Abingdon Oct. 8th 1860

Mr Sir

Your letter has reached me on the point of starting to Scott Co to address the people there on tomorrow. I regret as my appointments in my own district extend nearly through the present month it will be out of my power to accept your kind invitation to address the citizens of Lynchburg during the meeting of the Agricultural Fair. At the same time I entertain recollections connected with my first appearance among you too grateful for me to permit the canvass to close without presenting myself before you as an humble advocate of the claims of those men whose platform is the Union the constitution & the enforcement of the laws. I will notify you of the time

Very truly. yours

Walter Preston

Chas M Blackford Esqr
Pres. B. & E. Club
Lynchburg

Farmville, Octbr. 29th 1860.

Chas. M. Blackford Esq:,

Dear Sir,

I returned home yesterday after a week's absence and found your letter of the 24th to day.

Some time ago I wrote you declaring a determination to speak in Lynchburg before the 6th of next month. I did so because I had received many and urgent invitations to discuss the issues of the canvass in your City: for I never supposed I could, by any speech I am able to make, render essential service to our candidates. Since I thus wrote you the Lynchburg people have listened to the ablest debaters our party can furnish in this State. Even now, if I thought I could say any thing that would profit our cause, I would not hesitate to stand forward and speak the word. But I am confident that a speech from me would not avail the party. I have engagements, in the line of my calling, of importance to others, that I must attend to. I have, therefore, concluded not to attempt an address

in Lynchburg. I trust you will excuse me fo
adhering to the determination I formed and adv
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I am, very respectfully, Your obd't S

John T.

Richmond Octo. 18. 1860

My dear Sir

My three Note of $500 each fall due the 11/14 Nov, I presume the Note discounted in your city will be sent here for collection, as they are dated Richmond I wish to provide for them in time and for that purpose I enclose my three Note of $475. each which I must ask the favor of you to get discounted for me and remit me the proceeds, please get the three discounted, as I dont like to ask the Life In Company to do it again, In haste very Truly Your

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Richmond Dec 15. 59

Messrs Turner & Blackford

Gents

I should like to know how you are progressing with my suit against J B Mathews Esq - as I should like to have it brought to - as soon as possible please answer by return Mail

Very Respy

Jno. S. Hasson

New York 11th Oct. 1869,

Mr. Chas M. Blackford
Sec'y &c,

We wrote you on 4th inst., with the amount of our claim against L, C & S, Kirsey, we will thank you to inform us what the prospect is for realizing the amount of our claim against them & if they are likely to offer a settlement to their creditors — we are desirous of closing our claim as speedily as possible & if you can further our wishes in any way we shall be obliged & remain

Yours respectfully
Eliot & Nicolson
146 Chambers St.

Pike Co Mo October 14 1860

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Mr: C M Blackford Richm.d 25 October 1860

Lynchburg Dear Sir,

I have just had a settlement with Doctor Pollard and Crenshaw who purchased of me on the first of this month, that part of the Gilston tract of land South of Clay St., and fronting on Broad St or the Turnpike, along which the Rail Road passes - say about 17 Acres, for the round sum of $18.000 $4 Cash, and the residue in 1. 2 and 3 years with interest payable each Six Months - and 3 deeds of trust taken upon it, divided in 3 portions, and as the notes for each fall due and are paid, the portion so paid for, will be released by the trustee. - I am now engaged in distributing the money and notes among the respective legatees and accordingly annex and enclose to you for your Wife's part on account of the Trust fund, my Check to you for $233.00 on the Bank of Va., and my Notes amtg. to $720 - drawn by Dr Thos. Pollard in favr. of Dr O A Crenshaw, for the deferred payments and the 6 Months interest - that is to say, the small notes are for the interest and the large one for principal and interest combined. I will thank you to send your receipt to me for this payment as Trustee. When I render and make up by annual a/c as Exr: in the spring, I shall

divide whatever may be on hand belonging
the Exr.s &c.— From the present appearing
of that part of the land unsold and lying
of Clay and South of Leigh Sts., I estimate
gross sum of $10- to $12.000 will be received
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as what I have just sold has been bought
speculation and will no doubt be held f
large profit—

Please give my love to Susan and tell
I have lately entered into a matrimonial
" gagement with Miss Harriet Haxall, a
if it is Gods will, expect to have it Con
" mated in the early part of December

