

Jackson Miss Jan 4th 1866.

Dear Mr Shaukey

Mr Bow came over yesterday and advises strongly against attempting to work the Astoria place & consequently I will make no effort to do so this season.

He informs me that Smith reports that you have sold your corn and the place you are on is rented for the year and that you think of moving to the Edwards Depot place. If so, you are welcome to it. I was about to hire an overseer & work it myself or rent it. I will hold on to it until I hear from you. I am looking for Mr Edwards here every day I think that he will give up the Pointe Coupee plantation. There are about 20 hands now on the place of the old stock of negroes, the balance are mostly in Alabama there and I can hire almost all of them either to stay there or come up here. You had better come down immediately & talk over matters and bring Mr Shaukey with you. I wrote you some days since & let you know that that