Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Richmond, Augt 1st 1865

C. M. Blackford Esqr

Dr Sir

The Box of Boots you wrote Mr Rutt about. Martha W.M. Blackford is still in this Depot.

I am Sir
Your Obedt Svt
J. H. Van Buren
Freight Agt

I would be delighted to g
one of his long letters -
With my best wishe
I remain
truly yr fr
W B W

Tuscaloosa Alabama
July 20 1865

My dear Sir:

I wrote to you about ten days ago and sent the letter by Nashville; but as it may not reach you I will by another.

I am very desirous to hear from you and Mrs B, and Mr Lanty, and Capt Cochran, Pleasants, and Mr Massie, and other friends - and, I want to hear from my tobacco whether it is all safe, and what I can get for it at this time.

Since I left you I have had some pretty hard times. Had a fight with the Yankees on the bridge at this place. They made a night attack; I was commanding the guard, 20 men. They had 2000. I lost 2 men killed & several wounded. Escaped unhurt myself. I have been having chills all the year, but think I am getting

over them now. I expect to go to North Alabama in about two weeks. The mountains are still infested with robbers, and we can only go through in Squads.

We have a Yankee garrison here. The Negroes have all been declared free. Most of them hired to their Masters, but thousands have been taken away.

Our Factories were all burnt and a great deal of Cotton. The Yankees are stealing all the Cotton they can lay their hands on - and some of the Confederates too. The Country is in a sad Condition - No law or order; the garrisons make things worse.

I have not heard from Col Hill since the Surrender. My boy Bill came home - he got on a boat at City Point, went to Fortress Monroe, then got on a vessel coming to Mobile, and from thence home. He says the last he saw of Col Hill, he mounted my horse and rode off when our waggon train was attacked.

Write to me and direct your letter to Florence - Care of Luke Pryor Esq. Athens Ala. There is a mail to Athens but none to Florence yet.

I was elected Circuit Judge in May 1864, and received my Commission as soon as I got home last fall. I expect to be reappointed by Gov Parsons as he is a particular friend of mine.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs B, Mr Sandy & other friends. My love to Nannie.

If Mr Sandy has any time to spare, he could not employ it better than to write to me, for

Wytheville Aug 17th 1865

Mr Chas M Blackford

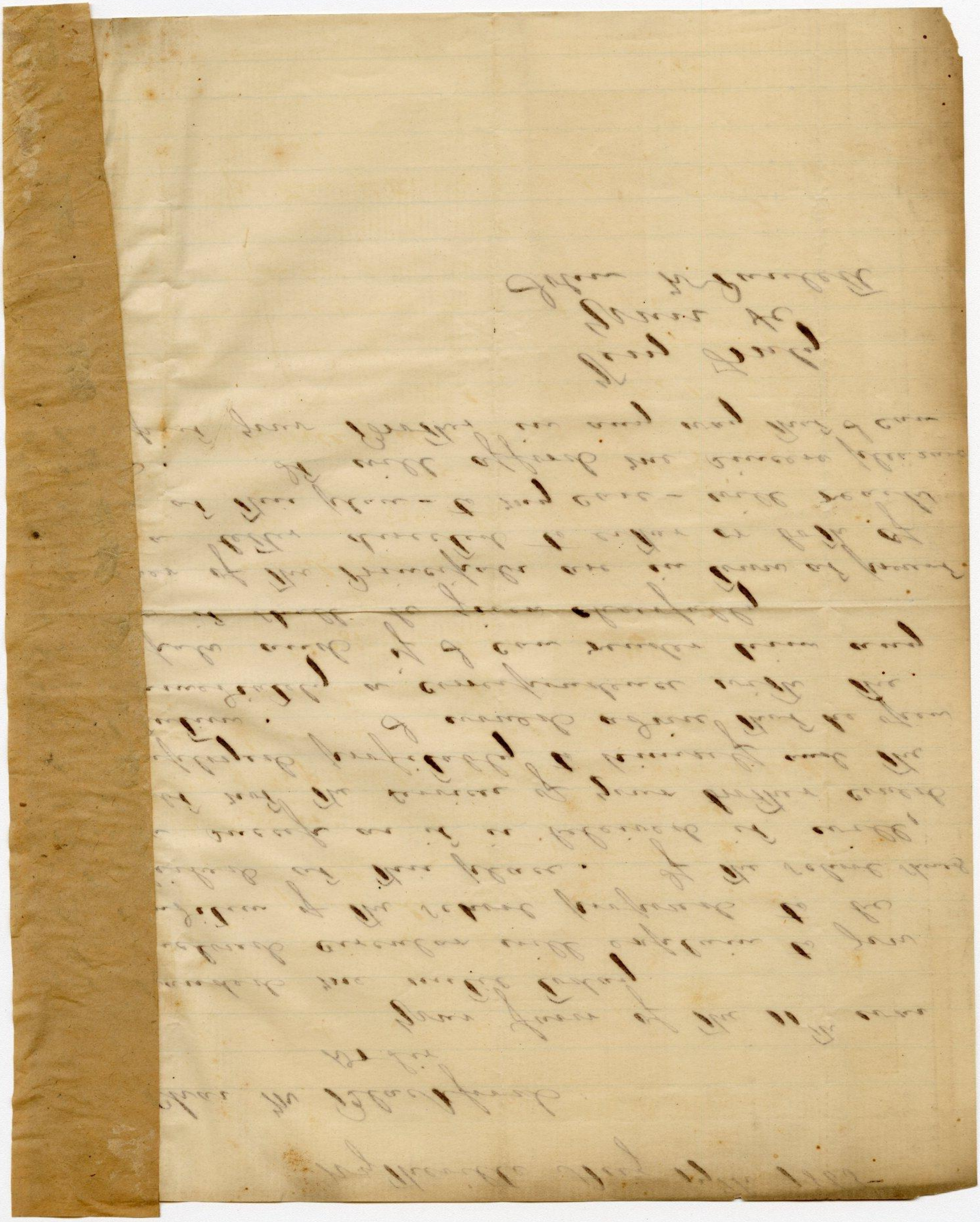
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 11th was not handed me until today

