearSSirs

Please find herewith enclosed a list of the checks I have drawn from beginning of buisness to date The list is not quite as explanatory as the checks themselves but I have tried to explain each so that you could understand this list with out refference to the checks as they may not all get in right away,

I retained all of Woodward's men at the same price that he paid them I have never had a bookkeeper as I needed the man Stevens on the ranch but he proved N.G. and I fired him,

I have only used Hunt as interpreter about a week as he is no good at that but is a good rider and cow hand so I keep him on the Ranch and with Harper on the farms I can make all the men understand me,

I keep a china boy with me who talks Mex pretty well, I dont like the man Robbins He loses too many guns and things and is a hot air merchant and is all ways finding ghosts so guess had best let him out, Naney is fair and I hate to lose him but they are pals and he will likely quit too,

I got Charley Creek the first and as he is one of my old men I expect a good deal of him I want to make a foreman of him I am giving him \$50.00 per month the same as Hott stadt gave him and he is worth it to He has his own outfit and says he will keep it too and ill bet he does, He is a nephew of the Lees which I didnt know but cant see any harm in, still I had rather he had no connections near, The Mex Dr will be here tomorrow and I have an outfit to take him out Dr. Vega is his name, Creek knows him well!

Jose and his men have cleaned several springs and doubled the water they were camped at a spring that was nearly dry but hadnt thought of digging it out They said they had never done it for W- I I advsed them to go work for W in Cal, or fall into that spring after they fi fixed it and noted the gain in water they cleaned others without orde Jose Marie is a good man tho the Am, boys kick at him, He is the only man I have out there that will work with out being told, Creek says he will do the same but we will see and I gave him Hunt to train also, Old man Harper is a worker and Guerlmo is another which helps on the farms but its hard to get men for the harvest as all the good men if there are any good Mex have gone to the war I often think old W was right to advise me to make hay out of that wheat this year but his wife was trying to corner the wheat market down here so I thought he had an ax to grind and refused his advise,

We pay the hands in harvest 1.00 per day and .50 cts for a man to board them I buy the raw grub for him and sell it to him at an advance so will make a little and cover leaks,

Have gotten out 400 bales of wheat & alfalfa hay off The Tambor Expect another 1000 " to come,

There is not one horse for sale here so I sent Placido the steadiest vaquero I had on an 8 days trip down the Yaqui river to locate some for me If he reports favorable I will have a hard ride after them If the Rebels left any they will be cheap, Better allow me \$1000.00 Pesos for 25 or 30 head so I will have my atortity on hand, I cant star with my bunch and I cant buy or hire any,

I bot new beans \$15. per fanegas (6) (321/2bu) W was chaging me 18. for old ones I get new flour at El Molina

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3miles below the Tambor \$8.00 while Mrs W, charged 10.00 for old stuff I got in some nice stuff from Nacozari I am ordering a few extras for my own use and will mark them off the bill and pay for them myself and if any thing shows up that either of you fellows dont think I ought to have I will take in kindness if you write me and then charge to my own acctas I dont want any fuss about it I'll shure treat the Co ON the level as far as I know how,

old Mrs W and I couldnt get on she is the worst grafter I ever saw sh charged so for every thing and I had no place to keep any thing so I rented a nice place for \$21/2 gold more than she charged me for one room when I was away Now I have an extra room for you and an office and dineing room and kitchen and my meals are better and cost less also have my own corral and quit paying livery stable prices so you see I am getting caught up

Now Bill I looked over the leevies on the farms and they wont need any work till fall and of course will plant corn on the wheat stubble I want to work to get more alfalfa in this fall and to level some mor lands and to get as much hay and feed on hand as I can,

What do you think W has let all the billie goats run hasnt cut aone for years and they are all inbreeding so I wont get a handfull of kid The best count we have so far is 1018 and ~~W~~ 20kids,

I must seperate the nannies and not breed them till fall and you all must get me a few high bred angowas to put with them by Oct, first now dont forget it and after the rainy season I will cut this bunch of bucks and get them fat and sell them for something

We can make a bit of money raising half breeds as some of our lands a good for nothing else, and the stud horse has run for 8 years with the same mares and I must have 2 good colts Prefer running blood and I want some good boars too now you all help me out on this or send me authority to get them and I will attend to it dont throw this aside The Steers are holding their own only and Jose says by Oct they will get too fat to move them maybe better wait till Aug to put them out dont ever worry but what I can take them out any old time Except a few outlaws among the oldest ones Jose showed me one that he claims was an old steer when he came to work 10 years ago one like that may stall me Remember give me lots of notice tho for I have to gather

one at a time and dont tell any one but me

I am very proud of this report Its my first on a typewriter now I am glad I didnt throw it in the river as I was tempted to do when I couldnt find the letter I wanted Well another month has gone and I s still have every thing that was turned over to me and am still of the same mind to have it at next writting With best regards I am yourstruly

