

HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

a long time to get orders
to me -

Every indication is
that Naco will be off
the quarantine Oct 7th
This gives me a chance
that I didn't have
before -

The Tariff bill was
passed last night
which helps me out.

Something should
be done about the
confiscation of those
forms -

I saw Simpich our
Consul he says he will
take it up with
Washington as soon



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

as I prepare a statement
but Richardson is laying
down on this.

He now agrees that I
was right about putting
in a legal protest in
writing but he had kept
my hands tied so it
was not done—

I knew I was right.
but orders were to let
our atty handle this.

Will get up a statement
of the tally of the cattle
Must be careful for it
will be contested—

The Douglas country is
dry but our Ranch is
fine as a fiddle

Yours bro.

R. H. Haughton

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

OF UNITED STATES

Slaughter Building

DALLAS, TEXAS

November Thirteenth,
1913.

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:-

As per conversation over the 'phone with you this morning from Lubbock, Texas, will say that we received a wire from the Bank of Douglas saying that Woodward had attempted to take possession of the ranch properties. I immediately called up Bob and talked the matter over with him and he left for the ranch. I was surprised to know that he had only gotten as far as Roswell day before yesterday. In truth and in fact, I had an idea he was in Moctezuma by this time, but it is impossible to keep any guage on Bob, and while he is your brother and my nephew, unless he changes his plans we will be forced at an early date to put some one in charge of that ranch besides Bob, for we cannot stand the expense he is putting on us. I understand that he carried a family down with him to remain during the winter months at Moctezuma; no doubt he is paying all expenses, and these are things that are impossible for us to put up with.

After we got the wire, we talked over the proposition of sending the bulls down, thoroughly, and we concluded that if Woodward had taken possession he might be able to hold the farms and would keep us out of the alfalfa, hence we would have no feed for the bulls. We then decided to let your father have them and did so, and as I 'phoned you this morning, the bulls will reach Plainview today. Mr. Wright went up there to see them and put them on feed.

While I don't believe that we will have any serious trouble in regard to Woodward's proposition, I might be mistaken; hence, until we hear from there I am unable to give you the information you seek.

I presume by the time you reach here Tuesday week, I will have everything before me and we then will discuss matters thoroughly.

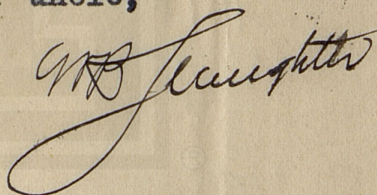
Geo. M. Slaughter.....#2

I have just received our stock book and when you come down, if you think it advisable, we will issue the stock for the amount of money put in the concern up to this time.

I wrote the Rheas and had a very nice letter from them, and I wish you would have a talk with them and would be pleased if you would advise me, and if you think it best, Mr. Stuart will come out and try and close a deal with them for the \$25,000 worth of stock. I did not want to send him out unless you knew positively that it was a deal.

Please let me hear from you at the earliest possible moment, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,



WBS-F

P.S.

I am enclosing copy of another letter to Higginbotham today.

W.B.S.

Please return Higginbotham letter to me

November Thirteenth,
1913.

Mr. J. M. Higginbotham, Mgr.,
Higginbotham Cattle Company
Dublin, T e x a s.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th received and
its contents carefully noted.

I hardly thought at the time I wrote
you that I understood the proposition as it was; since
receiving your letter it has clarified matters to a
certain extent.

In regard to the Underwood-Oats matter,
will say that at our last quarterly meeting I under-
stood from our Secretary that Mr. Underwood did not
represent Oats in this suit, but Underwood presented
his resignation at this quarterly meeting and his
resignation was accepted and our Secretary was
instructed to settle up with him, hence we have no
regular attorney at this time.

I do hope that you will think these
matters over thoroughly and will continue your member-
ship in this Association. I see no reason why
conflicts should exist between the two Associations,
as they are all working for the same purpose, and
you realize, as said by Harrell in his letter to you,
you get better service by having two Associations.

