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Henry J. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Kentucky

My dear friend

June 16th 1864

I read, yesterday, your kind & welcome letter of
6th Inst. I desire to reply promptly, to correct an im-
pression, created by my last letter. I did not mean to convey, in
any unguarded sense, - the intention, - that the attacks made
in London - justified his acts. I merely meant to say - that
any man treated as he had been, - must be more than
man, to be able to control his temper & his vindictive feelings.
I am, a great man, - proud in his position, would have held him
self above such attacks, & all attacks; & administered the law,
without regard to personal feelings & bias. But Mr. L is not
a great man. He has never claimed greatness, & he has
his friends claim it for him. -

I think, his Emancipation Proclamation, - viewed in every
other light, than as a mere temporary military expedient,
for quelling the rebellion, is wholly unjustifiable. As
a means of promptly quelling the rebellion, - I could excuse
it; - but not its execution, for one hour after its issue is
accomplishment. But, his wrong act of folly &
wickedness, - is his message, - his announcement, & his pro-
clamation to the rebellious states. There ought to be a line,
in the estimation of all statesmen & patriots. It was nothing
more, than a high bid, for the radical vote at the next
election; and a sure bid, for the prolongation of the
war; - for neither the Pres^t. himself, - nor any member
of his cabinet, - could for one moment relinquish the
hope, that the rebellion would be put down, by the acceptance
of his message. They entertained no such hope; - but they
did hope, to delude the radicals into the belief - that they
were anxious for the termination of the war.

no sane man, could believe, the people of the south would
return to the Union, - no terms that would degrade them,
far below the level of those who were held in bondage.

I have seen & heard enough, since the appearance of that
manifesto, to satisfy me, - that Slavery is now, given
extent: it is dead & buried: - I will soon cease to
be remembered, by any man, once most deeply interested,
in its perpetuity. It has died too, - by the hands of the
professing to be its, just - dearest & nearest friends.
The abolitionists, have not had half a mind to do in its ex-
ecution, - as the disruptors. And this leads me to the belief:
that it has been extinguished by the deeds of the abolitionists.
He has made its best friends, the instruments of its destruction.

The putting - of "Love of the Union" over so pre-
judice, has, is now just, - very just - being raised, - if not showing
actually merged, - into one, of better & vindictive hatred of
the south, & a determination, to degrade ^{people} below the
level of free men, or to exterminate them. The latter the
most likely. The south has givenly seen, - & she
has givenly suffered for it. But to submit to
degradation, - in addition to the spoliation of her free
party - is hard to bear. This U. S. Gov^t, will be the
first & only government on earth, - to set the exam-
ple, of robbing her subjects of their property, without
just compensation. She will furnish to the world, the
premier illustration of the fact, - that she is, a
nation, of Robbers & Scoundrels. All the south
can hope for, is, - that there may spring up

a sense of ordinary justice, - among the rapists of the people
& that some iron punishment, - however small, say 250 - 300
\$ a head, were be allowed, for slaves, taken for political
or military purposes. Even this from modern
of justice, I cannot look for. The military power of
the confederacy may be - may soon will be destroyed.
May the Gov't itself, may be broken up!! But will this
be Conquest? Will it bring Peace? I think
not!! You will have a predatory man, - of endless am-
bition, - now to be transcended, while this most tenderly
vindictive feeling, - of humiliating & degrading the people of
the South, - shall stand out so prominently. My fear
is - that this feeling will last, long enough, - to prove the
utter destruction of the whole Republic, & the dissolution of all
hope of any Gov't, Republican in its form. If I was a
young man, - such a state of things, would not be
unacceptable to me; for I have never thought, that I see
- or any other people in earth, - now suited for Repub-
lican Gov't. But enough of this. My only object
in writing now, is to place myself right, in regard to
my opinion of W. L. And I ought to go further - &
say, - placed in his condition, I am sure, I would not
have returned my bad purposes - my vindictive feelings.
But I am not a statesman, - & I am every day proving
a great man, - or even the consolation of one. For do I see:
- seem to attribute their greatness, to W. L. The one ought have
said (as I have often said.) "Then we find, in any, officers,
"in the Gov't or the people - that I am myself
"competent to give - & more that I would be willing to
"accept." If he had so said, he would not have disgraced him

self - as he has done.

I hope you shall see you in the course of the
winter.

My regards go your family

I am very truly your friend

T. D. [Signature]

I have nothing more of what I have said of the late
treachery of Southern leaders. Demagogues - & miserable
pretences to patriotism. I hate them, now & all, with a
better hatred - an unending hatred. They have brought ruin
on many of the most flourishing & prosperous counties in
the South - & for their own political aggrandizement. They
have even been unaccountably wicked - & most
foolish by reason. And it has also been without the
shadow of provocation or justification. It is the
disgrace, I attribute - all I have suffered unmercifully -
& through their collective. They have some of
my sympathies - none of my love. I hate & despise
them, now & all.

