Natchez Feby. 17th. 1834

Col. John Leighman,

Dear Sir,

I am unable to send you the amount of money paid me the first of this month for the hire of your negroes, that were on the plantation of Clement for the year 1833, without remitting it on Bank bills, which I do not feel authorised (in the present uncertain state of the mails, unless I have express instructions) to do. The Banks here have ceased to give drafts on the north, or to afford any other facilities for the transmission of money. The present state of distress, and depression in the money concerns of this section of the country is almost unexampled. Commerce and trade have been seriously affected, and in fact nearly paralyzed by the reckless and blind course pursued by the administration of the

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