Aug 4 1860

Dr Charly

I wrote you some time since asking you to send me some seed of lettuce & winter salad — and also check for Aunt Mary's Interest money — the seed it is now too late to send tho' I suppose there is no danger of my getting them — but the money will still be available & Aunt M— wants some of it just now —

The note of Dr Slafter I wish collected at

once if it can be eff
o balance after dedu
fees forwarded —
Will you do
in haste yrs very
C. G. Ha

Ch M Blackford Esq
Lynchburg
Va

Clover Hill Sept 5th 60

Lawyer Blackford

Dear sir

What in the world are you doing, with the suit that I entrusted to your care. I am sure there has already been time enough passed to have sued, collected, and used the money & forgotten that such an occurrence had ever transpired

Then do I pray you if you are not otherwise engaged give me a share of your attention have it decided, (and I know if I get justice at the hands of the Lynchburg court it will be decided in my favor) put it into the hands of an officer that it may be collected forthwith, & sent to me, for I assure you I am hard pressed & must have money to meet claims on me that have been due for long time that suit was brought & the judgements are now hanging

Yours &c

for collection

Prof. give a line
the reception of this and te
~~[illegible]~~ what you have done or
do, that I may know how I stand
direct your letter to me

Fancy Hill Hannah J. Fre
Rockbridge

Fredericksburg — Va
September 21st 1860.

Mr Charles M. Blackford
Lynchburg

My dear Charles, When I was at the University Doctor Davis recommended to my attention as a subject investment, certain bonds of the Central R. R. bearing eight per cent — He had looked carefully into them and thought them quite safe or very profitable at the current price. It brought to mind a conversation I had with you last year and I wish to have your present opinion on them and answers to the following questions — What can they be bought for? When are they due? What rate of interest percentum on the par value? Have they an act of the Legislature to authorize the engagement to pay more than six percent? Can a bond of five hundred dollars be had? & at what price?

I have some Building Fund stock & find it right hard to spare the monthly payments on it. I think therefore of

converting it into something which will yield ~~him~~ me something instead of drawing money out of me.

There were some little photograph likenesses of the boys which they promised to send me but devil a one of them have I but the long boy's.

Got Eugene's letter forwarded from the Hot Springs — Surely there must be something settled about his matters by this time.

I went to the Hot Springs and was spouted & boiled and made into minor soup — Oh! shade of Ude! what a dish! — and brought home that same old man of the sea, the lumbago. If it was a man it might be cut off — a hole might be stopt with a cork or by some other contrivance But the lumbago — what chance is there to get rid of that when boiling for a quarter of an hour & lying under six blankets for twice that time will no nothing for one!

Well — I have one comfort left — I can grunt & bear it — It is better than the loss of sight or the gout.

Let me hear from you as soon as you can.

Love to all ours — Take good care of that boy of yours — He is very like what "Holly" used to be and will soon be telling me that he has "quackers & poons & gotch" in his belly.

