

Lansville. Aug 20. 1857

Dear Duncan

I am just in receipt of yours of 18th & I send you herewith the bill of Chipton & Duncan of which I advised you in mine of 16th inst. You will notice that some of these are a fraction over & no whole others are below sixty days.

They expect them to be taken at interest & one half of one per cent. Let the proceeds be paid to their credit in the Branch Bank here or send them a check on this bank.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Yours very truly
W. A. Pope

Rusters Yarn m^o
Mar 22th

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Henry S. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Kentucky

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To Mr & Mrs Duncan

My Dear Friends

Although I have not heard from you for a long time, I am presuming upon your former kindness by the present intrusion. It may be too much.

Having in contemplation the erection of a little Church upon the Lawn on which this Academy stands, for the benefit and convenience of the School, I am now asking from a few friends some aid, I have begun *in fact* without a dollar, and hope from your generous dispositions and hearts we shall be able to do good that you will respond to our call. We hope to erect it for the small sum of \$400.00 I do not intend to ask aid from any but personal friends, our seats are to be free.

With the blessing of God I hope to sustain
the Ministry by my own labors.

Wishing you every blessing, for yourself
and children, I am with much affection

Truly your Friend
A. C. Dyer

Ellen writes in much love to you all.

W. M. A. Dyer

March 24th 1857

Please

Direct to New York

Ad

Bedford Springs
Oct 27 1856

Mr. T. B. ... dear Sir
I will thank
you to write to Mary to take
special care of Caddy's picture
and when she returns send it to
me if you have an opportunity
or by Adams express, I fear the
snow will not see before winter
I think it best to send the pigs by
express if the charge does not exceed
4 \$ each, You will oblige me much
if you can negotiate a bill on Wallace
for \$4800 at 6 months from
New York, I cannot give any addi-
tional indorsement but you know I am

good enough and it cannot be
made better, Mr Pope says he
thinks Mr Hill will take it if
the Bank should purchase it
for the Exchange and will
be in Scotland on Thursday and
will be glad to meet you, would
to meet Lovell son of J. Y
Brent-Ho (Yr Son)

Jeffery Scott

P.S my respects to Mr Duncan
family



Henry J. Duncan
Lexington
Ky

Kentucky Central Railroad Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Covington, Dec 13 1851

Henry J. Duncan Esq
Dear Sir

I have just learned that you are entitled to receive your coal upon the main track by virtue of an agreement made with the Maysonville & L & N Co -

Had I have understood such to have been the fact at the time you desired your coal delivered at your place, I should have of course felt bound to have complied therewith.

I have had frequent applications to load and unload upon the main track and as the practice is at variance with sound railroad policy I have felt that to do so in one case would have committed me in other cases and hence whenever desired I felt personally to accommodate you I was obliged in ignorance of your special agreement to decline. Please let me know in future when you desire to avail yourself of its provisions

Geological Survey of the United States
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1881

and the necessary instructions will
be given to our conductors.

Yours truly

W. H. Hutton
Prof.

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Walnut Hill Va
Feb 25-

Henry Duncan Esq

Lexington Va

Walnut Hill Feb 25th 1852

Dear Sir Mrs Beechings

Mrs Bullock & myself will
spend next Friday with
you, if the weather is not
too unfavourable. we will
be with you early, as we
have a long ride in the
evening - with respects to
your wife, I remain
yours truly -

J. J. Bullock.

St. Louis Mar. 29. 1852

H. T. Duncan Esq.

Dr. Sir

Your favor of 23 inst. is just to hand. And I hasten to give you such information in relation to Mr. R. C. Clark's affairs as I possess. You are aware of his having embarked in the business of Manufacturing White Lead and Oil, some eighteen months or two years since. When he commenced the business, he was very sanguine of success, and every thing seemed auspicious, indeed so flattering did it appear that he induced Dickerson & Brint & a Mr. Smith to enter into Copartnership with him. Owing however to untoward Circumstances, such as unexpected Competition of a very hostile character, want of more Capital, than the firm possessed & other things, the business has proved disastrous, and Dickerson & Brint & Smith being largely in advance, and desiring to make further advances in order to prevent a sacrifice of the property, have induced Mr. Clark to make over by deed of trust all his right, title and interest, in and to the partnership property, as well as to his personal effects, to secure them in their advances. Mr. Clark is now engaged in the dairy business, in which I hope he will be successful. I look upon him as a man of integrity, and, will pay as long as he has a dollar, he has however been unfortunate and has my sympathy in his embarrassments. If he has other resources than those included in the deed of trust named above I know nothing of them. You & Judge Simpson

are I think abundantly secured on your endorsement
for the \$5000 — by the deed of trust upon the Mill
property and the negroes and I trust that ultimately
the property will sell for enough to pay off his other in-
debtedness to you and your friends.

I will confer with Mr. Barrett as you desire.

Very truly yours &c
H. C. Hart

H. C. Hart-1857

It is thought that the next line will be
run through Charleston as there are some
difficulties met upon the other lines that
cannot be surmounted. There appears to be
a table land here that is about 60 feet
higher than the prairie immediately south
of us, and the current over come this long
and rapid descent - 60 feet to a half mile -
upon the Charleston line it is thought that
no such obstacle will be met.

