

Recid at Richmond Oct 18/65
of C A Watkins & Boxes containing
1 Table, 1 Stove & 1 Bed Window
Shades to be shipped to C M
Blackford Lynchburg per Boat
Jimmy Steptoe
W J Cox & Co

Richmond Oct 18. 1865
Chy Mr Blackford Esq
Dr Sir

above I hand you
receipt of the articles you left in
our possession they are shipped you
at Lynchburg by the Boat Jimmy
Steptoe. The box I got from the
Depot had been opened by the
Yankees what they took out I
do not know on the next bill
is a list of the Charges &c

Paid for storage on box books
at the Depot — 1

but Centage on box from
Mr. George —

Paid for labor moving stone

Paid Centage to boat — 1

Labor & Expence — 1

Paid to help load the boxes

5

Please pay this amount to
Mr. H. Blackford as he left

this amount with me to
the Expence and the freight

Tell you will pay to Luck
in Lynchburg, I cautioned

the agent to see that they were
carefully handled to prevent

breakage of some of the things

Very Truly
Yours
Chas. A. Smalls

Bill of Exchange
Oct 19/65

Dear Sir
Money of 16 Just was
sent today. I have rec^d but
one other letter from you
which was answered at once
which is my invaluable prac-
-tice.

We settle all our debts
at this office by commutation
(I mean the debts due us)
receiving the Confidant Money
lent at its value in specie
at the time the discount
was given

You note in \$25000
sent from Apr 26 65

to ~~date~~ Oct 26 — 75

49 — \$2575

Gold — 5h. 13

Fed. Currency 142 80.41

You can pay up now on
26 Inst with \$51.63 in gold
or \$80.41 National Currency

You don't pay on
21 Inst 64 - The price of
gold in that month va-
-ried from 35 to 49 - We
fix it at the latter figure
as we do not know the va-
-lue on 21st - but it did not
exceed the rate fixed - We
fix the rate of currency at
142 which has ruled here
for some time on the buying
price. - Our mode of
adjusting these matters is
equitable & meets with
general approbation.

I am enclosing a
report of W. M. Brown
- It will require a consid-
-erab sum & consume the

fund for May & the next
year I apprehend. It has
been ruled at \$25 per month
since July & I have ruled
it for next year (after
it is enclosed & returned) to
Dr R. B. Remondy for \$3000

Yrs faithfully but very
truly
J. P. Conway

& we give you the advantage in
this regard.

a draft on Richmond or
even by note could be
negotiated here at 1/4%
It -

Liberty Oct 23rd 1865.

