

Mr Duncan in a letter to me dated 4<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup>  
gives it as his opinion that there will be a very  
large excess even allowing that the crop of  
this year should be say as large 25,000,000  
Bales! He states he has bought some  
bales of your quality at 14/100. He says all  
the respectable planters have a good deal more  
this year of Bt rope in consequence of 1 more cut of cotton

PAID

charge No 85

H. J. Duncan Esq

Lexington Ky

Louisville. Jan<sup>y</sup> 23 1844

Mr J Duncan Esq

My dear Sir

I shall be much obliged if you  
will give me your views respecting the  
probable price of Hemp in your region.  
as I state that the price is now 11/10  
has cut in your city. are sales made  
at that rate or time or for last?  
I have some friends here who wish to know  
particularly therefore I shall esteem it as  
a favor to hear your views.  
There is evidently I think a tendency now  
to speculate in Bt rope. from last yr from New  
Orleans. A few sales have been made here  
at 12 1/2 cent on speculation to Specimens  
and will rather go up. I had three calls  
yesterday from persons wishing to buy  
in fact a partner in a first rate  
hemp at 12.00 whose paper I can't  
ed. I've without any other name.  
offer'd me 12 + 1/2 of 1000 for 500  
1000 for Bagging & 1000 coils good  
rope. what I have on hand however  
is limited by the owners. I sold last  
month to a house here all I had which

was not limited, so that my stock is small, at present. I have had some letters from some of the large planters of the South on the subject, & I presume they are anxious to buy at present low rates. I heard by the Cape that you intended going again somewhat into the manufacture of the articles, & I shall annex you a statement handed me within a few days, of the quantity which will very probably be made this year. It was made out I believe by Mr. Thonby, & it may prove interesting to you. In case you do go into the manufacture of these articles, I shall be much pleased to make some sales for you. I am there is a small balance due you from the Pope & Co. I will pay it at once in London, if this small should suit you. My mode of doing business is to sell for Cash & charge only 2 1/2% Comd. of the manufacturer, with me to sell on time, & am willing to trust to my judgment. I sell to none but those whom I believe are undoubted mostly planters, whom I know, or know beyond all dispute. The paper I turn over at charge 2 1/2% & risk my Commission so as to be a ~~good~~

~~from~~ guarantee to them. I have sold a good deal there for, & all have paid. I took also a considerable quantity for Cash.

I have made a right & mark number of customers among the planters, & their hills. I prefer: Please give me your views in relation to the above as soon as you can, also what you think will be the rates of 1844 for this year! & greatly oblige my dear Sir

Very Respy & truly  
Benj O Davis

Item	Yards
made at Goldenj factory say	12,000,000
Louisville Manuf Co	800,000
Cincinnati or vicinity	750,000
near Albany	500,000
450 hand looms will make	9,000,000
Mayville Factory	750,000
Improvement	1,000,000
In planters hands	1,000,000
Stock on hand	2,000,000
	<u>17,000,000</u>

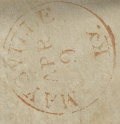
The total say 2 millions of sales in 1844, at 6 for 100  
"over" over will be there = 5000,000

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May. H. T. Duncan

Lexington



May 9th 1844

Dear May

I have learned that you are again manufacturing Hemp and as Maygreen has lost Business she is by her position entitled to I offer you the following in account to ship through my hands  
 Woburn will haul all of your B & H Paper to this place at 12 1/2 cts per 100 & I will receive forwarded at 75 cts per Ton for Drayage & Storage our rates for truck oil and is quoted about 10 above the Louisianna rate, our rate to Louisville is 15 cts per 100 freight which will make the freight from Paris to Louisville 31 1/2 cts all told if that be a sufficient amount I shall be pleased to hear from you  
 Very truly your friend  
 Wm. T. M. Harris

I am now receiving forwarding good to the North free of Storage & only 50 cts per Ton for Drayage having my firm paid by an agency for a Canal lined on the Perry Canal  
 Yrs. J. B. M.

