

Mr. M. Logan
Capt. ~~Rogers~~
in care of Mr.
Bryant Liberty

Logan Series Lake Charlotte Trinity Oct 17. 1836
#15

Logan
to Capt. ~~Rogers~~

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is an order signed William Smith on Mr. Roberts formerly from the Neches near Fort Teran for a certain horse which he describes in said order.

Mr. Mallas had promised me last November to attend to the order without delay, but unfortunately neglected it to the loss of the owner. Mr. Smith after a lingering illness of seven months died in my hospital. I obtained letters of administration on his estate and whilst I was preparing for the pursuit of the horse in question, I was summoned to repair to the field of battle which ended in April last; from that time owing to some unforeseen causes I could not leave home until few weeks past. On going to Nacogdoches Mr. R. not being at home Mr. Bell was authorized to make a demand of the horse in my name which he did. Mr. Roberts told him he had traded away the horse to a Mr. Grigsby.

residing in your neighbourhood: now
from the description I enclose you of this
roan horse and if in the hands of Mr. Grigsby
or any other person you see hereby authorized
in my name to demand and to take the
said describe animal. Mr. Roberts had
no rights whatever to sell that horse. It
was a stray that fell in his possession, he
was times after times told it was Mr. Smith's
property; he knew him not to be his own property
but had a full knowledge it was Mr. Smith's
He never advertised him; he even refused
to give him up to Mr. Belt who had been
requested by Mr. Smith to take him up and even
to demand him from the Indians or any other
person that might have him in their possession

I hope Mr. Grigsby will not refuse in giving
him up to you. I can prove the animal by
more than twenty persons. If I cannot prove
him to be the property of the Estate of Mr. Smith
deceased I shall pay Mr. Grigsby for his trouble in
sending him down to Liberty where I can appear
with the necessary proofs. I wish to avoid law
suits and expenses consequently I would request
Mr. Grigsby to give up the animal upon the
testimonies that are in my power to produce.
Mr. G. cannot in justice keep the horse for it was
not Mr. R's property, it never was even entrusted
to him consequently cannot make it a breach of his

I am sorry he has been deluded by the
bad faith of Mr. Roberts. to him he must
look back for his pay & damages.

Your attention to the above will
be paid and you will at the
same time be conferring
a favour on your very
Respectful friend

N. D. Labadie Adminr.

N.B. The above letter I had directed
to Capt. Rogers, but he not having
returned from Columbia at the
time stated I therefore request
Capt. Wm M. Logan to call on Mr.
Grigsby in compliance with the within
instruction to Capt. Rodgers

He will confer a favour on
his friend

N. D. Labadie
Administrator
of the Estate of
Mr. Smith deceased