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Del. 4
For E. Davis Esq
Vicksburg Miss
"Sidw Horro"'

Harrisburg Oct 7th 1866

Very kind Sir,

I have your favor of 4 + 6th inst. I wrote on the 5th but failed to get it on board the boat. We have 2 cases of cholera on hand at present one is Jordan Green and the other a stranger. It seems very difficult to impress it upon many the importance of avoiding all such visits as favors the disease and especially when recovering from a slight attack. As to the rent business it is getting quiet, being but little more I judge to collect. Other parties (white) that had any interest in ^{the} crop here paid their portion - some was paid in cotton, and we have paid \$13,144.⁰⁰ to date. which I think is over $\frac{2}{3}$ the amt ~~likely to be collected~~ ^{likely to be collected} or of the whole amt. ~~but I am not certain~~

Now that they failed to get control of the cotton by their first scheme. Active buyers are canvassing the place which may have no good effect. as it ~~may~~ opens channels for the sale of said cotton by irresponsible parties. The rent & charges for wood has not been paid yet and may not be demanded until Novemb. before which time I hope something may occur to man their claims. Our claims on the ledger are extensive having furnished at least $\frac{4}{5}$ of

The labor on the place, very many strangers included
You may form some idea of what our present engage-
ments are. They, the buyers, have but little to do but
ride around and see what they can accomplish -
we have no such ^{time} just now. In the course of a ^{days} ~~week~~
I hope to be able to see you.

Respecting ^{the future of these} places I am deeply interested,
and wish to see them cultivated in the right manner.
To do which I sincerely hope that the terms can
be such as ~~will~~ attract a due proportion of the
right kind of men. Many inducements have been
and still are offered them, ^{to try the places.} and some left last winter
that I would have been glad to have remained.
There are however some very good men here now and
are desirous of remaining. A moderate charge
may pay in the aggregate much better than a high
one, as it will cause much more land to be worked.
The repairs necessary are extensive. Fences and some
makeshift. Rain sheds all gone. Cisterns out of ~~order~~
merely frame & roof, of stables remaining - ditching
and work on the levee necessary, besides the work re-
quired on the Quarters. The people have raised but
little corn this year, we shall therefore have to buy. Now
if nothing does not conflict with the laws of the State we
would prefer it to ~~share~~ as it would give less trouble to collect.
I would be glad to buy and enter into arrangement
immediately but the price you value it at would I fear
mole me for life, ^{general} the downward tendency in the
price of cotton together with high tax and other

uncertainty makes me at present fear to
venture at the price mentioned.

In a few days I hope to see you when I
can say more.

Mr. J. C. Davis }
Tisbury

Your humble servant
L. G.

Say to Mr. J. D. N.

George Green wrote him by last of
of Lida & or oil. If the letter failed to reach
him George will make all right I will
see that his ac is paid. George is industri-
ously engaged.

L. G.