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New Orleans

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

No. 412 Magazine St.

Dear Charley

Yours of 18<sup>th</sup> June recd  
some some days since, but I have  
so busy in writing letters & over  
old papers, to make a proximate  
-mate of my hope, that I have, un-  
now, deferred reply -

The affairs of Hobson, Kiley  
must keep well as they are kept  
about 212 Far<sup>er</sup> though they <sup>may</sup> be  
by the pros as rugged as the report  
of those prisons - Give me the names  
full of each together with those  
Companies' Regiment brigades  
well as present residences.

I wish to give them a place &  
address book - For years I have kept a  
book in alphabetical order, but the  
I suppose got possession when our  
Tray ran up the Tombigbee River on  
11<sup>th</sup> April, to avoid the acquisition  
distasteful acquaintances - That day  
month or afterward, we returned  
paroled prisoners, having swam  
day before, to an old acquaintance  
Commander Simpson, whom I knew  
the Gulf as a Papal Mission

Let me know what will be

by the

house containing, say, a parlor, dining  
room, three chambers & servants apartments <sup>re</sup>  
either in Richmond, Lynchburg or Norfolk  
& the character of the schools in those  
places, both for girls & boys - Also the  
cost of board at such schools, per  
annum or per session.

Your letter gives me a sad account  
of the losses in your family. I have had  
woeful reason for sympathizing with  
you in such bereavements -

Your aunt E. Lee, Landon & Lewis  
in their usual health, though the  
latter is exceedingly thin -

I having been on the look  
out for some time past for a draw-  
ing master for them, but have not  
yet found one - Lewis, in particular,  
seems to possess considerable artistic  
taste & I think, with good instruc-  
tion, may become skillful.

Love to your mother, wife & all  
the family -

Affly of your uncle

Lewis W. Minor

C. Dr. Blackford Esq

Lynchburg Va

all her and love

Aug 14/65

Dear Chs

Please excuse me for troubling you in asking your aid to get my daughter Hannu from University. I want both an escort for her & the money to pay her way. The first, you or her folks in C. ville may perhaps provide without difficulty. The other not so easily may be, and I hope you'll not put yourself to any inconvenience about it. I have no money but if it suit you to send her \$10. in currency I can, during the fall, let you have some flour or beef & tate in the season. I expect to have some very nice corn-fed beef of which I could let you <sup>have</sup> a quarter at market price. If this suit you please send the money at once - direct to Mr W. D. Davis or Mr I. D. and if any one to be trusted of whose coming you know please request him to take charge of her. To Mr S. Waters on the Amherst side of the River.

in haste y<sup>r</sup>s truly  
R. D. Swan

P.S

I want a pair of mules or horses  
work on the farm. would prefer a m  
from 6 to 10 years old and cant promise  
for them under 12 mos unless I  
other property. Do you know where a  
of this sort can be had or such  
if so please inform me & let me  
price &c.

P.W.S.

Dunstable July 7. 1840

My dear Sir

Meeting with an opportunity  
of sending a letter to Northwick, when it  
can be marked, and perhaps teachers may  
before long, I write that I may hear  
from you by your family, and to create some  
inquiry after my absence.

I have not heard a word from you  
since of left Co. William got home about

the week after the surrender of the army.  
He did not know what had become of  
Cot. Atte & the others. He said he was of

them, he says, was when we attack was made  
upon the wagon train. Co Atte pushed upon  
my horse & rode off. He does not know

whether he was in or not. I write to Mr  
Atte giving this information, and requesting  
my the head of him - but as we have no

means I have not heard from him.  
William made his escape from the enemy  
and got in the Co and went to City Point. He

then gave us with an officer from Johnston,  
both have also he belonged to and asked  
him to take him under his charge, which he

dit; and they came by a vessel to Natick,  
and from there home. He was very poor  
and almost naked when he reached home,  
but very happy indeed to get back home.  
I cannot tell you what a condition  
of affairs we are having through. The  
article on Negroes behaved very well and  
gave us no trouble; but last week a Garrison  
man sent her, and now everything is so  
black a state of confusion, as we never  
experienced before. The Negroes are becoming  
badly dissatisfied - thousands of them are  
coming into town, and are lying about the  
streets, stealing every thing they can lay their  
hands upon, and giving indignities to every  
man or woman of business & respectability. We  
are so broke, but as we can do nothing  
A remedy the evil, we must wait until  
our machine shall settle this business firm.  
It is astonishing how readily and almost  
cheerfully the most of our people have resigned  
their Negroes. Many deem good that they are  
free from the responsibility which ownership  
imposed. They have gone to work with a  
degree of confidence that the people of the South  
will believe that the people of the South



begin my acquaintance.  
Mr. Blackford, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones  
from the French who need to be  
of the Army but then that I  
most nearly my kind wishes for  
May 1st 1860

