

Woots Bay Bedford Co Va Near Forest Depot
Jan 30th 1860

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 29th with the enclosure was received last evening and I hasten to inform you by no means to apply for the Musketoons. I never met with an officer of the Army who considered the Musketon worth carrying. It is by no means an accurate gun and the point blank range is only sixty yards. Such a weapon you can well see would be useless or worse than useless contending with the Musket or ordinary Rifle and what would they be when contending with the Minié Rifle, Sharps Rifle or Carbine or in fact with any of the improved Guns. I greatly prefer a double barreled shot gun as a Cavalry weapon and the Carbine is a gun of decidedly longer range I think we had better do nothing for the present about arms if we can only get the Musketon. for they are of no account and taking them would deprive us of the chance of ever getting a better Arm should they be provided, which I have no doubt will be the case if we have to use any. I am in hopes from the cheering news of yesterday that every thing will be settled soon and that we may never have any other duty to perform than parades and drills at least so far as the northern states are concerned I am in hopes the Semapagos on both sides have about played out their game I must now close

Yours very truly

Richd Bradford

C. M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg Va

To Mr Blackthorn
St. Michael's Street

Davis' Store P. O.

Bedford 12 Nov 1860

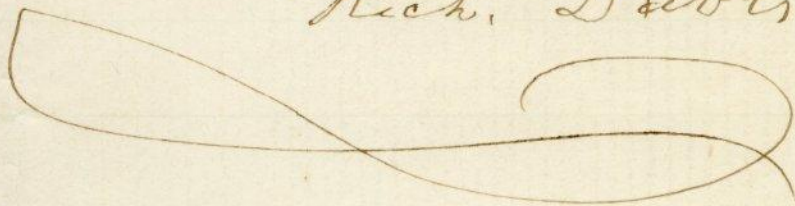
W. O. M. Blackford
Dr Sir

When you have the account
of Lynch ready, I will thank you to write
to me ~~at~~ and say what the balance may
be either Dr. or Cr.

Very respectfully,

Yours,

Rich^d Davis



London 10th Dec 1840
Dear Mr. [Name]

I have the pleasure to inform you that the amount of £1000 has been received from the [Name] and is now at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

[Decorative flourish]

Waterloo Va November 27th 1860

Mr Chad W Blackford
Synchbury Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of the is to hand Contain-
ing Check for \$1500.00 on acct of Mr Jas E
Payne, The statement is doubtless correct,
though I have not had time to examine it, He
was authorized to return the two ps of goods
to Mr Tucker

Yours Very Truly
J G & M B. Miller

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Office of the Ins. Agt. Socy.

Richmond Nov. 5th 1869.

Chas. M. Blackford Esq.

Lynchburg.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor (without date) informing me that you had been called upon by your Collector of the Revenue to pay a Tax of \$100.00, imposed by your Council on Insurance Agencies for Companies whose Principal Office is not located in your Town, and enquiring what you should do in the premises.

Having heretofore refused to pay ~~such~~ any tax imposed upon our agents by Alexandria, Winchester & Staunton, I have to request that you will not pay the Tax now imposed by Lynchburg.

The Tax, as regards our Society, is illegal. It was recently so decided in Alexandria and the tax repealed. It was also repealed in Winchester. I am not informed whether it is yet in force in Staunton - but we have not paid it. In the latter place the tax was only \$10 - in Alexandria it was \$100.00. If the tax can legally be demanded we would forthwith withdraw our agency, - effect no further Insurance in Lynchburg - and collect our quotas through you as our Attorney & Collector & not as an Insurance Agent. In this way, we baffled them in Alexandria until the tax was repealed.

