

Boston November 20th 1861.

My dear Sir,

Your welcome letter of
Novem. 10th has given me sincere
pleasure. I rejoice that you are
with us, and your assurances about
Kentucky are most gratifying. She
is a noble State, and peopled by
a noble race, and her sons have
borne a gallant part in this
struggle. History furnishes no
example of a higher heroism than
that exhibited by Anderson at Sumter.

I pray you to excuse me for
being unable to resist the temptation
of publishing in the "Boston Courier"
an extract from your letter, of
course suppressing your name, as

you desired me not to allow that to appear in the papers. I did not construe this caution as a prohibition from making public the contents of your letter. I have sent you a copy of the "Courier" of November 17th, which will reach you before this letter -

I have never taken an active part in politics; but my sympathies are warmly enlisted in the success of our national cause - and my heart is with those who are fighting its battles, whether on the Mississippi, the Ohio, or the Potomac. They are all my countrymen, and our "Union" is cemented by the blood of our martyrs - I sincerely reciprocate your wish that a Kentucky brigade and a Massachusetts brigade might

fight shoulder to shoulder. Perhaps they may before the war is over, and may they then generously emulate each other!

When you next come eastward, I hope that you will extend your visit to Boston - where you will be a welcome guest -

Will you present my best regards to Mrs Duncan, and to the other members of your family, and believe me -

Very Respectfully Yours,

Joseph P. Gardner.

Henry J. Duncan Esq -
Lexington
Kentucky -

May 24th 1861

Mr Hoge.

Dear Sir. The order you left
with Mr Symms for two
Maynard Rifles & 3 Colt
pistols through my neglect
has not yet been sent.
The delay was occasioned by
my trying to get Colt's latest
and most approved pistols,
and through forgetfulness.
If not too late we can
send today the rifles and
Colt's old style pistols.

Yours Respectfully
J. S. Chesney.

Mr J Symms & Bro
300 Broadway -



Henry T. Drummond Esq

Lexington

Ky

New York 24th May '61

Henry T. Drummond Esq
Lexington Ky

My dear Sir

I send in due course your letter of 10th inst and I at once gave the order to a reliable party on that line of business, and you may imagine my surprise to receive the enclosed note today informing me that the articles had not been sent as directed - Finding that I could not myself go to Kentucky at the present time & as I had intended I procured the President of our Ward who was going out to take them & directed the package to be sent to his house & it is only this moment that I learn that you had not already had them - I regret this very much and the best I can now do is to send them by Express to Cincinnati and if you will give me the address of some one there & best directions as you deem needful I will attend to it at once - We are all here hutching

Kentucky with interest and we do hope
she will not soon see fortunes with the
Cotton States. Our highest rest upon
her if she fails as God only knows
where we shall drift to in this
most unfortunate war - We have
therefore but one course to pursue
stand up for the Union this year
we will a good report.
May God preserve us.

Truly
Yours
W. W. W. W.

POST OFFICE
MAY 26
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Majr H. V. Duncan

Lexington

Kentucky

LANGLEY & KENNERLY
COMMISSIONERS
CORNHARDT
AGENTS
BUREAU
CINCINNATI

\$12.50

11 August 1860

Cincinnati May 25th 1841

Major H. J. Duncan
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

Received Your favour of the 22^d.
instant covering check in the Northern Bank of Ky for \$55⁰⁰ in full of salt
With pleasure we read Your remarks, and can say, Amen. so would be
& hope you will not only elect that noble specimen of Kentucky (Westminster)
but good and true Men, in every Congressional District in Your State, and that
the Stars & Stripes may ever Wave over Your noble State

Yours Truly
Langley & Hancock

W. F. STRAUB,
Attorney at Law,
CINCINNATI.



Henry J. Duncan Esq

Lexington

Ky

W. F. STRAUB,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
And Notary Public,
No. 3 Masonic Temple,
Cor. Third & Walnut Sts.
CINCINNATI.
Address Box 704, Post Office.

Cincinnati,
May 29, 1881-

Henry J. Duncan Esq
Lexington Ky:-
Dear Sir-

At the request of Mrs Giannini Adm^r
of the estate of Jos. Giannini late of this County deceased, I send
you herewith enclosed her assignment as Adm^r to you of
the amount due the ^{said} estate for the purpose of collecting
the same from John Haley the debtor - as heretofore ar-
ranged between yourself and Mrs G.'s brother in law a few days since.

