Columbia Missouri March 27 1842

Henry J Duncan Esq
Sir

At Sight pay to the order of Parker & Barr Two Hundred Dollars, for value received. and charge the Same to the account of

$200 00/100

You Obt Servant.

Mary Duncan

To Henry J Duncan Esq
Lexington Mo

Paid 35

Mr Henry J Duncan
Lexington
Mo

Dear J Duncan

Sir. You Mother having use for her Annuity due 1st. Inst., and we having no use for funds east we have disposed of her draft to Richard C. Brankan which you will please pay on presentation as may be directed by him Respectfully

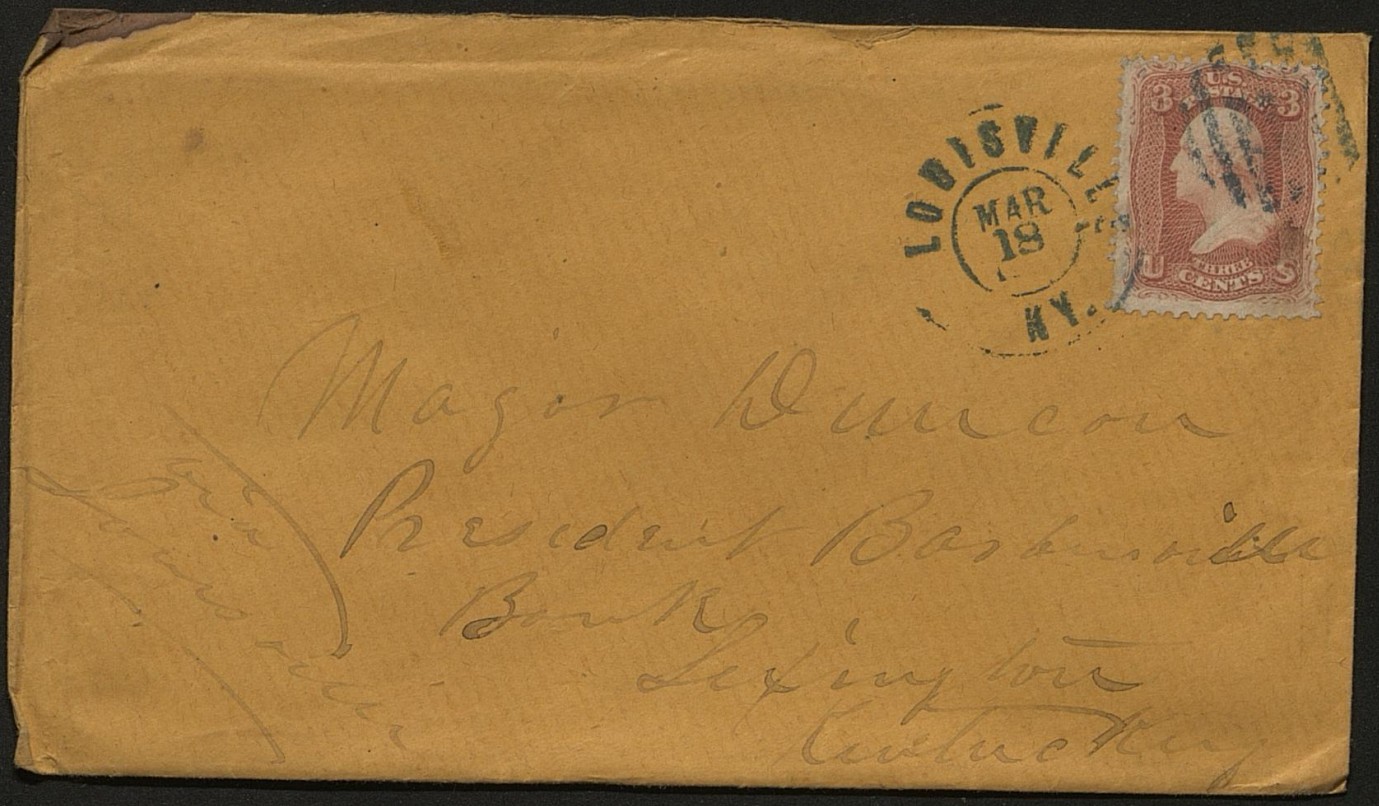
Columbia Mo Parker & Barr
March 28 1842

Mr H J Duncan Dear Sir above please find a draft on yourself for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for which you will purchase me a Sight check on New York & forward the same to Messrs Rockhill Smith & Co Phila your attention to this will much oblige your friend Richard C. Brankan

March 26/42

Richard C. Bramham

Parkes S. Bam
March 25th 1842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Major Duncan
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

My black boy Henry Young whom I engaged when in your City last fall at your recommend who had Five Hundred Dollars in your hands has lost the note for the amount as well as his free papers You will confer a favor on him by not paying the amt to any one but him for they will not come by the note honestly - An early reply to this will oblige me much Direct to me at this Camp near Nashville Tenn

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Amos Bosworth
Lt Col 34th Regt Ills Foot Vols

Boston Sept 6th 1842

Major A. T. Duncan

Dear Sir

I have contracted with Mr Grant for the sale of Gary provided you are willing to release your lien in him I would not make the request but you are amply safe you ~~have~~ have a mortgage on part of my best lands unsold, I am confident in my ability yet to pay off all my debts and make my farm and some lands left free I could get a loan for a few years, But I desire to have as great facilities transaction with Brother in Law as possible, I allude to your suggestion on Yesterday, if you desired to aid me I would much rather have help from you than any one else Now mam will instead you to extend a helping hand without crippling yourself the other cannot afford it I would apply to Mr Ford as I feel confident he would help me out of the mire But he has his own load to carry I ask this request with ~~satisfied~~ feelings knowing there is no obligation on ~~my part~~ your part and I dislike to trouble you so often

