[redacted] [redacted] these papers, particularly
Walters, be established and forwarded to me or to him
or their stead, within 60 days from the date hereof,
so that I may have them to exhibit when the letters
of administration are to be granted. Do not fail
on this, as I would be extremely mortified, if, when
called upon by the proper authority, I could only show
an indebtedness of $10,000.

[redacted] few minutes since, a small negro
[redacted] Office, and upon my demanding
of whom he belonged, stated that Col. Woodruff was his
master. I interrogated him closely, and found that his
master has been in this country about three months,
whence he originated from Randolph County
Georgia, bringing with him twenty two negroes great
and small, and that he is the gentleman who
commanded some volunteers during our Indian
war [redacted] 1836. The moment the boy told me to whom
he belonged I concluded that he must be the same
[redacted]
his securities; and believing it might prejudice the plaintiff
[redacted] pending inquiries respecting him, which, if he should
learn it, might induce him to make such a disposi-
tion of his property as would render it difficult, if not
impossible, to make it liable for said demand,
I have concluded to give you this information
for whatever it may be worth, and to avoid any
further proceeding in the matter calculated to
[redacted] the cause until I hear from you again
on the subject. But while I observe silence in
this affair all information that may be obtained
incidentally will be carefully treasured up, until
judgment day when it shall be brought to bear
with all its force and effect against him.

I wrote you fully by last boat, relative
to Gen. A. Rigdon of whom you enquired particularly
but fear it may not reach you, have reason to think that
such a man resides in Eastern Texas, and owns a
large quantity of land. He, after purchasing a
large [illegible] of merchandise without paying for