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My dear Duncan,

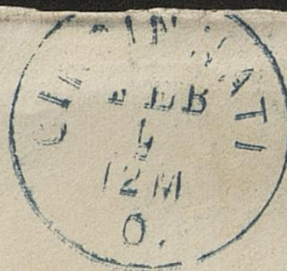
I send to
your address by Adams
Express to day the long delayed
opinion in reference to Hartland.

I have given the opinion on
the state of facts before me as
disclosed by the papers with
which I was furnished -

If it occurs to you or to W.
Kinkead that other facts exist
which might modify the results
arrived at, please bring them
to my notice - With the opinion
I return the other papers - and

remain,
faithfully yours,

Henry Stamborg



Henry T. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky.

E. MONTGOMERY,
HIGH BRIDGE,
NEW YORK CITY.

November 29 1855-

My Dear Sir,

I had hoped in passing through New Orleans to be able to call and pay my respects upon your good family but the calls upon my time have been so imperative and urgent that I have not been able to gratify myself in this respect. I reached this place direct from New Orleans last night and am leaving for Washington to day.

It has been my impression that you were well acquainted with Mr Bancroft & perhaps Mr Rich and desiring to avail myself of any opportunity to secure the influence of leading men - in the South I ventured to ask you for letters to these Gentlemen - but should my impression be erroneous on this regard be embarrassed or place the slightest strain upon your relations you know me too well to entertain it for one moment, I

got to my feet with reluctance and at a
personal sacrifice - but having been summoned
long by absence & without solicitation I
could not decline to leave my infirm
people and to do all in my power to bring
about the return of better days to them
and to the whole Country.

Some groups of children around me
and my wife is as active and possible
as when I was young and we often
recall your kindness & us on the occasion
of our visit, after our marriage -
the miles between us kindred & grateful
remembrances to Mr Duncan &
Queen Lily - old Mary & Mr Duncan.

Your affectionate friend

R. Gibson.

With kind regards &
kind join us in
best wishes.

House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Brunswick Dec 19th 1875-

Dear Mr Duncan

My Note of \$3827²⁰ Due Jan 1st with interest I hope to be able to pay at maturity that is if the road get in condition so that I can haul my corn to Market I would like to know whether I can let it run over a few days in case I do not get my corn to market in time I do not wish to renew it if I can possibly avoid it. We have had very wet weather for the last three weeks & the roads are almost impossible

Ellen is at Manticello spending a week with some of her friends all continue in good health Children all well with love to all
Yours aff W. Woodhull Sr

PS I expect to commence shipping my Corn a week from today if the weather permits

Send over the same to Mr. Booth Carter

Breunland May 16th 1877

H. J. Duncan Esq

Oran

I have just returned from a visit to Dr. Leubens when I spent two days I found the Dr. + family in good health + low spirits owing to his misfortunes and the very unfavourable weather which prevails in this section rendering the former prospect very gloomy the wet weather still continues very little plowing having been done and very little if any corn planted the outlook so far worse even than last year when the crop was almost an entire failure.

I did not succeed in making any arrangement in regard to your note the desire to secure you but fear in so doing he may offend Henry + Mr Braud and that they will pounce upon him state every thing he has, He cannot pay out in full his assets will not meet his liabilities by several thousand dollars He has the farm in Mo 320^{ac} valued at \$15 or \$4800 and the Oran farm of 250^{ac} @ 20 - \$5000 and about \$500 of personally there is a mortgage of \$3500 on the Oran for your note and int. amounts to upwards of \$4000 + Henry to about \$4800 so that he has about \$10,000 to pay

an indebtedness of \$12000 - He thinks he had better go to Ny as soon as he gets his crop in and arrange the matter with you;

The part you on the farm was a very unfavourable & unprofitable one the rents of tenants being all in arrears the crop being almost an entire failure the total receipts of rent not being much more than would pay the Taxes & incidental expenses about the only corn raised was on the land cultivated by the Dr. Enclosed I send inventory of Stock &c belonging to you also the partnership stock & Corn there are some repairs that ought to be attended before another year the roof on the House needs rickling also the roof of the Stable the latter is almost entirely gone the old Crib needs reconstructing the roof having fallen in & Sills decayed these repairs could be made at a cost of about \$150 to \$200 The Dr has had some 20^{ac} brush land cleared out and put into cultivation which is a great improvement I would suggest that you have the 160^{ac} East of the river cleared & put into cultivation the wood would more than pay for the clearing and would be made available for renting - this piece is separated from the balance of the farm by the river and I do not think can ever be sold with the other lands & would make a very good farm if cleared & put under cultivation & it does not pay taxes. If I can be of any service would be glad to do anything for you in regard to farm matters Ellen & children will again in love to all

