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Postoffice of
Harp. Eng. Blackford
Gyuchburg.

Dr J M M



Scarborough

Westchester Co

Charles M. Blackford

14th Aug. 1863-

Syracuse

To

Dear Charles,

Yours of the
2^d inst has "come to hand".

I own three 8^y Bonds of
the City of Mobile; the money
being borrowed for some city impro-
vements which I am told
gives them additional validity.

I also own some 83 shares
(or thereabouts) of Marion & Western
R.R. Stock. An order for the
amount of a dividend upon
the basis of Hazelhurst of Philad
sent just after the beginning of
the war was protested. I do not
remember the nos: of the Bonds

nor the precise number of shares
of stock, nor the amount of the
amount of the dividend for
which the order was sent, but
will ascertain all about it
on my first visit to town, which
will be in a few days. In the
mean time you can write both
to Mason & Noble to the R.R. & City
authorities about the matter & I will
send on the particulars as soon as
I go to town.

Your Mother and Peggy are
both improved in health, and we
all enjoy your Mother's presence
exceedingly, & hope she will stay
with us as long as possible.

I had supposed that Gyro
Brewster's and his wife; the
destruction of her nation state
with fire and sword; the blood
and the tears; the grinding heel
of despotism would have

crushed her of her own idea
but unfortunately it has
not & it proved one of her
most prominent subjects of
conversational when she first
arrived and would now if
we did not so constantly turn
the subject when she starts it

Love to you

Yr. Aff. Uncle
James.

P.S. Peggy seems to be a favorite
with our servants at which I
am much pleased for a more diligent
and faithful servant could not
be.

rec'd a letter from you
lately.

No 412
New Orleans, La

Dear Charles,

I propose to send you
when a safe opportunity offers a
parcel of bonds scrip &c with many
old papers therewith connected & to
request your professional inspection
and advice in regard to them.

My wish is to establish my right
according to Yankee law or proclamation
(they seem to be synonymous terms as
the world says) & that you then draw
dividends & that if your description is
dictate to sell, the proceeds of such draft
or sales to be placed to my credit in
some foreign institution (to be here-
after to be specified) after deducting
your professional fees.

Enclose a paper which you will care-
fully preserve may be eternally de-
- a people who require such a declaration of sub-
- mission to become stolen property,
but...

Truly your friend
C. M. Blackford Esq. Lynchburg Va

late U.S. Army
Capt Henry Nelson
Beulah Nelson
I am under cover to Miss Beulah Nelson care of Capt Henry Nelson
of it will be in favor of my future residence abroad, when determined upon

a census document. On your account
I will not now enclose the paper
to which I refer as to do so after
writing the above ~~to you~~ might
commit you - Your honor due no evidence

Remember this - That what
I may hereafter write or send you
is to be considered a strictly business
matter & not to be babbling about
so much do I insist upon this
if you have a partner in professional
connection with you, you are not
accept the employment I offer
if you do, he, the partner, is to know
of the matter.

I employ you because I know
another's honest training. Did I not
this I would employ some one else
who not being a member of some club
might shoot did he violate my
- fidence - The Atlantic is not
wide that I could not reserve it for
purpose

Enclose a photograph for you one
representing Washington lifting
the flag at Fort Mifflin

Charlottesville Virg^a

August 20 1865.

My dear Blackford

I wish to trouble you with a small matter of business with y^r. Lt J. R. Road. - Some few days ago a number of detached coupons, cut from the following bonds of the Lynchburg & Tennessee R.Road, were stolen or miscarried in transit to North, and in order to prevent their payment I desire you to give the Treasurer of the Road notice of the fact & desire him to stop them if presented at his office. They were payable at the Bank of the Republic, to which I will also send notice, but, as I suppose the R.R.C. has no funds there, I suspect that the proferer may endeavor to collect these in Lynchburg: They were the coupons for ^{two} July ~~and~~ years, viz, 1863 and 1864, on each of the following Bonds, making in the aggregate \$1200. -

