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Charlottesville

Nov: 7<sup>th</sup> 1845

My dear Mr. Mackford

I had written to  
you about the MSS &  
sent it to the office, before  
you of the 1<sup>st</sup> was received  
It had been a long time  
in the road having only  
come to hand yesterday  
evening - If the MSS is  
sent to me to the care of  
Mr. Charstain, agent of the  
Rail-road at Drake's mouth  
Dept. it will be all right  
I have had me informed  
of its being sent by letter  
to this place, that I may  
know when to send to the  
Dept. for it - I will be very  
pleas'd to see you at any time  
that you will come - You  
are welcome in  
any point of view - even on  
a matter of business. And



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OFFICE OF

CHARTER OAK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

*Wm. H. Walker*  
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*Wm. H. Walker*

*Hartford, Conn. Nov. 22, 1865.*

*Char. W. Blackford Esq.*  
*Synchbury Vt.*  
*My Dear Sir,*

*On return to the City from a brief business absence - I find your recent letter of course, admitting, that through no fault of ours, our risk was forfeited.*

*Very many unhappy events, have transpired during the war, to the grief of all patriotic, conservative men.*

*What other Co's have done, will do (or possibly, our own) where parties wish to revise Pol  $\frac{2}{3}$  or make new insurance - I cannot say.*

*Specially, what if any thing, in the cases of persons, so deceased*

*As to our Co'y, after much reflection, we deemed it very unwise to re-commence business in the Southern States, offer more encouragement.*

*Soon as such shall occur, will send some one, direct from this office, competent and disposed to consider all such cases, and*

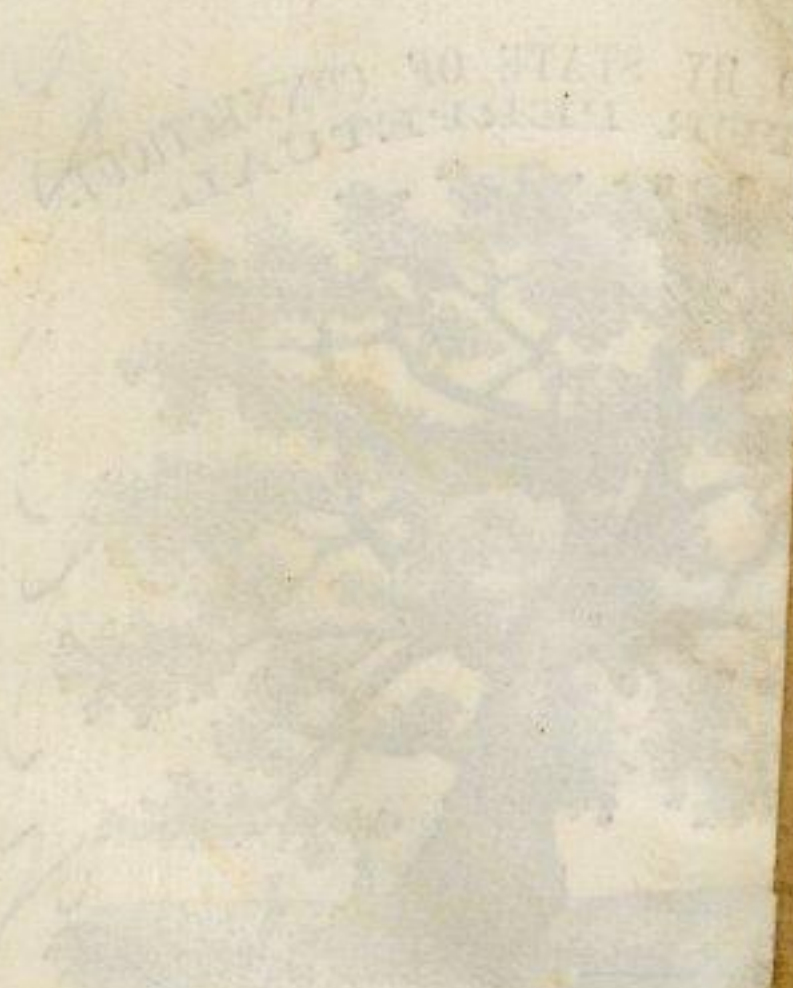
*disposal of them all from receipt to place till they are compelled to wait the proper occasion*

JAMES C. WALKLEY, Secy.  
NOYES & PALMER, Adv. Profr.  
SAM'L H. WHITE, Secy.  
E. J. RESTOR, Ass't Secy.

