

you will see by the memorandum that  
I have recorded ~~two~~ shares, (\$50 each) and  
I have recorded scrip (two) for \$500  
& one of \$500 in R. F. & P. Rail. Co.  
but there not in my possession.

I enclose a check on draft of the  
Bank here on the Chemical Bank <sup>New</sup> York  
for One Hundred dollars, to defray

The No. 152. Dated Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855,  
payable by me to you -

Proceed in the matter of the Petition  
once, and also let me know at at once that you  
received the enclosures.

I wrote to Mr. Geo. W. Bots on  
subject on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1855 & mailed  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> but have received  
reply. I addressed him at Richmond.

Let me hear from <sup>you</sup> at once.

I shall enclose to your mother, as a  
to her may not expect so much care  
as one addressed to you.

Love to your mother wife & c

Your aff<sup>l</sup> uncle  
G. W. Minor

B. M. Blackford Esq  
Lyonsburg Va

P.S. It just occurs to me that  
mother is not at home & I shall ad  
to you

Balcony Falls. P. O.

Rockbridge. Co. Va.

Decr. 28. 1865.

My Dear Sir.

Will you do me the kindness to inform me, at your earliest convenience, as to the condition of the Citizens Savings Bank. and how much - if any - of our large deposits will probably be paid - I am exceedingly anxious to learn this at the earliest possible time, as in a few days our case will be acted upon in the Court of appeals - and it is necessary for me to be able to give the information to my Council to be used in preparing the case for trial -

I am  
D. R. McDaniel Esq  
Rockbridge. Va.

My Dear Sir -  
Yours very truly  
R. J. Echols.

Miss M. Brewster

Dear Madam

I have your letter

of the 10th inst.

and am glad to hear

that you are well

and hope you will

continue to improve

yourself every day

and that you will

be able to do all

the good that is

in your power

to do for the

benefit of your

country and the

world. I am, Madam,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. B. B.

18th Nov 1840

London

Miss M. Brewster

Richmond Va  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 1865

My Dear Sir - I enclose a notice to take the depositions on the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst also \$35. per + commission - Please send the depositions by the National Express Co. - Enclose a short note Please let the depositions be as conclusive as possible

Yrs very truly  
J. W. Cooke

Direct all correspondence to

**MICHAEL HASSLER,**

BOX, 1535, P. O.,

PHILADELPHIA.

1852  
1853

I have a number of letters  
to the effect that also for  
the year 1852 the  
- Please send to the  
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My dear  
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Mr Chas M D Blackford  
Lynchburg Va.

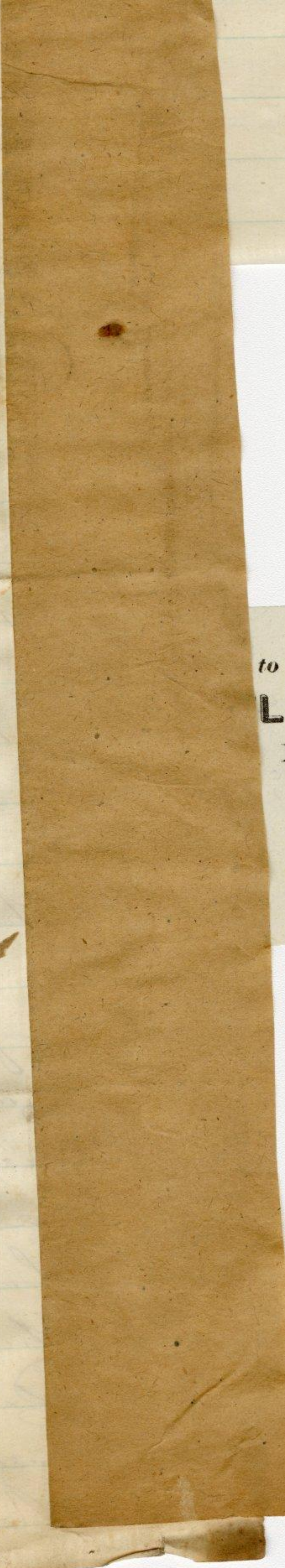
Dear Sir, We believe

you took judgment against  
Mr C Burton, in April  
1861. You will oblige  
by informing us how  
the case stands at  
present.

We herewith enclose you  
for collection notes  
against Wm Fitzgerald \$35.46  
Please acknowledge receipt. You  
already hold one note  
for collection against  
this party.

