Milmine Ill
Sept 20th 1873

Maj A T Duncan

Dear Sir

I have a Note Due at Northern Bank the 25th of Sept for $2362 25 which I would like to have renewed as I cannot meet it Just now I will remit the Money on Monday to pay the interest & Exchange Check you have of $25 If you will have this renewed for me I will be greatly obliged

Our Crops this Season are almost an entire failure wheat turned out poorly I only had about 400 bu for sale the proceeds of which I have used to pay current expenses The Hay Crop was an entire failure

and it is difficult to tell how the Corn crop will turn out certainly not over half a crop we have had two freezes already which will cut it short considerably one last night & one a week ago Some of the Tenants will not raise more than Corn enough to pay half their rent and will have to watch them close to get any you will readily appreciate my situation & the reason I have not been able to meet the Cattle Note you hold. In order to pay off a part of my indebtedness to you I would like to sell to you the two East 1/2 Sec of land I purchased of you they are well improved and will sell better than any farm on the place. The land

640a I propose to sell is divided
into 4 farms of 160a each
with good houses & all very
nicely as they are within 1 1/4
miles of the Chicago Rail Road
which is now finished to Chicago
I wish to sell in order to pay
off my indebtedness I will
sell this at $40 per Acre it has
cost me $35 and has increased
in value $10 the few farms that
have been sold in this neighbourhood
have from $40 to $50 per Acre
not so well improved as these
places are. Now if you will
buy this of me and 320a of Ellen
on the West side I will deed to
her the same Amount so that
we can have the balance 1960a
all together & in good shape
this would relieve us entirely
of all debt & we would feel

much more comfortably & contented, the land will readily sell for this in Market but it would take some time to consummate the sales I enclose a diagram of the farm showing the land I propose to sell I hope you will consider this proposal favourable it is the desire only to pay off our debt that I make it We expect to spend the winter here Ellen will probably make a visit to Ky in the Spring. We are all in good health and join in much love to all

Your aff
W Woodson Jr

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

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A T Duncan Esqr
Lexington
Kentucky

MILMINE
MAY
25
1861

Wilmington Ill.
March 28th 1871

A. T. Duncan Esqr

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will find my 3 Checks on the Manufacturers Natl Bank of Chicago payable to your Order One for 1 for $1356.80 1 for $1305.60 and 1 for $3200.00 the first two to pay off my interest notes due the 1st of July 70 and 1st Jan. 71 the interest at the rate of 8% being included to April 1st 1871 the 3rd Check to be credited on the Cattle Note I hope the delay on my part has caused you no inconvenience and that in future I will be able to meet them more promptly George will be in in a few

1356.80
1305.60
3200.00
$5862.40

days and you can hand him the Notes paid or send them to me we are having a beautiful Spring unusually early and the wheat-Crop is looking very fine, we are sowing Oats and plowing for Corn about three weeks earlier than usual All keep in good health and unite in much love to all. Ell speaks of sending Mary in with Geo & Laura to spend a Month or so with her Aunt Lily & so she will be in Saturday evening as Geo & Laura leave here Friday Do not forget the Berkshire Pigs you promised to send me I would like very much to get into such a stock of Hogs as I am going into it quite extensively hereafter and quit the Cattle as they have proved an unprofitable investment thus far.

We expect Mrs Duncan. Lily and Yourself to spend the Summer with us at "Bruzeland" It will be much more agreeable than the Lexington Climate

Affectionately
W Woodhill Jr

PS

Below is a Statement of the Notes and interest which will explain the amounts of the Checks

X Int Note Due July 1st 1870 $1280
9 Mo Int to April 71 76.80
$1356.80

X Int Note Due Jan 1st 1871 1280
3 Mo int to April 1871 25.60
$1305.60

3200 – To be credited on Cattle note Apl 4th 1871 3200
6240

Bruyland June 20th 77

H. T. Duncan Esqr

Dear Sir

I wrote to you about two weeks since enclosing a letter from Mr Johnson in regard to the Note of $32000 which the Bank holds as collateral I have defered answering the letter until I could hear from you As you hold the renewals of this Note and have had one of them discounted I cannot be expected to pay both sets of Notes I would like to hear at once as I ought to answer Mr Johnson letter and do not know exactly what to write All well yours in haste for all

Your Affectionately

W Woodbridge Jr

Bennett Piatt Co Ill
April 24th 1870

H. T. Duncan Esqr

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 14th was received on Monday last with stated enclosures I went up to Monticello on Wednesday paid the Taxes and enclose the Treasurers receipt herewith for $566.77 the division of Sec 9 & advertising increased the tax $3.22 which I paid. I believe I wrote to you some days ago that we had sold more of the Cattle amounting to $1200, which we have been compelled to use in buying out Stanhope and making the move to the Country If you can let this Aunt run by 10cts per lbs as the remainder let. If you wish to sell it I can probably have it hauled to Market in the next week or so it is now worth about 50cts

I do not know what I can do with the Sorrel Horse I bought at your Sale as George failed to bring him out with the others It would be too expensive to send him out by himself You may be able to dispose of him at a fair price I would be willing to take cost although he cannot have been sold several times at $250

Let me hear either from yourself or Henry in regard to the Corn I'll pain in much love to all

Your affectionately

W Voorhies Jr

until we can dispose of the remaining Cattle it will be a great accommodation to us as I have been compelled to use most of my own means in improving the land I bought of you, having built some four houses on it. At the present time everything looks quite encouraging for the coming season I succeeded in renting most of the tillable land out on very good terms ranging from 10 to 15 bushels of Corn per Acre will have about 1150 Acres of Corn 125 Oats 35 of Wheat both oats and wheat are looking well. I will not be able to cultivate much myself as I keep my teams constantly employed in improving handling lumber pawing hedge rows &c I have used since Christmas about 80,000 ft lumber & 50000 Shingles and am now getting ready 12 miles of hedging, it will take 100,000 plants I have been planting about a week, & have put out about 3 miles It has been an extraordinary rainy spring for Illinois have been plowing for three weeks & will commence to plant Corn this week. I turned the Cattle on grass a week ago the grass is looking fine

What do you wish done with the Corn you have here about 1200 bu of good sound Corn I fed to the Cattle 383 bushels which I have credited you at 40 cts per bu I would have fed the whole of it but did not know whether it would suit you Henry offered it several times at 40 cts but he was always a little above the Market price the Corn I fed was of an inferior quality would not sell for as much

Maj H. T. Duncan
Bedford
Burbon Co
Ky

Lexington Kentucky
February 28th 1867

H L Dancen Esq

Dear Sir

I send the boys down with the Cow also my Second Jack Colt, which I would like to run on grass as they have been stabled about two months, I suppose you have some place you could turn them so that they would not be injured by any other stock

I returned from Frankfort last night everything went off quietly Helm was nominated for Gov I W Stevenson for Lt Gov. Howard Smith for auditor Tate for Treasurer & the Rev Stewart Robinson for superintendant of Public Instruction It seemed to a satisfactory ticket to all

Very affectionately W Woodburn Jr

If not called for in ten days the
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**SPEED & SMITH,**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

LOUISVILLE, KY.

LOUIS JAN 5 '65 KY


H. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington.
Ky.

