New-York, 6th Sept. 1865

Chas. M. Blackford Esq:
Lynchburg Va.

Dear Sir!

We are in receipt of your valued favor of 24th ang:, contents of which had our due attention.

We fully appreciate your faithful care of our interest and beg to tender you our best acknowledgement for same.— We feel very sorry that you were deprived of the chance to obtain so valuable a client as Dr. Saunders' estate.—

We consider your charge of $800.— in full for services rendered a fair one and perfectly satisfactory.—

Enclosed please find our certified check on Bank of America for $800.— for which please send us receipt.—

We are Very truly Yours
Chas. Lilling & Co.

Auburn near Waverly Station
Sept 14th 1865

Dear Sir

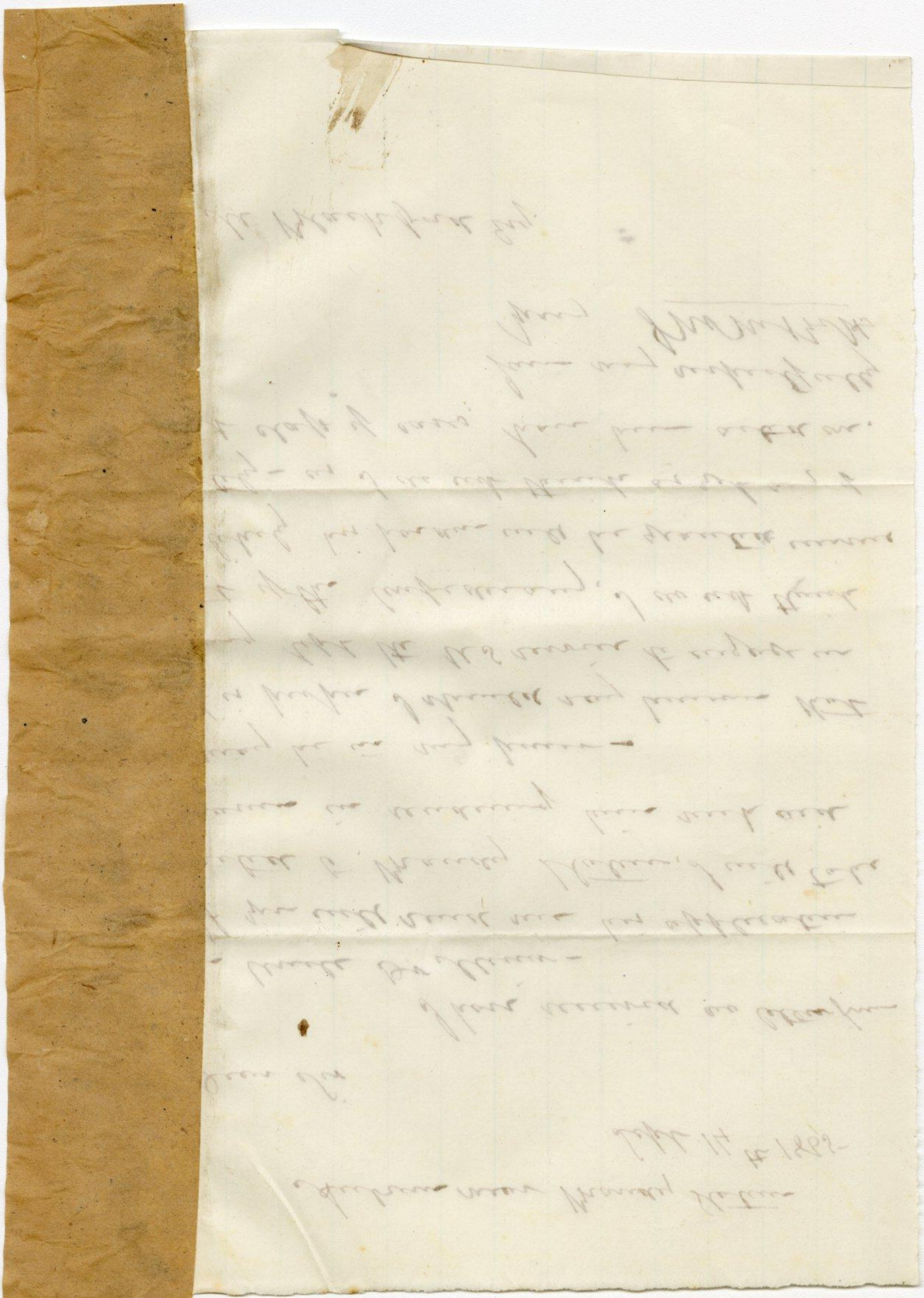
I have received no letter from your Uncle Dr Allen -

