

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, jr., October 21, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, October 21, 1832.

Private

My D'r Son, On my arival here on the evening of the 19th instant, I had the pleasure to receive yours and sarahs affectionate letters of the 6th and 7th instant. I was truly gratified to learn that every preparation had been made for sarah's confinement, and her health continued good, which gives us a right to hope, of sarahs doing well. I shall be more than anxious to hear of her safe delivery, for which I shall continue to offer up my prayers.

I am happy to learn that you are succeeding so well with the farm but I beg of you to be careful of your health. I am fearful of your exposing yourself to the dews, of which you must be careful. I am pleased that you have got your wheat and rye *well* in the ground and that you have been able to save the two colts—let them remain with their mothers until you get them in good order, then wean them. When you take them from their mothers keep them in a stable for eight days having their water given them in the stable, and out of the view and hearing of their mothers—then have them turned into the lot you intend for them and have the motherless colt put with them and well fed on oats and some corn during the winter, it will require this to give them size from being so bady treated and stunted. They are worth taking care of. sarahs filly and my stockholder you will keep in good order. thro out the winter you must push the stockholder to give her size and in the spring have her

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trained if you can—after the crop is up if you can have her well broke, and give her some short exercise to give her heels, it will be of great service to her.

Major Donelson has written you about your filly—altho she got beat, she has obtained high credit and if she lives will make you a handsome sum of money. I have seen william, he will be with you soon by whom I will write you.

I rejoice that you progress so well in getting your cotton out, I hope it will be a medium crop, keep the hands picking when the weather is good and there are sufficient open, but if leisure will permit have the corn pulled in the field next Col Wards or cany field as a pasture for your Cattle, have your Hoggs put up early so that they may be fatted before the cold weather, fattening none that will not weight 120 lb. keeping all under as stock hoggs by which next year you will have anough of large hoggs for the family. I advised you in my last of the engagement with Mr Dismukes for 10,000 lbs. at \$2.25 pr hundred to be taken on foot and delivered at the hermitage, weighing the largest and smallest and averaging the ballance by them. This will give you a stock of good hoggs that next year with attention, will average 200 round.

I hope from the open fall yr cotton will be more productive than was calculated when I left you—have it well handled and well sunned and dried and sent to markett in good order.