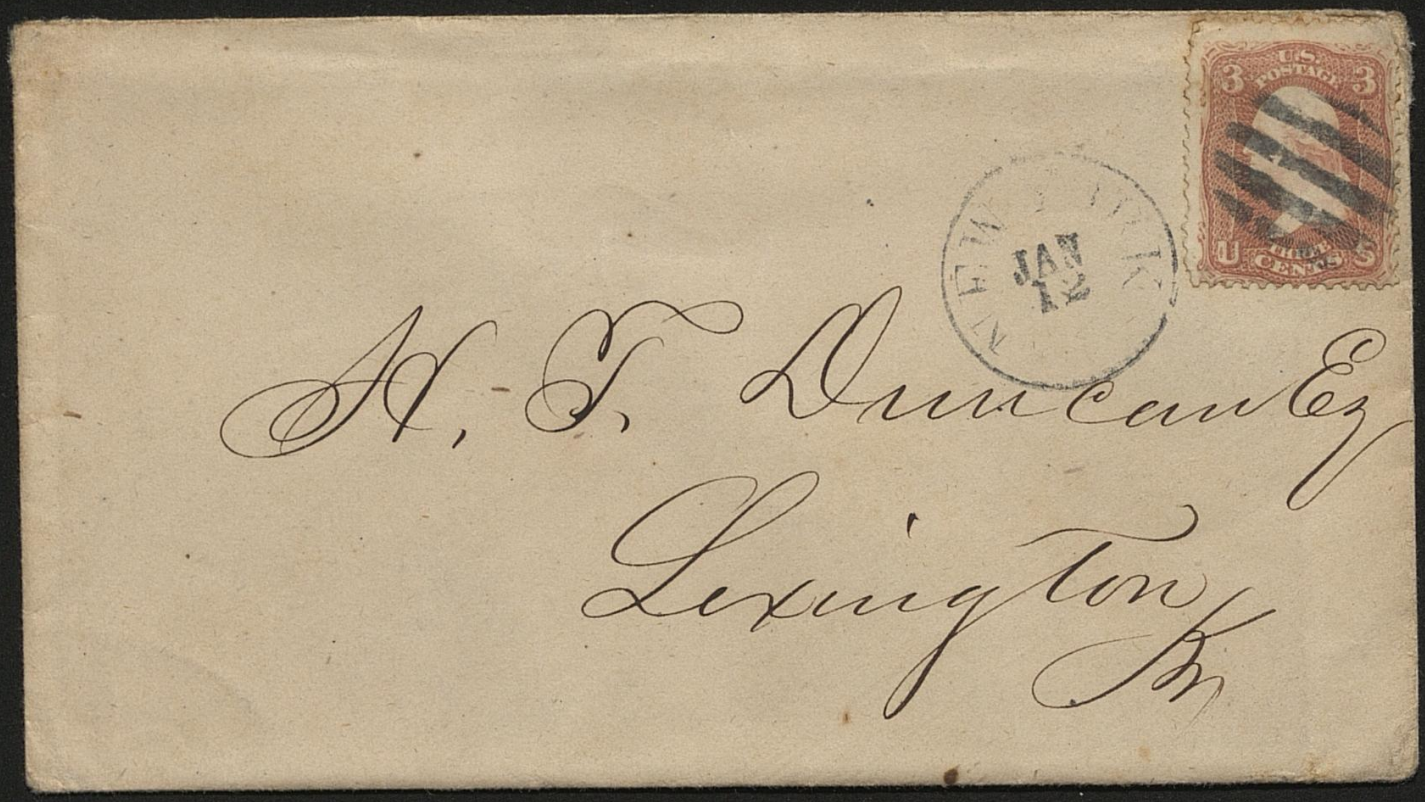
Louisville January 9 1865

H. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington.

Dear Sir. The writer has communicated with Mr Speed as he informed H. T. Duncan Jr, relative to our fees in the Gibson case.

Mr Speed states that our charge in addition to the $300.00 already paid is $500.00 which you will please remit to us here, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully
Speed & Smith.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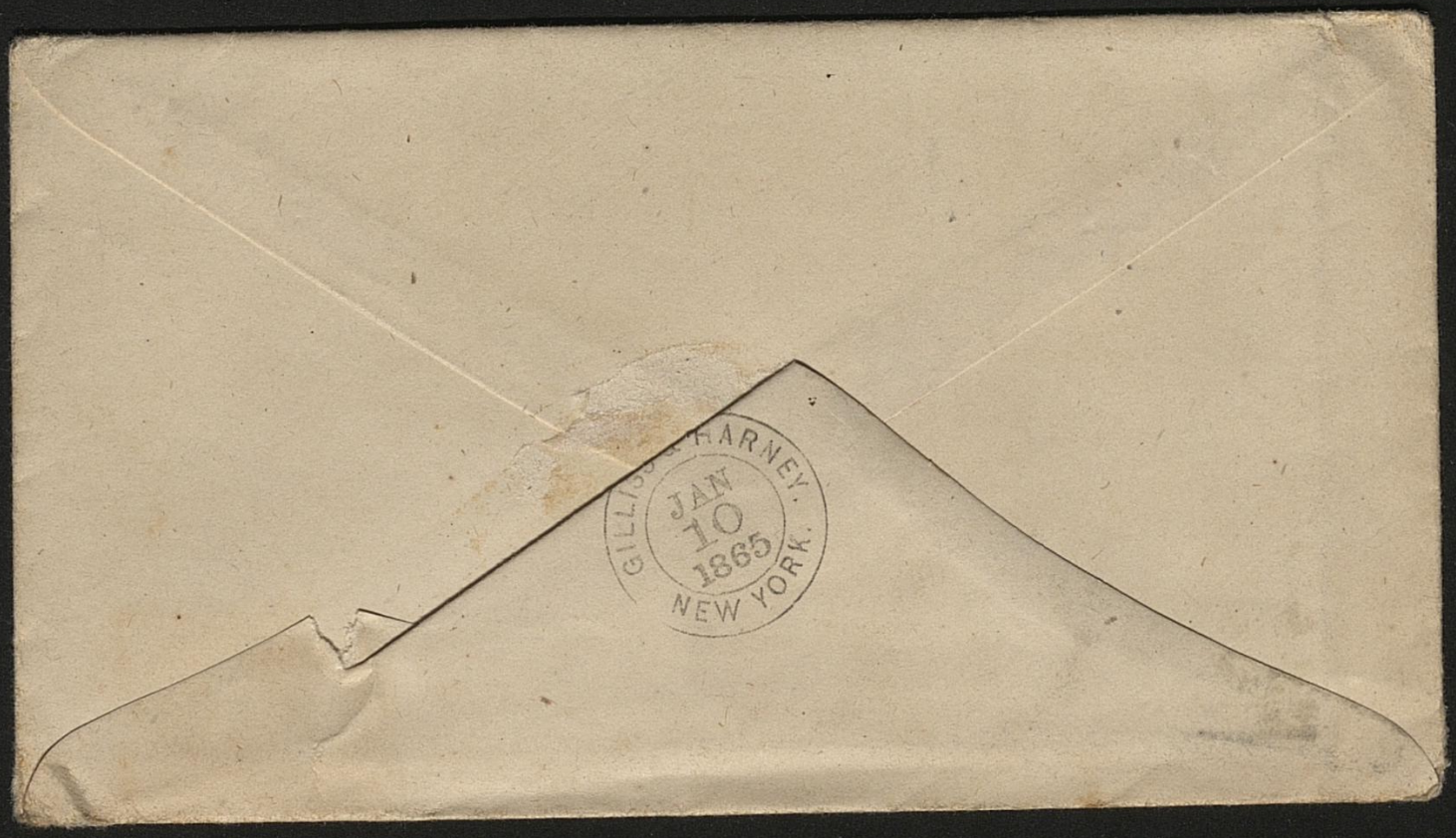
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CHAS. S. BODLEY,
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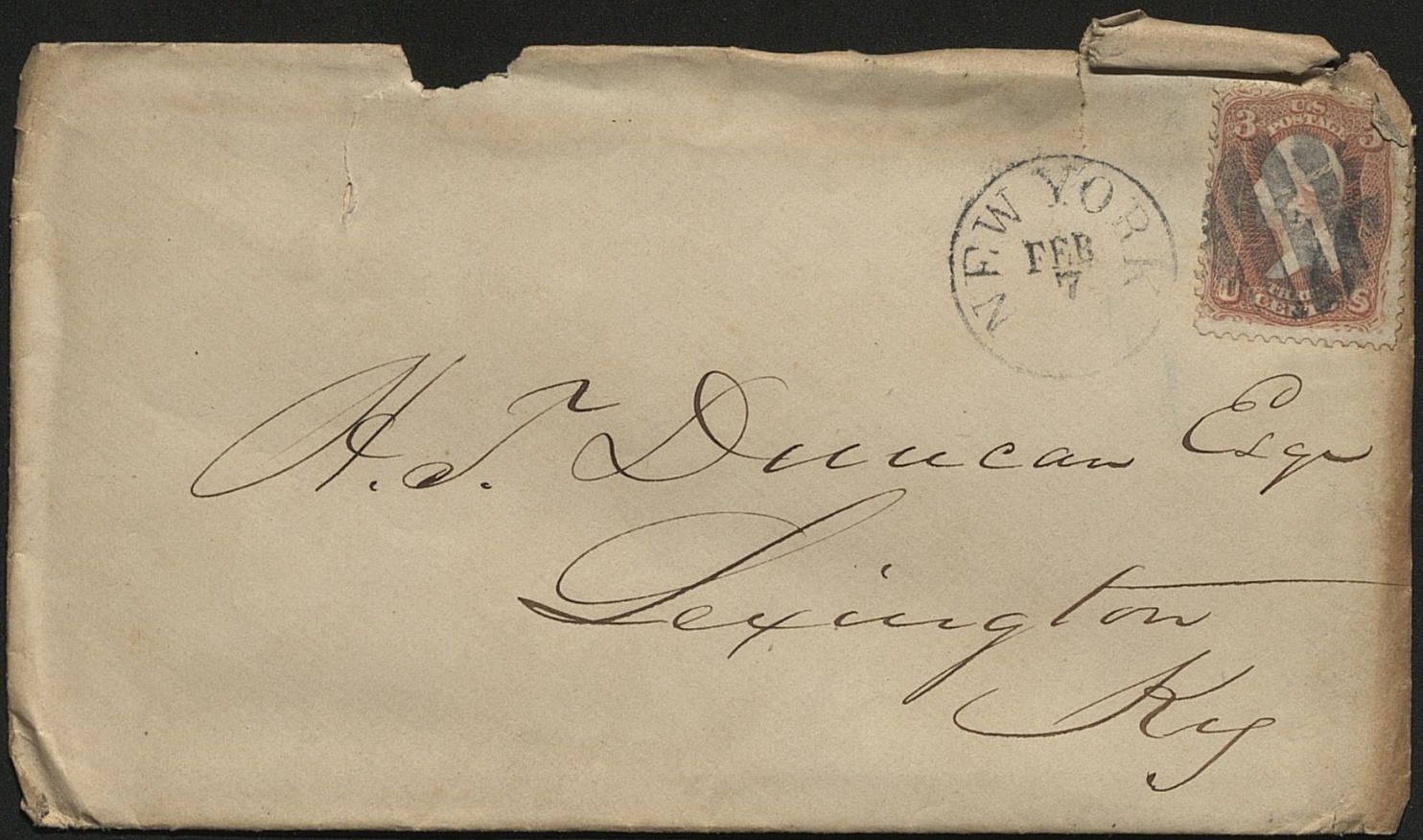
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Belfast — James Street, South.
Glasgow — St. Vincent Street, 119.
Berlin — Alte Leipziger Strafse, 12.

