My ~~Dear Friend~~ Natchez Nov. 28th 1840

I have not been asked on by Messrs Lambden & Bennett to say - that they could not possibly pay more than 18000$ on the note which I endorsed for them. but that the balance could & would be paid in 60 ds. I told them I had no instructions whatever on the bill. or note - nor could I tell in what hands it was. They appeared much distressed at the idea of bringing me under protest. and believing that your interests would be best secured by receiving for 3000 $ for 60 ds - I agreed to endorse their bills for that amt so that they could receive for the payt of the note in full. I feel assured the bills will be met at maturity but if it should not - and I should have to pay again for me half. you must hold me harmless - as it is done to serve your interests. I think it is the only way in which your whole debt can be secured. They are truly honest men. & wish to do right. you will have the use of the whole amt of note & 60 ds and I feel confident you will never be called on for another penny. but I wish you to hold me harmless. We spent here

Yours truly
O. P. Lee

Mr. H. T. Drummond
Lexington
Pennsylvania

D

We will be at home 1st Dec. after 15th Jan. & Miss Bennett & Mrs. Lee's long stay. Mrs Lee & Mrs B. join in long affectionate remembrances to your family. Mrs Lee & I shall be anxious to hear from you.

My dear Sir

I enclose a letter for Mr. T. Clay, which you can read, seal & deliver to him if requisite.

My impression is – that we ought to get a first rate article at 8 & 18. and the object of sending the letter to you. is to get you to do me the favor. to see if a contract cannot be made at 18 & 8 keg. the 1st of Aug. in the orders. I write not anxious to buy 1st Oct – as I have heavy payts. to make – about 1st & 8th Oct. If Mr. Clay's hogging & rope are not good – I would not have them at any price. and I leave you to decide as the quality as well as the price – giving to Mr. Clay the same favor for a similar article at same price. you can also at 24 & 8 keg. the 1st Aug. in N.O. if you can't do better. – I desire to close a contract early. and lest you may not succeed with Mr. C. I write another a same 2nd of the 26th for I wish them made soon. if practicable.

Yours truly

T. Dennison

March 31st 1840.

The amount being of your product. will not justify high prices for any thing as blunts has to cut. use – or mess.

P. AID

Paid

Thos. T. Dennison Esq

Springfield

Ohio

Name.	Mark.	Plantation.	Bags.	Weight
W. J. Hale.	H.	Atchison's Landing Stocks Island	1800	2400 lbs
P. Duncan.	D	Do. Do.	5000	7500
Estate Wm. Bird	R.	Compton & Mackey Rodney	1800	2400
Estate of J. Lutes.	L.	A. L. Wilson Satchee Landing	8500	11000
S. Duncan.	D	Do. Do.	8000	10.000
W. C. Connor.	C.	Do. Do.	2500	4000
H. L. Connor	H. L. C.	Do. Do.	2500	4000
H. Chaties	H. C.	Do. Do.	6400	9700
G. Colhoun	G. C.	Do. Do.	3500	4500
J. Kee	K.	Sniff & Kennedy Do. Do.	3500	4500
S. P. Boyd.	B.	Fort Adams to	1200	1800
			44,700	68,500 lbs

I made the speech for Satchee with a diminished D. to distinguish it from the last designed for Atchison's Landing.

Natchez June 14th 1840

My Dear friend

I have rec'd your letter of 5th inst and cannot express fully my acknowledging it for the purpose of returning you my sincere & heartily thanks for your prompt - kind - friendly & generous offer. If I should need the services of the amount of my bill - I will notify you in due season.

I have sold my property near Frankfort - Penn - and I hope to be able to effect the negotiations - which will supply the wants occasioned by the loss of my rice crops. If I should fail in my negotiations - I will apprise you.

I hope I shall not have occasion to make any further changes in my orders for Bagging & Rope.