Yours Truly

J. Scott

Major A. T. Duncan

Boston Mass

Mr. Barnett will also pleas acd. to Mr. Duncan for the Execution from the Equity circuit court clerk's office John McCauley vs. James Cummins. –

Oct 3. 1842. –

R. K. Hayne atty for Pltff.

Shelbyville Ky.
Oct. 15th 1842.

Dear Sir,

The sale of Mrs. Finleys property under decree in favor of Jarvis Trabue & Hurd took place to day. - Mr. Jarvis was here, and I proposed that the property should be ~~estimated~~ by persons selected for that purpose and bid off, by the officer at the prices specified, by Miss Susan - this I done to protect, as much as possible, the feelings of the family - Mr. Jarvis readily assented to it - and the course was adopted - otherwise Jarvis would have been a competing bidder & the property perhaps sold for more than the valuation by disinterested persons - The whole of the property mentioned in the decree was valued at & bid off to Miss Susan at $87.62 Three months credit - She executed the bond required with ~~such security as was satisfactory~~ As Mrs Finley is now divested entirely of all her property I hope for the future her annoyances because of her son will, at least in a pecuniary way cease

It is hardly necessary for me to say to you that it afforded me pleasure to aid you in carrying out your benevolent feelings towards Mrs. Finley and her family. With sincere regard

I remain Truly Yours.

J. M. Bullock

Please remind Messrs Tilford Brand & Verkner of the existence of your humble servant

Shelbyville 27th Oct. 1842

Mr. H. T. Duncan

Sir I discounted your last Note at Frank=fort in June last. I received a notice on yesterday of the protest of it for nonpayment. I want you to inform me the cause of protest & what course I am to pursue.

Respectfully your humble Servt.

John Churchill

Mr. Henry T. Duncan
Lexington
Ky.

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Sat Nov 12 1842

Dear Sir

altho I wrote you yesterday I wished be glad if the notes I hold on Bodenhamer could be cashed - They are three in number each $875 - one one two & three years after the first of Jany next.