There is a wonderful desire on the part
of our citizens to enter lands when the
office shall have been reopened. If you could
purchase a lot of land warrants, I could dis-
pose of them most advantageously to our
citizens. If you think it ^{inadvisable} prudent, I would make
this arrangement with you. Let you purchase
them and send them to me and I will sell
them to our citizens for cash and on installment
a mortgage on the premises, or entering the land
in your name and giving a bond for a deed when
the money shall have been paid. There are many
valuable improvements upon our lands, and
the owners will be compelled to sell them or
enter the lands. I will attend to ^{the} matter for half
the profits over the purchase money.

Charleston W. Va.
Jan 27th 1852

Mr. Duncan
Dear Sir,

I have been engaged
recently in purchasing a lot of heavy cattle,
what we call stony heads, threes, four, and
fives. I have purchased them on credit
of excellent terms and there is an opportunity
to extend our purchases profitably if we had
any means. Capt. B. J. Jones, an experienced
trader, a neighbor of mine is associated with
me and we expect to handle them together
the coming summer. There is every prospect
for a handsome profit upon the investment
that we have made, having purchased about
100 heads. We have been getting corn at
75 cts for barrel in the shock to feed them
on, and we can purchase as much as
we could get cattle to feed it to at the same
price. We can get as much means as
we want from the Gen. State & Vincennes
banks, but we prefer getting funds from
an individual at a higher per cent, on account
of the extended time, and the permanency

of the board, affording time to make a
full return before the money would become due.

A man who regards the maturity of his notes
and expects to meet them promptly is hardly
warranted in making an investment in stocks
with the expectation of meeting his payments
from the sale of such stock, for by the time
he has collected them and gotten in a
fair way for profit, he is compelled to
face a call to meet his liability. It is
a principle with those banks to make
no promise to give a renewal at the time
of extending the accommodation. Now see
what there is no inducement to
borrow of them. Mr Jones and I would
borrow from them to five thousand dollars
for two years and give ten per cent for annum,
paying the interest yearly, and give any
personal security that might be required
in this county, and a mortgage upon
twenty thousand dollars of real estate.
He has let a cow of the best improved
land in the county.

The interest law of Ills enables amount
to loan for and collect two per cent upon

money loaned. If you have any unap-
propriated funds that you wish to dispose
of in that way, or if you know of any one
who has please inform me at the earliest
moment. There has been a very dull time
here in the cattle business, and the people
are not very well "set up" upon the subject.
Now, an excellent favorable opportunity is
presented for making a handsome operation.
The business is as safe as any one possibly
can be, for the stock must improve in value
every day, and the expense is but trifling in
comparison with the amount. I received
a letter a few days ago from John Williams
of Danism who informs that stock is very
high and cattle particularly. Dogs here
are scarce and high - worth \$3.00 each.

With regard to the Central Railroad
I can only say that we do not know yet
when it will be located. The engineers have
surveyed several lines through this prairie
north and west of my farm, but have not
determined yet upon what line they will
adopt.

I hope that you will excuse this long
letter for I have not time to make it shorter,
as I have been riding hard all day, and
have just got home, and somewhat fatigued.

I am very much in hopes that we shall see
you out here this Spring, and that you will
~~give your self more time to remain with us~~
than when you were here before.

I have no news of interest, ~~and~~ the
health of the country is very good now,
and the people appear to have recovered
entirely from their severe scourging received
last summer.

With the warmest feelings of friendship
for yourself, and the best wishes for the health
and happiness of those who are dear to you

I am yours truly

Dumas J. Van Dusen

Please present my respects to your Lady
and family, and excuse the hasty
manner in which I have written. D. V.

Sunday 11th April 1852

Mr Duncan

I have been to see Messrs Johnson to day to learn from ^{him} the result of what he could do for me on yesterday, but the Board he informed had repudiated my proposition,

Messrs Johnson recommended me to see you to day, & see if you cannot by your influence dismiss the suit against ^{me} the Bank

I want to pay \$1000 & renew for the Balance; I did not ^{own} my property sold under the Hammer, the advertisement itself has injured me very much, I do hope that you will be obliged me come in soon, & call on Board ^{the} if you cannot dismiss the suit, Mr Johnson although the attorney for the Bank will favour my wishes if you will only co-do. I think the matter can be arranged, I am aware that you are one of the largest stockholders & I assure you that the Bank shall have no further trouble, nor would the Bank ever sue, could I had control of my property, which was unjustly attached

I hope you will confer all things favourable & dismiss the suit

Yrs
J. M. Canby

J. Mealey 1852

Antwerp March 9th 1852

Mr H. S. Duncan

Dear Sir

Some time in the early part of last summer Maj. George Linnier assigned to me a note for \$2250 - dated the 5th July 1846, and due 5th July 1851, which was executed to him by R. C. Clark, John Garner, James Simpson, J. B. Houston, Thos. H. Moore & yourself, and which note I got hold. After obtaining the note, I wrote some four or five letters to R. C. Clark in relation to the matter, but from some cause or other Mr Clark has not replied to any of my letters since about last July. Altho since that time I have written him several times. Some time about Christmas, I informed Mr J. B. Houston - Judge Simpson, & Mr Moore of Mr Clark's silence in relation to my letters & informed them that I should expect payment of the note this spring. I learned from Mr Houston - that one or more of them had written to Mr Clark, but up to last week had received no answers. Mr Houston recently informed me that Mr Clark's secretary

J. S. And - 1852

would prefer that I should not see them
upon the note - but would prefer taking
up the note or making some arrangements
by which they could get the same into
their own hands. So as to forward it
to St Louis for collection from Mr Clatsie,

Mr Houston has expressed, as he informed
me, with Judge Simpson, Dixon & perhaps
Garner, in relation to this matter. I
have informed Mr Houston that I will
be in Manchester at the March County
Court - viz - the 4th Monday & shall expect
some arrangement of the matter.