Pais, Ky. Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear Sir,

Our yesterday Judge Woolley  
Squire King & myself came to this un-  
derstanding in relation to Davis's  
claims -

King is to pay in \$1000<sup>x</sup> on  
Davis's debt in Bank & the residue  
of the debt he is to take up with  
his own paper - He a Judge Woolley  
for him, is to bring Davis's notes down  
to me on Tuesday morning next when  
I am to give King a credit transfer  
upon the notes, & take a judgment  
for the balance the judgment to  
remain in the office until Davis  
returns.

King is also to have a credit for  
\$1000<sup>x</sup> - by him in these claims  
last summer or Spring -

I write you this that you may  
see to the negotiation of the matter  
as far as you can in the Bank -

I think the above is the best  
arrangement under the cir-  
cumstances, & I entertain no doubt but



Major H. S. Duncan

Lexington

Ky.

that Squire King & Davis can settle  
amicably about the balance  
when Davis gets back

Yours Truly  
J. G. Mearns

Maj. N. J. Duncan }  
Fayette Co. Ky. }

Promiss note due 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1843. \$1667-  
But at 10% Cent to 10<sup>th</sup> June 1844 \$ 47.50  
8 mo. 7 days 47.50

Columbia May 27 1844

Mr Rufus Dunlap  
Sir -

I am in the receipt of yours  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> April last and in accordance  
with your request forward you this day by  
No. 5 Duncan Esq of Lexington Kent Seven  
Hundred and fourteen Dollars 50 Cents which  
will be the amount of the Principal & interest  
of my note to you due the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September  
last Calculating the interest at 10% Cent  
until the 10<sup>th</sup> of June next, which will be  
about the time I expect you will receive it  
from Mr Duncan. Under the Circumstances  
you ought not to exact the interest longer than  
the present time, yet I will leave the  
decision of this matter to yourself

Respectfully  
Yours  
John D Brattle

Mr Rufus Dunlap  
New Paris  
Kentucky  
Mr Duncan

Let Mr Brattle see  
and send me  
And then  
Rufus Dunlap  
New Paris Ky  
\$1667.50

Rec<sup>d</sup> Sep 21 Assn of R. J. Duncan one dollar  
for costs of paper of process & costs of a  
judgment rendered this day before me  
against said Duncan & in favor of  
W. W. McArthur & lawyers of the said  
James Stone & Co  
Thomas J. Megeary S. P. 36



Richmond Aug. 11. 1844.

W. Duncan Esq.

Sir,

On the supposition  
that we might return to Lexington  
by stage on Monday, it was arranged  
between Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. L. that  
we should spend Monday evening  
and night at your house. We also  
engaged to spend Tuesday with Col. Ruf  
sell, and Wednesday evening at Mr. B. Warfield's.

Inasmuch as the stage does not  
go in on ~~Tuesday~~ <sup>Monday</sup> we shall be under  
the necessity of postponing each of these  
engagements one day. It is accordingly  
by your intention to be with you on ~~Tue~~  
day evening. We may possibly take pri  
vate conveyance from this place to Lex  
ington - and if so shall be behind the stage.

Very respectfully & truly  
Yours  
D. W. Nathrop.

PAID  
Wm. Duncan Esq  
Lexington  
Richmond Va  
1844

Lexington Ky  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1811

Dr Sir

I am here expressly  
to see you this am & regret  
your absence

I am an applicant  
for the position of U S Marshal  
for the District of Ky & desire  
a letter from yourself & Judge  
Robtson to both the President  
and atty Genl & to be signed

I am  
Endorsed by all of the State dep  
artments at Frankfort Louisville Dem  
& Crank & Journal. Please see Judge  
R. & send letters to Louisville  
Saturday Evening I got to Washington Sun  
day am Yours Truly W Richr. Gist



Louisville 4<sup>th</sup> July 1847

Henry F. Duncan Esq<sup>r</sup>

My Dear Sir:

