

Letter
J. Clarke & Son
August 11th 1841.

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Mrs Jones

Newport. R. I.

Boston 10 Augt 1841

Madam

We have at the present time some heavy payments to make and if you would please to remit us the amount of our account you would greatly oblige us we are sorry to be obliged to trouble you but hope you will excuse us we are this year rather short of money and our payment are heavy and must be provided for at the time they come due

Your Hbt Servants

J. Clarke & Son

Mrs Jones

Please direct to J. Clarke & Son 108 Court St Boston

Letter
H. H. Braden
August 11th
1841.

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George Jones Esqr
Newport
Rhode Island

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Dear Sir Clifford August 11th 1841

I received your fav. of the 22nd July only a few days ago. On my return from the north I found my brother and family and my nieces at Quincy, thus far on their return home from St Joseph. Mrs Ward and her daughter Miss Georgiana died of the nettum fever a few days before my return.

I found my friend Mr Hixon very ill, he too died a few days after my return, my Brother and niece Elizabeth Dulany had both been ill but both have recovered. The information you received in the letter of Col Gamble, was I am happy to say incorrect. My brother, his

family. Miss Mary Ward and my nieces are now at Southwood and in good health. My own health is also good. Although there has been more sickness than usual in the country it has been fatal but in a few instances except at St. Joseph where the yellow fever prevailed. On the plantations there have been many cases but allmost all have been light and of short continuance. Within the last few weeks a new practice has prevailed of giving large doses of quinine in the first stages of the billious fever. They give 20 grains quinine 3 or 4 hours afterwards about 20 grains calomel afterwards snakeroot & salts. Of about 40 cases within my immediate knowledge not a single case has failed and no repetition of medicine required. We consider it here a most important discovery and now have

no fear of bilious fevers. The action of quinine upon the system has been misunderstood heretofore there is no danger of congestion of the brain in any case from large doses of quinine. In several instances it has been given (whilst the patient was labouring under high fever & delirium) with happy effect. — I have heard from both your plantations from several sources upon which I could rely. they all agree that the crops are unusually good. the crops in the country generally are better than for many past years. There has been some sickness at Eldestino, and a few cases at Chemonia, but recently very little. The country generally is in a great measure free from sickness at this time. — I yesterday called upon the register of the Land Office for a certificate to send to Washington for the purpose of obtaining the patent you had not received. I was informed by him that the patents for entries made at the time this entry was made would not be issued at the General Land Office until June 1842. that of course

is the reason why it was not sent with the others. Elizabeth was request that you will give her two to our Sons for the kind expression of her sympathy please present Myrepects and accept assurances of great regard

Yrs H W Bradley

H. W. Braden

August 18th 1841.

Answd. Sep. 1st 1841.

Letter written to Thos. Baltzell
Sep. 15th
1841.

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TALLAHASSEE
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George Jones Esqr.
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Sir Clifford August 18. 1841

I received this morning from Mr. Barrington a note enclosing one from Mr. Ware the deputy marshall for Jefferson County in which he says he has in hands for collection an execution in favr. of Martin Hardin VS. you & Mrs. Jones admx. and "that if some arrangement is not made very soon" he will be compelled to make a levy

I immediately called upon Mr. Baltzell who informed me that he had not received a letter you had written until a few days ago, and requested me to say to you that that was the reason why he had not answered it — Mr. Baltzell

agreed to postpone the payment of the execution until the 1st. monday in November he says the plaintiff urged the immediate levy - and he was unable to extend the time further. I annex a copy of the memorandum sent to the marshall. "In the case of Martin Hardin V.S. George Jones adm^r. and Mary W. Jones adm^x. of Wm B. Nuttall dec^d. amt. $1690 14/- with Int: &c. the marshall is directed to levy and suspend sale until 1st. monday in November next. defendant waiving advertisement and agreeing that the property may be sold without it.

Sign^d. Thomas Ballzell
Atty for Pltf

Aug. 16. 1841

H W Broadway
Atty for dft

I informed him I had no authority to sign as attorney. he said he was willing

to receive it as he did not doubt you would confirm it as the marshall can levy and sell within 30 days I thought it advantageous to have it postponed until November, by which time exchange I think from be lower and the new crop will set coming in — The health of the country has improved within the last two weeks, except on the Seaboard there have recently been several cases of the yellow fever at Port Leon — I saw Mr. Tucker from Chemonix yesterday, he says there is no sickness there and his crop excellent — There are but 2 or 3 cases at Eldestrud and those slight — he says the crop there is very promising

My nieces and the family at Southwood have enjoyed good health since their return from St. Joseph. Please present my respects to Mrs. & Miss Jones

Resp. H W Braden

Newyork 7 Sep. 1841

Geo. Jones Esq

Newport

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 6 inst. has been received with Enclosures as stated. We have this day forwarded to Col. Gamble, agreeably to your request, the 5 Certfs. Dep. of Union Bank of Florida amtg to $2100.14 purchased for your account & handy you, annexed, Copy of our letter to him Enclosing the same. Will Endeavor to procure the small balance required,

Respy

Your obdt. Servts

pr Cammann Whitehouse & Co

R. J. Wilson

Letter,

Cammann, Whitehouse & Co.

Sep. 7th 1841.

Geo Jones Esq

Newport

R. Island

Single

Copy

New York Sept. 7th 1841.

J. G. Gamble Esq.
Pres. Union Bk. Fla.
Tallahasee, Dr. Sir,

By request of Jc. Jones Esq. of Newport, we have the pleasure of forwarding to you enclosed 5 Certfs of Deposite of Union Bk of Fla. viz,

No. 98 $1193.98 Dated Tallahasee 5 May 1840 Depd by Wm Wilson & payable to his order 4 Mos. after date with interest.

292 1264.45 Dated do 22d June 1841 Depd by Grim & Camm & payable to their order, on demand.

320 100. Dated do 27th May 1841. Depd by John Parkhill & payable to the order of Grim & Camm 4 Mos. after date with Interest.

334 100. Dated do 12th June 1841. in other respects same as above

363 279.71 Dated do 16 July 1841 Depd by Mc Naught & Ormond, pble. to Coppinger & Mantiink 4 Mos. after date, with interest.

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in all Twenty one Hundred 14/100 Dollars.

Mr Jones will address you himself with regard to the disposition to be made of the enclosed

Respy.
Your obt. Sts.
(Signed) Cammann, Whitehouse & C

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William Perry.
Sept. 23d. 1841
Answered,
Oct. 8th. 1841



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Mrs. M. Jones
New Port
Rhode Island

Tallahassee Sept. 23, 1841

Dear Mistis

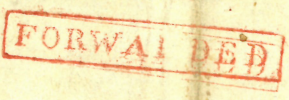
I have the painfull duty to inform you of the death of Brother Thomas who died of the fatal fevour that still prevails here. He was sick only three days and Mary says Dr. Taylor did not attend to him as he should have done but Mr. James Gamble directed her in case any of us should be sick to send for Dr. J. & also have to inform you of the death of Sealy who died last Monday night. I have been sick myself for three weeks but am able to be about now. I received your letter and advised Thomas & Mary to go up to the upper place but before we got ready Thomas was taken sick. No cotton has com to market from either of your places but there will be som from the lower place next week. the smith is sick at Elistena and Mr Tucker's screw wants fixing. the crop is good. Mr. John Gamble's compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Jones. please let me hear from you soon and let me know if you will be here this winter

Your Trusty servant
Wm Perry

let me know if you received an answer to your last

H. L. Rutgers
Oct. 25th 1841.
Containing two Notes.







TALLAHASSEE
OCT 25
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George Jones Esq
Cure ~~Hyde Bolton Tree & Livingston~~
Savannah ~~New York~~
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Union Bank of Florida
Tallahassee Oct 25th 1841

George Jones Esq
Dr Sir

Annexed hand you statement, of the disposition made of the Certificate enclosed in yours of the 8 Ulto, also of three of those forwarded by Messrs Cammann & W. — Mr Thompson is not in Talle, on his arrival will take up yr note given to the estate of Vass. & will then enclose you Certificate for whatever balance may remain —

Herewith enclose you, your two notes, the one to H M Braden for $3024 — the other to the Bank for $3108.24 —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H J L Reutzers
Asst Cy

Geo. Jones, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I avail myself of the opportunity of your being up, a design I have been anticipating doing several months back, of proposing to you the sale of that portion of land formerly belonging to the Flournoy tract and running triangularly to a point or apex at yr. being on the right hand side (going to Augusta) of the road and lying between the 4 & 5 mile posts: I will take the same price I bid it off at viz. $6.12½ my consequently being minus the int. that should have accrued since: Or should you not feel disposed to purchase I'll should it meet with yr. accordance, inspect with a view to the drainage of the Pond, its practicability & probable cost, each of us agreeing to pay according to the relative advantages accruing therefrom, should it be deemed advisable afterwards by us to do so.

In haste, Yours very respectfully,

R. E. Cunningham.

Evening, Nov. 9, '41.