There is one due on the coming first of January but it belongs to some mechanic -

The mortgage could be foreclosed & a sale of the property forced in the way you name - but I am not well able to wait.

Can you not take them?

I have other claims against Bodenhamer but there is no security for them - If you had the notes & the property were sold you would doubtless be able to obtain it at a ~~low~~ rate -

I have other notes but generally they are of small amounts & could not be disposed of to advantage -

I hope if you are not down on money that I shall hear

PARIS KY NOV 12

Recd

H. T. Duncan Esqr

Lexington

favorably from you —
If I can get those notes together with the one already named turned into money I can do very well —
I am anxious on several accounts, that whatever aid I may receive from you, may come in such a manner that the recollection of it hereafter, may be a source of pleasure to me & not disagreeable to yourself —

Respectfully
S. M. Mixer

Paris Dec 20. 1847

Major H. T. Duncan

Dear Sir

I saw Mr. M. G. Clay to day and asked him for the money that is coming to Father he says that he is ready to pay it at any time the mortgage can be found. As I am in great need of money at this time I wiso be glad you would come down on Next Monday or send me the Power so that I can get the money He says he would pay it to day If I would give him up the Mortgage As the Note is now signed over by you to him I cannot get the money

Your Attention to this will much oblige your Friend
& Humble Servt
Wm. M. Cogswell

Cogswell
Letter

Major H. T. Duncan
Care of
Lexington Ky

PAID
Dec 20
KY

Philad^a Jany 23^d 1843

Dr Sir

I have now been some time in Philad^a arranging business so as to enable me to purchase a farm in the West. Before I left there was a small lot of pigs that were sold you by Mr Scott amt^g to 60 Dolls I was the owner of said lot — and requested Mr Scott to pay the amt to Dr Kay to settle a replevin bond due the 9th day of Feby, now sir it would be doing me a great favour by paying the 60 Dolls to the Doctor. You promised me a small loan some time back, if you would pay the 60 Dolls to Dr Kay it would be all I would ask, and if there is any difficulty upon my return I will have an abundance of cash that will enable me to refund and make me your Obedt Svt

Jno G Scott

Henry S. Mercer Esq
Mer Exchange
Lancaster

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New Orleans July 8th 1843

H. T. Duncan Esq.

My Dear Sir.

I was absent from the City when your letter of the 13th ult. came to hand, and on my return I found that Mr Thom had gone up Red River, which prevented me earlier replying to your letter.

As to his Notes or Claims you need Care little for them, my advice is to get your money in the easiest and shortest way - if I could find out that he will go to Natchitoches, then would be the place to attack him, if I found he will not do it, I will try what can be done here -

I called on Ellsworth & Wong as you requested them for a small balance day $38 to yr Cr Neither of the Partners being in & the Clerk could not check for it. I will try & get it and hand it to Mr Otis who goes up on a day or two.

Baker Rayburn mentioned respecting to pay your note at Malloney he had an order for a portion of the funds denoted for sales of Real Estate from Mapped Hole for Mr Blanchy. the op. only intended a large balance in hands of Mich 5 & New York - But owing to an old claim

that was hard. The whole family was
called up, but with some difficulty he
has placed the whole under my control.
I hope soon to have the balance in
hand. If therefore you will accept
me at 60 days I for the most part
of your claim will not up to the time for
maturity. I will accept and pay the Bills
You may be afraid to do so
because two of my Bills have come
back and others may do so — but you
will not. No matter what you may
hear about my being broke, do
not fear for me — I am the hardest
man to break in this part of the
country. I have been, & am still in
a tight place. but I can still get out
and take care of myself and yours —
I am sorry that your congratulations
were misapplied — If I am married I have
not yet found it out.
We shall be in Buffalo here on
Thursday. Will stay about four
days at different points between to
Niagara Falls. I will write you by the
Mail. I will try and have an interview
with Kane before leaving city.

