

The nominees of Tuesday evening
I shall however hold this de-
-termination somewhat in abey-
-ance until I shall have had
an opportunity of hearing Mr.
Lyggin define his position.

I will ~~not~~ am however a
cordial endorser of Kirk Patrick's
nomination, & shall do all in my
power to advance his interests.

I see in the Papers that Messrs
Christian & Rector are to speak
at White Chapel on the 1st of the
month, if no one else has been
appointed I will represent ^{Mr. Kirk Patrick's} ~~and~~
interests on that occasion.

Your friend

Chas Blackford Esq. Robert Saunders.

Fredburg July 24. 1861

Charles McShafford Esq

My dear Sir

My nephew J C
Monroe is at Shreveport Louisiana
& left all his Business in my hands
during his absence. I therefore by
his direction opened your letter to him
dated 22 Inst.

I have Examined & find
that he has Fifty Dollars for your
check on Exch. Bk Lynchburg
on the 20 Nov. 1860. you will
doubtless find that you are charged
with that amt by reference to
your slip at Bank. I will be
pleas'd to receive the balance in
your hands for W. M. you
can make your check payable to
me or to J C Monroe's order as
you please. I have a Power of atty
to sign in name. I shall say re-
-pects your father who is an old
acquaintance

Very truly yr

J P Conway.



Norfolk Va.
June 29th 1860

Wm. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg Va

Dear Charles

Your aunt Elsie
requests me to send you the ac-
companying Duplicates of myself,
in accordance with your request,
made some weeks since.

All in this place are anxiously
awaiting the action of the Va. Con-
-vention, as also that of the gene-
-ral convention which it is to be
-hoped will meet for the purpose of
ascertaining the sentiments of the
whole people now composing the
-States, with a view to obtaining
such concessions on the part of the
North as may be acceptable to the
South. There seems however to be
little hope of a satisfactory result

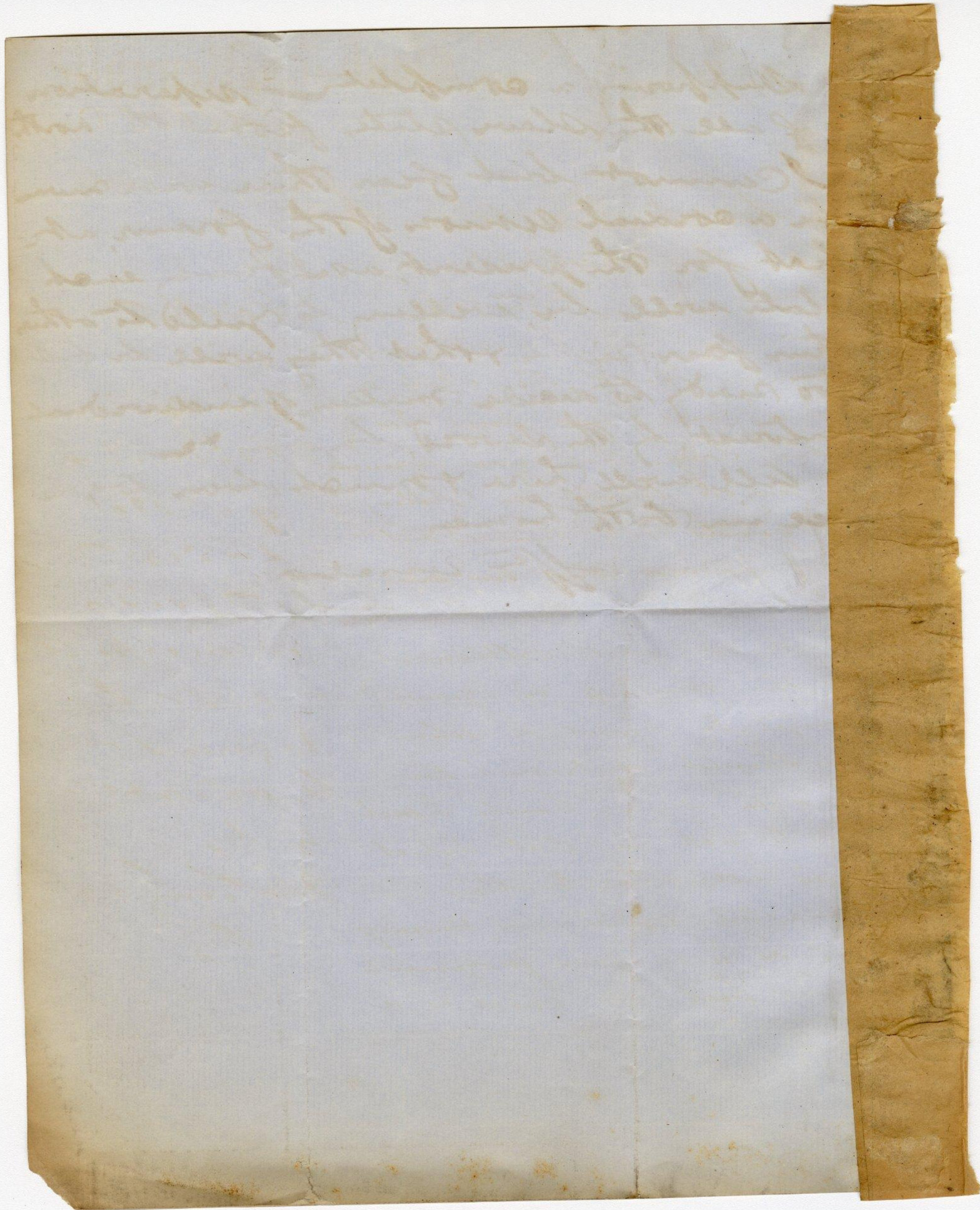
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Supposing a complete separation
of all the Slave States from the North,
I cannot but fear there will never
be a cordial Union of the former, at-
- least for the present, as I fancy each
State will be ^{un}willing to yield to others
their fair rights, & that they will be but
too ready to decide matters of individual
interest, by the sword, byout &c

