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Petersburg, May 28<sup>th</sup> 1860.

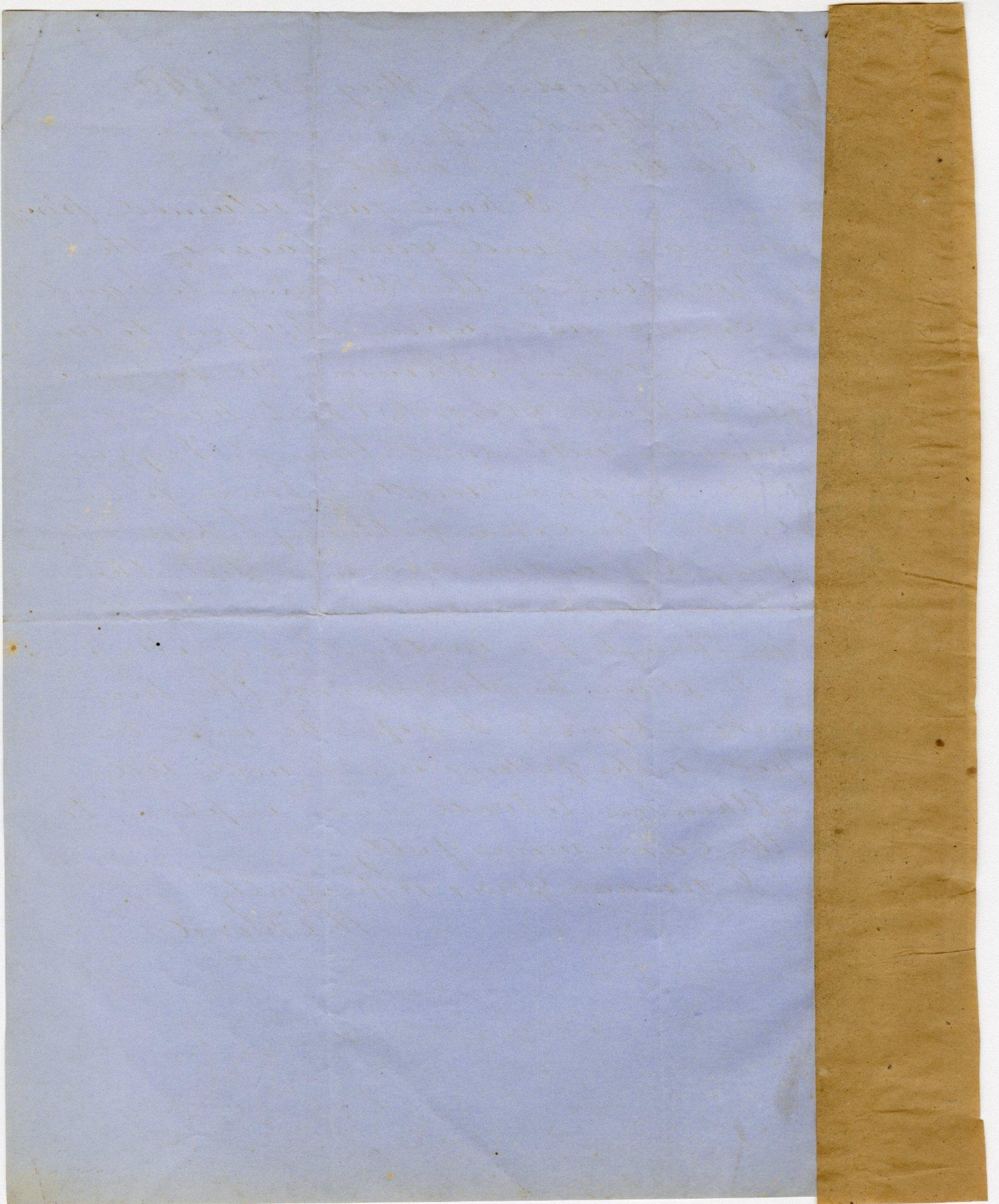
Chs. M. Blackford Esq

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from Chattanooga and find your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. Your first of the 5<sup>th</sup> came to hand in due course and upon applying to our Baggage Agent, Mr. Atkinson, he informed me that Patrick Driscoll's chest had gone on by mistake with some through baggage and that he had written for it to be sent back. In coming through Lynchburg yesterday he informed me that the chest had arrived - and as it had gone on through the attention of Mr. Driscoll to claim his baggage at the time he reached Lynchburg I hope he will be satisfied with getting it. I will tell Mr. Atkinson to call and explain to you the case more fully.