Very truly
P. Comstock

July 14th 1848

Major H J Duncan

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst is at hand I regret to hear that your nerves should have received such a shock as you have experienced so much astonishment that John Scott should have written to you requesting you to pay Doctor Ray for those Negs. I do shall be put to me in that send I will never call on you for a dollar again for what you purchased the negs I had no other calculation but paying that much towards my letter cash to you, the day before I left here he requested me to collect that amt of you and paid over to Dr Ray I told him that I did not think you would be willing as I was owing you. But me to it conclude that as you

Major H J Duncan
Lexington
Scott

Scott
Texas

PARIS KY
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had promised to loan John some money
last Spring a year ya would not object to
an advance of this trifling sum which
accounts for his having written ya this
letter. It is a matter entirely at your own
discretion if ya chose to advance that sum
to a young man who ya have an proper
some friendship it will be doing him a
great service, should ya not feel willing
let the credit stand where ya sayd it
It is strange that Pope has not paid
you the amt of Pope & Boyd going
debt by him for me please write to
him on that subject and urge payment

Very Respectfully
Yr Ob
J Swift

Feb 15th 1843

Dear Sir

The times and circumstances have placed me in rather an unpleasant dilemma and in looking back upon the kind and friendly of former day I felt assured there was none who had evidenced a more constant, or warmer interest in my prosperity and well doing, than yourself - Still impressed with this belief I apply to you on this occasion with a full assurance of your kindly feelings towards me and the favor which I ask of you, will be a small matter to you, but I assure you it is of the utmost importance to me

Merritt Young formerly of Shelby county was indebted to me nearly 500. dollars he emigrated to this country with, and I thought he was as good as any man for that amount - he died some time since and his estate is insolvent - that amount I had appropriated to the payment of obligations independent

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Lewisburg
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of the purchase of my land; judgment has been obtained upon them, and I cannot raise the money in this country — it is not here to be had — I do not believe a negro man would bring $200. at public sale — I have five likely negroes and I pledge you my word that I am fully impressed with the belief that if they were put up it would take the whole of them to bring the amount. I am also indebted on the last payment for my farm $500 due last October to pay which I had a note on Col. Boughum of St Louis — principal and interest amounting to about $1000. I thought suit upon it last summer but from what I can learn his property cannot be come at, and I expect to loose that also. Now the favor that I ask, is to loan me one thousand dollars — bearing interest until paid at the legal rate of ten per cent pr annum $500. on the first of April — $500. the first of June next — and not longer than 12 months for the half of it — To pay it I have forty acres of first rate Hemp that I now am breaking out — what it will bring me I cannot tell — if I can effect a sale before the first of June I will not want but half the amount which I ask for — at any rate all I want is the promise from you that I can get it if necessary — the $500. by the 1st of April I am compelled to raise or have my property sacrificed and the money is not here or else I could get it — And for the purpose of securing the repayment of the Loan, I will give you a mortgage on my land and negroes or either of them Although the sum mentioned will cover every earthly claim against me — In Gods name do not deny me this first favor, and by dividing it into two installments, if I should even need the last, I hope will make it less inconvenient, if so small a sum to you can put you to any inconvenience —

I heard of the death of your dear little boy, and we truly sympathized with you in your affliction — we also have lost our youngest boy our little Allen, since last I saw you — remember me to Cousin Eliza and believe sincerely your friend W. B. Bledsoe

H. J. Duncan Esq.

New Orleans
July 20. 1843

Dear Sir

I have just time to say the Commercial R.R. closed this morning and I now look for a general run on the Banks — The Bank of Louisiana and the M & F Trades are considered sound, but doubts are expressed of all the rest, & that the Mint is required as the strongest

I will write you particularly tomorrow — This is strictly confidential

Yours respectfully
Richard H. Walker & Co

Mary J. Alexander
Lancaster
Ky

Paris, Febry 25th 1843

Mr H. T. Duncan

Dear Sir

If you have received any money for me from my kind friend Mrs Linton, will you have the goodness to send it to me by my brother Henry R. Orr. I am in much distress at this time, or I would not trouble you. If you have not yet received it, dear Sir, will you be so kind as to advance me ten or fifteen dollars to relieve my present necessities (which I assure you are great) and when you receive it you can retain what you loan me. If convenient I should be glad to see you before you leave town brother Henry can tell you where I live.

yours with much respect

Mary B. Andrews.