New York Feby 7. 1865

H. T. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir I duly received your favor of 30 ultimo and regret to learn that a Gentleman of your well known loyalty should have experience so many bedevilments with Negroes and Horse thieves, I beg my Dear Sir that you will be consoled under all these troubles by the same reflection which sustained and animated the bleeding and inspired the hopes of our religious Martyrs of old, the sentiment you will recollect to which they adhered with death like tenacity through all their troubles, was, No Cross, No Crown, let us therefore profit by their example and count all our sufferings as nothing compared to the great object to be attained, and which assured peace & restored Harmony I trust may result from the tenibes ordeal through which this distracted land is

now passing — every thing here is waiting on the result of the doings of the peace Conference, I have never believed that any admissable terms of Settlement would be proposed by either side, and hence I look for nothing at present but a continuation of the war, it would have given me no little pleasure to have been with Hill and Yourself in Frankfort I should have gone into the fight willingly even at the hazard of being terribly Worsted in a Conflict with two Hard Veterans as Yourselves, it was too bad that our friend Hill should have been upon an occasion of so much enjoyment disturbed by his old enemy, but I am happy to know that your timely prescription of a little old Bourbon had a most happy and Composing effect, I am a Convert to the doctrine that every Country possesses a remedy for its own diseases, and while it is painful to think of the prevalence of that villanous Bilious Cholic in your Vicinity, it is at the same time Consoling to know that a remedy of so much efficacy and so agreeable to the patient as Old Bourbon

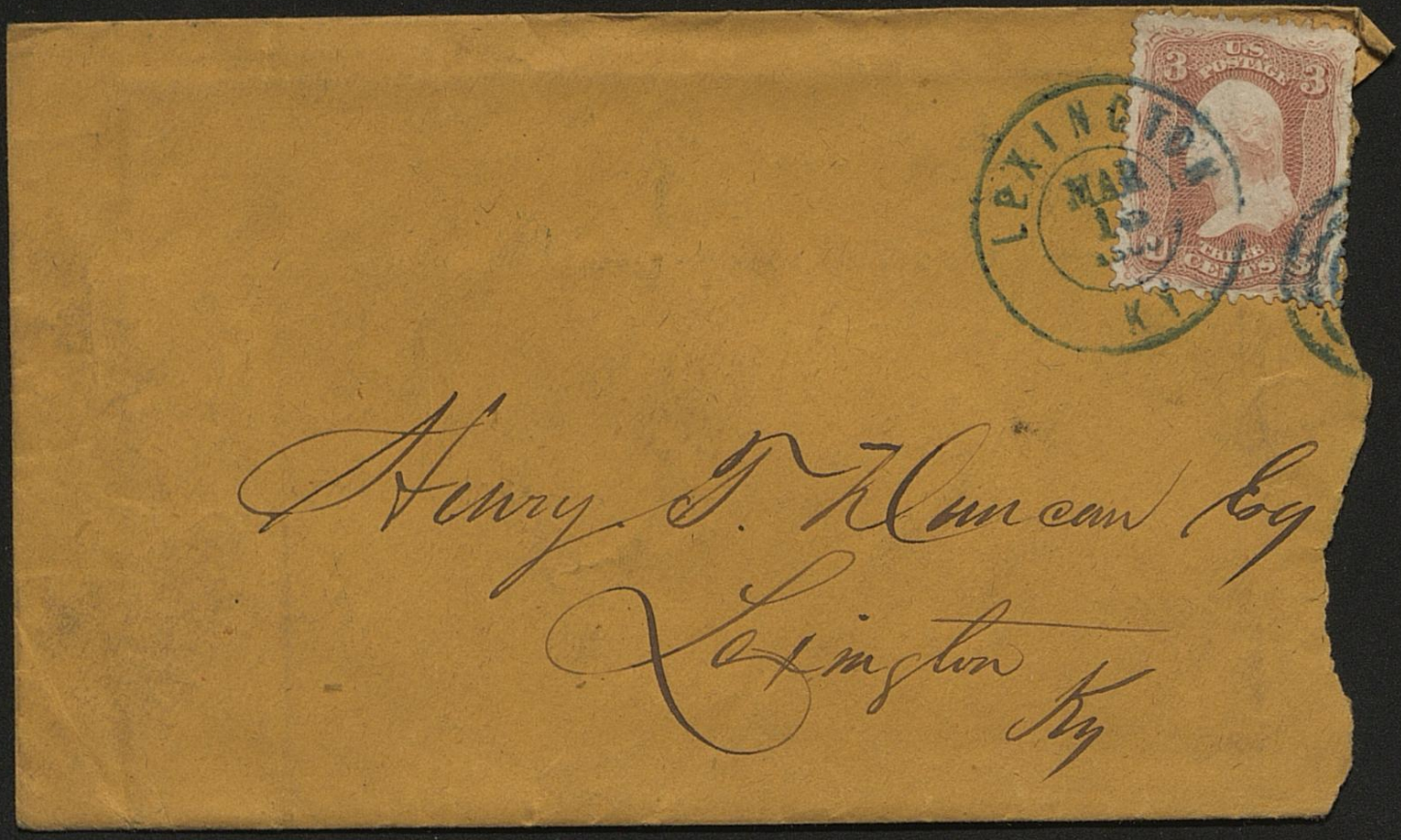
is Constantly at hand,

I called to see Mr Royal Phelps in regard to Jim Horne Dunlap, and regret to say he is at present absent in Mexico and will not return before the Middle of April, as soon as I get through my Spring ploughing I think I will go out and Spend a short time and a little money in repairing my fences and improving my ground, as there seems but little prospect of Selling

