

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
TANNAHILL, MELWAIN & CO.
No. 79 Front Street

New York, August 1st, 1865.

Dear Sir:

We have the pleasure to inform you that we have formed a co-partnership in the City of New York for the purpose of conducting a General Commission Business under the firm and style of TANNAHILL, MELWAIN & CO. No. 79 Front Street, and respectfully solicit your favors and assistance.

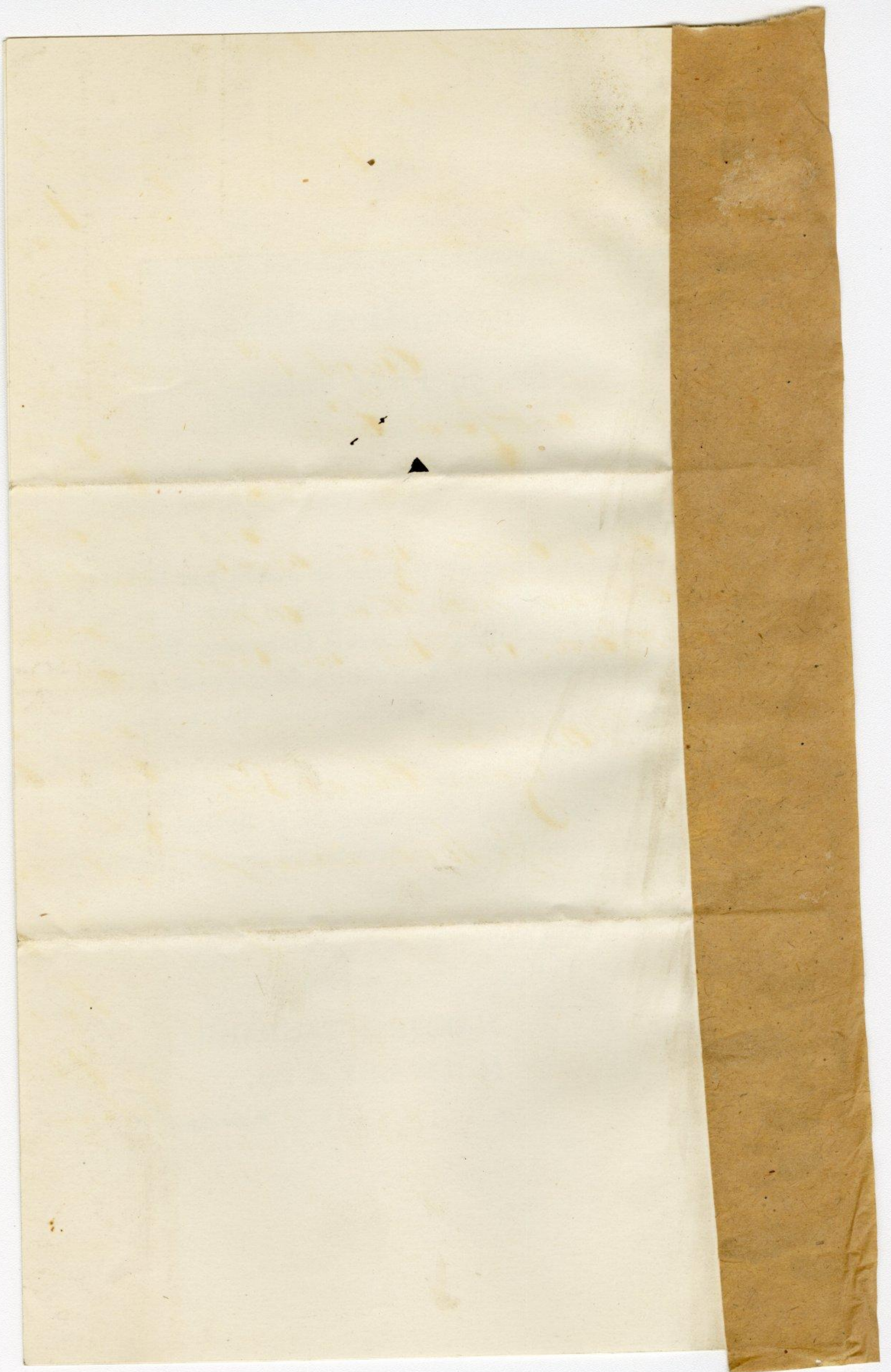
Strict personal attention will be given to the sale of all kinds of Produce, Naval Stores and Goods of Southern Manufacture, also to the purchase of Merchandise generally, for the Southern market.

