

53 Exchange Place, New York,

14th November 1865

Charles M. Blackford Esq

Lynchburg

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 9th inst, and Mr. Thomas C. Nash has also shown me your letters to him of the 7th & 9th idem.

On the 25th day of April, 1864, Mr. Nash released and assigned to Mr. Charles H. Reid, all his interest in certain assets of the firm of Reid & Nash, with the usual power to Reid to sue as he might be advised, in his, Nash's, name or otherwise.

As late as the 3rd instant, Mr. Nash did not know that suits had been brought on any of the claims released to Reid. On that day I, as attorney for Reid, wrote to the following parties at Lynchburg, asking payment of their dues, namely, to Alexander Pamplin, Charles Scott, Langhorne Scott,

Horner. Of course, if any of these parties
make fair propositions of settlement, which
your judgment are the best that their
and ability enable them to offer, you may
until you hear from me with respect
them. Mr. Reid considers his claims under
and no deduction based on any question of
their regularity would be made; but I do
not suppose he would be hard on any one
who was doing his best.

I will send you on the enclosed
Copies against Pamplin and Horner in
day or two. You have been sufficiently
informed of the position of these claims
under any explanation from me would
say.

Mr. Wash asked me to enquire
in an action by the Bank of the Republic
of this City against Lauchman Heath, if
money has not been recovered.

Asking you best assistance in
these matters I am
very faithfully
Yours
T. D. Hall

James D. Horner, and R. G. H. Keen.

Since then advice has been received from you that your had been brought against you at these parties, and that the claim had been placed in your hands against 'Thompson'.

I have to say at once that you must see your disclaim as to the suits in which to bring suits. As in your judgment the State Courts are the better places for bringing them, by all means continue as to the suits already brought, in the State Courts, and bring any future ones there. Reid and West are both Virginians - both have been in feeling with their State during the last few years, and I suppose would stand as well as residents in your County, should they ever descend to the consideration of any thing else than rights and justice between the parties.

Mr. Root has no interest in these claims, which he has released since we are to Reid at the time above mentioned. He

wishes to be in appearance as he is already unconcerned in these claims. In any future action to be brought, you will therefore if your practice makes it expedient, bring them in Reid's name, and you may communicate with me respecting them hereafter. Mr. Root is on the spot and can always inform me of any thing relating to the subject matter of your communication. I have heard from Mr. Keen, and do not think his a case to be pursued. He speaks of some understanding with you, either of course he does good. I will send an copy of his account shortly - the amount of this, if correct, he may as well admit.

I enclose the enclosed copies of account against Charles West, and Thompson's part, which you will see for. You can see how they state the progress of the transaction, on which the recosting is decided next account.

You will please see the proceedings against Alexander Thompson and James D.

THOMAS D. HALL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

November 17 1865

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 14th inst forwarding extended accounts of Charles H. Reid's claim against certain parties at Lynchburg.

I now forward accounts against other parties there with which please do the needful, leaving Mr. Keam in abeyance just now. Get him however to admit its correctness.

Some of the accounts forwarded by me are not brought down to July, 1865, when they were all last rendered, and which

THOMAS D. HALL,

represent the amount of our
present claims. These accounts,
extended and continued to
July, 1865, have however, I am
informed, already been forwarded
onwards to, You.
Hoping to hear that you
have been fortunate in Collec-
ting these various claims,

I am faithfully &c

T. D. Hall

Charles W. Blackford Esq

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the reverse side of the paper, likely bleed-through from the other side.]

Winchester Va.

Nov. 17. 1865.

Chas. M. Blackford.

Atty at Law. Lynchburg. Va.

Dear Sir

I send you a small claim against a Mr R. S. Hunter who lived in Lynchburg before the war. It is probable some of his family or relatives still reside there & may settle the bill. He stated before his death that he was in good circumstances. He was murdered near North Mountain in Berkeley County in the year 1862. Mrs Brown kept a boarding house there & Mr H boarded with her as you will see by his note. Ascertain whether the money can be made & let me hear from you. Mrs Brown writes that she is in great need of the money.

