

Warren Co. NC

July 15th 1889

Dear Colonel

Yours of the 4th inst
was received last Saturday
I take the first opportunity
to reply. I have been very neg-
ligent in not letting you hear
from me long before this. I was
unfortunate in not meeting with
you last summer, went in to
Warrenton several times when I
heard you were there and each
time you had left. I delayed
writing thinking I would meet
you, before the summer was over

and then Oct 1st you wrote
me that you would be in W
on the 6th and remain till the 9th
I went up expecting to see you
but cousin El told me you
were called off on business, so I told
her that I would write to you
which I am sorry to say, I failed
to do, & I have received no letter
from you until this one written
the 4th July. If you remember I
told you that I rented Bureau's
for 1887 to Robin Williams for
\$50.⁰⁰. Robin went off & left the
place in the latter part of Spring
or early summer & left Moses Ans.
who married his daughter, to carry
on the crop. Robin never returned

I told Moses that I would reduce
the rent to forty dollars. He made
I am sure over two bales of cotton
but no corn & before I was aware
of it he had acted the scoundrel
& disposed of nearly all the cotton
I only got about 400^{lbs} of cotton,
which did ^{not} cover the supplies I
had at him home. I thought of
prosecuting him, but he seemed
so penitent, that I consulted with
our friend J. B. & we agreed that
it was best to keep him. So I
rented him the house & lot last
year for a 425⁰⁰ bales cotton for
his wife to tend, and I hired him
for wages at \$80.⁰⁰ with the
understanding that I was to

resure forty dollan for this
rent of 1887. The bail of cotton
rent for last year I have in
my possession, but could not
resure more than twenty
dollars of his wages, as his
family had nothing to live on.
I have rented to him again for
the same & hired him also, will
krep back the balance due
out of his wages, Hope it will
be satisfactory to you, Crops
with us last year was good &
this year ^{we} find it a hard
matter to get a tenant able
to run a farm, I am as
usual late in settling up
my last year expenses, will
be able to settle the last year
but was right much behind.

to start with, I will go
to Warrington in a few days
I will sell your Blue cotton
and send you check for
the proceeds & the (\$20.00)
twenty dollar also. The note
you hold against me, ought
to have been paid by this time,
but I hope you can give
me an other years indulgence.
& I promise you I will take
it up. With many thanks
for your kind wishes and
hoping the same to you
& yours. With our kind regards
to you & family I am

Your friend &c
R W Alston

May 30th 1889

Dear Col

I wrote the above
some time since but failed
to mail it. Enclosed please
find draft drawn by T. H. P. & Son
on Terryman & Bams for
\$35.59 it being proceeds of the
bale cotton, sent for last year
Will try & send you the \$20.
next Monday. Very truly yours
R. W. Allston