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Pueblo, Colorado

June Eighteenth
1913

W.B. SLAUGHTER, PRES.
ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.
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Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,
Lubbock, T e x a s.

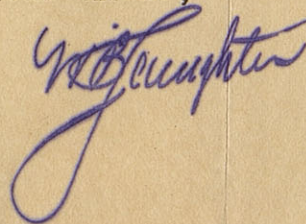
Dear George:-

I have repeatedly written you in regard to the condition of the Slaughter Cattle Company in Moctezuma, and told you that there were drafts before me amounting to about \$1,000.00.

These matters will have to be taken care of. I am at a loss, not hearing from you. I would be pleased if you would advise me by return mail what you expect to do in the matter. This is very important to the Cattle Company and also to Bob, who is on the ground, and I feel sure that he thinks we are taking care of these matters, when in truth and in fact we are not. Please do something to hold Bob's credit good in Mexico.

Hoping that I may hear from you by return mail, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,



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copy to Roswell, N.M.
copy to R.L.S.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

6/18, 1913

Dear Geo -

I was fortunate in securing an aneroid barometer a very fine one from Mr Hard one of Pearson's men who is prospecting this district so I wrote you not to send yours and wrote Bank of D. to not forward it if they should receive one - Just came off a short trip and next time I go out I will take notes of the altitude. It is 1820 here in Moctezuma and I said it was about 2000 ft and my map shows it 1810.

The American boy Hunt will quit the first of July. He has got enough of Mex.

He is hard on horses and hates work so its just as well.

Walter Nancy hates work too in fact he won't try it to see if it agrees with him or not so will let him out too. This leaves me only Chas. Creste and the Mexicans - Am writing for Chas Dillman of Douglas to come in - Can't tell yet if I can get him or not.

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slung the mother on the breast and the baby
nursed and died in 2 hours.

The wheat is all but put away and I will
give the hands a barbecued goat and a
"bilk" tomorrow night - The cost is small
and it makes friends -

Am having trouble again about the mail
They demand I should put on the new
Sonora stamp but they have none for
sale here so I can't tell whether my
letters of the last few days will go thro or
not - They are demanding stamps on
checks also but don't know what kind
they want - Damned aggravating outfit -
I got 10 chinamen to go out to build fence
thought I was fixed, all got wet and quit
in 2 days - Am still trying to contract
the job - offered 120.00 per mile to any
one to finish it -

I guess I will have to go to Macozari the
first and maybe run up to Douglas
for a day while I am at the R.R. Can't
you meet me at Douglas July 4th
and come in with me for a visit
If we don't have to go to Dallas it will
be a good time to come in -
Still it would be better weather the last
of July for unless it rains first it may
make you sick & is so dry and hot -
I have lost 18 pounds in 2 months and

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still going down - I don't mind tho for
I am still close to 160 pounds and I
rather not carry any extra flesh -
my general health is fine and I never
take any medicine any more -
That jerked Senison will cure constipation
I do believe any way something has
cured me -
I guess the kids are enjoying the Ranch
or has Geo. got too lazy for it.
I hear he is the society dude now.
He must come down here next summer
if it quiets down -

My nose has just returned
from the P.O. and he says they will let
my letters go with these stamps until
they can get a supply of the new kind
This letter will get as far as Agua Prieta
any way and some other official may
hold it up -

Time for mail so Adios

Bob.

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This wheat is about all garnered and
you know they throw it up in the
air and let the wind blow out the
chaff - & then haul it into the barn
but as I couldn't procure enough
sacks have to dump it on the floor
but its cement & ought to keep it.
Think I can get 6 pesos per fanega
for it here but will be in no hurry
to sell as the market ought to go up
& if we could hold it I am sure the
price would go way up.

Today is the hottest day we have had
its sure miff hot.

Had an hours rain on the center of
the Rancho that put out lots of
water Araya Seco ran deep for a
short time - covered only a small
area tho but will help a lot.

Some of the ranch hogs are dying from
poverty as range is so dry but I am
sending out a little corn for them just
to tide over till it rains and the weeds
come up - They will be all o.k. then
My hog man had his wife and baby out
there on the Ranch and an "Alacran"

(C O P Y)

June Twentieth,

1913

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

Dear Bob:-

I just received your letter and I realize how you feel.