I enclose her letter & a lock of the young man's hair. If you can't hear any thing of the family, return the papers to me. Mr B states that H. was very well acquainted with Dr Slaughter who might tell you something about the case. If you can collect it - retain your commission & remit the balance to me by mail.

Very Resp.

Yours truly

R. W. Hunter

Wm. L. G. 1841

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter of the 10th inst. and was glad to hear from you. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I have been thinking much of late about the future and the way in which I shall spend my life. I have not yet decided upon any particular course, but I have a strong inclination to follow the path of duty and to devote myself to the service of my fellow men. I have also been thinking much of the dear friends who have been separated from me, and I long to see you all again. I have not yet written to you since I left home, but I have been thinking of you every day. I have also been thinking much of the dear friends who have been separated from me, and I long to see you all again. I have not yet written to you since I left home, but I have been thinking of you every day.

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Yours affectionately

Wm. L. G.

Richmond, Va.

Nov. 18th 1865.

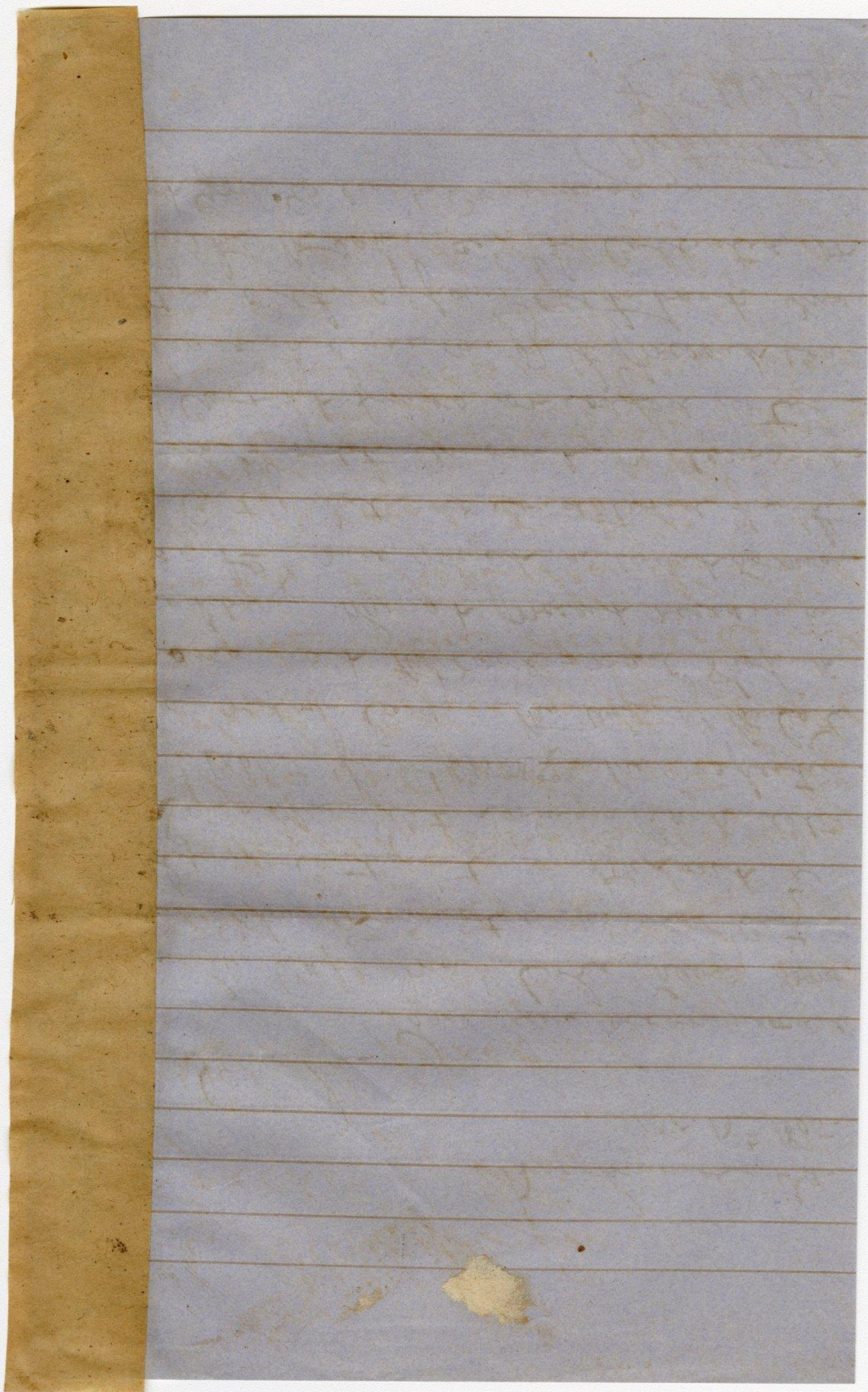
Dear Sir,

I have been recommended to you by Capt. Frost, Coke, having some business to be transacted in your City - I hold a Certificate of Deposit of the Lynchburg City Savings Bank, dated July, 1864, for \$1500⁰⁰, the property of a widow lady, the wife of the late Foreman at the rail-road shop, in Lynchburg, who at present resides in Raeford and much in want of money.