Of course I could not be expected or
reasonably required to go or stand the
charge to Mr for collection. Since one
of the chief objects in taking or requiring
good securities here was to obviate such
a necessity. If no arrangement is
made, I shall at once place the note in
power of collection - as I have almost
immediate need of the proceeds. I hope
however that you will cooperate with your

co-sureties & that I shall be soon the posses-
sion of said - & more speedily receive the
amount due upon the note -

Very Respectfully

Yours &c
J. L. Hood.

Louisville 13th April 1853

Wm J Duncan esq

Lexington Kentucky

I yesterday rec^d a letter
from Mr McFrasier esq of Philadelphia now
on a visit to St. Charles informing me he
had written to Mr Scott esq offering himself
a candidate for the appointment of Cashier
of the Northern Bank of the — State pleased
in saying I was intimately acquainted with
him while Cashier of the Merchants Bk in
St. Charles and considered him a faithful
and an eminently qualified officer
and that he would be a desirable officer
in any named institution

I write this at
the request of Mr A and without a know-
ledge or reference to the claims of any
body else who may be before your
Board

Very Respectfully
Arthur McCallister

A.H. Wallace 52

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Woburn Aug 17th 1852.

Mr H. Y. Duncan

Dear Sir

I drop you these lines to enquire when it will suit you to pay your portion of the note executed to me in lieu of the Clarke note, - that I may know how to make my arrangements. The note I hold, you may remember was given for \$9485.62. Due 23rd March past. Our agreement was that it should bear six per cent interest for three months - to wit up to 23rd June past. after which last date so much as remained unpaid should bear ten per cent interest. You will remember there are five names to the note. viz Huston, Garner, Simpson, Moore & your own. One fifth of the note, when due, was \$697.12. Interest on this for three months, - to 23rd June at six per cent. is \$10.45. The interest on the \$697.12 from 23rd June to 23rd Aug. to wit next Monday - two months at ten per cent would be \$11.61. - Making the whole amount of your portion of the note. principal & interest up to 23rd Inst. - \$719.18. I make the calculation up to 23rd Inst so that if you chuse to pay it you may know the amount. And on the 23rd Inst I expect to be in Winchester and I may suit you to meet me, or make some arrangements

To pay at that time. Or if you prefer, I will
sent me, in case you wish to pay it; for you
to forward to me or to any acquaintance of
yours in this place, ^{for me} a check on our Bank at this
place for the amount. And on its receipt I
will enter the credit on the note & also, if you
wish it, forward you a receipt. It is most
very material with me at present whether
you pay it or allow it to stand for the pres-
-ent at the ten per cent. Tho. I may possibly
have use for it in five or six weeks.

I have been for some time labouring under
a severe attack of Flux I am still quite un-
well. & possibly might not be able to be at
Manchester on next Monday. If so, & you
should be there to pay or send the money -
a payment of the money to My Brother
Dr James Hood - or Brother-in-law. Mr.
Lewis Naughton, both of Manchester, shall be
as good as if paid to me on the same day.

Mrs Simpson Moore & Garner have
paid or very nearly paid their respective portions.

I would be pleased to hear from you at
your earliest leisure

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
J. J. Hood

J. J. Hood - 1852

Received from H. L. Duncan the sum of seven hundred nineteen dollars, eighteen cents, which is this day credited upon a note executed to me, 22nd March last, by the said Duncan, Jno B Houston John G Garner James Simpson & Phos N Moore, for the sum of thirty four hundred eighty five dollars sixty two cents, due one day after date. The consideration of which note was a certain other note executed some five or six years ago by one Robert G Clarke principal, and the said Duncan, Houston, Garner, Simpson and Moore, his sureties, to Squire Turner due about January 1851. and which last note was assigned to me about first June 1851 by said Turner. Said note of Clarke &c to Turner amounted principal and interest to the sum of thirty four hundred eighty five dollars sixty two cents on the 22 March last. And was by me surrendered up to Clarke's sureties at that date upon the execution of the note I now hold upon said sureties alone.

This 23rd August 1852.

H. J. Hood

J. P. Hood - 1852



Louisville Sept 1st 1852

Dear Sir

I rec^d your favor of the 30th ultimo and should have answered it on yesterday but my wife was so ill I could not leave her she is much better to day.

On the 1st July last the mill of R. C. Clarke & Co was sold and I became the purchaser Smith one of the Partners of R. C. & Co. later on half the purchase. Dickson & Monte & Smith assumed the payment of the Five Thousand Dollar debt to Craig to induce Clarke to make them a deed for the property so as to enable them to see to meet the debt Craig & other debts due by the concern. Clarke was to pay the \$400 due 1st July himself he informed me the 1st July that he had written to you that he could not pay it at that time and requesting you to pay it for him and that he would be able to refund it to you some time this fall. If he does not make the payment the deed of Trust gives you the right to sell his negroes to do so.

The balance of Clarke's negroes & his furniture & Co was made over to Dickson & Monte & Smith to secure them in the payment of the Debt to

Craig and will have to be sold in time to meet
 the payment,

Very Respectfully
The Y. Brent

7.9. Brent-1852

Winchester, Sept 7th 1852.