I am sending a copy of this letter to
your neighbor, George M. Slaughter, who is one of
the Executive Committee and Ex-President, who will
discuss this matter, I am in hopes, thoroughly with
you and that you and he come to some definite con-
clusions.

Thanking you for your promptness in
replying to my letter, herewith returning to you copies
of letters sent me for examination, hoping everything
is coming on nicely with you and with kindest personal
regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Memphis Tex. 11-26-13

Ordr. I note that you are on the Directory of Banks Trust
of Dallas, which Co. formerly held it's head office in
Dallas - I hold 1,25 Shares original Cap Stock of this Co.
+ 25 Shares of recent preferred, that was issued in the
I will be pleased to hear from you, for all my interest 1200.00
if you are not interested, will thank you to refer me to someone
who is -

Roswell.N.M. 12/2/13.

Judge W.B.Slaughter,
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Bill:-

We did not hold a Directors meeting, as could not use a proxy, so I did not deliver the Proxy you gave me to Judge Richardson. However I told him that I had it in my possession, and hereby return same to you. I scored the Judge in allowing this little trouble to come up on account of not placing our deeds of record also the contract, and he explained that he thought that it wise not to put this on record, as things might change in a day, but this has put Bob to the bad with his people down there, as W- has has posters put on all the trees along the road and around the town stating that he was the sole owner of this property and livestock and has placed his brother in law in charge as his agent and is moving the Baled alfalfa to Mectezuma and placing it at the store. Richardson says he will take Bob down to Hermosillo and see the Military Gov. or Carranza if necessary and will get an order to change this affair, and get out Posters and post over the ones that W- had put up, and then some more - It looks like Villa is going to put the Federals on the bum, and if so and we get this back in our possession, that we should stock it at once and charge the purchase to W-, Bob Judge and I agreed it best as soon as we get control of the property again to bring suit in Mex. and California to keep him from transferring any property he may have at the time suit was brought. Now I think we want to get busy on these lines. I scored the Judge that it looked like he was going to sleep on us, but he says he will show us that he is Logical and awake from now on. We thought it important to get that Mex. Atty with us, by showing him that W- was putting him a tree, and Judge thought that would be easy. I enclose you a letter, which explains itself. I met Pancho Villa at Juarez - he seems to be some Genl. Tell Stewart that the Bank here holds stock sent me, and as I want a change made in the notes that he sent, that I will let the Bank hold it until I come down about Xmas, subject to your order at anytime between now and then. I believe that it would be a good idea to interest J.E. Rhea and put him on the Directory for N.M. in my place if he would serve he would be a wheel horse, and I could help him just as much. let me hear from you soon and often, and lets let Bob do the best he can until his Year is up and not hamper him, for we would be lost to replace him at this time - Ofcourse we want to charge back to him his household expenses, except while on the ranch, which is right and I dont think he can or will kick on this. It is no time now to get up a mess, but stay together and work together. Wishing you success with your Trust Co, and hope this will find you and yours enjoying health and happiness, I am as ever your Nevy George.



HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

12/2/13

Geo W Haughlin

Roswell

N. Mex

Dear Bro.

I am holding the
ledge to it and he
has about finished
that translation and
has promised to go
with me to Hermosillo
Thursday morning
I wanted to go to El Paso
to see Genl. Vella and
get a letter from
to Gov. Carranza, but
when I got Jidg's
consent to do this
Vella was en route
to Chihuahua
I am sorry that I



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

didn't do this for
Claude Hadspeith
has a fall with
Villa and offered
to go to his camp
with me -
Judge thinks we
can work it tho'
any way -

The fact we just
have to do it that's
all -

If I can get an
order from our Gov.
to throw that bunch
we fail it suits
me to do it -
And if I don't like



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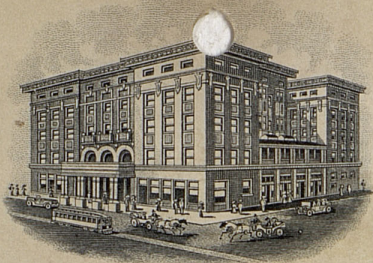
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

that Manuel Vasquez
& hope some one
will lick me
& wear tired to death
of laying around
here - My bunch
went in last Sat.
alone.

