

1848  
New York City

Dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 10th and was  
glad to hear from you. I am well and  
hope these few lines will find you the same.  
I have not much news to write at present.  
Everything is quiet here. I have been  
thinking of writing you more often but  
have not had time. I will try to do  
so more frequently in the future.  
I love you very much and hope you  
will write soon. I am your affectionate  
son,  
John Smith

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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OFFICE OF THE  
New York Life Insurance Co.  
112 & 114 BROADWAY

New York Sept 30 1845

Chas. M. Blackford Esq  
Synchburg Va.  
Dear Sir,

We have recd your letter of  
28<sup>th</sup> & send you herewith our pamphlet containing rates of  
rates &c. and enclose a Circular of our "two years"  
system which I recommend to you as by far the  
most eligible mode of insurances. If you will  
fill up the enclosed blank form of application  
each question to be separated & distinctly answered  
& get the replies of your two referees to the ques-  
tions submitted in the enclosed two printed letters  
& when all is complete take them to our Medical  
Examiner, Dr. R. S. Payne, he will examine you &  
fill up & sign his certificate at the back of the  
application. Request Dr. P. then to put all in a  
sealed envelope addressed to the Co. in N. Y.  
You can forward the same to us when if approved  
our remittance of the premium & \$1 for policy a policy  
will be sent you in due course.

Yours truly

Wm. H. Deere Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Geological Survey  
Washington, D.C.

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Macon and Western Railroad Company,

Macon, Ga., Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Charles W Blackford

Atty at Law

Synchburg

Dr Sir

I cannot give you  
the name of the party  
purchasing the stock  
of Mr. Merriam. The stock  
was sold in difficulty  
and his stock was  
merged into others I  
presume. So that we  
have no record of  
of the purchase. Mr  
Merriam's claim is good  
to his stock beyond  
all doubt. and he  
would be well to let  
the matter be quiet until  
some decision is made

been which will I  
be the property  
of all the old  
I shall be in  
burg in a few  
and will call  
in your  
Major

resides in  
I think he never  
I don't know  
Very  
A J M

New York City

October 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Chas M. Blackford Esq

Sir

My  
lawyer advise that I should authorize  
you to rent in my name the property  
in Lynchburg belonging to my Brother's  
children. I will receive the rents and  
account to them. My Brother who is  
of age and my Father giving their  
consent-

When it becomes necessary to appoint  
a guardian it must be done.

As most of the children are yet under  
age the security required is so great that  
it is not worth while to do it before  
that time,

I shall be happy to receive your  
advice as to what is best to do.

Address Mrs Robt. Wright 92<sup>nd</sup> St Broadway  
New York City

Your Obedt Servt  
Mrs Robt Wright

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George A. S. [unclear]  
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Kavanaugh C H Jr

31<sup>st</sup> October 1865-

Chas H Blackford Esq.

Dear Sir

I have been absent  
and very busy and have neglected  
to answer your letter,

There was no change made  
in the Chancery suit of Balafus  
& also in Patrick's suit during the War,  
it stands where it did,

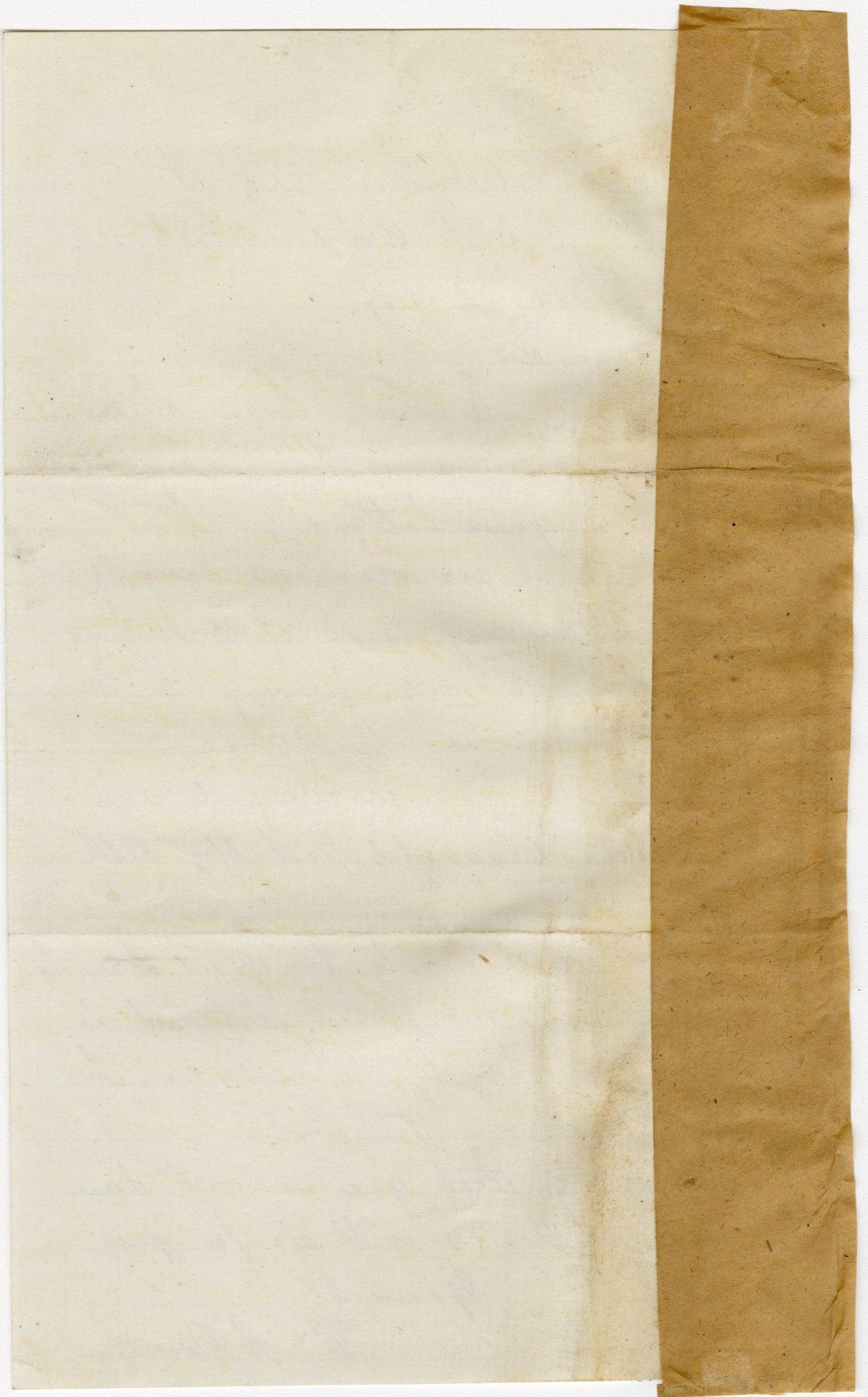
The land has increased in  
value, and would probably sell  
well,

