## Albany,

Da von blefer Gegend lange nichts im Bolloblatt zu lefen mar, fo will ich einmal von bier berichten,

Cotion mirb birt & bis 1 Ballen jum Ader gemacht. Das Sofuft ift, bei wir jeht Militär und eine Mufilenelle baben, benn be geht bes Pfleden beffer; fonft femen bie Cotton nicht beraus. Bir haben jest zwei Gins, jebe mit vier Ständen, Die tonnen es feum foeffen. Bei ber fameden Befieblung mitte et febr aut, wenn nod mehr Deutide bere Teufende Familien gutes Land, mes nur auf ben Bfing wertet, ber bie God. be aus bem Boben gieht. Dier glebt es leine Bollwervil, audfelten einen Corn Beevil. 34 bebe ber Goin gefeben, welches zwei Jahre in ber Crib mar und nod feine Bernel hatte.

Bir haben hier ein Coulhans gebant, in melden jest Befor Diller Soule und Unterricht belt.

Das haus für herrn E. Befufein von Corpus Chrifti, meinen Racher, ift feht fertig und wir erwarten ihn febe Bode. 34 haffe, bag es ihm bier fo gut gefällt wie mir und meiner Familie.

## Albany

Dear Readers!

Since there has not been anything in the *Volksblatt* from this area, I will give a report.

We get about ½ to 1 bale of cotton per acre. The good thing is we now have the military and a music band here, which really helps the cotton pickers, otherwise the cotton would not get picked. We have now two cotton gins each one with four stands, and they can barely handle all the cotton. Since the area is so sparsely populated it would be good if some more Germans would settle here. There is enough good land here for thousands of families, which only waits to be plowed to render the treasures that are hidden in the soil. There are no Bollweevils here and seldom is there a corn weevil. I have seen corn here which had been kept in a corn crib for two years and still did not have a corn weevil in it.

We built a schoolhouse here. Pastor Muller is the teacher.

The house for Mr. E. Bernstein from Copperas Cove, my neighbor, is now finished and we await his arrival weekly. I hope he will like it here as well as I do and as well as my family.

W. Grothe

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