Mrs Bill and the Boys Cordially unite in our kind regards to Mr Duncan Mr Gibson and the Young Ladies. You will tender my regards to Miss Mr Gratz Misses Harry and all our friends

Truly Your friend

Henry Clay




Henry T. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky

Hardenburg Ky
March 18th 1865

H. T. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir —

I am about visiting Washington on business deeply connected with my interest & that, and it is necessary that I should be properly presented to the authorities in order to insure me a hearing — I have letters of introduction to Mr Lincoln from Hon Saml T. Glover of St Louis (cousin of Maj Taylor) and other parties, but Maj Taylor has suggested to me that a letter from you to the Pres.t would be of service to me and I, therefore, take the liberty of asking such a letter, feeling satisfied from your standing and influence, it would be of incalculable value to me — My business is simply to obtain permits to get from Red River a lot of

Cotton to which I have a large interest, and to secure a hearing from Mr Lincoln, as to my property represented by me and claims, with almost insure success. A letter of introduction from you, I am satisfied would materially advance my prospects, and if not inconsistent with your position and relations would be most grateful to me and I would be pleased to receive it.

Your obedt servt with greatly obliged

Yours respectfully

P. Hunt Moore

Address me at

Willard's Hotel

Washington D.C.

Henry T. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky

Free
Br. Tewksbury


Henry T. Duncan Esq.
Lexington
Kentucky

March 13th 1865

Mr Duncan

Dear Sir

I have seen Beal's Cattle as to Quality and style they cannot be beat his figures are twelve dollars per hundred which I think ~~is~~ rather steep he wishes you to come down and see them in person I am Certain the Cattle will suit you and perhaps you might get them for something less than 12$ they will weigh about fourteen hundred lbs

Yours Truly

Saml. McDonald

Capt. & Miss Speare decline
with regret Mr & Mrs
Duncan's kind invitation
for Thursday evening

June 21st.

July the 13 65

Mr Duncan

Dear Sir i began to cut the grass
we have broken all the knives
but one and they ar broken so nie
the eye Kanaday can not mend tham
you will pleas send me 2 or 3 eyes or
send me a new machean I do think
it will be cheaper for you to get a
new machene the grass is so heavy
we will never be able to cut it with
the machean we have we comenced this
morning and cut about one third
of the day and broke 2 knives pleas
send by Bill the eyes or new
Buck eye mower

very Respectfully your

S McDaniel

1351
8666
$6632
$3368
$6234

15.00

H T Duncan
Lexington
Ky

Aug 12th 65

Mr Duncan

I want to hear from you in regard to my getting wood for winter. "Are you willing to let me have it?" If so: Please write me word what it will be worth per cord. My reason is, I would like to get it up before winter comes on. Some time since my sons came over and told me that you wanted to know why I was getting wood from your farm. That is taking the tops for wood and leaving the body remain.

You are laboring under a wrong impression I've never taken a stick from your farm. Its some-one else. But please write and let me know whether or not I can get some for the coming winter.

Mr H. J. Duncan
Kingston
Pa

as it is rather an idle time
now with hand I thought it
would be easy to get it out
By answering you'll oblige very
much Obliged Yours James E. Bain

Home August 8th 1865

Maj H. T. Duncan

Dear Sir

I was informed that your son-in-law Mr Gibson intends renting his land in Woodford Co. Being a renter & desirous of securing a good farm for next years operations & not knowing his address I write to you for the facts in the case. I would like a good sized farm — say from 300 to 350 acres. Please answer as soon as convenient & state when & where I could see Mr Gibson on the subject.

Most Respectfully Yours
Nathan Hutchison

P.S.
Please address me at Paris Ky.
Hurrah for Shanklin

N. H.

Morn Side Aug 28.65

Mr H I Duncan Sir
I am takeing the liberty
to inform you of A discov-
ery of A legacy given to
me on record by your
selfe, all your intrest
in the store house that
is held in posesion by
Robert Morrow, your
intrest as I understand
was the redemption
money you paid Maggie
to free the Store house
of debt, I believe it was
nine hundred dollars
but you did not inform
me of the circumstance
& I hope you will have
the same good feeling
towards me now as you

against finnore
& sent onley the
Moffet letter, so you
can see from the cir
cumstance that Henry
did have the papers
& they got lost through
Henrys carelessness,
so you see I am the loser
er at last, you ought
not to forget I was true
to my trust in the case
of your & Eliges union
I did not go & tell her
Father & Mother you was
goin to be married,
you never would have
got her if I had, I hope
no offence in this epistel
plese favour me with an
answer, With Respect Mary

H I Duncan
the means I shall take to get rid of Robertson

did then) It was
discovered by Robert
Davis) Now dont get ang
ry at this appeal to you
I wish you to think over
past wrongs in the case
of the loss of the Chatta
nooga farm) which we
could have sold before
we left but the deed
was in your Name) so
it prevented the sale
now think what A loss
that you may have pren
ented) & another still grea
ter loss in you not sig
ing the papers between
Morrow & us only think
13 years five hundred
Dol A year what A loss
to me) & another loss in
your Son Henry losing
the Triben papers)
& surprised to say
Henry says he never
had them) you say them
& how did Morrow get
them & say they were paper
belonging to us & gave
them to Willie Dun & Dun
gave them to Henry) all this
took place while I was
there with you) Henry Hall
wrote me word the Tribe
papers was there & what
must he do with them) I
directed Henry to send
them to Chicago to H T
Duncan) to the care of
Mr Coventon) thinking Henry
would be sure to see Covent
but when Henery got there
Coventon was not there
but Coven got the letter
& took out all the papers
relateing to any thing


H. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky

Louisville 10 Nov 1865

A. T. Duncan Esq

Dr Sir

Yours of the 8th inst is Recd. & in accordance with your wishes, I have this day had an interview with Clem Boone.

He says it is impossible for him at present to leave his ~~present~~ position at the Provost Marshals office, but that the establishment will be closed in the course of a month or two; As soon as it is, he promises to write to you.

The great domestic trouble here, results from constant changes of servants, although I have changed my cook but once in five months — & I have been about as fortunate in my other servants.