I see no necessity for your having  
any counsel, as your interest is  
well and clearly defined in the  
case,

Any thing that you want done  
in the matter, I will do for you

Yours &c

Wm A Quennell





are far from the ex-  
-citation of a less an-  
-ticipated whole an-  
-diting along my  
-fully & admirably  
I hope the new an-  
-tal in son facing is  
-thinning & growing, & do  
not doubt the night time  
to practice his lessons

Present in to  
-black for every oppor-  
-tunity. I hope to see  
he again soon of them  
days, when in place  
to quit of a for ever an-  
-disturbance with a case  
in detail -

How been  
writing this evening  
they eyes were can an-  
to see them too much  
Sincerely

M. J. Martin

C. M. Mackintosh

New Orleans

No. 412 Magazine St

Oct 20th 1865

Dear Charley

Though I have written to you since the receipt of yours of Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>, I think I have not acknowledged the receipt of that communication.

It refers to the No. of shares standing in my name, on the books of R. F. & J. R. R. Co., and to certain certificates of stock &c.

When you have leisure, I wish you would give your estimate of the present value, in U. S. Money, as well as the other scrip, bonds &c named in the schedule.

We may be considered as almost stationary here, for your aunt, some days since came to that conclusion, but she has by no means yet ceased vibrating. However, Lewis returned to school the day before yesterday & they will, in a few days, for I can wait no longer for a fixed plan. Lewis, beside attending his school goes in most to a long established Gymnasium, where besides the regular exercises, he commences to do, lessons in the small sword exercise. This is very full of both just now, but must stick to it, even when the novelty shall fade; for he requires such

All love and affectionate greetings

expresses for the physical development, from  
them that they are to be a general child. They  
ought to say that the weight is 12 lbs  
during the winter, whereas from the  
I have been playing Robert's game, & get  
fully well. But in doing so, the  
have found a few questions, such as to  
whether the transmission from my domestic life  
having commenced, however, I think to  
the study for my own that I have brought  
a letter and find that your answer is  
at all, respecting our residence here, I shall  
- also myself a candidate for promotion  
this eating the bread of idleness does not  
my digestion. I feel very well here.  
Remember me affectionately to your  
mother & all of our dear who may be near  
affectionately your friend  
Wm. H. Miller

6 Mr. Blackford copy  
Tyndal's Pa  
P.S. I think I shall, you, & step, the same  
round in the absence of your term &  
steps that of the 32 days of the 1st & 2nd  
staying in your court & I am, as the  
anybody, even on their to look after -

