

& corrected. I unfortunately
have not engaged in any
such pleasant business & I'm
sadly afraid I shall remain
'bon garçon' all my days.

I'm most pleasantly situated
here. My business connections
are both agreeable & profitable.
My firm does more business
than any other in the city.
I'm sorry that I have not
at hand one of our cards to
send you - the style of the firm is
'Houston Vaughn & Malouf.'

I am living with my sister &
brother in law. Whelless a so feeling
that I have a home I am less
in need of a wife. I am ma-
king money & unless I should
turn fool & get ruined, I'll
be rich before long.

Have an your father &

& Kean & their families?

Please remember me to
them all & to your wife

If I can ever be of any
service to you Charley in
any way do not hesitate to
command my services,

With best love to you

I'm your sincere friend.

Thos. H. Malouf

Alexandria Va.
Nov 29. 60

Brother dear Sir,

Rev Am Sprigg asked
me a few days since to suggest some one
who might suit your new Church, hav-
ing been written to on the subject by Mr
Blackford & yourself. I this evening
made such suggestion; & he desires me
to say that if you have not commit-
ted yourselves to the gentleman he names
in his letter to you, he would recom-
mend you to call "Rev C H Shield,
Piedmont Station, Fauquier Co." I have
known Mr Shield & his pastoral la-
bours for years - He is every way
fitted for your work - He is a good
earnest-preacher; faithful & capa-
cious pastor - His present field is im-
mense, I know he deserves & would
cultivate a much larger one. He is
admirably suited to town life &

the kind of ministerial work you require
to build up a new Church. He is more
favoured than his brethren, being not
entirely dependent on his salary, which
the salary you propose to give will be
could live until your improving pro-
jects will justify an increase - I
have every reason to believe he would
come to you, if you call him at
once - There is now a strong effort
to take him from us to another dis-
cern - This I should regret much,
& hope you may be able to offer such
inducements as to satisfy him to
remain a Presbyter of Virginia -
I should you act upon this recon-
sideration & feel sure you will
not regret it -

Yours truly
Thos. Ellis esq.

Yours truly
G. H. Norton

University of Virginia, Nov. 2nd, 1868.

Mr. Charles M. Blackford:

Dear Sir:

Some of the Sect. let. has been received on yesterday, and for the kind words of counsel and assistance therein expressed, I desire you to accept of my most grateful thanks.

It is true, as my father tells you, that in the beginning of my law-studies here I met with many difficulties in the taking of notes and in the comprehending of the text; but I have not been so much discouraged on this account as he has perhaps been led to infer. From your letter, I judge that either I very greatly exaggerated these difficulties in my letter to him, or that they were very greatly exaggerated by him in his conversation with you. At all events, I am succeeding in the prosecuting of my studies now in a manner far more satisfactory to myself, than I had ever hoped for when I first entered the institution. I has already adopted the plan which you suggested relative to the taking of notes, to a great extent, and find it to be a very successful ^{one}. At present, the greatest - and indeed the only serious difficulty that I have to encounter is the technicalities of the profession. I presume, however, that these will be more easily surmounted as I advance in ~~the~~ study.

Again returning my warmest thanks for the interest which you have manifested in my welfare, and wishing you the same success in the practice of the profession which you have wished for me in an acquirement of its knowledge, I remain

Very Truly, Your Obedient Servant, John G. Hatte.

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Edgwood. Manover Co
Nov: 1st 1860

Dear Charles

Enclosed is my letter
to Dr' Elphinstone. I am doubtful about the
spelling of his name & have left it for
you to do.

When you get five pounds
of the best ^{smoking} tobacco you can possibly find,
sent as you know, would suit
best his Gouton's mucous membranes

I met a gentleman of your town
on the cars on my way to Charlottesville
to whom I took quite a fancy as
appearing to ^{be} an exceedingly honest
and intelligent man, with a
kindly nature, by the name
of Barber; he informed me that
he knew your father & family &
also your uncle John, to the latter
of whom he sent by me a pound
of Smoking tobacco, taken from his
travelling bag. He is in partnership
with a Mr Malsey. If you could

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procure it from him I should be
pleas'd, provided you could get
it as good as from other sources.

All well here. Wish you
could have seen me and the children
in a waggon loaded with goods
standing up so as to spread my umbrella
above the bows of the waggon — there
was no shelter over them — the rain
pouring in torrents, baggage soaked
as well as ourselves; goods particularly
redolent with ammoniaic odors,
children tired and hungry — nothing
to eat save a breakfast in the case or
cakes and apples — their father tired
and sleepy — not having had more than
two hours sleep the night before — &
it might be the cattle in the rear —
meat rancid; wheels dragging the
waggon slowly through the deep
mud, having occupied the time
from 11 am to sundown
from Beaver Dam to within a
mile of Oakland, when I had to
get out to run into a blacksmith's shop
to prevent being drowned. All this
because I had supposed that there was
no place east of the Rocky Mountains
where I could not get some sort of a conveyance
some for love or money (especially money) even

a cart with hay or straw in it if
latter. Had to take Lucius Page
and go far out of my way in
hope of getting Mr Wilson (at which
the wagon was to stop) to send
Edgewood. You may imagine
surprize and sorrow of my
it would be impossible for
to be equal to the full measure
the great ambition.

