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Confidential

Louisville, Dec. 18th 1886

My dear Major

You have of course seen the announcement that Hines will probably be a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. I have good reason to believe that he is in earnest. I do not know what you will think of it. What I think about it, I can best indicate by ^{telling} what I substantively said to Hines himself. I met him just after his return from Frankfort and when the rumor had first gotten abroad.

I expressed a very great regret that he had even consented to take such a matter under consideration, saying that I believed it was too late to accomplish anything for himself, but just the time when he could seriously damage Buckner. I told him that it would have given me, & doubtless many others situated like myself, great pleasure to have supported him under other circumstances, but that I had been virtually committed to Buckner for three years past, and that even if other considerations did not prevail, I could not ask to be released after having excused myself to

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The General for not supporting him in the last Convention, ~~be~~ on the ground that I was ^{then} pledged to another Candidate. He would esteem ^{it} strange conduct ^{on my part,} ~~in my~~ asking him to release me now, when I felt unwilling to ask such release from another party there. I told him that I was persuaded that the great majority of the Confederates were in exactly the same situation. That they might not find in Genl Buckner precisely the representative they wished - but that he had become, for the purposes of this race, their representative; they had fixed upon him as their Chieftain, under all the circumstances, and would not be willing to abandon him.

"You can not", I said. "divide them in such way as to ^{secure} give yourself much strength from that quarter; but you can produce the impression that they are divided, or will be, and thus weaken Buckner, by causing him to lose other support which he would certainly retain so long as it was believed

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that he would carry that element solidly. Very many men in the Democratic party train with the Confederate element, not because they love, but because they fear it. Let the impression once get abroad that it is divided - one part of it antagonistic to the other - and all such men will gladly avail themselves of opportunity to widen the breach and break it down altogether.

Your candidacy will embolden every man and clique which is jealous of the Confederate influence; and you will regret to the last day of your life, action, which may destroy that influence in Kentucky, and yet effect no benefit to yourself."

I am afraid that the consequences I endeavored to point out to Hiers, will result from this movement. I did not ask him to do, what I would not do myself.

I fully admit that I have had grave doubts of the wisdom of Buckner's nomination. A man so thoroughly entrained in

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public life and so in experienced in poli-
tics, might fail in more ways than one.

But he is honest and Conservative; his in-
-structs are correct and he will always be
subject to the best advice and influences.

And I think it is better to stand by him
and put him in, than run the risk of
getting some much worse man. Unfortu-
-nately, there is little hope of getting any
other sort out of the crop of Candidates now
presented. All are of small caliber and
light timber. The so called "business men",
seem to be styled such for no other reason
than because they kept out of the army.

I write in the hope that something may be
done - if Hines insists on making the sac-
-to prevent dissension in the Confederate
ranks. That, I think, you would join me in
especially regretting. I never expect to seek
office again; but I would like to see my
Comrades strong enough to always compel
recognition, and I honestly believe it to be

the best, the most reliable, the safest element
in the State, and it ought not to lose the influ-
-ence that it has acquired and hitherto ex-
-erted by acting harmoniously. I fear that
this present complication may even get
up a row between the infantry and
the Cavalry. I hope all that may be pre-
-vented, and I hope you and all the "boys"
in your part of the Country will strive to check it.
I shall be glad to hear from you on the
subject -

Very truly your friend
B. W. Duke

Lawrence Mass. Dec. 3. 1886.
Col. Nat Gibson.
Lexington Ky.
My Dear Sir:

I have recently
read an account by you of
Col. John Morgan - I was a
member of the 7th R. I. Regiment
which did garrison duty at
Lexington in April & also from
September to Christmas 1863. I
then knew many people there
then. We were quartered out at
the gate factory store house which
we were ~~was~~ told was Morgan
confiscated property - It was
near the rope walk on the opposite
side of the street - You will find
some people there now who

will remember us - my Capt-
was Marshall of the city -

I have tried to secure a letter
or other specimen of Gen. John
Morgan - I have searched for
a long time for one. I wrote
to Barril W. Duple of Louisville
his brother in law. he had
some but would not part with
any. As you was with him
so much I thought you
might have something of his
a few lines with signature
or you might know friends
who did business with him.
His brother Richard Morgan
was Gen. A. P. Hill's adjutant
or chief of staff. do you know
where a specimen of his
could be had. I desire them
for historical purposes -

I should like to see Lexington
once more it must be a fine
city now. its location is
unsurpassed and it will
in time be one of the
formest in the west - though
not so large. I should like
to hear from you about any
Morgan paper. I have no
doubt they are a scarcity
some old friend of his may
have one -

I am Yours Truly
W. D. Hopkins

115 Bradford St.

To Col. Hugh Gibson
Lexington Ky -

Wm. H. R.

