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Letter from Louis T. Wigfall to a T. King in New York, Marshall, Texas, May 17, 1855.

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(Texas) 1855
Marshall May 17,

My dear Sir

I have this moment returned from Rush Cherokee County having been absent ten days or ten weeks. I received yours of the 24th with a copy of letter to Dr. Frick. Your letter has extinguished the last spark of hope for ever left & I return to the practice of my profession. I blame no one for failure, God knows it is not my fault. I have done all that was deemed best & have had to work here alone. If I could have seen you or Mr. Walker or you could have been here as I urged to see for yourselves matters would have turned out otherwise. All that was wanted was money enough to pay off some small debts here & induce the return of the Engineers. Any number of hands could have been employed & paid for in stock

or hands. Dr Pawlker offered
to put 300 hundred hands on
the Road if we would raise
200. I have raised the 200 &
written him, during my visit
to Tyler I saw many persons &
received assurances that 300 hands
could & should be put on the
Road & soon as the work can
be commenced. I do not mean when
Mr Pawlker brings his hands
but as soon as the Board of
Directors meet & the Engineers
are here & the Route ^{is} determined
on. I send you an extract from
the Tyler Telegraph here before you
pardon to see that you may see
that I am not coloring too highly
when I say that reaction has
taken place & I do not hesitate
to say that I have produced
it. It is useless to assume modesty
when it is not felt, I have had
to work alone. You turn this
hunt at my complaints, about
hearing from you. You must
understand that these letters
were written before yours
were received. It has not impeded

It was because I was left without
the information necessary for
a defence of Mr Walker & yourself,
I can surely forgive me for
some little impatience on such
a subject. I have up to this time
calculated certainly on a meet-
ing of the Directors here, & now
it seems that nothing is to be done
till a meeting of the Legislature,
when aid is to be asked. I assure
you that the only answer will
be a repeal of every charter. If
you will come on with only
Directors enough to form a quor-
um all will yet go well. My dear
Sir, I have lately been forced to
speak upon the subject of your
canning & have pledged myself
against all retraction that you
ever canning & going to work. I
have done this in reply to a
Pleas'd state system letter in
which he says, that the plan
of building by canning has
failed. I have said that it
has not failed. That all I asked
was a few friends to show a meet-
ing of the Directors here & the work

going on, Come for God sake let
me fail if I can not & do not
get the honors I pro mize. If you
will run the Road to Jefferson
from the line & thence (a horse
fectly practicable route) between
the Cypresses to Tyler I'll put
500 hands at work by the
1 July, I can add to the 500
300 from Smith. If Mr Walker
will not come, Come your
self; but I think he ~~over~~ ^{over} some
thing to me & should not desert
me now. I have neglected all
other bus'ness. I have visited
Cape, Ashbur, Danala, Rusty,
Cherokee & Smith Counties & de
fended successfully in all of
them. I have seen or written
to G. de Troy, The Clarkeville
Standard, Dallas Herald, Tex-
peran Herald, Tyler Telegraph
have come out in favor of
the Company. The Republican

here is silenced, all is well, The
people are now not only ~~excited~~
~~excited~~ ~~excited~~ but anxious to
put labor on the Road & ~~no-~~
thing is wanting but a meeting
of the Directors for the work
to commence, I do not know
what to add, I have written
& written & to no effect, I tell
you plainly that your pre-
sence is necessary & that nothing
else is necessary, If you have
been forced to sacrifice all your
pecuniary interest in the con-
cern it is but a temporary sac-
rifice, come on and com-
plete the organization & your
Salary as Director or President
if Mr Walker will resign or
I hope he will not will more
than compensate you, I would
not write you with the confidence
I do if I did not know that
I can do what I promise, If
you will come on as soon
as you receive this you will
be here during our Council & there

could be no better time for the
meeting. I shall not intimate
to any one my change of plan
till I again hear from you
or see you. I suppose your things
look very different now from
what they did when I reached
home from Maryland. Let me
again beg that on the result of
this year Mr Walker & Gov
Pleasant will at once come on.
If you do we can not twice
not fail. We will bring out a
Candidate for Gov against
Pleasant on his state system &
can beat him in August, but
every thing depends on having
them bring down now. I have
all along felt the difficulty
of communicating by letter.
If you will only come on here
you will see that I am right
& that all is well. If you will
not I can not help it & must
submit with such patience as
I can to fortune of all my
promises & predictions. I am
convinced in great haste. In hope
of fitting this in the world.

right. If I can not I will
send it by a paper to be
mailed in the way. If you
could know what I have done
the promises I have made, the
confidence that has been re-
established you would excuse
any apparent heat or imbu-
tion of exasperation. Let me beg
you to believe that I am sin-
cerely your friend & that I have
been doing all in my power
to put you right before this
people and that I have suc-
ceeded. Nothing is now wanted
but that you should be true
to yourselves & you will suc-
ceed in this great undertaking
& will get all the credit for
the success. I shall go over
to Jefferson tomorrow morn-
ing to see I sawick & by him
to strike out the latter part
of your letter & him about
delay or application to the
Legislature for aid. He will
be death to the undertaking.
Let us go to work & when
that is done we can af-

forward if necessary. I must
conclude. Presenting kindest
regards to Mr. Walker & believe
my very truly
Yours friend
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