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Capt J. W. Terrell

Dear Sir:

Permit me to renew our acquaintance by troubling you with a few lines. And if I ask you any questions that you do not deem it prudent to answer, I will not be the least displeased if you do not answer them.

Rumor has it that the Cherokees are to draw money in a short time and I suppose you have some correct information on the subject if anyone here has. If you have and it will be consistent with your interests to let me know I will esteem it a great favor if you will do so.

Again – Rumor says you and Col Thomas have brought a large stock of goods. If so could you give me a job in assisting to sell them? I am too poor to buy a stock of goods, but I think I know as well how to sell them as most men in this section. If you have bought or intend to buy a stock of goods and you think it would be safe to trust a part in my hands to sell, I would be very much pleased to see you and make some arrangement to do business for you. I have had a few goods here this summer but not enough to pay me for my time.

The Red String are flourishing down at A. B. Welch's and I learn we are to have a meeting in our neighborhood this week. How do you like the organization?

You will know my sentiments on the subject when I tell you I am just the same in feeling and principle. I was when we parted at Franklin in May 1865. Our cause is temporarily, if not finally lost; but I can never bow submissively to a power that strives to crush and ruin us, and place the negro far above us.

Ruin, anarchy, bloodshed and ten thousand untold horrors await us unless "The powers that be" change their policy, or are thrown out of office and better men take their places.

What I have said to you on the subject of business is between ourselves. If the rumor should be groundless, and you are not going into business, if you can render me any assistance in procuring a situation I will be very grateful. Please let me hear from you soon.

Yours truly

Frank Leech