I will keep pushing
the Judge -

Col Geo H. has never
shown up here
& wanted to have
a talk with him
and the Judge -

Have my eye on 4000
cheap steers that I
got a tip will be



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DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

thrown across the
Border pretty soon
at a price to make
us some money
& have an option
on them -

Dan's chuck they
will be offered to
anyone else.
Several friends in
town from the Campo
country and they
were are now hiding
me about staying
on this side of the
line and I am
soon - No news so
Adios - Yurs affl. to
B. H. Langley

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DALLAS, TEXAS

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

December the Sixth,
1913

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

Dear George:-

Your telegram received and replied to as follows: "Your father is allright. Doing finely." I just phoned up to the house a few minutes ago and had a talk with Carrie and she said he was feeling allright. An abscess formed on his good hip and they had to make an incision in order to have it drained, hence this was the only trouble, and it is doing finely now and I see no reason why there should be any complications. He sleeps and eats well and that is all that is necessary.

It has been raining continually since you were here until yesterday. Yesterday was a bright clear day and today is fairly clear, and if the nice weather continues no doubt he will be able to be out in his car within the next few days.

I had a letter from Bob dated the 3rd stating that he and Richardson would start that evening to Hermosillo and just as soon as they got back he would go to the ranch; He said that Belle was already down on the ranch; he was only waiting at the request of Woodward before going.

I presume everything will be allright in a little while and just as soon as we know it is allright we had better get the bulls down on the farm so as to have them in shape for service next year. J. H. Slaughter says now is the time for us to buy some cheap cows; he thinks we can get cows and heifers for about \$8.00 American money left on the ranches, and he advises us to compromise with Woodward if we can. He thinks if we go to Los Angeles and have an interview with him we possibly could compromise, but you understand he holds one of these notes and is very much interested in the matter from that view point. Of course, this will all have to be handled through Richardson, as I don't believe we could do a thing with Woodward. However, if any one goes to

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California to see him, one of us will have to go with Richardson. J. H. Slaughter said he would go with us if we desired to go. Please let me hear from you fully on these points at your earliest convenience.

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

Your uncle,

G. M. Slaughter

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December the Twelfth,
1913

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:-

I visited your father yesterday and found him very much improved. He was able to walk on the porch some yesterday and I feel sure without any set-back in the next week he will be able to be out and around. He looks well and the rising in his hip is doing finely and I see no reason why he should not be out.

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

Your Uncle,

W. B. Slaughter

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Hermosillo, Sonora, México, 12/9 1913

Dear George

I am getting
a dose of the Red Tape
of Mexico,

All ways the set
answer "Mamma"

But I am getting along.
Each day I try to win
over an other officer
or friend -

They are a bit ~~ex-~~
excusable for its the
first papers of the kind
that has been offered
to this new government
and they have new

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Hermosillo, Sonora, México, 191.....

men in office so they
have to go slow and
make no mistakes
The war takes up so
much of their time
also -

I am learning
patience.

I am glad I am
on this side for they
are a bunch of fine
earnest fellows
No roomers but full
of business.

This is a pretty town
you must visit it

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Hermosillo, Sonora, México, 191.....

some day -

B- wired me
to day from Matamoros
that everything was
about the same as
last week

Of course that means
they are stealing all
they can but I
will have a list of
it all and Mr W—
will have to pay.

My nerves are all
on edge but I must
wait for my papers
before acting

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Hermosillo, Sonora, México, 191.....

Then were a few stumbling
blocks in my way
but we grubbed them
as we came to them
and so far met with
no stone wall

Any body hunting
an easy job better
not try to photocopy
papers just yet in
Sonora Mex.

Judge is sober
but must leave me
Friday

Love to all
Yours Bro. Bob.

HOTEL DE NACOZARI.