OFFICE OF

THE OAK LEAF INSURANCE COMPANY

Boston, Mass. Nov. 22, 1885.



OVER \$1,500,000.

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New Orleans

No. 412 Magazine St

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Charley

I shall place in  
Adams & Co's Express Office, to-  
day, a parcel of papers to  
your address. Let Charley L. C.  
have such information derivable  
from them as may touch  
on the affairs of his father's  
or his grandmother's Estates.

The scrip &c will be  
sent you by the next Express  
or the next but one

Yours truly

L. W. Minor

B. M. Blackford Esq  
Lynchburg

Va

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*



New Orleans  
No. 412 Magazine St  
Nov 8th 1855

Dear Charley

I last evening received a letter from Charley L. C. Minor of the 21st Oct. which I herewith enclose - Note its contents and return it to me -

Give him all the information my papers may afford respecting Mr W. P. Conway's connection with our family business affairs - I shall send you my scrip, bonds &c by express immediately, as also various letters from your uncle Lucius. I have not time to overhaul them for one to which Chas <sup>letter</sup> W. refers. If among them, let him have it or a copy -

In dealing with Mr Conway on my behalf, be governed entirely by law; for I do not believe he has acted fairly by us - Your uncle Lucius was under that impression -

Consider this letter as placing all my business connected with Mr W. P. Conway as Executor, either of my brother John's or my mother's Estates, into your hands to do therein all that I might myself do, were I myself present. Blame and sue for, if necessary, every dollar or dollar's worth of my property which may be due me, whether so far, lost to me by any fraud or negligence on his part, or from any cause whatever -

If this is not sufficient authority, send me a Power of Attorney fully authorising you to act for me in preventing any claims <sup>against</sup> Mr Conway which may be made

Get me hear from you at  
subject.

Remember, I give you no author-  
be lenient with him in any degree  
& if you deem it necessary, you can  
him this letter.

Much love to your mother, and  
of our dear who may be in Lynch

after your uncle

Lewis W. Minor

B. M. Blackford Esq.

Lynchburg

Va

Banking House of

R. H. Maury & Co.,

R. H. MAURY,  
J. L. MAURY,  
R. T. BROOKE.

Richmond, Va., Nov 28 1865

Wm. Blackford Esq  
Lynchburg

Sir: Yr 28<sup>th</sup> recd.  
We know of no sales of the  
stocks mentioned in your letter,  
consequently can name no price  
at which they would sell now. As  
none of them pay dividends, and  
all have suffered heavily because  
it would be very difficult in  
the present stringency of the money  
market, to get a bid for them, at any  
price - Particular the Seaboard  
York R. & O. & A. R. & O.

Very respectfully  
R. H. Maury

To receive of

H. H. Murray & Co.

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Richmond, Va.

BOOK  
CRY.  
ARY.

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Baltimore, November 27<sup>th</sup> 1865.