My machine will only take one carbon
so I cant send any copy to
Woodward

R. L. Slaughter
Genl Mgr

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LIST of CHECKS to DATE

May 31, 1913

NO	DATE	NAME	ACCT	REMARKS	AMT
		VOID			
2	5/21	Fortino Moreno	Fence	5 1/2 days quit	5.50
3	"	Jesus Silbad	"	16 " "	16.00
4	"	Rosario Quyalo	"	5 1/2 " "	5.50
5	"	Calliton Martinez	"	" "	5.50
6	"	Guillermo Miranda	Farm	12 days @ 2.50 per	31.00
7	5/22	Jesse Velarde	Fence	At Store on our bill 9 ⁰⁰	2.00 Labor
7	5/22	Jose Velarde	fence	5 1/2 days quit	5.50
8	5/22	Jim Get	groceries		7.20
9	"	Carmen Miranda	fence	5 days "	5.00
10	"	Francisco Romera	farm	14 "	14.00
11	"	Loreto Buitimea	"	12 "	12.00
12	"	Andres Valensuela	"	8 "	8.00
13	"	Calisto Luna	"	12 "	12.00
14	"	Viviano Luna	"	5 "	5.00
15	"	Concepcion Coriago	"	12 "	12.00
16	"	Julio Luna	"	8 "	8.00
17	"	Jose Marie Valensuela	farm	5 1/2 days	5.50
18	"	Loreto Herrera	"	10 "	10.00
19	"	Juan Marie Vallencia	"	5 "	5.00
20	"	Bartola Valensuela	"	5 "	5.00
21	"	Ygnacio " "	"	5 "	5.00
22	"	Manuel " "	"	5 "	5.00
23	"	Guillermo Miranda	"	7 "	15.00
24	"	Martios Vallensuela	"	5 "	5.00
25		VOID			
26	"	Jose Barcello	farm	improvement lumber	8.00
27	5/25	Genario Garcia	Ranch	corral 11/2da 2 men	9.00 Labor
28	"	Juan Tarzon	fence	20 days	20.00
29	"	A.E. Stevens	ranch	30 " @ 40 Fms	80.00
30	5/29	Juan Ruel's	"	19 " @ 50 per	22.15
31	5/30	Romulo Gomez	fence	6 " quit	6.00
32	"	Pleido Trjillo	ranch	26 " (Expense 5.00)	48.40

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Nov

June 2nd 1913

LIST OF CHECKS TO DATE

NO	DATE	NAME	ACCT	REMARKS	AMT
33	VOID				
34	6/1	H Hunt	Ranch labor to date	360 & 12.00 exp	82.00
35	VOID				
36	6/1	J M Herrera	"	"	370
37	"	"	"	"	60.65
38	"	"	"	"	50
39	"	J Lope	"	"	30
40	"	Y. Lortez	"	"	30
41	VOID				26.00
42	VOID				26.00
43	"	M. Andrade	farm	"	32.00 per day
44	"	A.S. Triplett	"	"	24.00
45	"	B. Maldonado	"	"	20.00
46	"	F. Romero	"	"	self & bro. 12 day
47	"	A. Valensuela	"	"	6.00
48	"	S. Mayboso	"	"	11.00
49	"	L. Herrera	"	"	5.50
50	"	C. CARAGA	"	"	6.50
51	"	L. Gomez & 2 men with goats	"	"	6.00
52	"	C. Luna	farm	"	80.00 for three
53	"	A. Salazar	for freight	from Nacoziari	69.35
54	"	L. Buitenia	farm	"	labor to date
55	"	J. M. Valensuela	"	"	20.00
56	"	L. Vasquez	"	"	5.00
57	"	J. Luna	"	"	6.00
58	"	J. M. Berforquez	for 4 fanegas of frijoles	for farm	60.00
59	"	J. Shehow	farm lab to date	340. fired 26da	34.65
60	"	M. Shehow	"	"	30
61	"	1984-void	"	"	26.00
62	"	A. N. Harper	"	"	120. Supt, "
63	"	C. Suhu	forsack potatoes	for farm	104.00
64	"	S. Young	ranch	"	2.50
65	"	S. Miranda	fence	3 da as agua muchicho	40.00
66	"	S. Franco	"	"	3.00
67	"	T. Sing	"	"	18.00
68	"	C. Miranda	"	"	30.35
69	"	W. Naney	fence 26 "	380. & paid bill 1.75	71.15
70	"	Y. Qoihada	"	20	20.00
71	"	V. Luna	farm	"	6.00
72	"	F. Figuero	fence 6	"	6.00
73	"	M. Martinez	"	18 owes Naney 2.50	15.50

