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W. T. Deane Esq

Laying in

At San Francisco



San Francisco
No. 2 Hotel

7th Jan 1848

My dear friend
Your letter of 27th ult. came to hand
yesterday, and I regret to have found it - that we
should not meet during my sojourn in the north.
It is very uncertain what route we may take on our
journey home. I think however, it will either be by
the way of the Lakes - or by Sea.

I am not fully conversant with you in America, but
to see it in its true value at home - and perhaps
to see it - may be seen in its true value. This opinion I
apprehend to you - long since. I am satisfied,
that to see it in the full value of the same quality:
I do - and he who promises to pay more, is likely
to disappoint the reader.

In regard to the Boston papers, my intention
was that if started by them, they should be
signed to S. B. Baker Esq. - but that if
they were not started before the 1st of Dec. the
probability of their being started if the same were
low - as it was likely to be, they might be de-
termined very much - if not decided - as the case
stood in that case, it would be better to send them
by land; & if sent there, they could be delivered at
my home in the plantation 15 miles below Haverhill -
as it may require some notice to my friend S.
John here would attend to the rest of them.

I have been much disappointed in the result
of the election in S.C. though I yet think Kentucky
is scarcely more certain for Clay than that state.
I give the effects of the abolition vote in this state.
I wish I if it should be sent again to Mr. C. it will
certainly defeat his election. I am sure, Calhoun
cannot get it. I own thought of these votes & their
weight upon the friends of Calhoun & Mr. C. that the double
would go for Clay. I have however, from sections of
P. Calhoun's - news here - that such will not be
the case. On the contrary - that the vote of Calhoun
will be sent for the removal of the Convention,
to be shown to every.

I presume you have seen Dr. Van Hook's
speech at the Anti-Slavery meeting in London. This
is from the spirit of the difference in
the attachment prosperity of the free states, as compared
with the slave states, & the other - and
appears to me to prove the much. In mentioning
the spirit of the free states, the same spirit might
be said to show the advantage of Republicanism over
Monarchical Govt. - for we see no doubt
that the difference in the welfare & prosperity of
the country on ~~the~~ each side of the Atlantic is that
of slaves, is decidedly in favor of the American.
But there is no difference in the attachment & prosperity
of the states in the West. until you come to Virginia.
I who grows and care has & more in the future, are
exceptions to all rules.

The same here. News few, has been such a pleasure.
The word has been in common. but I don't think the
conclusion has been so agreeable & entirely not as well
in the '39, when Mr. Clay was here. Mr. Calhoun is now
here, looking somewhat more cheerful - but to be
sorely.

The anti-slavery has rather regains confidence & has
seemingly improved. The same part of the '39, I think
has been neglected with care. - I think the result
of this election next year will exhibit a falling
off in comparison with this - of fully 200,000 votes
lost in the Alabama Florida & the other states
has at least some. This falling off will be in greater
proportion - for this spring there were some banks
closed - & not some - is said to be followed by
an early frost. & in that case, the crop of 1843
may not reach 1800,000 bales. Would not such a
crop - have a large surplus of Bag & Paper?
If the surplus in the U.S. ^{last} year was sufficient
for a crop of 2,000,000, surely present harvest
can - & be maintained, if the present crop is
600,000 bales short of last year. Specimens will
be manufactured this year than last, and certainly
some hemp will be produced, this last year.

Regards for Mrs. Deane -
I wish Mrs. Deane by some for some weeks to be long
to say. I expect to start for the West about 1st Sept.
& to pass a week or there at Lexington.

I am yours for Dr. Deane

Wells, H. 3. 1847

My Dear friend

I hasten to reply to your letter of 23. Oct. I have nothing of Mr. Robertson's property - except your general report. It is (K. K. K.) located on the Laforests - in the land there, are generally seen in large numbers by the 6000 - in fact, inside must also be really in the form with the culture, and in the land - when the present. One new species of land & the tree - decay of the canopy to give too long - but the land, the specimens of the wood - are but recently felt. But as the land, I wish to say, it was not to be improved by any degree of labour - to produce a fair crop. I am not able to say, when the Mr. Robertson's land is there in fact - but I am inclined to think it is.

As sugar plantation, that will be producing an annual average crop of 500 lb. of sugar, ought to be cultivated at an expense, not exceeding 7000 \$ per acre. 500 lb. of sugar, with the usual product of molasses, - may be at 3/4 c. for the sugar & 8 c. for the molasses - to produce 28000 \$ of 7000 \$ is deducted for the expenses - the net product is 16,000 \$ which would be a 12% per cent interest of 133,000 \$.

But I have no idea, that Mr. Robertson's property could be bought for less than 100,000 \$ I have seen no other mortgages on it, besides those for mortgages, and the parties interested, could hardly consent to a sale at a very great sacrifice.

To make 500 lb. of sugar - an acre would require 90 effective hands - besides, Cooks, & others - labourers.

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J. D. Munroe Esq

Livington

Virginia



There is an objection to the land, located on the highway & back of the Mill Pt. in the vicinity of getting the water to market & the surplus - here -

If Mr. P's place makes 500 L.L. he must have given 30 to 100 effective hands - & not less than 150 slaves. For 2/3 is a large allowance for effective in any country - If he has 150 negroes he ought to have 2500 acres of land - and if his sugar lands between Georgetown and complete of this land, & the land ought to be worth 20% more to the negroes. 350,000 \$ he had. This is a large land & requires to a very 10,000 \$ and the other have also on this place ought to be worth 10,000 \$

It is going to estimate the average cost, at 60¢ per to the effective good hand. I am sure, that some planters make more than 40% - there are 6000 to the effective hand. 1300, I would not myself be less than, with less than 6000 to the hand - and the property under my own management.