I trust you will be able to secure the above sum
at an early day for this worthy woman and her young
family and also the sum of one hundred and seventy
dollars (\$170⁰⁰) due from the Clay Monument Committee
which Mrs G. informs me is for extra services performed
and expenses incurred in this behalf - of all which you
are advised -

It were the goodness to acknowledge the receipt of enclosed
& to inform me if possible of the probabilities of a speedy
collection of the claims - My Post Office ^{address} is printed above -

Very respy yr obt servt W. F. Straub - atty for Mrs Giannini



A. J. Duncan ^{2nd} Esq.

Leicester

Ms



Henry T Duncaw Sr
To J J Harrison & Son

1860

Nov 27 To 1 Soap for Dr Dish

400

Let My
Oct 8th 1861 Red Paint

Lexington Oct 12th 1861

Mr H. J. Duncan

Dear Sir

Please find Enclosed Bill of
Troup Bought by Dr Desha for
you man being in want of
money by early settlement you
would oblige very

J P Harrison Esq

Louisville Ky. Dec^r. 6. 1861.

N. J. Duncan Esq

Lexington Ky

Returned Friend

I did not receive your favor of the 3rd inst until last night, and in compliance with your request inform you that Thomas was born on the 17th day of October 1844. and was Seventeen years old on 17th October last,

I hope the Omission to advise you of Thomas age has not caused delay in his application, that will be prejudicial,

I understand that there will be numerous applications from this City to the President for appointments at West Point by sons of our most influential citizens, which I fear will much diminish the chances of Thomas, and I hope you will as assiduously secure the intercession of Mess^{rs}. Crittenden, Walling and G. Davis in his behalf,

What I think you of the Presidents and Secretary Camerons views on the subject of Slavery. Is it not to be feared that they will have a most depressing effect, with alienation of feelings of Union Men who have ^{they were engaged in} concurred and cooperated with the Government in the patriotic and holy duty of crushing out rebellion, and restoring the Constitution and enforcement of the laws as they have existed, but if a Crusade against the institution of Slavery is to be the leading policy of the administration will they submit or spurn such an alliance. Much feeling with evil forebodings is exhibited in our City at the position taken on the subject of Slavery by the President and Secy Cameron. I shall be pleased to hear the result of Tho's application at an early day
Very Sincerely your friend
H. H. Tomblake

Louisville Ky. Dec. 16. 1861.

N. J. Duncan Esq
Esteemed Friend

I herewith enclose duplicate of Rev. James Craik's testimonial for Thomas, and a true copy of that sent you from his teachers, with a Certificate endorsed on the back by Prof. Grant principal of the high school, I received your letter on Saturday and was unable to see the Professors in time to forward testimonials by to day's mail, as you informed me that you desired to send them by Mon. Garrett Davis who leaves on to Morrow for Washington City, and supposed the copy I had made of that sent ^{you}, endorsed by the Principal of the school would be entirely satisfactory, and which ^{facts} you can mention in your communication to the President.

I concur in your feelings and gratification of the election of W. Davis, and believe as you state that he is the right in the right place, and there is no man in the State who enjoys in a higher degree the confidence of the People for honesty of purpose, ability, and lofty patriotism, and I anticipate for him a brilliant Senatorial ~~Career~~ Career, that will place his ~~name~~ name and fame with Kentucky's greatest Statesmen,

Hoping this will reach you in time with kindest regards for your self and family.

I remain very truly your friend
N. H. Simbulake



M. J. Hancock Esq
Lexington
Ky

Auditors Office Ky
Frankfort Dec 18. 61

N. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington Ky

Sir:

The interest
on your "Sinking Fund Loan"
will be due 1st January 1862
Amount due ————— \$ 52.38

Very respectfully
Grant Green

Auditor
Per J. M. Withrow
CCK

Maj. H. P. Ainsworth

Ainsworth

By Simpson

By

December

The
27 1861

Mr. Lawrence this Boy
Lincoln wishes me to
give him a order for
his year worke we
agree to give ~~to~~ give him
one hundred and forty dollars
for the year 1861.

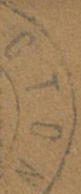
Samuel McDowell

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Sir

Pimpenl goes to see you this morning. will
you be kind enough to let me hear from you
by his return. I need a little money very
much otherwise I would not trouble you
but I know you have only to write a check
and the money is always ready

Hutchinsons Dec 24th 1864

Yours &c
W. Rector, Esq



H. T. Dunson Esq.

Lexington

Ky

H. J. Duncan Esq.

March

1862

My dear Sir

Upwards of a year has elapsed since I desired my interest in the Furnace property of Thos Kelley closed. When we last conversed you expressed a wish to make collections for payment of a part when you ^{would} close the balance by note.