Mr Henry T. Duncan

Paris

Paris March 4 1843

Dear Sir

Your note to me as commissioner for the Brig George $499 $\frac{50}{100}$ falls due tomorrow & I beat your check on the N. Bank Inclosed

Yours D. M. Arnold

PARIS
MAR 5
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Hon. N. Y. Quincy
Dorchester
Mass

Paris March 7. 1843

John W Hunt Esq. Sir please to pay Henry T Duncan the balance due me for the land that I sold you

attest Wm Standeyord

Wm B Raine

Major Henry T Duncan
Lexington
Ky

PARIS
MAR 8

Mind yourself
Order &
Miss Otter

Paris March 7 1843

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find two orders on Hunt for the amt. due Standefora. I saw Miller he says he cannot be in Paris before Saturday next. he will be in Lexington on Friday morning with his wagon.

I am with respect
Your ob.
Jno B Raine


Henry C. Dawson
Lexington
Kentucky

Cincinnati March 30th 1843

My Dear Friend

Your favor of 23. Inst I duly received.

I have not yet had an opportunity of seeing Mr Carneal but will endeavour to see him to morrow. Have directed your Iron Door to be made - Have not yet seen a grating ~~that the~~ for the ventilators that I like, as soon as I can meet with a pattern that I think will please you, will order them cast.

Annexed is a Sketch of the Iron railing you desire to surround your vault - It is the neatest pattern I have seen - There is not a great deal of work upon it, yet I think quite sufficient for the purpose you desire it, indeed I think you can get nothing more appropriate - This you will observe is to be made of wrought Iron, if made of cast Iron would cost but little, presume as a matter of course you desire the wrought Iron - The price may appear high, but I assure you it is not more than haly what it would have cost a few years ago.

With your large means it may do very well

P.S. How shall I send you Iron Door &c

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Lexington
Ky.

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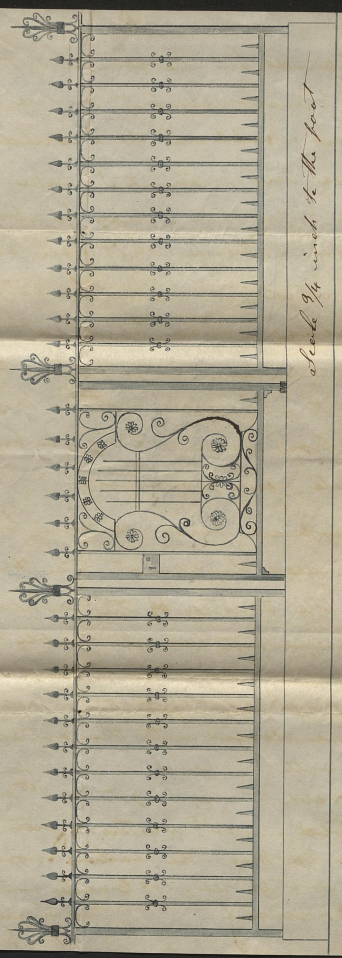
to invest in lands, In the course of 5 or 6 years it may pay you handsomely, but for me to make investments in lands would not do, I could not afford to wait their rise, Any investments I make must bring me an income, in order that I may be able to pay my present expenses— I observe what you say in relation to the Sugar estate, it must be extremely low, such a one 10 years ago would have cost more than $100,000.- I have invested a large portion of my means in City property, it is therefore not in my power to enter into speculations upon so large a figure, nevertheless I fully appreciate your proposition.