U. S. Post Office

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Col Hart Gibson
Lexington
Kentucky

Lexington, Va.

Sept 20th 1880.

My Dear Friend,

Y^r favor of
the 11th is at hand, I
have just returned -
(on 18th) from a visit to
White Sulphur in response
to a telegram of your
brother.

Your statement coin-
cides with the facts, & with
the record, except that
we have no minute or
record of the judgment

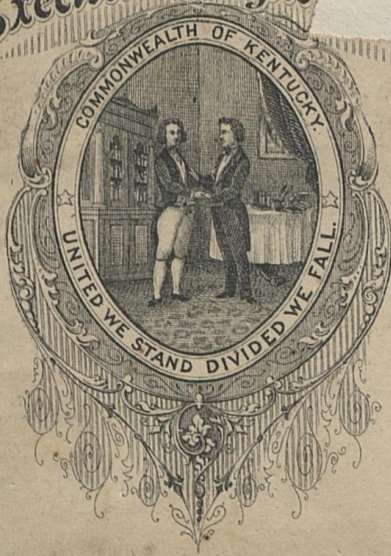
against you entered by
consent. I know the evi-
-dence of the payment into
Court & of the fact that
it was covered into the
Treasury, but not of the
judgment. Was there one?

I know the list of
all who were proceeded
against & the sums paid into
the Treas^y, ^{made out} under Senate Resolu-
-tion. Your name & amount
is in it. When I go to Washing-
-ton I will learn whether any
^{realer} one ~~obtained~~ relief in the Courts
or from Congress.

Sincerely yours,

To
Capt. H. G. G. Wm. Preston Johnston

Executive Depar



Wm. Gilson Esq
Lexington
Ky



State of Kentucky

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Frankfort 6th Oct. 1881

Wm. Gibson Esq.

Lexington
Ky.

Dear Sir,

I've the honor to inform you, that you were today appointed by His Excellency Governor Blackburn, a delegate to represent the State of Kentucky in the "Mississippi River Improvement Convention" which meets in the City of St. Louis Missouri on the 26th day of October instant.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
J. Corbett
Private Secy

Col. Hart Wilson
Anglican
Perington
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not for me. After seeing most the
silly things they had - wrote to me
I had - they had for dinner -
best love for all -
Wrote
Cynthia

St. Louis Mo.
March 14/96

My dear Papa: I have an
elephant on my hands,
Please help me to get
rid of it. A gentleman
had asked me to select
some thing appropriate
for a gift. It must
be composed of the
first seven letters of
the alphabet. These

Return to A. J. ALEXANDER,
RING STATION, Woodford Co., Ky.,
If not delivered within 10 days.



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*Ed. Hart Gibson,
Lexington,
Kentucky.*

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A. J. ALEXANDER.

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subject to change without notice.

L. BRODHEAD, AGENT.

Spring Station, Ky.,

Jan 24-6
1886

Col. Mark Gibson

Dear Sir: Lexington Ky

Your favor 23rd just

received and noted. Enclosing check of \$50⁰⁰
to pay for season to Lisbon 1886
except thanks for season.

Oscarica arrived & will
be bred to King before on the
share with our groom Henry
H. Overton, we giving him the use
of the horse. I think to care for
him is good.

Yours truly
L. Brodhead agt

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

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Col. Arch. Gibson.

Lexington

Ms.

