

Baltimore City Aug 3rd / 63

My dear Friend

Remembering your former kindness to me, I now take the liberty of writing you a few lines. I reached my home on the 23rd of July, and found all my friends quite well. They were very much surprised to see me, as they had heard nothing since Lee's surrender and had almost abandoned the hope of ever seeing me.

Just before the "break up" I had my horse badly wounded and started for A.C. on foot, leading my horse with me, but before I reached Danville he failed entirely so I was compelled to stop or else leave him behind.

So I determined to wait and see what turn affairs would take. I need not tell the rest. I remained

in Halifax County about Three
Months. Then Sold my horse and
took the money to pay my expenses
home, but I dont want to remain
in Maryland any longer than to
visit my friends. You can imagine
how it is here amongst so many
who would crush us out of existence
by every means they can bring
about. Now I am coming to
the point I want to come back
to Virginia to stay one or two years
and not being acquainted with
any of the Merchants of Lynchburg
I want to get you or Mr B.
Say a word for me, and if I
can get a respectable situation
in some store I will gladly
accept it and come on this
fall. having had about six years
experience in business. I feel
quite sure I can give satisfaction

Please write as soon as convenient
and tell me if there be any prospect
to be very pleasant to be at home
but I think I shall soon get
tired of the kind of life
present my regards to Mrs B &
Miss Mary I am very Respectfully yr
servant

R/ H. W. Keplew
My address is, Buckeystown
Frederick Co Md

Stamilton
Sept 15 1865

Dear Cousin

I conversed yesterday
with a gentleman who had
just returned from a trip to
a tract of land which he owned
(100 acres) on Sugar Cane River
for which he had been offered
\$900 per acre before he ever saw
it - after he saw it he refused
the offer & is going to work the
Coal vein on it himself which
he says will bring him more
money than to sell at the price offered

He told me he staid at Cannerton
on the Kanawha River where there
is a large quantity of oil being made
adjoining our lands for two weeks
he says our lands can be sold
for almost any price we choose
to ask &c

What he told me about them

has induced me to write to
the parties interested & propose
to them to club together & furnish
money enough to pay my expenses
out there & back & I will go out
& see "how the land lay" myself

My only fear is that they
may have been libeled & now
I heard that Parton's had been
libeled & the Court sits next
week at which a decree
will be rendered for its sale
unless he can prevent it, he
has gone out there so I hear -

I suppose it will take \$150
as I have to go around by
Relay house & take Steamboat
at Parkersburg for Charleston

I have written to Uncle George
& W. Blackford "If I had

the money I would go at
once on my own account
but I can't raise it -

I begin to believe that
we can realize something
out of those lands and
enough -

Yours truly,
A. Kinney

Bettie's Mrs. Holladay
got off safely, although
they had a crowded stage

Stanton
Sept 15th 1865

My Dear Sir

I conversed with a gentleman yesterday who has just returned from a trip to the Guyandotte River where he owned a hundred acres of land ~~that~~ which he had been offered \$900 per acre before he had seen it, he found that it contained a fine vein of Cannel Coal & that by working the vein he could make more than by selling at that price. He told me that he was at Cannelton on the Kanawha River (where there is a large quantity of oil made) which adjoins our lands & before I told him that those lands belonged to us, he said that their value was not to be estimated, he said

at Cannellton two weeks I found
out all about the proce^s of making
oil & the demand for coal lands
&c. he says there are persons
there now, from all parts of the
world seeking investments in
coal lands —

He told me a great deal that
I could not explain in a letter
at this time —

My object in writing, is to say
that if the heirs will club
together & send me the money to
pay my expenses out there &
back again, I will go to Charleston
& find out the exact state of
things out there — If I had
the money I would go immedi-
ately but I can't raise the
amt —

It will take about \$130 —
as I have to go by the Relay
house to Parkersburg & then
take Steamboat to Charleston

You can write me your
views on the subject —
I have heard of several
sales of Coal lands in the
neighborhood of ours for large
sums of money since the
war, — ^{war} My only fear about
ours is that it may have
been labeled & sold —

Allow me to congratulate you
on the birth of a son, I hope
the Mother & son are both
doing well —

With much love to Sue
I am very truly yours

A. Kinney

My dear Charlie,

University of Wa

Sept. 18, 1865

Mr Colston handed me yesterday, the enclosed note from A. F. Kinney touching the Kamaoka land. Mr C & I are both decided in the opinion that you ought to go out immediately and look after our interests. Unfortunately neither of us has any money to contribute to your expenses, but I shall have some I presume in a fortnight, & you may therefore draw on me at fifteen days, for say \$75, or one half the expense. I don't think Mr C can raise any money for some time, & you & I must advance it.

I send K's letter lest his to you may not have reached you. If his information is correct, the interest has become too important to be overlooked, & may probably does demand prompt attention. I hope you will be able to set out without delay.

