

Raleigh, N. C.,

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J. D. Gaskins,

Tarboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

I went to Bracebridge, as stated in my previous letter to you, and am sorry that you did not come while I was there, as there were many things which needed explanation. One of my first instructions to you when you came to Bracebridge was for you to keep all doors to barns, shop, engine house, gin house, tool room, gear room, etc., locked. This was neglected, and things generally are out of place. You left the tobacco pack barn open and subject to pillage. This, at a time when you and the majority of the hands on the place were moving out, and new ones moving in. In this barn were stored corn-field peas, and I consider your action in the matter inexcusable. Upon my arrival at the farm I had the barn made secure in a few minutes.

Out of 24 sheets purchased for picking cotton, I find only eleven accounted for. What disposition was made of the sheets and sacks used by the wage hands after picking was over?

Your entry on the ledger for William Tatem, March 6th, also April 9th, if correct, does not balance. The account of I. Corbett also fails to balance, though you have balanced that account. Mr. Hearn had nitrate of soda. What was the price charged, and has the same been paid for?

At what place are the Hawkins' cotton seed stored, and is there any distinguishing mark on them?

How much seed corn was sold J. R. Pender, and at what price?

I find a great many things out of place. Of the 10 inch hose I found five in different buildings about the lot. There were two dozen purchased last year. Shovels and pitchforks were also out of place, together with some of the tools which should have been in shop. I find charged on Robinson Supply Co.'s bill, March 26, 1 peck of potatoes, 45 cents, meat, \$1.04. Tarboro Hardward Co, Feb. 1, fire board, 75 cts., Feb. 25, 1 pot \$2.50, July 2, knife 50 cents. How much bagging and ties were originally bought from Fountain, and how much returned? Fountain's book-keeper seems to have no record of it.

How did you adjust matter of hogs in Miles Tatem's corn? Or has it been adjusted at all? Did you collect from Summerlin on account of his hogs being in his corn, if so, how much? I called your attention to this matter. Did you adjust matter with Moseley regarding broken crank to pea huller? I found one of the sprocketts to the pea huller broken off, the hulling left unfinished, and no report whatever made of the matter.

In regard to your claim for freight I stated to you that we would not allow the same, that we could not send out team to Grifton on account of the distance, that all moving was done from the railroad station for you without charge.

Is it not the fact that William Summerlin used potato planting from the bed in the garden, and that you received a part of the potatoes from Summerlin?

You were instructed to come to the house, and instead of this, you left the plantation. We wanted this information at that time, and if you had followed instructions, settlement would have been made at that time. You can readily see that this information is necessary for us. I also gave you an opportunity last week to see me, so that I might straighten up these matters, and make settlement with you. I am anxious to pay you for the last part of the month, which is due on your salary. I will be very glad if you will answer all of the questions and give me all the information possible, so that there can be no trouble in coming at a settlement that will be at least just to you.

Yours very truly,

Geo. C. Carr