

Post in Jan 5. 1863.

Col. Henry T. Duncan

Lexington Kentucky.

My dear Sir

I wrote you that I had news of
Mr. Gibson's sheep seed and you directed me to send
it on. It is now in Kentucky ready to be delivered
and I will send it as soon as I get particular
directions from you. Mr. Gibson's seed was for
120 bushels. They have been 6 weeks in the country since
being 133 1/2 lbs. At 60 lbs per bushel, which the average
weight of grain seed, this would give 13 1/2 bushels. I
have therefore disposed of your case here, and send you
the remaining 5. As you see by the enclosure they
took the trouble to send to Newark, for it - which has
caused the delay. The cost in China was 118.61
in this country 50.22 - (no interest here) - making total
Cost 168.83 so that the 5 cases come to 144.82
which I have paid, and which you can send me
at your convenience. I see there is an allowance for
allowance. I am told the outside of the cases are some
of the weight, but that the seed appears to be in good order.
I shall be very much obliged to you if you
can make some enquiries about my horse property
at Mr. Alperstein's. You know I bought a colt, which
I was then 2 years ago last May. The following June
or July I had a letter saying I had a fine Colt
from; & reported to have the mare sent to the same

horse again. In August, I think, of this last
year, I wrote to ask about the horse, & send to
you out whether I had, or was to have, another pair
by him. I have never had any answer to this letter,
nor to another which I wrote about the same time
quitting him the expectation I had you would send
me some, to obtain regarding Mrs. Chapman's horse, at
Mr. Alexander's request. I am at a loss what to
think. Perhaps the horse are gone. Or you have
I should expect to hear of. The Colts at least, could
be of little service to Morgan's men. No the same either,
in the condition. As you do not know under
the name of a country, that I do, of living in the
South Carolina of the North, you may be able
to arrange my loss, by the news of the safety of
my Equine department - or at least give me the
certainty of my loss, which shall oblige me to add
to it the cost of a suit of mourning.

With my kindest regards to yourself and family,
and sincere wishes for more happiness in this world
than Mr. and Mrs. are any of us likely to have.

Dear Madam
Yours faithfully
James Osgood

Wm J Duncan Esq.

Lexington
Ky.



Henry J. Duncan Esq.
Lexington Ky.

Wm. York 14th Jan'y 1863.

My Dear Sir.

A gent^l who left

Moravian 2 Inst. informs me that Confederate Notes could
be sold there at 50[¢] on the dollar, & that Exchange on
Wm. York was about par - if you would like to take the risk
of sending them out, I have a friend there who would make
the most out of them. - I had a letter from Mr. Minor

at Moravian a short time ago - he left all work at
Wm. York 25 Novem^r. - he has possession of his Sugar plantation,
has lost more of his people from Waterloo, but some, & also
some that had disappeared from Southern - We are all well -

Mr. Justice is rather feeble - she rode out in the beginning of this
month, but is now confined to her room -

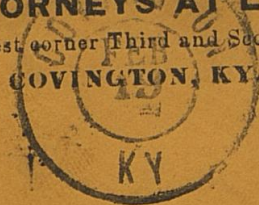
With kind regards to y^r. family remain Very truly Y^r

Chas. T. Lewis
W. H. Lewis

LAW,
st. bet. Vine & Walnut,
CINNATI, OHIO.



Carlisle, Hamilton & Carr
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
South-West corner Third and Scott streets,
LEXINGTON, KY.



Henry Duncan, Esq
Lexington,
Kentucky

Cornington N.Y.
July 19 1863.

Dear Sir:

We have received a letter from
Messrs. Owens, Lane & Co. Communicat-
ing your proposition in regard to their
claim against H. Gibson, Esq. The
proposition is accepted, and we have
notified Hon. J. K. Goodloe, who brought
the suit.

You will please pay to him
in accordance with the arrangement

Yours In
Cordial Attention
Charles Hamilton & Co.

A. Duncan Esq.



Major A. T. Swear
Lexington
Ky



Paris, 25th Feb. 1863.

Dear Major.

I intended to have been in
Leicester, on one day last
week, but owing severe sick-
ness in my family, I did
not get off. I came to town
on Monday to write, but
every thing was in confu-
sion, and has been since.