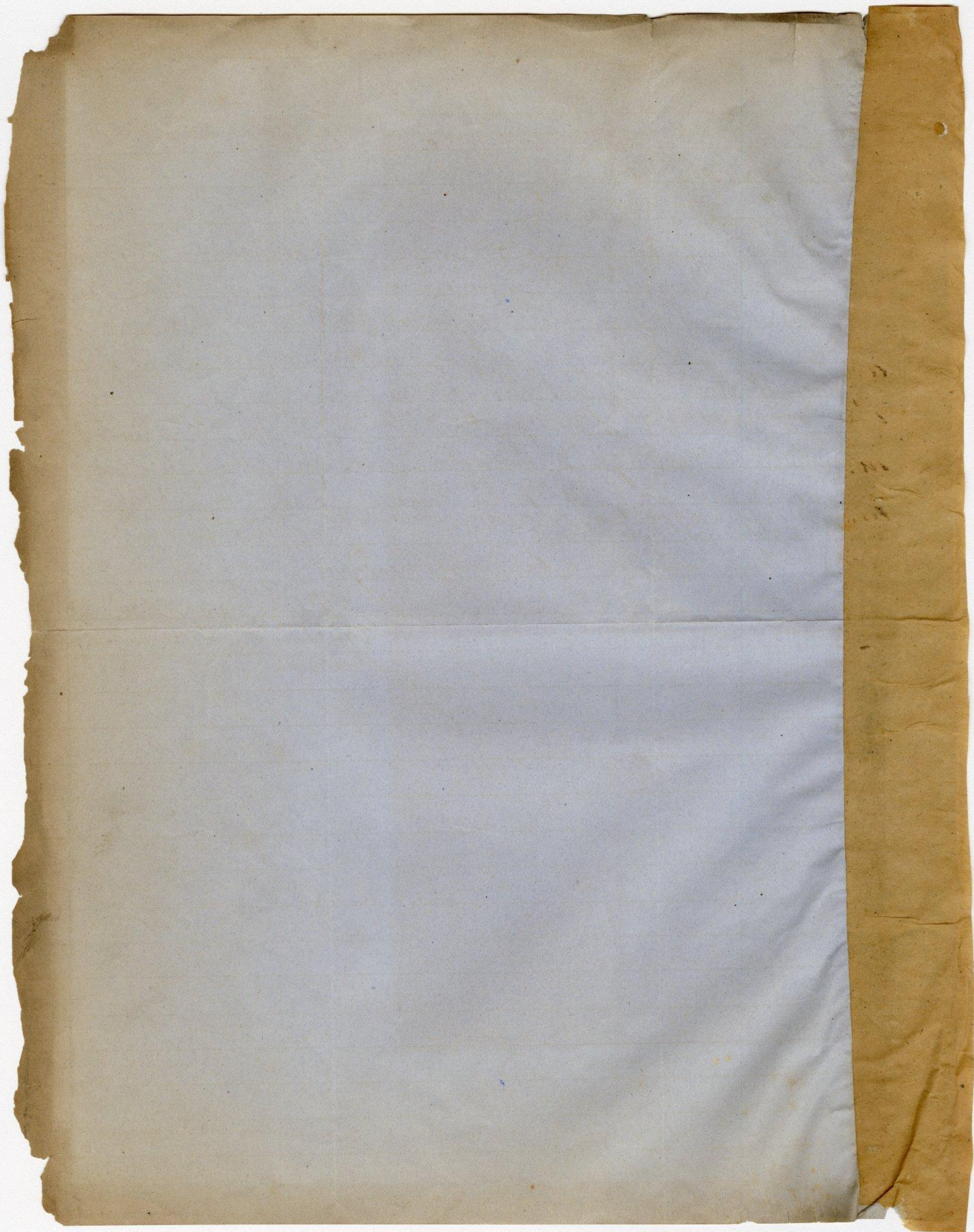
Ch: M. Shackles Esq,

Dear Sir

I am compelled to be at Raleigh Co. No. on the first day of November and consequently cannot be at the Circuit Court in Lynchburg. but if you go on with the Bank Case and it shall suit you to have one appointed Commissioner as you suggested some time ago, I shall be glad to attend to it as I shall have many leisure hours in all probability during the winter months. Mr. Giffin says he told you that the appointment would suit the creditors - or to that effect - I shall return to Lynchburg as soon as I can - probably in two weeks. I regret having to leave just at this time, but can't help it.