Did you receive Weeks' acct.  
Please answer by Return Mail  
Respectfully  
L. G. Cook  
Ass't

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Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 10th

and was glad to hear from you

and to hear that you were all well

I am well at present and hope

these few lines will find you the same

I have not much news to write at present

but I will write again when I have more

I love you all very much

Your affectionate son

John Smith

123 Main Street

New York

1850

Paid Dec 30. 1865

Chas M Blackford Esq  
Lynchburg Va.

Tracy Bunt is at  
receipt to learn your signature, and am  
of course wait until you are able to pay us. We  
we hope will be soon, we also have lost our  
system by the war.

We have a claim vs E Hughes Concord Sept  
Sept 20. 1860 for \$33.62 can the part  
of some would like you to collect it.

We are, Sirs

Yours Truly

Wm Dickerson

Interests in Lot "13" not released & for which parties are responsible

|                 | Spms          | Paxton responsible |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Sally Wilson    |               | \$ 1134.43         |
| John Alexander  | 184.72        | 554.76             |
| Saml. Alexander | 184.72        | 554.16             |
| Emily Harvey    | <u>269.44</u> | 236.23             |
| Suzeline Harvey |               | 236.23             |
| Amos Marshace   | 67.49         | 201.45             |
| Sney C. Fisher  | 213.14        | 639.42             |
| Nancy Fisher    | <u>213.14</u> | <u>639.42</u>      |
|                 | \$ 863.21     | \$ 4095.50         |

with int: from March 2<sup>d</sup> 1857  
 subject to credit for money paid.

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Dr 8 Aug / 57

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Dr 10 Aug / 57

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Dr 11 Aug / 57

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University of Virginia

December 23<sup>d</sup> 1865.

Dear Sir,

Do you recollect at all our  
eccentric Englishman, W. Henry  
Scharf, the draughtsman of the  
Medical Faculty and the capital  
reader? He has taken it into his  
head, that a Reading in your  
good town would make him par-  
ticularly happy, and, as he will

Charles M. Blackford Esq.

Dr. H. Scharf  
340.81

Dr. H. Scharf  
110.00

Dr. H. Scharf  
83.00

Dr. H. Scharf  
313.85

13.84

Interests in Lot "B" Not released & for which parties are responsible

|                 | Spent            | Paxton Expenses   |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sally Wilson    |                  | \$ 1034.43        |
| John Alexander  | 184.72           | 554.86            |
| Saml. Alexander | 184.72           | 554.16            |
| Emily Harvey    | 269.44           | 236.23            |
| Suzanne Harvey  |                  | 236.23            |
| Amos Marshall   | 67.49            | 201.45            |
| Sney C. Fielus  | 213.14           | 639.42            |
| Mary Fielus     | 213.14           | 639.42            |
|                 | <u>\$ 863.21</u> | <u>\$ 4095.50</u> |

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Charles M. Blackford Esq.

Edgewood, Hanover Co. Va.  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1855

Miss Charley.

Your three letters of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> of the  
7<sup>th</sup> & of the 14<sup>th</sup> were received together  
to-night. -- Uncle Lewis' bonds were  
enclosed you in a letter sent by mail,  
and registered, on the 12<sup>th</sup> from Beecher  
Dam. After delaying till I could take  
them there I found that I could send  
them by express only by leaving them  
there till the next day, with a man I  
did not know, who was to deliver the  
package to an express agent on the  
cars as they passed. So I preferred  
the mail. I presume it was not to be ex-  
pected it should reach you by the 14<sup>th</sup>  
when you wrote latest.

Thank you for your opinion about  
my reference with the commission.  
It settles the matter & satisfies me. Thank  
you too for the advice to stake the ba-  
lances yearly in specie. I will do  
will of my father's  
buried

county records <sup>of Hanover</sup>. An official copy  
I hold is now in the hands of Mr. [unclear]  
to be recorded anew. I'll get  
for Mr. Barker as soon as I can.  
In view of your advice I decided  
the case with Mr. Conway. I was  
't was my duty in law to do it, but  
more willingly accept the responsi-  
on district step taken or omitted  
I might take written releases from  
of those interested ~~who~~ <sup>as</sup> are capable  
sent, than of many irregularities <sup>into</sup>  
have drawn me ~~into~~. I take  
encouragement from the fact  
are watching the case. Reside  
ing your business you work  
as I would, con amore.