× believed to be, as I have the Bill of Sale its correctness can easily be ascertained.

Geo. Jones, Esq.
at his Plantation,
Jeffsn. Co.

Fort Pulaski Ga
13th Dec 1841.

Gen Gonis Esqr
Savannah.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 11th inst with Mrs Elva Jones receipt is at hand. I am sorry to trouble you again: but you omitted to send me the duplicate which if convenient I shall be glad to receive as we always take our receipts in duplicate.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt
Jos. K. L. Mansfield
Capt Corps Engrs

J. H. Mansfield

Dec. 15th 1841.

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George. Jones. Esqr.

Tallahassee

Florida

El destino March 20th 1842

Dear Sir.

I was so much surprised, yesterday, to be informed of the disposition you had made of my Note for $3248 as to be unable sufficiently to express my regret at the occurrence. Instead of being negotiated at the Union Bank, it has been, contrary to our agreement, transferred to the present holder without notice of the conditions or the currency in which it was to be paid. I am thus placed entirely in his power, liable to pay in a different currency and before the contingency has arrived upon which the time of payment was predicated. My confidence in you induced me to rely as much upon your verbal promises as if they had been reduced to writing. As I shall not be in Town for some days I have requested Mr. Cabbel to receive from you the memorandum ~~of our agreement~~ of our agreement, which you proposed to give me, and also such security ~~instrument in writing~~ as will have the effect of indemnifying me for any payment which I may be compelled to make at variance with ~~contrary to~~ it.

Respectfully

Your obsdt

Sign G. Jones

To

Col H. W. Braden ~~Esq~~

Tallahassee -

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Respectfully

Your obedt

sign'd G Jones

To

Col W. W. Braden Esqr

Tallahassee-

Dear Sir Tallahassee March 22nd 1842

I duly received your letter of the 21st and am not "surprised" at the contents, having a very distinct recollection of our conversation the previous day. I may say however that I was not a little "surprised" at your request for indemnity in a matter in which upon every equitable consideration of the circumstances you are largely indebted to me. At the time of the original entry of the lands for which the note in controversy was a part of the consideration, Union Bank money was for all transactions in our community equal to specie, and you will recollect that at the time of handing me the two notes in liquidation of this claim, when you proposed inserting a stipulation that they should be paid from the proceeds of the crops of the plantation, I observed that I did not wish to interfere with the management of the plantation, or the crops, and that if the notes were given me without any stipulations, they might answer my purposes in the arrangement of my debts with others, how I could let him have it make them available without a transfer I am unable to divine, I never imagined or supposed it could be inferred that I had a right to pass them to any person That you had a right to pay them in paper at any depreciation I deny. If there existed any difference between the value of Union Bank paper & specie at the time of the original sale to Mrs Jones, in the ordinary transactions of the country you might have had some right to make a shadow of a claim, and that I did

H. W. B. was desirous of taking the plantation for two years in satisfaction of G. Jones two Notes - G. Jones was not willing to let him have it for more than one year. It was then agreed that the proceeds of the Crops should be appropriated to paying the Notes whether it required 1.2. or more years -

G. J.

receive Union Bank paper in payment of the note due last January was an evidence of my disposition to accomodate you, when the money could be used to answer my purpose, but certainly no reason why I should not, as was understood at the time, transfer the note if I thought proper to do so.

Having placed in your possession all the assets & papers belonging to the Estate of the late Wm B. Mitchell, as well as those of Mrs Jones I had a right to expect that you would at least have paid some attention to the just claims I have against the Estate & Mrs Jones, with all of which you were well acquainted.

From feelings, I hope of commendable delicacy I have refrained from urging this matter upon your notice, and from many considerations it is now extremely painfull to do so

as however, I believe from recent events that I have mistaken your views, I beg to call your attention to this matter, I enclose you my accounts which I trust you will find correct, and must beg your immediate attention to their liquidation, as no one is better acquainted than yourself with my necessities, I trust you will not delay your attention to these claims

Very Respectfully

A. W. Braden

To George Jones Esqr

El Destino

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Letter March 22d 1842.
H. W. Braden to G. Jones

Jones
&
Braden

George Jones Esqr.

El Destino

Dear Sir:

~~At the time~~ Enclosed I send you the drafts of the Notes which had been prepared by Col. Braden for my signature - at the time I agreed to assume the debt of Nuttalls Estate to the Union Bank upon the ~~invalid~~ mortgage of Mrs Jones Negroes - I also Enclose the Note for $3108 24/100 - ~~A comparison of the forms of these~~ The difference in the phraseology of two Notes may serve to remind you of the circumstances connected with the transaction - I objected to ~~the~~ sign the Notes prepared by Col. Braden as they were made negotiable to the order of the Union Bank you without hesitation prepared others which ~~to~~ you said would [illegible] my objections and would [illegible] the Bank of the right to assign or transfer the Notes - ~~My object in now addressing~~ you is for the purpose of requesting that a minuit may be made on the Books of the Bank setting forth the facts ~~that~~ in relation to above transaction - ~~these Notes were received from me~~ There was a verbal agreement with Col. Braden to whom you referred the preliminary arrangements of the above that if at the maturity of my Notes it was not convenient for me to pay the whole - ~~that~~ the Bank would renew them upon

the same terms as other accommodation Paper. It remains with him to say whether or not such was the agreement.

Be pleased to return the Enclosures so soon as you have done with them.

I remain very respectfully.

Your obsvt.

Geo: Jones.

Letter to John G. Gamble
April 9th 1842.

Financial and
Union Bonds

Savannah June 1st 1844.

To the President of the
Union Bank of Florida }.

A letter bearing the signature
of John G. Gamble, President addressed to the Representatives
Estate of Wm. B. Nuttall Esq. (dec) and care of George
...es was opened by Mrs. Jones and handed to me
my arrival in this City on Thursday last -
I am happy to perceive from its contents t...
Union Bank of Fla. has resolved through its Di...
...nforce the collection of its claims upon Stockholders
I am led to infer that the Bank is prepared
...tend to its creditors the same justice which it exacts
... its ~~of debtors~~. you are aware that I hold claims against the Bank in
amount exceeding Thirty thousand dollars upwards of
...e thousand of which are past due - ~~payment upon~~
~~...ese liabilities~~ I avail of this opportunity again to request an early
...ttention of the Board of Directors to the settlement of my
...ime otherwise I shall be under the necessity of resorting
~~...ch of measures~~ garnishment ~~as may~~ or other coercive measures ~~which~~ as may
... ~~requisite~~ most appropriate ~~to the~~ my ~~security of my claims~~ effect the object -

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El Destino

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Tallahassee Novr 17th 1844

George Jones Esqr
Newport R. I.

Dear Sir

On the wing from Jefferson where Court adjourned on friday evening to Jackson where Ct meets tomorrow. I stop at home long enough to breathe, & gather up books & papers, & give one shout for Polk & Dallas, & drop a line to you about your cases with Braden — We had law discussions & decisions on both. — To take the last first as most interesting to you — We filed some bad pleas to force a demurrer — They demurred — We attacked the declaration — It was clearly bad — The Court so decided & gave them leave to amend — Messrs T & H who pride themselves on special pleading & who had indulged in many sneers at our "unprecedented & absurd pleas" were so much incensed at the decision upon their own unprecedented declaration that they refused to accept the favor of amendment, & swore they would not which makes a judgment absolute in our favor & all they can take is a writ of error. — I know not whether they will adhere to this or not, but hope they may, as I am sure the decision is right & will be so held by Sup. Ct U.S. if not our Ct of Appeals. — Case vs Jones & wife as Admrs of Nuttall — In this case you know I pleaded puis darreign continuance — your discharge & release from the Estate by the Cty Ct which is a Ct of competent Jurisdiction, & a Ct of record, & I pleaded the decision of that Ct, & tendered verification by the record — After this was done at last Court I ascertained that Douglass had in some case decided hastily that it was a bad plea, I examined & thought upon the subject the whole summer — It is a very important one in Florida — I have several important cases in Leon & Jackson besides yours — My deliberate & conclusive opinion (as also of Archer who worked with me) was that the plea must be good — It could be impeached on no principle or precedent, & the only safe plea — because you could safely take no step or even appear by attorney without acknowledging yourself Admr — even plene administravit admits your being admr. They demurred — it was argued at great length, but Douglass overruled the plea — He is certainly wrong & the reasons he gave proved that he did not properly understand the subject —