But my good friend, I would not advise you to think of ever leaving his work, or purchasing, unless you determine to reside, at least 8 months of the year - as the property, no man ought to own such property, without having a personal supervision over it, for at least that period - every year and again. I am satisfied, larger estates are more likely to decline than to increase in value, in the next few years. Even as the property can be bought now - I doubt not, it will be less, in few years hence.

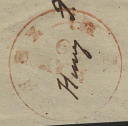
I will make enquiries in regard to Mr. P's property & if I can get any particulars will let you know. I write in haste - regard to Mrs. D.
Yours
A. B. Williams

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Henry J. Deane Esq

Lexington

Kentucky



Richmond Aug 29 1843

My dear friend
I have your letter of 18th inst and
am glad to see you are satisfied of 15c

I don't think Mr. Day can make contracts on
his old scale feasible. The expense has been
to be 15c - when hemp is at 4c for 12 lbs. to
to be a fall - 1 1/2 c - or hemp may come in
for 14 per hundred

Now if 7c to be offered on the cost of manufacturing
the bearing bagging - & that 2 lbs are required for
a 7c - then each 5c of bagging ought to cost - when hemp is
at 4c for 12 lbs. - 16 2/3 per 100. And if hemp is at
3c for 12 lbs. then it ought to be delivered at 12 1/2c.
But if the bagging manufacturers set 7c to be 7c for
making & delivery bagging - in addition to profit of
the two - they will do better - in fact to be better than
the latter plan.

I think with you, that stock will come up - to
what in your plan. I don't think the amount of
realize more than. I don't think the wishes to secure
30,000 to be his business estate - for 5 years at 8 per
cent. The security would be considerable. I don't think
such a great amount of debt you better - than a purchase
of property. Unless you could live on, or more to - it.
With 10,000 \$ in August - 10,000 \$ in Oct. & 10,000
in Nov. - and will be pay the interest in 1st of every of each
year - for three years. 1/3 of the stock held to the end of the
6th 1/2 - but the 5th to the end of the 6th. I don't think
you of it. If I had the funds I would take no loan.

I have written it since since Miss. Sec^r at the
purpose 20 years hence.

You have in the 14th & will be in
New York on 17th July. It is here till Jan 5th
to 15th August. I should be very happy
to see you in the North.

Yours quite truly
Ch. D. ...

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March 21st 1843

My dear friend

I have just rec^d the enclosed copy from Mr. Foster. I would not buy the property at any price, - as it would seem to be, by the Co's grasp.

Mr. Jackson writes me a great deal of business, but no idea of selling any part of the Estate.

I have in the year 1841, written of the 15th Dec^r in which he proposes to sell to me his children's share - for 80,000 \$ - as follows -

- 37,500 \$ to the heirs of the 1st Dec^r 41
- 7,000 \$ to the children of " " "
- 10,500 \$ to the Louisiana " " "
- 11,000 \$ in cash -

and 14,700 \$ in 122 years with 40 cent % per 80,000 \$ - one year 1st Dec^r 1844

Proposed to be delivered 1st Dec^r 1846.

The property consists in a tract of land about 4500 acres a good brick sugar house & Pressing, with sugar Cabin & house - he has a fine stock of cattle - with 7000 \$ of slaves - some under the superintendance of one of the best managers in the State - whose services can be turned for years at a fair compensation."

I believe the slave value last year 400 h. l. - and ought to reach 350 on an average, making 12000 \$ at 3 1/2 % - for sugar & 10% for Molasses the cash is 2500 \$ 14,000. 4500 ought to pay the amount of interest leaving 3500 \$ for next year's interest

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J. D. Moore Esq
Lynchburg
Richmond



The debt to the Union & Co. Bank may be paid in three bonds, which can now be bought in London, at 50th in the dollar.

They would receive the debt - to about 50,000th Cash. And I think the security - at that time would yield an int. of 15 per cent per an.

If the debt in five years has not increased it would be the best purchase I have had of lately. From my experience - I could not have a plantation on which there was much loss.

But my good friend - I say again - would you care spend 1/2 the price on the slaves. I would by no means advise you to invest the five years money.

Mr. & Mrs. have a very desirable plantation on the coast. which they are selling because it will be sold. There is scarcely one plantation in the town - that might not be sold just now. My very best friend, who would advise 50,000th in cash.

I write in haste

Your very sincerely friend

Edmund Burke

I have a letter from Mr. Gley to Mr. Burke, in which he says. "The friends of the cause did not expect his usual sagacity, when he advised a contract for buying & selling at hand on 50th for bonds." Now to this I might say. That I did not know my reputation for sagacity, and that my friend

Mr. Gley said 2^d. I cannot see why it has stopped by declaring a contract as such to be a security it be as Mr. Elliott says - the price was to rise before, as the price of bonds was above what was then paid - was 5th for 10th the.

