April 8, 1845 1578

Dear Sir

For three weeks past I hoped to have met with you either on the Lafourche or in New Orleans, that we might adjust the small matters in account between Messrs. Butler & Ellis & myself —

~~I let the~~ The written contract before us, is dated the 18th of April 1844 — I stated there a lot of corn estimated at 800 bls, but upon measurement proved to be only 435 bls — at 75 cents bll — The deficiency being 164½ bls ~~at 75 cents~~ = $123.37½ I am to repay. — ~~Mr Co~~ I engaged also to furnish six hands, & Mr Conic ~~[illegible]~~ considering ~~these~~ furnished not the sufficient I requested ~~to hire~~ hire one, which he did at $140 — I way ~~has informed~~ informed me, & now owes further hire $140 — These two items, $123.37½ for the corn & $140 — for the hire of the slave in rolling will amount to $263.37½ —, for which you have a claim against me — —

On my part I have a claim for about $400 against Messrs Butler & Ellis, under our contract ~~they~~ stipulating to matter, cane and to winnow the tops of cane, in good condition, sufficient to plant forty acres of land next year

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