Not paid 398.25

*Supplement numbers
the mistakes*

1211.80

This list pays all my labor to date except about 30.00 for 4 or 5 hands that worked on wheat last week the fence and the harvest runs my payroll up To sumarse,
Ranch labor-- Farm labor-- Fence-- Supplies--

502 458.60 435.15 435.00 69.10

TOTAL-- 1211.80

R. L. Slaughter Genl Mgr

N.B. We owe Bird Robins 69.40

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

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U.S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

cc Slaughter

6/8 1913

Pueblo Colo.

Dear Caroline - I have been so busy that I can't find time to write to anyone but Bill & Geo they expect a letter every day or so you know and its discouraging to write letters & have them lost in the Mex mail. There has been no stamps here for 10 days and to give a letter and a quarter to a mex to mail for you means often only one bottle Cerveza for Mex & no stamp for letter. I am glad you were wise enough to hands off on those confiscated cattle the U.S. refused to pass them and the Party that had had to settle with the original owner to get them over this ran the price up pretty stiff. Robertson would get us all in a mess if he had ropes - I for one am thru with him. - He is a good boy but has poor judgement and wouldn't know French if met in the road. The heat here would kill a white man but after July 1st and the rainy season is on which think it will hurt me. So am looking forward to a visit from you & a better acquaintance.

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

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I am sorry I made mistake about telegram but wrote every one concerned about it right away -

Your banks treatment of me is all I could wish. Hope we will have more pesos to deposit some day. Woodward treated me pretty shabby on delivery of my outfit -

I have very little to do with -

I am not discouraged one bit tho and expect to make good money here - I never get lonesome or discontented - Spilled milk never does worry me -

I still have my outfit that every one said I would surely lose the first month I keep a sharp eye out but that running disease that got the other Americans has not struck me yet.

The people respect me and after you all make me a visit and they see that I am not playing a lone hand it will go above par.

W. B. makes a big mistake when he thinks I am hunting trouble but the way to keep out of it is not to take any thing off the front S-B that tries to run it over you. That I right

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

191. Cows cannot get off - he is tied to the

~~Bank~~

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows, appearing to be a letter or report.]

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

191

The Mex. Doctor (EnsupX.) is here and will
go out tomorrow - He expects to find
licks he says but he might not. Sabe?
My unsought advise to you as not to pay
a big price for a ranch just because
its on the line "Moonlighting" will
soon be a thing of the past and otherwise
there no advantage to it -

Buy further down and buy cheap.

Cattle can be had now for a song.
but every one is scared of them
& had just as soon buy now as
any old time if can make the coin
Keep an eye out for me a good quick
cow puncher who wants to come here
for 50 Pesos per and send him in
Rather have one about 30 years old
& no less to make him timid

The test I put them to is to break
thro the line with their own outfit
and ride to me horse back

All have backed out but 2. as yet.
& they can't take care of themselves
& don't want to run a kindergarten
for them Sabe?

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

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I want to come out in July for a week
and want you & R. L. & Geo to come
back with me about 15th of July
can you get off about then.

I want to get thru with visitors
before I move my steers for I can't
show them around any at that time
Deer are fat & plentiful here and we
can hunt as much as we like.
I have a comfortable place to stay
now and can take care of you all
nicely now.

The fighting is mostly down Guzman
way now and all is quiet here -
I think its too hot for the "Colorados"
to move around much -

I guess some sleating of beef is going
on but don't think two animals are
going such - I expect to make an
example out of the first bunch I catch
if they are at it -

Taking it all together Mexico isn't
half bad so come over whenever
you can & see a fellow.

Yours truly

W. B. Slaughter

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX. June, 7, 1913

Slaughter, Land and Cattle Co.,
Pueblo, Colorado.,
Copy To Roswell N.M.

Bear Sirs,

I have just returned from the ranch with Dr. Vega the MEX inspector, and am very well pleased the result as he found no ticks or disease, I have just given him a check for 200.00 Pesos and he will send Me certificate next Wed. he claims that no one can stop us from driving through their ranches armed with this paper. We entertained him as best we could and gave him a nice horse and saddle to use while here he left well pleased and friendly, and promised every assistance in the future, I ask him to find a pasture near the line that we could lease for a month or two so that when I arrived with the first herd and you were not ready for them (shortage of cars or dipping) I could bring My outfit back for another herd, I hope he will succeed.