Please say to Mr Clay - that I have written to Cincy to forward the orders for Mess Litton - for W. C. Connor & for S. Dennis - Natchez - and at P. Gibson - Cincy for the order for Mess Reed - leaving the residue of the orders to be filled

from Kentucky. Please notify him
of this as early as convenient. as
I think it is nearly time the baggage
I was once shipped. If you, if convenient
post passed. the time will be long
& he will buy a higher ticket. —

Yours &c

A. P. Dennison

Natchez Nov. 7th
1840

my dear friend.

I have rec.d your letter of 19th ult.
it came to hand on the 5th inst.
you will have heard, ere this reaches you,
that the vote of this state will be cast for Harri-
son & Tyler. And it is my belief - that if the
same operation is made in St. Helena - Tom.
will be cut down to 3 votes, & probably 2.

I think the L & Bo vote will be held
if not in full - at least in hopes - and I
hope you will get the balance without
opp. And I think, you may consider yourself
fortunate, that you have succeeded so well in
Miss!.

I thank you again & again - for your efforts
to my interest with Mr. Clay.

I will take my family to St. Helena
in Oct. or Nov. - to keep a fast night on
those waters. I will let you know the
time, as soon as our killing can see:
I will be happy to see you there.
I still wish to see you here.

Our oaks will be better than Gentry:
-ficted - in Lafay. - but the whole vote of
the state will be 1/3 short of last year.

I am your truly
O. P. Carmichael

Henry J. Duncan Esq
Lexington.
Ken Tucky.

Paid

between 1st July & 1st Oct., I say at Louisville
for - it will require 22lb a man here
to net 20 cts at Louisville. and
Mr Clay will say I am in error in
attempting to charge 2 in excess here
fully 20 cts, by adhering to my order.
We sent better prices truly
C. Pod.

Mr. T. Dudgeon Esqr
Left care Thos
Hunt Esqr

Natchez Dec 9th 1840

My dear Sir

I rec.d yesterday your letter
of 29th.

You may expect Mr. Clay
bragging on the best terms you can
have us to supply meales, as best
we can, hereafter, with the cordage.
I refer you to my letter to Mr. C.
for an acc.t of the other deals in our
city. My opinion is - it has com-
pleted the bankruptcy of the planters.
and it only wants an overflow -
to finish the calamity of most of the
whole state. but this latter calamity
is now as certain as anything can
be - that has not actually hap-
pened.

I have the cordage of Mr. C. is now
nearly mined. I have the people
from my plantation i expect to
running it to the steads of H. P. Pettus
& Thomas Hill. & will do all I can to
make the loss as small as I can
do. But I have under the most
favorable circumstances the losses
will be considerable. If this cal-

very have expend my time to the wind
I am heart sick of the gloomy
prospect before us. I feel for the
community. for their trials & their
troubles are great. - I fear our friends
L & M. will be wearied. There is
scarcely a vestige of their tea being
left. & we think goods are offered
to the market. It is very clear - but
we have had it with heavy rains.
which must have damaged them very
: freely.

The new flour being more certain -
I must beg you to send only half
the quantity of Rope & bagging ordered
for M. McCullough. W. S. Wells
& myself - deliverable at Atchi-
: sons landing - Stack Island Creek
Out let these parcels, be the best
ship's - for they must not never
be landed - & the prospect is - they
cannot be, before June. when it is
hoped the rivers will fall.

I would rather buy Rope & parts
from the bagging - then take indif-
: ferent rope with it. I will take of
the parcel now here - as much of
it as may be found to be sound.
(if there be any) at 8 cts - but as not

desire to have any tow rope - at any
price. But whatever you have shall
as many No. will be sometimes
by me - I do intend to be for the best.
Let the parcels that are shipped to
Natchez - be consigned to H. P.
Postlethwaite Esq except the bacon
for the Estate of Lin Tom - which
may go to A. L. Wilson.

There is not a house, to scarcely
the vestige of a house, left at
the Natchez landing. and very few
tree are found there. that I
do not see I shall be able to recognize
Natchez. it has been so below the hill.

