

Nov 14th 1865

Dear Charley

I placed yesterday in Adams & Co's
Express, a parcel of papers, to your address -
Herewith send Adams & Co's Receipt

Yours affly Uncle
G. W. Brown

C. M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg
Va

Will send the soap &c shortly

Dear Charles
I enclose a parcel of papers to your address.
I have also enclosed a letter to your address.

Yours truly
J. M. Brown

To Mr. Black of New York
New York

Your name appears on the
list of names to a meeting.

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

December 2nd 1865

Charles W. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg

Dear Sir,

Amount of the 28th ulto is received. The legal rate of interest in this State is seven per cent per annum. It is allowed on all contracts where interest is not expressed, and interest is collectable, and it has been the rate allowed for ten years last past.

THOMAS D. HALL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

November 27, 1865.

Charles M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg

Dear Sir,

I have received your two favors of the 18th and 20th inst-ant, the latter enclosing your receipt for the accounts of Pamplin and Homer.

I have to ask you to use the best and speediest efforts to collect these accounts, and more especially the balance due from Pamplin. I am informed that the joint transactions of Pamplin and Erby Jaudes with Reid Wash, out of which a large part of Pamplin's indebtedness

To R. & M. more, have been settled
between Pamplin and Joly & C^o,
on the basis of Reid & Travels ac-
counts, so that Pamplin (and
Nawely now object to those accounts
as against Mr Reid.

I am informed too, that
in some proposition of settlement,
Pamplin has offered in addition
to the remission of certain notes
or acceptances of R. & M's been or
contacted by him, one for them-
selves & others in cash. This is
too little and was declined, but
I should like to get from him
a good blank offer nearer the

amount claimed from him. At all
events it is desired that no time
be lost in pressing him to a
settlement. The other accounts we
are also anxious to press, but you
have been generally informed of
Mr Reid's wishes with respect to them.

Please accept my best thanks
for your tender of hospitality. It
will afford me much pleasure to
avoice of them, if ever my good
fortune should take me to Spruce-
burg.

Yours
Very faithfully
Wm
D. H. M.

Scott and Langhorne v See
Claims, I care not settle
The above Terms unless I
again find clerk Reid. There
not much risk, I suppose, in
tendering the full amount
The suits.

Of course the limitation
Authority I have been in-
quiring, apply to you as well
myself.

I am
Very faithfully
Yrs
T. D. Hall

THOMAS D. HALL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

December 16 1865

Charles M. Blackford Esq
Syracuse

Dear Sir,

Please receive my thanks for
your favor of the 12th inst.,
with its information of the progress
made, or prevented, in the Collec-
tion of Mr Reid's claims.

Your explanation of Mr Reid's
matter is quite satisfactory to
me, and doubtless will be to
Mr Reid. Indeed I had been
much impressed by Mr Reid's

letter to me, and was not
disposed to trouble him.

Seeing out his debt, I
must say that Mr Reid's in-
structions are imperative - not to
compromise any claims - to extend
the time of their payment to
any of the debtors who are
willing to pay, taking
a part (unless if necessary) in
case, and their obligations
for the rest, and failing that,
to lose no time in obtaining
judgment.

Mr Reid's last letter advises

me not to settle with Scott, or
Langhorne & Coe, until I hear from
him again - and I have to ask
you to bear any terms they
may propose, but not to settle
with these parties.

I am still anxious to have
some proposition from Thompson.
Any reasonable proposition from
either of the parties, will be sub-
mitted by me to Mr Reid.
But I cannot settle any of these
claims without his special au-
thority unless they are paid
in full with interest, or a part-
to paid in case, and the
difference in the obligations
of the debtors. And as to the

Charlottesville December 9th 1865

Charles M. Blackford Esq.

My dear Sir,

I will have to act as general counsel for the Monticello Bank, and concluded that ~~as~~ as the notes of that Bank will go into the hands of Mr. Cochran, it would be better for him to take all that you left with me. I accordingly enclose you his receipt for them all.

Yours of the 7th inst. has been received.

I am very willing to act as counsel for Mr. Langhorne in the matter of his claim against Farrow &c; but, as I understand your letter, he only desires me to consider myself retained by him, in the event that litigation becomes necessary. I think that a proper retaining fee ought to be paid, whether there shall be litigation or not; and that in a case of this magnitude \$50. would be a moderate one.

The other parties might possibly wish to consult me in reference to the propriety of litigation, and if my hands were tied up by considering myself counsel for Mr. Langhorne, in the event of litigation; I could not advise them - and would

of course receives no fee from anyone, if the matter should be settled without it.