We only went over the north end of the ranch above the Corralone and only hit high places for safety.

I am now ready for the U.S. inspector and hope you can get him in right away, notify Me in advance as the transportation problem is difficult to handle I am so short of horses, I had another one sent in from Texas, he is in Nacozari today, My horse hunter has not returned yet and I am afraid he wont find any way.

I simply cant handle steers on what I have. I am discharging Robbin and got Creek to send for one of his Men instead.

Bill I got your of the 31st, and also the 4st, notifying Me about Robertson but I had already sent you his account, he had represented

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RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

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that you and George had hired him, so I allowed him \$500. per day for the time it required him to take inventory and mailed the O.K.ed account to you, I understand thoroughly that Woodward said 1000 Big Steers when I wrote you 1's up.

I ~~wrote~~ have never communicated to the Bank of Douglas about the Woodward Notes since wiring them from Dallas.

It looks like I am spending a lot of money down here but I cant see any way to stop it.

quitting the Woodward Hotl and Livery stable will help some. I shall always take kindly any advice or criticism that either of you will give, We have got to make some money out of this thing but letting it run its self wont pay, I am on the track of a bunch of Chinamen to finish our fence they work better than Mexicans. the Wheat is rippeni faster than the Men can cut it but none lost to date.

George I haven't heard from you in a long time, both of you write Me as often as you can, as your letters are a great help to Me.

I am yours Truly,

Dict./B

SLAUGHTER LAND & CATTLE CO.

G. M. Slaughter
Gen'l Mgr

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

June, 9, 1913

S.L.&C.Co.

Pueblo Colo., & Roswell New Mex.

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing two bills covered by checks nos. 118, & 119

I have marked the different accts. on each bill.

As previously stated I have entirely quit the Woodward Hotel and livery stable and I am purchasing some of the larger items like horse shoes, coffee, sugar, salt and rice from Nacozari and the beans flour and potatoes from Molino, and the prices on these items will be reduced this month, of course I will have to keep an open acct. at Woodward's store because his man cashes most all our checks.

I have bills in Moctezuma up to June 9th.

We now have 4000 bales of hay on hand, and will begin threshing the wheat Wednesday and if it don't rain we will not lose any I will rush it through personally.

Yours Truly,

R. L. Slaughter
Genl Mgr

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

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What do you think about the new duty on cattle, I heard of it before the papers came out, but knew you would catch it in the news papers, twelve and a half Pesos will hurt us about shipping dry cows the two and a half Pesos on steers is alright, but they are contemplating raising that figure, how about the drop in the market will it react in time for us.

W.B. misunderstood me about the route from here to the line, I looked up the trail to Cos and can make it much quicker than Cananea or Naco if the rates are better, and we don't run into quarantine country, Cos is clear at present, both trails are the same as far as the Santa Rosa ranch, neither of you say when you expect to bring the U.S. inspector down or shall I go after him, you all don't figure on how long it takes to get a letter to me and the necessity of making plans far enough in advance. My horse hunter reported he rode eight days and only found one bunch of inferior poor horses about twentyfive head at forty Pesos around, they are one hundred and twenty miles south of here.

The soldiers have stripped the whole country. It is trying to rain and I am scared about the wheat, I am figuring on getting twenty five hundred bushels, about two thirds of it is safe, and I can stand a slight rain on the balance of it if it clears up the next day. This is all for tonight,

I am yours truly,

R. L. Slaughter

Copy:

June the Ninth,

1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter, Gen. Mgr.,
Slaughter Cattle Company,
Moctezuma, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Bob:-

Your first typewritten letter of June 2, your letter of June 3 and your letter to George of May 18, enclosing Robertson's expense bill with a check payable to you for \$250.00 on the First National Bank of Douglas, which is marked "void", and your check on the Bank of Douglas to Robertson for \$7.00, together with your itemized monthly statement of \$1211.80, for which I understand that you gave a personal check.

I have just examined the Slaughter Cattle Company's account and I find they have a balance of \$62.00 in the bank, and the amount you owe Robertson is \$96.97, consequently, there is not sufficient funds here to take up this check. I am sending George a copy of the letter to you so that he will know the exact status of everything.

I am glad you went over the route and looked it over for taking the steers out, but I am still of the opinion that it would have been better if matters could have been adjusted for you to turn into Costa on the Nacazari Railroad, instead of going to Naco and Cananea as you did. I presume you did have an awful time with your machine. You say if the Lord will forgive you you will never try it again. You have enough to answer to him for without asking in regard to this matter.