— If I am not greatly de-
: ceived Bagging & Rope will be
selling exceedingly high purchases of
184 by before the 1st of September. and
I really feel very indifferent as
: but contracting at present - at any
: thing near these prices. - Mr. Hays
bagging will doubtless suit - but
I am sure that was purchased,
the price will be (at 20 cts) full
20 cts more the average market
price. You might contract at
180 cts certain - & 20 cts if a similar
article is employed that at Lancaster

Natchez 30: May 1820.

Inclosing the following quantities of Bacon & Rope for the present

For Elegant Place Stockman 40500 pds of Bacon
~~[illegible]~~ and 5400 pds of Rope
to be delivered at Elegant Place immediately ~~the~~ opposite the upper end of Fairchild Island on Lou^a side about 16 miles above this place

For Rifle Point 3.000 pds of Bacon
and 4.000 pds of Rope
to be delivered at Rifle Point Place about 8 miles above Natchez on Lou^a side - my ~~[illegible]~~ ing is below the point -

For Wilderness 1.650 pds of Bacon
& 2.200 pds of Rope ± for
at Natchez - ~~[illegible]~~ they will not deliver it at all the Hogs
Ground with the Lowell delivered at Rifle Pt. Jany. Gentlemen

Bacon in all 8.700 pds
Rope 9.700 pds

my dear Sir, If too late to embrace the above in the contract with Mr. Clay. If too late - please advise me.

I am very truly &c

P. D. Brown

Mr. Henry S. Lawrence
Lexington
Kentucky

F. T. Brown Esqr

LEXINGTON KY JUN 26

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My dear Sir

I have written to you twice on the subject of Mules.

I now find, I should want 15 delivered to W. P. Hale Atchisons landing Block Island Beach. nearly opposite to Lake Providence.
10 Do. deliverable at Rodney to J. Bingham for Estate of Wm Bird.
10 Do. to H. P. Bottle Muscito to Jno Hatcher.
The whole to be delivered on or before the 20th of Jan.y.

I could have bo.t 10 here today. at 65$ round - but 3 of them were very small - & were those over 2 years old.
I would prefer those 3 years old - but any thing over two years, would do.
I am told they have been sold below this at 75$ a head - for first choice.
I would be willing to give at that rate or say 80$. - Please do me the favor to write me immediately - whether or not they can be delivered. I write under no pressure till I hear from you. Two dollars in the price, is no object - in a good article.

Your Truly
[signature]

Nov.r 4.th 1840

Lafayette - Ofte - L. L. Price attn. Adams
Hale. Atchinson Langley. Jacob L. Ogle
Hn.y J. Hunt Henry Pc. L. Jonathan Terry
Little Hatchison - L. Jerome Ohio.

Hon. Henry J. Thomas Esq
Lexington
Kentucky

Free
DG

Dear Sir
In the case of Jonathan Mitchell & Jos. Ogle
as the case was tried in Mason Co. I will be
in Lexington on Monday Nov. 9 with a
Ohio - Ohio. 96 & my Liberty Ky. Witches testimony
- may be. If Gardner can - please get Mitchell
to be here with his witnesses & Ogle's witnesses
from Ohio & obtain witnesses - &

My dear Sir

Since I wrote you yesterday - I have
by the kindness in the contract for No. 6.
Bussing & Hale - been enabled the 10 horse
Bussing sent us as a sample. Most of them
underwrote it as being too opens. Bussing:
:mus said he w.d rather have such bussing
as was purchased by Mr. Reed - (Reed
Pickens - or some such name) at 2 &
3.rd difference in price. I can see no
such difference myself - though I
prefer to have it were closer. +

One or two of the Sect.s object to the
step at any price. And I have
this moment requested H. P. Pettis:
:Minister Esq. to have these Sect.s who
are known to No. 6. & personally friendly
to him - to explain the rules - & explain
the difference in prices - & then it will
be - for it was premature to the Tornado.
This, I think is the best course. No. 6.
will lose some thing - but he may under
wisely fortunate - that he did not lose
the whole! One or two of the Sec.s say -
they would not have it any price.
but I think - they will change their
views on a more thorough examination:
for I cannot think the urgency is over

they will see upon to take another bussing to our Tents.