Please let me know, as soon as you can communicate with Mr. Langhorne, whether he is willing to pay the retainer. If he is, the fee in the case can be settled hereafter there is litigation. If he is not willing to pay the retainer, I must be at liberty to act for the other parties, if it should so happen they apply to me, before I am retained by you.

Very truly Yours

J. M. Robertson

If it will not give you too much trouble, I shall be very much obliged if you will send me a reference to the authorities in the Lawing Case.

will be here very soon - is expected
every day, & as soon as he comes
I will learn my status, &
you - It is in New York on business.

Of course it is best for
in a pecuniary point of view,
to be on the side of the Bank -
Your offer gives me an excuse
for hurrying the Directors at
to some definite action - If
they don't want me, it will
afford me pleasure to co-oper-
ate with you upon the terms
indicated - It will not hurt
you to wait a few days -

Yours very truly
Wm Lloyd Garrison

Petersburg Virginia
Dec. 8th 1863

Dear Blackford
Yours of 30th Nov^r was
duly rec^d and I have delayed
answering because of the absence
of the President of the Bank of the
City of Petersburg - He has not
yet returned; but I don't want
you to think that I am neglect-
ing you, & therefore this unsatisfactory
note -

I have an idea, (not exactly a
notion) that I am like Sm-
thoyd as humanly connect for
the Bank. I wish however I
woud not like to see for the
date of 10th or 187 - Mr. Rayland

Weymouth - Dec. 12th 65

Dear Charles -

Here with I enclose

Certificate of debt from Rich^d Wm. & Prot.
R.R. to L.W. Minor for \$1664. dated
Oct. 10th 1836