Philadelphia Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1865

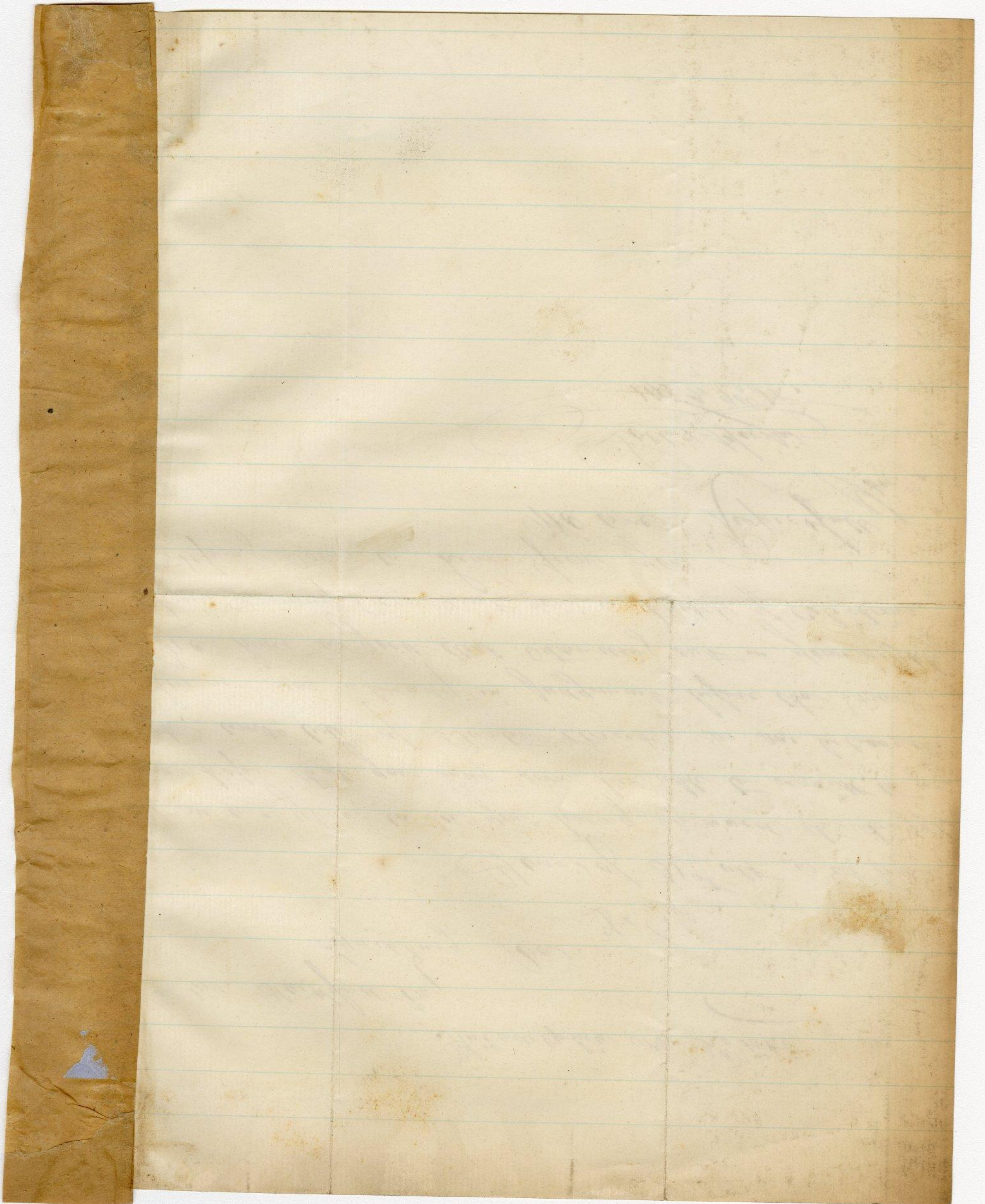
Ch<sup>o</sup>. Mrs. Blackford Esq  
Lynchburg Va.

Dr Sir

Your's of 31<sup>st</sup> ult is at hand,  
I we are glad to see you having survived the struggle,  
we hope that you may soon be able to remitt to us  
the amts both of Parter & Meek's. as we believe the  
former was already in judgement before the war.  
We have a good deal standing out in your neighbor-  
hood & may soon sent you a bunch of collections.  
Hoping soon to hear from you

We are Respectfull  
Yours,

Lobb & Sherwin  
108 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St.



to us the property of the  
Old Republic and which  
bears as a credit item  
in the General ac<sup>t</sup> against  
myself. It was given  
as a margin for the purchase  
of Flour on which  
a further loss was incurred.  
I did not  
authorize  
Mr Peice to buy such flour  
for use of Mr Peice who alone  
is the party to act now.

Very truly  
Yours  
Chas. L. Nash

DARBELL & NASH,  
No. 83 PEARL STREET.

Chas  
New York, Nov 4 1865

Mr M. Blackford Esq.

Syracuse Va

Dear Sir Yours of 31st ult duly  
recd noted. I have sent you

letter to Mr Reid's atty. here

who will reply in good season  
I have nothing to do with the

collection of these claims

I did try to do so in case of  
the parties in Syracuse Va.

but I've nothing further to do  
now than to forward accounts  
when necessary.

The note of \$500. referred

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THOMAS D. HALL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

53 Exchange Place, New-York,

November 4<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Charles M. Blackford Esq

Synchburg.

Dear Sir,

My client, (for whom also I am  
attorney in fact,) Mr. Charles H. Reid,  
has certain claims against parties  
residing at and near Synchburg,  
which he has sent to me to col-  
lect. I shall doubtless have to

seek some professional assistance  
at that place, and Mr. Thomas  
C. Nash of this City has given