Your friend

Stephen Adams



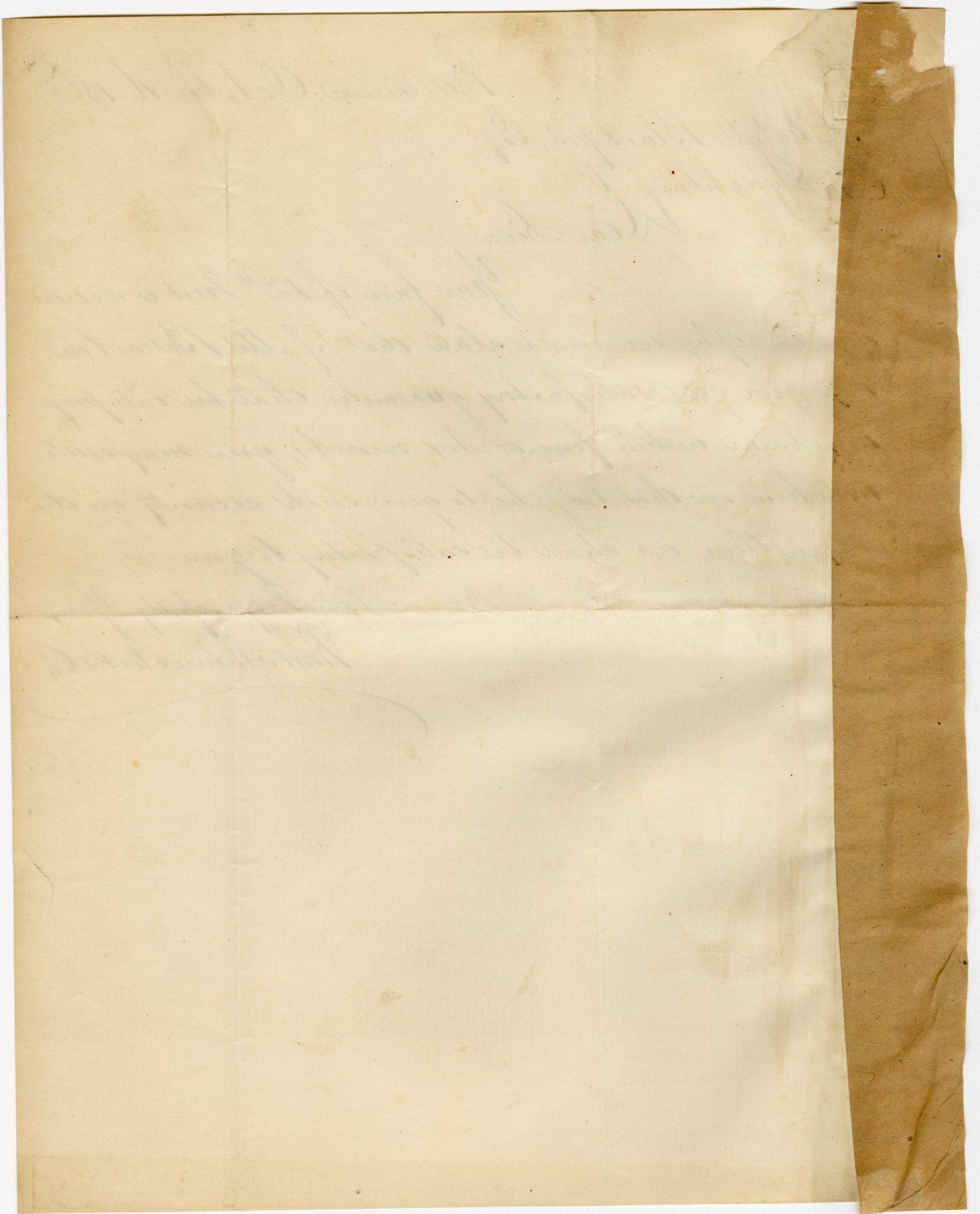
Baltimore, October 16. 1865

Chas. M. Blackford, Esq
Synchbury

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 12th Inst is received
and in reply we would state that if Mr Petterton,
will give you satisfactory guarantee that he will pay
our claim within four or six months, you may settle
with him in that way, he to give such security in the
mean time as shall be satisfactory to you.

Very Respectfully Yours,
Provs. Fairbanks & Co



Baltimore, October 24th 1865.

