

Franklin County, Alabama
(near Tusculubia) 12th July 1824.

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I presume from the superscription of your letter (it being directed to Stemsville) that you are not apprised of my having left that section of Country - I have removed ^{ca} ³ seven or five miles lower down the Tenn. river - I am now in the County of Franklin on the south bank of the river at the foot of the Muscle Shoals within four miles of the town of Tusculubia and within eight miles of the town of Florence the part of which is on the south side the river the latter on the north something like Manchester and Richmond in Va. - They are even now places of great trade and considerable importance but are waging an eternal war against each other - which will eventually predominate is at this time uncertain. It is only four miles west of me to the Chickasaw nation - Here are Game and Fish in abundance which may be procured with but little trouble to those who are fond of the chase or at a small expence to those who are fond of hunting. A fine Turkey or Virginia Ham (not Rains Hams as imposed on you) may be

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of Steam boat navigation - The Country is certainly much
more healthy than where we were raised - the lands rich
and fertile in the extreme, and well adapted to the
culture of Cotton which you know is the Staple of our
Country. It is no hard matter to make more than we
can pick out by the next planting time besides plenty of
corn &c. We may be considered nearer market than you are as
it costs us less to freight our produce to St. Orleans than
it does you to Wagon yours to Petersburg or Richmond.

The lands in this neighborhood sold at the land sales at from
10 to 40 \$ pr. Acre - the highest priced lands and of
course the best have reverted to Government under the Act
of Congress entitled an Act for the relief of Land Purchasers
but in fact an Act for the relief of Land Speculators. The
lands so forfeited will in all probability be again brought
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had at fair prices, however there are various opinions on
this subject - great preparations are making and as we get
tolerable prices for our cotton and that in good money,
choice tracts may again go high; however the land jobbers
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Inform me how many children your Wife has their
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Please send your News papers after reading them and
I'll send you mine in return - This keeps us in good
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W. A. Powell

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Addressed to:

Thomas Weldon Powell esqr

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