The ordinary effect of a plea puis – is to waive all other pleas – & make a Judgment final – I argued upon the authority of Morris vs Cook in 1 Wendall 699 that in this case it had no effect, but was overruled – I then moved for leave to file non assumpsit – & plene administravit – but was overruled & judgment given against you with a writ of Enquiry to ascertain damages – They agreed that we might appeal, & they would waive its not being a final judgment, which is a matter of which we will consider – So it stands now as a judgt vs you & a writ of Enquiry but the beauty of it is, there is besides the great error of overruling our plea – the same identical fatal error in the decln for which he overruled the other case, & which we did not choose to bring up & rely upon in this case as it came up first, & the other question was enough, & we wished to keep our battery masked to the last. – So that in both cases I think we are in the best possible position short of a verdict in our favor on the facts – I forgot to state in speaking of the case vs you personally, that I do not think they can amend when their declaration is pronounced bad on their demurrer to our plea – The Ct can not go back so far in its leave to amend – & perhaps you may remember that this same remarkable Judge at the last term in our long case of Smith & Pettis expressly refused on this very ground to permit Pettis to go back & amend his plea which was pronounced bad upon their demurrer to our replication – Yet now he held the same under similar circumstances – The other side were much delighted at their decision in the case vs Admrs because cutting off non assumpsit – plene administravit – & statute of limitations – they thought they would have you fixed personally for that debt – But you will remember in addition to all the law difficulties (one of which was afterwards expressly decided in our favor – having been before kept back) that they are confined in their proof to their bill of particulars, & the bill of particulars shows a partnership business throughout, & no evidence can go under it to the Jury – so that only one cent damages can be assessed – But even beyond this – It is impossible & absurd to fix a party personally for a debt of his intestate when it appears of record 1st – That he was no longer Admr 2d – That by decision of a Ct of Comp Juris[d]n – he was discharged, & that by Law he could not have that discharge unless he had faithfully & honestly discharged his trust. –

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can only reach you [illegible] a rated
and they show a debt vs the estate, not by showing tre[illegible]
that you pleaded your discharge, or your inability to [illegible]
In other words because you can no longer bind the Estate,
the record - they must have judgment vs the Estate for a [illegible]
owe, & then against you personally without a devasta[illegible]
So I think you need give yourself no uneasiness whate[illegible]
wish to consider or consult about this case - I refer y[illegible]
Duval (Act Feby. 15 1834) Comp. 188 § 5, from the words [illegible]
see you could not retain for this suit & be discharg[illegible]
contemplated is clearly final - The idea of ability t[illegible]
being excluded - To hold you responsible is to make [illegible]
twice, first in settling with County Court, & second [illegible]
judgt vs you in this suit - See 1 Williams on Executors 40[illegible]
Yelverton's Reports 83 - but especially see 5 Mass: Jewitt vs [illegible] 14-5-
& Metcalfs note to Yelvertons Reports pa: 125 a Ret admr J.S. vs Life -

I hear from Hastings that he has sent several Barrells of Apples to his friends in Fla among the rest two to yourself - As you cannot be here from your last accounts until they would spoil - I shall take the liberty of paying the freight, & making presents of them, as he has also sent me more than I can use before decay, & shall give some of my own away - My respects to Mrs Jones & family

Yours truly &c
Wm H. Brockenbrough

Mons Calderon has never answered my [illegible]tter. -

Tallahassee January 24th 1845.

George Jones Esqr.

Dear Sir

Your note of the 22nd Inst. desiring a copy of my opinion in the Case of Braden vs Jones and wife Admrs & Admrx: of Nuttall, was handed me to day — In that case no written opinion was delivered; the point was made during the progress of the trial, and disposed of at once — There no objection however, in stating to you the grounds of the decision Your Counsel pleaded "puis darien continuance;" the defendants had been discharged from the administration; and to this plea there was a demurrer by the plaintiff! and the demurrer was sustained —

1st Because the plea did not show to whom the estate had been committed after the discharge of defendants —

2nd Because the defendants might have retained assets in their hands to meet the demand of the Plaintiff, and it was their right to do so —

Lastly — Because the defendants after suit brought, cannot defeat the action of the Plaintiff by obtaining a discharge

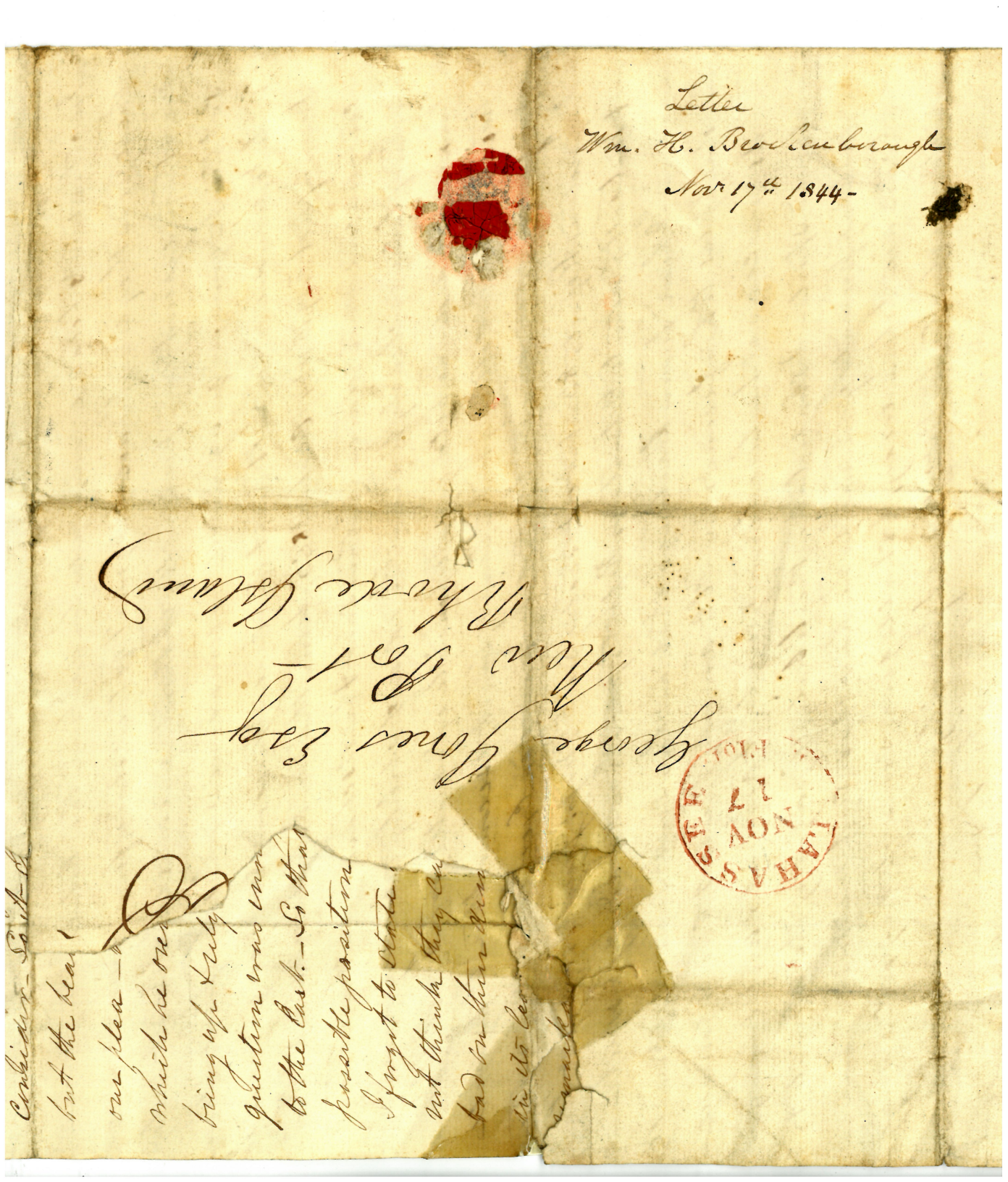
from the administration – This question had once before arisen in the same Court, in the Case of Seabrook's Ex: vs Rapl Adms: and the same decision was made, from which an appeal was taken and afterwards abandoned by Counsel upon a full investigation – In the Case in which you are interested there was a final judgment upon the demurrer, and a writ of Enquiry of damages; and this upon the authority of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the U. States – Vide Wallace vs Mc Connell 13 Peters Rep: 136, and Renner & Bussard vs Marshall 1 Wheaton's Rep 215 –

If I have committed error in the Court below, the Court of Appeals will doubtless correct it, and no one will be more pleased than myself to see my errors set right –

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Saml Jas Douglas

To
George Jones Esq.