I understand, that a
mail goes up this morning.
So I write to you, to let you
know that I will take the
bonds, at \$80.

The Banks have sent off
the money to Cin^c. but I
suppose, we can make
some arrangement about
it.

Please to write and let

me, when and where was
will consummate the trade.
as I want to get the money
out of my hands, as there
rebels may call on me
for the public moneys in
my hands during some
time.

Very truly
W. Chyfe



A. T. Duncan Esqr.

Lexington

Ky.

Louisville Ky

July 25 1863

H. T. Duncan Esqr

Sr Sir

I am preparing
to make a small dividend
to the creditors of Wallace
Pope & Co. Please state
amt & maturity of yr. claim
& if by note or acct.

Yr. early reply will oblige

Yrs. truly

Wm Ross

Assigned

over

Card Wash Ins. Co.

H^{ny} Juncan

per Thom



March ^{the} 12 1869

Mr Duncan Dear Sir
Mr Blay and Mr Bishop
was here on yesterday to
see your mules and was well
pleased with the stile and
quality of the stock if they
had been fat a miff Bishop
says he would haft to feed them
at least six weeks to make
them fat he ~~so~~ left a bid on
them of ninety dollars per head
cash if you would through out
three the one eyed mule that come
Harts and the crook leg mule from
Harts and the one eyed gray mule
that you sent down to Bedford
if you conclude to make the sale
rite Mr Blay at Paris in a few
days and he will receive the mules
and pay the cash for them

The muel's will fall off if we
do not continue to feed them
what hay and corn they can eat
and we have not the feed to
spare

Yours Respectfully
S. Medamill

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H. T. Duncan Esqr
Lexington
Kentucky

Tinsally 14 Mar. 6. 1863

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26-2br was
recd at Frankfurt, but could not be
answered there, because I had not the
information, necessary to enable you to
settle the first note of One, Louis
Dyer & Co, in my possession, to give you.
I cannot now comply with your request
to send the note to Lexington - It is filed
in the Suit and cannot be withdrawn,
from the record of which it is a part,
without an order of Court - But I
can give you the date & amount
of the note; You can then place the
Amount to my credit and I will
enter the note satisfied. Your Check
will state what the payment is for.

The first note of Hart Gibson to

Over Sam, Dyer & Co is as
 follows -
 Note dated Nov - Dec M^o 1st 1861 // \$800-00
 Int from M^o 1st 1861 - to Mar 7th 1863 // \$ 88.93
 Protest fees // 1.53
 Amt of (1st Int.) 7th Mar 1863 // \$ 891.46

The second is for same amt of
 same date and due Nov 1 -
 1861 -

When the notes are paid they can be
 withdrawn & handed over -

Please notify me at your earliest
 convenience of the Bank ⁱⁿ which
 you have placed funds to my credit
 I am Very truly & Respectfully
 Yours
 Jas. H. Goodwin



Henry S. Deane, Sr. Esq

Lexington
Ky

1867
Dear Sirs Paris March 22

I have just
arrived from Missouri
and have been there buying
up stock Cattle ~~and some~~
~~can~~ in the Best Coun-
ties for stock in that state
they will weigh I think 900
lbs and are rather thin in
flesh from shipping but will
come up they have been fed
corn all winter they are
on Mat Clays farm 4
mils from Paris we will
sell you what you want
P. N. Masse

For I would be glad if
you could furnish us some
of your fine grass in Bourbon
to feed them awhile,

Wassailu 23rd March 1863

H. T. Deanean Esq

Dear Sir

Will you be pleased to call upon the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Fayette & get him to make out a complete & perfect list of the property levied upon by attachment in your favor against Hart Gibson in said Court, & which was by the judgment of said Court ordered to be sold to me as Commissioner on the 30th Inst

It is necessary that I should know all the property ordered to be sold, the judgment in the cases does not specify, please attend to this forthwith requesting him to send the list when completed by the first mail afterwards, let the list be certified by him & have it charged to me as Commissioner noting thereon his fee for the same in order that it may be taxed with the other costs

