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Executive Office
Little Rock Ark
July 4th 1857.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 1st inst. reached me by last night's mail, only a few days previous to which I had received the "Ordinance" of the Board of Commissioners, fixing the price of all the Swamp and overflowed lands within the State, at fifty cents per acre.

In view of the importance of the subject, and the responsibility resting upon the Executive, I am unwilling to act precipitately; yet I see no impropriety in communicating to you my present impressions; I may therefore say that if the views I now entertain in regard to the spirit and intent of the law, are not changed by further investigation, I shall be constrained to reject or disapprove of the ordinance.

With high respect I am &c.

Jno. P. Hawkins
Gov. Little Rock
Swamp Land Commr

Copy of letters
Gov. Taylor
of S. Comm
Jno P. Hawkins