Yours respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

MARTIN & TANNAHILL,
MELWAIN & CO.

of Parkburg, Va.



Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Richmond, Augt 1st 1865

C. M. Blackford Esqr

Sr Sir,

Box of Boots. you wrote
^{Mr. Black} ~~the~~ about. Martin W. M.
Blackford. is still in this
Depot.

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servt
J. W. Warden
Freight Agt



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I would be delighted to get
one of his long letters -

With my best wishes

I remain

truly yr fr

H B W

Juscalorum 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 try another.

I am very desirous to hear from
you and Mrs B, and Mr Lanty,
and Capt^s 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 wound-
ed. Escaped unhurt myself.
I have been having chills all
the year, but think I am getting

Wm

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 Mill 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 Mill, 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^r 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^r Parsons as he ~~was~~ is a particular friend of mine.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs B, Mr Sawty & other friends. My love to Marnie.

If Mr Sawty has anytime to spare, he could not employ it better than to write to me, for

Wytheville Aug 17th 1865

Mr Char W Blackford
Dear 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 should
prove a success as it is believed 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 Parlett

My dear Mother

Dear Mr. Blackford

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th was
 received and the matter being
 referred to the committee will endeavor to
 obtain of the school professors to be
 situated at this place. If the school
 is successful as it is believed it will,
 it will be the service of your Mother's cause
 especially profitable to yourself and the
 cause of our country. I would advise that you
 should be in correspondence with the
 school and if I can render you any
 assistance in the premises I shall be
 glad to do so. The principles are in favor of
 a better education to either or both of
 at this place - I hope - will result
 It will afford me sincere pleasure
 to hear from you Brother in any way that I can

Yours truly
 John W. Blackford

Capt. C. M. Blackford Arkheut Aug 21 1865

Dear Chail,

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 is actually etc 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 \$30 or 40 p. - in gold - 15 p. to Henry Minor which I am bound for - & 5 p. 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 part 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 set 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 it is - they are a great source of vexation - I wish you & your wife would come to see us - the wife all charmed with

Sarty in his recent visit - I have never seen any
more improved than he is since I last had a chance
to 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 encyclopedia

But I write in haste -

Yours affectionately
L. Men

Love to Sam & the little one

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let find out them. If the plantation would keep them off
it is they are a great source of vexation - I wish you &
the market was lower - the price all changed with

Commonwealth of Virginia,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

Richmond, Aug 23⁵/₇ 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 cor-
rect one and embraces all of the Acts
passed since 1861.

The price of a complete
Sett is \$4.00 & will be forwarded to
you 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
y^r Obedt Servt,

Chas H. Lewis. Secy Genl

per E. W. Rap

Asst.