You are probably aware that lot B, in which we are concerned, was bought by R Colston, S Jones, Paston & Kinney.

for the benefit of various parties, for
~~benefit of various parties~~, under a
of the Circuit Court of N^a, in the case
Salisbury & v. Paston.

Best love to Mrs & Hannah
Enquire to Henry.

In greatest haste

Yours

John W. T.

C. B. Blackford Esq.

Mobile ~~Aug~~ Sept 4/15
C. M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity of enquiring if the dft for \$50, which you had on Havana, was ever sold, if not, will you please destroy it. — I believe I am to some extent indebted to you — will you name the amount to me?

I came from N.Y. last month, with Dr. Truham — Please remember me very kindly to Yr family —

I became a "Benedict" on the 10th Augt. — Where is the clergyman E. B. — ? My address is box 534.

Very Truly Yours

W. G. Inverarity

Several days in Baltimore, it will be a very
pleasant trip for me till she I had had the
first for respectable. Dick has just
from Washington with his pardon
eased me and will have to go for his own part
to get in London not failed, so in
week and will take the
opportunity to go through Richmond to try and
his father, he dislikes the trip very
read from him a few days ago she
very wish with child, she expects herself very
to the end, which expect will be married to
of her and expect to start tomorrow week
Sunday, he has already a great deal of pack
and his health does not fail he will make
sufficient support, but he has a very bad
of Dr. Davis's diet his palate a week or
ago. She you not coming over to Dr. Davis's
the present suggest to Miss Pettie the
necessity of having a suit somewhere and all
the young people to commence housekeeping all
Miss Pettie says she has no where to go.
has been had for a long time, I expect to
next week, Mr. Minor has the promise of a
San Class. Tell her she would be amused to see

Charleston West Va 11th Sept 1865

Sir

Your letter addressed to my brother W^m
I opened, and in reply say, that he was
lately married, and has gone ostensibly to
Niagara Falls on a bridal tour, but in fact
to see our brother in law Saml A Miller, who
is in Canada, and as you remember was in the
Rebel Service, he will be back by the 18th
when he will answer your letter in full
W^m M Blackford Respt
Lynchburg Va
Jas S Quencer,

P.S. His P.O. is Charleston Kanawha County
West Virginia, Not Kanawha Salinas,
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Cher Monsieur

Après avoir réfléchi sur ce que vous m'avez écrit, j'ai cru devoir vous en dire un peu plus. Je suis persuadé que vous ne serez pas fâché de voir que je ne suis pas resté indifférent à ce que vous m'avez dit. Je vous prie de croire que je suis très sensible à votre bonté et à votre intérêt pour moi. Je vous prie de m'écrire quand vous aurez le loisir de le faire.

Je suis, Monsieur, votre très humble et très dévoué serviteur.