NACOZARI, SON.,

12/15 1913

Geo -

We got everything
we asked for in
Ternavosillo and I
made a rush to
get back to Moctezuma
Spent half a day
there yesterday and
came back here to
await the arrival
of the officers
I will take your
advice I am not
going to get our Co.
in bad
I will have those
fellows in jail in

HOTEL DE NACOZARI.

NACOZARI, SON, 191.....

a few days any way.

They are sure
dealing money to
my boys but the
boys are staying
in their trees all
O.K. My visit braced
them up more than
any-thing -

Of course as soon
as I rode into town
alone those fellows
laid law it was
like drawing up
on a prairie dog
town -

am expecting the
officers in from

HOTEL DE NACOZARI.

NACOZARI, SON,

191

Hermosillo here about
Wednesday.

My letters are censored
so I will not go into
details -

Will keep you posted
Don't compromise

Your bro

Bob.

December 17th, 1913.

Mr. Geo. P. Woodward.

Los Angeles,

Cal.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby notified that the cattle sold by you to the Slaughter Land and Cattle Co under your contract has been round up and counted and that there are only 2600 head instead of 4000. There being 1400 short. You are hereby notified to fulfill your contract and agreement by purchasing 1400 head of cattle of like grade and deliver them to the Company on the Companys' ranches in the district of Nacozuma, Sonora Mexico in accordance with your agreement.

A prompt reply will be throughly appreciated.

Truly yours,

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Mr. Geo. F. Woodward.

% Woodward- Bennett Co.

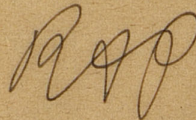
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir;-

This is to notify you that the Slaughter
Land And Cattle Company has been duly protocolized
in the State of Sonora, Republic of Mexico and is ready
to receive title to the property scheduled in your
contract of sale and agreement. Please notify us when
you will be ready to make this transfer.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RPP' or similar, written in a cursive style.

DAR/AE.

Richardson & Pattee
Lawyers
Mexican Mining and Corporation Law
Douglas, Arizona

December 17th, 1913.

Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter.

Roswell.

New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. R.L. Slaughter and I returned from Hermosillo last Saturday morning. We while there protocolized the Articles of Incorporation of the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company and also the contract from Geo. F. Woodward with that Company.

We were delayed in Hermosillo a week, I discovered first that the Judicial District at Moctezuma had been closed. It was necessary to have the Government issue a proclamation reopening that Court and it was also necessary to hunt up a Mexican Lawyer who would accept the position as Judge at Moctezuma and who at the same time would be acceptable to the Government. We were fortunate in accomplishing all of these things, we were also fortunate in having the Government instruct Mr. Preciadia the perfectó of the Moctezuma District and the newly appointed Judge to see that R.L. Slaughter and the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company were maintained in quite possession of the property owned by the Company at Moctezuma, which the perfectó was also instructed to arrest and place in

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December 17th, 1913.

jail any person who molest Mr. R.L. Slaughter or the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company.

I enclose herewith a copy of the two letters that I have written to Geo. F. Woodward which explain themselves.

The American Counsel at Hermosillo had been requested by the Secretary of State at Washington to file a complaint on behalf of Geo. F. Woodward against any person molesting his, Woodward's lands or property in the Moctezuma district in the State of Sonora. I read our contract carefully to the American Counsel at Hermosillo and thoroughly explained the situation to him. He promised that he would place the matter before our Secretary of State at Washington in such a way that Woodward's complaints would receive no further attention. It might be well to have some of your Texas congressmen and two Texas Senators to call upon our Secretary of State at Washington and thoroughly explain the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company's position in the Moctezuma district. At the same time assure the Secretary of State that the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company does not require at this time any assistance whatever from the Secretary of State at Washington. That the Slaughter Land and Cattle company are being properly treated by the Government in Mexico and

D.A. RICHARDSON

S.L. PATTEE

Richardson & Pattee
Attorneys
Mexican Mining and Corporation Law
Douglas, Arizona

December, 17th, 1913.

and only ask that they be not molested in their possession of their property.

