I left the date blank so he can fill it up when he offers for discounted. If you can get a mortgage on the negroes we will insure them.

Cincinnati Nov 28th 1860

Mr C. A. Blackford

Dear Sir

Your favor is at hand enclosing an order on Buckner & McCammon "for all of the Smoking Tobacco in their hands belonging to P. D. Christian, or the proceeds thereof if sold". What this order is worth we do not know, but will investigate. The bal: due us as per A/c rendered is $1332 71 for which we enclose our Acceptance @ 4 months. Please see if he can get this discounted & remit us the proceeds thereof. In either event, whether he discounts or not, telegraph us the result. Should he fail to discount it, please send it back to us after erasing our name. You say in your letter that he offers his or three negroes for sale. Now whether he discounts this renewal or not, you may be able to get him to give you a mortgage on the negroes & this will secure the debt, for if he renews, it only puts off the evil day for us, unless we can get security. This after his professions he can't object to.

over

We hope you will be able to find out al
by the 9th whether he can get the discount,
if he gets it by that time, he can get the
here at least two days after we have paid
& this will prevent our having to make any
gotiation for it. Any how telegraph us by the 9th
the Conservative element in your county, wake
& put down the extremists. It is singing min
us all both North & South. The South has righ
& must fought to maintain them. She has fri
at the North who are now fighting her battle
The earnest & most angry defenders I see he
are being made here for her & that by Nor
men. Let us be calm & fight for our rights
the Union, for out of it we will never get
Our city is very conservative & I think if the
asks her rights now in a cool, dignified but fi
manner the question will be decided by our frien
here, but the North may be driven to desperati
by the wild excitement now going on in the Coll
States. Accept our thanks for your trouble
think we might get a good deal of business for y
if you would send us a few of your cards. Yours truly,
Williams & Rei

Ellicotts Mills Md. Dec 17th/60

Mr Chas Blackford

Dr Sir

Please let me know soone if you have settled up all the Business of L a & J Kinsey If so what per ct you paid them, and what they intend to do, I have not seen L a Kinsey since I left Lynchburg,

Yours Respectfully
Thos, Kinsey

Franklin
near
Piedmont Sta.
Decr 3rd 1860

C. M. Blackford
Dr Sir

Yours of 13th ult was rec'd to hand until this morning on acct of my absence from home in Lower Va.

I have sent a portion of my crop off to market & on acct. of the pressure have given orders to my merchant not to sell & I have on hand what has not been sent for the same reason, Wheat has fallen some forty cts in the bus. & the delay in settlement of claims against me is consequent thereon. I hope to be able to send what I owe you in a short time.

Yours very respectfully
F. Lewis Marshall

My dear Charles,

A family of "Blanks" living back of you have applied to me for a load of wood. Can you not send them one of the loads you offered me from W. Garrett?

Yours very truly,

January 3, 1861.

W. H. Slicher

Chas. M. Blackford.

Property

Cincinnati Nov 17th 1860

Mr C. M. Blackford, Atty

Dr Sir

We have forwarded to Mr P. S Christian his Acc, showing a bal: due us $1332 70 His draft is due Dec 8/11 & hence it is very necessary that we should hear at once what he is going to do. Please call on him and see if he is going to remit us to meet it. We can negotiate nothing now on Va, & if he is not write us at once so that we may write to one of his brothers & see if they wont have some influence upon him. We shall anxiously await a letter from you on the subject.

Respectfully
Williams & Reid

Alex. Nov 26, 1860

Thos Jeffers Esq

My Dr Sir,

I rec'd a ~~similar~~ letter making like inquiries with yrs from Mr Blackford & wrote to him, sending him the name of Rev Mr Lewis of Louisville Ky.

The Rev Dunlap Brooks of Dubuque Iowa, a Marylander & bachelor married to a Virginian (daughter of Rev Geo A Smith) might also be written to. The Rev T. L Smith, of Charlestown Kanawha Co Va is about going at his parish. These three names I send. Smith is a top top man every way — only be energetic, & you will soon have the right man.

Very truly & yours

D H Spriggs

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AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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Received at Lynchburg Nov 8th 1860 at ___ o'clock, ___ minutes.

By telegraph from Richmond To Chas M Blackford

I recd yours of the 5th Nothing since
If you can get the two discounted I can
get the other. Done here answer quick

Chas A. Grattan

24/53/a

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Received at Western Union Tel. Co. 18 at o'clock m.

To

Sir Hydrographer

Office of the Superintendent of Telegraphs

Washington D.C.

New York Feby 27th 1861

C. M. Blackford Esq
Atty at Law
Lynchburg
Va.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Dec. 4th is before me. It is not in my power to give a bond (as you suggest) to the sheriff of your Co. Therefore a chancery suit or a settlement without suit seems the only chance I have. I think you wrote me some time since, that you had commenced a chancery suit in my behalf as well as others for whom you hold claims. I am very anxious to get these old matters closed up and would esteem it a fav. if you would take such action as you think best, & bring the thing to a close if possible, & very much oblige

Yours truly
Nathaniel Cole
26 Bidwell

Richmond Dec. 31st 1860

Mess Tanner & Asher.
Lynchburg Va.

Gent.

The send welcome an a/c. vs N Marsh & Son of your place. Our Clerk McFranklin was in Lynchburg in October last, and ascertained that N Marsh had made a deed and put our Claim in, Will you be so kind as to see if you can understand any thing about the character of the deed and when it is likely we shall get our money, And if you think our interest requires it place this a/c in the hands of a good lawyer for Collection, we do not wish to put you to much trouble about the matter our main object is to have it put a good lawyer hands, unless it is likely to be paid soon without suit

Yours truly
Pleasants & Deane

Carnwood
Jan: 30th 1861.

Dear Sir

Your letter defining Kirk-Patricks position was received. I would have replied at once, but for the doubt in my mind whether I should support the nomination of Holcombe Hall as a joint ticket or only one of the nominees. It seemed to me unfortunate ~~the~~, to say the least of it, that men who were nominated by a meeting composed of all parties, as the representatives of a particular idea should be presented to the people as occupying diverse positions - Besides the impolicy of the thing the very manner of conducting the proceedings precludes the possibility of it. I shall therefore as at present informed support