

Buchanan, Texas Dec 1st 1860
Dear friend

Duck creek, Buchanan Co. Texas, Nov. 4th 1860.

After eating my dinner, I, with a young friend, started out to take a hunt for game, pecans and what else we might happen to see. We took our course up the creek on the west side. We walked on slowly looking for game, but none could we see. After we had gone about a mile up the creek, ^{we} got into a trail that led us into a thicket, where we were compelled to go on or take our tracks back; we concluded to cross the creek. Where we crossed the creek on the east bank, there had been a tree cut, by indians we supposed, and for honey we judged from the appearance of the tree. On we went, and we found that we were in the fork of the creek and one of its tributaries, and here it was so bushy and full of briars that we were obliged to cross the branch, here it was open and beautiful country. We travelled on and at last we came to the creek again, and here we found a pecan tree full of the good fruit, we got some pecans by throwing slabs up into the tree, they were small but very good. Here we recrossed the creek by jumping down a bank of some 5 feet and climbing a stump one on the other side. Still we look for something to shoot but can see nothing, we keep up the creek a little further and then we come to the opinion that it was of no use to go any further.

Biblical Dr. upon slavery.

Was it wrong, for the Angel, when meeting Hagar in the wilderness, fleeing from her mistress who had treated her badly, to send her back into the state of servitude from which she had so happily escaped? Gen. 16: 9.

Was it wrong for Moses, acting under a direct commission from God, to authorize the Israelites to purchase bond men, or slaves, from the heathens, and have them as an inheritance to their children forever? Levitic. 25: 44. 45. 46.

Was it wrong, for the Saviour, when he held the Centurion's servant, to command the faith of the master without reproving him of the sin of slave-holding?

Was it wrong for the Apostle Paul to send a runaway, slave back to his master, Philemon, without a single word of admonition about the sin of slave holding?

Don Xedro

Slavery has existed for ages and ages past, and I predict that it will for ages and ages to come

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