Letter
Wm. H. Brockenborough
Nov 17th 1844-



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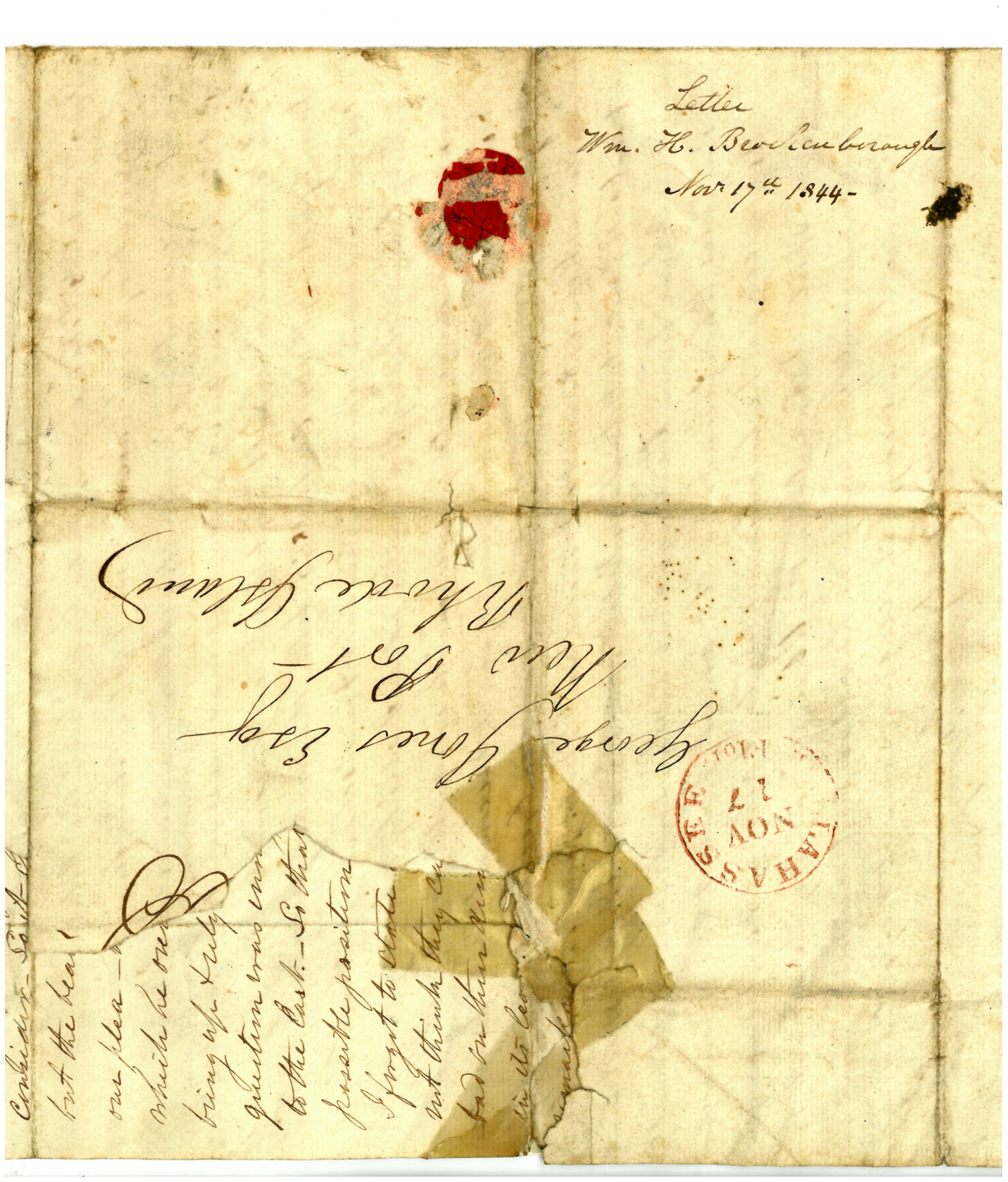


Opinion of S. I. Douglas in the case of

Braden vs.

G. Jones & M. W.

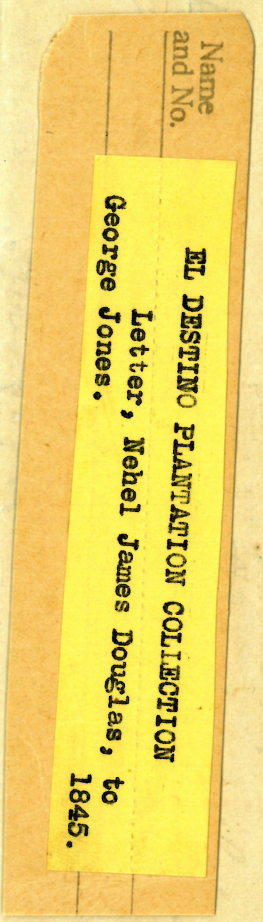
Adm^rs W. B. Nuttall.

Name and No.

EL DESTINO PLANTATION COLLECTION

Letter, Nehel James Douglas, to George Jones.

1845.



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Tallahassee 6 March 1845

To

George Jones and
Mary Louis Jones
of Nuttall or to
Wm H Brockinborough Esq
Atty of the Same,

Please take Notice that William P. Craig a material witness for Hector W. Braden plaintiff against Jones & Wife administrators of Nuttall which said witness resides more than thirty miles from Monticello the place of trial, to wit, at Nuttall and who will not be present thereat will be examined before me on monday the 10th Day of March eighteen hundred and forty five at 9 O'clock A.M. at my office on interrogatories exhibited by the said plaintiff whose deposition it is proposed to read upon the enquiry of damages in Jefferson Superior Court to be made before a jury. And you will further take notice that you can appear at same time and present interrogatories written or oral as you desire to said witness

Respectfully

Isaac B. Ball
Justice of the Peace

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Original

Isaac B. Ball
Justice of the Peace

I attended in time at the place but Craig was gone to Nuttalls

W. H. B.

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Tallahassee Wednesday 9 July 1845.

To

W. H. Brockenbro' Esq.
near Tallahassee
Atty for George Jones & Wife

Dear Sir

We received to-day by the hands of Mr Maxwell a paper endorsed "H. W. Bradin vs. G. & M. Jones, Copy of Plea to amended Declaration" —

We do not consider this plea as entitled to filing nor have we any knowledge of leave granted for the purpose. The Copy does not state that it is filed, nor can we admit it. If leave was granted then it is filed too late, & we give you notice we shall move the Court at the proper time to strike it out, for the reasons above. Very respectfully

Your obt Servts

Thompson & Haynes

for V. A. Haynes
Attys of H. W. Bradin

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W. H. Brockenbro' Esq.
near
Tallahassee

Tuscawilla
Jan 8th 1877

Mr. W Jones
Dear Sir

Old man Adam Harris tells me you offered him a pr of Oxen for $35.00/100, Should he still want them & you & him trade I will settle with you as soon as I can ship my Cotton to Savannah & get the returns.

Have you been to Town lately, if so what is the latest local news, I will go in tomorrow or next day.

Truly Yours
R. C. Parkhill

Quincy Feby 15th 1848

Mr Geo Jones
Dr Sir

Your favour from Macon was received & should have been answered but I had sent over to Jefferson for some copies of papers for the purpose of making out the exhibit of Title promised you & delayed answering in order to send that at the same time

By last mail I received yrs from Savannah: and as I have not received the papers from Jefferson I send you a copy of Mr Eppes deed. The original of which is in my possession.

As soon as my present pressing engagements are over I will send you the other paper.

respectfully

Yrs &c

Bolling Baker

The State of Florida }
County of Leon } This Indenture made this 28th day of January
1847 between Francis Eppes of the first part and
Bolling Baker of the second part Witnesseth that the said Francis Eppes
for and in consideration of the sum of two thousand dollars to him in
hand paid by the said Bolling Baker at and before the sealing and
delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
Hath granted bargained sold enfeoffed & conveyed & doth by
these presents bargain grant sell enfeoff & convey unto the said
Bolling Baker the following described parcel or tract of land lying
being & situate in said County & State & designated in the books of the
Land office of the United States for the District of Tallahassee
As the East half of the S. W. quarter. the West half of the South
East quarter. The East half of the South East quarter And
the West half of the South West quarter. All in section
fifteen Township 2 Range 2 North & East Also the East
half of the North East quarter & the East half of the South
East quarter. And the East half of the North West quarter
All in Section 22 Township 2 Range 2 North &
East Also the West half of the North West quarter Sec
tion 26 Township 2 Range 2 North & East The
East half of the North East quarter & the South West
quarter of section 27 Township 2 Range 2 North
& East The South West quarter of the South
West quarter of Section 14 Township 2 Range
2 North & East. The South West quarter of
the South West quarter The North West quarter

of the South East Quarter. & the East half of the South East Quarter of Section 23 Township 2 Range 2 North & East. And the East half of the North East quarter of Section 22 Township 2 Range 2 North & East Containing Eleven hundred & Sixty Acres More or less

To have and to hold the said Land with all the Appurtenances thereto to him the said Bolling Baker his heirs and Assigns forever in fee simple. And the Title to the said land the said Francis Epps hereby for himself & his heirs Covenants to with the said Bolling Baker & his heirs and Assigns forever to warrant & defend against the Claims of all persons whatsoever.