N. & T. R. R. Bond	No. 586	-----	\$500	due	Jan'y 1 1866
-----	1583	-----	"	"	"
"	583	-----	"	"	"
"	479	-----	"	"	"
"	612	-----	"	"	"
"	603	-----	"	"	"
"	603 584	-----	"	"	"
"	581	-----	"	"	"
"	587	-----	"	"	"

vt & T. R. R. Bond	No 597	for \$500	due Aug
"	" 477	"	"
"	" 590	"	"
vt & T. R. R. <u>Income</u> Bond	" 673	" \$1000	
"	" 466	" 1000	
"	" 467	" 1000	
"	" 15	" 1000.	

I do not recollect when the 4 Income Bonds of \$1000
 fall due, but not until sometime in 188-; the \$500
 bonds were part of the \$800,000 mortgage on the
 Road. -

Your earliest attention will greatly oblige

Yr friend

J. L. Cochran

Please advise me of the rec^d of this letter, that I may
 know it has reached you. -

P.S.

My kindest regards to your wife and to Lanier. Do
 you ever had a word from Ch^s Hill or home?

Ms A 5 9

W. Blackford,
Sir.

We have determined to send "Belle" to The Chelsea School & as I shall leave town at 5 o'clock in the morning, you will excuse the liberty I take in requesting you to write to your friend and enquire her upon the most favorable terms you can. She will attend the same Church with the family.

P. M. Blackford
July 29 - 18



I return the letters
 with many thanks
 for your kindness.
 Very truly,
 W. H. D. Hood

Const. St.
 August 21st 1865

Monday Night.

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Commonwealth of Virginia,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

Richmond, July 28th 1865.

Charles M. Blackford Esq.
Lynchburg,
Pa.

Dear Sir,

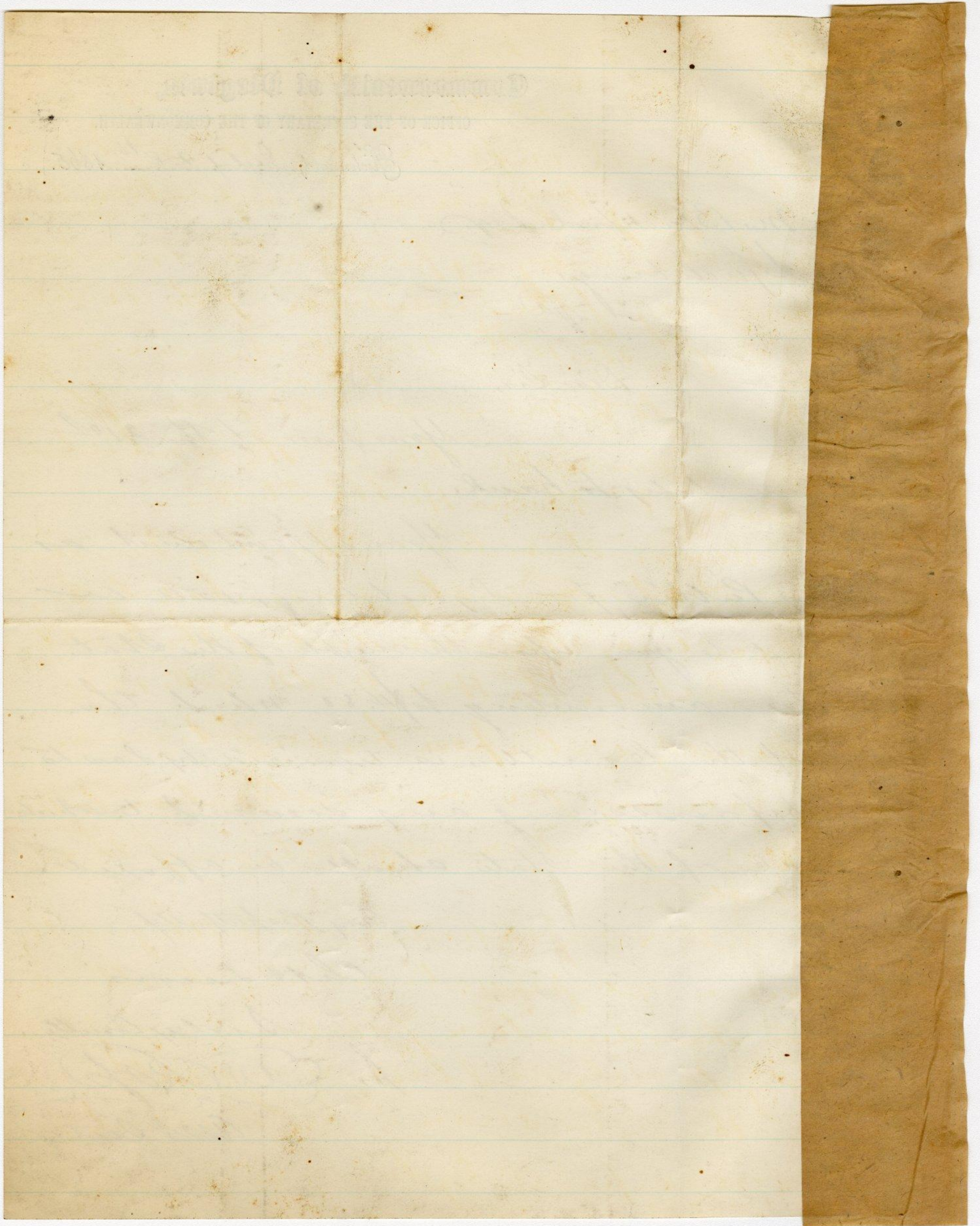
Your favor of the 21st
just came duly to hand.