Dear Sir.

If Brent and Dickison do not pay the whole of the debt that was due to Craig, at the time they sold the property of R C Clark, embracing the interest note of \$400, as well as the principal debt, we will of course have to make a sale of the property for the purpose. And as the sale already made is invalid so far as we are concerned, I am in favor of having a resale of the factory, disregarding the sale already made - I do not think that they should expect us, to sell the slaves to pay our debt. It might be unpleasant for our trustees to take the slaves from the family of Clark, and as we held the prior deed there is no semblance of propriety in the request that we should have it done - They had no right to make the sale, unless they made arrangements to satisfy the debts secured by the elder deed of trust, and if they have relied upon the promise of Clark to do it, they ought to attend to it, and have it done.

You had better address Brent & Dickison upon the subject, and inform them, that we will be under the necessity of having the property resold, unless the debts are paid.

I have not seen Callan, since I received your first communications. The death of his son, some ten days since, and the death of his daughter Mrs Houston, on yesterday, has deeply

affected him, and he has not been in a situation to attend
to any business -

76 7 Suncoo Esq -

Respectfully yours &c
James Simpson

Mail

Wm

Lenington

Kentucky

No. 7. Dimecoin

Esq



James Simpson
1881

Paris Oct 25
1852

Major H J Duncan
or his

You will see by
enclosed advertisements that
the Gor Mc Darrell tract
will be sold 16 next mo

I send you a plat as laid
off for sale, but would
vary it to suit purchasers
I have copied boundaries
of No 5 & No 6 which
portions again your land
I understand from those
best acquainted with the
land that it is the best
timbered portion & that
it would add to the value
of your farm. It also suits
several others & particularly
J S Matson I thought if you
desired it you could write to
some friend to bid for you

in case you will not be home
in time

With great respects

Your friend

J. M. Arnold

P.S. The decree limits the sale
to \$60 per acre But I am
well advised in saying the
lots named or either are well
worth the money & will bring it
JMA

J. M. Arnold - 1852

Chiles Hotel

Nov. 24. 1852.

Mr. A. T. Duncan

Dear Sir:

I am here on my way to St. Louis. Called at your office, but found no one in. Please send me by mail or by hand about fifty blank Commissions for agents in Missouri. Mr. Bodley is now expected in Frankfort. If you will leave the package with C. S. Bodley he can find an opportunity of sending it to Mr. B., or to me at St. Louis.

Yours Sincerely,

A. Mitchell

W. S. Mitchell, 1852

W. J. Duncan Esq
Pres. Clay Mon. Assn

Care of
Mr. A. L. ...

Present

Louisville Jan^y 6th 1853

Mr S J Dunbar

Dr Sir

Your very capricious
letter of the 5th Inst is before I regret that
you were so very hasty in coming to erroneous
conclusions you have come to in regard to the
remarks about the cow kept It was for my
intention to even surmise any deception on your
part for I know you are incapable of doing me
any injustice, ^{was} what I wrote or intended that
you may have not know the cow that I
alluded to from the number in your herd
not that you had not any other intentionally,
but may have not know the one I desired It
is a very natural conclusion as Dr Powell looked
at mine & priced many in your herd of cattle
& moreover your fresh tracks are frequently chan-
ging with them, I infer to get your young cows
broke I am very well pleased with the cow
Now you charge me with ungratefully offences
& address me language I think entirely uncall-
ed for I've hurt at it from ^{the} long & finally
understanding that has existed between us for
half a century

Yrs Respectfully

J Lee

A. Scott - 1853

Hatton Mo

Sept 24th 1852

Henry Duncan Esq

Dear Sir

In yours of April
3rd you proposed to pay the note
I hold on you as Admin^r of the
estate of your mother Mrs Duncan
in July past. As the time for
my first settlement of her
estate is drawing near, permit
me to remind you of this
approaching necessity for its
payment

I prepared a suitable assign-
ment (as I deemed) of your
interest in said note in favor
of the devisees of Mrs Duncan
& left it at Columbia for
Mr & Mrs Barr to sign and acknowl-
edge & to be then sent by David
Guthrie to you - If it is at

hand you will observe its
contents. If not, I'll have
it forwarded as soon as I
may go to Columbia.

Mr Barr has been very
ill - critically so - my last in-
formation is that he is better.

My wife & Cordie are at his
house - Carrie & Cordie have
both been quite sick there.

I presume they are great deal
better as their attack was not
serious. The wife & the friends
here are well.

Your attention is desired.

My love to Miss Duncanson
family. Henry & work.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Hardin

C. H. Hardin 1852



Henry G. Duncan Esq.