I note you say that you have leased the land and will buy it later on. Of course, if we can lease it for a long enough time, it might be just as well to lease instead of buy, for I feel sure inside of two or three years the road will be completed down to Moctezuma, and we would ship our cattle from as near home as we could.

R. L. S.#2

Your first check came in this morning in favor of A. L. Triplet for 20 pecos, which means \$10.00 our money, and I presume was for a months work.

In regard to what you say about examining the Hereford and Shorthorn bulls, will say I have no disposition to try and force on us the Shorthorn bulls, only giving you such information as I had obtained. I am perfectly willing to try the Hereford bulls if they are the best. The only thing I had in view was to get the best result in years to come out of the herd.

I really enjoyed reading your first typewritten letter and I think that you should be complimented on it. I feel sure that you will improve as the days come and go.

You state that you did not send Woodward a copy of this letter. I do not believe it would have been advisable to send him a copy of it, as you tell me in this letter that his wife is a grafter, because it might create some friction between you and Woodward.

I note you have a place of your own now and when we come down you say you can take care of us nicely. I do not know when I will be able to get down. Glad to know, however, that you have been over some of the country.

I presume George will arrange for funds. I am writing him fully today and sending you a copy of the letter. We will endeavor in some way to try and keep sufficient funds for you to pay the running expenses of the ranch. Bob, above all things, hold them down. Don't get to be extravagant. You know as well as I do that you have never known the value of a dollar, because you have had a very rich father and he has had the utmost confidence in you and let you draw at your will any amount and all amounts that you needed at all times; hence, now things are differ-

POSTAL SAVINGS AND UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

Mercantile National Bank

CAPITAL \$200.000

SURPLUS \$75.000

W.B. SLAUGHTER, PRES.
ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.
O.C. SLAUGHTER, CASHIER
W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

Pueblo, Colorado June the Ninth,
1913

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I herewith enclose all letters and statement received from Bob. You can look over the statement and return to me, and I have told him we have no funds on hand to take care of the Slaughter Cattle Company, and we must make some arrangements. Please suggest what we will do. You are President of the Company and all matters of this kind will have to come through you.

It seems he has looked out the route and has concluded to take the cattle to Naco and Cananea for shipment. While I was of the opinion that when he got opposite Coste on the Nacazari Railroad, that it would have been cheaper to turn due East to Coste and ship them from that station, but I presume he knows more about it now than I do. The shorter drive we give the cattle, looks to me would be better, but it is just possible there is a range of mountains between where he is going through with the cattle and Coste, which is impossible to cross.

I have written you several letters but have had no answer. The time is up now for us to do something. Bob has made it plain and we cannot afford to have his checks turned down, and he tells us in this letter he has been using his own money and we will have to come across in some shape. What suggestions have you to offer and how will we arrange it? Please do not neglect this.

Hoping you will give this matter prompt attention, as the checks will be coming from now on, and arrangements must be made to take care of them.

G. M. S.....#2

Do not lose any of these bills of Bob's, but return them all to me so that I can keep everything on file.

Would be pleased if you would write Bob fully. I am sending a copy of the letter I am writing to you to him, as well as the one I wrote to him to you.

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

Your uncle,

WBS

WBS-F
Encs.

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W.B. SLAUGHTER, PRES.
ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.
C.C. SLAUGHTER, CASHIER
W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

Pueblo, Colorado

June the Eleventh,
1913

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Lubbock, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I have just read your letter to R. L., mailed him on the 6th, in which you state for him to address you at Lubbock; hence the reason I am writing you there.

I wrote you a few days ago in regard to the Slaughter Cattle Company account. It is now over-drawn and checks are coming in every day from Bob, and you must make some arrangement about funds to take care of this account. You being the President of the Company it devolves upon you to lead out. If one of Bob's checks would go to protest, it would hurt him as well as the company. Some of his checks come made payable in gold and others in pecos, hence we have to examine very closely. I cannot understand why he makes them that way, because the Receiving Teller is likely to make a mistake at any time and pay gold for one of the pecos checks, hence, we would be out 50% more on this check than we should.

I note you state that I would be in position to go down in July. I am not sure whether I will or not, hence, do not depend too much on this.

I understand Woodward and his wife have gone to California, hence, we could not get him.

