

**Andrew Jackson to James M. Parker, May 11, 1844,  
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by  
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1 Overseer on his Mississippi plantation.

Hermitage, May 11, 1844.

D&apos;r sir, This will be handed to you by Mr. A. Jackson jnr, who I have requested, as I now do you, to make out in writing, under both your signatures the real situation of the plantation as to its liabilities. If any debts due, how much, and on what account, and to whom owing. I have read your several letters with attention, from all which I conclude you have a fair prospect of a good crop.

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I regret to see that your supply of corn is nearly out. Mr. Jackson [will] take you a supply with a counter wheel for your mill, which I hope will fit your Funnel head, already in the mill, the rounds of which, were made by the same hand that made the one here. It is bad oeconomy not to raise corn enough. when you have no corn your hoggs will go wild, and to raise cotton to buy corn and pork with is bad oeconomy. I convinced the cotton growers in alabama since of this. I allways had made on A. J. Hutchings farm and my own, plenty of corn which made plenty of Pork, and besides as many bales to the hand as my neighbours did, allway planting as much cotton as the hands, in due season, could pick out. Take this hint in future, recollecting that one barrel of corn raised on the farm is worth one and a half of corn shipped.

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My health would not permit me to go down this spring, but if I live to october next I will try and see you etc.

I refer you to Mr. Jackson for the news of this country, of crops etc etc and remain very respectfully yours,