I remain yours respectfully,

H. D. Bird.



Am. A. S. M. G. H. May 31/50

C. M. Blackford Esq

Dear Sir - Since I saw  
you from arrangements that have  
been made the closing exercises  
of Am. A. S. M. will come off on  
25 June (in place of 24 Sunday)

The Masonic fraternity will  
be out - in regular a Masonic  
address will be delivered and  
also an address on some ~~literary~~  
literary subject -

The Board would be glad  
to see you to deliver the latter.

Make an effort to be pres-  
ent - It might be worth  
some fee to you - I will  
take it as a personal favor  
if you will attend & make  
a speech on this occasion

Let me hear from tomorrow  
morning if possible

Wm. Robin Ferry

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Office of the Mut. Ass. Society  
Richmond 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1860.

Chas. M. Blackford Esq -  
Lynchburg - Dr. Sir,

Your favor of 23<sup>d</sup> is at hand,  
with a declaration, in due form by Mr. St. D. Flood  
& your Check for \$96.<sup>00</sup>/100. For your compensation  
in cases of Valuation or Revaluation at the instance  
of the owners of property, I refer you to Art 5 Sec 11.  
p 7. & to Art 12 Sec 2 p 17 of By laws. These fees are in  
lieu of any Compensation by the Society; [See Art 10. Sec  
3 & 4.] You are entitled to a fee of \$8.00 from Mr  
Flood instead of a Commission from the Society, only  
allowable on additional premiums charged on  
our bills of quotas. I therefore return your  
Check & will thank you to substitute another  
for \$101.<sup>00</sup>/100 the premium. Enclosed is Policy  
No 864 A.

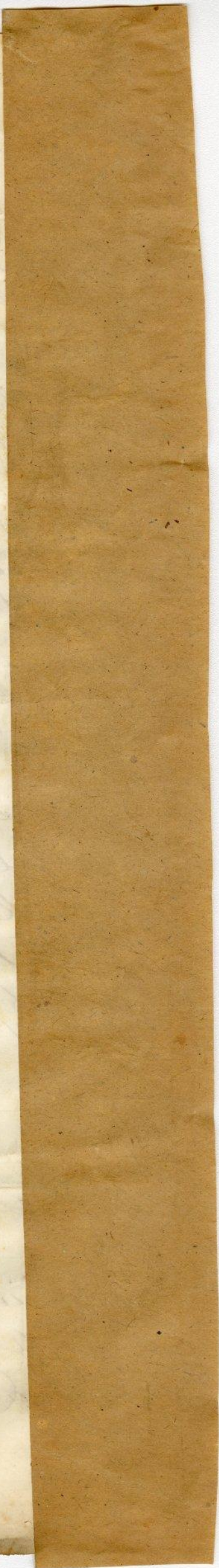
Yours very resp<sup>y</sup>  
J. P. Danforth  
Chas. M.

P.S.

I beg leave to refer you to Mr. Halliwell's letter  
of 13<sup>th</sup> inst, particularly to his remarks in regard to Mr.  
Storvell's bill, which we would be glad to have investi-  
gated and understood -

J. P. D.

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Appomattox Va.

Aug 23. 1860

Chas. M. Blackford

Dr. Sir,

Mr John S. Bap informs me you have in charge to obtain & pass to me title to an outstanding ninth of the land in this county on which his father D. O. Bap lately lived, formerly of the estate of Hardin Woodroof & which is said to be in the children of Martha Phillips dec<sup>d</sup> who was daughter of Betsy Woodroof a daughter of said Hardin.

My brother on my behalf contracted to buy the entire tract as I understand from Mr D. O. Bap & his sons last fall they to make a title. But now Mr John Bap says they cannot appresent make title to a ninth for the reasons I have mentioned above. I am willing to pay the purchase money for that portion to which they are able to make title now, provided I am not to be put to any expense and needless delay in regard to the residue; & provided I am assured it will not cost me more than its proportion of \$1000. They refer me to you as having that matter in charge. Please give me information by Monday morning

mail on Monday is the day set for acting  
the matter.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

W.P.B.

Apprentice W.P.