If you will send me his application addressed to Waverly Station, I will take pleasure in rendering him such aid as may be in my power -

It is proper I should say however that having left the U S service to engage in that of the Confederacy, I do not think it likely his pardon will be granted immediately - as I do not think as yet any of that class of cases have been acted on.

Yours very respectfully
Yours J M Mattox

Ch. M Blackford Esq.



Since my last letter I have been
down to Charlottesville
and Charlottesville
University September
Charlottesville
I have not time this mor
to write a lo
to Eugenie if you have found
Bond on the Orange and
for a thousand dollar
America R.R. which you
had in his keeping - I have
been able to hear from y
bout it since his death
feel very anxious concern
as it is all I have left
I have any reason to
will ever be worth an
my Uncle always kept
the safe at the Bank, and
me regularly the interest
the time of his death w
please dear Charlie let
know about it as soon
would be very glad too - if y
convenient ly - pay me the
on your note. You sent m
check July 8th 1864 which
had an opportunity to
the check - I close this
I hesitate to make this lo
request dear Charlie kn
now have run every bod
but the suspension Caught
without a cent of mone

in absolute need of Clothes when I have had no opportunity to supply Jos two Jeans - indeed I have bought nothing since the beginning of the war. Still dear Charlie, you must not hesitate to tell me if it is not convenient for you to pay it I was truly rejoiced to hear you had not suffered so severely by the war as many others - I was so much in hopes I should see Sue before she left here and you and dear Eugene - I never loved you all so tenderly or wanted to see you so much in my life - I was truly glad to hear of the birth of your little boy and that Sue was doing so well Do give my most affectionate love to her and to Eugene Bettie Ben and Willie I do not know whether you were prepared by previous intimation for the announcement of Cousin Sarah's marriage ~~was made~~ or whether you were taken as much by surprise as I was when I got here I could but feel sad at first but for his own and the Children's happiness - I believe it best - I write in such confusion - that I am ashamed to send the Servant Sue can explain to you what a state I am in when. She knows that not a thing I wanted preparing Either the hoop or the