You are probably prepared to do so; if not, it can make no difference as credits can be entered any time it may suit you. It is uncertain when I may be able to see you. The uncertainty & precarious state of my life & health renders it necessary & indispensable the claims should be finally closed. You have the estimate to last Feb. 1st 1861. and will oblige me by doing so, through Wm Warfield or otherwise.

Respectfully Yrs
W. Warfield

Friend^d May 15. 1864
A. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Dr Sir

Your favour
of 13th Inst is duly recd; Enclosed check
for One Hundred & forty five 10/100 Dollars
to our order - which is in full of your bills
& C. Stinger

Truly
Yours
Dwight H. Brock

CROWTHER & CO'S
DEALERS
& MANUFACTURERS OF
DYE WOODS, DYE STUFFS,
Extract Logwood, Paints, &c.
30
North Front St, Phila.



A. J. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky.

Livingston July 5th 1862

Mr. H. J. Duncan Esq

You will confer a favor
on the Society formed to Relieve Families of
Volunteers, if you will have Mr. D. A. Payne the
Banking office Two Thousand & Fifty Dollars - it
Being five calls of two per cent on your Subscribers
to the above Society, as Friday next is Distribution
Day you will please have it by ten o'clock on
that Day - 8th of July - the Treasurer Ben Combs

Very Respectfully

David M. Murtry agt.
in Place of Laywell Reynolds



Leaving Ky July 27th 64

Mr. Sumner

To enable me
to pay my bills
I am compelled to
call on my customers
for payment of their
accounts I hope you
will buy you 20 stands
\$53.00 with

Respect

W. H. Beach

Lexington, March 21. 1863

Sir, Please let me know the price you ask for your barley, also the probable number of bushels you have for sale.

An early answer will oblige yours

Very Respectfully,
A. J. Wolf.

H. Duncan, Esq.
Present.



Mr Henry G. Truman
Lexington
Kentucky

Paris 14th March 1810

Mr Duncan

Sir

Owing to my peculiar-
ly unfortunate circumstances I am
necessitated to write you again
concerning a small piece of property
that I would like to sell you, as it
will not suit any one else as it
seems to suit you, I allude to
the 14 acres of land which joins
one of your places, Mr Duncan this
small piece of land is all Mr
Lewis has left untouched, he
has managed to secure his
Father & every one else on all
of my property without securing

anything to one of my children & this
is the only source from which I
can command anything to enable
me to live & support my children
as I do not intend to accept of the
assistance of any of my friends
until I see what I can accom-
-plish alone; - I suppose my
interest in my mothers estate
will soon be sold at a great
sacrifice as I shall not be able
to prevent it & no doubt you can
buy it at a very low price which
may perhaps induce you to buy
the 1/4 acres joining it, you can
have it at 75 or 80 dollars an
acre, please reply to this as early
as you can conveniently & Oblige
Mrs May Scott Lewis



Major H. J. Duncan
Lexington
Ky

Paris Mar 29 52

H. J. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir

Although I am not
met a stranger to you, yet I take
the liberty of asking at your
hands a favour in behalf
of the Family of our late mutual
Friend Thomas Kelly,

Mr Kelly has been so long a
most faithful officer in the
Northern Bank, that I feel some
Confidence, that the Board
would be willing to confer a
favour upon his helpless Family
if they can do so without loss
to the Bank,

Mr White Foreman, is, I understand
from Mr Alexander, well
qualified to fill with credit
to himself and profit to

the Bank the position lately occu-
sion by Mr Kelly, and I am
assured that any advantage
that might accrue from it
would come to the benefit
of Mrs Kelly.

As you are one of the most
influential members of the
Board, I appeal to render
all the assistance in your
power, to secure the position
for Mr. Roman.

I feel assured, from your long
and intimate friendship with
Mr Kelly, that his widow, will
find in you, an unwavering
and active friend, and for
such friendship God will
reward you.

May I ask the favour of a reply
addressed to me at Huntington
and that you will speak to Mrs
K, upon the subject,

I would have preferred a personal
interview, but business in my
family requires me to return
to day.

Respectfully yours
Wm B. Smith



H. G. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Kentucky

Winchester N.Y. April 1. st 1862

A. G. Duncan Esqr.
Lexington N.Y.

Dear Sir.

