

1861 Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Mother  
I received your letter  
of the 10th and was  
glad to hear from  
you. I am well and  
hope these few lines  
will find you the same.

I am writing you  
a few lines to let  
you know that I  
am still in the  
land of the living.

I have not heard  
from you for some  
time and I hope  
you are well.

I am  
Yours affectionately  
W. B. [Name]



University of Va

Dec 23. 1865

My dear Charlie,

Yours of 21<sup>st</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday. I  
have forwarded the enclosure to W<sup>r</sup> Marshall,  
at 'Upperville, Co. of Ro. Bolling Exp', which  
I believe is his address.

The affairs of the University, in  
connection with the Legislature, will demand  
my time this Christmas, so I must deny myself  
the great pleasure I should have in visiting  
you all. It would be such a pleasure! - but  
only to see you & see, but your dear Mother  
also!

Every available moment almost,  
I have returned on the 11 since the Sept. as-  
sembled, & we must all make good use of  
this year in providing for the future as  
far as possible. Be diligent yourself,  
pray also in soliciting your members.

Best love to your household.  
We are tolerably well.

C. M. Blackford, Trust affec<sup>t</sup> 4/4

Representing you,

John W. Mc

University of  
Oct 23, 1852

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. in relation to the purchase of the book on the subject of the University of the State of New York, which I have forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The officers of the University, in consultation with the Legislature, will determine upon the expediency of purchasing the book mentioned in your letter, and I will be happy to report the result to you as soon as it is ascertained.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
John W. Alderson

Very respectfully,  
John W. Alderson

New Orleans

Decr 20th 1865

Dear Charley

Yours of the 5th inst  
acknowledging the receipt of the  
package of letters was received  
several days since & I shall now  
send the scrip bonds &c

Please make a memorandum &  
send it to me as soon as convenient  
The scrip ~~will~~ will be made  
and put into the Adams's & Co's Ex-  
press to-day

The revenue coupons are of course  
without value but should not be  
lost.

One of the parcels of land in Michi-  
gan was long since sold though I find  
which. Perhaps some of the papers sent  
you may show, I mean those sent  
some time since by Adams's Express

was the only one and that  
transmission to me was  
in answer to them and that  
I returned to you the  
same day and that I should be  
down with the interest of  
said bonds.

Yours truly  
Wm. B. R.

My mother was the  
only one to be sent and  
I should be  
sent to you



Land, Dec 1866  
Army and Co

Dear Charles

I herewith enclose some  
stock & bonds as follows -

<u>Bonds of Rich. &amp; Ford. R.R. Co</u>	63,00
<u>21 Shares Stock Ly. Harv &amp; F.I. Co</u>	420,00
<u>20 " " " Ly. F. L. &amp; W. I. Co.</u>	<u>400,00</u>

Par value — \$883.00

I owe you a bal. on a note - and  
J. P. Bondurant & Co for funds advanced  
a bill of Indes - and some charges  
on a lot of tobacco - I wish you  
to sell enough of these securities  
to pay these liabilities, saving your  
judgment as to which it would be  
best to part with, and to retain  
for and the remainder for the  
present - I suppose it would not  
be necessary to pay the charges on  
the tobacco, or at least all of it  
at present - I have brought out  
and sold (10) boxes of this tobacco

upon which I had better pay  
the charges I supposed - But  
as the party need do as you  
think best - Get from them  
and send a statement and  
of their age and receipt for  
said - I send an agreement  
into them about the tobacco  
while selling will say \$100<sup>00</sup>  
or more and above the above amount  
& deposits to my credit unless  
or keep it yourself or I can do  
and you when I want it -  
the agreement into J. P. B.  
back to me - I had about  
a good deal of interest and  
bonds & stock - Can it be colle-  
cted?

Your aff Bro

W. W. Blackford

Capt. Chas. W. Blackford

Lynchburg Va

P.S. upon reading over the bonds & stock  
it will be necessary to give you a power  
to sell - I send one to sign for what  
you think best to sell - W. W. B.

Petersburg Virginia

December 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

Chas. M. Blackford Esq.

Synchburg Va.

Dear Blackford,

If the notes to which you refer in your letter of November 30<sup>th</sup> are notes of "The Bank of the City of Petersburg" R. Ragland President & James E. Cuckber Cashr., I shall have to decline your kind offer to place them in my hands for suit - Expecting to be your adversary.

If they are notes of the "Exchange Bank," or of the "Farmer's Bank" or of the old "Virginia Bank," payable at the office of Wiercomb & Deposit in Petersburg Va., I will be cheerfully at your service.

You have ample time to bring your suit to the March Term of Hustings Court, or the May Term of Circuit Court.

Do you not think it likely that the Legislature will at its present session pass some law respecting all the insolvent Banks, which will render your proceedings useless?

Yours Very Truly

Wm. Syme.

