

Office of Tucker, Harker & Buchanan,
Attorneys at Law,

Okolona, Miss., April 4th 1872

Gen. Patton Anderson

Dear Sir:

I desire if you can do so, that you take charge of my herd of cattle, and I leave the whole matter with you. As to what I shall get & will be satisfied with whatever you may do. Keep them for me until Fall. I do not want the, to be an expense to me of course during the time. If you conclude to take them I will give you an order for them. You can get them now or wait until two weeks when grass will be better. I assure you they will be in bad-plight. They have been used to warm & dry shelters and food – and to an extreme Southern climate and this winter they have no shelter scarcely - & little or no food. You need not expect much of them. Just do the best you can with them if you take [them]. My KY bull died. Let me hear from you.

Your friend,
A.T. Harker

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