

Dear "Tom"

Fort Gibson March 30, 1874

Yours of 4<sup>th</sup> was recd just as I was off  
for Bolivar Co. where no Court was held on account of  
"high water" only one Grand Jury arrived - on Tuesday -  
I note what you say in regard to that  
Church. The Episcopalians have been using it & keeping  
it in repair for a long time - They have no Church -  
and their leading members being composed of ex Confederate  
Officers are too slow to build one. I go there when I go  
any where, and Mr Hunter agreed with me to let them  
have it, & said he did not want the repairs to have it.  
And then, without notice to me or any one there, he applied  
to the Legislature to authorize him "as Surveyor General to sell it."  
I can not understand it - and if it is to be sold - I do  
suggest that Mrs Posey and Mrs May Casper re-  
ceive the shares of Judge N. S. Taylor & D. Wilson two  
of the parties - the Corporation being extinct for the  
past 20 years.

Of course many of us would wish to take it away  
from a professing Christian Church of white people  
to give it to the negroes, and I know you could  
not have been aware of the true state of the case,