I have now of my former

Sincerely with me,
Little Ben was so great a
thief & rascal, that soon after
my arrival here I gave him
to his father, When big Ben
finished moving me he took
his whole family & went off
with Gen Parmer pass, his
wife with his three boys, on a
steam Packet between this &
Cincinnati,
I wish I had been with you
whilst our friend Bell was in
Lexington, He passed
through here on his way & we
passed a few hours together
most delightfully.
From what you say I hope
to have the pleasure of seeing
you here before very long.
With our kindest regards
to Mr Duncan your self &
family I am
Very truly Yr
W. B. Hill



W. G. Duncan Esq.
Covington
Kentucky

Jeffries 1865
Feb 22 2/11

W. F. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir -

Mr Wiles burn on his return handed me the memorandum or propositions made by Thomas P. Smith and others, dated Nov 6th 1865 with 30 days to accept or reject, for the manufacturing of my Corn & Cane Harvesters also for that of my Corn Shock Loaders — The stipulated amount is small for machines of this which - but I am desirous of introducing them in that section of country and therefore accept either of the propositions if accepted by you firm. I have shipped you one of my Corn-Shock Loaders, also one to H. F. Duncan Jr; All who have used my Shock-Loaders like it much. You will have no difficulty in using it. It was shipped in eight pieces. In putting together the Cross Pieces are bolted on the under side of the long bed pieces. Put the Lifting Frames with the crank

end of the windlass, forward. When the rack is put together the front end of the rack rests on the forward bolster of the wagon secured to the bolster with bolts. The hind bolster of the wagon is taken off, and the bed frame is secured under the hind axle. There is one rope to each windlass, and a cord for the lever. On the end of the cord for the lever there is a hook to be fastened to the opposite frame. This cord passes over the pulley in the end of the lever giving the operator double the power.

The price of the Corn-Shock Loaders is $60.00 a piece freight to be added.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether the propositions in the Memorandum are accepted or rejected by your firm. If accepted you will please draw up a form of an article of agreement and I will sign it & return for approval.

If you conclude to purchase the right for your State I will make your deeds.

Yours truly

Wm M Mason

Per E M.

Polo - Ogle Co. Ill

Mr H. J. Duncan -

Dear Sir -

Yours of the 2d has been received —

You can have another month to accept or reject the propositions I made you on my patent-right of the two machines for Ky —

In putting the shock loaders together put the cross-pieces, that support the tilting frames so that the castings are on the top — If you have any difficulty in working the shock loaders, work send a dispatch and Mr Waterbury will come on the next train —

Please write & let me know how you like it — Yours truly

Wm M Mason

Per E M.

Polo Nov 21st 65

Messrs

Mr Mason has shipped the two corn shock loaders according to request of me at Lexsington the one shipped to H. T. Duncan Jr must be on hand at his farm in Arcola If there should be a certainty of doing any business with the Company one of us will come down at any time and assist in ~~putting~~ or rather set to work the shock loader however Mr Smith will say set it to work I will however see Mr. Mason this Morning and by tomorrows mail he will send full instructions how to apply to the wagon and its workings which are very simple and effectual.

in its work so much so that a ~~Lad~~ Lad 13 years old alone drew 50 shocks. 1½ Miles in a single day I saw it work yesterday again ~~was~~ the farm of Charles Walmsley three in loading 15 Minutes 5 large shocks he speaks with high Praise of this simple device he is one of our best farmers he purchased one immediately on trial by this rack the boy of 16 years or younger can do what ever has been considered the heaviest work with ease and can after once becoming used to the rack perform more work of this kind alone than 4 No. 1. hands and 2 teams I care not how good workers the men are in a word Wm Masons Patent Rack is bound to Come into general use as is also his Corn & Flax Cutter. Now Gentlemen Give us as early a decision as you can and if you wish to Establish a Manufactory in your City and wish to engage in one or both of ~~these~~ Machines as a part of your business let us know at once and one will Come down on receipt of such Notice please show this to Mr Smith and others and with our best Wishes to you all

We remain Yours
Wm Mason
& Mr Waterbury Agt

Ps a large Manufactory is soon to be established here on Mr Masons two Patents Yours Mr W.

Feb 19th 1866

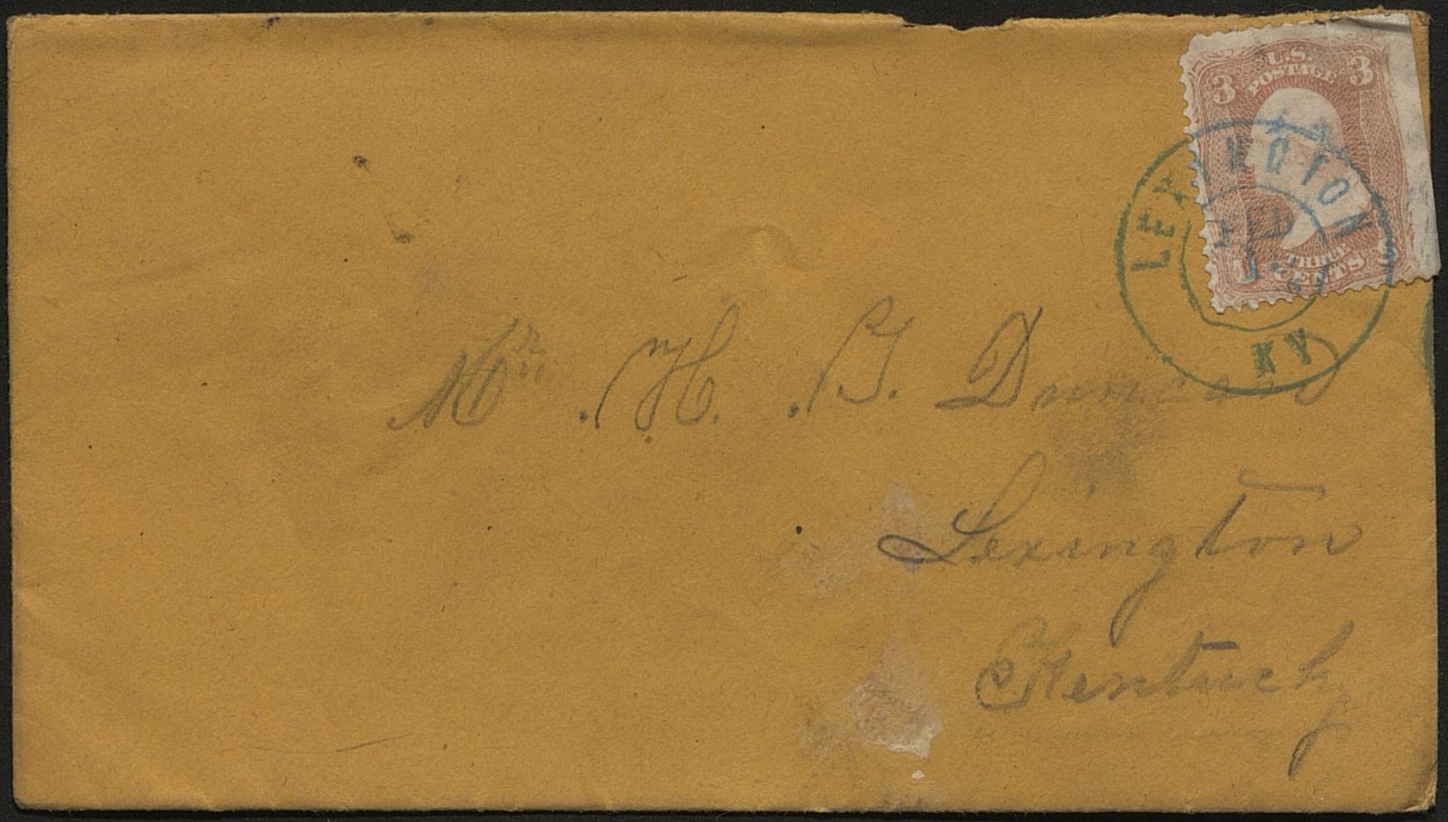
Mr H. G. Duncan

Sir

There being no Express Office at this station I was compelled to send it on the Freight. It started to Ohio the morning after I saw you (that was on Thursday the 15th)