Your off to uncle

J. Minor

Charlottsville 21st Sept 60

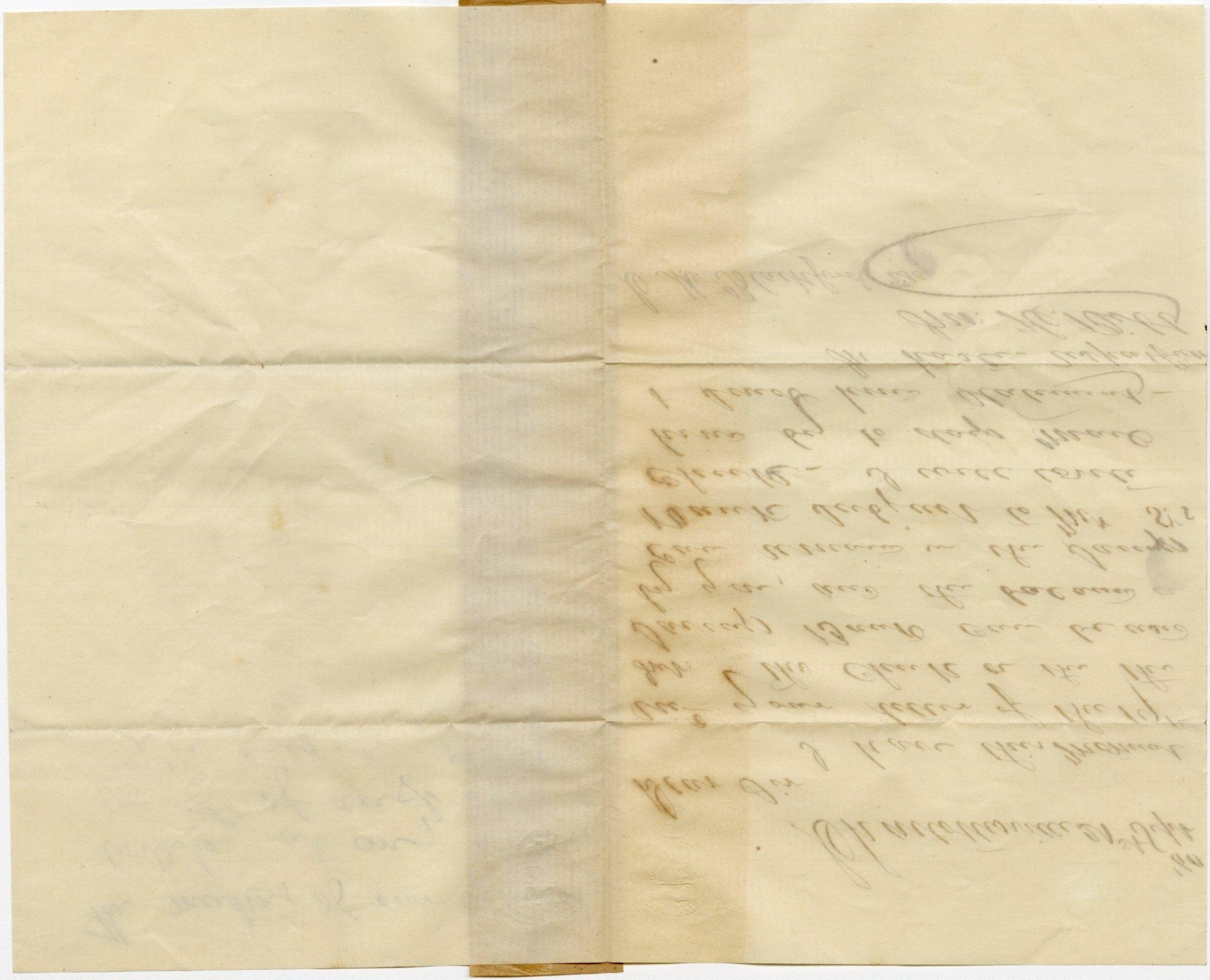
Dear Sir

I have this moment rec'd your letter of the 19th Inst: the Check on the Savings Bank can be used by you, and the balance can remain in the Savings Bank subject to Mr S's Check - I will write him by to days Mail & send him Statement -

In haste - respectfully

Jno: H. Gibbs

C. M. Blackford Esq



The meeting of our c
will be at my
on 8th of augt
7 1/2 o'clock P

Office of the Mutual Ass.ce Society
Richmond 13th Aug.t 1860

Charles M. Blackford Esq:
Lynchburg

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 10th Inst. is received enclosing your receipt for the Society's bills forwarded to Mr Yancey for collection.

It is found by reference to our Books that the bill against Mr Lorenzo Norvell is for quotas &c on property transferred in 1853 from the "Farmers Bank, Bank of Va & Cit.zens Savings Bank" to Mr D. R. Lyman & 1858 to Charles L. Mosby and by a declaration of revaluation & subscred by himself, to Mr Norvell - It appears also that the quotas have only been paid to 1856 inclusive - In Mr Norvell's declaration made in the recent revaluation of Lynchburg, an addition was included, which had not been insured before, and hence the additional premium of $14.40 & the consequent increase in the annual quota. The quota on this property has been for a long time previous to the recent revaluation $7.20.

It is possible there may be some mistake about the transfer to Mr Norvell, for the bill against the above property must be correct - Please send us the bill referred to, in your letter which was shewn you by Mr Norvell it may enable us to ferret out the error.

Mr Engledove's declaration of revaluation was one of those which was completed & entered since the beginning of the present year which caused the omission to charge on the increased amount insured - I forward herewith a corrected bill amounting to $11.98.

Yours Very respectfully
J. C. Hallowell

Chas M. Blackford Esq.
Pres't M. M.'s Union Club.

Dear Sir

Staunton Sept 1/60

I have just rec'd your of 31st August inviting me to address your Club at some time during the present Campaign & asking me to name an early day for that purpose

I appreciate most highly I assure you this mark of kindness & confidence on the part of the Whigs of Lynchburg. & I assure you it will give me pleasure if I can command the time from my professional engagements to visit & speak to them.