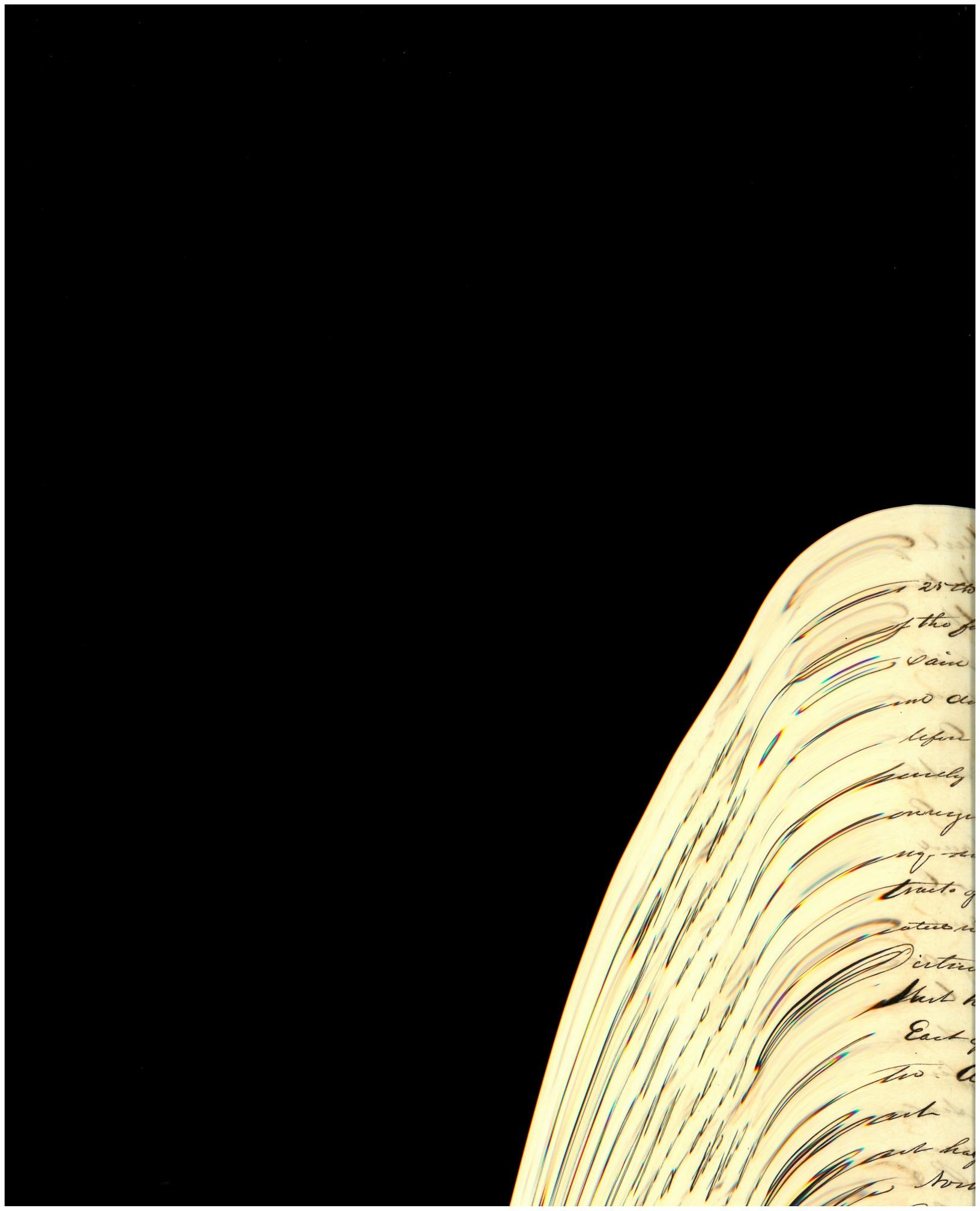
In testimony whereof the said Francis Epps hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal. the day & date first above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of
Saml B Stephens
G W Carmack

(Signed) F Epps (Seal)

The above is a true & Correct Copy of an original Deed in my possession. To which original Deed are also added. The usual Certificate of Relinquishment of Dower & Certificate of the Clerk of Records

Spring Feby 16th 1848 Bolling Baker



Mrs Wallace Jones
Bot of R C Parkhill & Co
7000 Ft Plank 1/2 x 10 x 20
Rec'd Payment
May 13th 1878 R C Parkhill & Co

My Dear Sir We are more than obliged to you for your promptness & truly hope we may always be able to please you. The number of pieces you should have received to complete your Bill above was 280 Pieces & you only got 278 which makes 2 more are you they are at the mill & Clayton should have put on 26 yesterday instead of 24 should you not send back will remember them when you get your next Bill.

Yours respectfully
Parkhill & Co

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This will show you lack
2 Pieces 1½ × 10 × 20 to make
Your 7000 FL which is
at Mill ready —

Tallahassee June 17th 1850.

My Dear Sir,

Your favors of the 22nd & 31st ult. were received on the 5th inst. also five land warrants. Since that date, I have until today been too much indisposed to attend to any business.

I came here today for the purpose of entering the various 8s of land as directed by you, but could not use the warrants without a power of atty from you for each warrant. Such being the case, I thought it best to procure certificates of application for the land which I herewith transmit you. they require to be signed in the presence of two witnesses. I will examine the land and make affidavits to the certificates on the back of each. Hoyle has entered the north half of each 8 embraced in his preemption claim. I entered today the other two half eighths. I will take corn from Chemaurie for Madame Marot for the amount as you have there several hundred bushels to spare.

Your note from Macon was duly received but the copies of Forts medical practice have not yet reached Tallahassee I have examined the "way bills" at the stage office here, from Macon, & see no entry of them on any one since the 22nd ult.

The boy Oregon arrived on the 4th inst.
Mr Roberson is now at work on the canal.
he thinks it best to dig that part which will
be under water when wet weather commences.
We have had but one rain since you
left Ga. - that was on the 31st ult. - unless it rains
soon, the corn crop of the country will be
very short. Your crops are in fine order.
I am so informed by your overseers. - I have
not been able to pay that attention to my
business, which I would have done had I been well,
I trust I shall be able to do so in future.
I have requested Patrick Smith to act
as arbitrator in your behalf in the matter
between Mrs Blake & yourself. - the matter will
be attended to this week.
Roberson & Whatley had a dispute some time
since, as to which had the rights to give passes
to Jim & Cincil. - Roberson expressed a wish to
hear from you upon the subject. - I told him to
write to you - but until you directed it
otherwise - the boys must apply to Whatley
for tickets.
The health of your people continues
good. Sally was delivered of a male child
on the 14th inst. - The child is white, and
favors his reputed father.

I received your statement of the Gamble affair. I have not heard of this having mentioned the matter to any one out of this family. I have not seen Mr Shepard - but Maxcy Minot says he requested her to say to me, that he disapproved of this conduct.

Judge Randall spent a night at Mrs Minots some days since, and spoke of this conduct as being, "uncalled for, and highly contemptible."

I shall not notice the remarks which Dr Gamble made to you relative to my course during the illness among your negroes last summer.

I shall inform you of everything I hear from a reliable source.

I will write again on the 1st Inst.

With kind regards to Mrs Jones, Miss Lillie, George & Willie,

I remain,
Very truly
Yours &c.
R. W. White

George Jones Esq
Newport
R. I.

R. W. White

June 17 1850.

Quincy Fla. July 4th 1850

George Jones Esq

Dr Sir

After some unavoidable delay. I herewith send you the relinquishment of Priority in the Title of Dr Robertson

You will perceive that it was drawn up for Dr R. shortly after the adjournment of our Court but owing to the Dr & family having been the victims of an attempt at poisoning. the Execution of the instrument was delayed until this week.

If you wish it placed upon Record. You can retain a Copy. and send me back the Original I will have it executed and left either in the Office or with Mr White. or Enclose it to you again

I am very respectfully

Yr Ob

Stirling Yates

Bolling Baker
July 4th 1850.

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George Jones Esquire
Savannah
Georgia

Lipona July 17th 1850.

George Jones Esq
Dear Sir,

Your favors of the 29th ult and 5th inst came to hand by today's mail.

I note your remarks about the sale of corn at Chemoonie. Before my letter of the 17th ult. I engaged 200 bushels of corn to Mrs Murat and secured the money for it in advance with which I entered an 8th of land for you on that day. Your crops were not suffering for want of rain at that time - nor did I apprehend the drought which we have since had, or I would not have sold a bushel of corn at any price.

It has turned out very well however, for we have had fine rains and your crops will yield an abundant supply of corn. When I wrote you you on the 3th inst. I did not think there would be more than a half crop made at Eldestino - since then, the corn has improved much and I believe there will be as much or more made than was last year.

Evans has a fine corn crop and will, he says, make rather more than he did last year. The old corn at Chemoonie is badly weevil eaten and more might be spared, - but I have directed Evans not to dispose of any more.

Your cotton crops are truly promising - the weed is not so large as it was this time last year - but has more fruit - Cotton is beginning to open - which is to be regretted as we are not ready to pick.

Whatley - commenced pulling fodder on the 15th inst - so far the weather has been favorable for saving it - much of the blade was burnt up during the drought - and I fear there will not be enough made at Eldestino - Evans will have an abundance if he has favorable weather for saving it.
I will see that Whatley saves hay to supply the deficiency.

I shall locate the several land warrants tomorrow -

Robinson is still at work on the canal - he has dug something over 300 yards - and has nearly 800 more to dig - The distance proves to be much greater than we thought it - I mailed two letters from him to you a few days go - I will direct him to send you his journal.