With due Respect

Samuel McDaniel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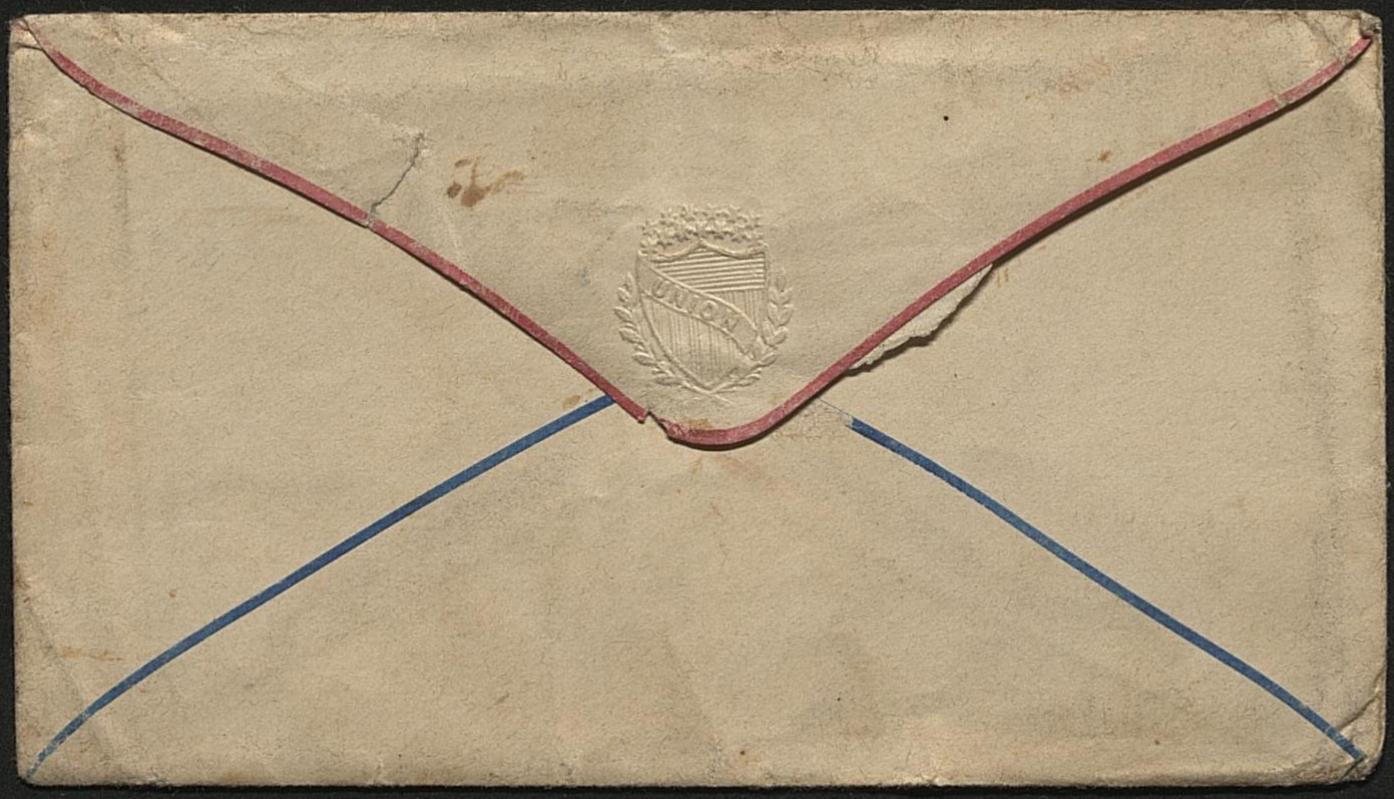
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Mar. 10th 1866

I have just extend my farm down to Hartland which is about one hundred and fifty acre an should like to swap it to you for land up here an if you will swap write me a few lines an if you can swap i have several offers for it

J. H. Tissell

Galveston Texas Mch 28/66

Maj. W. T. Duncan
Lexington Ky

Est. Friend

By this circular you will see that I have again embarked in business and I trust with a fair prospect of making a living.

We have probably the healthiest growing City on our Southern Coast and in new times must soon become a place of commercial importance

Property here now I think too high but expect to see a reaction before the Summer is over and if it comes I think this will be one of the best places on our Continent for real Estate investments. Even at present high prices all tenable property is paying from 10 to 15 pr ct in rent. This leaves us well with my kindest regards to your family I am

Your friend

J. H. Shropshire

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J. H. SHROPSHIRE,
Late of Lexington, Ky.

WM. HENDERSON,
Late of New Orleans, La.

J. H. SIMPSON,
Late of Alexandria Va.

Galveston, Texas, January 20th, 1866.

Louisville August 30th 1866

W. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you, that your namesake Duncan Timberlake, has been on the stool of repentance for a month or two least, he has felt keenly and sensibly, the want of his Education, and never before, shewed that he did, he got a good situation some weeks since then he felt, and so much so, that he ~~resigned~~ resigned, because he was not able to rite and figure equeal to the balance of the young men, he will make a smart business man, or a keen Lawyer, if he had the Education, if in your power, and you will not miss it send him to School, and that away from the city you obt. St

A. W. Graham

Galveston Tx Novr 10. 1866

Maj. W. T. Duncan
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

When I saw you last you requested me to make enquiry about Cattle.

Cattle can now be bought for 8 to 10 pr head for 5 & 6 year old Beef Cattle in good in Western Texas and can be shipped from Indianola to New Orleans at 10 $ pr head in Currency, I have mentioned the matter to some Cattle Men west of the Colorado where the best class of cattle are found and I feel a contract can be made to deliver any number of 4 to 6 year old Cattle at mouth of Red River at any given time after 1st of April at twenty Dollars Gold pr head in travelling condition I think this can be done this season as we have plenty of grass this Winter but ordinarily they would reach Red River in low order. If you think you have an idea of going into the enterprise you had better commence your arrangements pretty soon as the Cattle would have to be started in January or Feby to make time, I presume you could lease Cattle on your Stevenson farm at about 20 to 25 $ pr head at present rate of hire. The prices continually

~~Nothing~~ ~~has~~ to deliver their Cotton will require one third of the purchase money to be placed on deposit here before their Clerk will be willing to return without any money advanced to their credit but not without a guarantee ~~that~~ the Cotton will be received and paid for on delivery.

We are dragging along here as best we can, our business matters have been much retarded this fall by derangement of the infamous internal revenue tax on Cotton, our planters were willing to submit to it and pay it, but Collectors had to be appointed from Washington City and we are one of our districts (the one from which most of my business comes) there is no Collector yet on the ground, once Collectors have come through in bond but much of it has not been moved at all, and our people have found it very oppressive.

We are doing the best we can in our territorial ~~district~~ condition and some of us dont care much if we are always kept in this condition. I see that all the Northern States have gone Radical and presumed Andy Johnson being always ready to obey the dictates of a majority of the dear people will commit himself with the Radical Congress & cause us to submit to all they ask. My agency to my Democratic friends

Yours truly J. H. Throckmorton

Let me hear from you at once

Salmo Co Mo
Feb the 7, 67

Mr Henry Dunken,

Will you please write to me some information about the death of Brother Thomas A Wood, I understand he were living with you when he was killed, also I heard by Robt Layton and Robt Nash that he had on his person at the time of his death a check calling for five hundred dollars that you had gave him also understand the check was lost, I wish you to write to me wether the money was Drawed on the check or not if so who got

it, will you please be so kind as to write wether you owed him any thing and what he passessed if you will do so it will save me the trouble of comming there.