If bonds were not Gley's proposal - I did not care - I think it was not - from the fact - that when I told him "all our good men do solvent plantations, expected to buy at 12 or 12 1/2 per cent" he replied "then it would be useless for me to attempt to see the engagement" - He spoke of 15th for 7th as the lowest it could be paid for.

at - to them - bonds were at 10th - 11th - 12th - 13th - 14th - 15th - 16th - 17th - 18th - 19th - 20th - 21th - 22th - 23th - 24th - 25th - 26th - 27th - 28th - 29th - 30th - 31th - 32th - 33th - 34th - 35th - 36th - 37th - 38th - 39th - 40th - 41th - 42th - 43th - 44th - 45th - 46th - 47th - 48th - 49th - 50th - 51th - 52th - 53th - 54th - 55th - 56th - 57th - 58th - 59th - 60th - 61th - 62th - 63th - 64th - 65th - 66th - 67th - 68th - 69th - 70th - 71th - 72th - 73th - 74th - 75th - 76th - 77th - 78th - 79th - 80th - 81th - 82th - 83th - 84th - 85th - 86th - 87th - 88th - 89th - 90th - 91th - 92th - 93th - 94th - 95th - 96th - 97th - 98th - 99th - 100th

proposal was - to allow the amount 5th for 7th for cash, being a delay - to be allowed 2th of bonds to the 7th of buying - to be paid before - at the current rate. This would be the most reasonable proposal.

But I did not do understand Mr. Gley.

North Oct 30th 1848

My dear friend.

I wish you would inform Dennis, that the highest offer I have heard for his note is 65¢. I have seen a lot of 12 purchased at 65¢ and selected some a lot of 84, fully equal to Dennis. I think it would be worth him to see as a sale is out of the question, even at 65¢ and I will certainly send him to my satisfaction if I cannot afford to keep him here. Robert shows he would not like him, I would not buy him at 65¢, though I must wish to purchase.

The riding horse I have just seen. He suits me admirably well. The ticks are little, which I think is owing to his shoes being not too long. He starts a good deal, when he first comes from the stable - but he is not an awkward horse - especially for a Gent. His gait is admirable, and I don't know what I could do better suited.

There let me know what Dennis - deems in regard to his note.

The prospects for Mr. Plog - can't not well be better. I wish most sincerely, - he would not go to N. Carolina - on any other day - till the election is over, and I also wish - he would avoid any all success, - the subject of a bank of the U.S. - Be assured, the success of the present day, can't be consistent for the safe management of Banks. - If the office of Director must take the President, - the day's business is the bestly well!

Respectfully yours
Wm. B. *[Signature]*


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Henry T. Dunning Esq

Lexington

Kentucky

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 Henry T. Deming
 Lyngby
 Kentucky

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Steam Boat
 Express mail
 9- Oct- 1843

My dear friend
 I saw him yesterday & found
 from two letters with Dennis & the Steer. The
 latter with D. we now on board this boat with
 the exception of a Brown mare which is too
 badly grounded to be moved. She is left with
 one of Dennis' friends to be sent when in
 condition. The others with the exception of
 smothered legs from travel are in health & in
 good condition since two are there which
 are pretty thin. The riding horse, I am no
 doubt will please me - I'd of course keep
 him. I have gone Dennis' 4th mare. I
 will give him 15th at market, leaving him
 to account to you for his expenses he
 I think you had better file up a bill
 on me payable at C. T. Deming's office -
 for a sum sufficient to cover cost of packing
 horse & my labor here for expenses
 already incurred, & the price of Dennis' -
 & change will fall by & by. If you had better
 sell now. Make the bill for enough to
 cover the whole and if there is any excess
 in your hands - it can be applied to pay
 to Mrs. Anderson in Jan'y. you might then
 for make the bill for 250th -
 I am in treaty for a good riding horse in
 board this boat. and you need not trouble
 you self to buy another for me. -

Accept many & warm thanks for what you
have already done for me - and be assured
I will always be found ready to make
all the return in my power.

I would have been gratified to have
seen you here - but must hope to meet
Hessmer hereafter

With respect for Mr. D. and with
for yourself kind regards of my son.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Very truly yours,

Wm. D. Miller



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H. P. [unclear]

Philadelphia
Jan 19

My dear friend

I have this moment rec^d yours of 21st inst. -
your plan of publishing is just the one I would
desire & that which I supposed w^d be accepted.
That is "make the purchase of mine to be put to the
test of thinking." Excuse me any judgment in case
that relates to this matter. I of the course am not
with you this spring - I will not visit the States
before next winter. So that if next days I should
in be able to deliver after the season is over - it
would suit me. Any thing you do in this matter
will suit me.

I wrote you fully in regard to the reason I could do
immediately after - wrote to N. O. for further in-
formation in regard to Robinson's Cat. &

You intend me to help & supplement by selling a
few after me. I am sure if I saw him - and really
can - I would be glad to have as few copies as
possibly near general than your friends who seem to esteem
me highly. I certainly am not what I ought to be -
I will get the books you want.

I am other to write in haste
yours &
R. M. [unclear]

At 21st 1843

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Henry T. Duncanson Esq

Expanding the
Planting

My dear friend

Wethers Dec 21st 1843

I have no doubt you will be perfectly well pleased
with the result of our visit & our own feelings
towards you for the satisfactory manner in which you
have served us.

I am glad to hear things are beginning to look brighter
in your state, and that you will yourself be soon
fit to travel.

You have had our - the worst of the winter season -
I have been here - it has rained almost incessantly
day & night, since the 1st Nov. I don't think we have
had 8 clear days since the 1st Nov. And for the
last 8 days, it has rained all the time, night &
day - our crops - which under the most favorable
circumstances, would have been about 25 per cent, would
be made 15 per cent shorter, by the use of such a
winter. My own crops, were but short, compared with last
year - fully 45 per cent, and I am sure, when our
planting has done better & been more successful. I think
the average crop of the three states, Arkansas, La & Miss, will
be fully 40 per cent short.

