

## Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., December 8, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.**

Washington, December 8, 1833.

*Dear Andrew.* I have received but two letters from you since you reached home. I have wrote you often and would not write now as I am labouring under severe pain of side and breast, was it not that I have just received a letter from Mr. Holtzclaw which gives me reason to believe that there is some difficulty between you and him about an engagement for another year. I have written him that I had authorized you, after you took a full view of every thing to employ him again, but that he could not expect to get more than last year, that no farm in Davidson will justify it, that better to abandon farming than to keep it up for the benefit of an overseer, bringing me in debt, as it has for two years past—That he might rest assured he would not get more.

I have only to add on this head, that if his management has been good, and honest, continue him on the same terms as last year, but no more. This is more than the farm will justify, but as he is there, and the hands accustomed to him, better to continue him than to risque a new one, who might injure us more than his wages. With these remarks I leave you to make the arrangement with him on the same terms as last year, nothing more—it is ample and if he hesitates then employ another, and let him know at once, that if the amount of Pork is not enough he must furnish the ballance out of his own means. We have to buy and pay cash for the Pork. five hundred dollars with the supply of last year is

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extravagant wages and no more is to be given. The price of cotton must fall and when it does it will come down very low. . . .