LEXINGTON, N.Y.
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My Dear Sarah,

Having written to both you & Deussen repeatedly and getting no response, I have quite despaired of ever hearing from you. I am going to try it however, once more and hope to much with just the luck of a Postal Card. Louise's birth day was the 28th of this month and as it has been my habit to measure and weigh her and record the result in my bible, I kept up the custom this year. She was (10) ten years old on Jan 28/88 - measured 4ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in and weighed (60) sixty pounds. Would you give me the measure & weight of Louisa, Milton & Mary at the same age.

At the State Republican Convention held this week in New Orleans, Warrick was nominated for Gov: and Al Minor for Lieut. Gov: Al Minor was afterwards ignominiously beaten by the Negro Jim Lewis at the end of a hot contest for delegate to the Natl. Rep. Convention.

Thus it is after deserting his own race & weary
from with the masses, even they, his new found
friends, repudiated him and set him aside
for one of their own. Minor was very anxious
to be nominated for Gov: but he was soon
sized up and to pacify him & his friends he
was allowed on the ticket as candidate for the 2^d
place. Of course the Rep- have no hope or
idea of carrying this ticket through - it is put
in the field only to keep in line with the
National party -

We have the strongest tickets ever nominated
in Louisiana - Nicholls will go in by any
majority desired and we shall have a
strong, determined & pure administration.
Lu will succeed himself without opposition
almost - My idea is Red White or Planchard
will be his colleague - and Eustis & Jones
shelved - The former were for Nicholls and
the latter for McEnery -

With love to all from all

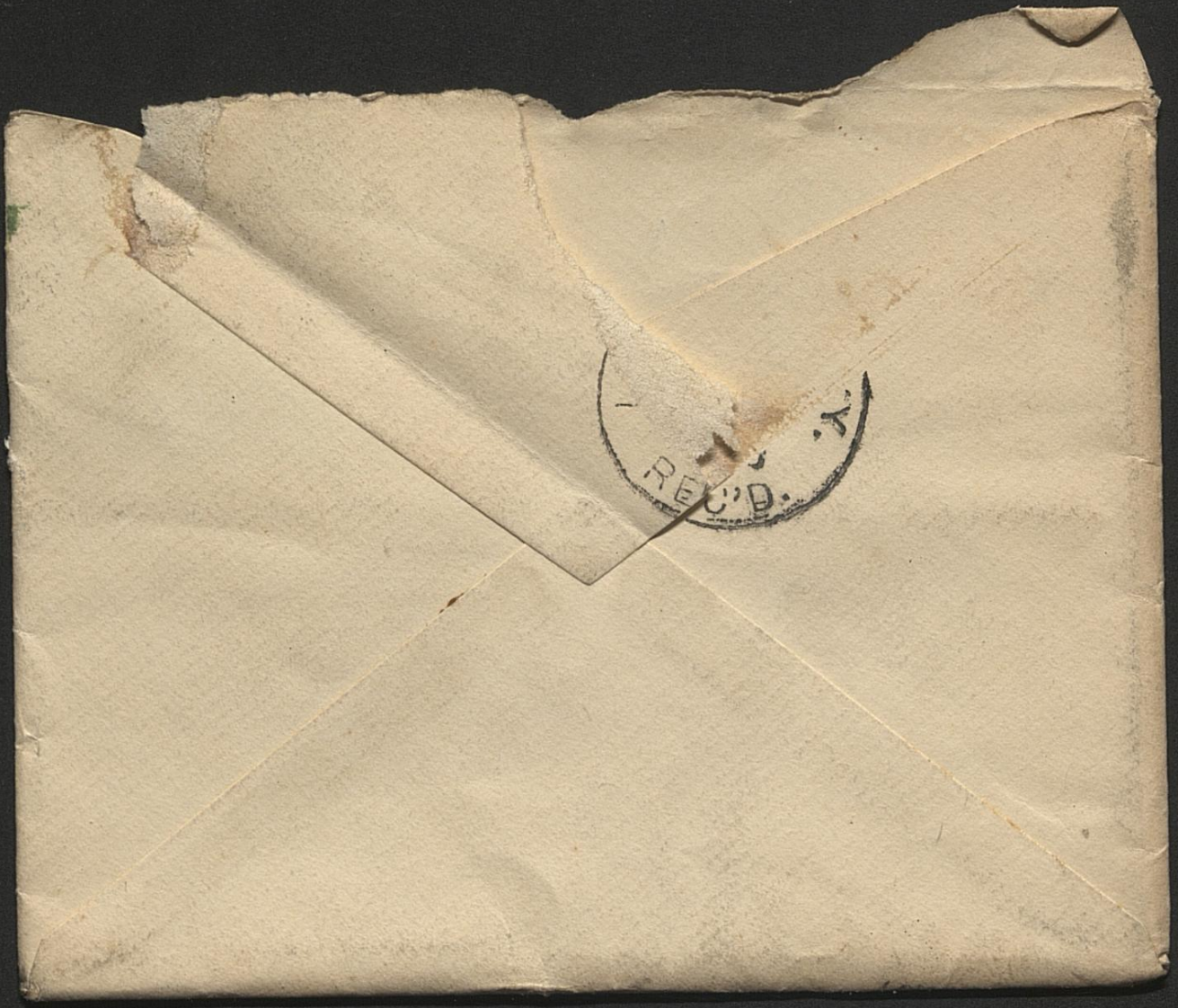
Affectionately your brother
Loren Gibson

