

Edwardsville Ala

April 3rd 1874.

Hon. J. H. Caldwell

Dear Sir, We have
rec'd notice through the P. O. Department, of the estab-
-lishment of several post routes from this place,
and one from this place via, Rosewood, Oak-
-Level, Coontley, Rabbit-Town to Jacksonville,
You will see at once that this route will not be
of any benefit to any persons & corsets, as there is
now a route passing and supplying every office on the
route, we have supposed there was a mistake in
getting up the route from here via Oak Level
to Secumseh, this route would supply a thickly
settled community between here and Oak Level,
and all of Terrapine Creek, in the Wheeler and
North Alexander Settlement. We desire that you
look into this matter and have the route changed
from here via Oak Level to Secumseh -
then there will be at least two new offices es-
-tablished on the route. This route is ^{of} great
benefit to us at this place as well as the upper portion
of this County in communicating with each other,
and now all communications per mail must pass
round via Jacksonville - if you desire any
further information let me know.

I received your package of seeds, for which
you have my thanks as well as of other friends,

If it is not too much trouble
I would be glad that you could get and furnish
me with a copy of the Instructions of the "General
Land Office" in regard to perfecting titles to Home-
stead entries - I desire to perfect some now -

Also has the bill passed and been approved
allowing final proof by the party entering to
make Affidavit before County Officers -

Well Col! the Campaign is opening
a little here, Hon W. C. Hummel & Post Owen?
are in the field for Probate Judge - in this County.
Post is holding his head up ~~as usual~~ exceeding
a good row, Cleburne will tilt the news
in soon all right,

We expect you to spend one week in
this County next fall - without fail - when
I see you can explain - make your arrange-
-ments to do so if possible -

Very Respectfully
& truly yours
L. J. Burton



Hon. John H. Caldwell, M.C.,

Washington
D.C.