Although the weather kept
away from your entertainment
say for one that I enjoyed it
much, especially your witty
Latham, and not a little
=ful supper; surely she has a
that way!

As soon as you have
the balance, let me know the
I will forward the money.

Best love to all
affly: your
I am

Baltimore Dec 26 '60
Mr Blackford Esq.
 Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir: I am
anxious to know what
response Mr Arrin, (who
lives, I am told, near Keyville)
has made to my demand for
payment of the balance of
my note. The Clerk at the
Peanut factory seems to be
of opinion that he will
pay without suit; but he
has never answered my letter,
& I have never heard from
you what he says. Do
me the kindness to drop me a
line & oblige

Yr truly
Nelson Dow
26 Lexington
Baltimore

Baltimore Dec 25/50

Dear Mr. [Name]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst.

in relation to the [Subject]

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Name]

[Address]

[Address]

[Address]

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Mr Chas M. Blackford
 Lynnhury Va

Waterloo Va Nov 3rd 1868

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 2nd inst is at hand, covering Check for \$225 and to the Credit of Jas H Payne to whom the acct were charged, the whole amount of the bill of \$418.⁶²/₁₀₀. And was to have been Cash or would like to be balanced as soon as you can remit

Yours Very Truly
 J G & W B Williams

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Richmond Nov. 8th 1860

Chas M Blackford Esq

Your of the 5th Post
marked the 1st I received Wednesday
morning last, you stated I should have
from you on the 1st (Sunday), I have
waited until today (Thursday) and have
nothing from you. The notes are all held
for collection, unless the Paper is discounted
I don't see how I am to get along, If you
can get the two pieces done in Lynchburg
return me the other immediately I will
get it done here, or the same party to
renew it, though I am sure they will
do it for me at the Life Ins Co. you see
I have no time to loon, but for goodness
sake get them done for me on some
Terms or other, put me through this time
and I will be under lasting obligations
to you

Very truly yours

Chas A Mackin

Write me immediately

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Waterloo Va Dec 21st 1869

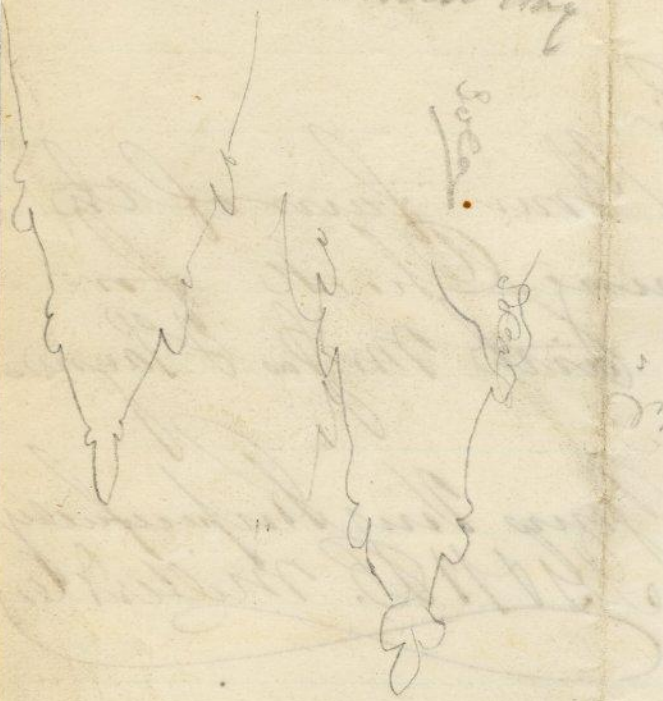
Mr Chas M Blackford
Synchburg Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of the
18th inst is at hand, covering check for
\$100 is in full of my ac with Mr Jas F Payne.
Accept our thanks for same

Yours Very Respectfully
J. G. B. Miller & Co

You ask her (Mama)
to start directly she
gets out and make gate
drive the shortest way



Mother has to be
cannot home - so
you down yourself
first letter with milk
the carriage return

1860

Buckingham Dec 27th

Dear Sir

I wish you to attend to the collection of Tom's hire for the present year & give him 5^{/-} of it and hire him out again for me. If he is satisfied with his present place I suppose the same gentleman will hire him. Please say to Tom for me that unless the weather is too bad I prefer his coming down some time during the holidays. I want to see him.

Very Respectfully yrs.

Geo. Boker

1860

Bankingham Hill

I wish you to attend to
 the matter of your law for the
 next year & give your off. of it.
 You have not again for me
 is satisfied with his promise
 I suppose the same of the
 me then. Please say to them for
 that will be the matter in too bad
 for his coming down here then
 of the holidays, I would to see
 very perfectly up
 Mrs. Thacker

1860

Bankingham Hill

Compliments to Mrs
Nov 21/60

Dear Charlie

On my return home I find
we have reduced our number of names to
about 100 & my wife says she can only
spare you 10 which I send up

Very truly
Yours
Wm. D. Alexander