I enclose the certificate in relation
to the contract. I must believe the
Sect.s will assume Tom rather
at any price.

Mary J. Queen
Lexington
Kentucky.

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LOUISVILLE KY
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15 a 20 per c.

I am yours truly

O. D. Owen

Natchez May 19th 1840

Neosho May 13th 1840

My dear Friend, I write you a day or two since. I have now to request that you will purchase no bacon or pork for R. McCullough & Co. & Myself. That was ordered to be landed at Atchisons landing Stack Island Branch. Thus illustrates are now under water & will not be passing & pork this year.

Yours truly

O. P. Dennis

The River will rise at this place fully 15 to 18 inches higher.

STEAM BOAT
LOUISVILLE
MAY
22
KY.

Henry S. Dennis Esq.
Lexington
Mr. Barley
Kentucky

Natchez 24th Dec. 1840

My dear Sir

I write you some time since & enclosed a letter for Mr. S. Clay, which I instructed you to deliver - hearing you could not procure a letter addressed thus Mr Clay's at Ashland. I recd of course give the perfecting to Mr Clay at Same time. Then we, no doubt, to have just learnt that you have been absent. but hence you are at home again - we write.

I wish to add to the order - for bacon.

viz. 3400 qrs Bagging } for B. M. Clellands
4200 lbs Rope } delivered at Atkinsons landing Steuben Ferry.

and please have the security for S. P. Bay assigned to P. A. Prestes Esq Adams

I have not rec.d a letter from the Hon. H. Clay - to whom he requests to give my order for B. for the Rope in these hands. If he has any in the hands of Dr. J. Sly - Port Gibson. I want he stand to have an order on him for the security ordered for Estate of Mrs Bird - & which I directed to be assigned to Crosbies & Richs - Bardsley. The bagging may be assigned as directed.

Hon Henry S. Lucas
Thomas Clay Esq
Lexington
Mont Ferry.

Have found me with an immediate
ably. The articles ought to be as the
Bills set forth.

If not too late - please order
the Bagging & Rope - for G. Gethers.
& for H. L. Cannon. ~~[illegible]~~
& 5000 yds of the Bagging & 8000 lbs of
the rope for me - all unique
to Mr. Jones. Hutchins Landing -
20 miles below Natchez. This will save
us Wagons & Teams Mr. Q. for
running. besides shorten the distance in
hauling. I want 1800 or 2000 yds to
2500 lbs of the rope delivered at Natchez
& all the other deliveries as mentioned.
If I miss an order as L & B. for
the rope they have. I will of course
make it here.

In haste
yours truly
O P Dunn

Mr S. Clay.

Dear Sir

If Mr Dunn has not yet entered
orders get the letters addressed to him
~~[illegible]~~ in hand - & mine the one enclosed
to you. I have no doubt the difference in the
terms of hay & cotton of
1st. Qual. will not be a matter of one
moment to you.

I am in haste
very respectfully
yours &c
O P Dunn

my dear Sir

I have your letter of 24th ult.

I will endeavor most heartily your feelings & sentiments on the subject of the friend: ships of this old world. Have it seems: fits me to have the expressions of affectionate respect & love for an aged mother. These are feelings which every good man respects.

In regard to the bagging & Rope - I know you would do for me & my friends the best - that could be done.

I think there will be a general one: flow of the Mississippi, & then - The time of bagging & rope will decline mui: : deedly. An overflow I think will take place - & the time of bagging will then be 17 & 7. -

I want to add to the quantity.

3500 yds of Bagging } for Dr. James
5000 lbs of Rope } Metcalf.

deliverable at his landing - ½ mile below Hutchins landing on the Mississippi.

The supply which I ordered delivered at Hutchins landing - may be landed at Metcalfs - as it will not be material to the planters - whether

sings

Henry T. Duncan Esq
Lafayette
Louisiana

attend at Metcalfs or at Mutchins Lan:
ding.