Respectfully Yours &c
W. J. Steets -

swade her from the wild scheme
of visiting her husband, in a beleaguered
garrison town, through a country that
is every where the theatre of war. I as-
sured her that she could not possibly
much less provide against one half
the discomforts and difficulties she
must encounter - difficulties, some of
them trivial, and some grave, per-
haps very grave. But all to no
purpose - the thing was determined
on, and as obstinately persisted in as if
ordained by the Fates. I am truly anxious
about the experience of the unfortunate
child, and only hope that she may not
be turned from her desperate undertaking
by some insuperable obstacle, ~~an~~ encounter,
if she goes on, less suffering than is to
be feared. Very faithfully yours,
J. H. Hunt

Louisville April 16.
1863.

Dear Sir,
When Henry was with
us, a few days since, in com-
pany with his errand sister, he
told me that he had some
in distinct recollection of hearing
you speak of a horse of yours,
which, after looking through some
damaging military experience had
been left near Louisville, and
which you thought would be a
suitable animal for my services. I
am just now looking out for a
horse to take the place of one

I have been striving for several
years, but which is lame, and
probably incapacitated for seeing
me any more.

If Hurray's impressions had
any foundation please let me
know where I shall find the
Warriser, and on what con-
ditions I can be allowed to re-
-store him to more favorable
associations.

x x x

On Wednesday I accidentally met
Mary, on Main St. carrying along
a travelling satchel herself, and
accompanied by a young gentleman
bearing a heavy bundle that proved

to be a big gentleman's shawl.
she had procured, for her journey.

I took all into the baggage - except the
young gentleman, Mr. Rice - and carried
them home, and after a short visit to
that man, up to Mr. Ford's where
Mary expected to meet Henry. He
was not there, and I drove over to
the Galt House where I found him,
and carried him to his sister, at
Mr. Ford's. This was the last I saw
of either of them, being unable to find
Mary in the evening, at the Galt's
House, where she had desired Mr.
Ford to send me, in order to be
reunited her.

I devoted most of the time of our
interview ~~to~~ to an endeavour to dis-



Mr. Henry J. Duncan

Lexington

Ky.

Seven Oaks

Apr: 19th 1863

Mr. H. J. Duncan

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter, and bid it welcome, as the representative of an old, time tried friend. I was never the less disappointed, because in it, I found as much, as to the how, and where, of one, who told me in his last communication, that he would write again, & soon, when his "my friend, Henry J. Duncan" had arrived. He hoped, through your exertions & influence, to be permitted to return a measure to his father's hall, ^{to} the home of his youth & the haven of his heart. Where is he? May God bless & preserve him -

I submitted the contents of your letter, to the managing committee of the Pickaway County Horse Association, and I am instructed to say, that the track is in excellent training condition & there ^{are} vacant, and unengaged, eight or ten stalls, which will be reserved, until Mr. Ginnstead, shall satisfy them of his determination to

claim or refuse them. I hope he will do
side in a reasonable time, as I would pre-
fer that he should have the use of them, &
anything I can do, to further the interests or
desires, of one recommended by you, I shall cheer-
fully do.

News of Ella D. She shall be received
as one from my own, my native land! I hope
she may have a companion or voyage!
I engaged a 3 yr. old Vandal filly, from my
uncle's R. C. D. & I will write to him to ascertain
when you will be ready to put your mare on the
road, so that, they may come over together -
Not knowing the condition, or allowed rights, of one
mutual friend, I have taken possession of, & ad-
vantaged as my own, the two horses "Kentucky Chief &
The Major". They are to make a nation in Birch
village. With what result, I can not say - but, know
you, and be assured, that both horses & profits
are for his benefit, I shall be subject to his demands,
and disposal alone - How long I shall be able to
control my own acts, or give any protection to others, I
know not; but without liberty, I should value life but little.

I find it very hard to quiet the heart-storms which
I feel struggling to break their bounds, and dash out of
my bosom - I know that desperation and destruction are
near neighbors, but that knowledge and conviction,
I fear, would avail but little, if the hopes and happi-
ness of others, were not linked to my existence.