Lexington

Kentucky

Lexington 16. March 1852

My dear Sir

I have just reached home after an absence of 6 mo. - An acceptance of Lewis & Burwell for (I think) \$1000. was negotiated by me in your Bank before I left which I think falls due on tomorrow - I have just heard (although I don't know the fact) that they will be able to meet the Bill - I should like to have a protest, and I wish to ask the favour of you to have the Bill held up (if they fail to meet it) for a few days until I have time to arrange my affairs to meet it -

I reach home hard up for funds, my trip to Texas having required an expenditure of over \$5000. in getting my Lamar claims adjudged. please write me or receipt of this. in great haste. yours very truly



St Louis July 15
1855

A T Duncan Esq

Dear Sir

Caroline has
been a little better or more com-
fortable the last week, but with-
ing encouraging, in all human
probability she cannot last much
longer. The water is getting up to
the lungs again & much difficulty
in breathing at times, with consider-
able swelling in her legs & chest
Her sufferings have been almost
beyond human endurance & no one
with less will could have lived
under them so long. She has at last
made up her mind to die & speaks
of it with great calmness & composure
It has been but a few days since she
has consented to relinquish life here
below. She talks of her Aunt Duncan
so very often to the point so that the
early incidents of her life have taken
good hold of her mind of late. My
respects to Mrs D

J. G. Scott

Lancaster 18 Dec^r 1846.

Dear General.

Your favor of 29 Nov duly recd. The note due you of Jefferson Scott being on open account from W^m Pape to had slipped my memory. Had my thing else was done by note. It is all right that he should have been paid & you need have made no money about it. The note due by W^m Pape's exec^r \$175.00 in Sept 1842 some money having been paid & some merchandise furnished you. Since sending my account shown paid for buying the bag etc. \$14.60 and for the same the same on the two last lots about fifty dollars more. so that if you will send me about five hundred & seventy dollars it will about balance our account. I shall be particularly in need of money next week.

I have written to Washington on behalf of Mr Mathew & hope he will obtain the appointment. Mr Gutter & others are so dissatisfied with Mr Palk that they will make application on behalf of us own. Some of my family have been unable this week. My respect to Mr General.

Yrs truly
W^m Pape

H. J. Duncan

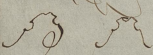
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Albion, New York, Oct. 4th 1807

My dear friend,

Enclosed you will find \$100.00 the sum which upon my solicitation you so kindly and promptly sent to me last June. I ought then to have acknowledged its receipt and wished to do so, but leaving Chittie the so soon after it came to hand, and being almost constantly upon the wing ever since, visiting from place to place numerous relations whom for many years I had not seen, I had not been able to secure an early opportunity of writing to you. If not too late, allow me now to express my sincere thanks not only for the loan of the money, which has been a great accommodation to me, but more especially for the expression of friendship and kind interest in my welfare, conveyed in your very generous invitation to seek counsel and assistance from you, as from a brother in any subject and at all times. We assured Dear Mrs. that I do appreciate the invitation, and shall henceforth feel at liberty to increase the obligation under which I already rest, and avail myself of your proffered aid, whenever I may need it.

With a grateful heart do I regard the good providence of my Heavenly Father towards me, in permitting me to enjoy your disinterested friendship, and a place in the affectionate regards of your family. I love to recall the season spent so pleasantly, and I would hope, not unprofitably, as a member of your family, circle,

and the assurance that I am there still kindly remembered by those ^{whose} ~~whose~~ ^{invaluable} little attentions, kindnesses, and generous favours in former days, (treasured in my memory as tokens of sincere good will) so much endeared them to me and won an abiding place in my affections, is a source of true gratification.

My summer has past delightfully, in one continued round of enjoyment, and I have before me the promise of a very pleasant winter in the family of my father-in-law, with whom I am now residing, but in the midst of all my enjoyments, and new associations, my friends have, by no means, been forgotten, nor will they be. My greatest regret during the summer has been, that I was almost necessarily deprived of the privilege of a regular correspondence with them. With one or two exceptions I have received no letters since I left, and consequently know very little of what has been transpiring in your midst; it makes the time of my absence seem very long indeed, and now that the excitement of travelling, and continual change of scene is past, and I am quietly settled down, as I suppose for the winter, I begin to feel as though I could not patiently wait for the arrival of letters to assure me of the health and happiness of kind friends in whose for whom I shall ever cherish a lively interest.

Will not Mrs. Duncan, if it is not too much for me to ask, write to me? A letter from her, I should highly prize, as also one from Tommy and Mary who each promised to write to me.

Remember me in much love to Mrs. Duncan and the dear children - not forgetting Elly; and darling little Lily; how delighted I should be to see them! If Dr. Marshall is still with you, a kind remembrance to him. May my heavenly Father abundantly bless and reward you for your disinterested kindness in behalf of your much obliged & sincere friend, Anna E. Brewster.

P.S. Should Mrs. Duncan, or the children favor me with a letter, please send it to ~~Miss~~ ^{Mr.} W. H. C. one of the Edwards Courays.

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Mattson & Co Feb 20th 1838
H. J. Duncan Esqr

Dear Sir,

In compliance
with your request I called at
the Station house to day - Making
enquiry for your trunks.

They say they were forwarded
about three days after you left.

Will say to Mr Tansum
that the season had not been
received.

Trusting they arrived
safely I remain

Very Respectfully

J. H. Jones

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H. J. Duncan Esq.
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all these at last, how will it repay all the toils & anxieties & trials of the way? My dear friend, may this unspeakable joy be yours & mine.

My family have been greatly favoured during the winter with good health. There is some talk of our eldest daughter being married before long. The prospect makes me feel my poverty very deeply. Poor child, we shall be able to furnish her with a very slim outfit of the necessaries & decencies required on such an occasion. Half our living here was to be derived from farming & teaching. Both these schemes have failed, & our disappointment has been very great. But I am not without hope that the Lord will still provide for us in time to come as in time past. His precious mercies have been

Frankfort Springs, Pa.

April 22. 1859.

