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Bartle, Cuba, Jan 7th -08

Dear Papa

Will try to write you a few lines to night.

Work is just a little slack just now, but yet we have plenty to do. have been very busy, are only working 3 men (Fred and 2 other negroes) We riveted up and put up new 50 ft stack on new poles last week it stands 60 ft from the ground up look rather tall.

Have ordered the pipe fittings mentioned some time ago for the boiler and they should be here very day now.

I have just tallenced up all ledges acct and am sending you the tallences also comparison as to condition Jan 1-08 and Jan 1-09 I have been very carefull in making this estimate and think the net earnings as shown very easily show up

H.W. Lumber is very hard to estimate as it is only about 1/2 in stick and

practically all of it is slats (or
lumber with 1 or both edges bark

However I think it will easily make
out 25000 ft of floor and if so it
could scarcely be replaced for 400%
it is probably 1/2 sawed balance in
Acacia, Mahogany, Mahogany de Cuba, Savina
Maruna, and etc. Estimates on building
and other stock is based on cost of some
or the price we are getting for it. Cost
of ~~supplying to building~~ logs & lumber selling price
to shingle & floor. Walter was not helped
me in getting up these figures He &
Magie seem to have fallen out with
Lula & I quite completely. Relations have
been quite strained and unpleasant by
spells along for several months but
since Christmas they see to be about
at breaking point. I can give you no
reason for this difficulty for I can't find
any. I have listened to some complaints
but find nothing in them I have no
cause for referring to this matter in any
way only that it has reached a point
where for business reasons I should drop
it. I find that there are widely varying ideas
Ideals and ambitions tied up in the business
and that where they cross they clash. I am
perfectly willing to concede to every man his
right I don't ask him to conform his mode
of life Ideas opinions & etc to mine neither do
I propose to conform mine to his farther tho
this I don't know what the trouble is but
think it is time some one was moving on
and think & prefer that I am the man.
I have no fault to find with any one and
think no less of any one for having come here
on the contrary the business

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is doing nicely and I Bartle, Cuba, have often appreciated the trip here but owing to existing conditions it is undoubtedly best for all concerned that I get out

While I appreciate the ~~business~~ ~~opportunity~~ it affords I am powerless to alter the present conditions and ask that you or you and Walter or you my prepri will arrange to take over my part, and this is I think as much or more for your interest as mine

The business is in fair condition ledger will balance or better by the end of the month and I don't see that my getting out need to be of any damage to the business

Statements I am sending you put you in position to know ~~about~~ ^{conditions} about the business that I do. I will appreciate it if this matter may be settled promptly

I have had out of the business in all including \$125⁰⁰ advanced of transportation to you \$454⁰⁰ Walter has drawn since Mar 17th \$429⁰⁰. I am willing to settle up as you may think fair to all concerned.

Mr. Parks was hurried Dec. 31.

fell from his horse dead. had heart Disease,

Trap fruits is quite plentiful now
are having all we can use from the
trees on this place also had a
few very nice oranges.

From enclosing Fannie's pictures
in this Lula forgot to put them in
her letter to Fannie.

Well bed time is here and I
am quite tired so will say

As Ever yours,

Jesse

Dickson Tenn Jan 12, 09 For reply to this I want you all to get to
together and carefully read all the contents and weigh well the
conditions as set forth - If you fail to come to mutual understanding
and agree that you wish to discontinue the business sell the property
out at earliest convenience and return to me the amount of the
investment - with interest - or in other words make good what I have
spent as purchase money I do not want the property for myself
It may be useless to say that I am grieved and much disappointed
at the turn of affairs as I had counted so much on a little business
there with you as soon as I could bring matters to a finish here
My especial wish in this matter is that you all carefully consider
this matter in what you conceive to be your own interests and
act in accordance with any decision you may reach
Knowing full well that there can be no success in the business
without a full and complete understanding by you all I have to
request that as soon as you have all talked the matter over and
decided what you wish to do that you state the case to me
signed by you all that I may know you are all agreed and
ready to say what your wishes are in the matter. If or Crosby