

Anderson County Texas March 15th 60
Mr S F Porter

Dear Brother

I sit down to write you a few
Lines which will inform you that
I am well & hope this may reach
you and find you all in good
health I hardly know how to
interest you as I have but little
to write at present we have had
a long cold winter in Texas but Spring
is about to make its appearance again
The planters are getting along very
well with there planting Some are
done planting Corn Some have Corn
large enough to plow Vegetation is
putting forth very rapidly it is
raining to day consequently I am
at home at my old friends J M
Swanson's 4 mile East of Palestine
Mr Swanson is a clever gentleman
and his lady cant be beat in Texas

I have just Eat dinner and I will
tell you what we had well we
had Bacon & greens Mackerel and
lettues Bread & milk & the nicest
Honey Comb you ever see. but to
pass on there was a Shooting affare
took place in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~patistion~~ ^{patistion} last week
between Dr Quarles & Dr woodard
which resulted in the Death of
Dr Quarles & has created some Excite
ment in the community woodard
was held to Bale in a bond of \$8000
for his appearance at the Next term
of the District Court but I must pass
on I have been Distributing Books
since the 4th of Feb & it will take
me till the 10th of Apr to fill my
ingagements here when I get
through here I Expect to go North
as I donot like this portion of time
I think it too fare South for me
to Summer here I would be glad
to see you all, but we are fare A

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and it will be same time
before I will enjoy that privilege
But I hope we will meet again
I am well pleased with Texas at
least as well as I anticipated I find
the people kind and Hospitable
as a general thing you may form
some idea how they treat me when
I tell you that I have scarcely paid
a bill in the last month but
I must hasten on as I have some
several letters to write you
Can tell Eliza that Mrs Swanson
has peas in Bloom Cabbage stands
set out & her garden looks fine
we expect to have peas for dinner
next Sunday in reverence to
business I would say we are doing
business that will pay but times
are hard here & money is a cash
Article The cotton is unsold and
as a consequence money is exceedingly
scarce but I must close my letter

for the want of something to
write you will address me
at Daingerfield Texas as I
expect to go there in Apr give
respects to all inquiring friends
write soon give all the news
how you are getting along how
many tobacco plants you have
and say on write soon write
often I have not received an
answer to half the letters I
have written to you
you will excuse this short
letter for really I had nothing
to write & had it not been that
I thought it duty I would not
have attempted to write better
at this time so no more at
present I am your brother
until Death good by
To J. F. D. J. J. Porter