I will as soon as I receive word from Mr. R.L. Slaughter giving me an itemized list of any property that may have been taken from the ranch by Manuel Vasquez, brother-in-law of George F. Woodward's prepare a complaint to be filed in the United States Court at Los Angeles and then will proceed some time after the first of January to Los Angeles and have a conference with Mr. Woodward and perfect an adjustment of all of the differences if this is possible otherwise if I fail I shall file suit to compel him to comply with the terms of his contract.

I will send you a copy of our complaint when I shall have prepared it in order that you may submit it to your local attorneys for any suggestions that they might see fit to make before I leave here for Los Angeles.

Truly yours,

Richardson & Pattee

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Dear George:-

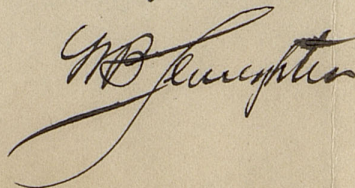
Please find enclosed copy of letter sent to Richardson today. I am in hopes we will hear from him within the next few days. Of course, I do not agree with him along certain lines and perhaps you will not agree with me, but I do not believe it best at this time to take anything over the head of the U. S. Consul at Hermosillo as the property is located in Mexico and he is the legal representative of our Government, and it looks to me as though it would put us in bad with him if we did so. However, I shall be governed by the opinion of the others and sink mine if the balance of you think differently. I think it would be a serious mistake if we do this.

I am leaving for Pueblo tonight or in the morning and will be there up until the first of the year and would like to hear from you. After the first of the year I shall be back in my office at Dallas.

Your father is doing finely.

With best wishes to you and your good family, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I beg to remain as ever,

Your uncle,



wbs-f

December Twentieth,
1913

Judge D. A. Richardson,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Judge:-

Copy of your letter sent to our President, Geo. M. Slaughter, Roswell, N. M., dated Dec. 17, before me and its contents carefully noted.

In reply to the same will say I am very much pleased with what you have done up to the present time and I note what you say in regard to us presenting our matter to Secretary of State Bryan through our Congressmen and State Senators, but I believe, from my view point, this would be a mistake, owing to the fact that you have discussed this matter thoroughly with the American Consul at Hermosillo. I am of the opinion he would consider that we had gone over his head in this matter, and from my view point whatever we do should be done through the American Consul, for we cannot afford to get in bad with him.

I am in hopes the two letters you have sent Mr. Woodward will have the desired effect and that after he reads them will make up his mind that it is essential that he come through and comply with his contract. You realize, as well as the writer, that we are in a very peculiar position. One of our kinsmen and a man whom I love personally very much, holds one of the notes which we gave Woodward as part payment on this property. While it was non-negotiable he holds it all the same, and on that account I would be more than pleased to try and get Woodward to settle; besides, there is nothing in law suits, and your suggestion about filing suit in the U. S. Court and going to Los Angeles is allright. Of course, when you get ready to go, some one of us, either George or myself, will go with you. I do not think it advisable for Bob to go, as he and Woodward are perhaps too far apart at this time for him to accomplish anything.

I shall leave for Pueblo, Colorado, tomorrow and be up there until the first of the year, and I hope you will write me what you think about my idea of not going over the head of the Consul at Hermosillo to the State Department of the U. S. Of course, I may be wrong about this matter, but this is my view and I

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am not sure we have anything tangible with which to go before the Secretary of State. While Woodward has not complied with his contract with the Slaughter Land & Cattle Company by non-delivery of cattle and lands, we are to blame to a certain extent for not protocolizing the papers long ago. I realize conditions were such that they could not be protocolized so we are not to blame for this, but it looks to me like this is a personal difference between the stockholders of the Slaughter Land & Cattle Company and we have no right to make it a national affair just at this time. You know we have not paid the notes and the reason we have not paid them is that Woodward has not come across. This would all come out and the Slaughter Land & Cattle Company would perhaps be as much to blame as G. F. Woodward in the eyes of the Department of State. We will let this matter rest until after the first of the year and see how things move, and if it is necessary at that time we will try and have a meeting at Douglas and decide what is best in the premises.

I am sending a copy of this letter to our President and I presume he will let me hear from him in a very short time.

