

Centerville L. A. County
Ms April 21st - 1835

S. M. Garrison Esq

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Dear Sir

Yours postmarked, the 3^d Ult. came safe to hand a few days past and the D^{ft} which it covered drawn by the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi in my favor on the Bank of North America (Phil^d) for \$1540.00 has been duly honored and is now placed to your credit. I had hoped that after the death of Mr Clements that all asperities would have ceased but in as much as there still unfortunately appears to be a good deal of unfriendly feeling existing. I have written to Henry Orne Esq to communicate directly with me in regard to the Negroes in the possession of Mrs Clements as it is my intention that for the present at least they shall remain with her - The Negroes in your own possession you will of course retain at the same hire as the last year, to wit - Nine hundred and thirty dollars. In the absence of actual information of the value of Negroes and observing that the price of Cotton had been high during the greater part of the season I very naturally concluded that an advance in wages ought to accompany an advance in the price of the staple commodity. I am satisfied however with the arrangement that you are giving for them as much as they are worth. The reasons assigned for not having before re-
-mitted the Amt. rec^d of Clements for the hire of the hands