Yours affectionately
W. Woodhouse Sr

Inventory of Partnerships
 Stock and cash belonging
 to H L Duncan and
 H D Senkovic

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1100 bu Corn 40 ^c | 440 |
| 10 Ton Hay 15 | 150 |
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| 7 Cows 30 | 210 |
| 2 3 yr old Heifers 25 | 50 |
| 2 2 " " 20 | 40 |
| 6 1 " " 10 | 60 |
| 19 2 yr " Steer | 500 |
| 64 1 " " " | 550 |
| 1 Bull | 40 |
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| 101 | 1550 |
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| | 2050 |
| Hay - 100 | <hr/> |
| | 1675 |

It will probably take 300
 bu corn to feed mules & others
 through the summer this
 will reduce the amt \$120

Inventory of Stock &c
 belonging to H L D

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| 400 bu Corn 40 ^c | 160 |
| 1 Old Horse Team | 50 |
| 1 3 yr old Mare | 100 |
| 6 Mules | 750 |
| 6 Cows | 180 |
| 2 Wagons | 75 |
| 1 Wheat Drill | 30 |
| 1 " " Single | 15 |
| 1 Prairie Plow | 15 |
| 2 Subsoil Plows | 20 |
| 2 New Plows | 25 |
| 2 old " | 20 |
| 4 Cultivators | 60 |
| 1 New Mower | 75 |
| 1 old " | 25 |
| 1 Hay Rake | 25 |
| 30 Hay | 300 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2125 |

These are the principle items
 there are a few little things
 about the horse barn that
 I did not take



Wm. Cunningham,

~~Constable,~~

Part's ~~_____~~
North Middletown, Ky., Dec 16th 1877

Mr. H. J. Duncan - Sr.
Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir -

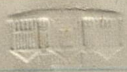
I will take it as a Great Favor if you will Inform - Me - if you are Holding your Bourbon - County Railroad Bonds yet or Not - if you have Disposed of them I would like to know who to, why I want to know is the County wants to take up - Twenty five or Thirty of her Bonds and I am authorized to find out who has them and to secure them for the County of Bourbon and we are Willing to Pay, Par = value for them and - if you know who has any -

of the Bonds I will be
obliged to you for any
information you may
give me -

Yours Truly -

John Cunningham

Direct to Paris - Ky



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H. L. Duncan Sr Esq

Livingston

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Dear Mr. L.H.
January 4th 1848

My Dear Mother

I recd your letter more than three weeks ago, and did not intend to answer it except in answer. I intend to be able to get enough money to pay my expenses to N.Y. as there are questions that each only be settled properly by a personal interview. I hardly know what to do or say. The three last years have been fatally disastrous to the State of the State in failure of the crops by reason of the incipient wet weather, and in no single season during that period have my profits of the products of the place been sufficient to meet my current cash expenditures for labor. I have had to be economical as it was impossible to be - without thinking my crops have been better than the crops of any one in the neighborhood. My current expenses I have paid out for labor was \$300 for labor to say nothing of my family expenses, and as the product of the labor amounts to only \$400 or of corn on hand at present (more sold) about \$2000 of hay & the growth of a head of hog, mostly paid in last spring. If on my part and my little more than about the above amount of course labor bills having to be met I have been obliged to touch upon your part of the proceeds of sales to do so - and now every year

Mr. L.H. I have written to you before & told you of the sale of the 30 shares of the range & the proceeds of the same. I have also told you of the purchase of the farm of Mr. G. and of the purchase of the farm of Mr. G. and of the purchase of the farm of Mr. G.