The team on both plantations are in their order - Whatley lost the small black mare mule which you brought out - last winter, last week - he & Evans have been unfortunate with the team.
Your carriage horses are in good order - so is George's Poney - The large horse is still lame - Medora & Conrad have not improved

much - they have not been used. I have endeavored not to sell "Williams" horse until I hear from you about him.

The President of the Union Bank has returned to Ga. I have not been able to ascertain the object of his visit north - but suspect it was for the purpose of borrowing money - as a member of his family has left for Virginia since his return.

Col R. Gamble, Mrs G. & Miss Letty left this morning in the custom stage for Va. Mr Shepard's family left two weeks ago in private conveyance for the Va. Springs. I understand they will all spend the summer in Va.

I have been requested to enquire whether you would like to take stock in a plank road from Newport to Thomasville Ga. The stock has been taken up for 16 Miles of the road. It is estimated at $1000. per mile.

Your people continue to enjoy good health.

With kindest regards to your family

I remain,
Very Truly
Yours -
R.W. White

R. W. Meade

July 1st 1850



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George Jones Esq

New Port

Rhode Island.

George Jones Esq Sipona July 26th 1850.
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 13th inst: came to hand today only.

I presume you have secured before this, favorable accounts of your corn crops.

I am of opinion the Eldestino crop will be amply sufficient. I am not prepared to say whether hoeing, instead of ploughing it the last working, would have made any material difference in the result.- The crop was in fine order when it was laid by.

Whatley has saved 29 stacks of fodder- and thinks there will be 20 more.- It exceeds my expectations.

Evans will make the largest corn crop he has yet made in Fa.- He has a plenty of old corn on hand to feed with later than it will be fit for use- Whatley is hauling enough to be used until the new is fit to feed with.

The Eldestino cotton crop, with the exception of about 75 acres which has the rust, is very promising- but is getting grassy.-

The Chemaorin crop is in fine order, and promises to be better than it was last season. The catterpillar fly has made

its appearance in the country.
We are having a great deal of rain, which as usual causes cotton to shed. Evans says he will require a new gin.

The meat at Eldestino is nearly out. there are but two weeks allowance on hand. I shall write by next trip of the Pettes, to Martin Owen & Co for a cask of sides - which will last until you can order more.

Renty will will be sent to Roberson as soon as Evans finishes saving fodder - he has had Prince - some time. Ben Jackson is in the woods - he came here on Sunday last and was detected by me - he escaped from Whatley the next day when about to whip him. When we get him I shall have him locked up any night.
There has been more sickness at Eldestino the present week than at any time since you left - so far the cases have been mild.
Wyrick did not leave his bill with me - I will procure and send it in my next letter.
I have not money enough left to pay Allison & the balance due Mrs Randolph. - I will pay them and you can at any time, send me the amount.

Roberson is still at work on the Canal - he progresses slowly - in my opinion - the work is being done well however.
He is growling almost daily because I will

not give him as many hands as he wants - when he gets Kenty - he will have more than you agreed to give him - and certainly enough to do a large amount of work - if properly directed.

Your carriage horses are in good order - George's Poney is nearly well of his surfeit & looks well. Be pleased to tell Miss Lillie her our hos grown very much - her pet Laura, is dead.

Madame Murat is well and desires to be remembered most kindly to Mrs Jones & yourself.

With kind regards to your family.

I am

Very truly Yours

R. W. White

R. W. White
July 26 1850.
Answered August 15 1850.

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George Jones Esq.
New Port
Rhode Island.

George Jones Esq. Lipona Aug 10th 1850.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 29th ult. came to hand yesterday.

You may feel easy upon the subject of corn - your crops will be good. The Chemonic corn is the best I have ever seen any where in Fa. Evans saved 30 double stocks of fodder - which will be abundant - for another season. Whatley saved 45 - all of it good fodder. I shall have hay saved to make up the deficiency.

Your overseers commenced to pick cotton on the 6th inst. and will begin to haul it off next week. Evans will certainly, I think pack 200 bales - The Eldestino crop promises to be good. We have the Catterpillar fly - but if the weather continues as warm and dry as it now is, the chances are, that we shall not have catterpillar.

We had on the evening of the 3rd inst. the most terrible thunder storm I have ever witnessed - which blew down many trees and a good deal of fencing at Eldestino - it came from the N.E. Since then the weather has been fair.

The route for the plank road has not yet been decided upon - there will be a meeting on the 2d Sept to fix upon the route. It is

thought by nearly all the subscribers that it will pass between Mrs T. P. Chairis plantation and your El destino plantation - if so, it will pass near Chemouni. I understand between 30 and 40.000 dollars have been subscribed.

I will endeavour to find some employment for Williams. I think I can make an arrangement by which he can carry on draying in Tallahassee. The Magnolia seed are just beginning to repen - I will save you a peck.

Your tax will be due early in Septr.

I shall require over $100 to meet incidental expenses.

I would thank you to let me know whether you intend to send out iron rollers for the sugar mills. The cane is very fine on both plantations.

Mr Robinson will continue on the canal until he completes it. He is now near the road to Vass. The waste ways will be put in next week - the frames are ready.

Evans has received a new Gin from Griswold - it is an improvement on his former make - and I think will pick four bales per day.

Your people are now very healthy -

Please say to Master Nollie that I have a beautiful fawn for him. Miss Lillie's pet has grown

quite large - and frequently brings from the swamp, carriages to the front yard.

Your carriage horses are in excellent order - George's Pony is getting over the surfeit - Medora & Consuelo are improving)

I have been often in distress than usual this summer - and should your health continue to enjoy good health - I would like to make a flying visit North in the fall. I should like to leave the last of September for N. Y. to remain three or four weeks & then return.

Mary Constantine is well and requests to be remembered to yourself and family.

Madame Marsh has been quite ill of late lately - she is better - and desires to be remembered to yourself and family.

With respects to your family

I am,

Very truly

Yours.

R. W. White

Lipona Sept. 3 1850.

My Dear Sir,

Whatley has again detected Jane in her commerce with Roberson - He waylaid and caught her coming from the Mill two hours before day in the morning - loaded with presents &c - She says she has been going to the Mill for two months past. I sent her to Chemaonie this morning to remain until I can hear from you upon the subject - and directed Evans to lock her up at night. I have not yet seen R - about the matter, but will do so tomorrow. He has acted very badly in other respects - Ancel says, he, Jim Hall and Davy seldom receive more than half allowance of meat & syrup and that Jane has had the benefit of it - Jane confesses that R has given her meat, sugar, coffee and syrup whenever she wanted either. I do not know long the meat ought to have lasted the hands under R's charge. It is now out - and I have directed their allowance to be given out by Whatley.

Jane says also, that she has received whiskey from R, and that others have also had it.

I shall investigate this matter in the morning and expect to ferret out other acts of rascality. I fear Charles is implicated in the matter - he has received whiskey & some other things from Roberson through Jane - so she says - I hope it may turn out differently when investigated

I hardly know how to act with regard to Robinson. and hope to hear fully from you upon the subject. I am opinion he will quit the work if he does I will take the hands and complete the Canal & Pit or carry it on until you make some other arrangement.

Evans thinks he has lost 25 bales by the storm he has sent off 23 and has 15 more picked Whatley has about the same picked. We have now beautiful weather for picking

Your people are very healthy

I am
Very truly Yours
R.W. White

George Jones Esq
New Port
R.I.

A. W. White
August 10 1850.

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George Jones Esq
New Port
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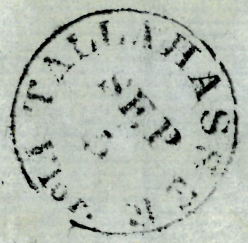

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Newport Ga
27 Novemb 1851

Geo. Jones Esq
Tallahassee

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed fav. of 12th from Savannah only reached us last mail –

You will probably before this have reached home and learned the cause of our having made no shipments of your Cotton this fall – it having been sent to St Marks – and while we regret the mistake – we are much pleased to see that it did not pass us by your directions – We asked the Driver if he was sure he was ordered to haul to St Marks and he said he was – and as it did not occur to us that the Over-seer could make such a mistake we did not allude to it in our letter to you – an omission which we now regret and for which we are perhaps to blame –

Up to this time we have loaded some 6 or 7 vessels and had we received it we should have sent it forward regularly at 1/2 ¢ freight –

We hope you have reached home safely and well – and are

Very Respy & truly yours
M. Naughton & Ormond

New York Jan 26th 52,

George Jones Esq,

Dr Sir, your favor of the 20th inst is recd. I have got the method of binding perfected, & I feel sure that it will give Entire Satisfaction to my subscribers, & I shall be happy to do all I can in this respect for them, without the least interest, farther than my wish to have the work bound in a permanent & proper manner.