The Certificate is conditioned for the payment of the amount on demand, "in current funds, or Couped notes".

Please advise me of the present condition of the affairs of the bank, and whether the same can be collected, or not from earliest convenience.

Respectfully
H. S. Hobbes



(Copy)

Richmond Oct. 21st
Ms.

Chas. M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg Va.

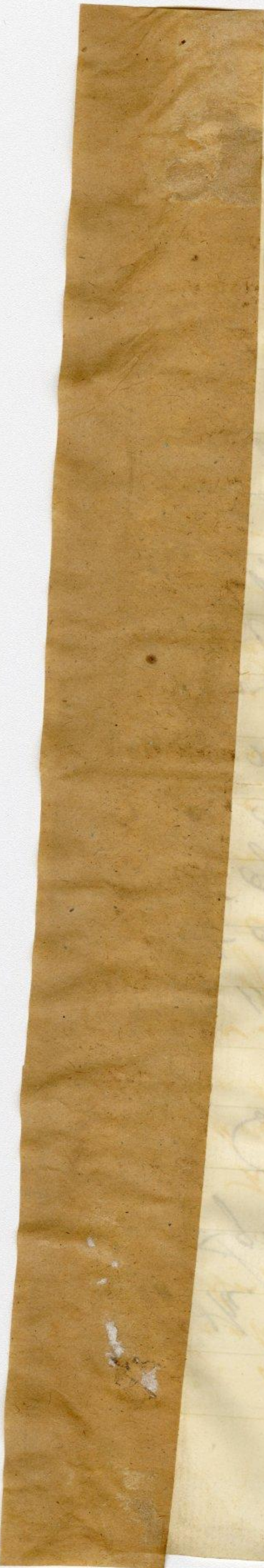
Dear Blackford:

Your letter of the 16th
inst. was received in the afternoon of the 19th.
I first attempted to make inquiry of at the Mar:
Shal's office but could not get in there. There
is no clerk's Office of the U.S. Court here. I
have made three distinct attempts to get the
information from the R. F. & P. R. Co. Company
& finally succeeded today. They inform
me that no proceedings have been taken
against the Stock of your uncle Dr. Lewis
W. Minor.

My love to Mr Blackford and family

Very truly Yours

H. A. Mearns



The following is a list of the names of the
 persons who have been appointed to the
 various committees of the Board of
 Education for the year 1899-1900.
 The names are given in alphabetical order.
 The names of the members of the
 Board of Education are given in
 italics. The names of the members
 of the various committees are given
 in plain type.

Richmond Nov. 9th 1815.
Chas. M. Blackford Esq.
Squibbony Va.

Dr. Blackford,

Yours of the 7th inst
is at hand.