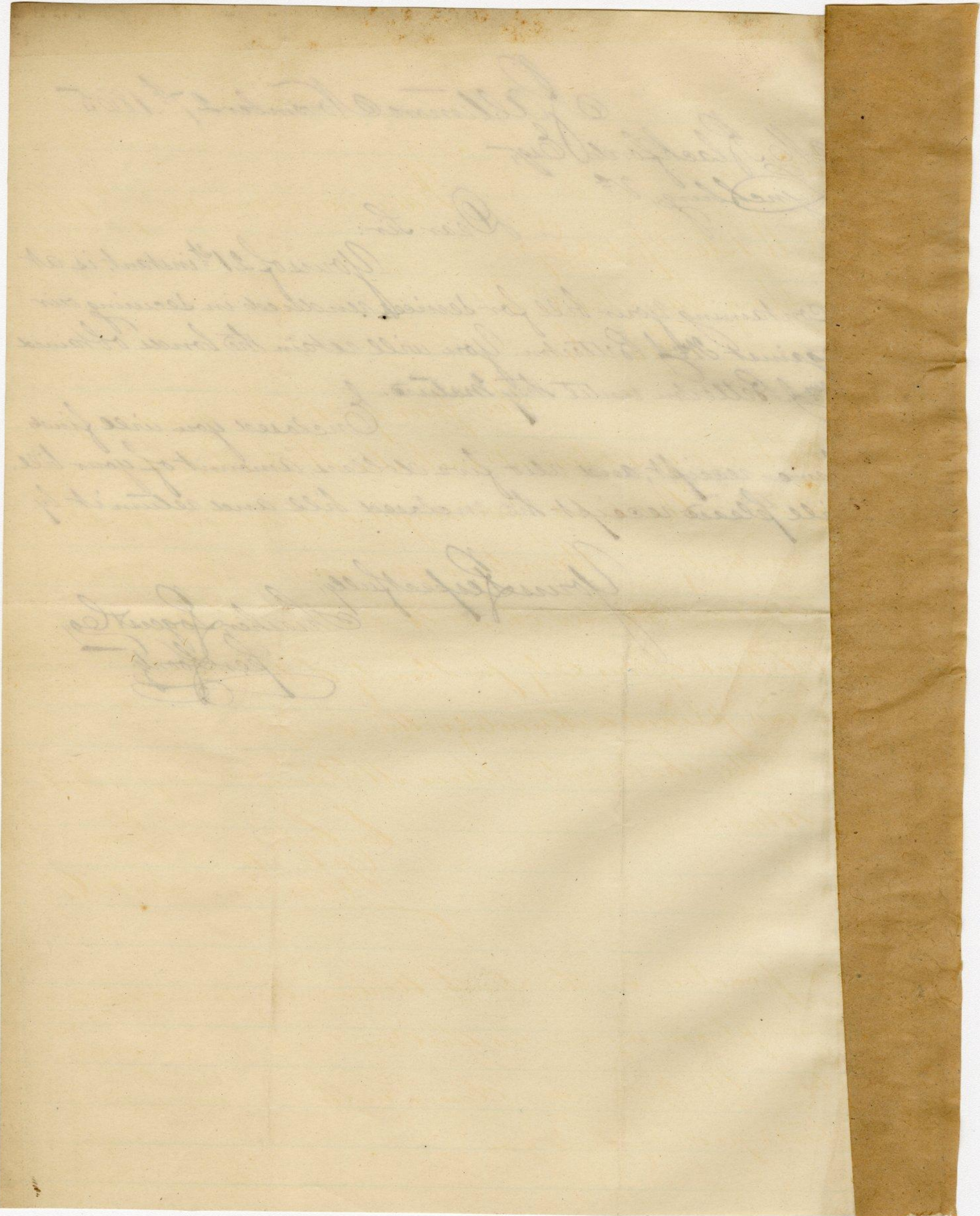
Chas. M. Blackford Esq.  
Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 21<sup>st</sup> instant, is at hand, containing your bill for services rendered in securing our claim against Wm. J. Betterton. You will retain the bonds obtained from Wm. J. Betterton, until they mature.

Enclosed you will find your former receipt, and also five dollars, amount of your bill. You will please receipt the enclosed bill and return it by mail.

Yours Respectfully,  
Shasheer Rogers & Co.,  
Per County.



Baltimore, November 27<sup>th</sup> 1865.

