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Answered by  
Franklin's remarks to  
the April 1848  
E. C.



Little Rock  
Arkansas

3rd April 1848  
Robert J. Cook  
to  
A. M. C. W. H. H. H.  
Arkansas

Falbotton Falbot County Georgia

Dear Sir,

having a desire to remove to the West and wishing to become in possession of such facts as may be necessary induces me to trespass on your time and patience

In a late publication of your letter dated at Little Rock, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 47 to a Settler in Indiana; you state that donation Deeds will be given to virtual settlers 100 acres for each man and also 100 for each one of his children: if the good land are not all taken up and the same offer continues up to this time; I would remove to that State in order to procure suitable homes for my children — will you be so kind as to advise me in what portion of the state I would be most likely to find health, good land, good water, and a good winter range for Cattle and hogs; near some navigable water course.

(I am aware that these advantages combined are rare ly to be met with) If I should wish to examine lands this side of Little Rock how will I ascertain which lands are donated, and which are not — (I suppose a list of ungranted Lands may be procured at the Land Office if so what with it Post, (Postage included), forwarded to this place what is the whole expence for donation letters; at what time is it to be paid; where does the most of the lands lay now to be donated — See single men or widows with out family entitled to Land by settling the same — If you will

have the kindness to answer my letter at the earliest opportunity you will confer a favor that shall be gratefully received and duly appreciated.

Wm. E. A. Conway  
Auditor of State

Very Respectfully Yours Most Obedtly  
Robert S. Castens

Could I spare Sand for a time by going on and putting up a house and remove my family a few months afterwards -

Robert S. Castens  
100 N. 3rd St  
St. Louis, Mo

Delivered to  
Mr. J. B. ...  
St. Louis, Mo