I note that our friend Mr. Clay - would visit us.
I am sure, no friend of Mr. Clay - can more heartily
desire his success than myself, and yet I
would wish he would not visit - if I did not say,
that I do not thoroughly understand him for many
hours at all - till after his lecture. He is so rough
& man - that he looks only on the bright side of
things. But I can assure you - that he at least
made no additional friends by his last visit here.

On the contrary, he had found a water. This I know, and I know you ought to be coming again. But now there is a, it is hard to get you to go going about the country should you have the opportunity, & that enough on this subject.

This state continues to well in the same of expectations, & when she will shake off her fetters & corruption. God only knows. I am sick & disgusted with every thing like politics.

You may recollect - when last here - you told me in your letter, that if you could see them now, & recollect what the then was, you would say - they were then as compared with the now - as a Mr. Hammond said - compared with our going since. If Mr. Day stays here, he will be to be heard of the place in an eye.

In regard to Basing & Coffey, I have if you expect one 10 to 4 cash, you will be disappointed. If their case be shown containing an overflow of the Mississippi will be inevitable. Our street planter agree, that it was the wet winter before, that caused our great floods, & that the high tides in the upper rivers. The swamp are now fallen, & the dry river are now to be. The earth is saturated with water & there will be no room here for the water to run in. Consequently, a new plan - is more than probable.

I don't think the bagging you refer to - will suit me much. I get some of it, that is if it be such as was made for the Charleston market, and it

was too open to the light for our market. Perhaps ought to be made to the yard - to be made to be made to be made. The paper ought to be made to be made to be made. I believe the Charleston 150 is strong enough, - but does not suit the heavy enough. I would not be in want at present at any price, - for I would make a flood as '28 (I had one full bar of 29 - from being that flood in the river, was not as well by 10 feet as then, and not all over - it was the cause of the great flood of '28) I should not be very little. I do not want you to be left the year before - to get, I have a good deal left, more than half as much as I will need - if we have an overflow. There are many places where there is not more than they need.

Respectfully
Yours
T. Deane

Yours
T. Deane

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Seneca
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Henry J. Duncan Esq.
Lexington
Kentucky

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17th Sept 1863

My Dear friend

I have just rec^d. yours of 10th inst^t.
The purchase of one lot. White as his own terms
would be very satisfactory to me. and if you
could make the amount 15. (provided you can
get that number of good money) do so. and
draw out right in Charles P. Lewis's Est^o. for
a sum suff^t. with the bill of 750th - to cash
all. -

I expect to have in 10th days for some
700th - via St. Louis. -

I write in haste

Yours truly
O. D. Wilson

In closing. please direct at the post office.
"and charge the same to acct. of Stephen Duncan
of Kentucky"

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Henry T. Munroe Esq
Lexington
Kentucky.



My dear friend
Philadelphia Sept 25. 1843
I have just recd your kind & glowing
of 17th inst. - I thank you sincerely for your friendly
inquiries. But my good friend, our party
is much too large, & our numbers very, to
decide upon the shortest & best route to
New York. We shall leave here on the 28th, & hope to see
you at Pittsburgh on the 2^d. This evening
you had called on the 23^d & gave us a great
down to effect. I was still feeling. I was
often, but a gloomy prospect for us. But
I still sincerely hope that we will be
able to descend in some safe & desirable
and arrive there, before the fall has done;
by effecting this matter before the fall. It is
of the utmost importance to us, to take advantage
of the present season. However, we are
now to overcome our usual difficulties in
getting home. We shall then you make
no delay when our way has set out.
I am sure with you fully in spirits, that
the prospects of our journey being a very
one brighten, and it is only our party
for his friend to encourage them with
them publicly to others, to receive his thanks.

Mr. Mims in his letter of 17th says you think
you will be able to secure the two riding
houses, for ever. I rejoice to hear this, but I
know not how I can repay you many
kindnesses. I attempt it by words, which
but poorly express my feelings.

When I mentioned the purchase of "Cass"
"Hunters" it was under the belief that similar
excitement was being produced by the disciples
of the subject of slavery, & that this would lead
many to part with their shares. Mr. C. & others
will have no alternative to sell, & Mr. M.
writes me, there is no foundation for the
reported excitement, & therefore, I have abandoned
all hopes of buying in that way.

That as your wish of having my list, it will,
I am sure, not be so short, in comparison, as
our other lists; and if the reports made to you
are well founded, I am persuaded the other
list will contain no less circumstances of value

1750,000 shares & to my list would be 158,000.
In either case, buying to hold must decline in price,
as in the latter case, more than 1/2% to per cent.
of this, you may be assured. & with 70,000 shares
less than last year, will require as much to
stocks of buying to replace, and many of these
will have in them some paper stock, & will either
be able to give, or have some shares, or be able to purchase

shares over, for the next year. I, for example,
will require fully 1/2% less than I expected to
contain for in the spring. In 20 years 6% & I
shall under no circumstances make 2/3% as much
as last year, & on the same, I should be satisfied with
2/3%.

I have nothing to say, but with regard to
Mr. D. my wife's daughter is fully united
in this, she says she sees nothing.

I am your truly,

J. D. Mims

Mr. Mims said - regarding in the
hands of? being more than 15 years.
I thought of many more, your letter is
I am sure the subject of the riding houses &
but I hope you may succeed in getting at least
one. I cannot but find time, for some
to visit the shore.