All well here, & much love to you
all in both houses

Your aff^r Uncle
Sturges



Laurel N. D. Feb 5th 1861
Mr Chas. M. Blackford

Dear Sir

Yours
informing me of the state of
my affairs has been rec^d,
I am sorry that you experienced
so much trouble in selling
the goods on hand, but
feel assured that you are
doing all that can be done
toward a fair settlement
of the business in your
charge. In regard to whom
you should distribute the
funds in your hands, I wish
you to act in that respect
as in all other matters
connected with our business
just as is in your judgment
seems best. The case is a

hard one & I am sorry I
cannot improve it in any
way. I will be glad to
hear from you when a
final settlement is effected.
I will also regard it as
a very great favor if you
will lend me your influence
in getting a situation in
the city of Richmond
I feel attached to Virginia
& would accept a situation
at a small salary in
any mercantile house in
Richmond that can afford
a permanent berth,
I can furnish recommendations
from home if necessary.

Please drop me
a line at your convenience
& believe me yours

Very Respectfully
L. A. Kinsey

Bank of the Republic,

New York

Feb 5 1851

W. M. Blackford Esq
Catskill
Syracuse

I have yours of 2 Inst
and am much obliged

You are authorized to
accept Mr Boyd's proposition
to give his notes at 60. 90 & 120
days with a good interest
only approved by your funds
= self. In doing so no necessity
returne Richd Starks and I
would respectfully request
that the endorsement be made

Very truly
R. H. Lowry
Esq

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11/2/18

My dear Mother
I have just received your letter
of the 10th and was glad to hear
from you and to hear that you
were all well.