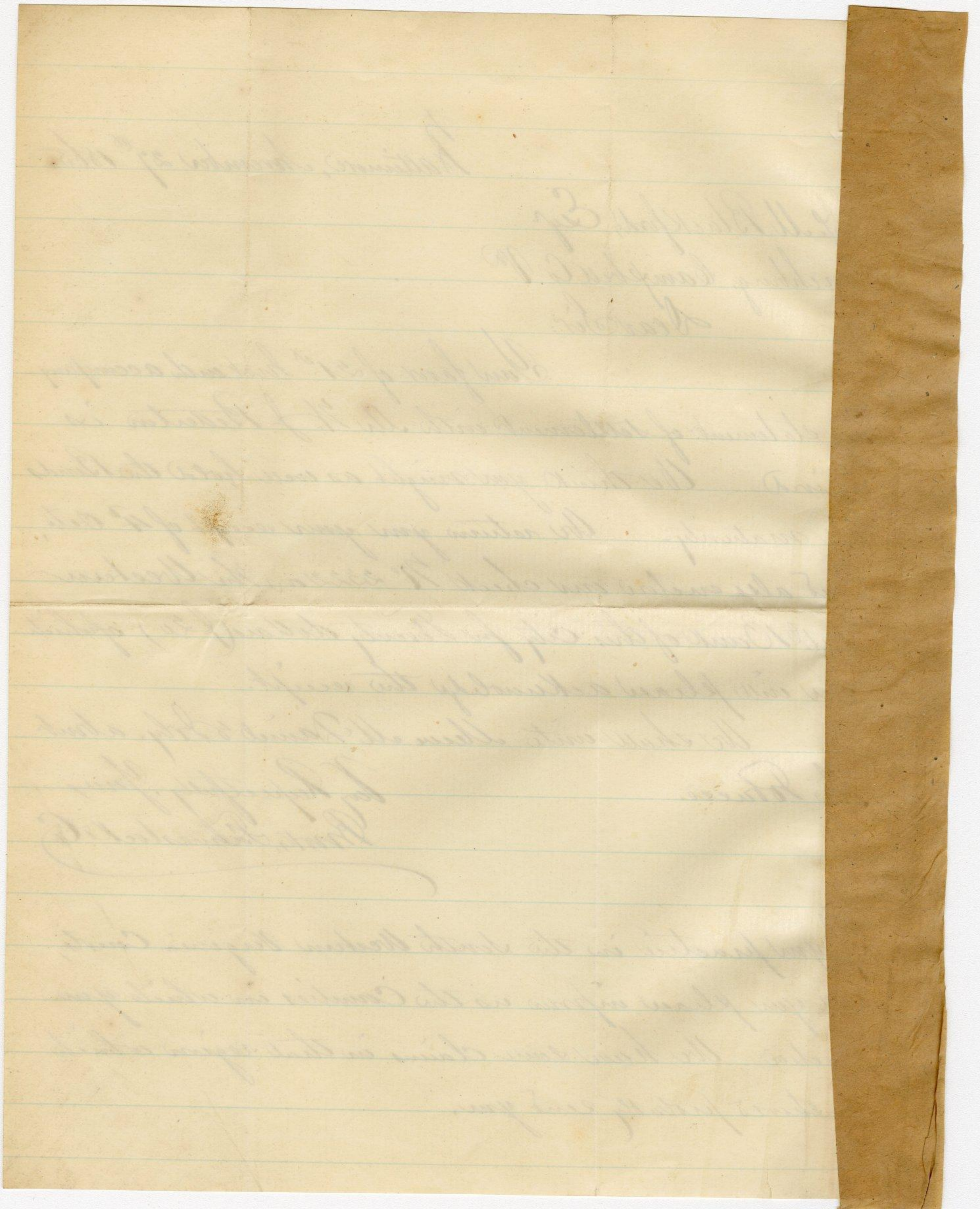
Chas. M. Blackford, Esq.  
Lynchburg, Campbell Co Va  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of 21<sup>st</sup> inst with a accompanying statement of settlement with Mr W. J. Petterson is received. We think you might as well hold the Bonds till maturity. We return you your receipt of 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, and also enclose our check N<sup>o</sup> 3323 on the Western Nat<sup>l</sup> Bank of this city for Twenty dollars (\$20) of which you will please acknowledge the receipt.

We shall write Messrs McDaniel & Dry about the Bonds.

Very Respectfully, Yours  
Wm. S. Larnestock & Co

If you practice in the South Western Virginia Courts, will you please inform us the Counties in which you practice - We have some claims in that region which we should probably send you.