Our appried Banks are doing but little, if any new paper, indeed they cannot— The Franklin is in liquidation, the Trustees of this institution (I am one) are doing 90 days paper, but cannot possibly do for a longa time Should you desire a loan for 90 days, I think I may venture to say you can get it.

If you are pleased with the pattern for the railing and satisfied with the price, it can be made immediately I think it probable it may be got for 11cts pr pound, although Mr. Haughton told me 12cts was the lowest he would take. Perhaps you would prefer the railing more plain, if so, the expense would be still less. Mrs C unites with me in warmest regards to Mrs B & yourself.—

Very sincerely your friend
J. C. Culbertson

Below we have given you a sketch for a gate and a panel on each side of a Railing which this will cost 12 cents per pound or $3 dollars per foot running measure delivered at the River



Scale 3/4 inch to the foot

Posts, 3/4 inch to the foot

Paris May 11 1843

Dear Sir

I write to you amidst the confusion of business in court to inquire about a claim of Judge Mosby for a fee of $50 in the Suit in Chancery of Montague &c & Pyles adm in Green Court

I begged day before yesterday I could write you he says he obtained a decree for about $500. I told him I wished to write to you as there was some argument between Hall & Yancey as to who was to pay the costs & managed the suit in your Court

Be so good as to write me immediately on the subject. You informed me of a fee of $50 paid the young Duke that long since but I forget the suit No Name. I understand there were about 50 lawyers in Ct yesterday & this morning this morning I doubt think there is more than 450

In haste

Yrs &c W W Amoed

Paid 6

Maj. A. T. Duncan
Lexington Ky

Paris Ky
May 11

The above draft of Iron Railing with a gate, can be made for One dollar & Seventy five Cents per foot. – a great quantity of this pattern is used here –

Cincinnati May 22d 1843.

Capt. J. C. Culbertson for Mr H. T. Duncan.

Bot. of Horton & Baker –

1 Large Iron door with Lock & hinges	–	$40.–
4 Cast Iron Ventilators @ $3.50 each	–	14.–
1 Box – $1.– Drayage 25¢	–	1.25
		$55.25

Rec.d payment in full of Capt. J. C. Culbertson

Horton & Baker –

per J. Everleth

Cincinnati May 24th 1843

Mr. Dear friend

Your favor of 17th inst was received in due course of mail, I should have replied to it ere this but desired first to get your Drawing and castings shipped which was done a few days since – There was some delay with the castings in consequence of the first ones cast being imperfect, I hope those sent will prove satisfactory, I got them something lower than I anticipated, above is the bill, by which you will perceive that I have fallen in your debt $4.75 – Horton & Baker have made another drawing for your Iron railing, which they desire me to send to you – The pattern is quite neat and I think you would be better pleased with it than if entirely plain, to be sure it will cost something more, but for the purpose you

desire it the ~~the~~ small difference in expense I presume would be no consideration, if the pattern should please — The vines & cuttings sent you were from Mr. Cassell, I fear you will be disappointed in the Lagar grape, from what I have heard of it, am inclined to think it a humbug, Have seen no grapes that I like as well as the Catawba & Issabella, are fine bearers and perfectly hardy — Should you feel inclined to set your railing of Horton & Baker, they can make it for you at any time you desire it —

Mr. C & myself regret we cannot accept your kind invitation to visit you the present summer — Mrs C presented me with a daughter about six weeks since, a fine child, intended to have informed you of it, but presume I must have forgotten to do so — We have been in hopes that Mr D and yourself would make us a visit this summer, I assure you it would give us much pleasure to see you once more on Mr. Auburn

Mrs C joins me in kindest regards to Mrs Duncan

Your Sincere Friend
J. C. Culbertson

H. T. Duncan Esq.
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Kentucky