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My Dr Sir,

I enclose you a statement  
of collections made for you &  
my chk for bal due you of \$1270.69  
You will see hereby that the amt  
collected falls far short of amt  
due & confidently expected. I worked  
harder & thro. worse weather for 2 weeks  
than ever before & the people seemed  
to make as great exertions as I  
ever saw them but in vain. The wheat  
& beef markets went down before

x maps & neither would command  
Cash so those who had these things  
did not send them down. For the first  
time for 20 years Littleton could not  
pay one cent of his rent because his  
Miller could not pay for his wheat  
Frazier could only pay \$1500. The bal  
of 1500 will be sent on by the first of  
Feb. Ross promises by that time to  
Farr by first of March Kemp Farr  
& Wiley make great promises for

Speedy payments. Tom Jenkins  
can never pay I think has not more  
than paid the Int. on his & I notified  
him to give up in the Spring there  
is another very good man ready to  
buy the place at a less price & if  
can get Jenkins off will sell to  
him. Old Fowler had some money  
for me but I failed to see him  
I made no progress in selling the  
Nixon farm as it is utterly im-  
possible to sell anything now  
Such is the apprehension of  
war that those who have funds  
will not invest nor pay their debts.  
I did worse for Mr Minor than for  
you & worse still for Col Powell's  
Est. I could not get more than one  
in ten dollars of what is due & had  
to see largely. The Banks have  
drawn in their circulation & are  
now afraid to discount again

I hope confidently to make  
another remittance by the first  
of next month or a little later.  
I saw your colt which has  
improved very much but  
not so large enough to bring  
great prices. When I get some  
more funds in I will account  
you for Jack's hire but having  
some certails to pay just now  
takes all the funds I can raise.  
What price do you count on  
him for this year? I had to hire  
a horse at 75 cts per day this trip  
with which I have charged you  
one half and also a part of my  
travelling expenses.

I found my family all well  
Mr Powell here on my return  
Nannie is well again I believe  
Give much love to Sue from  
all send me a copy of the acct  
received Yrs truly R Colston

Philadelphia January 15<sup>th</sup> 61.

C. N. Blackford Esq  
Lynchburg Va.

D Sir!

We hold a note of W. C. Burton  
who formerly lived at Lynchburg for  
\$400<sup>00</sup> which was due 24<sup>th</sup> November last  
& already for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time protested,  
will you be kind enough to write  
to us, what chance you stand under  
present Circumstances to collect the same, or  
can you perhaps get the money without  
suit, Please inform us as early as  
convenient, in reference to the same

& Obliq<sup>ly</sup> Yours, Respectfully

Loeb & Hirsch

N. B. How does it stand with W. W.  
Fitzgerald

Philadelphia January 12 1841

Dear Sir  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a copy of the book on the subject of the "History of the United States" published by the American Historical Society. I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the book is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for delivery in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the book is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for delivery in a few days.

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Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Dear Sir.

When Tom returned to Lynchburg after Xmas, I wrote to you by him, requesting you to hire him out for the present year and to collect the hire for the past year. Having heard not a word from you, I am getting uneasy about this matter fearing some mistake has occurred.

Oblige by letting me hear from you in reference to this matter at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully yrs  
Geo Booker

Mr Chas W Blackford  
Lynchburg-

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1841

Dear Sir

When your volume

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Very respectfully  
Yours

Wm M Blackford  
of the year, is wanting for to

University of Va, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir

I am anxious to learn if you have made any arrangement with regard to Garland's debts. Unless the matter is closed in some way, the account will be out of date in a few months. The very bad behaviour of Garland has convinced me that he has no objection to any dodge which will enable him to stave off his debts & those of his ward - He ought

to have been in funds about  
this time. He hires out a  
great many negroes belonging  
to the estate of my young cousin.  
With regards to yo wife I am

Yours Truly  
Lewis H. Coleman

Leitch Bluff, Ky

Glebe Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1861

Charles Blackford Esq.

Dear sir

I received your notice  
that you had my note to Mr. Shephard  
whilst I was sick in bed. I was taken sick  
the day after I saw Shephard & have been  
confined to the bed & have ever since, I am  
only now well enough to write to you ~~with~~  
to ~~you~~ inform you why I have not comply-  
ed with my promise, I have been convales-  
cing very rapidly the last few days and  
if I continue, I shall in a few days be  
able to satisfy you

