

Office of S. S. Smith,
Tax Collector, Colorado County,

Columbus, Texas, July 5th., 1883.

Master Lynn Smith,
My Dear Son;

Your kind little favor of the 2^d instant was received upon arrival of yesterday's mail and I was very glad that my little boy had not forgotten his promise to write me and your little letter was read with a great deal of pleasure and now hasten to answer it and endeavor to be good with my promise also - I am truly glad you are having such a good time at your Grand Pa's learning to ride and drive and the many other amusements connected with a Country life - You must continue to enjoy yourself all you can but in the mean time be cautious in ~~not~~ learning these pleasures so as to not spoil the whole thing by any injury ^{to yourself} you must not become troublesome in your numerous wants of your Grand Pa & Aunt Nan & Mamma - You