Yours very Truly
Geo: D: Fisher

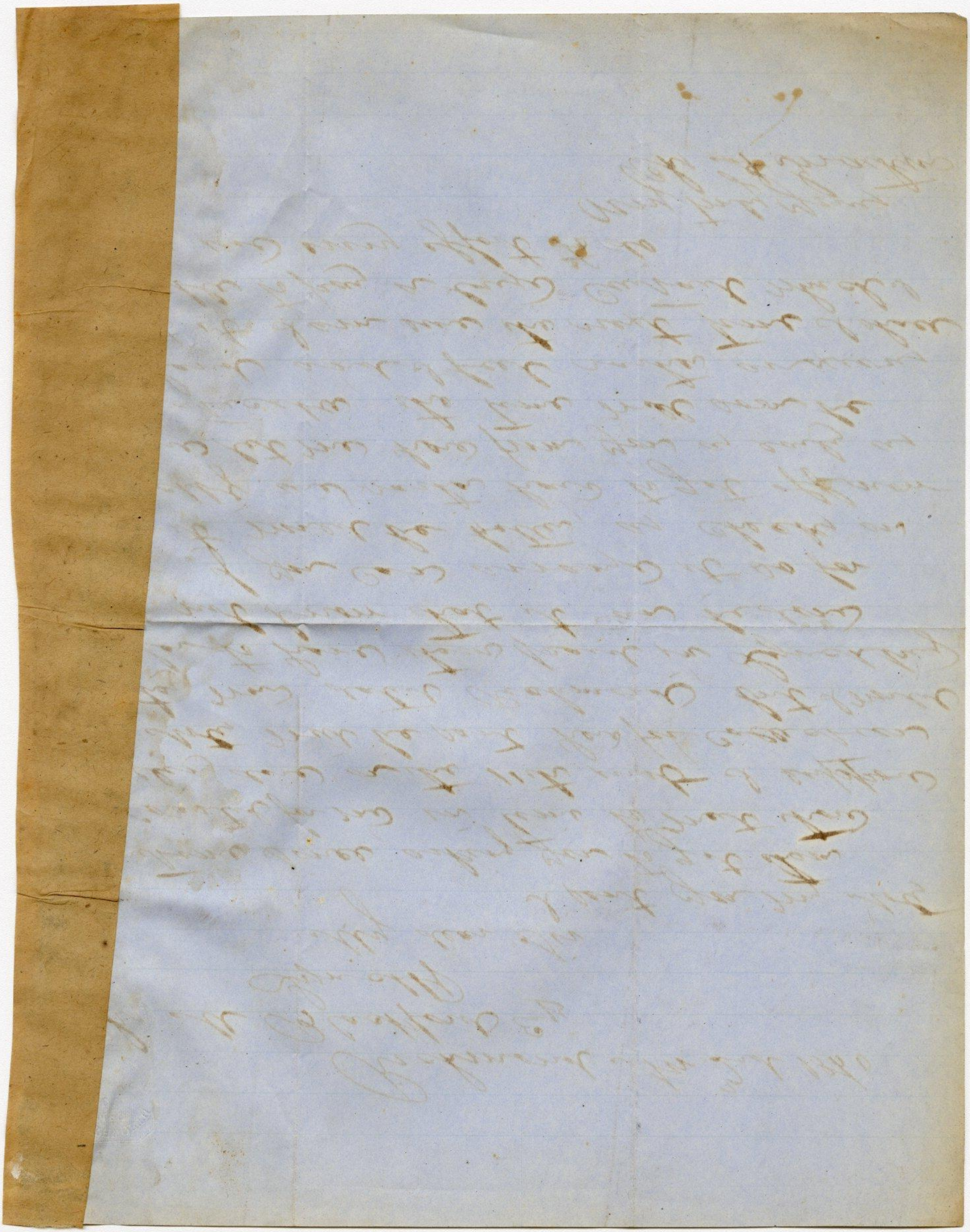
Richmond Nov. 2nd 1860

Chas M Blackford Esq
Lynchbg

My dear Sir

I sent you my note sometime since asking you to get them discounted for me in time to meet those falling due on the 11th inst I suppose the note will be sent here for collection as they now dated Richmond, but I would prefer to have them paid in Lynchburg I do not know that it can be done now, if you can arrange it so for me it would be better, as checks on Lynchbg are rather hard to get off now Please let me hear from you as early as practicable the time will soon be at hand and I feel rather anxious about it I am sure the next time I shall be able to pay a large amount, which I shall use every effort to do

Very truly yours
Chas L Marshall



Office of the Mut: Ass.ce Soc.
Richmond 18th Jany. 1861.

Charles M. Blackford Esq.r
Lynchburg.

Dear Sir,

On 3d Instant I acknowledged the receipt of your favor of 31st Ult. Since then your a/c: therein referred to has been examined, found correct, and entries made on our Books in conformity therewith.

On reference to your a/c: I find that you paid Mr. Poe $11.00 for a damage by fire. It is usual to refer all claims for loss or damage to our Board for allowance, or for approval if paid, & to file away the receipts for money thus paid. I will therefore thank you to enclose to me Mr. Poe's Bill & receipt in order that I may present it for approval at the next meeting of our Board.

I now proceed to give the explanations required in regard to sundry bills referred to in your last letter.