Yours Respectfully
D. L. Wood
a Brother to Thomas A Wood
Dec

Please answer this imediately and direct to Elmwood P.O
Saline County Missouri


Elmwood N
Feb 6

Mr Henry C
Rice
Fayette
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New-York - Febry 25th 1864

Henry T. Duncan Esq

My dear Sir -

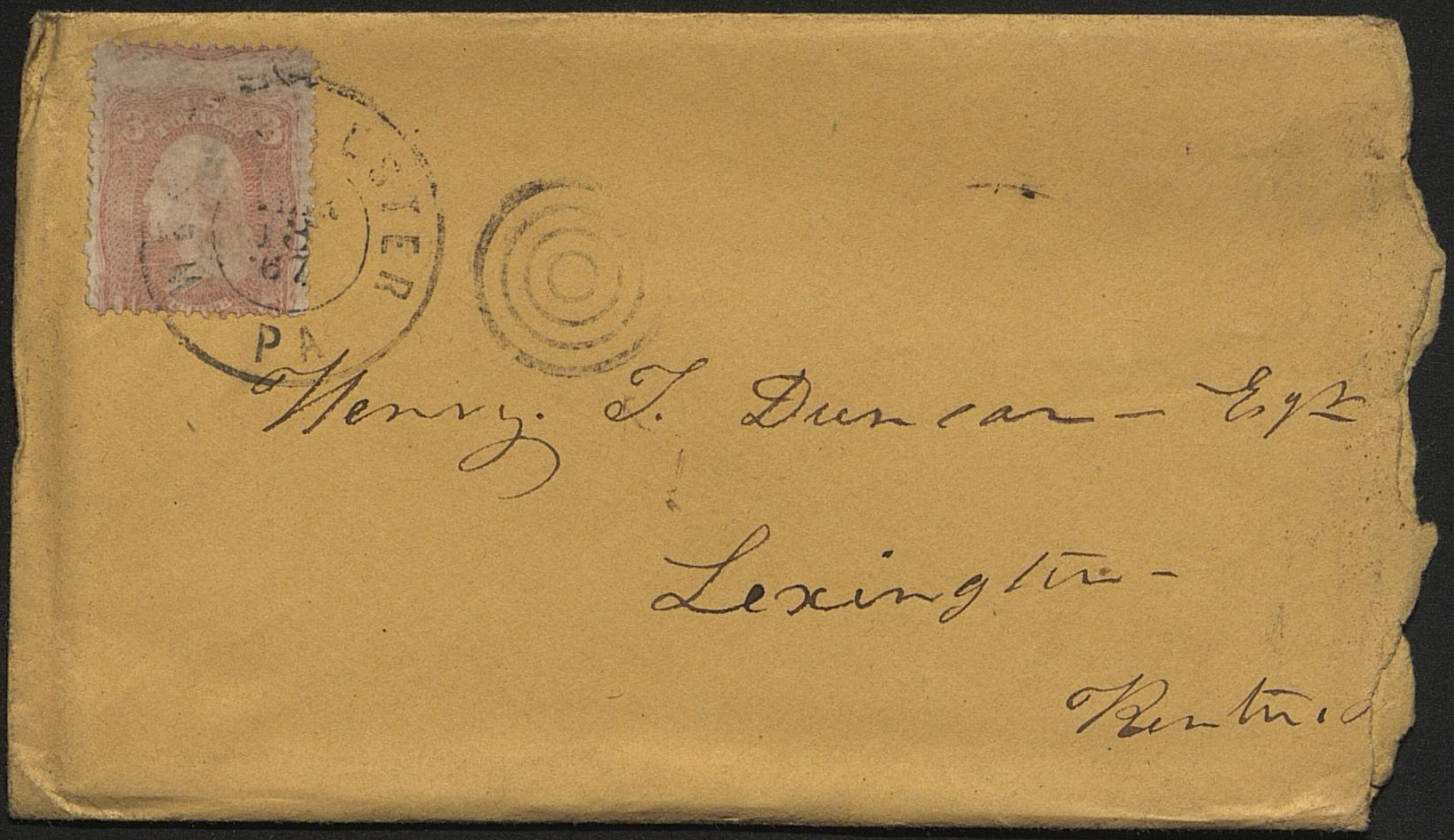
My Mother desires me to convey her sincere thanks for your kind & very affectionate letter of sympathy & condolence. Your warm expressions of friendship, & true appreciation of all my Father's noble qualities, are most gratifying & comforting in this - our great sorrow; which has fallen on us with accumulated force; for my dear Mother is still suffering from a sudden & very severe attack of Paralysis! This occurred on the morning of the 23d of January - & was no doubt the superinducing cause of my Father's death - for the shock to him was very great - & on the 26th he had a sudden attack which resulted fatally on the

29th at noon. He died as he had al-
-ways wished - in a calm, peaceful
sleep - without a pang or a struggle,
or even a sigh -; a fit termination to
a well spent life. For the past six or
eight months his health & strength
have been much enfeebled. & he
has been obliged to give up pleas-
-ure after pleasure & comfort after
comfort until there was but little to
assign except breath. When I reflect
upon these many trials & deprivations
that he was subjected to here & com-
-pare them with the enjoyments &
rapture of his life above, I truly
feel that sorrow & grief are very
selfish, for "Our loss is indeed his
gain"! I am most thankful to
say that my dear Mother is im-
-proving as rapidly as we could
hope. & is already able to walk
across the Room with a little
assistance. All her symptoms
are most favorable & inspire us
with most encouraging hopes of
a full restoration to health &
activity in Time. Time too - can
alone assuage & soften the deep
distress of her terrible bereavement.

I have written you more fully
my dear Sir, than I had at first
intended -, but I am sure - as my
Fathers warm friend - that you will
be pleased to know the particulars
of his death - & feel interested in the
condition of those who were near
& dear to him -

Please present me
kindly to the members of your
family - & believe me to be
Very truly & sincerely Yours

[signature]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Henry T. Duncan – Esq
Lexington –
Kentucky

Westchester. March 12th 67

My Dear Sir.

Your very prompt reply to my letter a few days ago was received this morning. dated March 7th 67 enclosing me a Check on the Bank of America. New York made payable to my order & by me endorsed. Payable to my order of $100-00 dollars signed the Check on the back & sent it to the Cashier of the Westchester & Chester County Bank & then the amount be paid me.

When the heart of a widow is so full to express her gratitude for a noble act. we find words wanting. & your dear children hoping through this world always find in dealing a Father just & willing to give a widow her right more than her rights. when need were so often. The amount & more was tended with cheerfully for the expence & trouble you had been at. & in sum so long season. would have been forgotten

I claim the Old Dominion Va. as my birth-
place. at one time had the name of high life
& hospitality, & my Father the Mayor of the
City of Norfolk for 25 or 30 years. all strangers
admired it not for its beauty, but the finest
four Navy yard. Forts &c always crowded
with Army & Navy Officers it was there I sent
my Husband before the war of 1812. but have seen
more in Va. visiting Dear friends but alas. the said
war broke in & with me & with thousands
added a tide of woe from the death of Husbands
which my Father had to in the Revolution my
Husband in the war of 1812. & my only Son in the
Army. I felt for my every friend. as a mother fo
a child. although I am very near related to
none. I have been thus brief & full as if I did
ponder over & dear friend & tell over the
old you & not. I may meet you & your
children some day as you will ever be a select
friend of our Lord & Master you will meet my
Son the Genl Hastings at Fort Vancouver
hosting in Territory. I did not know I should
it was land or what else you had in your hands

but after reading your letter recollected
the Words. may God be favour of you
at any time when you have a spare moment
to drop me a line informing me of your health
& family. I will write my Dear Dear Mr. D.
I will offering him of your prompt kindness
in his letter. when you mentioned but Ellen
I was surprised to find you had not heard
of her death. more than 4 years died in
Harrisburg. her only Daughter is living at the
Hermitage. he married the Daughter of my
Husbands only Sister who married the Hon Duncan
the Brother of Judge Duncan of Carlisle. wish-
ing you health & prosperity in this life with
the sincere regards of your ever devoted
friend.

Frances Elliott.

Henry T. Duncan Esqr

Lexington Kentucky

Excuse mistakes. the weather hurry & my eyes
mistake

LEXINGTON
MAY 10
KY.

W. T. Duncan Esq

Lexington.