George has done nothing.. I have been continuously after him and have about \$1,000 worth of overdrafts here now. I am perfectly willing to put up my part at any time of the indebtedness of the Slaughter Cattle Company, but the others must come through. I do not know whether you made any arrangements with Woodward in regard to his part of the expense on the ranch. Hope you have.

I note what you say about the duty being raised on cows to 10½ pesos and that you are expecting the same to go on steers in a few days. I have been waiting on George altogether about going down and having Mr. Hart to go and examine the steers on the ranch. I wrote you, I think, fully that Dr. Melvin agreed with me in Washington that he would give his consent for Dr. Hart to go and examine the cattle, provided we would stand his expense, which I agreed to. I do not know what George's disposition is in this matter. You realize he is President of the Company and has more authority, and all orders should come through him to you and to me as well. It seems it is impossible to reach him. I can only say to you that I am in hopes to hear from George in the next day or two and get your financial matters arranged satisfactorily to you.

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

Your uncle,

WBS-F

WBSlaughter

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Slughter Land and Cattle Co

Personal Copy of this sent to Mr. and Mrs. M.

Birds, Palo Verde, Russell, N. M.

Dear Sirs, just rec'd copy of letter to G. M. from
W. B. about our draft -
Now surely you all know I can't run this
Ranch without money and with all our
other troubles it would ruin me here to
have any protested drafts -

You must keep our credit good and if
you want to cut all the money off the
Ranch, say so, for I have no felt, at all.
I let Walter Manning go this morning for
I traced up the records of Manning and Robbins
and they run even hard hands too.
I saw I was up against it and as it
had to come sooner or later I went
straight to the point and made it
sooner - Now I have these 2 men
to contend with and they know every
detail about the Ranch too.

They will hang around the Ranch till
they get caught, and failed more than
likely - They may cause me a lot of
hard riding but I know the game as
well as they do & then some.
can see this is guess work and I

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want you all not to quote me and to
burn up these personal letters or you may
get me into trouble -

It is best for you all to keep posted on
all matters here or I wouldn't bother you
with this stuff -

I have only one American now at Cross Creek
and I need 2 more and I need bad ones
too. Keep an eye out for one for me -
40.00 Gold won't hurt what I need but
I am offering only that -

I tried to get Frank Connor Sheriff of
Dawson Co. my old trusty but he
won't come away out here for 40.00
at present the Am. are bothering me
more than the Mex. Their plans are
bigger and they push them with more
nerve too.

That Cross country over on the Sonora
River is sure a dark hole it takes
your breath to ride in there.

I have got it down, that, that's the bad
leak for us right now -

I must keep a survey fellow on that
side all the time and no Mexican
will take the job -

I can ride it over, or so, a month

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But the internal complications are
the Rucho keeps me guessing -
We should buy out all the little fellows
cattle rustlers who hold a brand and
a claim inside our range -

Think we can get them cheap right
now too and if I had a safe base
to work from I could bend all my
force to stop the work on the outskirts
We sure ought to buy up these cattle it
would be a good investment if you all
could raise the money -

I have never let on to anyone that we
would buy so don't know the prices but
am sure not over 20 pesos for dry
stuff and 30 pesos for cows and calves
I wouldn't want to buy unless we
could clean up and get the brands too
I hear I can buy steer yearlings at
Sanora River for 16 pesos take them
as they come - What you think?

Yours truly

RHS

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Dear Geo. - I had the luck to kill a fine yearling buck deer yesterday morning and had my pack mule along loaded light so I decided to bring it in whole and jerk it myself in the shade where the windows are screened and send about $\frac{3}{4}$ of it to you. I packed it about 40 miles and only got in after dark but jerked it right away and it is fine -

I had a big canvas bag, so I just put the whole deer in it and its wonderful how it keeps if the flies can't touch it and by jerking it at night it gets a crust over it that the flies can't touch next day - However I am to get it to you is a problem. They won't accept express here but Mrs Woodward is going out in a day or so and I will try to get her to take it out to express office - I have had lots of it from time to time but couldn't get it to you -

This is rice so hope you will enjoy it

Yours bro.
Bob.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

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MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

June, 22, 1913

Slaughter Land & Cattle Co.,

Pueblo, Colo. & Roswell N.M.