You realize the first of the year is here and up to this good hour we have not sent the breeding bulls to Mexico, and if we intend to make a success of that ranch (which we intend to do if we own it and keep it), we want to make one of the best herds in Sonora. I had the bulls bought, all registered, and when this trouble came up I was forced to sell them. I have another bunch in view, if matters can be adjusted, that we will ship just as soon as possible, but we want matters adjusted before we ship them in because we don't want to get them down there and lose them entirely, and especially the service of them. I do not know whether Mr. Woodward left sufficient hay on the farm to feed the bulls this winter, and will not know until I hear from Bob. Of course, you understand these bulls must go there and get accustomed to those rocks, in other words have their feet hardened, before they would be ready to turn on that range for service.

D. A. Richardson-----#3

I am writing Bob today to ascertain what has been done and what has been left on the ranch. I would be pleased if you would send me a copy of the inventory he furnishes you about the amount of stuff Woodward has taken off the ranch.

Hoping that you may be able to accomplish settlement without suits and with kindest personal regards to you and all your interests, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

WBS-F

December the Twenty Third,

1 9 1 3.

Judge D. A. Richardson,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Judge:

I received a draft drawn by R. L. Slaughter in regard to protocolizing the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company at Hermacia. I find the total expense is \$2005.44. You told me it would not cost over one thousand, just twice as much as you claim.

I would be pleased to know how this occurred. However, I am ordering the draft paid today. I also find a draft for \$75.00 in favor of you, signed by H. G. Pruciard, as we make it out. Would like to know what this check is for, because I have no authority to pay any checks drawn by anybody except R. L. Slaughter, hence, I am not paying this draft, and will not pay it until I know something about it. You know the by-laws of our Company, as well as the writer and I must live up to them.

Hoping I may have an explanation in the next few days in regard to this matter and with kindest of personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

POSTAL SAVINGS AND UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

Mercantile National Bank

CAPITAL \$ 200.000
SURPLUS \$ 75.000

Pueblo, Colorado

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

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Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,
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Dear George:

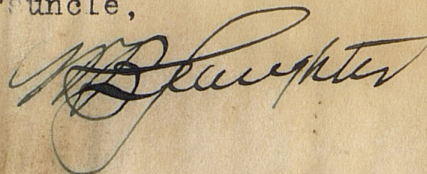
I herewith enclose a copy of letter sent to Richardson, R. L. Slaughter and the Bank of Douglas, and you will note by these what is being done. I made it plain to you that the way Bob was going, I would not stand the expense. Bob does not know the value of money and he will bankrupt the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company if he remains as he is and by the first of the year, or right afterwards, we must make some change.

I had a long talk with J. H. Slaughter at Fort Worth in regard to a man who has been on the ranch and he recommended a man by the name of Fisher. Says Fisher has worked for him a good many years; is a good man and speaks the language well and will go down on the ranch and hold the expenses down, and this is what we are compelled to have if we keep the ranch.

I understood before leaving Dallas that young R. L. was going down to his father and you know what this means as well as the writer. Your father has allowed these boys to have an unlimited credit and they do not know anything else but to use money when they want it and consequently, I cannot stand it and a halt must occur.

Hoping you will let me hear from you fully in regard to these matters by return mail and with kindest of personal regards to yourself and your family and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I beg to remain,

Yoursuncle,



December the Twenty Third,
1913.

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

Dear Bob:

I just got in from Texas and found a batch of your checks, amounting to \$2005.74, American money, the expense you incurred in going to Hermacio to protocolize the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company.

I am at a loss to know why such an enormous expense should be made for this purpose. If you remember in Dallas I told you that the expenses of the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company must be held within \$600.00 or 700 paces per month. I did not pay this amount.

How, if it has come to it that you cannot run the ranch with this money, we must know by the first of the year and make other arrangements. I hope you will give me a full explanation as soon as possible from you in regard to these expenses. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. G. M. Slaughter, our President. The way you are running that ranch, within two years' time it will be bankrupt. Hence, it is necessary to call a halt before we are bankrupt.