1. Henry O. Schwolfield. In 1852, his building was revalued as a Hardware Store by Decr. W. Tyler at $1200.00 - 4/5 insured say $960.00 @ $1.16 pr. Ct. $11.14. Contiguity 19 Buildings - Original Prem: Cr. $45.20.

It was revalued in Dec: 1859, with the addition, valued at $3000.00, 4/5 insured, say $2400.00 at $1.43 pr. Ct. - $34.32 - Contiguity 26 buildings.

The a/c is accordingly thus stated:

A. "Hardware Store", value $2000 - 4/5 $1600 @ 1.43 $22.88
Credited by former Prem: thereon 45.20 no add.l Prem: on A.

B. the addition, a new Insurance $1000 - 4/5 $800 @ 1.43 $11.44.

Accordingly, the quota for 1860, being 1/5 of 34.32 amounts to $6.86
The Prem: on B. not insured before 1859, " " 11.44
amount of the bill $18.30

The bill is increased from the three causes: 1st, an increased Insurance of $1440.00. 2d. an increase of 25 cents pr. $100.00 on all buildings covered with Metal or Slate, & 3d. a slight increase of 2 cents pr. $100.00 for 7 additional contiguous buildings since the former Revaluation.

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The whole amount by which his declaration can be credited, say $45.20, is allowed, and applies only to the building formerly insured - the "Hardware Store", - and not to "the addition" a new insurance. The sum of $75.60 was credited to the buildings owned by Henry O. & James L. Schwolfield, - but being insufficient to cover the increased premium on those buildings, an additional premium was charged thereon in our last a/c: against them.

2nd. St. Pauls Church - Decl. No. 21045 - valued $12000 - 4/5 $9600.00, at 1.47 p/ct. = $141.12, credited by $102.72 original premium, leaves $38.40 additional premium now to be paid. The quota of 1860 being 1/5 of $141.12 the premium, is accordingly $28.22 which added to $38.40 add.l Prem: makes $66.62 on the church. The increased rate on the church results 1st from 25 cts pr. $100 additional on Buildings covered with Tin - & 15 cents pr. $100 additional on account of increased & extra hazardous contiguity reported since the preceding Declaration of Insurance. There is no increase in the amount insured on the Church. The annual quota only $28.22 will be charged this year. The other buildings included in the Bill vs. St. Pauls Church - valued per Declaration No. 21046, are

Dwelling A.	$2000 - 4/5	$1600	@ 1.74 p/ct.	$27.84
Addition B.	1000	do. 800	"	13.92
Kitchen C	300	do. 240	"	4.18
	3300	$2640		45.94
Ct. by original Prem:				24.48
additional Premium due				21.46
Quota for 1860 - 1/5 of 45.94				9.19
per a/c:				$30.65 on No. 21046

The increase on this Declaration results from the insurance of the addition B. not insured before, - from an increased insurance on Dwelling A. (increased in estimated value from $1500 to $2000:) $400. additional insured thereon, - & additional contiguity

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3. Lorenzo Norvell. The property standing on our Books in his name was originally insured in Feby. 1843 by Wand. & Warwick (No. 11612) as a two story brick shingled dwelling house about 44 x 20 feet, occupied by himself & situated on 8th Street at its intersection with 2d Alley & adjoining the property of Jno. M. Otey. It was revalued in Dec. 1852 by No. 17367, the description corresponding with the above, except that it was stated to be then occupied by Ambrose Rucker and owned by the Bank of Va., Farmers Bank & Citizens Savings Bank. It was lastly revalued in 1859 in the name of Mr. Norvell by No 21079 and described as a 2½ story dwelling 47 x 18 feet. In this revaluation a 2½ story wing (brick & shingled) is added. The dwelling originally valued at $2500.00 & insured for $2000.00, on which $36.00 pre=mium & $7.20 annual quota have been charged, remains entirely unchanged. The additional Premium is charged on the wing, valued at $1000 & insured for $800, the premium on which amounts to $14.40 payable in 1859, and $2.88 quota thereon added to $7.20 as above, made the quota of 1860 $10.08 as charged in the bill.

The Bill of 1859 which Mr. Norvell has paid is on entirely different property, viz: a 3 story, brick-shingled Tobacco Factory 24 x 60 feet, situated on 2nd Street & occupied in 1852 by Read & Warwick who had previously owned it, and from whom it is presumed the Bank of Va., Farmers Bank & Citizens Bank derived it. The Revaluation by you (No 21043) states that the above Banks are still the owners. They should of course refund any quotas on No 17369 which have been paid by Mr. Norvell.

4. Thomas Ferguson. An examination of this case, shews that Mr. Ferguson is entitled to the following credits, to wit;

Quotas of 1852, '53 [illegible] on No 14053 — $[illegible]

Interest on $1.46 [illegible] to 1. Jan. 1861 — 3.