I would like to know what clause in our code, in the charter of Lynchburg, or any recent act of the Legislature gives your Corporation authority to impose such a tax. I have sought for it in vain. Our legislation on the subject refers only to the agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies. The general law conferring on corporations the Taxing power is to be found in Chapter 5th of the Code. In the 19th Section of that Chapter, at page ~~28~~ 28, is this language: "The Levy so made may be upon the free male persons in the said town above the age of sixteen years and upon any property in the said town and on such other subjects as may at the time be assessed."

with the state taxes against persons residing in the town!!
state tax has as yet been imposed on this society or any
agencies, or on any Insurance company incorporated by this
or on any agency thereof, and according to the imposition
any such tax by Lynchburg, or any other town, is wholly
unauthorized and void. It is necessary that this State
have imposed a similar tax "at the time" your tax
imposed, to render the latter legal. I submit the matter
to your consideration. Your corporate authorities will discuss
I think, that they have inadvertently committed an error
confounding foreign Insurance with state Insurance companies.
I hope they will reconsider the matter. We will not pay the
unless coerced by the decision of the Court: and if the Court
insist on their right to impose the tax, I wish you to regard
Insurance Agency as withdrawn from Lynchburg.

Yours truly,
J. R. Rutherford

Mr. C. M. Blackford

Dear Sir

Bedford 25th Dec 1860

Please send by William the
account you have made of Syncher Estate
Also the 2 day books and 2 letter books of M. Davis
as I presume you will not want them any more,
but if you think they will be wanted keep them.

respectfully

Yours

Rich^d. Davis





The first part of the paper is
 a record of the work done
 in the field during the
 summer of 1900. It is
 divided into two parts, the
 first of which is a list of
 the places visited, and the
 second is a description of
 the work done at each place.
 The list of places visited
 is as follows:



White Post.

Clarke Co: Va:

Dec 1st 1860 —

Mr Charles M. Blackford,

to Sir;

I am

exceedingly hard up for money at
this time & would be glad to be getting
the balance due me from Amherst
or Hill acknowledged in his last letter
that there was a balance due me, &
stated also, that there was an error in
Coxhills account, and from my Calcula-
tion there must be due me from Coxhills
Grins & others at least \$900 — I hope you
will see to it & let me hear from you
without delay — I received a letter from
you in July, in which you stated you
would attend to this business, as soon as
you returned from the Springs, & I should
hear from you without delay — I have
written to you on the subject since I received
your letter, promising to attend to this business,
but I have not received an answer — You
will therefore, please let me know at

Your earliest convenience, what I may
calculate on receiving from Amherst
Grim I should think ought to pay the
\$500 forfeit as stipulated in the agree-
ment for by his not complying with the terms
of the agreement, but this as my agent,
to place \$2,500 in Coxtiles hands to pre-
vent his bringing suit against me - and I to
be considerable in the way of interest & com-
on that amount, & then too I had to borrow
money here to comply with my engage-
& in that way I have lost at least the amount
of the forfeit, & I think Grim should pay it -
He said too, I should not loose any thing
not complying with the terms of the agree-

You will please let me

hear from you at, your

earliest convenience

Yours very Respectfully

James M. Hite

Baltimore, Nov 16 1860.

Dear fr.

I find, upon enquiry, that Mr Eubank is dead, & that the note was paid before the estate came into my hands. —

I find, also, that L. Arvin, who lives at Keysville, Virginia, is entitled to a writ of 240 \$ as of Nov. 1859. Please urge him to pay & remit the money. It is of great importance to me to collect the claim against Pendleton & Christian as soon as possible & I beg that you will have no time in realizing them.

Very respectfully

Wells or Tal

Chas M Blackford Esq

Lynchburg

Virginia

Baltimore, Dec 1850

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th inst. in relation to the claim of the late John A. B. ...

Yours truly,
 J. A. B. ...
 Baltimore, Md.

Charles M. Blackford Esq.
Lynchburg.

Office of the Mut. Ass^y Socy.
Richmond 24th Jan'y. 1861.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor of 22nd Inst^s and noted its contents.

The Steam Engine which Mr. Oyley proposes to erect on his lot, will not invalidate his Insurance, nor increase the rate of premium thereon, if it and the machine it is intended to propel, be both fixed in a house not insured, and more than 50 feet from the nearest point of the insured house. It may nevertheless increase the hazard of the insured building, - but we have no rule applicable to the case.

