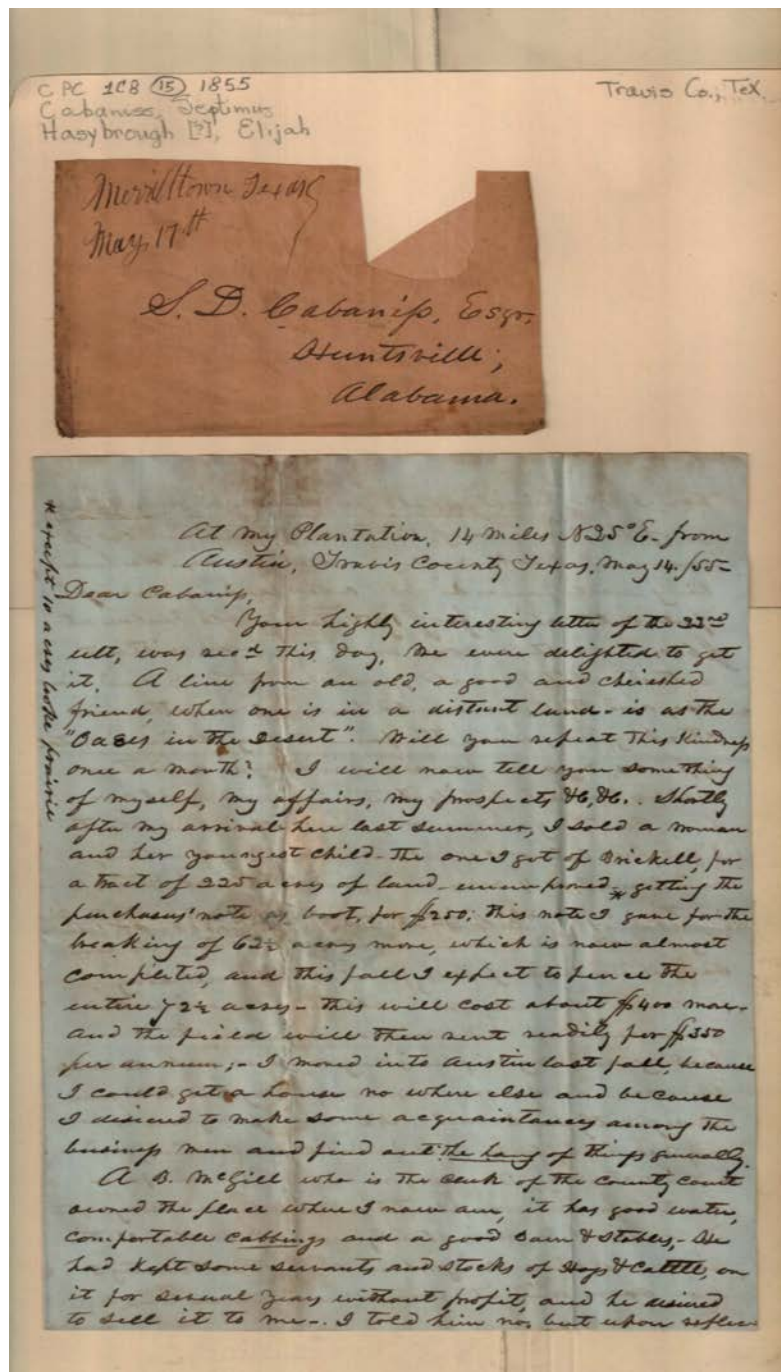


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tion, I told him I would purchase an undivided
1/2 of the same, being 320 acres prairie and 140 of
cedar and P. oak - making in all 460 acres - one hundred
being well fenced with cedar and in successful
cultivation, for \$1750. ^{He} taking old Reuben at
\$600, the rest on one and two years without
interest - that I would furnish two hands and him
two, and that we would be equal in otherwise
stocking the farm - The farm to pay all incidental
expenses, my own provisions included and then
divide the rest profit, to this he agreed, and I am
here, planted 40 acres corn, 8 in millet, 6 in wheat,
(I got here late or I would have sowed more wheat,)
and some 3 or 4 acres in a garden & truck patch.
(sowing a small piece nearby) and notwithstanding
my wheat had no rain on it from the time it was
sowed (the last of Feb) until last Wednesday - yet
it came up well, green all the time and looked
green, even up to the rain on Wednesday, It is now
heading and my neighbors say it will make 20 bushels
per acre - The season was not only dry but cold and
consequently backward - 42 acres of my corn is now
only knee high, looks well indeed since the rain, and
notwithstanding, there was no rain on the land for a
month before it was planted until last Wednesday - yet
it continued to grow, slowly and look well all the
time, such a drought in any other country I
ever saw, and it would never have come up

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and if had come up, it would have died dead
so much for the Black-Land Prairie. The rest of my
corn is a bad stand - but it all looks well. Some
ten days ago, the East winds began to blow, the weather
became Hazy and clouds began to loam up & showers
began to fall - and on Wednesday night last, it
rained in torrents, it rained a great deal and I
think it must have rained all over Texas, we have
had some showery since and it yet looks like
more rain. The old settlers now say that without
any more rain, all the forward corn will make
an average crop, say 30 bushels per acre - &
that the late corn will make a good half crop,
and this, from what I have seen, I believe.

I am on the head of the creek on which Wellbaker
resides, he being 10 miles below me. I like this
up country the best, because the land is higher, lighter
and better, the water much better, and timber and
good limestone rock nearby - and I think this
entire creek (Gilliland?) altogether preferable to the
Wellbaker's creek, on which Parsons and Rector reside
their lands are rich enough, but the water is in-
ferior, and their timber and rock too remote.

I am only experimenting where I am, just
before the rains, when the faces of all looked sad.
McGill told me to be of good cheer, that if I was
in the least disheartened and dissatisfied, that
he would run me all back - that he had
been here 20 years and had full confidence

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in this country, you ask me if I am satisfied,
I tell you no, I am not, and who could be?
without some more early and good and known
friends near them. Yet I now declare to you
that I have full confidence in the country &
that it surely is the most healthful & beautiful
country in the world. Its great want of
commerce & facilities is truly appalling.
My wife joins me in all kindest regards to
you and your good wife, whose health, we
hope may continue to improve - and that
her days may be many in the land of
her choice, wherever that may be, and that
all the blessing known to earth, may
attend you and all of yours - in life
and that we may all meet in that better, not made so the
Remember me (us) in kindness to
all friends - Farewell.

Elijah Hansbrough

P.S. Last fall, in consequence of the high prices of lands
all around and within 20 or 30 miles of Austin, the Emigrants
were principally driven off. The consequence was, that corn
opened at 40 to 50 cts per bushel at the crib and remained
at 50 cts, until about one month ago, when the drought
scarcely many of the oldest settlers - and corn went up
to 75 cts & 80 cts. - Since the rains, I have heard of no sales.
Settling from the up country, high up on the Colorado &
Leona and their tributaries, were the principal buyers.
I paid \$2. per bushel for wheat to sow, and if I had

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