Eastville
Sept 4 1866

Dear B Blackford

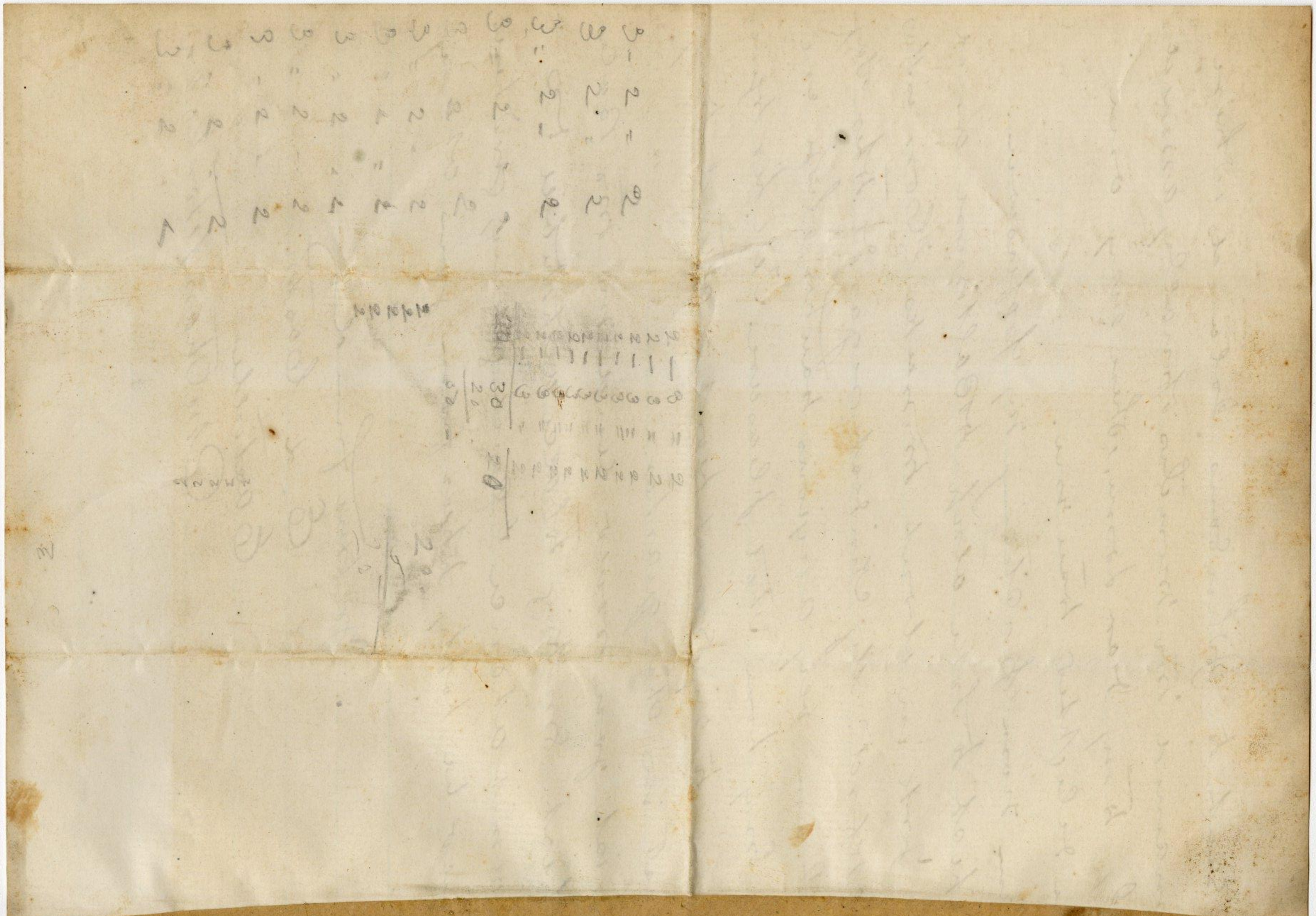
I am home again; and have been enjoying myself in a quiet way very much since my return. Was taken prisoner at Sailors Creek on the 6th day of April, not though, my dear Blackford without a severe struggle of nearly four hours. We only numbered about twenty five hundred, Lee later told me himself they had forty five thousand. I never had such feelings as when I surrendered the two divisions to Lee. But I expect you have long ago forgotten all about military affairs, have settled down to the practice of your profession. I forgot to mention above that I was taken prisoner, I made towards only eighty-three miles, to City Point, and I assure you I was completely done up. Arrived in Washington the very night Old Lincoln was killed, three days thereafter

was sent to Johnsons Island, where I remained two months, finally arrived safely to my dear home, where every one were delighted to see me.

I am now practicing my profession. I expect to take a trip to Baltimore and New York in about two weeks. How is Miss Blackford? My kindest regards to her say that I am very anxious to see her, & hope ere long to have that pleasure. Tell her to give my love to my sweet heart, & attend to my interest in that quarter.

Wish you would send me two Bales of the best smoking tobacco with the bill & will remit at once. I can get any good here. Write me fully when you can at any time.

