



Forest Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860

Capt Rodford

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter in relation to the meeting held at the Forest Dept. on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. for the purpose of organizing a Platoon of the Wise Troop.

The gentlemen of who first proposed the scheme of forming a Platoon of the Wise Troop, did not, at the time, deem it possible that a separate company of cavalry could be raised in this section of the county.

Therefore, in view of this fact, and also of the fact that they would have the full benefit of your experience as a cavalry officer, determined to raise form a Platoon of the Wise Troop

But, at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec.,  
there was such a military spirit  
manifested, that some of the  
gentlemen of the meeting,  
proposed to form a separate  
and independent <sup>pen</sup> company of our  
own, which should be entirely  
distinct from the Wise Troop.  
The vote was taken on this  
motion, and it was decided by  
quite a large majority in favour  
of a separate company.  
The gentlemen who proposed  
having a separate company seem  
from all I could gather from  
them, to be unwilling to be  
subject to all the rules and  
regulations of the Wise Troop.  
They seemed to think that in  
the event of a Platoon being  
formed of the Wise Troop, that  
the said Platoon would be  
compelled to do service very  
frequently against their inclinations,  
in obedience to the dictates  
of the Wise Troop.  
I hope you understand my  
position in this matter, as I have

explained it to you in person, therefore,  
it is not necessary to mention it  
in this letter again.

It is proper to state, however, in  
justice to those gentlemen who  
proposed having a separate  
company, that they were really  
anxious to have you as their  
officer in preference to any one  
else, and regretted exceedingly  
that your services could not be  
had at this time. In haste

Yours truly  
G. A. Bowyer

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Wootsray Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860

Dear Sir

I send you herewith a note  
just received from Mr Blackford Sec<sup>ry</sup>  
of the "Wise Troop". Will you please give  
me a written statement of the action  
and the reason assigned for such action  
as was taken at the meeting held by  
the gentlemen who proposed thro' you to  
me to have themselves presented to the  
"Wise Troop" for the purpose of forming  
a Platoon of that Troop. My object in  
asking for this statement from you is to  
place myself in a proper position in regard  
to this matter and I wish to enclose your  
answer in my reply <sup>to Mr B's note</sup> I write to you as  
the application was made to me thro' you

Dr James Bowyer  
Present

} Yours truly  
W. H. Madgwick

Dr James Bowyer

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Present

Fork Union, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 60

C. M. Blackford, Esq

Dear Sir—

You think no doubt I have been  
neglectful in not sending you  
the eight dol. as I promised.

I have tried to get an eight dol.  
bill & it seems that I can get

any other number but the right  
one. For this reason I have failed

to send you the money up to the  
present time. I have now come

to the conclusion that it will be  
best for me not to send the money

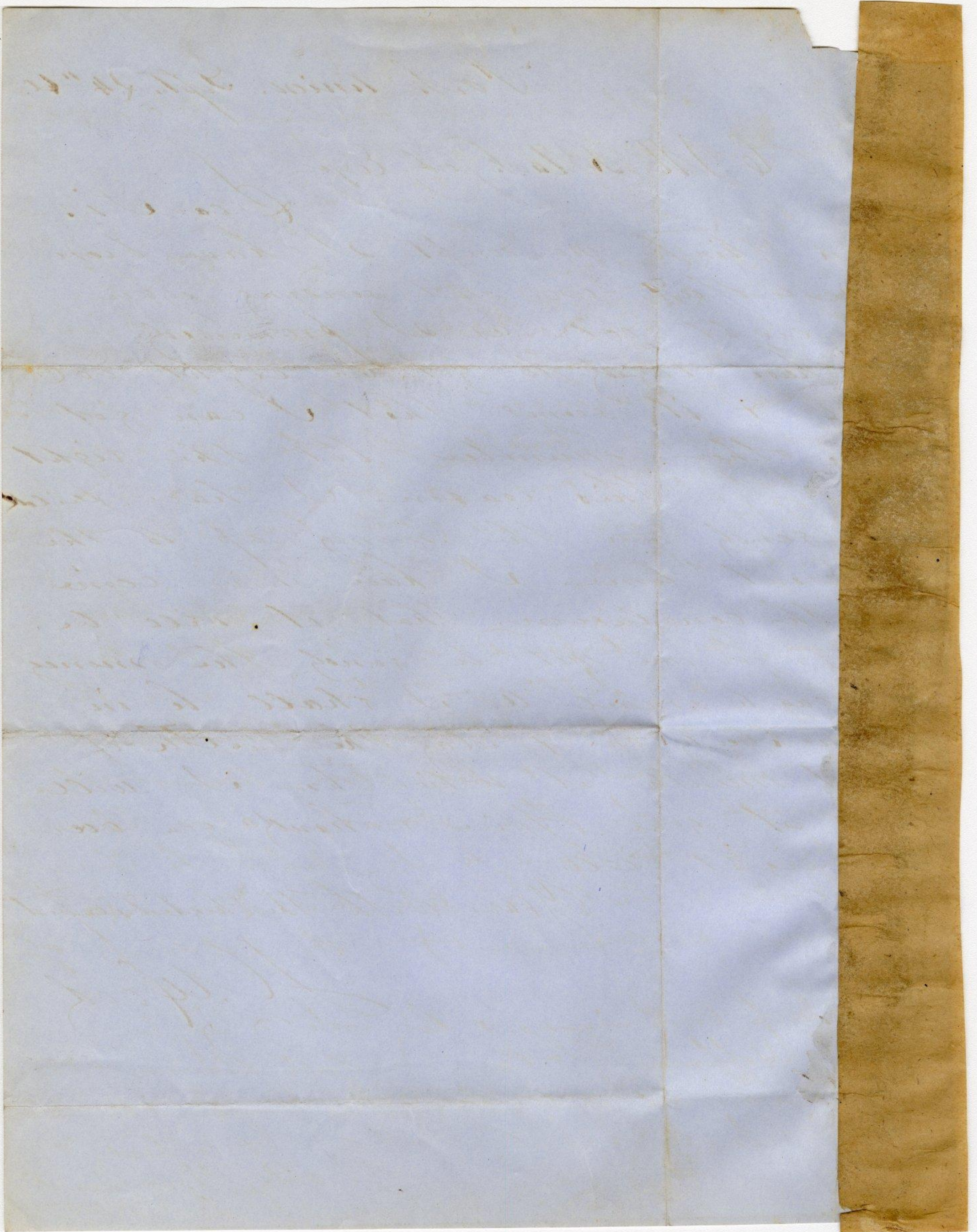
through mail. As I shall be in  
Lynchburg on Friday the twelfth of