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My dear Mother

London
Friday



London May 18th 1853

My dear friend
 I have just received your letter of 10th inst.
 I think it would be the wisest of course to
 be glad to visit with you in the purchase of
 a large plantation - but I am not the owner
 thereof. He is represented to me, to be a complete
 failure - & I am sure very poor - & I fear it is
 he who has so capital - but I have no
 objection to buy you & pay it to - on one half the
 capital - & I have no objection to change nothing of his
 - & I have no objection to purchase of crops to go to
 the extent of 100000 of pounds & interest - I
 think the whole is very good. He wishes to see
 in this subject, & I have last in Philad. & I have
 to let him know your name - if any favorable
 - & I have no objection to buy - I will, of course,
 say nothing to him, without your permission.
 When did you consider about making the purchase
 of money - & when did you expect to have the
 whole? I would have considered - because I should
 have been, in the 10th inst., & must make my
 arrangements before I go - if they are to be
 delayed before my return - which will not
 be before 10th -
 I must think it likely we shall visit London. I
 have no desire to visit, for any body else, but
 it is truly happy to be in contact with you & family
 if you do go. The great is - when we can see
 ourselves we feel we should be glad to see

them are isolated - to state as I have said. My concern
has to do with the... & requires so much of
my attention - that it takes me 3 minutes to describe
for my departure. In the first 3 minutes of the
my return - to search etc for last time during
my absence. I think this is the last volume
I shall go under - at least of the same kind.
There are several more to be done, & the copies are
all in the press. Many of them are being
opened back up as well as some of the
best of success. One letter in the paper is as large
as it has been for some time, especially when it is
not smoothed with paper.

My regards to Mrs D. I am
Yours truly
C. D. [Signature]

I only mention the subject of Mrs D's comments
that you might explain - if you don't mention it.
I am
Yours truly
C. D.

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My dear friend

Your letter of 17th ult. addressed to me at Hot Springs was forwarded to me at this place to me in C. yesterday.

I think if you will examine my letter to which yours is a reply - you will find that I acceded to your terms for my supply of Bassing. As I said that the suggestion of fixing the price was in compliance with your wishes - expressed in your previous letter - viz. "at your wishes" - at least your "recommendations" - you certainly suggested that it would be wise to say - instead of fixing the price now - I in accordance with what I said - as intended to say - you might fix the price for Mr. Marshall's & my own, at 12 1/2 & 5 1/2. I thought those were the prices, thus furnishing in Louisville, Ind. I am sure - they were the latest quotations I saw. But, I certainly intended to write - so as to convey a feeling of no difference whether the price was to be 12 1/2 & 5 1/2 or to be governed by the quotations in Louisville, as if I manifested any desire to fix them at all - I conveyed a feeling, which I did not then & don't now understand.

You seem to think I was disposed to be cheap - whereas I think my charges proposed by me, was at your

own suggestion. But let all this pass.

The tears are now settled & I to be
grieved by the quotations in Lewis's letter
on 15th Sept. next.

You have had the misfortune - to have
our dear son Stephen break both bones
of his right leg. You thought the fracture -
of the great toe - was a simple one;
was fractured. It has since has a certain
and - to be a comminuted fracture - &
his remaining side he more tedious. This
sad accident occurred the day after we reached
home & the weather since has been extremely
dry hot. His condition is indeed more serious
aggravated by the heat & confinement to a small
room. He took his pain with the patience
of a saint & the gratitude of a slave.
He runs shed a tear & his words express
a sense of his mother. When the surgeon
commanded sitting the bones & applying the splint
I know he put his little hands together
in the attitude of prayer & said "Oh God
grant me strength to bear this pain."
He is a noble little fellow. Love you
for this world.

The rest of the family are well.
Mrs. Davis's health has improved
much. Your family &c.

March 7. 1863

My dear friend
Your letter of 11th inst. reached me yesterday
& I wanted to reply - that you may be early in
revising my views of the bagging & Peps
business.

You appear to think that 5th is the
basis for in contract for bagging & Peps.
I am only say in this point - say you found that
Humb at 5th will command better than cotton
at 8th - and I have no idea what cotton will
command now 8th for more than you can
- say, that it is likely to settle down at 4.7
- under at such prices, do you think
cotton planters can afford to raise their cotton
in bagging - more at 12th per lb? I don't!
And I was pleased - when cotton is at 5.7
& under - it will be cheaper to use cotton,
for bagging & Peps, than to purchase at
11 & 5.

Since people seem to view, the recent Liverpool
price of 6.5 - as more favorable to the cotton
planters - & that there is now a prospect of
a return consumption & an advance in prices.
This is not my opinion, & I will tell you why!!

The annual stock of American cotton - in the Kingdom of Great Britain
on 31st Dec. 62 - was 286,000 bales & of all other descriptions
27,043 - making a total of 511,438 bales.
The average weekly consumption of 4 1/2 was estimated at
22,500 bales of the average wt. of 370 lbs. or 28,250 bales

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of the average wt. of 300 lbs. - It was also presumed that the maximum of increase in the consumption, might - all the mills being in full operation be, from 2000 to 2500 bales per week. This would give for the weekly consumption of 1843 - (assuming being living persons) - at the very extreme

31,000 bales of 300 lbs each.

Now, it is certain, - that the sale of the U. S. of 1842 will be not less than 2200,000 bales. & that the average wt will be 420 lbs.

Expanding the 220,000 bales (stock on hand 31st Dec, 1842) to average the same. There will be a supply from the U. S. of 1,582,000 bales, - averaging 420 lbs. per bale - which would be equal to 2,234,000 lbs. And if we assume the extreme weekly consumption to be 31,000 bales, the supply from the U. S. will be equal to the entire consumption of 1843 in 5 months of the year 1844. So that, if the entire stock of cotton from other countries, were burnt, - & not another bale imported except from the U. S. - there would be a most ample supply.

