to in this. I hope this will not
your proceedings for Uncle Lewis;
mature consideration seems
necessary in taking a step which
any way imperils the very lit
to my home-folk.

Yours in haste

C. L. C. Mun

Chas. M. Blackford. Esq.
Lynchburg Va.

In a few days I hope
a chance to send you by Express
bonds of which I wrote you sev
since

Baltimore, Dec: 15. 1865.

My dear Sir:

I am obliged to you for yr prompt reply. The letter which you write me some two months since never reached me. The irregularity & uncertainty of the mails at that time were notorious.

I entirely approve of what you did in the case of Mrs Christian & Dr Pendleton & would remark that, whilst I would not do anything to distrust the people in whose welfare I feel the sincerest sympathy, it is of the utmost importance to me personally that I should receive payment as soon as possible. I have long since advanced these funds to the Centurique trust & am out of pocket more than I can afford. I know you will

bear them in mind, and do all that you can for my relief –

You are right in your estimate of my sympathies in the late struggle – Few people, I imagine, who were not actually involved in that struggle witnessed its progress with more anxiety or heard its denouement more grieved than I did – And I may add that there is not an item of unmerited suffering which you & your people are destined to undergo that can be received without a pang to the heart of

Yours truly

Nelson Dee

C. M. Blackford Esq.
Lynchburg.

Richmond
Decr. 14th 1865.

Chas M Blackford Esqr
Attorney at Law
Lynchburg: Va.

Dear Blackford

Your letter & the money have been received. The amount & description of the money tally with the statements in your letter: I have not had time until today to count the money. I shall write you again.

Very truly Yours
Page T. Maury
Atty

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Dear Charley

I saw Mr. Adams, Mrs Saunders' agent, the other day and explained to him, the nature of my claim ag't the estate of Dr S. founded on the Saling & Watchen case, and referred him to you, as knowing all about it and having the papers &c.

He said he would see you & do what was proper &c.

I will thank you to see Mr. Adams and do me the favor to explain the case to him — let him know of the payment by Saling of the $200 & the propriety of the like sum being paid by the estate of Dr S. — He will, I have no doubt, direct the payment & you can make it when (only when) the funds come to your hands —

The times are so pinching, that we (professional men) must look to our accounts more closely than usual, in order to live —

I have had occasion heretofore to acknowledge your good & friendly offices in many cases & shall do so in this — and be glad to reciprocate, whenever I can —

Your friend
Charles L. Mosby.
21 Dec. 1865.

Charles M. Blackford Esq
Present —

Hillsdale Dec 11th

My Dr Sir,

I am much obliged to you for the offer of your horse but really know no way to get him up from Hanover without having a man to go for him which at this time I am entirely unable to do.

I have been trying to sell some pork to raise money to pay off my hands before Christmas & have not yet been able to sell a pound. This and a few Bbls of corn is all I have to sell to meet my multitudinous expenses & neither will command cash. The Bank at Charville lent out every Dollar they had long ago & can do nothing more.

you can write to Chas Minor
that if he knows of any one
coming up he can send the
horse but if not he must
make arrangements independ-
ent of me to get rid of him
Annie is still at the University
too much afflicted with a
cold to come home with Jamy
yesterday. Hannie Minor
has a household of sick ones
aunts and children.
The rest of us are well. Love
to Sue. Yrs in haste
Raleigh Colston

Proceed peremptorily &
-out any ameliorating cond
or concessions in his favo
When writing the words
or illegally" I mean of cou
far, only, as the rights of my
-dren or myself are concer
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Conway which are not
-tained by my signature
Your Aunt E. & the c
send much love to you,
& your mother & also to a
our family who may be at E
in which I cordially jo
Affectionately your
L. W. Min

C. M. Blackford Esq.
Lynchburg
Va

New Orleans
No. 412 Magazine St
Dec 10th 1865

My dear Charley

Yours of 10th Nov.
reached me some days since,
& longer than it should have
remained unanswered -

Your advice to get my
affairs in order in the event
of my death is good & I fancy
may be considered as having
been adopted; & with the exception
my of not having sent you the scrip
bonds &c. in my possession, all
has been done as far as I know
how - There I deferred sending
until I should hear of your having
received the papers sent by
Adams & Co's Express, about the
14th Nov. last -

Write a proper power of Attorney

conferring on you such powers as you may think necessary for the effective management of my affairs and sent it to me.

As I have taken this house for a year & ~~with~~ as it would be imprudent to travel at this season, I shall remain here until next spring or summer when I hope your aunt & will willing to move to Lynchburg.

I can easily give up the house at any time as the old woman from whom I rent it, is in much tribulation that in her absence her agent by her written requests, ~~it~~ raised it from $40 per month to only $600 a year when she could she have anticipated the great rise in rents, she might have gotten $900 per annum.

She is such a close old crea-

-ture & so unwilling to make necessary repairs that when ready to go, I think I shall sell rent at the rent value of rent by way of giving her a lesson.

Your plan of renting out the house in Fredericksburg meets my approbation fully. Also its sale.