Dear Sirs:

In reference to the letter here with enclosed from Meyer I will buy some stamps but in regard to the books I will wait until I go to Douglas July 3rd and talk to our Attorney, there are several matters that I want to discuss with him. I wished that you all could meet me there July 4th. as our payment is due July 9th, and I have an idea that we should not make this payment until Woodward shows some intention of carrying out his contract, he has never lifted a finger to do so, or even to assist me. he does not answer my letters and is probably now on a pleasure trip that may last for months, he claimed he had the Vildosola deal practically closed and now the cattle are sold to others and the ranch maybe likewise am sure no effort has been made to close Lee or with the Pasturia outfit either. He advised me not to make any moves until he could adjust these matters as it might run the price up on him this ties my hands I am afraid to make any kind of a deal or even ask prices, he knows that our expenses are running but has not offered to put up any money, if he has a friend down here I have failed to find him but his acquaintance say that he will not return, I have a letter stating that he had offered this ranch for 100000 gold so he may figure that his interest in the Co. is velvet although I have not counted the livestock I contend they are fifty per cent short, and I had rather take a chance in a law suit now than later on. we ought to meet with our Attorney at once and reach a decision. I can't leave the Ranch for any length of time for they are cutting at it on every side and my presence here forces them to move cautiously. If you answer this letter you had better enclose it to Richardson to be held for me. the Post Office here is again out of stamps and you may not get this at all. it is still hot and dry here but I am getting along very well. green stuff is showing on the ranch where the only rain fell. the total Amt. I have drawn on Co. checks up to date is ~~3500~~ Pesos these are checks signed by me and does not include Richardson and Robertsons acct. or my salary I have kept everything paid right up as close as I can. at this rate it is costing over \$ 1250. gold per month to run this ranch which is more than we can stand and I want you to show me where to cut it down. the harvesting of the wheat ran up the labor acct, but now that it is over with I will need a lot of men to break the ground and put in a new crop, so when it isn't one thing it is another and I need your advice, so please try to come down to Douglas and if possible to the ranch for letters will not answer the purpose.

I am yours truly,

Gen. Mgr.

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June, 22, 1913

Slaughter Land & Cattle Co.,

Pueblo, Colo. & Roswell, N.M.

Dear Sirs:-

I am sending you a copy of letter I received which will explain its self.

Dear Sir:-

We have received lately a considerable number of your drafts and note they are not stamped in accordance with the law. In as much as the method of doing business is rather new to you in this country, we will make a few suggestions, which we trust will be received in the same spirit in which they are given. The drafts which you are making out should be stamped as follows:

2¢ For Amounts not Exceeding 100 pesos,
5¢ " " from 100 to 500 pesos,
10¢ " " 500 to 1000 "
10¢ " Each 1000 or fraction.

Also it is necessary to have a ledger, cash book and a journal or "day book" which must be stamped by the Stamp Agent at Moctezuma. He must stamp each set, and will charge you five cents per leaf. Both of these operations are absolutely essential, for at intervals the Inspector comes around and is liable to impose a fine if you have not the books, and the drafts which you have drawn stamped. Also all drafts should be on file at Moctezuma and not in the United States. should you at any time draw any checks, the stamps will be 2¢ for amounts up to 500 pesos and 5¢ for amounts exceeding that sum. Incidentally all books should be written in Spanish.

Yours truly,

W.A. Meyer.
MANAGER STORE DEPT.

Send copy to each -

June Twenty-fourth,
1913

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

Dear Bob:-

I wrote you yesterday and told you I had paid the drafts, and today I received a check from our President, Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter enclosing \$1,000.00 to be applied to the credit of the Slaughter Cattle Company. He thought that we ought to put in \$1,000.00 a peice to meet the current expenses, and you can see by his letter (I presume he has sent you a copy of it) he thinks the expenses are awfully high, and it does look that way. Of course, you are living in a chili country and it looks to me like your men should live on torteez and chili. Try and cut their expenses down a little. They look enormous and we must live within the income of that ranch.

I am in hopes that you will succeed in saving all the wheat and all the grain products, and don't be afraid to get too much on hand, for later on we have to get the young bulls down there and it will take lots of feed for them.