New York, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1865

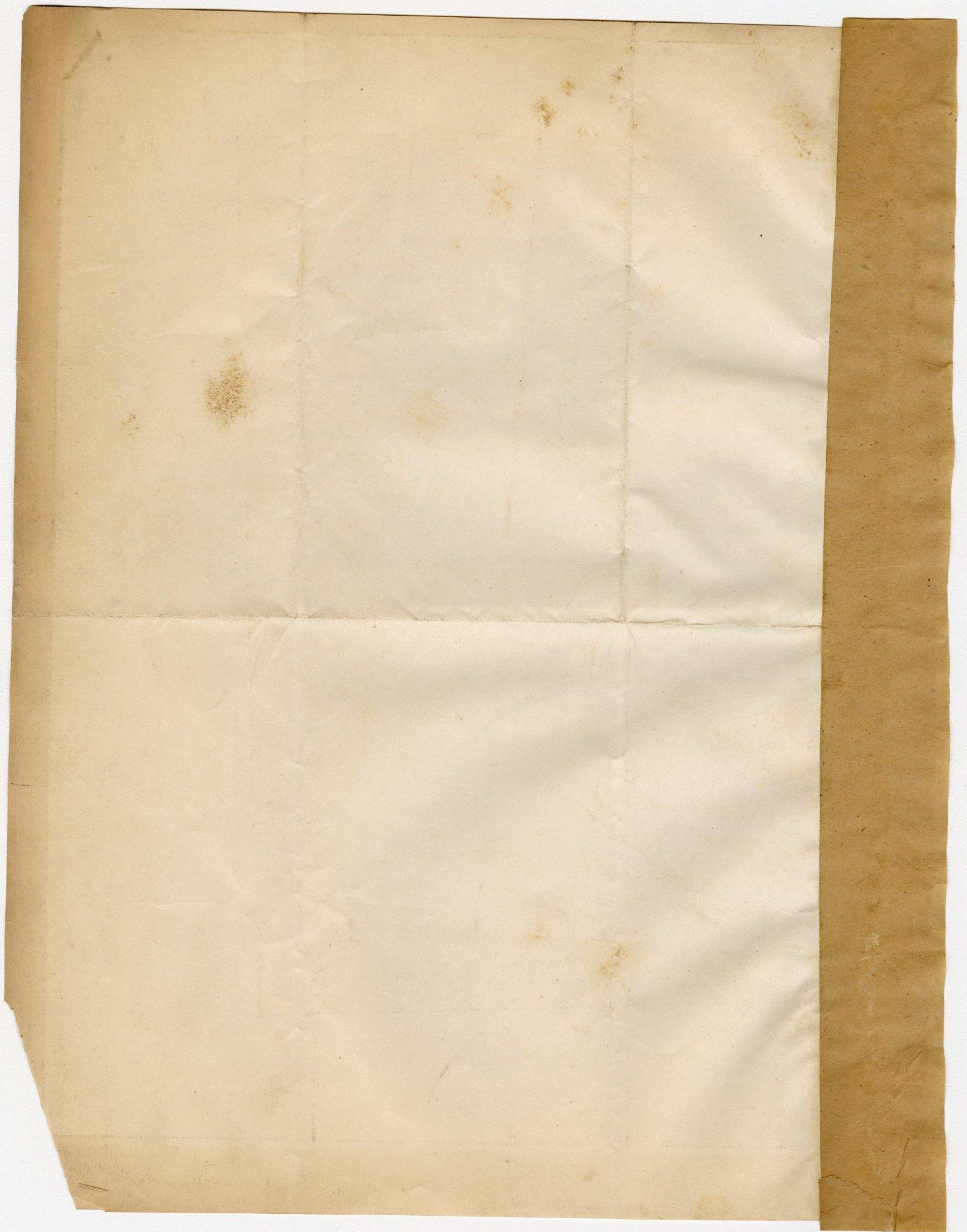
Chas. M. Blackford Esq.

Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir:

Major Langhorne Scott, of your city, owes me \$72,429.71 with interest at 7% from 31<sup>st</sup> Decr. last, against which we hold \$14,000. - stock of Am. Stereograph Co. with dividends since March last. - Major Langhorne called upon us here a few days ago and made the following proposition for settlement, which we beg to submit to you, as our solicitor, requesting you to weigh all the points of same well and to advise us as you deem best for our interest. Mr. Scott will pay one half of the debt in cash but requires from us release in full for his father's liability. Mr. Langhorne will assign to us all rights and title in a bonded mortgage for \$57,500. - on some real estate in your city or neighborhood, which document he will hand you for inspection on his return to Lynchburg. This to be security for his debt to us. On

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and must go on -

I think Roswell (the current  
er) was scared by seeing sums  
cently large in C.S. journals - and  
ing I had spent more than  
proceeds he plun into an ex-  
I refused to allow any ex-  
ditures except - for this house,  
& farm - Write me what is  
please, and so I will know  
what to insist on -

Come to me - Yours truly

C. L. C. Mum

Chas. W. Blackford Esq

Synchronous.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> I carried this to the R. R.  
but found the mode of sending a  
too precarious to depend on the  
S. S. Express - I must send this with  
the bonds - They will come when I can  
them safely.

AT LAST I must send this with  
the bonds - They will come when I can  
them safely.

Edgewood. Harrover W. Va.

Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Charley

I have just received a let-  
ter from Uncle Lewis in which  
he tells me to send you certain  
papers - as follows.

1 R. F. & P. R. R. Bond for 10 shares	} belonging to L. W. Mum	
1 " " " " " " " "		14 " "
1 " " " " " " " "		6 " "
1 " " " " " " " "		5 " "
1 " " " " " " " "		25 " "

One certificate signed by Ed. Robinson  
Pres. & C. W. Macmurdo Treasurer of  
same row (Richd. T. & Co. R. R. Co.) that  
this is due to L. W. Mum \$1000. - re-  
ceivable July 1<sup>st</sup> 69. and bearing interest  
from 1<sup>st</sup> July 56 - dated Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 56

I shall send them to you by ex-  
press & enclose them <sup>receipt</sup> herewith.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The difficulty of express-  
ing decides me to trust the  
mail, & I send them here

with. Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> was received  
last night. I have written you  
already how gladly I commit the  
Canway business to you - and that  
I had looked elsewhere only because  
I understood you declined to act  
in the matter for yourself. I would  
therefore not wish to act for me.  
I fell upon R. as a very shrewd  
man, well inclined to me, and  
the only lawyer I knew in that  
region. If you care to R. I  
cannot to Englewood. I am literally  
always here, and can ill leave him  
so you'd see me very soon - who  
like to see you much.  
I commented your comment. I have  
long thought it well that judge-  
ment could be gotten against  
Mr. C. but I think he knows it too  
and will spirit away his effects  
out of reach - if possible.  
Now please answer me a question,  
or two, please. You have acted as  
commissioner in settling executor's  
accounts. Have I not a right to pay

out of funds of the estate expenses for  
such necessities as dress for the lega-  
les - those of age. Those under - up  
to the extent of the proceeds of the prop-  
erty - upon here, interest on stocks &  
bonds? The commissioner with  
whom I am settling struck out ro-  
ary such item, leaving me largely  
in debt to the estate, saying I must  
credit myself with these expenses -  
in my acct. with the separate legacies -  
charge interest ~~on~~ <sup>there</sup> and collect it  
from them, <sup>through the</sup> when a dividend is  
made, and collect the sums expen-  
ed for the minor in settling my  
accounts as guardian - if the re-  
missioner allows them. The re-  
sult will be that I shall never re-  
ceive it at all (and I have supplied  
sums) as when this law is revised  
the party will not support family  
or sister and therefore I shall not  
be able to take it from them, and  
the expenses made for the living  
will not be allowed. Being but  
in debt in C.S. currency I have made  
much difference, but I have made  
quite large expenses in U.S. funds

Stamton, Dec. 11/65  
C. M. Blackford Esq

Dear Sir -

Yours of 8<sup>th</sup> inst. just recd. I  
will be pleased to unite with you  
in the proposition you suggest.

The Central Bank has made  
an assignment & a trust for  
benefit of its creditors: but I sus-  
pect that the settlement will  
be made very leisurely. I have  
not, as yet, seen the instrument  
(of assignment.)

The Bk. of Stockington has made  
no assignment yet that I know of.

If you conclude to forward  
me the notes, please indicate your  
particular wishes in the premises.

Respectfully Yrs. &c  
Bolivar Christian