I have not, to my recollection corresponded with Mr. Conway on the subject of transferring "the stocks, bonds &c held by him as Trustee, into Confederate Bonds"

If I have given him authority to do so he must have it in writing, & if so, his act to that end must be respected, legal or illegal, but if not, you are hereby authorized & requested to recover any loss I may have sustained by his unauthorized act

Dear Sir

Friday 16 Dec 65

Yours was rec'd in due course of mail the chief clerk being absent I could not obtain access to the will of the Minor for a day or two & then I also examined the account of the Conway on record & the same states in his report that there was conflicting evidence submitted to him that the life tenants recommended the change of the securities into confederate bonds on Thursday & yesterday I was in Court here & did not obtain an interview with Mr C till the morning when he made a full exhibition of his accounts, stated that he had given Father advice to the conversion of the securities & that it was approved by Mr Mother & sent a copy of Mr Fathers letter & on the same paper there is one from Dear Mother & also a copy of a receipt signed by both at the bottom of an account embracing all the transactions up to March 1863 which is a copy of the same account above referred to, which shows the conversions to have been made on the ~~[illegible]~~ 18th March 1863 Mr C says that Mr Fulton Minor was exceedingly anxious that

this change of securities should be made: visited him frequently & urged it. That he is confident he had a letter from Dash & the minor urging the same tho he fears was destroyed in Richmond with other papers — My son is on a brief visit to me & concurs in the opinion that the case did not compel power on the Trustees to change the securities a brief reference to authorities confirms & strengthens this opinion you will find a reference to some of them in Willis on Trustees 10 No Law Library Lot pa. 81. Earl Pawlett vs Hulbert 1 Ves jr 297 — my library is so scattered & so badly arranged that I cannot without to long delaying an answer to yours do more than to express the hasty opinion I think it will appear that Mr C acted in good faith & upon a mere mistake of his powers — Should you deem to proceed with this case at once it will be necessary to have all who are interested parties to a bill in Equity calling upon the admrs & Trustees to render an account of the admn & trust & impugning the settlement made before the court of probate my son will unite with me — Be pleased to make the most friendly salutations acceptable to your respected mother & believe me truly yr T M Barton

Dear Charles,

I have read with pleasure and certainly with benefit your excellent suggestions in the case of Mr. Hayth – I thank you sincerely for them and so will he and his friends, to whom I shall make known your kindness, – and shall send them to John S. by this days' mail –

If he wants light on the subject, he cannot fail to find it in your letter –

With kept regard
Your friend
Charles L. Mosby
20th Decr. 1865

Wm. Blackford Esq
Present

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Pittsylva. Co. Va. 19th Decr. 1865

Dr. Charles

Your favour of the 7th inst. has just come to hand & I hasten to acknowledge its receipt - I have no difficulty in taking the notes on the Danville Bank at the 10 pr cent fee - but in regard to those due by the Bank of Petersb. the case may different - for altho' this company was authorized to organize by act of assembly passed before the war - yet the proper steps were not taken & the corporation not declared organized by the proclamation of Gov. Letcher until some time after secession - This will likely invalidate the charter & destroy the corporate capacity & liability of the Bank & so the only chance to recover will be to sue all the pretended corporators jointly as an unauthorized association of contracting - any one being liable to pay the full amount of the note out of their private property - If I am correct in this view (I have not had time to examine fully yet) the chance of the note-holders will

be much better to recover his debt - than if the bank were a legal one - for
the latter case the recovery can only be to the extent of the corporate property -
at the same time the proceeding will be much more difficult, more lab-
rious & troublesome. I therefore suggest that you write to the noteholders
proposing that in addition to the 10 per cent & costs he pay
me an additional percentage of 20 per. cent contingent on
recovery of any amount beyond what could be recovered
the Bank be legally chartered - that is to say 20 per cent off
additional amount to be recovered - In the meantime lend
papers only except to the case of Gratty & Reason - Dand
Va. I will write to you more at large before long -

In Haste Yours Truly

S. E. Dabney.

THOMAS D. HALL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

December 28th 1865.

Charles M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to have to trouble you again about Mr. Reids' claims on a point which I had supposed settled; but the varying condition of affairs in your state causes varying instructions from my principal.

In view of the fact that a "stay law" has been passed by your Legislature, I am again told to ask that suits be brought in the United States Courts. I suppose that either in your own name, or

New Orleans
No. 412 Magazine St.
Aug 20th 1865

Dear Charley

Yours of the 4th inst. was received some three or four days since but until now I have been too busy to do so.

Mary Louisa, my wife's favorite servant died the day before yesterday & was buried yesterday in a vault in St Joseph's Cemetery.

I enclose the 'Petition' duly signed.

If you can do so without attracting too much attention, ascertain what number of shares in the Richmond Fredby & Potomac R.R. Co. stands in my name on the books of the Co.

A pencil memorandum of about the 5th March 1859 shows that there were 184 shares "other scrip pledged to the Company".

I find no scrip now among my papers, & hence all are in pledge though I have received for various sums paid but have not ~~[illegible]~~ now time to search for them.

I also had at one time some stock in the Richmond & Petersburg R.R. Co. but think they were long since sold, at my request, by your Uncle Lucien, & otherwise invested. It may be well to enter it upon the books of the Co.

I also enclose a memorandum of property in scrip, bonds &c of which I have, in the event of my loss, retained copy.