Your appointment as
Notary Public for Lynchburg, will be
forwarded to you upon the receipt of the State
Tax & fee amounting to \$4.50, which the
Acty of the Council, is required by Law to
receive, before issuing any document to which
the Seal of the State shall be affixed.

Very Respectfully

Chas Lewis

Acty Council
for W. R. P.
Asst Secy



New Orleans La
July 12th 1865

My dear Nephew

Permit me to request that you will inform me what steps are necessary to place me in a position, from which I may experience the executive clemency of the President of the U. States.

On the 10th (day) last, I gave my parole to Commander Simpson of the U. S. Vincennes then in the Tombigbee River at "Nanna Hubba" Bluff.

Since that time I have taken the oath of amnesty prescribed by his Excellency the President of the U. States.

Perhaps the Hon. Gen. M. B. Bell will kindly interpose his influence in procuring for me a restoration to my former position as a citizen of the U. States.

It is my intention to settle quietly down as a private citizen & to attend to the education of children & support my family as I best may & with a view to the restoration of health which has been impaired by long cruising in the Gulf of Mexico & residence in southern parts of this country.

Very truly yours,
G. M. Blackford.

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of his time, even better than could be expected. I begin to think our prospects quite better
and comparatively. Enquiries are numerous, and we hear of many preparing to come. We all
feel much obliged to
county for his
kindness
write to the
M. It shows
his fidelity
affection
if not his
perplexed
try to
don't know
with him if
can't come on
at the opening
of the session &
help to
the chair in April

University of Va
Aug 18. 1865

Yours of 11 is this moment rec^d.

I hope you will excuse me for begging you to
communicate directly with Mrs. Bledsoe
touching the rent she demands. I fear she
already regards us with some alienation, and
therefore my interposition would not contribute
to compose the difference between you. She is
not staying here either, so that the correspond-
ence between me & her must be in writing
as well as between you & her.

