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Houston Oct 15, 1850

Dear Friend

Yours of the 10 inst has just come to hand and I much regret the inconvenience to which you are subjected as well as my own account as your by that demand old cutthroat Ford says refusing to give up the funds in his possession belonging to your district. In reply to your enquiry as to what course to pursue to compel him to perform his duty is by action upon his bond for a breach of its conditions. By Statute 1850 Chapter 193 Article 8, section 2, it is provided that the Clerks of Court shall apportion and pay out to the several districts according to the number of scholars in each district all moneys which come to his possession for that purpose.

And if when demand made of him by the agent of any district he refuses or does not give up the proportion of such district the only remedy is by action upon his bond

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I much regret also the disastrous
indiscretion of Mitchell Farrell
in not collecting the residue of your
tax for there can be no other reason
than that of arrant cowardice for his
neglecting to do so. And he has subjected
his honor alike for such unwarrantable
neglect. I wish you would see Cagen
and that other job one private Bill
and let me know what they mean by
neglecting so long to pay them on

Trudigan is now at Washington but
as soon as he returns I will avail
myself of an early opportunity
to ascertain about your matter
Write me as soon as convenient.

Respectfully Yours To Service
A. S. Richards

P.S. My remidy is against the District
Clerk J. your order drawn on the
would be against the plantation

MR

M. Corbett
Oct 16-1852