Yours truly,

I, you go to Richd C. D. C. Me  
must you there. <sup>come here. don't</sup> I can't go & want to  
P.S. here.

We accept the offer of your  
vices gratis most Thankfull  
is no matter "of course" Dr. J.  
time away that he  
he said, to

Richmond Va. S  
Dec: 5<sup>th</sup> 1865 S

Charles M Blackford Esq  
Attorney at Law  
Lyackburg Va.  
My Dear Sir.

Absence from the City  
on business and other pressing engagements have  
hitherto prevented me from writing and informing  
you that the depositions did not reach us. The  
case was continued and I left Rich<sup>d</sup> shortly  
afterward hoping that in the meantime they  
might come to hand. I received your letter and  
would have forwarded you fee, but have wanted  
to see Irvine. I expect him in to see me in a  
few days and will give the matter prompt  
attention. Please make some enquiries at  
your Post office about the depositions. - If nothing  
is ascertained about them please inform  
when it will be convenient to retake them  
and I will give the notices accordingly.

With many wishes for your prosperity and  
success in life I am Sir

Yours Very Truly,  
Jno A. Carter

Richmond Va  
Dec: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

My dear Sir  
I have the pleasure  
of acknowledging  
the receipt of your  
letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst

and in reply to inform you that  
the same has been forwarded  
to the proper authorities  
for their consideration  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. [Name]

Should business or other  
-ments call you to Balt-  
I hope we shall see you  
at Belvidere; and I shall be  
happy to extend to you the  
-hospitalities of our house.  
With kind regards to  
Blackford, your mother  
& any other members of  
family who may be ab-  
-seng, believe me

Very truly  
Yours friend

C. H. M.

Baltimore Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>

1865

Chas. M. Blackford Esq

My dear Sir

Your favor of the

21<sup>st</sup> inst. came to hand on Saturday  
last and I embrace the first opportu-  
-nity of replying to it. The whole trans-  
-action wh. was the subject of your letter  
had passed out of my mind, and as  
I am not in the habit of allowing a  
debt to remain unpaid for three  
years and a half, much less of for-  
-getting all about it while unpaid,  
I was ~~at first~~ very much mortified  
to think that I had acted so irres-  
-oly towards you. So strong however  
was my conviction that I was in-  
-capable of forgetting an indebted-  
-ness entirely, that I determined  
to look over my diary to discover, if

possible, some account of the trans-  
-action. On the back of a little book  
which I chanced to preserve from  
the debris of the past four years,  
I found a statement of my Capmas  
4<sup>rs</sup> for the months of June July  
1862. In the first of these the loan  
of \$70. from yourself is recorded;  
but in the July account, among  
my expenses I find "debt to Mr  
Blackford 170." There was also a  
scraps of paper in the leaves of the  
book with the same entry among  
some capmas entries in Synchburg.  
Whether the money was paid to  
yourself or Mrs Blackford, I am  
unable to say, as I have no rec-  
-lection of the circumstances of the  
discharge, any more than I have  
of the in Contract, of the debt.  
I hope however that by examining  
your books again, you will find in that way.

~~sure~~ that you are mistaken in sup-  
-posing that this money has never  
been returned.

For myself I am sure  
that I can never forget the kindness  
received from members of your fam-  
-ily during the war, and it would  
therefore ~~be~~ have surprised me  
I should me not a little, if I had  
found this debt undischarged,  
Especially under the circumstances,  
of pecuniary Embarrassment in which  
you are common with the whole peo-  
-ple of the South, find yourself placed.  
At any rate, it would give me great  
pleasure to be able to lend you  
money to relieve you in some mea-  
-sure of your difficulties, but you  
will not find it hard to under-  
-stand that with a salary of \$800  
The Capital, I have little to offer  
in that way.

No 1. Spots Row, N. of Va. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Uncle Charley

Your kind invitation to me, to come over and spend my Xmas with you, was received about 3 o'clock Friday, after M<sup>rs</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>am</sup> had gone. But had I rec<sup>d</sup> it sooner, I think it is very doubtful whether I could have come ~~over~~ (father being steward of "Spots") I expect to have a very dull time here, this week. Nearly all the fellows have left, and I have been invited to no parties as yet. Tell Mary I am not to forget to ask Uncle Lanty about that Dressing Gown. Best love to all

I remain your aff. nephew  
I have done a good deal of studying, since lectures ceased.

W. B. Davis