New Orleans
Dec 8th 1852

Dear Bigly

I have just returned from Texas where I went to see about your land. I found your land had been sold for Taxes in 1846 and cannot be got back without a law suit which will cost — something considerable

Your Agent Elijah Mures paid no attention to them I did not see Mures he left ~~Egypt~~ Egypt the place he was living at when you were in Texas and gone West I will give you one hundred Dollars for your Land which will cost me more — than I was to give you for it ~~to~~ even if I gain the suit in court the Land is situated on the Llano up in the Indian Country and not worth much I would rather have the Certificate — than the Land but that cant be got now for the Certificate has been Patented If you will take the hundred Dollars inform Brother Sam who will write to me & I will send you the money immediately Enclosed I send you a Land warrant for 320 Acres for which I will give you twenty Dollars

Your friend

Thos J Powell