Yours &c

O. D. Duncan

Metcalfs May 7th 1830.

320
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May 18th 1840

Dear Sir? your letter
received was
duly

96th & 97th

I write now to say that the Bagging & Ties for Major Chotard must not be landed at Alexandria Landing - but must be delivered to A. L. Wilson Walters Landing.

I have no time to add.

Mr. Clay's letter has been particularly discussed here by the Whigs. It was expected for the benefit of the cause. I have had it altered - but it has been sent off. Unfriendly to the date may be inferred. Nearly & by the Natchez Democrat, generally to 1/2 a dozen lines. I think it will be best to have a search made - to ascertain the difference - if any - between it & other that

make in letter.

Jane must be better & take this time from your mind. Keep hands in the house of Jas. A. & J. it pays 7 per cent & benefits the family amazingly.

Yours

L. Prentiss

Mrs Dennis F. H.

Dennis F. H.

Zemo
Oct 1
1840

Take care of my letter
carefully for other
other people. Our friends
are in more need & more

is unimpaired.

In haste

Yours &c

C. P. Duncan

I open this to say - that I have just seen the samples of the dressing. It is better than I expected - & will fully meet our views. The cordage that is here, I have examined as far as it goes - & I never saw that justice is done Mr. Clay - in fitting the hemp - or rather in applying the dressing. I'd say that fully a half of it is unimpaired - except in appearance from unravelling. -

Natchez May 18th
1856

My Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 8th to which I refer you.

Don't forget - that I desire to receive the order for R. McCullough Co. E. Texas - & myself - delivered at "Atkisons Landing Stacks Island Reach" - one half - & also that I desire it may be the best wheat. At present, it could not be landed there - & I doubt whether it can be landed before 15th June. I am told, the water is on the rise of the Lower River, - & will be a foot higher than it now is. I think it had been to be the highest water ever known. You may be assured, Bagging will go down to 18 or 18 cts. I cannot give more than 7c for Tow cordage - nor if I can buy bagging expects from the cotton I have no fear but that I shall be able to get Mr Jones order for 7½ or 8c, made entirely of Hemp. -

Yours

Henry F. Duncan Esq
Springfield
Ken Tucky

Mr Duncan
Natchez
May 18th 1856
Rec'd June 2nd
Ans June 4th
Wheat
Bagging
Tow
Hemp

Wheat is now in demand & rather scarce - more in the Ohio & must be a fine prospect to be shipped at Natchez - & quite a little has been sold at Atkins Landing - & quite a little has been sold at Natchez & by Mr Henry H. Gholson at Natchez.

Bagging is in demand & will go up to 18 or 18½ cts

The quality of the Bagging, is not so material
provided it has 40 to the yard width. I
caught you did not close with Mr.
Clay - for I am sure the quality of the
rope w.d not have suited. The rope that
was here - w.d have answered - but it not
being used. But I may make from a
part of it a clothesline - the whole was
totally injured. -
If I could be assured there would be no
risk of two weeks in the Ohio - I could
delay the purchase till July - I do the con-
fident belief - that the price of bagging w.d
not exceed 18 cts. -

I am yours truly

P. D. Vanmeter

Natchez Jan.y 22.

1840

My dear Sir

I have just rec.d your of 23 Oct. and have had an interview with Messrs Lumsden & Brunett - & have offered to assume - for the Balance due you - on acceptance payable in N. O. - 15 Jan.y 1841 bearing int.t at 6 per c.t. I am sure, if they were able to do so, it will be better than I could effect of them. You can form no idea of the difficulty of collecting. There is nothing current here, but the notes of the U. S. Bank - & they are 35 per c.t. to go below the specie standard. No debt is paid at all - when any other money is insisted on: but I have this day (to almost every day) - Bills on N. O. payable 11 & 12 mo.s sold at a premium of 14 per c.t. Dr. Collins sold his bill yesterday, at that rate. I offered your friends for an undoubted bill at par. payable 10.th Jan.y next. but could not get it. I have taken U. S. notes for the amt. due you - as I stated in my last letter - but they are 25 p.c. 34 per c.t. below Specie, or bills

