



Office of **R. M. BISHOP & CO.**

Wholesale Grocers,

Nos. 85 & 87 Race Street.

P.S. I do not consider it
advisable to send copy of your
last to the other party. but
will wait your reply to this
RMB

Cincinnati, May 3 1872.

Messrs Wither & Co. & Stockdale & Co.
Lexington Ky

Dear Brethren

Your of 22^d ult. came to hand

during my absence East. this with my many engagements since my
return, and the difficulty I have in deciding what to write
has prevented an earlier reply. I had hoped a plain simple
acceptance of our proposition without any conditions whatever
would have been made by both parties. The object of our
proposition is that the difficulty may be settled amicably and
I do believe if both parties will accept our proposition unques-
tionably, agreeing to abide the decision of the referees, be it
what it may, that it will be adjusted correctly. and I
do not believe it advisable to press the matter further unless
this is done. I have faith you can select such men as
will do you all justice and make a righteous decis-
ion. Can you send me a plain simple statement that you
accept or agree to our proposition. then we will require the same
kind of acceptance of the other party. then select your referees &
let all be arranged. Yours truly R M Bishop