next month at which time I will  
call at your office & hand you over

the eight dol.

Yours with the highest respect

J. C. Wood



National Hotel Washington D.C. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1860  
Mr Chas. M. Blackford

Address  
L. A. Kinsley  
Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir  
Laurel P Office Prince Georges Co Md  
You please inform me at your  
earliest convenience what Disposition  
has been made of the goods  
I left in our store & what  
part you as (our trustee) have  
paid to our creditors

If you  
have not disposed of the goods nor  
made a settlement please see the  
goods as soon as possible make  
a settlement & let me know the  
results of the same, also please  
be kind enough to refer to your  
Books & List & let me know (as  
soon as convenient) the address of

Mess Cummings & Co	} Goble & Taylor North Sherman & Co Dno Bogert & Co & others & oblye Your friend L. A. Kinsley
L. Hoffman & Co	
Cameron Edwards & Co	
L. Switzer & Co	

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W<sup>m</sup> Chas M. Blackford

Sturbridge  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 60

Dear Sir

On my return home  
a few days ago, I rec<sup>d</sup> your  
letter of 27<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> - I have  
delayed answering it, until  
I could ascertain certainly  
whether I could be with  
you at the time indicated,  
I'd now write to say, that  
unless some accident should  
occur, I can be in Lyndebury  
on the 16<sup>th</sup>, & speak  
there on the 17<sup>th</sup> - I pre-  
sume I will be expected to  
speak at night - so as not  
to interfere with the fair  
Please let me know whether  
this will be in accordance  
with your plans

Yours truly Alex<sup>r</sup> H<sup>o</sup> Stuart

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19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. Blackford

The personal call with which you were pleased to accompany the official demands some further notice at my hands.

Previous intimations, from yourself & others, that this call would be tendered me led me to weigh the matter somewhat beforehand, so that I am not acting hastily in deciding positively at once. Among other considerations I feel incompetent to enter upon a charge which would require three pulpit preparations weekly, especially where the congregation is a cultivated one. I feel that my education is yet very incomplete, and at present I am losing instead of gaining. My desire

Chas. W. B.

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is to enter upon some post that will give me a position subordinate to that of Pastor and allow me some opportunity to study. I have already had intimations that such a situation will be offered me so soon as my present engagement terminates.

There are other considerations, which it is unnecessary to mention, that greatly influence my decision.

Regretting very much to disappoint the wish so kindly expressed in regard to my acceptance. I am

With kind regards

Yours very truly

A. W. Griffin

Boston -

Sept: 27<sup>th</sup> 1860 -

Chas: M. Blackford Esq.

Dear Sir -

I thank you sincerely for your kind invitation to visit Lyubbery but the state of my health and other reasons prevent my speaking and I must therefore decline your invitation - I have addressed a letter to the Bell and Knell Club of Norfolk which I suppose will be published in a few days and will show you where I stand in the present contest.

Very Truly Yours

J. D. B. B. B.

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Eye River Warehouse Oct 18 1860

Charles M. Blackford Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst  
I received & contents duly observed The claim  
of Wm Goble Sr for \$280 was paid at the  
time it fell due to Raide who sold  
me the piece as their agent & I hold  
his receipt for the same. I also have  
their letter stating that he was their  
agent

Respectfully  
J. S. Eubank