I suggest that you go up and get Dr. Hart and have him go down and examine the cattle, and everything being equal, I would ship the cattle from Cos instead of taking them over to the other road, and Bob, I have told you several times that those cattle would have to be kind of stolen out. You take my advice and get them all together, put your Mexicans on one part of the ranch, and send them out with a bunch of your white boys, and bring them out at once so we can get rid of them. It would be useless to try and make two or three trips on these cattle. All the old cows that are fat, if you could get them out without paying an enormous duty, it would be better for us, but if you cannot, they will have to remain. Bring out the old bulls with the steers, and my private

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opinion, Bob, is that we should ship these cattle about the first of August, as that is the time that they will bring more money than any other time, owing to the fact that it is before any Kansas grass cattle will go on the market, and the flesh that these steers have on them is hard and they should hold up well in shipping, and I feel sure they will bring more money at this time than any other time. If we wait until the Kansas grass steers commence running, we will get a great deal less money, and let's work to that end and put them on the market about August 1st. You make your arrangements, and it looks now as if George intends calling a meeting at Douglas about the 7th of July, and at that meeting we will arrange everything so that you can go right on and ship them. I want to know when they are shipped, because I want to meet them in Kansas City and see them, and can form a better opinion then as to what the outcome of the ranch will be in years to come. Please bear these things in mind and work along that line if it meets with your and George's approval. This is my opinion, and, of course, you can take it for what it is worth.

I sent that \$7.50 check back to Robertson today; he is at Douglas, and I presume he will get it in due time.

Please let me hear from you as soon as you can, and with kindest personal regards to all, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F

copy to G. M. Slaughter.



CHICAGO OFFICE

EVANS-SNIDER-BUEL CO.

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UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO, ILL. June 24, 1913

Mr. W. B. Slaughter,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

You have never advised me what your conclusions were about purchasing Mr. Keays' bull calves of Elkhart, Ill. Mr. Keays is in my office now and the time has arrived with him that he feels he should know definitely whether you are desirous of purchasing the calves or not. I have said to him this morning that he had best not wait any longer upon you, as I am sure you must feel that the time has been sufficiently long for you to hear from George. So please advise either Mr. Keays direct or myself your conclusion.

Yours truly,

W. T. Waggoner
Pres't.

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W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

Pueblo, Colorado June Twenty-fourth,
1913

Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear George:-

Your long-looked-for letter arrived this morning and in reply will say that I had mailed a draft to the Douglas Bank for about \$1,000.00 covering the Slaughter Cattle Company's indebtedness, and I place this \$1,000 to the credit of the Slaughter Cattle Company for their future use. Just as soon as I can get Woodward's address, will write him in regard to the matter.

I don't understand why Bob needs any more horses, as Woodward told me he had 120 horses and mules on the ranch, and if they have that many it seems to me he ought to run that ranch with this amount of stock. Bob may be a horse killer for all I know. I have not been about him enough to know his disposition towards his horses, but when we were on that trip he took good care of the few horses that he used.; hence, I am at a loss to know why he should need more horses.

I wrote you fully in regard to my notion about bringing the steers out and told you the reason I thought they ought to be sneaked out, and this is the only safe way we have of getting those cattle out at this time. I have no idea as to how many cattle and steers on the ranch. Bob has given me no information on which to base an opinion. While he has been on the ranch since about the 15th of April, we have no definite idea as to the number of cattle and steers. You remember he wrote in one letter 1,000 steers from yearlings up, and you certainly have not forgotten that Mr. Woodward said to us that there were 1,000 3's and up. Bob also wrote about the Lee cattle. It was the under-

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standing that all the Lee cattle were to go in on this deal. I cannot understand Woodward running off without carrying out his deal. George, to be plain with you I am afraid we are likely to get the worst of it so far as Woodward is concerned, and we had better commence hedging. I suggest you write to Judge Richardson and tell him that Woodward has gone away and has done nothing and we feel we ought to have some protection. Kindly ask his advice along this line, unless we are going to have the meeting at Douglas on the 7th; if we do, why then we can arrange the matter.