My health has been bad ever since I  
home, and is still quite weak. I  
which every day or three weeks. On  
trying a course of Ammoniac which I  
with effect a cure; if it does not,  
my physicians & other can or will  
Dr. Phelps to Mr. Blackford  
Lyonsbury

best friends the South had. My  
is entirely different; for I am  
to too many both as to my  
plan and my sympathies as  
well as to what I have done  
the prisoners here and suffered  
elsewhere. I do not speak  
anger for I could not be angry  
with my own people who have  
behaved with a heroism, a mag-  
nimity, a humanity unparalleled  
in history; I speak in sorrow  
mortification that they did not  
exempt their own people from  
the measure they meted out to

at any rate I want you  
let me know what is being  
done, especially in Georgia  
& Alabama, where my people  
is, and as soon as you can  
for which I shall be much  
obliged to you.

When we meet again I

Scarborough.

Westchester Co. N.Y.

23<sup>d</sup> July 1865

C. M. Blackford  
Syracuse  
N.Y.

My dear Charles.

I suppose  
I may write now with some hope  
of this letter's reaching you  
which was not the case with  
those which I sent during the  
war. My hopes now indeed are  
not the most sanguine & I shall  
adopt the precaution of sending  
it under cover to Lewis & his  
to the care of Brig. Genl P. G. Michie

I have just written a long letter  
to Santy and another to your  
mother some days previous to what  
I refer you for generalities. My

particular object in writing now  
is to ask you to let me know  
what steps are being taken  
with reference to property owned  
by Yankees in the South which had  
been confiscated by the Confederate  
Govt. Although a Yankee is  
the most hateful object to me  
of anything on this corner  
Globe, yet I too am an owner  
of some stock in a Southern RR  
and some bonds of a Southern  
city. Please let me know if  
some devilish trick or other  
is not going on by which  
we may be robbed of it by some  
damned legal canting or other.

I have lost too much money  
not to make me anxious about  
what is left. While I was  
standing here almost alone with  
a dozen or two Southern men  
"betting the stock" with the Yankees

on <sup>the</sup> question of secession and running  
the risk of mobs and Ft. Sumter;  
While I was spending money to buy  
papers and pamphlets to enlighten  
these benighted heathens in political  
and social questions and to  
aid these unfortunate Southern  
prisoners by means of my contribu-  
tions of it from others; and  
While I had rendered myself  
obnoxious by these very actions,  
my countrymen, (those whom I  
loved so well, & my associates  
for whom have ruined my health  
of body and happiness of mind)  
were taking my property, when  
it would have been so easy to  
find out not only who I was  
and what were my sympathies  
and actions. I know you will <sup>say</sup>  
if discrimination is made in one  
case a thousand Yankees would  
have sworn that they were the best

Confederate States of America.