yours respectfully  
W. White

2 the June 20 1851

Charles Blackford Esq.  
Dear Sir

I received your letter  
that you had sent me  
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conferred to the  
my own and  
to see if  
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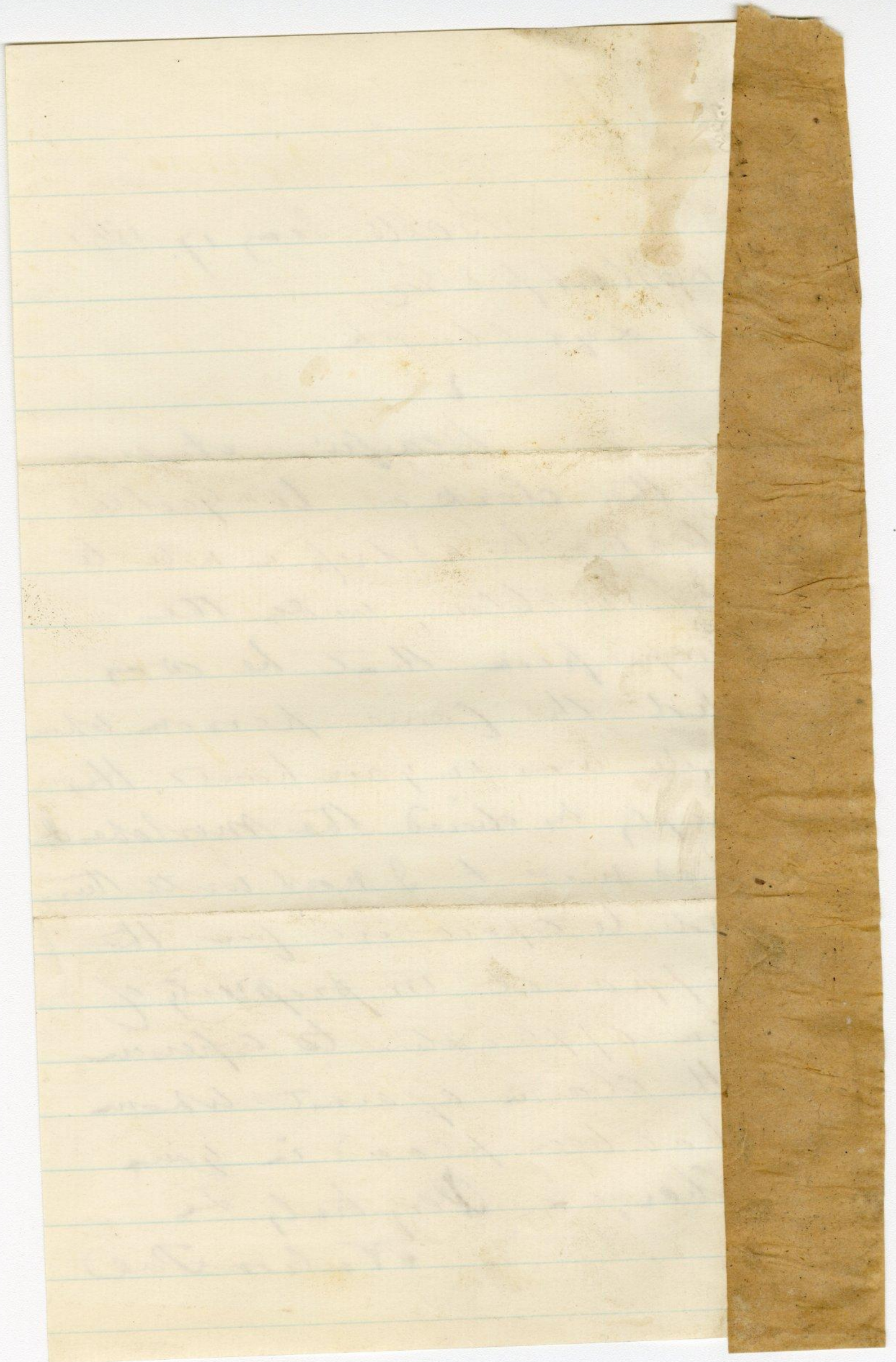
Yours respectfully  
W. H. C.

Balls, Jan 17, 1861.  
Mr Blatford Esq  
Lynchburg

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Dear Sir, I received  
of the clerk at Washington  
had me to address a note to  
J. S. Pendleton, under the  
impression that he was  
not the same person whom  
note was in your hands. His  
reply he desired the mistake I  
had made & I now write this  
note to apologize for the  
apparent impropriety of  
an application to a person  
the claim against whom  
had been placed in your  
charge. Very truly &c

Wm. S. Talbot



Alexandria Dec 28 1860

My Dear Mr Jellis,

I write to ask

you, what you are doing about  
a minister for yr new church?

You have already had Mr Shields  
name presented to you & I am sure  
he wd suit you admirably, if  
you are not already committed. He  
has rec'd a call from Maryland  
& is waiting before he gives an  
answer. If you can call him  
now, I think he will come, & the  
question of salary need not  
trouble you, as Mr S. has means  
of his own, so that I think it  
wd be advantageous in yr calling  
him now, as he wd be

Willing to labour in such a  
place as you, for a very small  
compensation, until the Church  
was established. He ed also  
come at once, He is now in Norfolk  
I will be here for ten days or  
so. Please answer this immedi-  
ately My best & affec you

D. Springg

P.S. Alas! My Brother - we  
have fallen upon evil times.

Branchland Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1851

My dear Blackford,

I have not been able to recall the address, which you once gave me, of the Nurseryman from whom you purchased your fruit trees. I wish to plant out a number this Spring & would be much obliged to you, if you would ask him to send me a Catalogue of his trees, with the prices attached.

We talk of nothing & hear of nothing in this latitude but politics. Virginia is fast getting in a way to pass under the yoke of her enemies. Her Convention has met with the foregoing <sup>terms</sup> conclusion to settle the difficulties, or good, if they can, & if they cannot, then on the best they can get. I wish when you visit the County you would pay me a visit. My love to your wife

Yours very truly

Wm Fell

