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Helena February 5th 1838

Mr. E. Conway

Dear Sir,

I had, some months ago, presented me, from the Sheriff of Custer, a receipt for taxes purporting to be for all lands entered by me in the name of James Erwin, without designating the description of the tracts, rate per acre or charge of County or State; giving only the an in the aggregat, and a specific amount of Cash. The latter being much more than the law will allow, and, I think, more than he is charged with, in your Office, I am compelled to take in his unlawful receipt, or investigate the matter, and I can say without a blush, that I chuse ^{not without cause} the latter - and to begin this, by the right end." I am under the necessity to request of you (officially) an abstract of all lands in the name of James Erwin, and all those in the name of James Shelby, each tract described, with the n.º of acres and charges of each annexed, as charged to him (Sheriff of Custer) in the Book returned to your Office from that County for the year 1837 - I do this more to have things done in the right way, than to save money -

H

1838
 of Helensburg
 James Erwin
 to E. Conway

PAID
 H
 Elias Conway Esq -
 Auditor of Arks -
 Little Rock
 Arks



Your early compliance with the foregoing request
will greatly oblige you

Obt. Servts.

Ans. A. Craig

Ans Ennis — 5278.⁰⁷/₁₀₀ acres at \$8. per acre

\$ 42,224.⁵⁶/₁₀₀

\$ 105.56 proper amount of State
tax

Ans Hulby 1120 at \$8. per acre = \$22.40

Answered 12 February 1838

E. C.



Ans Ennis
Ans Hulby
Ans Craig
Ans...