Yr truly & fond
E. L. Coston
Eastville
Northampton Co. Va.



finest seasons I ever saw
the greatest abundance
vegitables & the prospe
for even was never
promising. We ha
had the Yankees here
two months, They are
very well indeed now
they first came. I was fe
de and have built
wanted to show their
by arresting every one th
negroes & lowest class p
people ~~can~~ prepare to re
My servants are all with
yet & are behaving as well
as they did, which is a
comfort to me.
Whenever it suits you conve
you can send the money by
or by some safe hands.
Please remember me most kin
Mr Blackford & believe me to be
Your friend &c. L. H

Christiansburg Sept 19
1865

My dear Mrs Blackford
I enclose you the ~~one~~
check sent me last winter
to pay for the provisions I sent
you. I tried to get it cashed
at this Bank but they refused
to do so, and I never had an
opportunity of sending it to
Richmond tho I sought one
before the surrender of Genl
Lee's Army & the utter ruin
of Confederate money. I think
it right that the things I
purchased for you should be
reduced to their specie value
and paid for accordingly as I
paid for them when the
money was good. I enclose

the ax at those rates and hope it will be satisfactory to ~~you~~ you.

Mrs E M Blackford
To Mrs A L Phlegar Dr

1865			
Feb –	To 10 lbs of butter	.25	$2.50
	To 5 lbs of cheese	1/c	.83
	To 1/2 Bush dried apples		50
	To 2 Turkeys	75	$1.50
	To 10 Chickens	1/c	167
	To 7 Beef tongs	25	$1.75
			$8.75

If you do not think this is right please say so

I have not heard one word from you since the Surrender. Would be very glad to hear from you & yours. I have passed through a great deal since I last wrote to you but have a great deal to be thankfull for. My son was spared to come home in good health & with all of his limbs. When Sherman made his raid on this place, the country was striped of nearly every thing, I was left almost without bread. They took every bit of my corn & hunted for my meat but could not find it. I trust it may never be my lot to pass through another Yankee raid. For five days & nights we were surrounded by 5000 of the horrible creatures. We have been blest with one of the

tion of the country was p
but that there is no union
ing here - that he was in Br
in 1826 - and remarked to his f
that he found no union feeling
If it took more than 13 years p
New England people to get over th
this union feelings - some time
to be allowed to the Southern
Johnson told him that the 11 So
were a great power - and that
there would remain - that
to state right to elect men
and send them to Congress -
he wanted their support - a
the Radicals - that the prepon
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the Col has come home Conv
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intend send to have men
Congress - 13. men who will sup
J. and that blatant support
Executive is our policy - I a
to think he is right - tho' I have

Philad Sept 3d 1865 -

I thank you most
sincerely for your letter of the
29th ult - Don't in future your
self by making any apology
for me. Those under which you
have already come keep me
constantly uneasy - But I must
do something and time some time
we are much discouraged
at the price of board at Mrs
Adams - as you give it - 40 dl. in
gold - Is there not some mistake
at the price of provisions you
gave me this would be a loss -
Mr Richd it is $50. per month -
in greenbacks - or more than dou
ble Mrs Ds charge allowing exc

Dear Sir
Very truly yours
William Wharton
Secretary Corporation
Girard Coll

rent rate of discount.
If we could see the least
chance of making expenses
would request you to engage
Langhorne's house for me at once.
I am afraid too if good bargain
will Wm L. take $7.00. in Green
backs! If he will do so and
I could get board at $30.* & $40. for permanently
for Mr. for day board, Jane
& I would go over next week.
I cannot say I am disap-
pointed at the result of
your enquiries about the
R.R. Bond. I hoped in defi-
ance of my expectations
that I could raise money on
them for 12 mos. I am de-
termined not to borrow on

* Dr Rich'd Thomas and $50. - $80 to $90 - respectfully

personal security until
I am in a situation to see
precisely how I can pay
in any event.

It is very humiliating that
we should have any citizens so
electric cable as to appeal to the
Gambler to evict persons elected
by a free vote to office. These things
will lay the foundation of
very lasting bitterness in society.