Aug 23 1850

Blackford

Dr. Sir

Mr John J. Bap informs  
I have been in charge to obtain  
your title to an undivided  
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Bap lately being  
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of said  
my brother on my behalf  
to keep the entire tract  
from Mr J. Bap & his  
to make a title. But  
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Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

My Dear Sir

Expecting to go to London by the first of next month, I enclose you the within plats by which to make deeds, & also wish you to execute deeds for those which you took from me with you. You have a memorandum of prices & I have endorsed these so you can see how to charge me. The money is not all due nor can it all be collected now but some of it is & one (Old Tomlin's) has been paid for by the colt. While executing one it is as easy to make all & I retain them of course until the money is all paid up. You will find three plats in one package all for one deed to Messrs B Truett who has become the purchaser of all of them & has paid for part. I have several other plats here for sales made but thinking some may have to be sold over again it is useless to make deeds yet. I am sorry my chance for selling the River farm has not improved since I saw you. Mr Green has now replied to my letter.

I hope she has more truly recovered her health & Annie has taken Bettie down to Louisa for a few days. Aunt Lucy talks of leaving for Amherst on Friday next where she expects

then I shall be the intended doing so.

to be joined by her daughters & son Geo who have  
been very sick in Fauquier.

I have reced no offers as yet for my land nor  
indeed has any one been to see it. I have seen  
an advertisement in the Whig.

Dick leaves for Loudoun tonight & may take  
a trip to Indiana from there with his brother.

I should like to visit Ky. this fall with Mr. Leig  
to look at the land we are interested in there but

I am really too poor to raise "the needful" for the  
expenses. My wheat crop the sowing of 240 Bu  
with \$500. in Guano makes less than 300 Bu.

My wife & I have been exceedingly bothered with  
the Sewing Machine which has refused to sew for  
3 weeks. I supposed it to be the Loop Check & made  
several new ones but without improving it at all.  
At length I found it was owing to a crooked  
or too flexible needle which in thick cotton was  
turned out of its course & failed to draw up the  
lower thread. A stronger one with the new check  
brought her to rights immediately. I was two weeks  
trying to solve the problem.

Our prospect for a corn crop have very much  
improved since the first of Aug. but it will be  
a short crop at best. Tobacco about 3/3 of a crop.  
Lett's scandal letter to Annie has never  
reached us as Annie failed to enclose it in

Chas. M. Blackford Esq.  
Lynchburg.

Office of the Mut. Ass. Socy.  
Richmond 1<sup>st</sup> May 1860.

Dear Sir,

Having received no reply to my letter to you of 27<sup>th</sup> ulto, I beg leave to request your early attention to the revaluations therein requested of the buildings of Mr. Boyd, Mr. Arthur Moon, and of Mr. Medad Lyman & Miss Jane Simpson. Policies which have been written out and ~~to be issued~~ ready to be issued, but will bear a subsequent date to those abovementioned, are now retained until they can be properly numbered; and this cannot be done until declarations of prior date are recorded, numbered &c. We desire all of the Lynchburg declarations under the recent general revaluation to be recorded and numbered at the same time, and would thank you to let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very respectfully  
J. Rutherford Pr. Sgnt.



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Pike Co. Mo July 24. 1860

Dear Sir

I embrace this opportunity to inform you that I am well and hearty hoping those few lines may find you enquire the same I landed home safe within three days and knights please wind up my bisnes as soon as possible and send mee the remains of which is coming to me according to my directions when I was there in your office last also enclose when was there a note colig for 25 Dollars in a letter on Brother please collect it and send it to me soon as you can I guess you will find it at the post office and please rite me word how unkle Bass is whether he is alive or not I have nothing more at present

only I wish to remain  
your friend

please rite to me  
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Federal Hill

Aug - 9<sup>th</sup> - 1860 -

Enclosed Mr Blackford will  
please find the Memorandum  
referring to the Bells I wish to  
see - He can use his own con-  
venience about it - but when pro-  
cessed, please hand them to me -

Respectly

Lucy W Oley.

Chas Blackford Esqr.

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Am. Soc. Am. C. H.

Jan 6 1860

Mr. B. Esq

Dear Sir - You wished  
to know what subject we wished  
you to speak on. The selection  
of a suitable subject will be  
left to yourself. I hope you  
may be able to come -

Yours Truly

Wm. Robin Terry