My dear friend,

Have you heard a bad story on me this winter? I suppose it has hardly travelled so far. So I must even tell the tale myself. — At Washington in Oct. I took my little son to see the students play Cricket. I received a blow on the foot from a ball, which hurt me a good deal & detained me a few days. I was able to limp about, & to preach on the Sabbath, standing on one foot & one knee. But using my foot too much it became worse. At last I went to bed, hoping that entire rest would effect a cure. We used poultices, blisters, packings cold & warm, liniments, leeches &c. &c. But all

seemed to do but little good. Two physicians from Wash. were out to see me. I also wrote to Pittsburg & obtained the counsel of two eminent physicians. All feel sure of my recovery in time. But now after lying in bed most of the time for 14 weeks, it is still utterly helpless. I hop around at times on crutches, but even this hurts me. A few days ago an eminent surgeon, practicing in Pitt, came to see me. He has put me on an entirely new course, & is confident of my restoration in a few weeks. I do not feel the same confidence, but hope for the best.

Don't you think I have been paying pretty dearly for my boyish curiosity? It has surely been a strange affliction. Indeed so many mercies have been mingled

in the cup, it has hardly seemed like an affliction. I have suffered very little pain - my general health has been most of the time very good - & my spirits for the most part have kept up remarkably well. For these & other precious mercies, I do try to be thankful.

My brethren have been very kind & have preached for me frequently. At our last communion season eleven persons - all of them young - were brought into the church - & among them our dear daughter Ann. If a true christian, as we fondly hope, what an inestimable blessing. It is my first & chief prayer concerning my children that they may be pious & useful. Our beloved first-born was called away a year ago to heaven, as we fully believe. Oh if the Lord permit us to meet them

I see some of the great men of the Lexington Assembly are to be at Indianapolis, Dr. Breckinridge, Hornwell &c. I hope they may have as good a time.

My last letter, containing a request for Dr. B's Clay Address, I presume you never received.

have been so multiplied, that it would seem wicker in me above all other men to distrust his care & honesty.

We have had the most dreary, muddy winter ever known in this region. All interests, religious, farming, mercantile, mechanical, educational, social, & every other human interest - all have been injured by the dismal, frightful, impassable roads. The Spring has been opening out pleasantly. The grain & fruit prospects are very cheering. The farmers & merchants & all are beginning to take heart again, after a long season of discouragement & gloom.

I was honored lately with a mighty kind letter from Mr. Crittenden, in answer to a note of inquiry &c. which I sent him last

Winter. I should be highly gratified if matters should so turn about as to place him in the Presidential chair? Do you think there is any hope of it? Or ought we to desire to see a friend raised to that place, where he is sure to be abused & vilified & worked to death?

If you or Henry or any of you should pass this way, we would be mightily pleased to have a visit. The best place to stop is Stembenville, & there hire a hack. The misery is that I feel unworthy to tax our friends with so much expense & trouble to come & see us. But it would afford me much delight to return some of your kind hospitality. The near approach of May reminds me of my last visit & the strawberries & new pears we enjoyed so much.

Mon. Ap. 25.

On Saturday we had a most terrific snow storm - the worst of the whole Winter. That night it froze severely. It was supposed the fruit, (especially the peaches) was utterly destroyed. But to-day the report is that it is safe yet. I do hope Providence is about to favor the land with abundant crops.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. W. Kee & family, Messrs. M. Carr, Sayre & families &c. &c.

Is Miss Higgins with you still? Give her my particular regards. I hope the girls are improving finely under her kind tuition.

Assure your family of my continued affectionate regards.

With much esteem, Yours as ever
J. H. Newman



A. G. Duncan Esq -
Lexington -
Kentucky -

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N. Orleans, April 27 -

My dear Sir,

I am rather tardy
in acknowledging your letter.

I hope Mr. Frazer
will be up so in executing the
commission which, on my behalf,
you have had the kindness to give
him. Possibly Mr. Frazer may
take unusual interest in scrutinizing
the work of an artist so eminent
as Mr. Healy. When the portrait
is completed you will have the
kindness to cause it to be forwarded
if I happen to be here, or to keep it
in Lexington till my return; & advise
me how I am to send Mr. Frazer's fee.

Miss Young, and I propose to go as usual to the North. We have actually taken our passage in the Ballou for the 17th; as well as arranged our cottage in Newport for the coming summer.

Should you visit that place again, I hope my health will permit me to enjoy much more of your society than during the last season.

With compliments to the ladies - including my affectionate remembrances to my young friend -