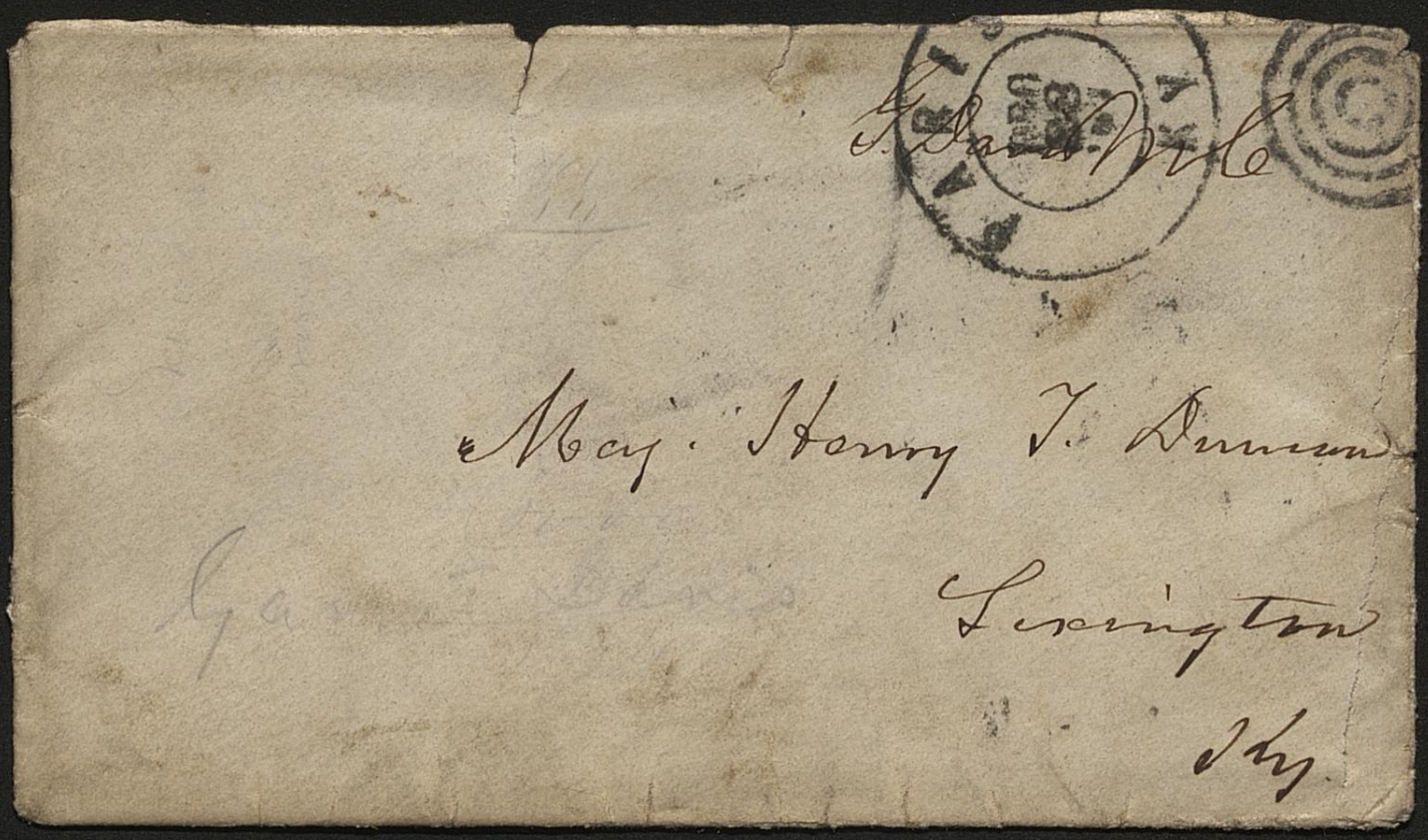
Lexington Ky.
May 10th 1847.

N. S. Duncan Esq.

I have to pay W. B. Gilfred $10.000 tomorrow, 11th. The money for the Cattle was due the 8th. Can I rely on the payment of it by tomorrow. I will need it to meet my payment, and will be greatly obliged to you. Very Truly, Your friend &c

W. B. Bowman

H. S. Duncan. Esq.


Maj. Henry T. Duncan
Lexington
Ky.

Paris Dec 28th 1867

Dear Dennis,

I wish some one merely to hold possession for me of my land in Illinois. I believe it adjoins Mr Vorhis land, & to hold it for me would be no trouble to him.

I'll be obliged to you to get him to sign the inclosed lease & enclose it to me at Washington City.

I'll thank you to give me his address, & inform me when & where in Illinois a letter would reach him.

I want you to run down one day the ensuing week to see me, as I have a great deal to say to you.

Truly Yrs

Garrett Davis

Chicago Feb 17. 1869

Dear Sir

Just before I went to Ky in Jan^y, your Son instructed me to sell your 17 acres in Section 13. for $2500.00 & you ratified his instructions when I saw you.

I have this day sold for that sum. 1/3 payable cash Ballance in one & two years with interest at the rate of Eight per cent per annum payable annualy.

I send you herewith a deed which you will please acknowledge, before a Notary.

I did not know Mrs Duncan's given name. & I leave out the name of the grantee

The Purchaser is a Mr Boyden. But he is not yet certain that he will take the deed in his name.
Please send me your abstract of title if you have one. If not I will have to order one brought down.

Very Respectfully
Carter H Harrison

Mobile, Ala
March 25th 1870

My dear friend, your very agreeable & gratifying letter, gave all of us much real pleasure. No one would judge that you had been an invalid from the cheerfulness & vivacity of your letter. And I rejoice to see that you retain your vigour of intellect & flow of spirits, after your severe sicknesses. I do hope & pray that God may sanctify to you these afflictions & bring good out of the evil.

My dear friend, you have known much of the goodness of God, and I do earnestly implore you as my friend & one in whom I have always delighted to make a profession of your faith in the divine Redeemer. You have been so much identified with

I see in the Courier, that Dr Brank was to preach in Covington next Sunday, to the Southern Church. I suppose he wants to get back to Ky, and has this field presented to him. He was always popular there & and no doubt would do well. We are all very well at present. The change has been beneficial to every one of us. My wife has been greatly improved, and my own health is more settled. We hope to hear from you soon & to see you in our city, when you start upon your Southern tour. Present each one of us to Mrs D. — of whom we often speak & oftener remember for her kindness & excellence of heart, and to Lilly & Ellen & Mary & Henry and all. Do write to me soon. Mrs M. joins me in warm salutations to yourself & Mrs D. & family. Remember us to all our friends in Lexington.

Your tried & sincere friend
John D. Matthews.

P.S. I do wish that yourself and Mr Kinkead could sell our houses, well, and return immediately to Lexington, Ky.

Mason
H. L. Duncan

the church, in your attendance and deep interest, as well as benefactions — your noble wife, and lovely daughters are so worthy and earnest members of the church, and have been so much concerned for you — I do hope you will make an opportunity and join the church. And, may God give you grace to perform your duties to his church & to all your acquaintances.

I hope Genl. Dudley was prepared for his change. I saw in the Courier, mention of his death, but giving no particulars of it. He was in delicate health, when I left Kentucky.

Now my dear friend, I should be so pleased to welcome You & dear Lilly in Mobile, and once more to see you smiling & cheerful faces. —

If you can, do come to Mobile. The Steamer, is a very fine one and perfectly safe, from No. to N. It runs regularly every day. — Then you could go up to Montgomery — thence thro' Columbus to Macon & Savannah, or through Atlanta & Augusta, to Charleston; or from Savannah to Charleston direct. Then to Columbia, Charlotte N. C. Lynchburg Va, Petersburg & Richmond, Va and Washington — We are now in the midst of rain & warm weather. All nature has started in freshness & vigour. Trees are nearly filled with new foliage — Vegetables abundant but very costly — Figs forming. — If you can come South, this Spring do come through Mobile, as you will see nothing like it, any where else. —