Upon reference to my letter book find
that on the 21st of Oct. I replied to your
favor of the 16th of that m^o. A
copy of my reply I enclose herewith.
I regret the micamop of the original
"George Washington" I do not know
& consequently it is not in my power
to answer your queries touching
him.

I hope you are all getting on well
and prosperously -

I always send our letters for Carr
Wat to Mr. Putnam Waring Esq. - How-
ever St. New York and he forwards
them. I should not advise you to
put a letter in the mail directed to
him. - I know not what the postage
is on letters to him -

Cousin Anne & party have a
safely and are staying at the
of Mr. Thomas Bodd, ^{at} Biskew
It is now highly probable that
that will not have to embark
England before next May. I
very much that he will direct
family to join him in these
Dick & Sue have arrived in
My love to Mr. Blackford & the

Very truly Yours

N. A. Ma

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C 13 Blackford Bay

I wish you would meet
me in Stambur on Friday the
17th inst - I have written to Jones
and Colston to meet us there

Yours

Jan G Pender



my small concern in the matter, but on
the contrary was rather desirous to enlarge
it, and I therefore agreed with Parson
to take from him as much in addition
to my existing share, (which is equal
to about 44 1/4 acres), as will make it
over, at the same price so was paid
for the sale, interest added, having the
idea of increasing the quantity of
land if I desire it. I don't know the
price was, but it seemed to me to be
not an unprofitable investment.
I have to pay an additional sum of
about \$200.
Do you remember the great
sum paid by us formerly? I find a me-
morial of having at one time paid
\$1115, and have a paper remembrance
of another payment, of which however
I find them for, no note.
Parson says that as soon as he gets
the dissenters paid which he hopes will
next month, he desires that you, Mr
Lalibero & myself (as being the most
convenient parties), shall unite with

University of W

Nov. 20, 1865

My dear Charles,

I went up to Waltham this
day afternoon, to meet Mr Parson, and
Mr Colston having preceded me by twenty
four hours, and in some degree prepared
the way, our conference terminated
as definitively, if not as satisfactorily, as
could be expected.

He said he saw no prospect
of any speedy profitable conversion, or
profitable working of the lands, but that
it was in his view, indispensable to
clear the title immediately, by the pay-
ment of what was due upon the sale of
lot B, that he was indifferently prepared
to pay his part, but would expect
himself to receive the amount, and he
proposed, in the event of accomplishing
this first object so as to get a decree
in the mortgage of the title at the
December term of the next court, to pro-

and forthwith to organize a joint stock
company according to an Act of the 15th
of the 1st year, authorizing the creation of
such corporations, and in pursuance of
the original design of the parties when the
purchase was made. With a view to ef-
fect this with less delay, he proposed to
buy out Jones' interest, having already
agreed that of Mr Hinney's trustees, yet
Mr Colston (I mean the interest arising
from the sale by the Comrs, not that which
they respectively had before. The latter is
stated rather in the original parties), and
then constitute himself sole recipient of
the title, from the Comms' under the de-
cree hereafter to be rendered.

He was particularly desirous to dis-
vest himself of Jones' participation, both on
account of his remoteness, and the difficul-
ty of communicating with him, and also
of his impracticability.

You may remember that the Com-
missioners purchased, Easton, Hinney & were to
have the tract of 3556 acres for the parties con-
cerned in interest, embracing upwards of

thirty persons, many of whom hold very
small amounts. Easton had himself ac-
quired many of the interests, amounting
in the aggregate, to nearly, if not quite one
half of the whole. There were two others
under, whose residences was unknown,
who it was supposed would be paid their
shares in money, being not parties to
the arrangement to take a share in the
land, & that much the nominal purchase-
men were themselves to pay, increasing
their interest to that amount. There were
two other shares belonging to Mr Charles
Fisher's daughters, which it was expected
they would take in land, but their quan-
ties having declined to do so, that amount
was also to be provided by the nominal
purchasees. Mr Colston expressing a
wish to be freed from this liability, which
it did not suit him to meet, Easton took
Mr C's share upon himself, as he had
done that of Mr Hinney, & came entitling
himself thereby, to that much larger inter-
est in the concern.