"I would have you bear in mind," (said Gen^l Wallace,
just before the Convention's elections,) "that the bayonet
is stronger than the ball-bow" - Great God! are we in
the land of the free, and the home of the brave?"

"A pretty land of liberty, where the dogs are let loose,
and the stones are tied fast" - as the verdant Emeralds,
concluded, one cold frosty morning, when he was
snapped at by a cur - Loyalty - loyalty!!!
In what does it consist? In loving the Southern
negro, more than the northern white-man!

Well, when the laboring white man's wages are cut
down one half, when his wife and children shall
barely have enough to eat, and to wear - when, at the end
of the year, they find they are no better off, than at the begin-
ning, we shall have lively times, in this happy, happy
land. Enough of this - With sincere esteem & con-
tinuing friendship yrs.

W. Marshall Anderson



W. J. Duncan Esq

Burton House

Cincinnati

Ohio



Henry J Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky.

Weymouth 25 April 1863

My Dear Sir,

I have just recd. y^r favor of 22 Inst. Will communicate y^r request to Mr. May, Dineen. — She returned about a month ago from her trip to the plantation (Stack Island) but I have had no opportunity of learning anything from her direct, respecting affairs in that region. — I understand the y^r pt. preparation of 150. Pals Cotton through Com^{rs}. Porter's aid, which has reached here. —

I regret to inform you that our good friend, Mr. Weston died on the 9th Inst. — She was taken man unwell about 8 weeks ago with a general prostration & breaking up of her Constitution, but retained her faculties to the last — Life had become a burden to her, & she looked forward to her dissolution as a happy release from wearisome suffering. — Miss Emily is still at Weymouth, but intends spending the summer with Sarah Irvine at Irvine — Sarah is engaged to be

maining to seek Remond of Phil's & the
Emil is to take place Helen in Rome

I hear from Capt. W. S. Merriol frequently
he has possession of his sugar plantations
is attending to them with his sons -

I heard indirectly that all are surprised
at watching from Fall the latter part of March

Very truly
Yours
K. S. Merriol
W. S. Merriol



Col. H. J. Duncan
Lexington Ky

Cincinnati July 14/63

Col M F Duncan

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 15th Inst reached us this morning evening
Your check for \$13.00 which is to your
Dr. Your reaper now purchased in 1859
Our Book of Repair says Cranks
No 22 suit all 4 horse reapers from 1854
to 1860 of course must suit you -
Enclosed in hand you will find
2 Ship by Adams Express to Hutchins
Station which will reach there this
P.M. We are allowed to ship only
5 Bbls Sack to one address without
permit from your Board of Trade
Please procure the permit & enclose ^{to} us
When your sack shall be forthcoming
We would have shipped you the 5 Bbls
now but think We cannot your interest
by getting all now - Price is 50 Bushel
on Cars at Covington Depot

Respectfully Yours to
Langley Kirkhead



Mr - Duncan
Banker
Lexington
Kentucky

Kalamazoo July 28th 1863
Mr Duncan

Dear Sir

Allow me stranger as I am to make
a few enquiries with regard to a certain
Stallion you purchased of the Estate of S.
D. Blood (known here as the Blood B. Horse)
Whether you own him or if not where
he now is and further more if he is for
Sale & what Price There is a quite
a no. of Gentleman Breeders here that
would like to have his services here
for two or three seasons or more at some
rate or other and ^{they} requested me to make
this enquiry. I had the contrall &
management of him while in this State
& made sale of him when sold you in
April 1859 for the administrator. I have
2 of his sons that are verry fine horses both
in point of stile & power.

Over

The Stock of your horse is the best we have in this State I would like to hear from you as regards his Stock with you. Mr J. S. Sibb of Cyinthasen have some colt from the old horse and also some from a son of the old horse which he inform me were fine when sucklings. I own the son he is a Chestnut & is a very fine staley troppy horse and goes in 2,55 in the very nicest style

Had it not been for this war (rational butchery) I should have been in your place 2 years ago but as the country is now situated every thing wears a gloomy aspect & no one knows what to expect in future for one year or more

When will the olive branch of peace be held out that we may once more fraternize & be a happy people under one Constitution one flagg unimpair'd & one Union

2) Hasten on the time when Fanaticsⁱⁿ will be thrown to the winds & reason take possession of the Government, and all men obey the Constitution & all laws made in accordance thereto. Then & not till then can we hope for a Union as it was & a Constitution as it is

With many Respects I Remain
Sir yours etc.
Elisha Suncow

M. B. You will give my best respects to Mr Rich. Downing
E L

I send this by private conveyance to Louisville

BROADWAY HOTEL,
LEXINGTON, KY.,
LINDSAY & WALRATH.
PROPRIETORS.