I am well and hope these few lines
will find you all the same. I
am not writing you much news
at present. I am still in the
country and have not yet
returned to my studies. I
am however, very busy with
my work and have not time
to write you more fully. I
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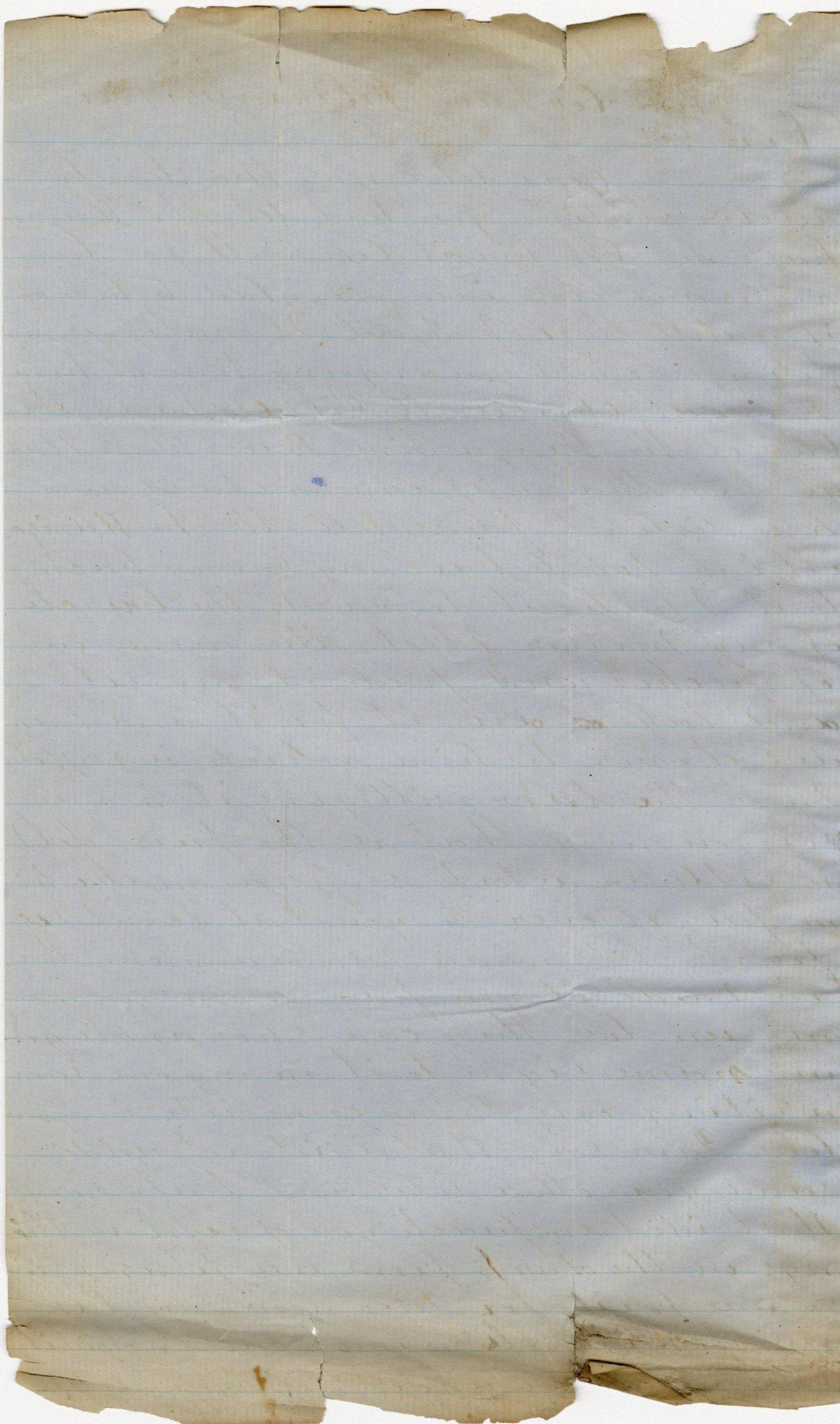
Yours affectionately
John Jay

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Pike "Co" Mo February 15. 1891.

Dear Sir

Your letter was thankfully
received stating you had let Mr Harrison
have my Boy Tom at Cool well for his
vidler and close iam very glad to here of
it untill the 1 of April It gratifies my
feelings to here you ar going to send him
to me at Clarkesville Pike. Co. Mo in the
Care of Mr Benjamin House then I can
get him that is if i understand your
letter distinct please tell Mr A. Harrison
i think I ot to have my money back
that I paid out to wards the burile
of my Mother I took the money out
of ^{my} pocket and paid it my self
and took ~~it~~ were it for it and han-
ded it over to him which is 20.00
I now the law will give it to me
for you now that is the first debt
is settle in a state so please make hi-
m pay it over to you. but i cant see
for my life where I doo or any one there
in Va. dont you pay no one no mo-
ney un less they can shoe a note got
my name signe to it in my own han-
writing every thing come rite in your
letter I am sorry that i did not under-
stand your other letter and truly sorry
that i did impeach you of esping the
ings in the darke from me please excu-
se me for it for I doo now I doo take
you for a Gentle man of over nobility
i think i have understood your letter
this