Mrs. Carl Gibson
Lexington

Kentucky

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ST. PAUL, MINN.
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Morning May & Papa are doing
the business part of town & will
lunch at the club. After the
visit of Chicago during the
convention St Paul strikes
Papa as being pretty slow -
Last week I hired that German
girl (the one who made the
Gibbon cases) and she was the

Thursday morning
July 5th 1888 -

My dearest Mamma -
It does
seem as tho' I ought
to have time to write
often, but I don't -
Since I have been well
enough to be carried
down stairs, my time
and spare strength
is consumed in
dressing etc. etc. -

Today I feel a little tired &
have concluded to remain
in my room. The growth and
the excitement of Papa's arrival
were a little too much for
me. We were not much sur-
prised when Papa walked
in on us. We had been looking
for him every morning for

more than a week. Of course
it was my luck to have order
breakfast at ten o'clock, so
we were all sweetly sleeping
when he reached here. He and
May took a short drive after
dinner last night, & later
Joe and Maude called. This

her letter with the smelter more
water factory these things I will
send to her to tell you every
thing that there is nothing but
travelling by riding to work
you should see how helpful
old Mary is to her papa
Best love for all including
Taylor - *Winnona*

poor because you
ever saw. I only kept
her three days, in
which time she
patched up two
woolen flannel shirts with
out finishing either.
I had to send her off.
Aunt Lily had to help
both wrappers & fix them
over before I could
wear them. I am
not sitting up yet. Have
a swinging chair on
the front porch, which

keeps me in a perfectly horizontal
position - The Dr has given
me permission to sit up while
eating - I am glad you are
having the benefit of Chattanooga
Why didn't Mittie go out. Mrs
Foster called yesterday evening,
said she had received a sweet
letter from Mittie - Harry comes
over nearly every day - we are

anticipating lots of fun when
the infirmary opens - I told him
we would all listen we have
stayed him so wonderfully
that I think he is just a
little amused - wants to have
it over with. I think he will
have a pretty easy time - Papa
seems very glad - Aunt L
is writing to Grandmother and as

For

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Col. Bart Gibson.

"Oakland"

Near Lexington, Kentucky.

1623 A. St. N. W.

Washington City, D. C.

August 21st 3 P.M.

Notwithstanding I have been quite ill, at least in a suffering condition, since my return from the Department on Saturday the 18th at 5 P.M., I find myself constantly reaching out for my pen, and thereby reminded of an old Italian proverb "L'abito è una seconda natura" (habit is a second nature). I would not regret this abnormal state into which I have merged so gently, so mysteriously, but for the impossibility of communing with those I love and forever shall feel deeply interested in. Though this sad state of affairs has existed but a short time, I am beginning to use my pen most ungracefully - having found it absolutely necessary (in order to give satisfaction) to change my handwriting materially. The style used in "Patent Writing" is the Spencerian, which is large, round and precise - too deliberate and slow for the expression of one's thoughts on paper. Nevertheless my dear Cousin, I will avail myself of this respite from labor, my only time indeed, except the Holy Sabbath day when I am literally resting, and communing with my precious brethren so far from me) to write

...you a few lines sincerely expressing my
admiration for the work which of late has been
going on with regard to the subject. I am
glad to see that the white man's
mission is being carried out in
the most successful manner. I
trust you will be able to
bring it to a successful
conclusion as soon as possible.
I have been thinking of
writing you for some time
but have been so busy that
I could not find time to do so.
I am glad to hear that you
are all well. I hope you
will continue to be so for
some time to come. I am
yours truly,
John C. ...