J. P. de ...

Lynchburg Va
Sept 15 1865

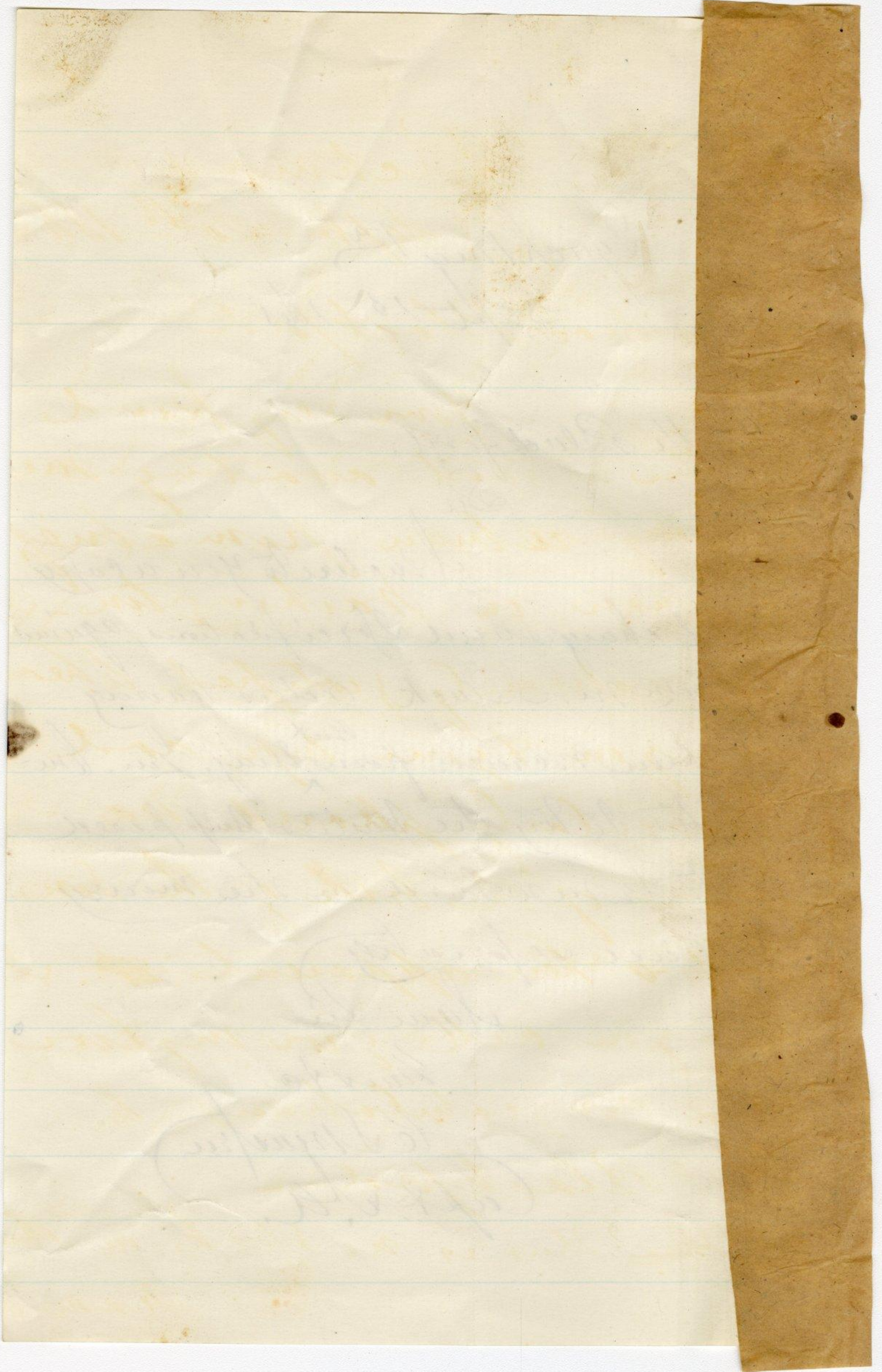
Mr Blackford.

Sir

I enclose to you a copy
of charges and specifications, against
Wm M. Black, unless having
been received from ^{But} Maj. Gen. Cru-
tch to try the parties supposed
to be involved in the money
case separately

I am Sir

Yours
C. S. Mendenhall
Capt &c.



P.S. I am exceedingly obliged
for your kind invitation
to ~~come~~ make your

visit this winter. I am
afraid it will be out of
power to do so but I hope
that it may be convenient
for you to come down to me
this winter - How pleasant it
would be to talk over old
times & to revive the "Sleight
party".

Page would read his
regards if he knew I was
writing

A. A. M.

Richmond
Sept. 20th 1845.

My dear Blackford

Your very kind
letter I found awaiting me
on my return from a brief
sojourn in Washington. I
was extremely gratified there
from you & your wife and
particularly pleased with the
news of the birth of the son
and his appearance. I
beg you will give my love
and congratulations to
Mrs Blackford -
The due is as stock in the
name

name of your uncle Lewis
on the books of ^{the} Petersburg
Rail Road. As to the Freder-
icksburg Rail Rd. Co I
saw you enclosed a
memorandum made by
the Treasurer of that Company.

Betty is still in Alabama.
I shall go for her on Friday
next. Horrybel is still in
Washington and healthier &
fatter than she has ever been.
I shall send for her as soon
as her Ma returns.

Sick is here. He expects
to go to New York in a few days.
Cousin Ann will sail with
the girls & Maty on the 7th
& Oct. morn. In England
where she is to meet the Captain,
who will then return to this
Country as soon as he can
get satisfactory assurances
from the Government -
I shall always be glad
to see you.

My love to Harry
Very truly your friend
W. A. Mavry
Chas W Blackford
Lynchburg



New York, 20th Sept. 1865

Chas. M. Packford Esq.

Atty at law

Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir!

From your valued favor of 16th inst., to hand this morning, we regret to perceive that the interest on the \$9900. - Va. & Tenn. R.R. guaranteed stock, for six months up to July 1st 1861, viz \$297. - have been collected a few months later by your agent and the money used towards the support of your family, which makes you responsible for said sum. -

It affords us pleasure, however, to accept your proposition regarding a direct settlement for this amount, between your goodself and the executors of Dr. Jas. Saunders' estate, from the agents of whom you had a release, which, you say, fully protects us, which is well. -

Your receipt for our rem^{ce} of \$800. has been unfolded from your letter. -

Very truly yours
Chas. Loring & Co.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land in question. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to obtain the same. I will endeavor to do all in my power to assist you in your object. I have no objection to your purchasing the land in question, and I will be glad to sell it to you at the price you offer. I will send you a deed for the same as soon as I can. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. [Name]

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