Mr. Henry T. Rennie &c
Liverpool
Care Thos. Tapley

on N. O. at 34 ⁰ date. But – as I can see
you prefer – we long – in keep the
I will give my bill on N. O. payable
15th Sept. next, at par. for them. If I
can do no better for you. – though I
perhaps investing them for you. I think
the balance stated by L & B. is about
4000 $. –

you can form very little conception
of our degraded condition here. We are
under the Gov.t of blackguards, & rascal-
-ity & nothing seems a predominating
influence. We are worse than N. O.
and with much less hope
of our getting right again. It is a
sickening subject to me. & I will dis-
-miss it. If I could dispose of my pro-
-perty – I would quit the state.

I think many days explanation will be
to satisfy you of the soundness of the views
I mentioned to explain to you last
winter touching – in relation to Banks
& Bank stocks. But in truth, no
shadow of property is secure now, and
he is wise, who will make his
mind to see the wreck of his pro-
-perty without one half – of his income
in the same proportion.

– I found the whigs are quite commonplace
-ing, in their feelings & principles.
They can as readily admit a new friend
as they can give up an old one: and they
can abandon all principle, for the
sake of consistency. – I confess, I am
not a whig now. I will not vote for
Old Harrison. Let others do as they may.
I am sick & disgusted with politics.
I begin to think there is about as much
principle in one party as the other. I
wish I could now have the name of honest
again.

I presume, you will see the newspapers
of our election. They are thoroughly
blackguard – & therefore well suited to
the scene from which they emanated.

My family enjoying pretty good health
now. Charlotte still coughs a good
deal – but not so much as she did a
few weeks since.

My regards to Mrs. Duncan

I am yours truly
P. Duncan

14th May 1840

My dear Sir

I write to you by Mr Brady - not to run down my nagging a little for Mr. N. Clough Mr. Hale & myself - estimable at Atchinson landing Stock Island Bank. These slaves, are now in the water, - and will not make an income of either. -

I have 1200 bales. and I think I have you say - at present prices - it is no great loss. but worth at the - to be free out of debt. But to be who is in debt - 30.000 $ - will at least help a little. —

Our citizens - have especially the citizens of New Orleans - have done nobly in the way of relief to the sufferers of the city. You have not a single class of wealthy people in our community - so of such as to ask a loan charity. but we have thousands - who are too poor to buy - who would be glad to borrow - at a moderate interest, for 5 years. to repair the damages of the Tornado. -

The loss of property by the destruction of buildings is estimated at about 1050.000 $. This is 250 000 $ under the mark. The have been pressed sick four months, [illegible]

Mr Henry T. Drummond Esq
Springfield
Massachusetts

MARIETTA
MAY 15 1840

the store. Has it been obtaining 2 or 3 thousand or, but has exhausted the manager. We have not yet ascertained the number of hands lost - nor will we be able to ascertain it accurately in this respect. There must have been some from 100 lost by drowning. and there are many - yet missed in the mines. - It is indeed marvellous that our lives are not lost. but you to see the city, you would exclaim. how is it possible that so few were killed or injured?! There is not a building here that has not suffered at least - a little. -

yours truly P.D. Morse

Natchez 15th Septr. 1840.

My Dear Sir

I wrote to Mr. R. H. Gray - that you accept on our - bargain at the office of J. H. Lemmon, Esq. New Orleans - for the amt. of Bagging & Ties by him bought at the lowest price & on the contract - was to be duly honored.

I have now repeated the same to Mr. H. Gray.

And I return you my sincere thanks for the kind attention you have bestowed on this matter. The amt. will be $13.383.80. —

I again thank you, for your very kind & respectful offer, to protract the day of my bills on Liverpool, if received by me - I fear I should be unable to meet it without difficulty. I am nevertheless - not the less thankful for your generous friendship.