War Department,

Engineer Bureau,

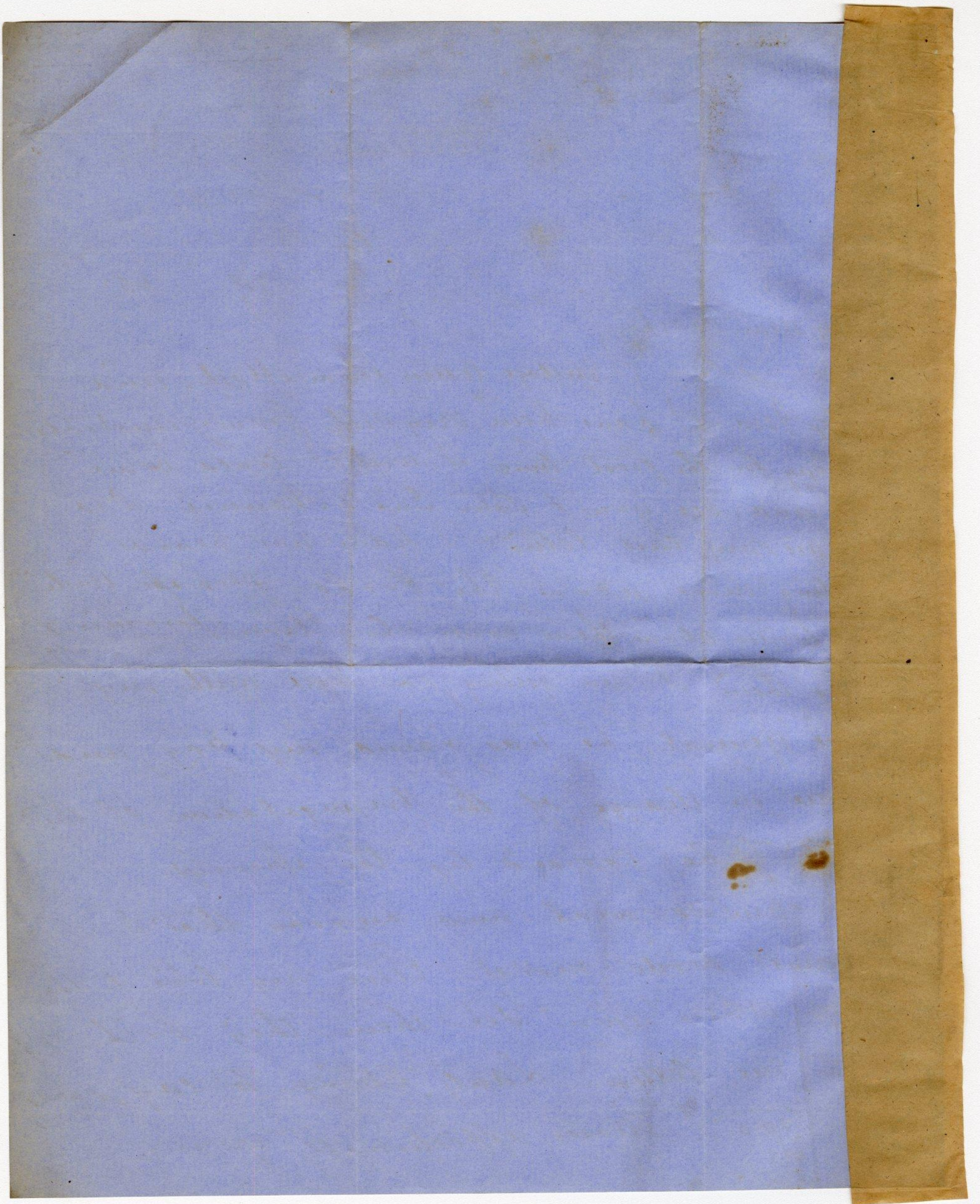
Richmond, Va.

July 29 1865

My dear brother

I enclose letters from Mother and Uncle Jim - I have been very sick from sunstroke up today for the first time. I wish I could come home and see you + Sister Sue + Nannie - Did you get my last letter? I have not heard anything more about the books - perhaps Uncle Jim writes about them now. C. Minor promises to bring them - I am getting on well with my small general; he has raised my pay and put me in charge of the triangulation of the District to be covered by the Survey.

I am so weak and nervous that I cannot write more - Give my love to the boys when you see them; they both owe me letters - Sully Strange to say owes me two - most affectionally yours L.



ROBERT H. LOWRY, President.

HENRY W. FORD, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL

Bank of the Republic,

New York Aug 10 1865

C. M. Blackford Esq  
Lynchburg  
Va

I have yours of 4 Inst.  
I have been informed that  
the Merchants of Lynchburg  
have paid their Northern  
indebtedness into the so called  
Confederate Treasury. And  
before complying with your  
request, I desire to be informed  
whether you have the Note  
of Langhorne Scott in your  
own possession or whether  
it has been given up to them  
upon the requisitions of the  
rebel authorities. Please reply  
and oblige

Truly yours  
R. H. Lowry

Bank of the Republic

THE NATIONAL

Jan 10 1862

The National Bank of the Republic  
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your check for the sum of \$100.00  
and to inform you that the same has  
been duly cashed and the amount  
credited to your account. We are  
pleased to hear from you and  
trust you are well. We remain  
your obedient servants,  
The National Bank of the Republic  
New York



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PETERSBURG, July, 1865.

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Petersburg, can be found with us, where he will be pleased to see his friends.

Petersburg, July 1862

Peterburg August 27 83,

My Dear Captain,

You will see from the papers  
attached and enclosed that I am again  
in the France, and am now busily engaged  
- in another war for independence  
- but my own this time. In this cam-  
paign I hope there will be no surrender.

I am now a good citizen, and other  
work pertaining to my own business.

I want our New York home to have  
a bit of the desirable houses in Your-  
ling for the purpose of Corresponding  
with them - Can't you furnish me  
and add to the obligations already resting  
on me, what are you doing? and how  
is Liberty - Give my kindest regards to  
Mr. B. and consider me Yours

Frank Pitts

My dear Captain,  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and am engaged in the same business. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and am engaged in the same business. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and am engaged in the same business.

*Office of*  
TANNAHILL, McILWAINE & CO.,  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
No. 79 Front Street.

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NEW YORK, *August 1st, 1865.*

Dear Sir:

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Your ob't serv'ts,

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*of Petersburg, Va.*