I was not willing to part with

clearly. Alas! I know not how soon they
intermit, & at length discontinue their
coming. I tremble & am afraid at the
responsibility then unexpectedly & un-
accountably thrust on me, and when
see their intelligent, attentive, singe-
rous faces lifted with child-like
sibility, to mine, I am weighed down
a more humiliating sense of my in-
firmity than I ever had before. O
how much I need the special & fervent
prayers of Christian friends, and a
humble, transactional world, I suppli-
them not to forget me & this precious
Charge, which God has cast upon me
for I would ~~never~~ have dared to
undertake it conscientiously. I did not
expect at first, more than 6 to 12, and then
not whether to be made disappointed or re-
at the unlooked for additions.

Give my most affectionate love to
Mother, & to Sue, Hannie & Eugene. Sarty
is a pleasant visit two weeks ago, which
hope he will repeat. Why not Eugene
What an interminable letter!
If Mother if not you & Eugene will be inter-
to hear that Henry Minor ~~was~~ probably

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in the steps required to organize the stock-
company, under the Act of Assembly, re-
ferred to, for which purpose he will
expect you to meet with him here at a
time of which he will notify you.

Patton seems indifferent whe-
ther to increase or diminish his interest,
his great anxiety being to clear the title
and organize the Company, so as to
make shares saleable. If you don't wish
to pay any money but simply to retain
your original share of decimal, 0.240568
of 3336 acres, = 144+ acres, equivalent to about
\$568³⁷ you should say so to Purinton delay
at Lexington. He sets out for Charleston the
last of this week. If on the other hand
you chose to increase your interest, he
is agreeable to that too, but in that event
he wants the money remitted to him
at Hanawton, care of W. A. Swain, by
2^d Post. Probably in either event you
had better write to him at Lexington, that
he may know what he has to expect.
This account of the prospect, is as
I have said, not flattering. All profits, he

Nannie Arkley would give these greetings to me. Anne Colton is here & Henry & they are climbing with me. It is late at night, what I wrote.

thinks, must be in abeyance until the river navigation is improved, which he hopes may be accomplished in a few years.

I dare say you are pretty well informed of our status here. It is all of encouragement & hope, provided a legislative will fulfil its engagements as to the annual appropriation. Without it the institution must rapidly decline & perhaps perish altogether. I wish you could exert some active influence with your delegates to prevail on them to take a right view of the matter. The University is a state interest no more to be suffered to decline or perish than the most necessary department of government. The legislative, the Judiciary, the Executive are as well to be dispensed with. The prestige & influence of Virg's is wonderful in its reported property, it will bring into the Commonwealth more than ten times as much money annually, as the appropriation comes to. An average of 1 1/2 cents per poll would provide the amount the institution

tion, under the former case, there is no need, ~~that~~ will bring into the Union more than 15 cts per poll.

For myself, I have no right to complain. I have about 87 students, & probably shall have 100 or upwards, & they pay me by hand some, at least as compared with Confederate times, but my colleagues are most painfully oppressed. Most of them will not get as much as \$1000. The total number of students is nearly 220, but many are not pay students, no one qualified to enter having been turned away for want of means.

You will be interested to hear how exemplary they are in conduct & application. The religious interest, in a strict way, appears to be great, and the activity & aggressiveness of the professed Christians amongst them exceed all that I have heard of there abroad. It will afford some illustration of this pervasive interest in religious things that my Bible class numbers upwards of 60, of whom all but five or six are students, & then for they attend reg-

James. See your attentively
Capt. C. M. Nelson
Lynchburg Va

Spring and Or
Nov 7th 1865

Dear Charles

Enclosed I send you
one hundred \$100⁰⁰ dollars, which
I please credit on my new bill
of \$200⁰⁰ given at my last visit in
Oct. - I will send you the bal. as
soon as I can - Love to all
Your aff. Bro.

Wm. W. Blackford

Capt. Chas. W. Blackford
Smyrna Or