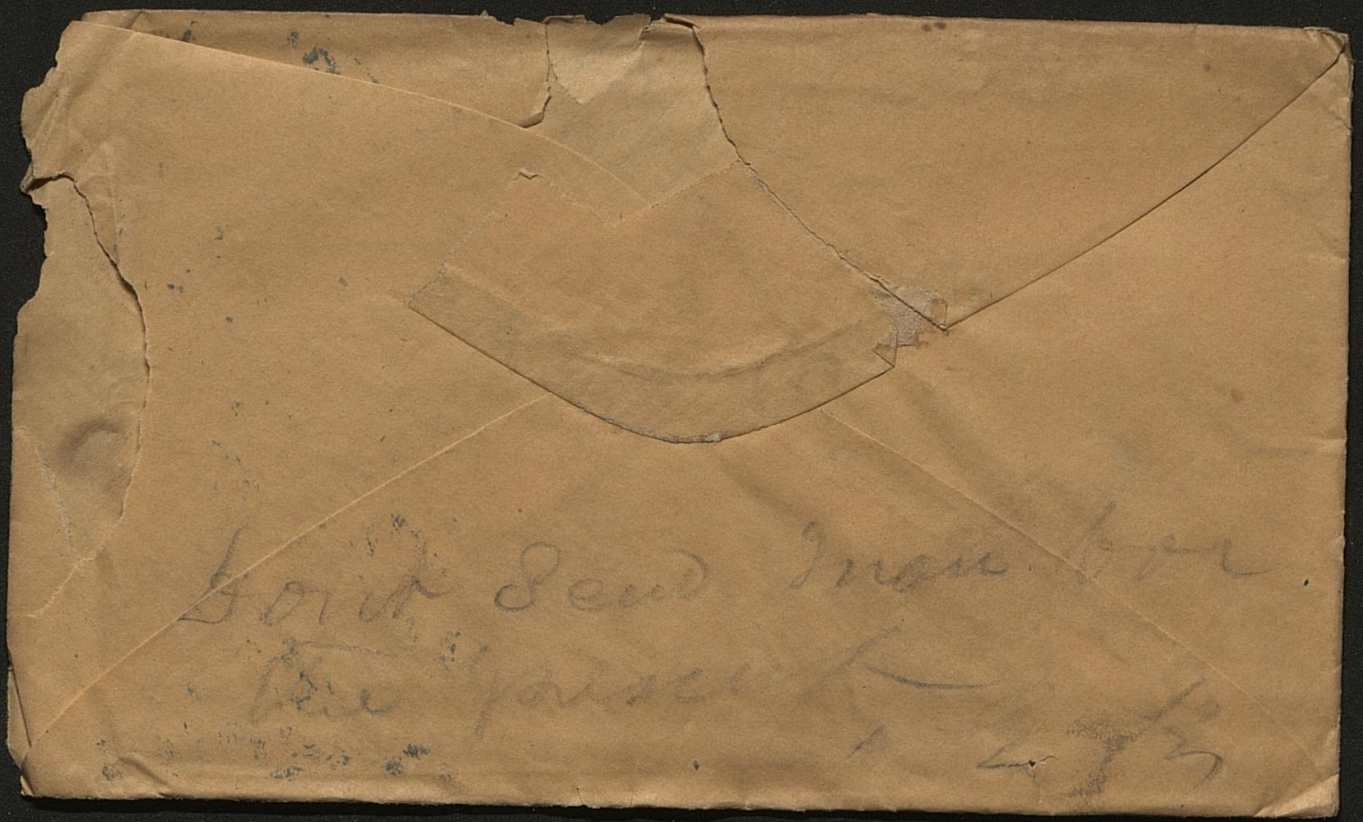
Believe me, dear Sir,

faithfully yours
W. Keegan Mearns.

H. G. Brown Esq.



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Cincinnati May 2nd 1859

Henry J. Duncan Esq.
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

We the undersigned members of George H. Shoemberger's family, having such a pride in, and affection for "Far", do hereby enter our protest, against parting with her!

With much regard we remain
Respectfully Yours

Sarah Shoemberger

Peter Shoemberger
Sarah H. Shoemberger

W. H. Shoemberger

Witness

Mr. Mitchell

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the future Sir William Kinross is likely to be
in any contingency he will at the death of
Sir John come into possession of estates near
Perth worth about five thousand pounds per
year. The old Baronet cannot live but a few
weeks longer and should you wish to reach me
before his death the Kinross may possibly have
his fortune considerably increased.

This letter is confidential I hope that you
will say nothing about the business until you
hear from me again - just as to the Kinross.

In my note to him I have not informed
him that he was the heir to this large property
and title but have only communicated the
fact that he was likely to come into possession
of a legacy in a month or two, and
dequaranting him to give me his address
so that I could write to him when to
come to Scotland.

In this affair I act entirely by the orders
of Sir John Ogilvie. And in attending
to this little business the Duke says
you will exceedingly oblige

I am
Henry J. Duncan Esq
of the firm of
Langton, Bantock, Montrose & Bently.

Edinburgh Scotland
May 1839.

Sir

Before the decease of the late
Mrs B. B. Esq of your place I
frequently received letters from him
for we were school boys together and
had always corresponded.

In the letters which I lately
received, he once or twice mentioned
having an office in company with you
by referring to those a pistol. I find
your names and it is for this
reason that I now - although a
stranger - write to you upon a delicate
matter of business.

The Doctor's widow has held no
communication with his relatives
since his death and has, I believe,
removed from Livingston.
At any rate I do not know her

address, and as I am not acquainted with any person in your town except yourself, I cannot say that I am acquainted with you, and only know you from the high tone in which Mr Baxter speaks of you in his letter) got I am sorry to trouble you to ask of you a slight favor.

To come at once to the point after this brief explanation, I wish you to give me some information of Mr Baxter's brother-in-law, a young gentleman of about five and twenty, named William Kinnear.

I and my cousin and partner are attorneys at law. I was recently called upon to draw up the will of a distant relative of this young Mr Kinnear, Sir John Ogilvie baronet. This nobleman is not expected to live any

time, and at his death young W. is the next male heir comes into possession of the estates and probably the title also.