Mr. H. J. Munson
Lexington,
Ky

Broadway Hotel,
Washington Ky
August 15. 1862

Dr. Sir

I returned here
from Camp Eminence
today much sooner
than I anticipated
we were permitted to
continue recruiting
until Tuesday next
and I shall endeavor
to do what I can I
shall be here Saturday
morning to meet some
friends from Jessamine
who will probably
furnish me with a few
men - Col Jacob has
the best set of men

I have ever seen in my
all young healthy and
active, and if they
do not by their deeds
of valor add lustre
to my^s history I shall
be very much deceived

I like Col Jacob
very much in every
respect I think him
a man and gentleman
Mr Davis from some
cause did not give
me a letter of introduction
to the Col.

I am fearful that
if Col Jacob does
not do something for
me independent
of the man I have men-
tioned that I shall be
compelled by consolidation
to return home, I will

not accept any favors
of the company prejudi-
cial to Capt J. A. Greub's
anticipations & aspirations
and I should not be
surprised if he were
assigned to the rank
of 1st Lieut. by a con-
solidation of men which
would probably throw
me to 2nd Lieutenantcy
or orderly sergeant
In this event I shall
return home try for
a commission and
re-enlist on my own
hook - which I am sorry
I did not do in the first
place. I hope however
that you and Mr Davis
will do your best to secure
me a place with Col Jacob
in the field Very Truly
W. R. Sisk



Henry T. Duncan Esqr
Lexington
Kentucky

Versailles Ky

Aug 29. 1863.

Dear Sir.

The note of Hark Gibson to
Owen Sam Oyer & Co, upon which you
paid me \$850 - Eight Hundred & fifty
dollars, to day, is dated May 17. 1861, and
payable first day of November 1861. Conse-
quently the amount due upon it to day is
Eight hundred and ninety one $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars
(\$891.74). Deduct the amt paid to day
\$850 leaves due on note \$41.74. Add
to the costs of protest \$1.53. makes due
\$43.27.

The costs I have not charged you with, as I
promised to remit them.

Very Truly Yrs

Geo. W. Goodloe



Henry T. Duncan Esqr.
Lexington
Kentucky

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from

1813

Frankfort Ky Sept 17th 1853

Henry Duncan Esqr.

Dear Friend

As I was passing through Georgetown the other day I called to see our mutual and old friend Amanda Susan Harcourt. You have perhaps heard of the death of Mr Harcourt who died as I learned some months since.

He had been declining gradually for two or three years, during which time he was incompetent to transact business.

In consequence of this he became involved in debt to the amount of some seven or eight hundred dollars, & found Susan in great trouble on this account, and being unable to assist her any myself, I have referred the matter to God, trusting that you are able and under some obligations to her.

There is a mortgage on her house for some six hundred dollars, the man is in want of the money, and if she cant raise it soon she says it will ~~have~~ be sold at a sacrifice. She has three children at home. Two daughters, one of whom is married and whose husband is in the Southern Army. ~~Her~~ ~~husband~~

Don is going to teaching school and as
that way will be able to supply the neces-
saries for the family. Susan has two sons
in the South, both of whom are wealthy
and, if she could communicate with
them, either could relieve her.

Now if I were you I would go
down and see her immediately and
minister to her wants, for I recollect
to have been present once when you
assured her "that if ever she should
want a favor to call on you", or words
to that effect. If you would loan her the
necessary amount to pay off her debts,
she would be profoundly grateful. I know
I think you ought to give it to her,
though I guess you would be doubly re-
paid whenever she can see her sons in
the South if not before.