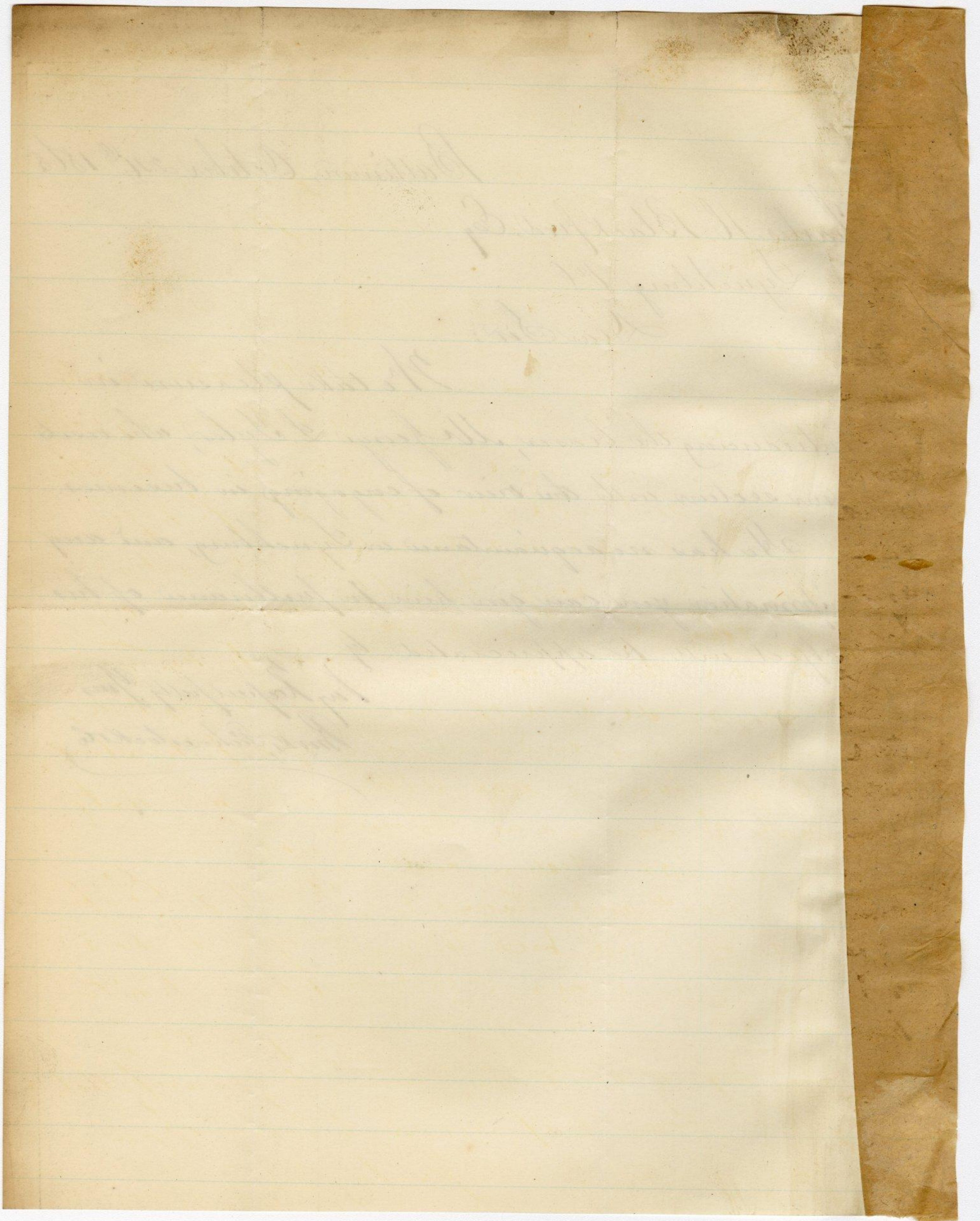
Charles M. Blackford, Esq
Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in
introducing the bearer, Mr George L. Tyler, who visits
your section with the view of engaging in business.

He has no acquaintance in Lynchburg, and any
information you can give him for furtherance of his
object will be appreciated by

Very Respectfully Yours
Brooks, Schemmstock & Co



day & from 3 to 12 sheep in
I might say that I am doing
the largest business in Rich^d
and that is the reason that
butchers are down on me
I want you to come down
I have some very important
business with you if you
come down as soon as you
this letter I will pay all expenses
and you may go home the
day if you will not stay
longer I would rather you
would come and bring me
the news in your own ho
town & then I can tell you
the news here. May has been
sick she has been down with the
but she is up at this time

this love all well

Yours in haste

L. S. Irvin

Richmond Oct 22^d /65-

Dear James

I want you to
attend to some business in
Lynchburg for me, there is
a butcher in the market that
has slandered me and I have
sued him, so I will have to
call on my friend W. D. Branch
and the best man of Lynchburg
for my character, I will now
give you the language
that he made use of, he
told one of my intimates in
order to get him to deal with
him that I ran away from
Lynchburg for stealing and
came to Rich^d and stayed 2
years & returned back to Lynch
& I had to leave again ^{being} so I will
have to prove that to be a lie