Why - can there, under this aspect of things - be any well founded hope, of any improvement in prices? On the contrary - to keep prices as they now are, the consumption would have to be reduced 30 per cent. as compared with 1842, and there is no hope of this. Indeed, until new Mills are built - the consumption cannot exceed 35,000 bales per week, and at this rate - the cotton from the U. S. is suffering for the whole of 40 - to near 3 months of the year 44.

you will see, my good friend - that I entertain but gloomy forebodings in regard to future prospects. - And if you have any sense of value in banking in the market of 1843, it ought to be - under the most confident feelings - that the articles are not likely to command more than 11 to 15 cts. for some years to come. -

I think you will see by my object here, - when any planter will manage his own bagging & baling - or his plantation - to a very considerable extent, - his plantation must prosper in any way. I wish you, I had 15 or 16 good broad acres, with goats to a good flock, & and also a good flock, - at your price. I wish only to carry my own stock. - At what price - do you think I could be supplied - especially of the kind at which, is sold?

I think Mr. Day has been kindly & probably so - but not more so than the other. I don't think he has made a single contract for cotton bagging or baling, nor is he likely to do so - with his present view in regard to prices. If you cannot give him up at 3rd he has been - we will draw you out of the cotton of it - for I think - as our own land - we can better afford to give him up at 3rd than cotton at 4th he has been.

Yours truly
James G. Thompson

My dear friend

I'm afraid we shall not see
each other. Dennis has to go
I have given him 15th. do I
give him 1/4 at dinner - for all
of which he will amount to you.
He takes his mule with some
for sale - but when told I am to
visit him to you.

Yours truly
Oct. 16th 1843
A. D. Brown

The house of 1843 - Brown
is known. The 1/2 of which
I have given - having been
by him to have some other
of the same

H. T. Brown - Esq

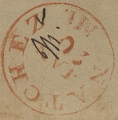
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Henry L. Duncan
Leaving for
Kentucky



Wetzel Jan 7 20. 1843

My dear friend

I have delayed answering your last letter - a long time - not because I did not often think of you - but because I could say nothing to alleviate your anguish. Time - & reflection can alone effect this.

Scams of affliction - are not the best suited for the cool deliberate exercise of judgment - and here in matters of pecuniary importance - a little delay - & procrastination - in our decision is excusable. I have not a doubt - that in the time which you may take - some - a benefit - will have the sanction of your more mature judgment & reflection.

The amount was paid to today. and as my partner has 100 \$ to remit for 100 \$ of. I presume the account to amount only 100 \$ for 100 \$ - which with the 34 \$ will make the 100 \$.

My time has been some time usually occupied all winter - but I trust - that I shall not have a rest but after 1st Dec. next - and then I shall have more leisure - at least - time to devote to my business affairs. not that they have not been well managed - but that I feel it to be my duty as a master to see more of my slaves.

Mr. Blake is still in N. C. but I believe engaged in some business. He is said to be in your country - but I do not know. I am very sanguine as to the success of the petition in N. C. This is almost - "keeping against hope". I see our measures are almost as much frustrated by difficulties as we are - yet I almost despair of any success in that view. I shall be to the Presidency.

Please remember me in kindest terms to Mrs. Deane
I am sincerely yours friend
T. Deane

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When they to say. you can send me the
 copies 1st down. for the sum of the baggage
 like a form - of the house number in
 copies of the office of Mr. Jackson in
 house release. There have in ground on
 New York at West Street.

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Henry C. Deane Esq
 Livingston
 Hartford

Nov. 7th 1844

My dear friend

I have just rec^d your letter of 23rd & 26th ult.
 I think you did not interpret that part of my letter
 in relation to the periods of delivery - correctly. It is
 a matter of no moment - when the baggage is
 ahead - provided $\frac{1}{3}$ is rec^d before 1st Dec^r $\frac{1}{3}$
 before 1st Nov^r & $\frac{1}{3}$ before 1st Dec^r & 1st Dec^r.
 But they are not to pay for it till 1st Dec^r.
 I made no positive engagement with any of them
 and if I had - they would be very glad to let me
 off - speaking which they will be able to purchase
 on better terms.

The effect of your my letter, proves I was more
 particular in my proposal. - than I had supposed.
 I had my eye to the case of the Estate of Linton is
 so much shorter than I anticipated - that I cannot
 reduce the quantity of the next year's supply.

The Estate of Linton will require fully $\frac{1}{3}$ left - being
 fallen short in this case more than a third - which
 is supply fully equal to One third of the value that
 can be expected from the next crop.

My crop in this country will fall short fully
 $\frac{1}{3}$ - had I were born more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of my baggage
 to Paris - left. The surplus is there on the 21st Dec^r
 to the same extent.

But you can reduce the supplies as follows
 Don't -

For the estate of Sir Thomas 1/3^d left of R. Pope & terms - then
the quantity ordered.

For Steaks Island Beach (Mr. B. Wood agent) -
1/4th left.

For Matcalp landing 1/4th left -

For L. Argent - 1/4th left.

I have not my own "with me" to indicate
the precise quantity that will be needed - but I
am sure the foregoing reductions will leave a
supply - more than equal to all I can hope
to make. If it should prove otherwise I
will take what may be required at success rates.
altho' I don't wish to bind you for the delivery
of more than the quantity ordered - after de-
termining the above.

I write in haste.