We arrived here

yesterday all well & my present purpose is to leave tomorrow for home on the Steamer "Luna" & of course will not go by St. Louis as at one time contemplated

yesterday I looked into the different Commission houses here having baggage & Pepp for sale & find it offering pretty freely at 12 1/2 to 13 1/2 cents for the former & 5 to 6 1/2 for the latter at 4 months I was in at Mr. Pop's & looked at your article, the bagging I was much pleased with, the Pepp as I remarked to you I think a size too small, at least I would prefer it a size larger, tho it may prove on trial to do better than I now think. As you remarked to me in Lexington that you were disposed to take the Louisville price for your article to be delivered at our Landing on the river I have concluded to make you a proposition for myself & two of my neighbours, which if you think favourably of you will please me & forward the article as soon as practicable viz - 13 1/2 cents for the bagging and 6 cents for the Pepp payable four months, we should be pleased to have forty or sixty days longer & would be willing to allow the interest for that time. I assure you the offer made above are the outside asking prices for such an article as yours at present & the market rather an

Mr. Henry F. Duncan  
Lexington  
Kentucky

3200  
3800  
1400  
7000  
2800  
4000  
7000  
3200  
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3500  
2000  
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6500  
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12000  
8000  
3500  
4500

tendency down, as thinks Mr. Pope, I do not however make the remark with a view to hold out any inducement to you to make the sale, as you are informed of the state of the market & as able to judge of this matter as myself or any other person. I was offered yesterday a lot of 100 coils Rope at 5 1/2 cents 4 months, which was pleased with & a choice lot at 6<sup>cts</sup> bagging @ 12 1/2<sup>cts</sup> interest added the two latter articles I must in candour say was not equal to yours & it weighed over 17 1/4 to the yard. Should you think proper to accept of my proposition you will please order the shipment of the article as per Memorandum annexed. For Benjamin H Young - Adams County Miss<sup>is</sup> his residence 1500 yds Bagging } His agent at Fort Adams Miss<sup>is</sup> 1800<sup>lbs</sup> Rope }

1500 yds Bagging } Gordon & Mason, Water Proof Landing 1800<sup>lbs</sup> Rope } Louisiana, opposite Cole Creek Island & 15 miles below Rodney Miss<sup>is</sup> For Henry L. Conner - Adams County Miss<sup>is</sup> his residence 1200 yds Bagging } at Wash. Cochran, Landing Louisiana 1400<sup>lbs</sup> Rope } head of Fairchild Island about 18 miles above Natchez 1200 yds Bagging } at Nutchins Landing Miss<sup>is</sup> 20 miles below 1400<sup>lbs</sup> Rope } Natchez to James W. Mitchell at his Shed For John N. Helm 1500 yds Bagging } Gordon & Mason, Water Proof Landing 2000<sup>lbs</sup> Rope } Louis<sup>iana</sup> 1500 yds Bagging } at Nutchins Landing Miss<sup>is</sup> 20 miles below 1800<sup>lbs</sup> Rope } Natchez to Jas<sup>es</sup> W. Mitchell at his Shed

It is not expected that the exact amt can be had but approximate to it as near as can be conveniently made

You can make out the invoice of the different shipments & forward to me, with a Draft payable at New Orleans at any place there you may designate. You can make the Draft for the whole amt on me or make them out separately & send to me & I will have them accepted & return to you as soon as practicable. - write me to Natchez on receipt of this & let me know your views that I may know what to depend on

I should be pleased to get 10 three year old mules, last spring, say 16 1/2 to 18 hands high well proportioned more mules preferred to cost from 90 to 115 \$ delivered at Natchez about the middle of December next. If you know of any friend or acquaintance that you could have confidence in & would like to have the Commission under your supervision would be pleased that you would get him to look out & purchase such a lot for me

My kind regards to Mr. Duncan & accept for yourself assurances of esteem & good feeling in which the girls desire to be united  
Yr friend

Geo W. Helm

Louisville Oct 14 1847

H. J. Duncan Esq  
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

Since my return to this place I have made inquiries in regard to the price of Hoggins & Hoops; - the present for being in the market &c. - I have to inform you that nearly all the stock in the city is either held firmly at 15¢ (say fifteen cents) cash or not offered still; - But few sales have we yet been made as high as 15¢; - I have of a sale yesterday of 220 pieces at 14½¢; - this price, 14½¢ will buy a good many pounds pressing upon the market; - altho' there is in truth not much more to be had now below 15¢.