I am free to say that the price
she asks appears to me too much, but I
think you cannot reduce her claim on the
ground that the house was not hers. I ap-
prehend there can be no reasonable doubt
that her right to the occupancy ceased only
when her husband ceased to be professor,
which was when the Mathemat^c chair was
declared vacant in July. But even if this
were otherwise, are not you estopped to deny
her title, having accepted possession from

Mr Bledsoe's address is "Wm A. Bledsoe, Care of Rev. Wm Dimondale, Greenwood Depot, Ala. Co Va" Aff. your s. C. Smith, Chapel Hill N.C.

her?

As to a reference to two of
fessors here, I don't think you could
prevail upon any two of them to deter-
the question, so ~~of~~ apprehensive would
be of not giving satisfaction by their
ment. You might try it, however,

Wm Bledsoe.

It has always been my way
matters of this sort, to get out of them
as little worry and controversy as pos-
and especially with a lady, even a
Were I you, I would make a liberal ex-
of what ought to be paid, & add a few
and send Wm D a check for that
saying that I thought such a sum lib-
but to avoid controversy, I had added
it, and would not voluntarily pay
all of which I would put in words
of better, and with profound respect
was glancing at any supposed ques-

Tell Eugene, with my thanks
I rec'd his letter & the money, by Dr Ino.
and it was like water to a thirsty man

I had a long letter yesterday
our uncle Jim, indicating, in hand-
not a little wear & tear: He speaks of his
your mother as well.

Best love to Sue. I hope to be

Edgehill Aug. 17. '65

Dear Cheney

Your letter of the 9th is
just received - I have no par-
ticular recollection about the
acceptance of Read's work and
had forgotten that there was such
a suit on the attachment -

Have you asked Higgins - He may
have taken important papers out
of the record for preservation -
I certainly never withdrew any in
that or any other case -

The case in which you and Swan-
er were appointed Comrs was I
think "Cady & wife vs Galle" -

There are some Chancery records

Don't let the idea get out in Lyndon
being that I am not coming back
then to practice. I certainly will do
so - and with a view to get and do
business - I am very tired of idleness
and still more so of dependence
though these dear kind friends do
not say every thing which is delicate
and kind to prevent my feeling badly
about being here - I am sorry to hear
that Stephen & Duke are coming to
Lyndon to practice Law. The former
will be a formidable competitor for
whatever business may be going -
One would have thought he would
have remained where he was cock of the
walk, especially since Early is gone
or if he left there that he would have
sought a metropolitan bar at once.

in the drawer of my secretary
in Mr. Grogan's office. Perhaps
the papers may be there - I think
Mason & Cabell is - & Lundy & Crull
may also be -

I am in bad spirits about my pros-
pects at last. My cheerfulness
under disaster has never broken down
till lately. All my efforts to get
temporary employment to support
my little business revived so that I
can resume practice - have failed
so far. Nobody seems to have money
enough to have anything done. I
have applied for employment as
a clerk, conductor or anything
else, on the Central R. Road -

Give my best love to Sue - who I
is better reconciled to Larch,
than she was in anticipation -
The Hyemeral bug seems to be
endemic. There are five summer
Dr Davis having intentions - a
that Gildersleeve & Miss Betty &
think a bargain. Bennett & Miss
will be a very well assorted pair -
glad to hear she will have a fine
property. He is a very fine, or
fellow - as per his character
a poor woman -

Employ some of your spare time
in giving me an occasional letter
have enjoyed them you have
very much - We have a regular
now - to you can direct to Kennebec
mail - Very affectionately
Your friend
R. G. H. N.

University of Virginia.

Aug 10. 1865.

My dear Sir,

I hope you have received at least one of my replies to your letter of July 23^d. Will you please let me know what I owe you for the advertisement, as I am anxious to discharge my debt. I have had no application yet from that quarter, though several from elsewhere. Is your neighbour likely to send a pupil?

I hope you are doing a "thundering" business and Mrs Blackford is well. With kindest regards to her, I remain in haste but very truly,

Your friend & servant

McClure de Vere

Charles W Blackford Esq