Hoping this will find you all well and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Your uncle,

December the Twenty Third,
1913.

Bank of Douglas,
Douglas, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I instructed the Cashier to remit you \$5005.24 in American money today. You have figured this at 39-cents when Mexican money is only worth 38 or less, as we understand it. Would be pleased to know how this occurred.

I am not paying the \$75.00 draft drawn in favor of E. A. Richardson and will not until I know upon what authority Pruciard signed this draft against the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company. If it is right, it will be paid. The only thing I can account for on account of this draft, is a shipment of goats and pigs to Douglas. This may be for them, but there is no explanation with the draft, hence, under the by-laws of the Slaughter Land and Cattle Company, I am not authorized to honor this draft, and why a draft should come in signed this way without notifying me the reason for the same, is more than I can understand.

Just as soon as I can get an explanation and if it is all right, it will be paid, otherwise, it will not.

Hoping you will be able to get the information to me at once and thanking you for past favors and wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Dec. 30, 1913.

G. M. & W. B. Slaughter,
Roswell and Dallas,

Dear Sirs:

I have delayed writing to you from day to day, thinking that I could have something definite to say, but the situation here remains unchanged. I am still awaiting the papers from Hermosillo, that are so unduly delayed. I finally lost patience and wired the Governor and he stated that the papers were expressed December 20th., so there was nothing to do but to await their arrival. I lost patience today, and wired him to make out copies and send them by a special messenger. I suppose that Mr. Woodward has found some way to secure the other papers. Judge Richardson and I had secured everything that we ask for in Hermosillo, and finished every detail down there except securing copies of the records. Then we came away trusting these copies would reach us promptly by express. I went to Nacozari, and waited until the 26th., and hearing that Judge Richardson was in El Paso on a big drunk I came up here, found that the Judge had returned, but was in bed and in no condition to talk business. I have been trying to sober him up, and have partially succeeded today. I think he will be alright by tomorrow. On the 26th I received a telephone message from Mr. Woodward, he was in El Paso, also on a drunk. Of course I did not get anything intelligent out of the conversation. He asked me what I wanted, and I told him I wanted that ranch

and was going to get it. He replied that if I would pay those notes, he would return and turn over the ranch to me. I referred to the fact that he had delivered the ranch once, and I didn't care go through the same thing again, that we would not pay the note until he had complied with his contract. He offered to give his word, and I refused to accept it. I refused to make any trade or concession over a telephone, but told him that any written proposition that he might submit would receive courteous attention and an early reply .

He said that I had better go slow as I would have to answer to him man to man. I replied that that ^{suited} ~~suted~~ me, and that I would be at the Gadsden Hotel for a day or two, and would appreciate his calling on me at any time. Of course he didn't come, and I don't think he will come. I have reason to believe that he is the lad that got the Judge off the Water Wagon, Judge denies this, and claims he did not see Woodward, but I have my own opinion. Jimmie Douglas has taken a finger in our pie and is trying to bring about a compromise. He hasn't said anything to me, but I gathered this from other parties.

I don't understand his motive , think possibly that it is a friendly one to all parties. By the way, Mr. W. offered to give John Slaughter as security that he would do the right thing, and I told him that if Uncle John would guarantee everything in writing, that I was sure that my Company would accept it. Of course, that was hot air, because no one that is financially able would guarantee that dash.

#3. G. M. & W. B.S

I had to go to Mootezuma a couple of times to keep my boys out of jail. They were trying all sorts of schemes to jail them. I appeared in court and claimed the sole responsibility for the acts of my men in carrying out my orders. Then before they could make out new papers, I got in my auto and rolled away. Now that the prefect who is my friend is back in the District I do not fear any further action on this line. He claimed that the very day that I put these papers in his hands that he will remove all undesirable people from our properties, and place the ring leaders in jail and notify all people not to molest us in future. Of course there is nothing to do until I secure these papers. I have wired for copies to be sent by special messenger, and expect the same in about four days.

I hope to be able to write you of some changes for the better before the week is out. I thought best to let you know the cause of this delay, I am,

Yours truly,

Al Sames