Adj't Genl's Off Augusta 20 Feb 1860

Dear Sir

Upon opening we have with the inspection Certificate – shall decide bands to be sent to Capt Radford for Sabre belts – Belts will be furnished to all the Cavalry when practicable –

As stated to you (I think), the test of the strength of every Volunteer Corps is the number mustered – & it is indispensable to adhere to that rule. It will afford me very great pleasure to have the Troop fully armed – whenever it can be done –

Very respectfully Yours
J. H. Richardson

Capt Blackford &c

Edgewood, Hanover Va.
Aug 17th 1860

Dear Charley

I have been intending for some time to write & tell you that I hope to be married before very long, not that I thought it would be news to you, but that you would like to hear it from me. You won't complain of my not telling you sooner when I say that I told no body 'till I could not keep it, except Lanty. I wrote to Lewis some time ago & told him to tell Eugene from me, but reserved you for a special letter, but a trip to Norfolk has delayed it. Now I know every body knows this very well, but write you & cousin Sue, for whom of course this is intended too, not say I told you so, if you please.

Lanty can tell you all about her, or cousin Sue, for I think she has interest enough in me to have informed as a woman only can her self already.

In December I hope to be married, tho' it is yet doubtful. Can not you & Cousin Sue come down to Alex^a on that occasion by way of keeping me to a creditable representation of the connection?

You will be glad to hear that our sickness here is ended, at last. This summer it has been chiefly among the servants, tho' Mary Willis was quite sick this week for two days. Sister has returned from Norfolk & Homœopathic treatment, benefitted we hope.

I am very sorry I have been prevented from accepting the many & kind invitations to L— which you all have given me, and I am anxious you all should know how entirely out of my power it has been. I write Lanty all about it. He will tell you. I had a long letter from Aunt Mary a few days ago, and a cheerful one, tho' she does not think her disease benefitted, only that she is strong er. My best love to Cousin Sue, the little ones & all at your fathers. I hope Cousin Sue is recovered quite from that severe attack.

Good bye — Your affectionate Cousin
C. L. C. Minor.

C. M. Blackford Esq.
Lynchburg. Va.

Office of the Mut: Asse. Soc.ty
Richmond 30th Augt. 1860.

Chas M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg - Va.

Dr Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of (postmarked 29th inst), covering your Check for $101.16/100, as advised in mine of 25th.

Yours very resp.y

J. R. Dunford
Chf Clk

Richmond Aug. 29th 1860

My dear Sir

Yours of the 23rd last post marked the 24th is before me. When Mr Echols returned to Richmond he spoke to me of his conversation with you on the Cars while going up, and the same day when I went to dinner I merely mentioned to my wife that I thought it would have been better if you had not have mentioned the matter to Echols at all, and I suppose my wife stated the same thing in some of her letters to Lynchby. this is the sum and substance of all I said on the subject.

I did not consider it any breach of confidence then nor do I now I have not thought of it since I considered you my friend and would not for a moment think that you would say anything to injure my credit especially when I knew it would be against your interest to do so, with this explanation I trust you will dismiss the matter from your mind

My object is to sell off my entire stock and as you suggested make a change in my business, so as to do it with greater ease

I hope to pay for all the dry goods I owe
this fall, without adding materially to my
present stock, and the notes I have given
for discounts I will retire as speedily as
possible. I would like to sell the House and
Lot in Lynchburg but now I suppose is a bad
time, Mr Ch H Christian has the management
of it, if you could indicate a good
time to me to sell I will be obliged to you
I dislike to sell it for less than $3000. $1000 cash
the balance in 18 mo, this you may think is a
high estimate, but some man in Richmond recently
wanting it as a grocery stand, I dont recollect
his name, I should have replied to your or your
but for the illness of my little daughter Mary
an attack of Typhoid fever, I hope to day she
better

Very truly Your
Chs. A. Snead

P.S. So far from imputing any thing of the
kind to you I certainly feel that I am your debtor
for coming to my assistance when I needed help
which act I think I know how to appreciate

C.

Lt: M. Blackford

Post Young Men's Union Club

Dear Sir

I had the honor to receive your very complimentary invitation, by the mail of Saturday, & I hasten to say in reply, that I shall leave home, in a few days, for Wheeling, to enter on the canvass in that important region of the State - I cannot determine how long I will be absent, & therefore cannot now, make a specific appointment to speak in Lynchburg - But you may be assured that I will avail myself of the earliest opportunity

to do so — I feel a strong desire to meet the citizens of Lynchburg at some period of the campaign, do not permit nothing short of an inevitable accident to deprive me of that pleasure — I think I can certainly be with you between the 5th & 10th of October —

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Alex H. H. Stuart
Staunton
Sept 3rd 1860.

Chas. M. Blackford
Attorney at Law
Lynchburg Virginia

Sir
I wish to inform you that I
recieved your note this morning
informing me that Mr Kinsey
had made a general assignment
I wish to inform you that
he owes me for
2 Sets of Curls at $3.50 Each $ 7 00
1 one Back Braid $ 10 00
$ 17.00

Your Respect
M. R. Dollar
513 Chestnut St
Phila

Philad.a Sept 3. 1860

Chas M Blackford Esq
Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir

We were not a little surprised to learn that L. A & J Kinsey after having been in business so short a period should have made an assignment. We hope it will appear ~~that~~ their brief career has been an honorable one —

Will you have the goodness to give us some of the particulars of their failure & what the prospects are in regard to a settlement?

May we ask if all the assets, including book accounts, have been placed in your hands?

Yours very truly
Cummings & C