I am today writing Bob to have Dr. Hart go down and examine the cattle, and I am of the opinion the cattle should go out about the first of August in order to get them on the Kansas City market before the grass cattle from Kansas commence running. I believe they would bring us more money, besides, what flesh they have on them will be very hard, as it has been dry in Mexico, and they should be in better condition then than any other time. Of course, you have read Bob's letter about the enormous duty put on stock cattle, hence we are barred from shipping stock cattle. Of course, we might get in a few cows, some plain ^{old cows} ~~steers~~ and all the old bulls that are on the ranch. ^{but we need} ~~I may be~~ doing wrong in writing Bob to get Hart and go down and look at the cattle, but I am instructing him to this effect today. You say nothing about it so I take it for granted it will be allright with you.

Just as soon as I hear from Mr. Harrell about the date of the meeting to be held by the Panhandle & Southwestern, will advise you in regard to going to Douglas, and I presume I will know in the next four or five days.

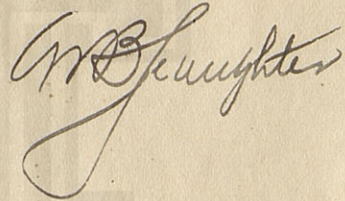
I was in hopes that you would succeed in getting the loan from Rhea Brothers so that we could stock that ranch up with a lot of cheap cows. This is the time to do it from my view point.

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I am at a loss, as well as yourself, to know why Bob is baling the hay. It looks to me like the stack is just as well and could be fed to the young bulls out of the stack and it would save that amount of work, but they have an immense barn there and I presume Bob thinks it is cheaper to bale it and put it in that barn.

Hoping everything is coming on nice ly with you, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W.B. Slaughter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "W.B. Slaughter".

WBS-F
copy to R.L.Slaughter.

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Pueblo, Colorado June Twenty-sixth,

1913

Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,

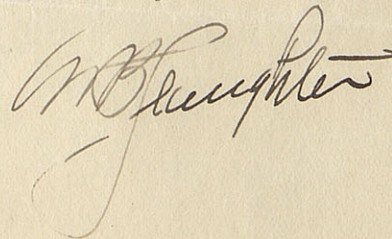
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:-

Please find enclosed letter
from Mr. Buel in regard to the Keay
bulls, and my reply thereto. If you
don't want the bulls, please advise Mr.
Keay at once so that he will not hold
them any longer.

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

Your uncle,



WBS-F

Enc.

June Twenty-sixth,
1913

Mr. M. P. Buel, President,
Evans-Buel-Snyder Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Buel:-

Your letter of June 24 inquiring
about purchasing Mr. Keay's bull calves at
Elkhart, Illinois.

Will say that I have turned
these letters over to the President of our
Company, Geo. M. Slaughter, of Roswell,
New Mexico, and as he is more familiar
with these cattle than the writer, I thought
that he would look after them. I am today
sending your letter to him at Roswell,
with a copy of my letter to you. I am in
hopes you will be able to hear from him
in a few days. Of course, I am only Secre-
tary and Treasurer of the Company and have
nothing to do with the running of the ranch,
only am interested in getting the best of
bulls so as to shape up a good herd of cat-
tle on the ranch in the future.

I presume you have noticed
that both cattle and meats are going on
the free list, and the only protection we
have now in the way of keeping out foreign
dressed meats is to get a stringent inspection
law passed. I don't mean by that that we
can hold the meat out if it is good, but
one that will require such inspection that
it will be a hard matter to bring these meats
in.

I expect to be in Chicago soon.
Cannot tell you what time, but I don't pre-
sume I will have time to see you as I will
only pass through. Am not sure that this
will occur. Hoping, however, that I may see

M. P. Buel.....#2

you during the year some time, and that your
business will show a great gain during 1913
over 1912 and with best wishes to you and
all your interests, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

WBS-P

President

R. L. S.#3

ent and you must learn how to hold expenses down. Now, anything I say to you I don't want you to get offended at, for I am saying this for your good as well as mine. Besides, you are not the Monarch of all you survey, as you were on the plains, because you are in a different country and under a different government, hence go cautiously and be particular about how you do and act.

