



Arkansas

24th Dec. 1863

My dear friend:

I have no answer to any one in the Mexican Country, since I was taken out of it, lest I might be suspected of promoting discontent. I did intend, this summer, to have come as far as your house, if no further, to renew old acquaintanceships; but could not manage to do so.

I now hope that the great victory gained over General Rosecranz, by far the most decisive of the war, and the almost total destruction of that Federal Army, will save your country from invasion, and rid Arkansas, also, of Federal troops.

One thing is certain, that the Mexicans have proved themselves the true friends of the true and of an Government, when we have succeeded, does not properly acknowledge and reward their fidelity, it will be very unjust.

I send Capt. Christman, who is staying with me on a horse, to Sherman, Texas, after a wagon and team, which he has kindly offered to go for.

He is a true man, and I take pleasure

and in introducing you to him.

His purpose, in going through the
Chocoma Country, is to engage some ten or
twelve beavers, and if he is able to procure
10,000 lbs of pork in your region, in Decem-
ber. I wish you would give him all in-
formation and assistance in your power.
If I can procure the beaver and hogs in your
vicinity, I shall be glad. Captain Chris-
tman is authorized to close the bargain
and agree on the prices.

Always truly yours

Albert Pike

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