I have felt the most intense anxiety for the
result of the election. I have great fears. I have
never felt the same interest in an election - I
hope you agree to feel the same. If Mr. Clay is
not elected I will never cast another vote for
Pres^t. I fear we have lost their votes - for I
am not quite as certain as I w^d like to be of
D.^r. We must all have noticed how
we have been defeated here by the Foreign
vote. "God save the Commonwealth"

I am in haste

Yours truly,
John C. Calhoun

2. Henry J. Deane

Mr. W. B. Fennell

To

H. J. Deane Esq^r

Dear Sir

You will oblige me by drawing on B. P. Leavick Esq^r of New York. at sight for such sum as the bank Mr. W. B. Fennell may need for my acct. for the purchase of a horse. - and direct Mr. Leavick to charge the same to my acct. - Let the bill be for an amount sufficient to cover the purchase money - & the expense of getting the horse here.

Walden July 25th 1844

Respectfully

Henry J. Deane

St. Louis Sept. 2^d 1846

My dear friend

I have just rec^d your letter of 20th ult^o.
I am in your room in regard to the quantity of
the 1000 rods to be taken from the land paper
& the calculated price for what I bring.

My wife's bill for the journey back has been laid in
at 1/2 of each & will be for my landings.
I am in willing to sell the my land
supply in such terms that is the whole quantity
to be the land between 1/2 of each & 1/2 of each & you
for on the 1st day of June in the by night till in three
years - in in three years at any other & at 6
months after 1st June with 6 per cent.

I will send in follow

15000 lbs. Beans - sold to Mr. C. Wood - Stark Island Texas
18000 lbs. of Peas - from 1/2 to 1/2 miles above Providence
250 lbs. of Sugar - Mississippi side

3000 lbs. Beans } L' Arcant Plantation - just opposite
4000 lbs. Peas } the head of Fairchild's Island
600 lbs. Sugar } Louisiana side

5000 lbs. Beans } Metairie Landing - 22 miles below
6000 lbs. Peas } Natchez Miss^o side

100 lbs. Sugar }
6000 lbs. Beans } Estates of Louisiana - La. was bought
7000 lbs. Peas } Jackson Miss. New Orleans
100 lbs. Sugar }

m. w. c.

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Henry J. Deussen Esq.
Lexington
Kentucky

May 30 1855 J. P. Bassing }
35,000 lbs. Paper } Total
510 lbs. Tanned }

I would estimate the quantity of paper, tanned paper
- about 25000 & 28000 lbs. paper 400 lbs. Tanned
if it was desirable to you. & I will be
as punctual as myself.

I have not the consistent paper that these articles
are but higher next year. These things are
on the contrary they are likely to be lower.
Our great staple will certainly be lower than
was before. And when the average price
gets to be 4.5 (which I think very likely to
be next year) we can market either basing
at 1/2 the price. There are many articles
which can only be tested by results. But we
may present ourselves and would not be willing
to contract for the very best quality of paper & to
our better terms than those which we have.

I have examined the table of prices sent to
Mr. M. & think it a good article. You basing is
open - many open - but storing & basing. Basing
ought not to be mixed up with the good.
So it will, by basing, be bought by us & not by ourselves.

I am sorry to have so undesirable a report of
Mr. B's health. He is a very old man. I ought
not to expect to have much longer. & considering
the habits of his early life I and I might say too quiet
a habit of his later life I am ought not to expect

to see him live out his 4 years. It is therefore
the more important that our price should be
the more respect qualified to take his place.
As Mr. B. we have seen a man. Though
I am sure to complete what we mean is as well
qualified for the office as Mr. B. long himself.

Our hope on the whole are but see means
as promising as they were 3 or 4 weeks since.
I think that very few promising at this time.
As many places they will be materially shorted
by the season. I have done to say very little.
What we can do among the season. The season
are likely to spend over the whole winter season.

Respectfully for Mr. B. to your family.
I presume Mr. Lusk's departure will have left
this week you. He ought to be in N. O. himself
before 1. 15th.

I am yours
H. P. Bassing

Nitch Jan 9 1864

My dear friend

I have not yet replied to your last letter (date not recalled - but somewhere near the close of the 1863 year) - I have been exceedingly occupied, and feel I must not yet see any prospect of being able to undertake it.

In the subject of Beggaring & other - I ought to have written you some time ago - I had had in mind some interesting notes from the Bureau, when in fact I had not quite got the particulars of my next year's supply. I must therefore deal at liberty, to treat in the subject with every body else, and I have given them - definitively - which will be about middle of Feb.

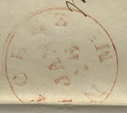
Like many I will not of an accident, of one of the articles in their state to be given, I have a little recollection of last year's supply, of these articles. I think I am not so saying - there is in the hands of the collector, - a supply of 1/4 of a lot of a fair average of cotton, - between taking the average, between 18 & 24 or 2500 lbs, as a fair average.

Under this view, - the price, I think, is not too low, and in a strong probability - may be near a certainty - that we are to have no surplus of the crop - which will tend to reduce it still lower.

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Henry J. Dunning Esq
Loring St
Newbury

single



Mr. B. O. Davis has sent me a sample
of Brazing & rope - the former labeled "H. S. & Co" also
"F" - the latter, "J. F. Smith" - which fully answer
my expectations. - would you undertake to
specify a quality - especially good. & at what
price?

I am inclined to contract for some
funds - when needed supply - would be
equal to 8,000 lbs rope & 43,000 yds of
Brazing - (either wire would be as good as
any one) & who is to be the purchaser,
Messrs in N. Y. or in N. York
St. Dist. - with the privilege of paying
delay. at a dis. t. of 6 mos. to 1 year can
I would such a contract suit you?

