

Natchez Feb. 7th 1833

Col John T. L. L. L.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a draft from the Branch Bank of the United States, at this place on the Mother Bank for \$618.³⁸/₁₀₀. The amount of hire due from Clement to Graves for your request for the year 1832 was \$635. Clement has rendered me an account paid for taxes on the negroes in ^{his} possession for the years 1831 & 1832 - amounting to \$19.50. - The premium paid for the enclosed draft is \$4.11. - These sums deducted from \$635 - leaves \$612.38. To this add \$6. balance due you on the last remittance, ~~which~~ will make the amount of the enclosed draft.

Capt. Clement is a resident of the State of Louisiana, but has a plantation in this State, as also, one in Louisiana. Since the passage of the laws in Louisiana inhibiting the introduction of slaves into that State, I have thought it hazardous to your interest to hire the negroes to Clement, when he avowed the intention of continuing them in Louisiana. He never had my permission at any time to take the slaves into Louisiana, but, previous to the legislation of Louisiana on the subject of slavery, I did not forbid them being taken out of this State, because then I apprehended no danger. Soon after the laws prohibiting the further introduction of negroes into Louisiana had passed, one year's hire of the slaves to Clement expired. The negroes were then in Louisiana, upon the application of Clement to hire them again, I thought the law did