Very truly Yours

Obt Servant

S. Spooner

Geo Jones Esq
Near, Tallahassee
Florida

Savannah Jany 29th 1852

Dear Sir

We have not anything to write about of interest to you, but having forgotten to mention to you when here about some business of Mr Heynards we write fearing that a treacherous memory may make us omit it altogether. Mr Heynard has never received the Title back which he gave up for the Island near his place. We paid you through Mr McAllister $1000 & Mr McAllister ought to have given up the Title when he received the money. It is sometime since these transactions occurred, and we do not remember all the circumstances, & may be mistaken, but your tenacious & well regulated memory may recall it readily. If you will enlighten us we may be able to trace the Title & get it for Mr Heynard. The weather is getting cold again. We have no mails

and have to depend upon the Telegraph & steamers entirely. The Alabama will bring to night the only mail since the Florida

The Forrest Divorce case is terminated. Forrest convicted of adultery & his wife declared innocent & $3000 a year settled on her. It is highly probable that Mrs F was a pretty tall bird, & had too many exotics about her, but Forrests whole course was so vindictive, & so ungentlemanly that before the Trial was half through the sympathy of all the spectators & readers was in her favour. Bribery corruption every thing conceivable was put into play to break down his wife. You may think the writer warm but after reading the testimony you will see how his sympathy was roused.

Cotton continues about the same. Some look for a steady market others for a decline: Those who got bit last year are croaking this year and it is hard to get a candid opinion from anyone

Yours very truly
Rob Hallenham Jr

Newport 20th Feb 1852

Geo Jones Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2d inst is received.

Be pleased to find enclosed our receipt for cotton, way bill for articles forwarded, a letter recd by mail for you, and our a/c made up to 1st ulto. balance due us. 269 74/100. which we trust you will find correct, & if so will be much obliged by yr sending us a check for the amt—

We note your order to ship and will do so at once— on the Schr "Cohasset" you have a Rundle pump tube chain fixtures & &c. shipped by John Moore & on the "Herald" a Buggy wagon & box. shipped by the Messrs Habersham. neither of these vessels have yet arrived.

Very Respectfully
Yr obat sts
McVaught & Ormond

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State of Florida Leon County
March the 18th 1852 Dr Sir

we are all well and we have had a gratcat of rain for the last 4 or 5 days and it drove me out of the seete I was dun Freming and Cleaning and Levelning out the seete to raise; and we now putting up the Black smith shop and Tinting plank for the Mill sheeting and walling and piling; I have got Davey, Ancell, & Tim and Tointing plank, I have the rest putting up the black smith shop — William[1] Came here from gearge a yester day and well Carry this Letter on to the office this Evening I am Verry much plesed with you for Calling to see My pamelley, My son gorge sent by William a Verry fine Book and Letter, Everry thing is gaining on here Verry well — but Tim appears to be Verry much distrest not being allowed to go to belair[2], when he went this last time he braught all his Clothing and things he Could but did not bring them all — and wants to go back and bring the balance, let me no what to do in this Case — I am Likely to Lose Tim & Ball both with the hallow horne; I have not seen Mr Evans yet — William said he Lost one of those Mules on the way it died, he was seven days Cuming out & he sends his best respects to you and pamelley — I believe Mr Whatley is getting a Long Verry well — as soon as the water runs down and the seete gets drye I shall put up the frame nothing more at present. I will write to you again in the Course of one month, sir My best respects to you and pamelley

Jonathan Roberson

Newport March 29th 1852

Mr George Jones Esq

Sir

by your request

I send you a receat for making Concreat

Take of Sand Two parts and Cement One part and mix them to gather before wetting, make it to the concistency of Soft morter, then ading Six parts of gravel, to be well mixed to gather by 2 men turning it Over with Shovels and 2 men Stirring at the Same time with Hawes untill well mixt, then Spred it on the flore about Fore inches thick and pound it untill the morster comes on the top, then Smooth it off with a Trowl — if thair is a large quantity of Sand in the gravel you must dispence with One part of Sand — ½ bb of Cement is as mutch as can be mixed at One time, and as quick as can be done after wetting not leaving it untill finished

Yours Truly

Wm Fludder

you will want a platform about 10 or 12 ft Square to mix it hon

Newport La
28 April 1852

Geo. Jones Esq
Newport
R.I.

Dear Sir,

We have your favour of the 17th
The address of Mess. Swift, Brors, is Newbedford - Mass.

We duly received your letter instructing us as to the Bacon - there being only 7 Casks all will be sent to El-destino - only part of it has yet been hauled off -

The Plank Road has nearly reached this place - about 7 miles - It is not quite progressing as rappidly as we could wish - but still we think it can be finished by September - and considerable aid will probably be furnished Mr. Tompkins to effect that object -

Since you left the spring here has also been quite cold backward - approaching last week to a slight frost - The accounts we hear of the crops are not very promising and considerable dread is occassioned by the swarms of grass-hoppers that are almost covering many plantations - as yet however they have not been destructive -

We are
Very Respectfully yours
M Naught & Osmond

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State of Florida Leon County
May the 21st 1852

Dear Sir I have not written as early as I aught to have dun and the reason was I have ben so clostley in gaged with my worke I thought but little of writing untill I had sumthing to write about — I have ben in reasonable good health since you left but there has ben considerable sickness amgst the hands — I could not Average more than nine working hands during the hole of them since you left — I split 5000 rales hald and run a cros fence and planted it in corn, and it looks finely — then put up a large fine Black smith Shop weatherborded and covered with the Vas shingles 4 wendoes 2 dores shed in front — and a Brick forge at each end of the house; with sheete Iron stove pipes attached to each forge and the Bellows and tools all fixed up and we are carreing on worke in the shop — in stile — and I have got a large quatity of corde wood but for burning coal — thence I turned in and framed up all my timber, cleared out the seete, threw in the mud sils laid the sheeting drove the piling well all round and a cross the middle and then commenced Halling up the timbers out of the yard to the seete, and thence to Rasing and succeeded in rasing with only nine hands — I Applyed for no help as I saw Mr Whatley has had so much bad luck I did not to call on him for help — but I have got it up and no body hurt and people cums Verry much to see it and we are planking up and durting up the walls — you cannot a magin how siteley it looks — the yarde is prity cleare of timber, and I have set in to day to getting timber to put in a tale rase fraim below the mill frame to secure the Banks below — and when that is dun I shall commence putting on the upper storys — and thence hew out the rafters as they have to be 28 feete long and no mill can saw

them & then I well commence getting out the shingles and cover the frame to pertect it from the weather, & then prosede to put in the grest mill frame above; in the first place hew the timber and let it dry while we are diging out the seite then frame and put it up - then put up the forebay, and then we will be reddey for the mashenery I have got on smeethley and finely nobodely hurte and all things has went on verry well with me and nothing a mis - I have got My Corn from Evans, but has not ben able to get any fodder at all, Ida has a fine heffer Calf, Du groes fast, Ida was runing in the woods and I have taken her up keeps her up and feeds her bot wel not milk her till the Calf gets large and strong, My oxen all doing well in fact I have no complaint to reporte to you the Negroes is verry attentive and works harde and faithfully and every thing I do is well don, There was party one 41 of your Negroes Babtised last sunday in the Canall above the Bridge by James Page it was the largest Negroe meting I ever saw, Davey & Polley and all the young set I do not recollect at ther names, I have not had time to look over your crop, and I have not seen Capt Edwarts yet, as I have ben so clastly Ingayed at home that I could not attend to any thing a broad, I congratulate you and Mrs Jones with your fine son, and give my complyments to all the family, and let me heare from you shortly and I will write to you a gain in 3 or 4 weeks, My barrel of fish has not arrive yet, Ladson Evans is out at John Evans - nothing More but remains yours with respect —

NB Excuse bad writing
Hillis Wallis was Babtised
and her and winter is down sick
but not dangerous

Jonathan Roberson

Jonathan Roberson
May 21/52
Answered June 2. 1852

New York 24 May 1852

Mr Geo. Jones

Dr Sir

A man by the name of Patrick Carey has offered himself as a Waiter to Mrs Hy Parish, my Sister, and has produced a Written Character from you. But you omit to say whether he is a Sober man. Will you do me the favor to inform me what you know as to his Sobriety, and whether he has any faults. and whether you would recommend him to a Lady as waiter who

who understands his duties
Mr. P. I believe personally
unknown to you, would feel
obliged if you will answer
this note at your earliest
convenience.

