

SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

December 6, 1895.

Dear Mr Cree:-

A letter was received here from Mr Hunter regarding cattle stealing in the vicinity of James canon, I requested Mr Williams to read and forward to you, I have no doubt as to the truth of the statements contained in the letter as they are in line with other facts of which we have knowledge; we have reliable evidence that quite a serious raid has been made on the stock interests in that section by the Oliver Lee-McNew gang, Williams has been at El Paso several days carrying out my suggestion to enlist the aid of the Texas authorities, the result will probably be the indictment of the members of the gang at El Paso, if we succeed in this it will greatly facilitate our efforts to break up this very dangerous combination. I am glad to discover a very commendable disposition on the part of the Texas authorities to aid us to the extent of their ability. I have the cases against Spence Brothers and others under indictment at Socorro ready for trial whenever they come up. I am certain of a conviction in all of these cases, much labor has been expended in their preparation and I have incurred some expense which I have been compelled to meet out of my private funds the Association being in arrears for my salary due September 1st, and December 1st, excepting \$50.00 you sent me prior to your departure for Texas. Will you kindly send cheque for the remaining \$450.00. I suppose I may abandon all hope of obtaining any further remittance on my Santa Fe account. I start for Grant county Monday, will see Collins, then return here to attend to the Sacramento matter, then to Socorro to make an effort to have the Spence Bro., and other cases tried. I am very desirous of getting through with all Association business by the April term of Court at Lincoln. Mrs Fountain is still an invalid and I am apprehensive as to her recovery, she suffers from nervous depression and requires a change of scene. With kindest regards,

Sincerely Yours. J. H. Fountain



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