If very much I will have two scribbles
now added - the quantity is to increase to
100,000 lbs of cordage & 90,000 yds of Brazing.

If it will suit you to make a contract for the
quantity above mentioned & deliver at the landing
on the River - please say at what price.

But my good friend - you must be satisfied
in your expectations. -

I would not myself contract for the articles
if the best quality (and I consider the brand
above fully good) at 5 & 12 - labeled - Messrs
St. Dist. in N. York; - & because I can save & make
be able to do better for cash. 4 1/2 or 11 1/2 cash
is the highest I will give for "H. S. & Co" on the 1st
and the "J. F. Smith" rope - (and they are as good as I

would desire to have) delivered. -

It has rained here - night & day for
the last 10 days - & is now clearing away.

I believe I could contract for you with
our undoubtedly good quality, at 5 & 12 - being
able by Mills in N. York Messrs St. Dist. -
But at these prices, a very superior article
would be expected. -

The want close hanging - & small knots
rope: I thought to be very small, at 5 1/8 lbs of
your hemp - if not the whole.

I write this in haste,
Yours L
Edwards

4. Oct. 1844

My dear friend

I write you on the 3. Oct. since then I have seen Mr. Marshall Mr. Davis & others. They positively do claim any contract for Bussing Paper at 12. 5 & 12. 1/2 payable in N. O. in N. York at their option - on 1. Oct. without interest. They are willing to allow you to deliver in the manner stated in my letter 1/3 before 1. Dec. 1/3 before 1. Nov. & remainder before 1. Dec. 1/2.

They say they want the terms of pro. bond, when I first mentioned the subject to them. & that they would be more disposed to reduce, than to increase these prices.

I write this - in haste - lest you may not be misled by my letter of yesterday.

Yours truly
Thos. Munroe

[Handwritten flourish]



[Small handwritten mark]

Henry T. Munroe
Expenses
of the party

Richmond July 24. 1844

My dear friend

Your letter of 14th has just been handed to me. Our local seedsmen seem to have been of some thing interesting to keep it up.

In regard to "mules" I think I may say confidently - that the destruction of them, in the cotton region - by the flood is too ruinous to be working out; certainly we have no being on the piece. If I was compelled to give an opinion, in the demand for mules here next year - it would be that the exigencies of the flood & the inability of people who have been employed - to purchase any thing large - will most of our total wants - the demand is so light that the price lower than in former years. Besides, the destruction of the stock of mules & other animals from being in any way more stock than was absolutely required. When the means of purchasing being, are to be got, by the other hand - you give us the best - I cannot believe - and very certain - the demand for mules will be greater than of any other article, - I expect greater than of former years.

But I think your stock will be sold in the region, - except giving them to my friends for the best sale.

I have seen Mr. Meigs on the subject of your loss of sheep & changed rather his a deal of my regard for one of them sent to you, for the fear of losing both of us to such a point. There cannot be less than a loss of fall.

I will excuse you having to give your own opinion of it - in any way. I will be glad to see that with you of my next year's crop. I am already supplied for the coming year. I would be willing to take the same.

DL

Henry T. D. Munn Esq.

Lexington

Kentucky

July 24



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Henry J. Demme

Springton

Brooklyn

My dear friend

October 23, 1844

On my return from my journey to
New York I found your letter of 16th inst.
The long agony is now to I. K. T. is our President. It
was a hard & weary task to him. It is a man of
moderation to me. He was before him I felt he was an
in an election. But it is more difficult still to think that
such a man as I. K. T. should be preferred to Henry Clay.
I have made up my mind, not only now to take my
part again, in a Presidential contest, but even to
cast my vote for President.

If Mr. Clay had not left home on the 12th inst. I had
now written a line for the 12th inst. but above all - if
he had now placed a card for the 12th inst. - he would have
been dead. His opinion was as well known & as fully un-
derstood, in all the measures of a public nature as he could
make them by restricting the expression of his views to every
Town. Ford also thought it proper to write him.
But his conduct & feelings, associated most vigorously in his
prospects. He has an unconquerable temper for glory,
and even among gentlemen & among his friends, carries
the generous spirit, by offering to be high. This is an un-
fortunate because in our, who has so many noble &
admirable qualities - But enough in politics.

The day has now passed, gone by - when any man, per-
son of talents & talents - can be elected President.
The friends of our gov't left the office open to the selection
of the most Democratic, & have often, the best men in our
country as well as it, who is not identified with slavery
in their to a word. This is the result of the extension of
the elective franchise. and I think Mr. Clay himself

must see that the Secretary of the Office
has required the country to its present condition.
I have found the same. I believe was the first to see
the country.

Spent my week, was shorter than I anticipated, at
least so. I have nearly finished the paper & have enough
for half a year. I wish it did come out more
than as follows.

9000 7 th Bags?	} For the Island Bank
12000 Mr. Paper	
150 " Tins	
1000 7 th Bags?	} For L. August Plantation, nearly situated opposite the head of Fair Hill Pt.
1400 Mr. Paper	
20 " Tins	
3000 7 th Bags?	} Matilda's Landing.
5000 Mr. Paper	
no Tins	
3000 7 th Bags?	} For Estate of Linton to be finished too
4500 Mr. Paper	
60 " Tins	
Total	16000 7 th Bags?
	22900 Mr. Paper
	230 Mr. Tins.

I am very sure, the above will cover all I
will make with what I have left. Indeed, I
shall be glad to make better things to receive
so much in addition to what I have done.

Respectfully
yours
J. J. [Signature]