The enclosed circular will explain to you the condition of the school proposed to be established at this place. If the school shows prove a success as it is beleived it will, I doubt not the services of your brother could be employed profitably to himself and the institution. I would advise that he open up immediately a correspondence with the principals and if I can render him any service it shall be given cheerfully

Neither of the Principals are in town at present but a letter directed to either or both of them at this place - to my care - will reach them. It will afford me sincere pleasure to assist your Brother in any way that I can

Very Truly
Yours &c
John W Paulett



Capt C. M. Blackford Amherst Aug 21 1865

Dear Charly

I reckon you ought to pay me something more for the raising of your colt, than you have paid. I do not know what to charge – but I think it actually ate about 150 or 175 bush. of corn, which at no period during its stay here was worth less than $1.00 or $1.25 p. bushell – you paid me $200 in confederate money – which I presume is equal to $ to 30 or 40 $ – in gold – 15 $ to Henry Minor which I am bound for – & 5 $ in a calf which Cousin Susan sent me – the aggregate of which is $60 – –

I reckon you ought to pay me $40 or 50 more to make us even but I leave it entirely to your sense of right – suffice it – the colt was a considerable pest to me. I shall however be satisfied with the sum indicated. The condition of things in the country has pretty well quelled all my aspirations for bettering my pecuniary condition – If I can eke out a living for my family for the remnant of my days, it will be all that I aspire to. Should like to try a foreign land if I could raise the means to get away – but the last of my trials is made up of the everlasting niggers – he is thrusting himself into the difficulties at every turn. If I could just get them off the plantation I could keep them off but as it is they are a great source of vexation – I wish you & your wife would come to see us – we will all charmed with

Lady in his recent visit — I have never seen any
more improved than he is since I last had a chan
Converse with him — His mind has greatly increased
& I can't tell when I saw a youth of such boundless
of information — He seems to be a walking Encyclo

But I write in haste —

Love to Sue & the little one

faithfully
Your affectionate
A. L. Memor

**Commonwealth of Virginia,**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

Richmond, Aug 23rd 1865.

Chas M. Blackford Esq.
Lynchburg. Va.
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 19th inst, enclosing order for Acts of Assembly, came duly to hand, The list is a correct one and embraces all of the Acts passed since 1861.

The price of a complete Sett is $4.00 & will be forwarded to your address, upon the receipt of the above named amount, which I am required, to receive, before sending these documents out of the Office.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt,
Ch H. Lewis, Secy Commwlth
for E.W. Raf
Asst.

Capt: Charles Blackford

Dear Sir

You have some kitchen furniture still remaining with us. If it is possible, I hope you will have it removed at once, as I am about to move from this place & shall have no room for it in the house to which I am going.

Yours Resp.

Miles George

Richmond August 28th 1865

University of Va Aug 24 1865

My dear Charles –

I received your kind letter & offer of Co partnership on my return home day before yesterday – I thank you cordially for both –

In a personal point of view the Co partnership would be very pleasant to me – your uniform kindness – and the friendship which you have ever manifested – assure me that our personal relations would be affectionate – And I am fully appreciative of the value of your services as a partner to me – In those walks of the profession where accuracy and patient labor are requisite for success, I would find you invaluable.

Nor do I doubt that ultimately Lynchburg will reward a lawyer who will seek it as a place of business – Whether it presents a present field for an Sichel is more doubtful –

But I have cast my lot elsewhere – and Burr Noland & I are partners at Middleburg for practice in Loudoun, Fauquier – Fairfax & Alex^a – I have just returned and have high hopes of a comfortable encaps Business Spring will – and my prospect is fair all (one side or other) that is going in Loudoun & Fauquier –

I shall go to Richmond to the Ct of

they are to subside & all traces
Appeals (when agitated) and permanently
when times adjust themselves in such a
way as to permit business to flow in
usual channels –

For the present, far removed from the
limits of trial to me – secluded – & yet a
life – I shall try to "keep the ourselves lenient
of my way" – so as to provoke neither remark
nor interference. My heart saddens – often
sickens – in the retrospect – and is no better
the prospect – but we must meet the fate which
God wills, like men – and emerge one day
the vale of Humiliation, a sober and better
people from the chastening of His hand – and
thus achieve for Virginia a destiny, not
as we may have coveted, but higher than
and worthy of her splendid History –

I should fail less comfort in declining
offer, did I not feel, it will not impede your
prospects. You have the elements of a great success
with an ambition for usefulness, rather than
notoriety, and with qualities rather solid than
brilliant, you are well adapted to achieve, what
I confidently predict and hope for you, a remu-
rative and eminent position in the profession.
And we must do our best – for our own sake
our wives' & children's – but for our dear
Virginia's sake –

My love to Sue, whose timidity approach

God life her gentle over them – & the
protecting child – wish of your friend

Department of the Interior,
Washington D. C. Aug. 25, 1865

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Secretary of State, and asking for copies of the Acts of Congress, passed since January 1, 1861, has been referred to the Department of the Interior.

There is not, in the custody of this Department, any copies of those Acts, for sale, or for distribution to private citizens.

I will, however, cause a set of the laws which you mention, to be sent to your address, by the Adams Express, with the understanding that they are to be used for the purposes stated in your letter to the Secretary of State.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
Jas Harlan
Secretary.

Chas. W. Blackford,
Attorney at Law,
Lynchburg, Va.