Col Randolph went to
see Johnson to get his own
and Lomi's pardon. which
he effected without difficulty
and he had a talk with Johnson
afterwards which was entirely
different from the newspaper
account of such interview.
He told Johnson that the Pacific

I remed with my wife
to see you & have a talk
you are in a good situa
tion, I think my term
ence so far received b
without interruption in

Permit me most off
-ionately to give my sy
to your family - Lovelist
have been made a de
arrangement from that
prejudice & a my ex
-pences so - Tell Cap
I shall have a chance
little enough of money
my immediate wants
a pleasant walk for
my house -

Mrs Martin wa
up under - my parents a
in Judwick Co - Carry
Martinsville - all well
few days ago - Let me hear
from you - Cant write
as excuse my hurry -
believe me your friend

N. S. Ma

Richmond
Sept = 4th 1865

My dear Blackford -

Enclosed please find
ten dollars - I want you
to take out of it what I
owe you, & to buy for me
ten pounds of good Kentucky
Tobacco, & send to me here
by Express - care of 7th
& Franklin Sts - mark on
the package, so that it may
be delivered - The "Brown
Dick" you sent me at
Murkanein was a good
tobacco as I ever came to
smoke - If the money sent
is insufficient, I will at
once remit the balance

I am now busy smoking

arrangements to go to the immediate neighborhood of Charlotte C. H. for the next twelve months. A residence in the country is imperatively demanded by my physicians on account of my eyes. They tell me that a life for that time in the open air, with moderate use of them will restore my sight entirely & that I must leave the city. I am not stupid enough to undertake farming — but if you will come here in the spring I think I can show you a good deal & give you the tangible appearance of the skill — I mean to acquire. Philip goes with me to read law, under assist — that is — will have charge in investigating my affairs. In the absence of business in our profession at present & necessarily for some time a crisis I do not much regret the postponement in assuming my creation. Though the medical necessity is the cause, yet the very out of sight of the other evils & from the speculating influences about is a great accession to the plan —

If Kean is a sensible boy, will you tell him that I have received the paper from Capt. Gibson but not having heard of his pardon have done nothing & if I leave here in May for him, will leave his papers with my brother Seth who will do anything in his power to aid him —

I shall write to Kean & Col. Randolph Jr. — & consider this to secure his hearing from me — present me to him

Deliver me
by the hand of friend
M. S. Watts

Capt. C. M. Blackford
Lynchburg

Richmond
June 18th 1865

My dear Blackford —
I suppose you are at home, & preparing to resume, if you have not already done so, the practice of your profession. When are your brothers? I saw Lewis here some weeks ago — he was then full of a project to emigrate against which I remonstrated, for a great many considerations. John Riely returned he brought a set of chessmen, which he took out of Lewis's box before departing to the Texan frontier. "Those" who now know "the world," which I have from him — have all burned out almost — utterly — with a few scraps saved from the flames

same things burned from different members of my effusive family connection. we are keeping house in the cottage Mr Tolcott occupied at the corner of Franklin & 7th St when we shall be very glad to see you - I have concluded to try to make a living out of my profession here, though I have, as yet taken no steps towards securing an office

An hour of indignation rage, but without hope of better times to come - without that, & the support of the Raushes failing, I'd die in a week - My Parents & Carrie went to Baltimore a fortnight after the evacuation of the city - He has since gone to Norfolk - where he says he intends to live we are all greatly pleased to it, & trust to change his prospects - Carey has been quite unwell - he says from his excitement & disappointment is now well again -

I heard of Jones in Georgia on his way home - Riley is coming to live with me & study Law - what are we all to do? where is Rean & Ran Tucker - I hear with regret, that they have lost every thing - you are laughing we were fortunate than the people here - No Mr Benjamin to have Tobacco burnt, against the wishes of the City of Norfolk - The fire has ruined this city nearly, scarcely one with it - it hurt us very badly - but fortunately we saved a valuable Law library - a capital to begin in for a Lawyer - Present me to Mrs Blackford - I trust she keeps up her spirits & the prospect to be free -

Let me hear from you, &