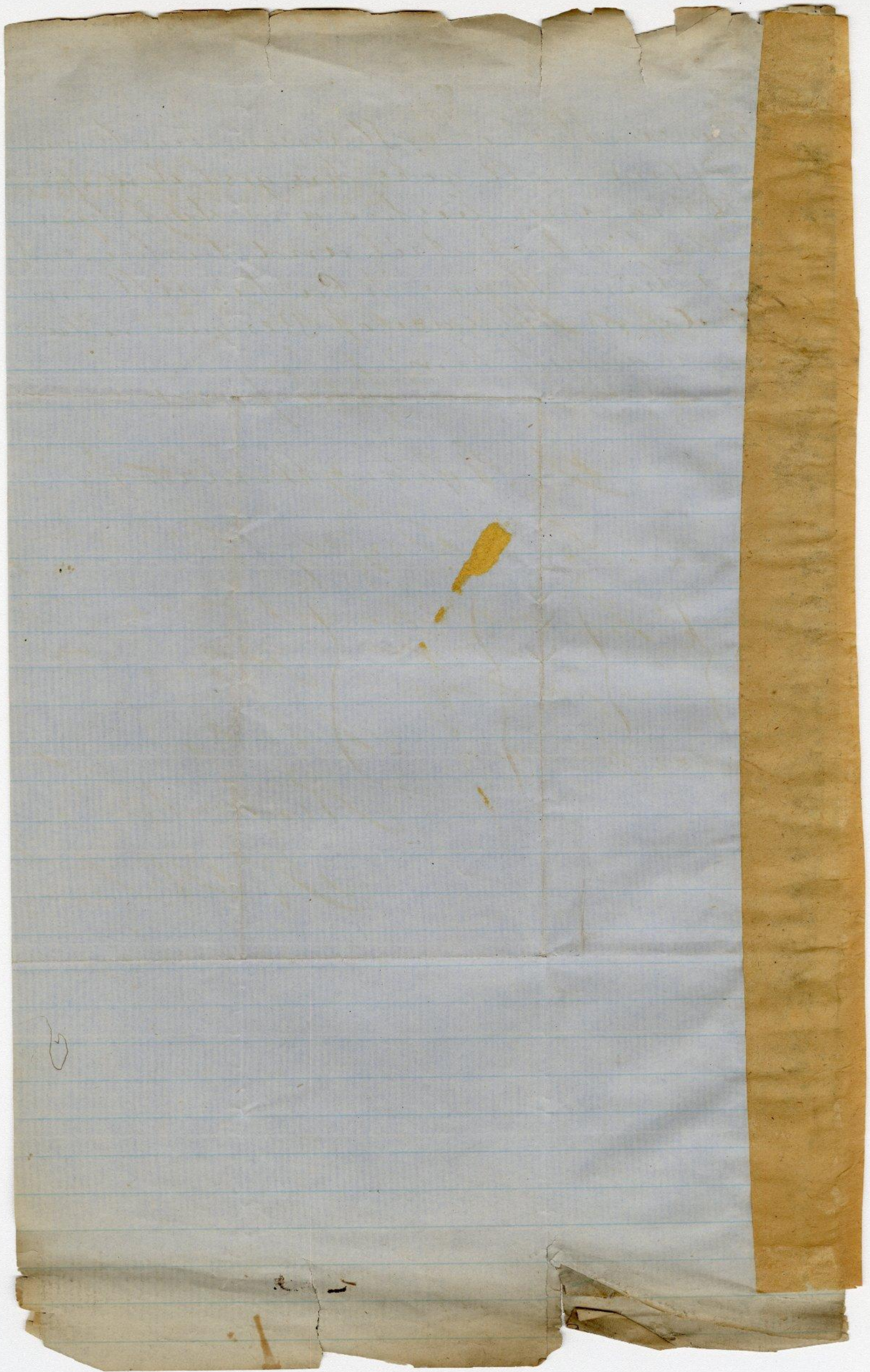


please see that Mr. Harison treats my
boy Tom well gets his giest dew of
Clothing and beshoe and start him
by the first of April and beshoe and
send him thurw to Parkerswill Mo
Pike Co in the care of Benjamin Huse
then i can get him

your friend

Tipton Woodrooff

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Bank of the Republic,

New York

Feb 12 1841

C. M. Blackford Esq
N York

I have your of 8 Inst
enclosing 1000 Dollars

The settlement is very
satisfactory. Please to
accept my thanks,

Respectfully

R. W. Lowry
Esq

Richmond 19 February 1861

Mr Chas M Blackford

Lynchburg

Dear Sir
In reply to your favour of 18th to hand, we
reply here to say, we have examined for the Note and have been
unable to find it. Our Mr Oby is under the impression that
he enclosed it to you, we will make farther examination & if we
have it, will forward ~~it~~ to you

Very Truly
Yours
John W Younger & Oby
By Thomas Parack

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Pike Co. Mo. January 14. 1841

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Dear Sir

I receive your letter dated
January the 1 stating you had a
bount of \$120.2 Hokers for me and you
would send me 20 of Toms hire when
it was due also you stated you had
had hired Tom to the R. Road compa
ny for one ^{hole} year but you did not state
in your letter what hire you got for him
please let me now what hire you got
for him and please dont keep nothing
in the dark from me as I have got you
to attend to my buisness also you stated
you had paid a det for me in Amh
erst to a man but you had for got
his name please find out his name
and let me now how he is recken you
took a reserch for it. I want you to be
cotious not to pay no money to any
one unless i give you orders to do so
I dont no of anyone I oc a Hoker to I
am sorry you have hired Tom out
for the year for it miss proots me
very much for i would not be grug
\$50 Hokers if he was here with me
now I want you to make arrange me
nts with the R Road company to
~~send~~ let him of at the fall any
how if you havnt hired him
out for the year i keep you had hired
him out for his vidles and close
untell the 1 of April than the way
you did providing you could not get
no money for hi