As yet I am unable to name any time at which it will be practicable for me to come. but I have thought to do so I will reserve the right to come at any time I ~~can~~ am able

Yours truly
John B. Baldwin

New York Sept 4 1866

~~Hyler Lat~~

Mr Charles M Blackford

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 1st inst is recd stating "D A J Kinsey of your place have made a general assignment to you of their property to secure all their creditors ratably & as Trustee would prevail at once to sell their goods & distribute the funds" Kinseys owe us 588.28 Note due in Oct. Please keep us advised when anything transpires to our interest

Yrs very Respectfully
Nest & Sieveken
146 Chambers st

Fred. W. Jones,

ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW,

WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN, D. C.

(ADDRESS AT EITHER PLACE.)

Directions as to Claims against Individuals.

FIRST.—If a claim for collection belong to a partnership, the names in full of all its members should be given. If it be against a partnership, the names in full of the members thereof, at the time the obligation was created, should also be given, if known.

SECOND.—If the claim be upon an open account, a copy of the original account, or a specific statement of all the items, should be sent. A simple balance should never be sent.

THIRD.—Where the testimony of witnesses is necessary, it will greatly speed a cause to specify, at the time of forwarding a claim, their names in full, and where they reside out of this city, their residences, particular places where their depositions can most conveniently be taken, and the name of a Commissioner appointed by a Circuit Court of the United States, or a Justice, or Judge of any of the Courts of the United States, Chancellor, Justice, or Judge of a Supreme or Superior Court, Mayor or Chief Magistrate of a city, or Judge of a County Court or Court of Common Pleas of any of the United States, for taking them.—See Act of Congress Sept 24, 1789, (1 U. S. Stat. at Large, pp. 88-90;) Act of Cong. Feb. 20, 1812, sec. 1, (2 U. S. Stat., p. 679;) Act Cong. March 1, 1817, sec 1, (3 U. S. Stat., p. 350;) Act of Cong. Sept 18, 1850, sec. 2, (9 U. S. Stat., p. 462;) Act of Cong. Feb. 24, 1855, sec. 1, (10 U. S. Stat., p. 614;) Act of Cong. March 2, 1855, sec. 2, (10 U. S. Stat., p. 630)

FOURTH.—When a record or judgment from another State is to be used as the foundation of a suit or as evidence, it should be authenticated and certified according to the laws of the United States.—See Acts of Congress March 26, 1790, (1 U. S. Stat. at Large, p. 122,) and March 27, 1804, (2 U. S. Stat., p. 298)

Actions of account upon simple contract, notes and instruments not under seal, detinue and replevin, trespass, and trespass *quare clausum fregit*, must be commenced within three years after the accruing of such cause of action. Actions on the case for words, action of trespass for assault, wounding, and imprisonment, within one year. Any person entitled to any of such actions, who shall, at the time of the cause of any such action accruing, be within the age of twenty-one years, *feme covert*, *non compos mentis*, imprisoned, or beyond the limits of the District of Columbia, may bring such action within three years after the removal of such impediment, or coming to full age, sound memory, at large, release from coverture, or returned, or arrived within the limits of said district. Action upon bonds, judgments, and other sealed instruments, must be commenced within twelve years, saving to persons under the impediments of infancy, coverture, insanity, imprisonment, or being beyond the limits of the District, the full benefit of such bonds, judgments, &c., for the space of five years after the removal of such impediments Actions of ejectment for the recovery of real property must be brought within twenty years after the cause of action accrued, unless the party is under some of the legal disabilities above mentioned, and then in ten years after such disability is removed.

A judgment may be kept in full force as long as the plaintiff, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may desire; and a judgment constitutes a lien upon the property of the defendant, and enables the plaintiff to attach the rights and credits of the defendant.

Three terms of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia are held annually, commencing third Monday in January, first Monday in May, and third Monday in October; and all suits or actions at law stand for judgment or trial at the term next after that to which process is returned executed, unless good cause for further continuance be shown.—Act of Congress February 7, 1851, (11 U. S. Statutes, 158.)

Non-resident plaintiffs are required, by law and rule of court, to deposit money, or give resident security for costs, previous to the institution of suit. Instructions from clients will be strictly followed; when none are furnished, such discretion will be used in the collection or securing of debts or claims as the condition and circumstances of parties may demand.

Georgetown D. C., Aug 29 1860.

Chas M. Blackford Esq.,
Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir

Do me the favor to inform me, what, if anything, has been done in claim Alex. Giles vs. Lawrence Grant, sent you May 28th 1860, with papers duly executed, wherewith to lay an attachment.

If nothing can be done with it, please inform me, as I wish to assure Giles of the fact if it be so. If you can make it, a large fee will not be demurred at.

Yours truly

F. W. Jones