Certificate for 25 shares of stock in same
dated Apl. 26th 1832

Certificate for 5 shares - dated Apl. 23rd 1836

" " 6 " " Aug. 28th 1830

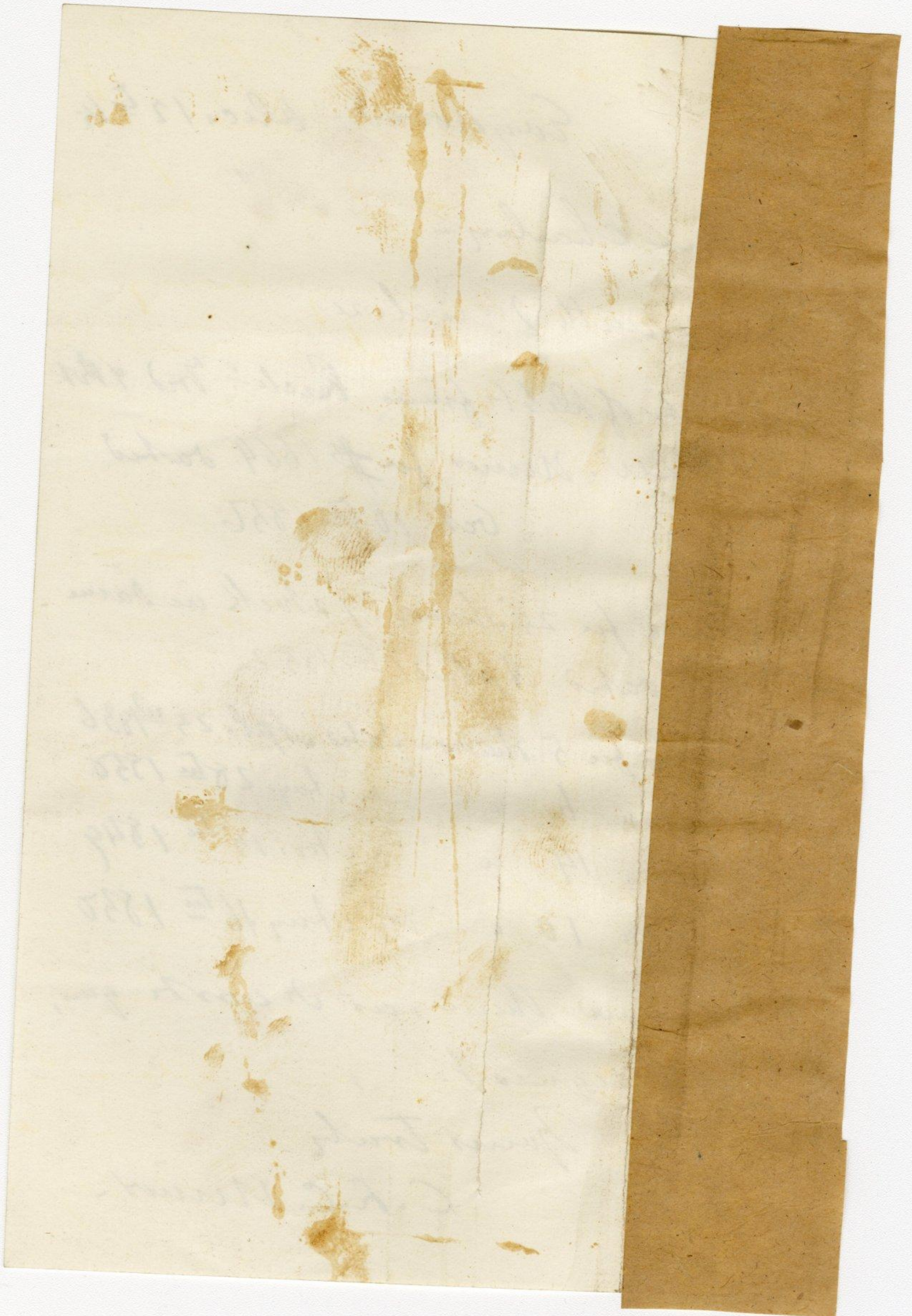
" " 14 " " Nov. 15th 1849

" " 10 " " Aug. 16th 1830

I send them, as I write you,
by his request.

Yours truly

C. R. C. Minor.



Richmond Dec. 12. 1868.

Chas M. Blackford Esq
My dear Charley

I am obliged to be compelled to
apologize for long delay in responding to your
kind favor. It reached me on Sunday & as I
could not reply at once was laid aside among
other letters - for which my attention was diverted by
engagements in Court ~~to~~ that I was astounded to believe
while I had some leisure to do more than merely
answer the enquiry - I was much obliged to hear
from you through Phelps & to learn that your
prospects were flattering. I am much encouraged by
help & hope that will be abundantly sufficient for ourselves
& instruments may be more numerous than profitable.
They will not be more numerous than profitable
to our impoverished people - I fancy there is a demand
ahead even with the continuance of the stay law
which seems to be absolutely unavoidable - As soon
as the sources of communication with the instru-
ments are opened all the ready money or valuable
property in our midst was expended in the purchase
of necessaries & comforts to supply the vacuum created
by the exhausting & depleting process of the previous
four years - & consequently the sales of tradecom

give notes for his debts.

I still have to say a

Mr. Pampelin, get from him

good plump offer of Cash

he will make more, but

time in bringing action

him.

I am

Very respectfully

J. D. Hall

Charles M. Blackford Esq

Synchburg

THOMAS D. HALL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

December 6 1865

Dennis,

I wrote you on the 2nd inst,

and now have to say that I

have since heard from Mr. Reid,

and he is so positive in his

instructions respecting the

Synchburg claims, that I

deem it best to communicate

them to you.

He does not encourage

or authorize any Compromise

of these claims - he thinks that they are justly due, and must be paid in full. But where the parties have not the present ability to pay, he will give them time. This time however is to be fixed, and he insists that the parties give their Bonds or promissory notes for the payment of their dues at the time to be fixed and

agreed upon. In all cases too, he thinks, there should be a reasonable part of the debt paid in cash.

If the parties owing him money do not accede to these terms, he desires them where not already sued, to be sued as early as possible.

I am afraid his instructions cover Mr. Keau's case. Still I hold to any arrangement you have made with him, until I hear more specially from Mr. Reid. It would relieve me however if Mr. Keau could

Sewberry Dec. 9th 1865

Dear Charles

Your's of the 5th is this moment received. But one thing makes me hesitate in my answer. You speak of putting only uncle Lewis' claim in the lawyers' hands; nothing of Aunt Mary's. Aunt M. could stand the loss of the charges; in case of failing to recover the money claimed, as ill as we could. Uncle L. can venture to risk a loss for a probable gain. Can you form any estimate of the ^{greatest} loss in case of failure by losing the suit, or failing to get it out of Mr. C.? Any where near it? \$100? or \$1000? or \$500? Considering the fact that the estate I represent could ill bear paying over \$100 - would you advise me to try it? I have the fullest reliance on your judgment and would gladly embark with you ~~in~~ your circumstances and mine being the same - as I thought would be the case in your acting for Aunt Mary. My purpose was to ask Rowe if he would take a fee contingent on success. I still think I shall do as you advise when you have considered the circumstances I call your attention