The relationship is distant and I doubt if the young gentleman is even aware of it. As both his parents were Scotch, however, I dare say he is, though perhaps he has never dreamed of falling heir to the estates.

What I beg leave to ask of you now Mr Simson is to enquire and let me know when this Mr Kinnear may be found or if he is in Lexington I will enclose to you a note to deliver to him. (I hope I am not putting you to too much trouble?) and at the same time you will favor me extremely if you will let us know all about the young gentleman - if he is married or single - what he is now doing - what his character is - if he has talent &c. &c. you will understand what I mean. We wish to know exactly what sort of person

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W. J. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Kentucky



Louisville Ky May 12th 1859

H. C. Duncan Esq.

Dear Sir

When you were in our City, you mention the subject of paying me some money before you left. I was quite busy, and did not have the time to see you about it. Knowing it was safe until call for, I did not trouble myself about it at the time.

As I might have need of some money before long, I would like to know the amount due me, and if you intend visiting our City, or, if I must come to Lexington to get it.

Mary & Amelia have both been quite sick since you were here, Mary is better and Amelia has nearly recovered.

Write to me as soon as possible.
Give my regards to all, I remain

Yours Respectfully
J. Thomas

Albany New York
May the 20. 57

Mr. H. J. Linnear

Dear Sir I stopped at
Fishkill on yesterday and spent half
of the day in Newburgh where Mr
Gwalt has his establishment for manure
facturing. The mowers he had on
hand at present but was finishing six
of them to fill orders I got him to let
me have one of them for you and
he is to have it finished and boxed
to ship on Monday in nice order I
will stop and pay him for it and
ship it to you on that day I ordered
to be sent to you at Georgetown Kentucky
directed to the care of Higgins. I have no
news of interest I suppose you have heard
the fine race before this time. Catherin
Allen is the best horse in the world I
am certain of that. This man wanted

to send with the machine an extra
knife he says in case the knife should
break one can make them but
himself I objected to it as I had no
order from you to do so should you
need or want one I will get made and
send to you any time this machine
is high spoken of here I visited in
Newburgh the old Fort house that
Washington occupied during the
Revolutionary war and I saw
many very many interesting relics of
old times canons muskets taken from
the British and Indians the house
and grounds are kept as near the
same as could be done I remain
Respectfully Yours M. M. S. Moreland



H. S. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Kentucky

Louisville Ky June 7th 1859

H. T. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir

Your last favor was
duly received. As I am in need of some money,
I thought I would write for the balance due me.
Please write to me, and tell me, when I can call on
Mr Pope for the same.

Mary is getting well. The baby is quite well at pres-
ent. Give our regards to your family. I remain

Yours truly
E. Thomas

Cincinnati

Thursday 8th Sept 1859.

Dear Sir

I have been anxiously expecting a letter of introduction from you, as I find upon enquiry that I can get a situation at Skillito's, the largest retail dry goods store in the place - in fact the "Stewarts" of the city.

It would be rather mortifying to me to go back to selling goods in Lexington, but in point I don't mind it.

What I stand in need of at present, is someone to refer to - some one to give as city reference as to character &c &c before I can get the place at Skillito's.

Will you please send me a letter before Saturday if possible, and pardon me for troubling you so much?

I wish to be making something - don't like to live on borrowed money - Very Respectfully

W. Kinnean

New Orleans Nov 5th 1859

W. J. Duncan Esq
Birmingham
My dear Sir,

I have yr. esteemed favor
of the 20th ult. covering advertisement of the sale
of the "Levy Farm" and the 16th inst. As we are
making a deal, I can not leave room but
have concluded to make a bid for the whole
of the land, you will be kind enough to let
me tend to the matter for me - viz the whole of the
land, one tract of 240 acres & the 72 acres making
three hundred & twelve (312) acres, with all the
buildings & improvements thereunto belonging
And I herewith enclose you to bid for me
for this property as high as fifty thousand
(\$35,000) dollars. If you can purchase it for less
so much the better - and I hereby purchase
empowered to draw on me ^{one} and thirty (30) days
sight, payable at the office of Wm. C. Severich
New Orleans. The cash payments are thirty
of the purchase money, to be paid when possession
of the property is given - If you should buy
this property for me, please purchase the hay,
outs & corn for me, if they go at a fair
price, & are so stored, that they will keep
all winter - If you purchase for me,
please telegraph me, care Wm. C. Severich,
New Orleans.

With our kindest regards
to yourself & family, I am very truly
Yours,
W. S. Minor

Lanville apl 14. 1836

Dear General

I find it impossible to get off
the Grey horse unless some one goes along
with him to take care of him. Had not
you better let me have him out and
taken at home. He can run there at
parture without any expense with you
take him. Surely the less trouble they
under you another part of your with
the head of the. Shall I take them? He
will be the cheapest method of getting
down of the matter.

Yr truly
W. H. Pope

H. J. Duncan Esq

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Covington Sept 20, 1839

Major A. J. Duncan

Lexington Ky

My dear Major

It would have afforded
me my great pleasure to have
been present on the occasion of
the marriage of your daughter.
For an occasion of so much interest
to you could not fail to be of interest
to me. But I find myself circumstan-
-ced to forego the pleasure. My boat
is now in repair and I am constantly
engaged. Very anxious to close up
my business here as early as I can
Please present my compliments to
the young couple and my best wishes
that their lives may continue long and
as happy as this morning of their day
is propitious. Very truly
your friend
W. B. Kinkead