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Messrs R. Layton & Co

Sir, I have made some very fine locations for your scrip on the San Jacinto & its streams. since which however I have learned, that other Lands of much greater value can be obtain^d by giving a large portion to effect it - a proposition has been made to me to raise these locations & place ^{the scrip} on other Lands. If I will pay liberally for it - two thirds has been given in a similar case, If you are willing to give half to make such a change I will get it done if possible & get as much for myself as I can out of the half.

This proposition is made with a belief that a change can be effected, which is not in my power to accomplish otherwise; If you shall authorize me to give one half please write without the least delay, or I will obtain the patents for the survey already made, which I hope will prove satisfactory

Very Respectfully

Edward Hall
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