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

Col. Hart Gibson,
Lexington,
Ky.

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figures & information I am speaking of
course irrespective of the sums we
~~separately~~ each advanced with which
to commence business, for we lost that
as a firm - The store being in debt to
me to the tune of nearly \$600 I naturally
expect all debtors to pay me the amount
of their individual indebtedness until
my claim is satisfied, Each being
the case you would confer a favor
upon me by sending me a check
for amount of your bill -

My ^{in firm} settlement with George W. Cann
a few days ago your account with
W. Cann & Higgins was transferred
to me and taken by me as so much
ready money & you would oblige
me by liquidating it at your earliest
convenience, for it is not only long
past due but besides I am in need
of the money - as to why it was
not presented to you here this
question Cousin Mary as she
can enlighten you on the subject.
Request her to allow you to peruse

Chicago Ill -
#287 Ontario Street
Nov 12th 1888

Col Hart Gibson
Lexington Ky.

Cousin Hart:

Enclosed please
find two apcs against you, one being
that of W. Cann & Higgins for \$24.⁸⁸ the
other that of Higgins & Gibson for \$01.²⁵
Concerning the first name indebtedness
which is now nearly two years old,
you can get any information you may
desire on the subject from Cousin
Mary, as I wrote to her in regard
to the matter last week - as regards
your indebtedness to the defunct firm
of H & G, you are already cognizant,

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desire on the subject from Cousin
Mary, as I wrote to her in regard
to the matter last week - As regards
your indebtedness to the defunct firm
of H & G, you are already cognizant,

I understand from reliable sources that Cousin Mary has been circulating the report that the firm owed her \$800 for borrowed money, now you would confer a favor upon me by informing me on what grounds she bases such an assertion. The firm to my certain knowledge never owed either she or any other member of ~~the~~ ^{your} family one cent for borrowed funds - I speak with absolute certainty on this score as I was the book keeper & all monies whatsoever ^{received} passed through my hands. I freely confess that Duncan on several occasions obtained pecuniary assistance from his family for the benefit of the store, but whatever sum he did obtain, at his own request, was invariably placed to his individual credit, in recognition of this examine his private ac -

According to the statement rendered me by Easton, the store is in debt to me to the amount of \$597.61/100, said amount being to my individual credit. Why I gave Duncan \$500 the day before I left Ky for use of store - You would greatly oblige ^{me} by questioning Duncan in regard to this matter and in addition I desire that you thoroughly examine the books in regards to our respective acs - Having posted yourself on this subject you will thereby be enabled to disabuse Cousin Mary's mind in regards to the erroneous opinion she has formed in regards to any claim she may have - All the money coming to her is due her by Duncan as he has drawn it for his own personal use - In addition to this he owes the store \$26.96 which is the amt he has overdrew his individual

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my letter of last week as that will
explain some matters concerning
which you are not at present
cognizant - Please request Duncan
to respond to my last two letters, as
I am anxiously awaiting a reply in regard
to the matter I wrote to him about -

If you will furnish me with his
present address I will write
to him again, for perhaps he did
not receive my last two missives -
I am very sorry that any hard feelings
should have been engendered between
your family & myself on account of
our business venture not being a fi-
nancial success and do not think it
behoves them to try & belittle what
little character I have left, by asserting
that I am in debt to them to the
tune of over \$800 - As I said before
if you will question Duncan on
the subject, you will not only be
enlightened but will find the shoe
is on the other foot - I know you
to be a just & honorable man - I think

that your feelings towards me will undergo
a decided change when you have
perused yourself in regard to the individ-
ual acts of the two members.