In less than a month we will have to pay \$38,000 on the Woodward note, July 9, as the notes were made payable every ninety days. I infer from your letter that you and Bob made arrangements to take care of your part of it, but some arrangements must be made to take care of these checks. You know Bob much better than I do, he being a brother; in fact, I have had very little business transactions with Bob and know nothing about his methods of doing business, and you know all about it, hence, the importance

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of your taking the lead and saying what we shall and what we shall not do.

I note in your letter you state that your father and C. were to sail from Galveston on the 18th. You do not state where they are going; I would be pleased to know.

I presume Bob should have all matters lined up by this time, especially he should be in position to tell us about whether the number of cattle represented by Woodward are on the ranch or not. He has been down on the ranch about sixty days and should form a pretty good opinion as to whether the cattle are there as represented.

I agree with you fully that it is best for Bob to get along with all the Americans in that country, as well as the Mexicans, and I am exceedingly glad that you wrote him the letter in regard to Mr. Lee. So far as I know, Lee's reputation is good and as long as he is on the ranch we must get along with him, while it was understood that Mr. Woodward would buy him out and turn over everything to us, and I presume he will.

It is time we were framing up some kind of a letter to Woodward in regard to his proportion of the expenses, etc., and it is very essential that we bear in mind what Judge Richardson said in regard to his stock. I am of the opinion the sooner we make arrangements to have that ranch surveyed, the better it will be for us. The Surveyor you suggest is allright but he cannot speak a word of Spanish, I don't presume, and it is very essential if we can find an American surveyor who is competent, to get one that understands Spanish thoroughly, and am in hopes that you are looking after this matter, and I am still of the opinion the sooner we get the money and stock this ranch with good cows, the better it is for us. You realize

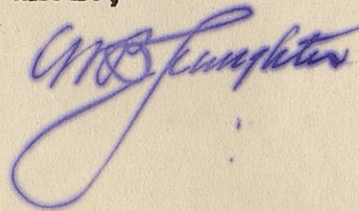
G. M. Slaughter.....#3

after this trouble is over cattle will go by leaps and bounds in that country and the time to get them is while they are cheap. I have been trying to get hold of a ranch myself down there, and if I should, I expect to spend a good deal of my time in that country; not in the exact locality where Bob is, because under our agreement I could not have cattle in that section, but I realize now is the time to get the cows and this will only last a little while. Of course, when I go in, I propose to get an interpreter, one that I can depend upon, to do the talking for me.

I am in hopes this will find your little daughter well and all your interests prospering. Do not fail to write me fully at once.

With kindest personal regards to you and your good family, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,



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cc- RLS

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ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.
C.C. SLAUGHTER, CASHIER
W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

Pueblo, Colorado June the Twelfth

1913

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

I am writing again regarding the charge by the Exchange National Bank of Dallas, Texas, and will ask that you kindly advise me what we may expect in the matter.

I am holding your note pending the payment of this, when the same will be returned.

Yours very truly,

C.C. Slaughter

Cashier.

CCS-F

W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

J. E. MCAVOY, CASHIER

THE BANK OF TEXLINE

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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
\$500,000.00

TEXLINE, TEXAS

June 14/1913

G M Slaughter

Lubbock Texas

Dear George

I am here today shipping out another
train of my museum Steers to J. K. I also
will go home tomorrow - I had a letter from Bob
with him of \$500.00 but no money to pay them
say what are we going to do about it?
I wrote you fully several days ago in April to
come - I saw Genl R S Coon of Dalhart
and he tells me he has about 120 - thoroughbred
Herefordas that he will sell us - they are the
Sireen Cattle at the Crow Creek Ranch near Cheyenne
Wyoming - if you think well of them you can
write him at Dalhart Texas and anytime
you can come up we will run up & look them
over says he will deliver Apr 1st

W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

J. E. McAVOY, CASHIER

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TEXLINE, TEXAS

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I think they are a fine lot of Bulls
& have been raised in the Range &
are good to go to our country he
price at 60.00 our pick - think perhaps
can shade this 5.00 perhaps would
be pleased if you would write
Don at Delhart about them at
once — please advise at Pueblo
quick about Slaughter cattle 10
up — I see you suggest to Bob to bring
the Steers Out in bunches — now guess
my idea is we will have to deal out with
these cattle & they had better all come
at once — for if they get on we are
bringing out in bunches we will
have trouble — yours Uncle
W. B. Slaughter

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

June 27, 1917

Dear George

Yours of the sixth arrived here thirteenth was sure glad to hear from you, I agree with you about confiscated cattle.

also about driving small herds as I haven't heard of any old timers attempting more than three hundred head, do as you think best with the money I left with you.

