Austin, Texas,
Jan. 17, 1871.

Dear Sir:—

Inclosed please find Lindsay's check for $350— $250 for the house up county and $100 to purchase material for Hempstead. Please purchase for Hempstead 7000 shingles, 2 doors, 6 pairs of windows and what nails you think may be necessary to build a $1000 house such as Texas usually builds. I suppose the nails should be of different kinds. Your estimate was that it would take about $96 to buy the material and to pay the freight, but I

send $ 100 so that there will be enough. When I wrote I said 200 lbs. of nails. You can buy more or less just as the money may go or as may be required to build the house.

Please ship the material to C. Reynolds at Hempstead - freight paid

I did not receive the bill for the material sent to Shiloh. If you can find it or send me a co. I wish you would as I desire to keep the bills as vouchers to show how the money has been expended should I be called to account.

David Scott (at present here) told me he feared the people up in Zonia would not build the house after getting the material. I

when the lumber &c are shipped you would see them up to take care of it and to build their houses.

I am greatly obliged to you for the interest you have taken in these houses and the assistance rendered, and not only obliged, but I want you to tell me when the thing is through with, or now, how much trouble you have had and I will pay you for it.

Please let me when you ship material to Hempstead and send bills.

Yours in haste

E. B. Bartholomew.

To,

Jno. J. O. Stevenson,

Galveston.

Jan 17, 1871