I am not trying to boost myself up on Duncan
shoulders, but simply giving you the facts
& requesting you to verify them by a
personal investigation - I simply want
justice & that only - As there can be
no questions raised in regard to the
acts of W. C. Carr & Higgins against you
I shall at least expect you to pay
that at your very earliest convenience,
"short settlements make long friends you
know". Requesting an early reply &
hasting you will receive this letter
in the spirit in which it is written
I am as ever

Your Cousin
George B. Higgins -

Love & regards to the different mem-
bers of your family - Tell Miss Lillie
I often recall with feelings of gratitude
her many acts of kindness to me & mine,

Col. Hart Gibson

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To Higgins & Gibson

To Amt of a/c rendered

\$201²⁵/₁₀₀

For verification of above amount see
the books of the firm in possession
of Luther J. Easton, who will take
pleasure at any time in showing
you your a/c

Col Hart Gibson D^r/₁₁
To M^o/₁₁ Cann & Higgins -

Nov 17th/₁₁ To amt of ac rendered \$24.88

M. KAUFMAN & CO
ONE PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE.
LEXINGTON, KY.

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Wart Gibson Esq
City

Morgan City, Feb 23^d 89

My dear Gibson - I am just back from Hauma, where I had gone to examine some documents, & what do you think!!! I will tell it as it is generally reported & believed,

Sam Winder had left on Monday, & on Tuesday - Bettie Mrs Van Winder left with her two children - The two (or rather 4) then absconded for parts unknown - some say, mark all, that the criminal relation between Sam & Van's wife has been going on for some time back.

They say Sam wrote to his sister, that his wife could get her divorce that he loved Bettie & would never come back - Hugh ^{Cluge} Duval immediately married the two Gode sisters. The Winders intend leaving & are packing up to go to Thibodaux - I don't mean Mrs Page & Duval

Whether Sam Winder discounted notes & claims in his hand of fruit, we are sure of it - that is whether he embezzled & defrauded it.

Strut talk is hang the rascal & he never can or will come back. Gray (Editor) who was to marry Mrs Winder soon, suspected something & went to MO, but he was arrested & put in the lock up on his arrival as a dangerous - drunkard, carrying concealed weapons etc & Tom skipped off with Mrs Bettie -

Now comes J. P. White Cant & says that as every man he met said now is the time for you to come here & settle & if you do we will help you, etc I then publicly said I am a resident of Pemberton & will return as soon as I can pack up, & re-visit my affairs. So now

you have the whole thing bailed down. After this add up me at
Hauma - for I go right back with my books & shingle, atly at law
Now after a few months I may be able to dispose of my house here,
& will put it (the money) in a house in Hauma - J. Ed Gagne offered me his
house this morning for \$3,000 with furniture in it. What are you renting
your house at? or how long is it rented, as I made no inquiry
after renting Foster Nieldens office.

As this is enough to give you the indignation I will write
no more - I've thought that Lt. Sutton will be Naval Officer or N.S.
Dad atly & reside in N.O. but be this as it may, I have cast my for-
tune for good in Hauma & must take all consequences -

Write me & when I get cool will write you more fully from Hauma -
Yr friend J. A. Winchester

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Hark Gibson Esq

Lexington

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Mr. J. C. ...

Internal Revenue Agency
Washington, D. C.

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S. I. M. MAJOR,
J. STODDARD JOHNSTON,
D. C. BARRETT.

Kentucky Geoman.

Frankfort, Ky., March 31, 1885

Dear Hart

Your letter has been rec^d. and I should be glad to do anything you wish but I have had no formal notification of any vacancy.

You all have been so cut up in your local matters and I have had so much trouble about your Committee that I do not feel that I could make any appointment without creating a howl, unless upon the recommendation of the Committee itself or its Ch^m. This is usual and if you can get James to recommend some one who will be agreeable to you at the time he communicates the fact of the vacancy it would save much trouble. If O'Mahoney had been actively identified with either of the late factions and he should be appointed without recommendation or in such way that it could

be charged as at your suggestion it would
rest upon you and reflect upon me. Think
of this and avoid it.

Yours Truly

Thomas Johnston