No I am not satisfied that we have the property we bought, its a big ranch but adverse claims keep coming up. no man can count the cattle but I guess they will be short. Bud Lee is alright and we are friend enough but it wouldn't do to hire him, he has two wild boys and a locoed brother, Creek is a nephew which is bad enough but that insure their good will any way.

I received the Certificate from the Mexican Dr. last night, yes I am satisfied there are no ticks on three fourths of the ranch, I am not so sure about those canons down on the Basura, but think they are all right too any way my certificate covers that place.

You ask about dipping vat we couldnt use ours very well but they have Vats on the Line. now about the Surveying Party a bunch of men like that would be safe any where but whether Twitchel could do us any good or not I do not know, he is reliable and square but I think we need a Mexican Surveyor here and the sooner the better. I will be glad to get the Barometer but a month is not long enough for it to reach here and be returned direct to you and I should use it two weeks any way, I will certainly take good care of it. I received your clipping and wish Robertson would leave us alone, you are right about the Bulls get weanling Herefords to arrive here Oct. first, winter on Mayand turn loose in March to get early calves.

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

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I will depend on you for four Boar Pigs am glad you have good ones
on hand ship them any time after August. I am glad you had rains I
haven't seen a drop fall in Mexico but I am scared Green now it is
threatening rain and I lack three or four days getting the Wheat
under cover although they say it never rains here in June it is just
my luck to get that Wheat wet. dont worry about me I am getting along
alright and all say that May and June is the hardest time of the year
and iff the rainy season arrives on time early in JULY I think it will
be pleasant here. will it be necessary for me to go to Dallas to Co.
Meeting July first, if so wire me at once care Bank of Douglas I am
not anxious to go ,

with love to the folks.

I am your Brother,

R. L. Slaughter

No Copy -

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

8/15/13

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Slaughter Land and Cattle Co.

Pueblo and Roswell (copy sent to each)

Dear Sirs

I have just received a letter from W.B. saying that we have no ~~sa~~ cash on hand to meet current expenses, and that he had just written to G.M. about the matter. Now this state of affairs scares me worse than all this war talk for I have taken great pains to establish a line of credit all thro Sonora so my checks would pass as cash and I assure you that very few checks pass in this country under the present state of affairs and it would do us untold injury to let any of them come back unpaid. We would have to abandon our whole check system. I held back on drawing any checks as long as I could^{ed} and gave repeated warnings which should have had the attention they deserved before this, of course I am sure you will make arrangements, but you give me a scare, I had rather face a band of bad men than one bad check. Now W.B. get it out of your head that I have any money on hand for I havent. & I sold my cattle at a very low price to enable me to put up my part of our cash payment and borrowed all I could to cover my next payment this left me a couple of thousand to apply on my personal notes and bills that were pressing me and I am depending on you and George to run the finances as well as all other matters on the U.S. side of the Line. and by the way Woodward is going to travel in the north to be gone quite awhile I hear and if you decide to hold up or ask for extensions you had better catch him at once at box three Los Angeles Cal. He is not of the assistance that I expected and I have to go every thing in the dark I havent written him much tho for he gives me such vague answers that I cant tell much more than before.

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Mercantile National Bank

CAPITAL \$200.000
SURPLUS \$75.000

W.B. SLAUGHTER, PRES.
ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.
C.C. SLAUGHTER, CASHIER
W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

Pueblo, Colorado June the Sixteenth,
1913

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

Dear George:-

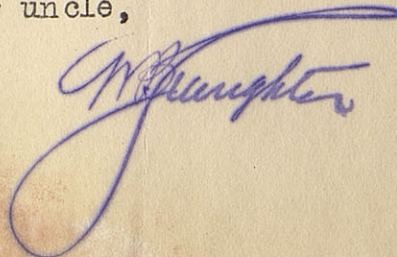
I have on my desk at this time from the Douglas National Bank about \$1,000.00 over-drafts of R. L. Slaughter against the Slaughter Land & Cattle Company. I wrote you a good many days ago that some arrangements would have to be made to take care of this indebtedness. I being Secretary and Treasurer of the Company does not mean that I am to furnish the money to run this ranch. I am perfectly willing to furnish my one-fourth at any time. Please make arrangements to take care of this indebtedness at once or Bob will get in bad. I hope that you have already attended to this before this letter reaches you. Bob continues to draw; hence, when they begin protesting his checks then he is in bad. Please give this immediate attention.

Just got back from Texas this
A.M.

Hope your little girl is now
well and the balance of the family the same.