You
have not advertised your Stallion
for this season, as I have seen - and
I would like to know your terms.
I have bred to him long enough &
given him sufficient reputation
abroad to get me season these
hard times very cheap -

Most respectfully

John W. Moore

April 30th 1862

Mr. H. J. Duncan

Dear Sir. will you do me the favor
to inform me the price of peanuts
what can the best of Peanuts be bought
for a bushel by the quantity

Please answer this letter and I will be
very thankful to you

direct - - A. Doty
Clifton Park

Saratoga, co
New York



Mr Henry L Suncan
Lexington
Kentucky

will take place. thinking
it might possibly be
to my pecuniary interest
for you to know it

The sale is on a cr of
3 mos

Very Resp
Yours

Wm H Kerr



Ms W J Duncan

Fayette Co Va August 1862

Dear Sir

On County
Court day in July (which is
near at hand) the farm
of Martin Hutchison 470
acres including his residence
is to be sold at Sheriff's
Sale to satisfy executions
in favor of the Northern
Bank of Va for about
\$25,000. \$15,000 in fav of Paris
branch balance the bank
at Lexington. My reason
for addressing you this note
is simply this. I have
had a talk with the Sheriff
and find that the sale
is advertised in handbill
form at Paris, but is not

not published in either the
Citizen or Observer and
consequently is but little
known. Knowing the
proximity of this to your Bo
lands I call your attention
to ^{the} Sale fearing you may not
be advised of its coming
off. The Sale is on a Cr
of 3 mos and I know of
no one unless it would be
yourself who the land
would suit, who could
raise the funds to pay the
Bank claims as a matter
of course they would only bid
the amt of their claim &
I am afraid if no one else
bids that the Bank would
not bid even that amt
and one dollar over their
bid would I have no doubt

buy the land I am infor-
-med by the Sheriff that
there is no purchase money
due on any part of it by
Hutchinson

You will pardon me for
taking the liberty of sending
you this note when I
told you I have an ~~claim~~
execution for \$1,500.00 agst
him that comes in next to
the bank and if the land
does not bring the amt of
their debt their claim may
absorb also his personally
and in that case I could
not make my debt. Of
course I am asking no
favor of you as I could have
no reason to expect one, but
only wish to be sure that
you are aware that the debt

that few have had such
fathers to mourn.

But our loss is his e-
ternal gain.

With kindest

regards to your family.

Believe me

Yours very truly

Jno. E. Mendenhall

Whiting
June 14th 1862

My dear Sir,

Altho' never
having had the pleasure
of a personal acquaintance
with you, yet from
the frequent mention
of your name by my
father, (Rev. J. W. M. K.)
and the warm attach-
ment he had to you, I
cannot feel toward
you otherwise than as
a friend. Your many
kindnesses to my dear
father, the rehearsal
of which by him I have
often listened to with plea-
sure, could not do other

than fill me with feelings of friendship towards you. It is with such feelings of regard, and a full confidence in your kindly notice of my letter, that I write to you now; as well as to as a desire to hear of the welfare of yourself & family.

I am reading law in Kentucky, and looking about for a location in which to establish myself. I prefer Ky. to any other state, and it occurred to me that perhaps Lexington afford advantages for a lawyer. As I don't know how it has been affected by the

war, I have thought it unadvisable to go without information upon the subject if at all. In some of the border states the war has affected business very favorably, while it has no doubt had the opposite effect in many places. If you can give me any information in regard to the state of business in Lex- or in your part of the state, I will be very grateful for it. You heard no doubt of the death of my dear father last year. You, who know his character, know how to sympathize in to great an affliction. For you can be very truly

Paris Ky July 7th 1862

My H^r Duncan

Dr Sir

The man I spoke
of to you was to see me a day or two ago
he has named Thursday next to meet
you at your farm I will accompany him
if I can

Truly &c
Wm Shaw

Mr. Henry J. Duncan
near Lexington
Kentucky



Dayton O. July 22. 62

Mr. Henry J. Duncan,

My dear friend,

The special object of this letter is, to ascertain from you, where the finest horse in the world can be found. I believe he is in Fayette Co., but you know more accurately about this matter. Seriously, however, as Col. of the 93^d O.V.; desiring to raise an every-way-superior Regiment and attaching very much importance to the beautifying and splendoring of all equipment and parades, I am extremely anxious to procure a superb and nobly-mettled horse, and will know that you will furnish me with the information, if not the animal I seek. We^d prefer over all a Thoro' bred. Then, price and other things being equal, I we^d choose a stallion.