in value of each the whole balance of revenue from the entire farm to do this requires capital to a moderate extent the means to purchase good seed & a good top of our own crops. My dear mother she has been on the farm has laid up the proceeds of the poultry yard & has been able to purchase three from two teams of good young horses (they are very cheap) that will be able to go to work in the Spring & labor even you is getting to be of an age to be a great help to us, he is capable & willing & good & I do not think paternal partiality overestimates him. In reference to my Mother's land I have done & will do nothing to effect your claims upon me. I have lost & have largely for some years past & in this have damaged you they partly have been interferences in business & too great a confidence in others they was to not touch my integrity & I think I can confidently say they shall not. They have done me more injury than they have occasioned others & that injury I hope to repair & have no hope that the injuries done me will ever be repaired. I shall go to N.Y. as soon as I am able & see the mountain men anxious to learn your views in regard to myself & the place for the coming year. Love to all yours & Mr. G. & Mr. G.

about \$650th dollars and can not find
it till late in winter of the corn &
bagg of the last year crop. Nothing
of this has yet been gathered. Corn
has been up to this time unpropitiously
marketed. The weather has been the most
extraordinary I have ever seen for the
season of the year - rendering the
roads wholly impracticable & the
price is discouragingly low 25c & bags
\$3.50 for hundred. "I told at these
prices all my part will have to go to
and my current indebtedness to you
and pay my outside bills. My resources
are small. The outlook to me for the
coming year is dark indeed & if I lose
my place from any cause I do not
know of any resource left me. You
suggest to me the practice of my profession
my health and strength will not permit
of the most moderate exercise protracted
me for several days.

The tenants have done no good. This corn
is not all gathered and from present
appearances will not much exceed the
crop of last year which was less than
2500 bushels. and this crop is falling up to
the average of the neighborhood. My
own crop raised upon 150 acres of land
is not very far short of that of the whole
balance of the farm. Not seasons, as the
three last have been, are disastrous to us
but going to the rest of the country

more than average results. If you
return the farm to have the results
at all satisfactory the method of management
must be radically changed. The tenant
system must be discontinued. It is destroy-
ing rapidly the capacity of production.
The tenants themselves are retrograding in
capacity & worth every year. The best of them
being driven away by the decrease of rents
of the last few years & none others of ca-
pacity taking their place. All who can
get away are going West. Those remaining
are completely impoverished. I do not believe
there is a single tenant on the grounds
whose entire crop would give him bread
& clothes for the current year. I have
ventured to the best of their available
I think for the coming year they will
be an improvement on the last years
in the change made.

My operations last fall a year ago in
the purchase of young cattle indicates
the change of system that should be
made, say coming down to grub the
bulk of the place cultivating but little
grain, & stocking up with young cattle
to consume the products of the place.
We have now something over 100 head of
young cattle. They eat but little corn
particularly so that with some consumed
and little of a merchantable character
in the way of food, yet this increase



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tragedy. I will be able to determine
in a day or two
My love to all
Yours affectionately
W. G. Jenkins

St Louis Sept 24th 61

Dear Uncle

I write you again to
bring to your attention a fact that I
learned to day with surprise and
regret. The information is perfectly
reliable both Langston and
Fulwider have gone South with
a company of "rebels" Langston
is Captain and the latter is left
enant to join Davis regiment of
Gen Price's column. They have been
gone about two weeks. You probably
heard of a steam boat being fired
into on the Mississippi river in
consequence of government troops being
on board. Langston is the author
of that brilliant achievement. I
understand he gives a glowing ac-
count of this heroic feat in a
letter to his wife

Appearance indicate that treason will be speedily crushed out in this State. At any rate the property of both these important Southern patriots is in daily danger of confiscation as you know no help my plan of dealing with the rebelion is being pursued here. Their families are left entirely unprotected. Aunt Mary is with Garrison & Underwood. In this case of confiscation your interference may be successful in transferring their property to their families. Warden Underwood is loyal. This means I presume that he has not and is not likely to commit any overt act of treason.

Partial law is an expensive luxury and perhaps a little distasteful to a certain class of free

men but in comparison with anarchy or the state of things that have existed in this Commonwealth for some months past it is decidedly refreshing. Such perfect good order and entire security has never before existed in this city. In reference to the State I am strongly of the opinion that its highly beneficial effects will wholly justify its stringent rigor and that it will prove the most efficacious remedy for the prevalent anarchy that that could have been applied.

I have thus far done nothing in the purchase of cattle. None of the salt I am seeking came in today and it may be that the recent extension of martial law to the State and the St Louis passport system may reduce the quantity of cattle coming in as to disappointing my