In regard to the inspection of the cattle, will say that Dr. Melville agreed with me, as I presume I have written you before, that when we got ready he would write Dr. Hart of Douglas to go down and make the examination of the cattle and if they were free of ticks we could send them direct. You state in your letter you do not want to take it up with the U. S. Inspector at present for fear that you might create some friction. I have never heard from George in regard to this matter, and he is President of the Company and will have the final say and until I hear from him I do not know just what I should say to you, but the time is getting closer and closer for the cattle to be shipped, and at the time you ship the steers you want to cut all the old shelly dry cows and old bulls and bring out with them. In fact, clean up all the herd of all the waste stuff. In regard to the old steers that have been getting away, I suggest that we get some bells and at the time you are gathering them, bell them, and it will be impossible for them to get away from you then, for you will hear the bells if they get up during the night and try to get away. I presume that bells are cheap and you can use them for other purposes later on.

In regard to your demand for stallions and Angora goats, am sending all your mail to the President, and as soon as I can hear from him in regard to the matter, we will take it up further with you. If I remember rightly, you told me that you knew where there were some good stallions that you could get cheap, and I presumed when you shipped your horse that you would ship one or two down with you, but it seems you did not.

this is the way to get them off the range

R. L. S.#4

Please let me hear from you as often as you can, as I am always anxious to know how you are getting along.

Robertson I presume is at Douglas, and do not pay him anything, for I wrote you fully what Coney had done when he left here.

With best wishes to you and all connected with your good concern, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F

Enc.

June Twent--seventh
1913

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

Dear Robert:-

Your letter of the 23rd before me
and contents noted.

In reply will say that I realize
that you need extra good men and am glad that
you have discovered the den of thieves, if such
be the case, and know which the cattle of the
Slaughter Cattle Company are headed. I at this
time do not know of any man that would fill
the bill for the place you want. I am sending
your letter to George, with a copy of the one I
am writing you, and perhaps he can locate the
man needed. I note what you say, that you
have tried to get one of your old time sheriffs
to join you but he will not come for the price.
The price cuts a figure many times and in many
ways. We have found that out together; espec-
ially we found that out when we were out this
spring. I am in hopes that you will be able
to get the two men you need, and if such a
thing as you say is occurring, that the cattle
are being stolen, the sooner it is stopped, the
better for the Company, notwithstanding it may
cost them some money.

I have cautioned you time and again
about going out and taking the desperate chances,
for your life is worth more than that entire
cattle ranch, but you can do these things without
taking desperate chances. I note you state that
you went over on the Sonora side next to the
Sonora River in the brush country and at times
you were considerably frightened.

Be particular and try and get just
such men as fill the bill for the position which
you desire them to occupy, but above all things
otherwise, keep expenses down. I wrote you about
being in a chili country and working the chili
and "enchilatha" boys, and as they furnish their

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

own supplies and work for about 30 Mex per month, it seems that we ought to get along reasonably well as to expenses.

I am in hopes that you may be able to stop the stealing, if such is the case.

I have asked for Mr. Woodward's address and as soon as it arrives, I will write him fully.

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

Yours truly,

WBS-F
copy to G. M. Slaughter.

June Twenty-seventh,

1913

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

Dear George:-

Just received a letter from Harrell and the meeting is to be held on the first Monday in July at Amarillo, which will be the 7th, and you had better call a meeting of our Company at Douglas on the 10th. This is as soon as I can adjust my matters to be there. Please let me hear from you fully in regard to it by return mail. Must know by the 5th of the month what you intend to do.

Hoping you will give these matters prompt attention, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

WBS

P.S. The second Geo. F. Woodward note for \$29,500.00 (this includes the interest) will be due on July 9. Are you and R. L. ready with your part to pay the same. Let me know fully about this before I leave here and I have stated to you when I must go.

Yours truly,

WBS

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copy to Lubbock, Texas.
copy to R. L. Slaughter.

June Thirtieth,

1913

Mr. Geo. F. Woodward,

P. O. Box #3,

Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Woodward:-

Our President, Mr. G. M. Slaughter has called a meeting, as I understand it, to be held at Douglas, Arizona on Thursday the 10th of this month.

Will you be kind enough to wire the writer if you will be at that meeting, as matters of importance are coming up and your presence is needed.

Please let me hear from you by return mail.

Yours truly,

WBS-F

Copy to GMS, RLS.