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

Your uncle,



WBS-F

cc - RLS

Mr. W.B. Slaughter, Sec'y-Treas At Ranch, 6/17/13.
Slaughter Land and Cattle Co,
Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Bill:-

Your letters and accounts from Bob forwarded me here. I am returning them by today's mail. I notice that the Slaughter Land and Cattle Co. have no funds whereby to meet the current expenses of running said ranch, and the only thing I see to do is for each of the 4 members to pay into the treasurer a sufficient sum to meet the current expenses. It seems that our manager has paid out something over a 1000.00 of his own money - so I suggest that each of the other members of the Co. pay into the treasure 1000.00 each, and send a statement and receipt to each. I am inclosing my check for 1000.00 on the American Nat. Bank of Roswell. You can write Mr. Woodward to do the same, and send Bob a receipt for that much also. If that is not enough for awhile, then we will have to make it more. What do you think of this way of doing? I see no other way except to make a demand note with your bank, and then it would have to be sent to each of us and will take so long to do this, I thought the first mentioned would be quicker, as you can pay in your 1000.00 and ours together would last until Woodward could be heard from. It seems that this ranch is costing a good deal per month, but I suppose our Gen'l Mngr. is cutting all the expenses he can, as he is paying 1/4 of the bills. I thought wages were cheap in Mexico, but it looks as though they are higher than in the U.S. It is hard for me to give instructions what to do, unless I had been on the ranch. I don't know how many saddle horses are on the ranch or how many saddle mules. Bob says he has got to have some more horses to handle the steers with, and I don't see how we can get them out without, but it seems to me that by handling about 250 to 300 steers at a time it would not take more 2 horses and two mules to the man, and about 5 men ought to handle them with a pack. Now I do not see any use of 10 or 12 men with this small bunch of cattle, if 5 men can't handle them after they get them out of the ranch I don't see that 10 would be any better. I gather from what Bob says that September the steers would be in better condition, but if we are going to handle in small bunches we will have to start the 1st. herd a month early. Yes I think like you that a few old bulls, a few old cows and a few heifer calves ought to go with each herd, as it will have a tendency to make the steers quiet and hold them together. I am quite sure that a few old cows with small calves would keep the steers quiet, and if there is plenty grass and water on the route they should not have any trouble, and as far as taking enough men to stand off any army in case they should run on to the herd to take them, we would have to go into the army business

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It seems to me that the hay could be stacked in that Country, unless they have a big rainfall and the hay would not keep, it would be much cheaper to put it in stacks or ricks if it would keep, and if we are going to feed it on ranch it would make a big difference in the cost of handling, but I suppose Bob learned that it would not keep in stacks on account of the rainfall in the fall of the year he is baling it which is proper and put it in the barn. I cannot understand the Robinson Inventory. I want to know how many haddle he horses and how many saddle mules the compny has on that ranch, also the number of horses and mules that are work stock. I am sending a copy of this to Bob, and suppose will hear from him on its receipt. I cannot see what Bob hates to take the U.S. inspector down there for, all he has to do is to make a date with him and pay his expenses down there and back and if he finds ticks we will have to comply with the regulations and if he dont find ticks then to bring the steers out, that is all their is to that, and the quicker we find that out the nearer we will be ready to move the steers. If his Mex. Dr. and he both examine them they ought to know whether their are ticks or not, ofcourse if Bob and his Mex. Dr. find ticks in the range there is no necessity of taking down the U.S. Dr., but go to work and conform form or comply with the Regulations. Bob better take The U.S. Man Hart down as soon as he gets back with the Mex. Doctor, if they find not find ticks. He better do this as soon as he can find time to do so. Now you will be more than likely to have your Executive meeting at Amarillo on July 1st. of the Panhandle Ass'n. and I think you better notify the membership for a meeting of the Slaughter Band and Cattle Co, at Douglas for Monday the 7th day of July. I want all members of the Company, and if this does not fit your time, or rather if it is impossible for you to get away at this time, wire me at Lubbock, what time you can get away and I will wire you what day to call, but if you can possibly get away to Douglas the 7th. I would prefer that date. This will be our first meeting and matters of importance will come up that it will require a full membership to attend to. Let me know at once whether you can call this meeting for that time or rather if you notify the members do so at once once so we can have time to adjust business so as to get away. My family are at the Ranch with me, have been out a week, and expect to stay on ranch until 1st. of July. We have had very fair rains, but would like more, cattle are beginning to shed. Have just dipped the 285 yr strs, and will commence to cather yearlings tomorrow, and will dip them when I turn them into their pastures. All well in my family and hope will find you and babe the same. Will always answer your letters, but sometime it will take me several days to get my mail. Now Bob you want to use diplomacy with your Mes. Your Nevy. George.