In reference to Mr. Poes damage, I would remark, that all cases of damage exceeding \$ 50.00 Gros, must be submitted to the Standing Committee to be allowed before they can be paid. If under that sum, the Principal Agent has a discretion to pay them: but, if paid before they are submitted to the Committee, they must be afterwards submitted for approval of payment before they can be allowed as a charge against the Society. We never pay more than $\frac{4}{5}$ of any loss or damage however small, and less if less than $\frac{4}{5}$ be insured, the rule being, that the Society pays in the ratio of the sum insured to the estimated value of the building. The Special agent certifies that he regards the bills of damage to be reasonable. I believe however, that Mr. Dunforth forwarded you the form used in such cases.

Yours respectfully
J. Rutherford Pr. Agt.

Office of the Ins. Com.
Richmond Va. Jan. 1851

Wm. M. Alexander Esq.
Stuyvesantburg

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 11th inst. in relation to the steam engine which Mr. Tyler proposes to erect at Stuyvesantburg. It will not insulate his business and increase the value of his property, if it and the machine it is intended to be used in a house not insured, and more than 20 feet above the level of the river. It may be a life insurance the hazard of the insured building, but we have no objection to the same.

In reference to the loss of damage, I would remark, that all damage exceeding \$20.00 shall be subject to the payment of the insured before the loss can be allowed, before they can be paid. In that case, the Insurance Agent has a discretion to pay, but if paid before they are submitted to the committee, the committee will not be authorized for payment before the amount of a charge against the board. The amount of any loss or damage incurred shall be paid if less than \$25.00 be insured, the rate being that of the building in the case of the same insured to the extent of the building. The special agent certifies that the report of damage to be reasonable. I believe however, that the

Yours respectfully,
Wm. M. Alexander

Your suggestion in relation to
Col. Lee of the

Your suggestion in relation to the
appointment of Col. Lee of the U.S.A.
to the office of General in Chief of the
Va. forces meets with my concurrence
I presume as ^{they} have spoken of
his name in connection with that office
the objection on his part may probably
be that if he receives the appointment
it will have to be accepted before it
will be ascertained by the action of the
Convention whether Virginia will secede
or not. I suppose if Virginia secedes
any officer in the United States Army
or Navy would then instantly resign
but an appointment in Virginia before
that action and an acceptance of it
would at the time of acceptance of course
require resignation. you will perceive

by the bill before the Legislature the
Governor has the appointment by
the advice & consent of the Senate. I
ascertain in a day or two as far as
when the Governor will probably take
and what are his predilections -
the papers will give you all the news
remember me to Langhorne

Chas
Wm Blackford Esq

Very truly
Yrs
Chas H. Lyne

Memphis Feb 25th 1861

My Dear Blackford

I have been absent from Memphis, for several days, attending Chancery Court as I act there. my old tramping gaiter, and on my return, the latter part of last week, I found your kind favor of the 16th Inst, awaiting me here. This will explain to you why it has not been answered sooner. I have made inquiry as to the condition and solvency of the House of Goggin, Hosi & Prader, and find that they are now under protest for a large amt. and are to say the least of it in a very doubtful condition, if not actually insolvent. I understand from this that neither the firm, nor the individual members comprising it, have any visible property of any consequence out of which a debt could be made by execution. This is their condition as I am informed, by a banking House here, that is apt to have correct information on the subject - and I suppose you may rely upon its correctness - so much for business. And before I proceed to give you any account of myself, I must express the great gratification it gives me to

hear from you, but especially to hear that you
are prospering in your profession and getting
on well in the world, and that this prosperity
may continue without interruption or
abatement in the sincere wish of your
old friend Jack.

As to myself, I have been fortunate beyond
my expectation, first in securing the first
shot of winter. secondly in having now, in
the "dog days of winter", the first boy, that
has been seen in these parts for many a
day. and in addition to these blessings, I
have enjoyed a most excellent health, since I
parted with you at the old University. and
am doing well in my profession. I am
in partnership here with Dr. Carr in
one of the first Law Offices at this bar. Our
firm is Carrin & Jackson, we are equal
partners, and are doing a large and lucra-
tive practice. The amount of work I have
done for the last two years, has had a decided
tendency to keep down that rotundity of
person shadowed forth in your picture of
me at forty. I think your picture will
hardly be realized. There is no increase
of girth or decrease of hair. and I have as
yet no taste for political or legislative life.