Our cotton crop will be very short crop. The product - was so great - since the year of 1839. there that of 1840. and there has been a loss from inundations, of not less than 50.000 bales. before the obstruction of Red R. by raft. to Texas. to of 35. or 40.000 bales. But it would be safe to estimate the loss at 1/3. less than last year. If there be a deficiency in the same proportion - in other cotton states - the whole crop of the U. S. will not reach 1600.000 bales. I think it is much more likely to be under 1500.000. - than over 1600.000. - But these are speculations - in which you feel no great interest.

Mr. T. Duncan Esq.
New Orleans

my own crop will be 800 bales & probably 1400.
less than last year.

We have of nothing here but politics. There is much excitement. but I cannot think the whigs of Miss. are by any means as well organized as the Democrats. yet it is highly probable the vote of this state will be cast for Gen. Harrison. at least, this is at present the general opinion. [illegible] that it will go for Van Buren. [illegible] vote for Harrison. I cannot say myself. I give the Tip: Clerk. I am opposed to all clubs. I find the Southern clubs of Richmond, Newark &c the Democratic clubs of Tom. Jefferson. (that is, in the country.) come to the Hickory clubs of Jackson & the Dispatcher clubs of Harrison.

What do you think of the Kentucky opinion? It is my opinion, that none but a military man can unite the whole, with success, to the Presidential Gen.l Scott. or Col Benton. in the Col. Solution will be the most popular. [illegible] the Presidency, for if the present agitation is kept up. we must come to civil war with a military dictator. How would you like it?. With such a state as Bonaparte - I would prefer it.

The health of our city, now was better. but on the plantations - in every section of our country there has been much sickness.

Regards to your family.

Yours truly

O. H. Brown

Natchez Dec. 13th 1840

My Dear Sir

I wrote you a hasty line on the 28th ult on the subject of the note of Lee Holmes & Beaumont. I now write to say that I have sent the counterpart, but that the bill for 3000 $ which I accepted, will be paid at maturity: so that you are supplied with funds without loss. I am satisfied if the writer had managed his property, their affairs would have been saved loss. If you had come on yourself, & consented to the course for the collection of your money, I am sure your loss would have been considerable.

Do you know of a good 3 year old negro being offered for sale? I want 22 to 25 years old. There are rather of the best quality now in this market. Indeed, there have been but few here, the drovers being expected to sell to our parties, here & generally to Louisiana.

I wish you would let me know at your earliest convenience: negro - at what price I could purchase - delivered on board steamboat at Louisville - 25 years 3 years old. If it is an object, I could send a confidential agent up for them. I hear cotton, the 1st of the year, will not be more than 8 & 10 per lb. - I could want 15 hands at my plantation on the river. & the remainder at Natchez. & I would pay for them by bills on Phila.

Write me be kind enough to write me on this subject.

Yours truly

O. D. Duncan

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Natchez Dec. 15th 1840

My dear Sir

I wrote you a hasty line on the 28th ult on the subject of the note of Lambden & Bennett. I now write to say that I have not the remotest doubt, but that the bill for 3000 $ which I enclosed, will be paid at maturity: so that, you are happily rid of mishap without loss. I am satisfied if the creditors had managed properly - their losses w.d have been small. If you had done as others, - consented to the waste for the collection of your money - I am sure your loss would have been considerable.

Do you now see or hear of - good 3 year old mules being offered for sale? I want 22 to 25 good 3 year olds. There are none of the best quality now in this market. Indeed, there have been but few here, the drovers being afraid to sale to our people, have gone generally to Louisiana.

I wish you would let me know at your earliest convenience: mules - at what price I could purchase - deliverable on board steamboat at Louisville - 25 good 3 year olds. If it is an object, I could send a confidential agent up for them. I fear cars, the f.t on them, w.d not be more than 8 or 10 per head. - I would want 15 landed at my plantations on the river. & the remainder at Natchez. & I would pay for them by bills on Phila.

Will you be kind enough to write me on this subject.

Yours truly

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