Rather than take a Gelding, I would
have a thorough bred mare. You
know what qualities are indispensa-
ble to a perfect military horse, and
^{how} much is gained, by such, in the effect
upon troops. Other things being equal
again, give me coal-black, but
cannot expect satisfaction in all
points. If Morgan has not made
off with him, the horse is I think
somewhere about you there. Send
me, please, at earliest convenience
the description and prices of any
that you know of answering my
preferences -

Yours very truly

Charles Anderson

Col. 9th Regt. Ar.

Auditor's Office, Ky.,

Frankfort, 23 July, 1862.

H. L. Duncan, Esq.:

Dear Sir:

Your check was received, and the amount paid on your Sinking Fund Loan as directed - and mailed the Certificate to your address on the 15th Inst. If the receipt should not come to hand we will send you a duplicate - tho' the Credits are all duly entered.

Yours Truly
Grant Green
Aud^r

Paris July 28th 1862

May St J Duncan

My dear Sir

If you design
to Embarking in Milling I feel it my
duty to advise you not to see your
Calculations on the Memorandum
I handed you a few days since. If
you do you will deceive yourself

True the Calculation was
Correct in reference to that particular
lot of wheat but it is very rare indeed
to even come across such a sample of
wheat (it was a strictly Choice article
and but a small lot of it

I felt it my duty to state
these facts to you so you may ~~so you~~
be the better prepared to moderate your
views.

I have written to the man
I spoke of & when I hear from him
will correspond with you

If you conclude to
have your wheat made into flour
I shall be most ~~happy~~ happy
to grind it for you and can do
so as soon as you send it forward

Truly &c
Wm Shaw

Paris Augt 11th 1862

Maj H. T. Duncan

Dr Sir

I asked Mr

Davis this morning to see
you and first up for me
a letter of introduction
to Col Jacobs (commanding)
I do not know what my
fate is to be in reference
to a position in our company
I desire to obtain something
in the way of a position
yourself & Mr Davis can
be of some advantage to
Yours Oth Smith



H. J. Duncan, Esq
Lexington
Ky

Paris, Ky Aug 13th 1862

A J Duncan Esqr

Dr Sir You 56 Sks of Wheat
weigh 6940^{lb} — 115 Bu 40^{lb}

Result 32 BBl's flour 196^{lb} each

29 Sks Bran 1378^{lb}

9 " Shorts 850

3 " Coars flour 255

15 Empty Sks

56

~~It lacks~~ 40^{lb} of Compting 32

BBl's which deficiency I filled out of my own flour

My Dear Sir Your wheat is far from good If
Your wife Examines it You will find it weare

eaten and Specated too very serious objections
it would not suit my trade by any means

it would not pay me to grind such wheat
it does not turn out a large enough yield of
Flour and a great deal too much offal

The 32 BBl is ready for Shipping but cannot
get a Car before Tomorrow. I regret it could
not go to day with you and a dragoon for the
offal or that I ship to you

If you have a large amt
of wheat in bulk. I think you ought to give your
attention to it Else I think you will run great
Risk of having it still further injured by weare
I find in your wheat a great deal of it clumped
together from action of weare

I bought second Hand BBl's at
15 cts and had them nicely washed out The new BBl's
cost me 45[¢] cts. I am very greatly disappointed
in the quality of your wheat and if

it will make no difference to would prefer not
receiving my fish in this description of wheat
Truly as ever
Wm Shaw

Since writing you Boy has arrived with 25 lbs
wheat I will send you Bran that he by him

Cincinnati Aug 13/62

Henry S. Duman Esq. Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir

Through the politeness
of Mr. G. M. Shaw we had your address
Mr. Shaw was at our place and said
you wanted something in our line. "We
are prepared to get up any kind of
mill work as our enclosed circular
with cuts of Topping Chests, Mill
Packets, Shut-machines &c. will show.
also contains prices of the foregoing
articles. Topping Cloths, Felting. We feel
confident of suiting you in anything
you order as we have a large stock
on hand at present to select from.
 Hoping to have the pleasure of
filling your order we remain.

Respectfully,

No. 65 Walnut St

James Bradford & Co
Mill



Henry J. Duncan Esq

Leopington

Ky



Shelby ^M Bahala
" "

Paris Augt 29 1862

Henry J Duncan

Dear Sir

you will please send
me the amount you owe me ~~27~~
you promised to send it to me I suppose you
forgot it I need it very bad

you will oblige me much
by attending to the above
Michael O'Connell