McCoy of Mobile & some other buyers here, took up nearly all the choice Hoggins & Hoops offered at 14¢ & 14½¢; - & @ 1½¢ for Hoops. - Last Friday & Saturday; - If I may call upon to say what the Louisville market price for Big Hoops was since Monday last; - I would say 14½¢ @ 15¢; - The latter for the best brands in large lots. Hoops 6½ @ 7¢; - The L. M. Co & the other factory would ship before taking less than the highest offered, say 15¢ & 7¢; -



H. J. Duncan Esq  
Lexington Ky

The best acct<sup>s</sup> from N.O. quote Bag. at 16¢ -  
some retail sales at 17¢ - The opinion  
here is that the stuff will certainly advance,  
and I believe myself that the article is  
good for 18 or 20¢ in New-Orleans before  
next spring. - I believe this, altho' I  
would not like to give 15¢ for Bag. -  
with the view of holding it for 20¢.  
There is not margin enough for a speculation  
- besides the Manufacturers of your section  
(so very curious,) may get defect their  
own interest, and allow the price to remain  
as it is at present; - by shipping too much  
to New-Orleans, in the next 30 days: -

The stock in New-Orleans, altho' not heavy  
yet seems ample to meet the present de-  
mand: - and it may be that the advanced  
price, if it does take place, will not come  
'til next spring: - Still as I said before  
there is some probability that Bagging will  
get up to 20¢ in New-Orleans, before  
next Apr. -

Respectfully  
Your Friend  
Wm. J. S. K.  
S. S. K.

P. S. - If I can be of service to you in  
St-Louis in any way, - please command me.

Yours  
S. S. K.

10. Marshall 1849

The Grove Apr. 22. 1849

Henry J. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir

I was offered  
 the other day by Mr Joshua Nixon of In-  
 diana \$320. or two dollars an acre for  
 your tract of Land, upon which is the  
 Blue grass grove. He proposes to pay \$200.  
 in hand, and the remainder in twelve  
 months. As this is far better than any sale  
 I have made for you, or any offer I  
 have had, I told him that I had no  
 doubt but that you would be willing to  
 sell at that price. I consider this much  
 the least valuable of any of your Land  
 it is about four miles from any timber or  
 neighborhood. The Grove itself is small  
 not sufficient to make a heap up even  
 a very small farm, the land however is  
 good, the water for stock lasting & abundant  
 & the Grove sufficient to protect Stock  
 from the storm. My reason for thinking it  
 not valuable is that thousands of acres of  
 Land having all the advantages of this  
~~with~~ except the Grove may be had  
 for seven to five cents an acre, by means  
 of Land Warrants.

Mr Nixon is anxious to know at once whe-

Henry J. Duncan Esq

dearing the

the land



then he can get the land at that price. I  
write by the first mail since I saw him  
& hope you will answer at once.  
As soon as I get all the tax receipts in  
for the last year, I will write to you  
giving a statement of the amount of  
your money. I have received & paid  
out since I saw you.

yours &c.  
J. A. Marshall

I do hereby agree to build for H. J. Duncan  
 a rope walk One Hundred & fifty yds long  
 16 feet wide - & The shed for a wheel say  
 about 20 feet wide square - For the  
 sum of One Hundred & fifty Dollars  
 & Board myself - The walk to be  
 seven feet high shingle roof and  
 built in a substantial & workman  
 like manner - The work to be  
 commenced on next Monday two  
 weeks & finished as speedily as propi-  
 ble - H. J. Duncan to pay for the work  
 when completed - Given under  
 our hand this the 5th of Oct 1849

A. Barley

1	460	150	
53-	9	3	
	<u>9</u>	450	
	18		30
	2		<u>25</u>
			58-