I told Susan what I had heard
you say and advised her to call on you. She
said "she didn't reckon it was worth while,
that you had become very rich, and liked
rich men cared nothing for poor people, and that
you had never asked to see her since she
has been in the South." If I were
you, I would disapprove her in this
From what I have said you may perhaps
collect my name, I am on a flying

Trip now and cant stop to see you and
woud tell you my name,
your old friend
B

H. S. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky



1834
Cynthiana Sept 19
W. F. Newman Esq

Dear Sir


I want to borrow fifteen thousand dollars, and give a man a mortgage on my farm, and willing to pay 6 per cent the interest to be paid annually, and as much of the principal as I can pay at the end of each year, I want it for five years, I have 31 acres of land five miles from Cynthiana on the Lexington Pike all paid for and title clear, my reason for wanting to make the arrangement is I have \$8000 in Louisiana which I cannot get at this time, I want to turn my whole debt on to one mans

hands, I have \$3000 in
wheat and other stock, which
amount I want to keep to
purchase stock to feed.
If you would like to make
a safe investment of that
kind, I will give you satisfac-
tory references, and you can
come down and see and
examine for yourself; you
or if any of your friends have
the money, and would like
to go in to an arrangement
of that kind you shall be
satisfied in regard to the
title of my property, I was
offered \$100 per acre for one
hundred & thirty acres of my
land last spring and
could get it now. But I
believe I will be able to get
my money in Louisiana before

many months, as it is in the
hands of the best planters
on the Coast between Baton Rouge
& New Orleans, in those Counties
exempt from Lincoln's proclama-
tion, I have also 140 like
ly and valuable negroes.
But I have no doubt the
land no security would
satisfy any man for security
you will oblige me very
much if you will drop
me a note as soon as
you receive this, and if you
think you could make the
arrangement for me I will
come up and see you.

Please answer.

Yours, Respectfully
V. Mack Kimbrough's
S.B. direct your letter to
V. Mac, Kimbrough
Cynthiana
Ky



No. 5. Duncan Esq
Seymourton
N.Y.

Lexington Ky Sep 22. 1863

H. J. Duncan Esq

I called at your
Office to see you but found
no one - My object was to
see about the case of H. Gibson
will you please write me
at once when I may expect
its settlement

Respectfully

J. K. Layton

Wm Miller

Ky.

H. J. Duncan

Lexington

Ky.

VALERIEVILLE
SEP
24
1865
VT.



Henry J. Duncan Esqr
Lexington
Vt.

H. J. Duncan

Oct 15 1863

Mr Dunnean

Dear Sir you wrote to me
to buy some corn if I could get it
rite I have tried and can not buy
it for less then two and half dollars per
Barel I think that is to high to pay for
corn to feed to any kind of stock so I did not
buy I think that ^{we} can do with what corn
we have left after the hogs is fat I think
the corn is therly dry now I shall comence
next week un less I hear from you ther
is But little over our corn that is frost bit
I Medaniel

If not called for in ten days the
Postmaster will please return to

SPEED & SMITH,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mr Henry Duncan,
Lexington,
Ky.

Louisville, Nov 2nd 1863

Dear Sir,

I was employed by Messrs Hunt & Beck
to act in the preparation of your claim for
presentation in the Hart Gibson case & to argue
the question for a change of venue. That
work having been done of course my
engagement is at an end. Should
you procure the services of Mr Stansberry,
as I trust you will, there will be no
need of any more from me. If,
however, you want my services further
please let me know promptly, and
I had as well say, that I must have
a retaining fee. If you do not want
my further services I will draw
for my fee.

I am Sir most

respectfully

James Speed, for
Speed Smith

Wm Henry Garrison,
Lexington,
Ky.



Henry J. Duncan Esq

Lexington

Kentucky

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Decision Nov. 14. 1867

Henry T. Duncan Esq.

Dear Sir

Mr. Stansbury has written to Mr. DeSpain to have the case of the U.S. vs. Mark Gibson, continued; as he had not had time to prepare himself - Mr. DeSpain informs me that it is continued to the next term - Judge Catron will be here I understand on 28 or 30 of this month, when I hope to have Putnam's case disposed of.