Cynth Feb 3. 1864

Dear Duncan,

The cases to which I referred when you were in my office as the Kentucky cases, will be found in 1st Monroe & Harlan's Digest title Devises - I have not had time to consider the provisions in the will, sufficiently, to see what cases are in point - but will take an early opportunity to do so - I do not remember to have met with a devise exactly similar to the one in question - It leads to very subtle inquiry & careful attention -
very truly yrs.

Henry Stanbery.

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Mr Henry Dunbar
Lexington
Ky

Lansville Feb 8th 62

Mr H Duman

My dear Sir

Will you excuse me for troubling you about a little business, I heard you were the guardian of Mr H Jumbalake's children, and suppose you may therefore have the power to attend to it, at the time of Mrs Mary Jumbalake's death, they were indebted to me for tuition of Clara, \$20, or she told me she hoped you would make some arrangement to pay me, I have sent the bill several times to Mr Jumbalake, but he says he is unable to pay it, and the times are now so bad, & my school thereby reduced to almost nothing, beside my sons are thrown out of business by the suspension of trade in the river, makes it a matter of some moment to me to get the money, I made no charge for Clara the last 5 months of her mother's life as she felt unable to continue her at school and yet the price of keeping her at home was too high for Mary, I told you I should make no charge for that time, I hope you can pay me and
much oblige respectfully yrs A. Eliza Field



Mr. H. J. Duncan,
Lexington,
Ky.

Louisville, March 3rd 1862,

Dear Sir,

Your of the 1st inst is before me -
The motion was made by the atty to
wait the term until the last day of
court. Why it was not made before I
do not know. I objected & insisted
that the amt of rent could be shown
by the Commissioner in his proof -
The judge said it would save trouble
& after questions to have it settled.

I do not think it can prejudice
your claim.

I am Sir, most
respectfully
Yours truly
James Spedy

Wm H. J. Durcan,

deputy tax,
Ky.



H. S. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Kentucky.

Southdown March 6th 1864

W. T. Duncan Esqr

Lexington.

My dear Sir,

I wrote you some days
since & took the liberty of enclosing a
power of atty. & requested you to have
the remainder to collect any money
that might be due me on ac. of
the sale of my black stock - I now
take the same liberty - Please let
me know also, what my daughter
stock sold for - I recd. two letters from
Mr. Hornstead & wrote him some time or
right, none of which has been acknowl-
edged the receipts of - I requested ^{him} six
or eight months since to advance
the amt due on my stock & Johns or
to try & get some one else to do it &
I would redeem the stock with interest.
I would like very much to get back
my black mare La Victime - I am told
she sold for \$250. - I would give \$300 -
if she is sound. - I would like much
to see a statement of the sales. -
I dined with Mr. T. Gibson two days since -
He was very well - With kind re-
gards to Mr. family I am very truly yrs - M. L. Minor

I hereby authorize and empower Henry J
Duncan of Lexington Fayette County State
of Kentucky from and after this the sixth
day of March Eighteen hundred and sixty
four (1864) to act as my legal attorney
to receive and receipt for all monies due
me or may become due, from the sale of
my Blooded Stock whether sold by the
Sheriff or otherwise in said state of Kentucky

M. S. Minor

Thomasa Parish Terrebonne
State of Louisiana
March 6th 1864





W. J. Duncan Esq. Sr.
Lexington,
Kentucky.



Dear Cousin Henry

I enclose the money
borrowed from you yesterday - with
many thanks. I reached Foston in safety,
suffering a great deal however, with my
head. I found my husband here - & the
friends all well.

With much love to Cousin Eliza & the
girls - not forgetting yourself & cousin Hall.

I am as ever your affectionate Cousin

Thursday 22^d

Carrie de Magnan.

Mr. H. L. Duncan
Lexington Fayette
Geo Ky

Howe Sta Ky 6/24
Mr H. B. Duncan

Mar 29th

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Dear Sir

I saw Mr. McDaniel on
yesterday he says that it
is impossible for him to
cultivate the ~~shut~~ field
that adjoins one and Frank
Wilmot he has not got the
hands and that it will take
at least 12 hands to cultivate
the corn that you want him
to cultivate and if you wish
it I will cultivate it on
the halves ^{put it} in the shock
16 hills square and if you
conclude to take the property
pleas write me word immediately
as I wish to go to plowing it

William Tanner



H. J. Duncom Esq
Lexington
Ky.

Ford Delaware

April 1701

A. J. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir Your note of
30th ult came to hand and I am
happy to inform you that all your
wishes in regard to Arduborn were
anticipatid, and provd only be but
Mrs G. and Miss D feel a great
deal happier knowing all is right

I did all in my power as
soon as I heard. The ladies were
your daughters, it was a pleasure
to do all I could for them, It is
not necessary for me to say any-
thing about Mrs G's situation as
he will inform you of it himself
I think your mind be gratified

I have him agree exactly
with your description of him -

I am only sorry that I can not
enjoy his company as much as
I would if our military creed
was the same -

Be assured that I never will
forget the kindness expressed at
Lexington from yourself and other
Gentlemen, and anything I can
do to alleviate Mr G. Aikin's
misery will be pleasant to me

Please remember me kindly to
yourself and my noble
friend John Gooden in particu-
lar and don't hesitate to
write to

Your sincere
A. Shoop
P. S. G. W.