Government of Virginia

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

1862

Richard

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Capt: Charles Blackford

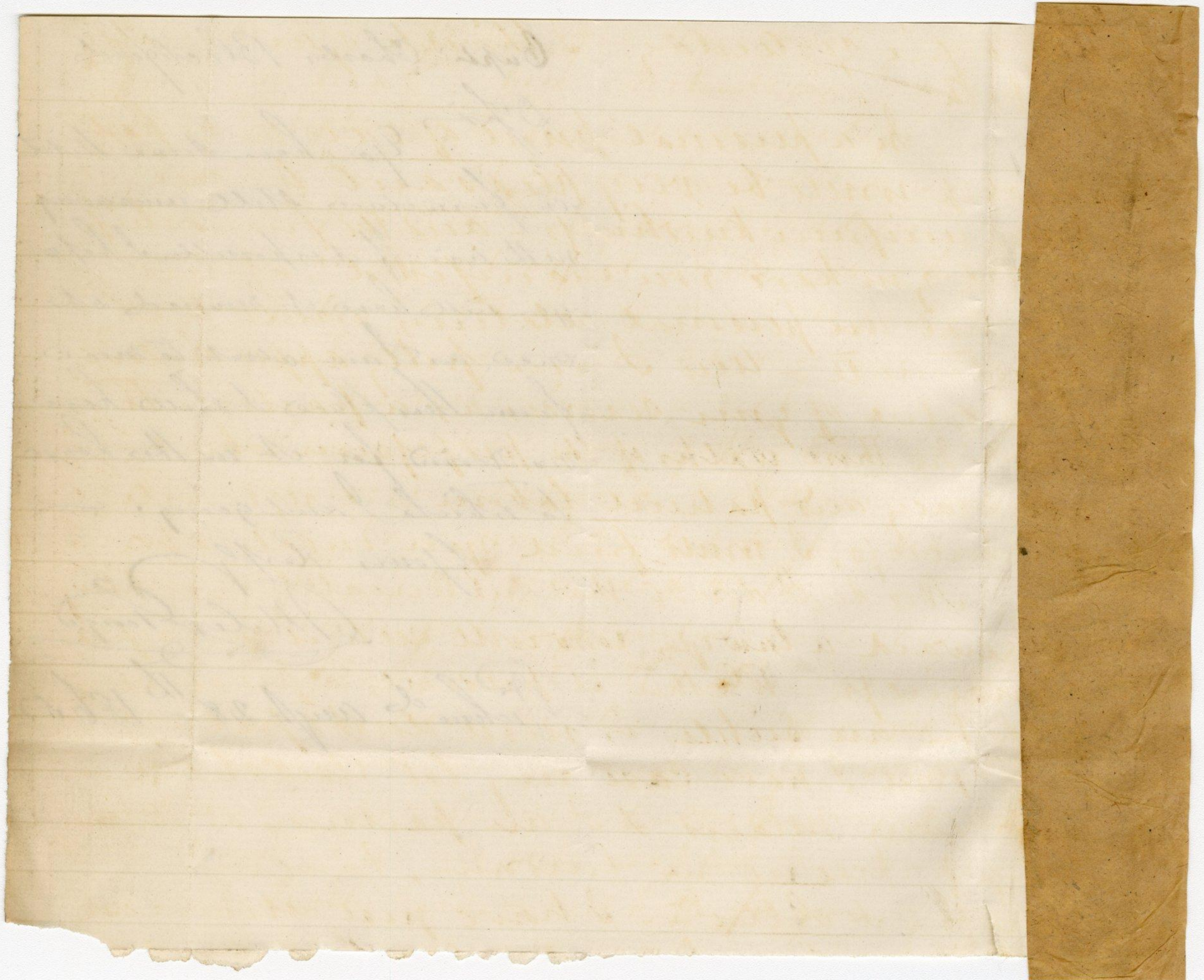
Dear Sir,

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 Truly

Wm. C. C. C.

Richm^d Aug^t 28th - 1865



University of Va Aug 24 1865

My dear Charles -

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

In a personal point of view the Copartnership would be very pleasant to me - your uniform kindness - and the friendship which you have ever manifested - assure me that an personal relation 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 labour 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 office is more doubtful -

But I have cast my lot elsewhere - and Ben Wolcott & I are partners at Middleburg & practice in Loudoun, Fauquier - Fairfax & Alex^a - I have just returned and have high hopes of a comfortable successful business opening well - and my prospect is for all (one side or other) that is going in Loudoun & Fauquier -

I shall go to Richmond to the Ct D

My dear to Knickerbocker & all friends
Appeals (when assumed) and permanent
When times adjust themselves in such a
way as to permit business to flow in
usual channels -
In the present, far removed from
limits of trial to me - secluded - yet a
ble - I shall try to "keep the courseless line
of my way" - so as to provoke neither remark
nor interference. My heart saddens - of
sickness - in the retrospect - and is rebuffed
the prospect - but we must meet the fate which
God wills, like men - and emerge one day
the role of Humiliation, a robber and betrayer
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 feel less comfort in declining
offer, did I not feel, it will not impede your
progress. 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, and
I confidently predict and hope for you, a respec-
table and eminent position in the profession.
And we must do our best - for our own sake
and our wives' & children's - but for our dear
Virginia's sake -
My love to Sue, whose timbers approach

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got life her gentle over them - I make you both happy in the living and the
for the coming child - is the owner with of your friend of the

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,

Gas Harlan

Secretary.

Chas. W. Blackford,

Attorney at Law,

Synchburg, Va.

Washington D.C. May 22nd 1862

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter of the copy of the report of the Commission on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

I will be glad to see you at any time and to discuss the matter in detail. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John M. Alexander

John M. Alexander
Secretary of the Commission