Very truly yours

Geo. W. Cooke

Henry T. Duncan Esq.
Lexington
Ky

P.S.
My neighbor "H. D. N." returned to Louisville yesterday with a bountiful supply of "Birds" and we will await your advent (and the "feathered ones") very impatiently -
= by =



H. D. Duncan Esq
Lexington

[Handwritten signature]

H. D. Newcomb & Bro
Louisville, Ky.

S. B. Alexander, ~~Jr~~ & Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

LOUISVILLE, Dec 7th 1863

H. D. Newcomb Esq

My dear Sir -

I returned to St Louis on Satur-
day evening & found this morning on my desk
your retainer from 27th ult -

I have repeated upon "Quater" and
of the party indicates that he would
like to hear him would commu-
nicate with you upon the subject -

Hope that you would communicate to me
the name of the fortunate party that
has that lot of burgundy, as I should
like to get its quality -

Much obliged for your kindness in sus-
taining my credit during these pecuniary
times -

I have some fine Rhine
wines ^{which I would like to submit} which I would like to submit
to your taste & decision on their arrival
& hope that your own friend Hill would
soon repeat your orders here -

[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

My Vicis-to-go city ceases a hurried one
but I hope at no distant period to
be able to make in more extended
Vicis-to the "Attens of the Ulect" and
partake of the hospitalities of its
kindly denizens -
Remember me kindly to your
daughters & believe me to be
Very Respectfully
Yours
A. D. Williams



A. J. Duncan Esqr
 Lexington
 Ky

She has already suffered
her fair share in a
Conflict which she
had to little to do
in inaugurating and
while the laborer so
faithfully to await,

Do me the favor to
present me kindly
to our friends - Uncle
Sam, Mr. John, Miss
Maudie &c &c
and also the kindest
regards of both Mr. Bee
and myself to Mr. Ducean
Mr. Gibson and the young
Ladies. Very truly, your friend

Henry Ducean
H. D.

New York Dec 10/63

H. P. Ducean Esq

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 7th
is at hand covering letter
to your daughter, which I
herewith return. Mr
Stimpson & Miss Elice
left here day before
yesterday for New York.
I saw them off and
trust before ^{they} are
safely at home.

Mr. Bee and myself
tried to induce Miss
Elice to remain with
us, and promised to do
all in our power to
make her stay pleasant
and agreeable; but we
found her affections
were too strong for home,
that our efforts were
unavailing - I notice

Your remarks about
the movement. I fear
the time has passed
when much can be
done here in that
direction - in dealing
with my friend Stewart
a few days since I
very modestly hinted
at a contribution when
he replied we must
get through with the war
first - I told him I
thought from present
appearances there was
not much prospect of
finishing up so big a
job very soon -

The insipidians seem
to gain ground here
that the party who now
wield the sword and

the purse are in no
hurry to terminate this
unfortunate strife -

I greatly fear if the
Union (as it now seems
they will) have their long
the Country will be divided
into extremes and
Constitutional liberty
~~will be~~ endangered
on this Continent -

But let us hope that
Conservatism in some
shape may ultimately
triumph and that our
Country may yet be
saved from increased
fanaticism and folly

I sincerely hope that
Kentucky may not be
again agitated by Raid

GRINSTEAD & BRADLEY,

Bankers,

Lexington, Ky. Dec 7 1863

Wm W. W. W. W. W.

Dear Sir

Please call May your
check.

Respy

Grinstead Bradley

Ed 7 American Ey

part

Livingston Dec. 12 1863
A. J. Duncan Esq
J. D. S.

Yours of Dec 11th
is at hand, and contents
note,

The only or rather
the best coal you can
now get in this city is
the Wardford and Mason City
coal which is about all
and the same thing

There is no canal or
cannal to be had at
present, I expect some
cannal shortly.

Mason or
Wardford City on the cars
here is worth 34¢
yours truly
over - Samuel Black

The only way I could
engage coal now is at
Market price when I can
ship it if it is lower you
get the advantage and if
higher it saves me, I am
compelled to adopt this course
owing to the difficulty of getting
cars, and having no
large supply in the market
Yours truly
J. C. Blue