Major H. T. Shuman
Lexington
Ky

Paris by A. H. 13/64

Major -

We have the Old Whiskey
yet in the 1/2 Bales. Awaiting
your instructions -

Shall we draw up bills
and reformund you?
Or shall we have it
all placed in Bales?
Dr. considers the sale
as not made -

Awaiting your answer.
We are respectfully
Yours -

Garrett Sprague & Co

Paris 4th April 1864

May & Co. Duncan

Dear Sir

An average Bbl of Whiskey is about 40 Gals, we have them from 39 to 45 Gals.

Our price for the very old Whiskey such as you ordered.

by the Bbl. original pkg	4 ⁰⁰
" " 1/2 or 3/4 Bbl. & additional 2/3	5 ⁰⁰
price of the. pkg -	

The year you the Bbl price, presuming you wish it in original pkg. until you named put up in 1/2 Bbl. we concluded to put you up without the additional pkg of 500 p^{ts} & did so. If you prefer not taking it, we have no objection, or if you prefer taking it or wish off the crown off we will do so. Should you conclude to take it, you will pay for the 1/2 Bbl.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Garrett Spear & Co

If not called for in ten days the
Postmaster will please return to

SPEED & SMITH,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
LOUISVILLE, KY.



H. J. Duncan, Esq.,
Lexington,
Ky.

L. ville, Apr 26th 1864.

Dear Sir,
Was the parcel
of Gibson used on the
9th March - If so for
how much & who bought
it? Has any report of
the sale been made -
The copy of the record
does not show -

I am Sir, most

respectfully

James Speed

H. T. Duncan Esq,

Lexington,

Ky.

Louisville, May 10th 1841.

Dear Sir,
Your case
is laid over till some
time in June - time
not yet fixed.

I am Sir, most
respectfully
yr obt servant
James Spruill

H. L. Duricani, Esq,

Lexington,
Ky.

Mr N H Duncanson

Worcester, 12th Street
Lynn, June 12, 1864

Mr. H. D. Duncanson

You are truly
gratified permission to go to your
farm

Very Respectfully
W. W. Woodman
Lynn, Mass.

WINDMILL HOTEL
LINDSEY
LEXINGTON KY

Mr. Henry J. Duncan
Lexington
Ky.

Broadway Hotel
Aug: 16th 1862

M^r. Henry J. Duncan,
Dear Sir,

I reached here last night, weary,
man + man. My heart is not as light as air. Occupied until
nearly ten, in getting a permit, to remove stock, which had been
legitimate to be transferred to me, a week ago, I have lost the op-
portunity of leaving the state until tomorrow. I suppose, after
today, no exchange of civilities will be allowed, between the
land of beauty + beauty — Ohio ("the river") + Kentucky, "dark
& blood, bloodier + bloodiest ground". If you choose, under my
permit, I can take those you spoke of, as part next trip property,
(the particulars to be provided for + against, when we have more
time. I am tired + too much out of flight to call on you,
or, I should have been up, before your breakfast time.

I prophesy, that Blaine will be arrested to night,
Every slave in Kentucky, declared free, — perhaps a score of
of new democrats put in jail — + I am as ever yours.

To: Marshall Anderson

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Mr Henry Duncan

Lexington

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Mr Duncan

Dear Sir

I want to inform that your Boy Billy has
taken up with my girl whom i did not
want to marrie i am ^{not} willing for him to
har her by any means i would be verry
glad if you would stop him from coming
to my house expect her to go to chissaurie
any how but i dont want your boy
coming to my house while she is her

your Mrs Betsey
Hedged



Henry J. Duncan
Lexington
Ky

New York Dec 28/64

A. S. Duncan Esq

Dear Sir

I am this
day in receipt of your
favor 23 Inst covering
Check for \$2113¹⁶ to pay
Bill of A. S. Stewart & Co,
I have ordered the return
of to be transferred to
my ac at the Wholesale
Department as I want
to get you the same
discount as I get on all
my time Bills, and as
the Retail is all Cash
the transfer is the only way
to do it will send you
receipts with statement
tomorrow, with our united
regards to all I am

Very truly yours
Henry Davis

Cincinnati Decr 29/64

Maj: H. J. Duncan

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 27
but concerning your check for \$12.00 is received
& to your Cr. - The last bill for Salt \$84⁷⁰/₁₀₀
has not been paid - Be pleased to serve
you further in our City

Respectfully Yours &c

A.P.S.

Langley Stewart

And your Appl^{ts} please

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