in order to recover damages, I will
have the deposition of Branch
J. G. Meem A. B. Rucker & M. Rucker
and any man that knows me,
in that city you can go round
and talk to them and see what
kind of a character they will
give me before you have them
summons. This butcher also
said that I had a partner and
I robbed him out of all of his
money and he ran mad and
died in the asylum, so I will
get you to go and see Mrs
Crouse and ask her if Mr
Crouse told her and Mrs
Bourne a few days before he
died that I was the best friend
he ever had, Mrs Crouse &
Mrs Bourne told me that he
did see Mr Williams and ask
him if Mr Crouse told him
that I was the best friend he

ever had, He told me that he did
have him summons also,
get Mr Branch to make a long
statement in his own hand writing
and qualify to it, I will send
all of the papers to C. M. Blackford
to attend to taking the depositions & he
will take any man that you
will take to him, I want W. D.
Branch first and some other big
men, you will get Mr Branch
to state how long he has been
Mayor of Lynchburg and how long
he has known me, I hope you
will answer this letter, as I have
not said a word about borrowing
money I shall look for a letter
by return mail get all the
points and ^{let} me know what kind
of a character I can get in the
city, I am doing a fine
business here I killed six cattle
to day, I kill from 3 to 7 per

~~Major~~ Col W. B. Brown
J. H. Bailey
J. J. Perrie
P. Sebury
E. J. Folkes
Dr Ned Murrell
Jack Staughler
Col J. M. Langhorne
Jno Oyley
Seth Holsby
Dr Latham
Dr Owens
J. R. McDaniel
J. J. Joby
D. E. Booker
James O. Williams
Capt Samuel Burch ~~and all of~~
~~the night watch that were~~
~~on duty while I~~
have the above men summons
Wm D Burch

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Mobile Oct 13th 1865

Wm Blackford Esq
My Dear

Your of 29th ult^o reached me only this a/c. I approve of your destruction of the draft. and only wanted to know if it was afloat, as our a/c m^{ch} are about being lost.

See the Mayis I hope he will put his best foot forward, as (you doubtless agree with me) the "Benedict" system is a very excellent one, it soothes alike body & mind, if the patient is careful to select a good flowing comforter.

In this part of the late — we would do very well, were it not for the enormous quantity of imported stock, licensed cotton thieves, bullies — U.S.C.S. — and that curse to the country the "Freedom's bureau,"

D. M. of family are in N.C. preparing to quit for Europe via N.Y. I heard from him a few days ago, he was uncertain as to his departure, thought it would be in the present month, He & family are very well,

Please say to the Mayis, same to yourself, that if at any time I can be of service to either of you. may command me,

Yrs very truly
W. G. Duerant

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]



Private

New York, 17th Oct. 1865

Chas. M. Blackford Esq.

Dear Sir!

Lynchburg. Va.

Your private communications to our Senior, dated 14th inst., have been carefully perused and in reply we would say that we think the actual circumstances warrant Mr. C. L. Crosby considering himself retained for Messrs. D. H. Wätjen & Co. - This being the case the only question at issue is whether his charge of \$200 is a fair one. - We request you to settle with him by paying what you think right and to draw on us for the amount, or to ask friend J. I. Joby to pay same to you on our acc. -

We are

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours
Chas. Luling & Co.

New York 17th Nov 1801

Dear Mr. Blackford

Your kind letter of the 11th inst. is received & I am glad to hear that you are well. I have not time to write you more at present but will do so again soon. I am, Sir, your obedient servant

Yours truly
John Jay

Money upon them as soon as possible - by suit
or otherwise -
March 9th 1861. } (Sgd) Chas. M. Blackford.
Lynchburg. } Atty. at Law. "

" Recd of J. Hartman, Agent two Negotiable
("notes" left out) each payable 9 months after
date to J. N. Pindexter and each against
W. Hillard, One for the sum of \$103⁵⁶/₁₀₀, dated
November 17th 1860. & the other for the sum of
\$38⁴³/₁₀₀, dated Oct 15th 1860, and both
for suit & collection, the last of said notes
protested and the cost of same \$1⁷⁰/₁₀₀

Aug 17. 1861.

(Sgd)

W^m J. Gancey &
C. M. Blackford
by W. J. G.

You will oblige me by communicating what
action you have taken or will take, at your
earliest convenience

I am, Sir, Very Respy
Yrs. Obedt. Servant
Alfred Pindexter
for J. N. Pindexter
Box 822. Richmond.
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