Very Respt
Yours &c
Wm Delafield

Tours on the Loire
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State of Florida Leon County

Eldisteena Mills June the 12th 1852

Dear sir after My best respects to you and famelly I am in Moderate helth Davey Neger Ben Jackson, Primus and Butler has bin sick several days all came out to day but Davey but he is on the mend we have had a grateal of of harde rain; I have not bin able to get aney fodder in the settlement at all but got on the 9th instant one bale of Hay at Neuparte when I sent for the last meete I could not hall all the first time My stears is pore and nothing to feede with I can hardeley get my halling deen for the want of feede - I recved from Menaught & Ormand 6 Long handled shovels and 6 Longhandle Spades & 12 Sweepe plows for the Chemonie place - I have at this time but 2 Allowances of Meete and noes not wheare to get aney more, I wish you to Make sum arrangement for me to get meete as quick as posable, I am getting my Corn from Lavenses a Long as I use it, I maild you a Letter I think about two weekes since; and gave you all the particulars in that, nothing of much Consequence has recurd since, I am progresing with my worke Verry well with the Number of hands that is able to worke; we are Framing the 3d story of the Mill and will be able to Commence raising that towards the Latter parte of next weeke; and then Commence Framing and putting on the 4th story, thence hewing out the rafters and getting the Shingles to Cover the house; Covered - then I shall begin hewing timber for other Frame - I am getting on Verry well

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there is a Man by the name of Jascah Jacobs to be Hung in Newporte on the 18 instant for Murder — the Plank rode is Just finnished to Newporte from the mills and now commenced cumming up from the mills; — I think the Cut warmes and grashoppers has injured youre Cotton crop Considerably at Voss — old Mr Mecan has got a good Crop my oates is Verry sorry as they were put in Late and the drought kept them Back — I do not no how I will make out to feede my stears to do the halling as I shall have a grateal of halling to do Let me hear from you as quick as Convenient yours with respect

J. Roberson





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George Lowe Esqr

Newport Rhodeisland

New York 8th July 1852

Geo. Jones Esqr
Newport
Dear Sir

Your favour of 7th Inst. recd to day and the Marriage notice we have had advertised in the Commercial Advertiser & Herald as advised — You requested us to send several articles including a Bbl of Shad Nails & Bale Rope to go out to Newport. Fa. no vessel has heretofore offered for either Newport or St. Marks. The R. H. Gamble is now up for the latter port and we write to know whether we shall forward them to St. Marks to be dispatched from there to Newport or retain them in this City till Fall as no vessel offers during Summer for Newport Florida —

We are glad to learn that the Wedding passed off well. Hope the Cake arrived uninjured. The writer took all the pains he could to see it placed on board the Bay State under the eye (on the State Room of) the Clerk of Boat

Yours very truly
Wm J R Habersham

B over

We have also a small pine box rec'd from Savannah - addressed "G Jones Esq
Care Mess McN & Co
Newport
Fla"

Shall we forward same for "R H. Gamble"? The writer forwarded some shawls for Express on Thursday last, and trusts they were safely rec'd

Yours Respt'y
Wm & J. R. Habersham.
for J. R. H.

Louisville Jefferson County 23rd July 1852

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ANDERSON'S COLLEGE HOTEL 24 & 26 MURRAY ST. NEW YORK

New York 30 July 1852

Sir

During the summer of last year I had the pleasure to send you, at two different times, some articles for your table. In the first lot, the bill amounted to, I believe, $9.50 a 75¢. For the amount of which I received from you an order on the Misses Habrishams. This order I lost or destroyed in some unaccountable manner, & in hopes of finding it, I delayed sending up an account for the second lot. which was $7.50 I think. Having no memorandum of the transactions on my books. the whole affair very nearly slipped my memory, and it was only in being reminded of the matter by Neil Mulgrew, that I am now enabled to write you on the subject.

Will you be kind enough to ascertain from Misses Habrisham if they have ever paid any draft for $9 a 10 Dollars to my order & if not, will you oblige me by sending a draft for the whole amount.

Very respectfy. Your Obdt Servt.

James W. Sanderson

Geo Jones Esq.
Newport

9.72
7.50
17.22

Woodlands August 10th 1852

Dear Gunge,

I see by the papers that Newport is very full of company, & very gay. which is a perfect contrast to our little village. The tide of travel seems to have turned entirely from the up country this year. There has been no one up here, except those who have private residences to occupy. The good citizens of the Seaboard, who have been too patriotic for the last two years to spend their money at the North, are all treating resolution this year. In fact the patriotism of the South is of too enlarged a nature to be confined at home. Our money has been burning in our pockets because we

could not spend it at the South. And as soon as our dear brethren of that section have told us that they did not intend to put their foot exactly on our necks, it was all a joke; we have magnanimously rushed into their open arms, and told them we were sorry in fun when we said we would fight if they did it; and would not spend any more money amongst them than we could help. It is very liberal — and I regret it is out of my power this year to add to the swelling thousands which are going into their wide mouthed pockets —

I heard from Mary the other day from the White Mountains. She seemed to be enjoying herself. and of course must be very happy. She took us all in their party, quite by surprise by her marriage.

It would have given us great pleasure to have attended the wedding, but that of course was not upon power. Mary mentioned that the Lad sent a cake up to Clarksville; and begged me if it did not arrive, to let you & herself know. It has not arrived as yet, though it may be on its way. Perhaps friend Jack Habersham has spotted all about it.

The crops up here are remarkably fine, and promise a most abundant harvest. My last accounts from Opelaika were also quite favorable. But this is the trying month for the crop: and I am quite anxious about the next letter or two.

I wrote to the live oak cutters, whose names you sent me: but have as yet received no answer. I fear they have their hands too full in Florida to think of any timber.

I suppose you hear of the Ravens' frequently. We hear of them occasionally through

the Clinches. By the last accounts they were about to make a trip through Germany & Switzerland — John Owens brought his wife up here a few weeks ago and left her; he returning to Savannah.

In accordance with the principles mentioned in the first part of my letter, I am very anxious to spend a little of my money amongst my Northern brethren, as I cannot spend much. I will therefore beg the favor of you to ascertain when I can get such a furnace as Hallowell has in his house: & what it will cost at the North. I am desirous of having one put up in my house before next winter.

I sent the money to Heyward Drayton —

We are all well, and hope you & yours are the same —

Very truly
yours
George J. Kollock

G. J. Kollock
August 10th 1852

Newport Augt. 24th 1852.

Mr. Jay,

Sir,

Having rec'd some copies of "North American Scenes" from Phil.a for subscribers I have sent you in a copy of Nuttall for examination, if you should want, can supply you with the other subscribers, — it is a work depending upon those who have a taste for those things, as plates are not colored for the work further than absolute demand.

Respectfully,

G. C. Smith.

Agent.

Mr. Geo. Jones
Newport

G. C. Smith
August
21/52

State of Florida Eldestunamills
September the 15th 1852
Dear Sir

I am getting on as usual we are getting shingles out of fine ~~tim~~ timber, we find the timber very bad we cannot get them as fast as we could have dun out of Syprus we still have a grateal of rain the swamps full of water, I am progresing to cover the Frame as quick as we posably can, I am halling home the wheatherboay to have it reddy - and when we are dun the shingles we have to hew out the Rafters and Collerbeams before we can commence shingling the house, on or about the 22 of August we had a very hard rane and the waters was as high as when the gale was last year but it never grased the sevey, our works are very strong we have sickness as usual Fillis, Niger & Jim Hall is sick at this time, William in Sallahasse has been very sick but is getting better, My Fish has arrived but nothing else has cum yet, you state that you have be cane impatiant for the Mills to be runing, you are not more so than I am, and I allways put the best foot Foremost and puts youre hands up to all they are able to bare; the force is two small for the quantity of worke they have to do and the worke is all heavy worke and I have to spend a grateal of the time at plantation worke and from 5 to 5 hands Generally sick; but when you see the work I think you will be satisfyed, Tompkins's Mills are Advertised to be sold on the 8th october next and all the stock there is very fine Mules and oxen to be sold and if you should wish to purchase any provided they go Cheape I should like to have

two to Assist the oxen for my halling is two much for them to do and I Can not keepe up my halling with them if you wish to purchase give me instructions and I will attend the Sale, I think there will be grate bargens to be had for this reason, the Stock funds is dun and the Plank Rode Stoped, it is finished up to the 7 mile house old field Jompkins has quit them, Cald for a settlement and they Could not agree on the price of the worke & the Directors of the Rode and Jompkins Could on me to Arbitrate and say what the worke was worth - this was the un finnished parte at the upper End, about 7½ miles I dun so settled the dispute to the satisfaction of all partys, and now Jompkins is going to sell out his Mills and all his Stock, he has several Joke of oxen and I think about 20 Mules all of a Very Large Sise and Mostly young Mules; but I do not no what the terms of the sale will be } and so Ends the Plank Rode { this is a Very sickly yea in this Country; your Jimmy had a Little Child died yesterday and Little Fillesis Child next to the youngest and Jempeys Little Boy is Very sick and the Doctor is attending them Land warrants is of grate demand here sum person at Madison Court House has Avertised for 500 Land warrents, they sell here at from 80 to $100 for warrents of 160 Acres and so on a Cording to sise } My Stock is all in fine order { Excuse me for not wreling sooner; I recive your letter since I wrote Last My Best respects to you and Family

Jonathan Roberson

State of Florida Leon County
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two plows and planting peese, — the Hogs and Cattle
is doing well, — I have recved the Bells, — Ma nuse in the
Countery worth relating I still want a Cook Mr Shatley
is willing for I am nee to Cook for the hands as she
is weekly and not able to do his worke and said
he would write to you about it, fillis is Verry weekly
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