

Jarvis County Ky February 16<sup>th</sup> 1861

Mr Rogers I got your letter on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and I now write to let you know we are all well and so far as we know about the rent here we are not disposed to find fault. (you did not inform us who has Perry and Dick and we are not certain about that part.)

About renting out the different fields, to different men I would just say if you could keep the stock off of it and let it grow up in hog weeds, Briers, and then in Blackjacks, it would be better than to keep up the fencing and rent for less than 2 Two dollars per acre. It will meet my wishes to let all of the farm lie idle now, that you have not rented. You will not understand me as finding any fault to your agency in this matter, but simply making this true statement of the case at this time to let you know that you are at full liberty to let the fields, and all the farm lie idle if it will not rent for enough to pay expenses, and less than 2 dollars will not justify us in keeping it up, to sow oats one cut and take them off and then pasture it down close in the summer and fall is as hard on the ground as tending it in corn. in my judgment, and idleness is better than exhaustion without profit to us.

One matter I wish you to inform me about, it is the Tax - is. I do not know what we are owing <sup>in</sup> barren or what we are worth and I will not give in any thing that is there at all you will therefore give in the Said, Negroes, and Notes, deducting our debts, the Note you hold on me, and all we owe you for services, so that we will not have to <sup>pay</sup> Tax on that amount however small. I did not take down the amount of the hire for the different hands last year and do not recollect that you wrote what B. F. G. did hire for or whether hired Harry out at all. There are so many letters lost now that it is difficult to get a letter from one point to another when it is written and mailed, so you must not get out of sorts about this thing