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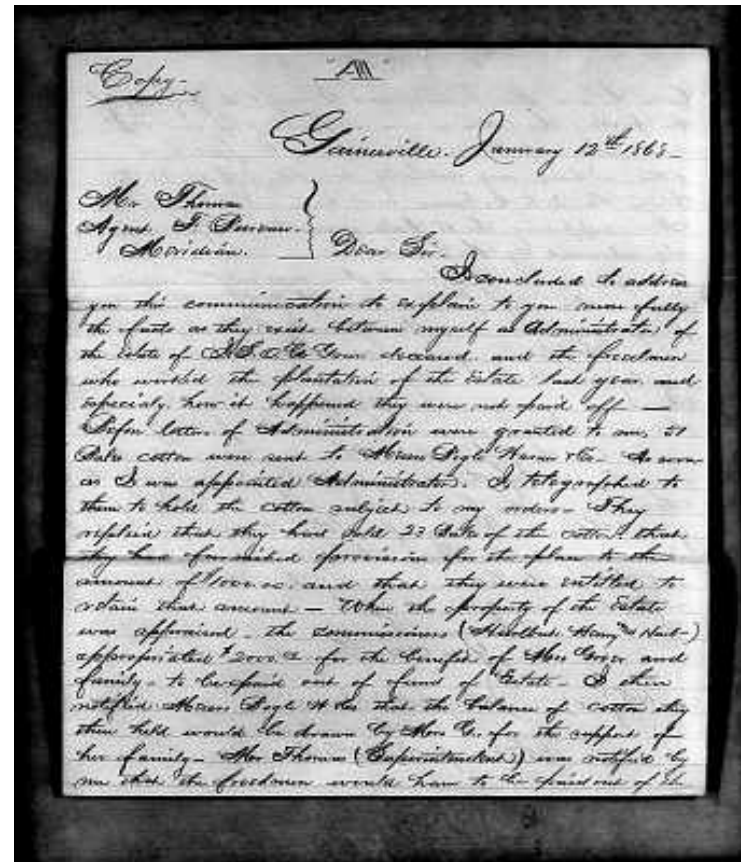
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Gainesville. January 12th 1868

Mr. Thomas  
Agent F. Bureau  
Meridian

Dear Sir,

I concluded to address you this communication to explain to you more fully the facts as they exist between myself as Administrator of the estate of [M.S.O.??] your deceased and the freedmen who worked the plantation of the estate last year and especially how it happened they how it happened they were not paid off. Before letters of Administration were granted to me, 51 bales cotton were sent to Messro Bogle Warner & Co. As soon as I was appointed Administrator I telegraphed to them to hold the cotton subject to my orders. They replied that they had sold 23 bales of the cotton, that they had furnished provisions for the place to the amount of \$1000.00 and that they were entitled to retain that amount. When the property of the estate was appraised, the commissioners (Hurlbut, Henry and Hart[??]) appropriated \$2000.00 for the benefit of Mrs. Greer and family, to be paid out of fund of Estate. I then notified Messro Bogle W & Co that the balance of cotton they then held would be drawn by Mrs G. for the support of her family. Mr Thomas (Superintendent) was notified by me that the freedmen would have to be paid out of the



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