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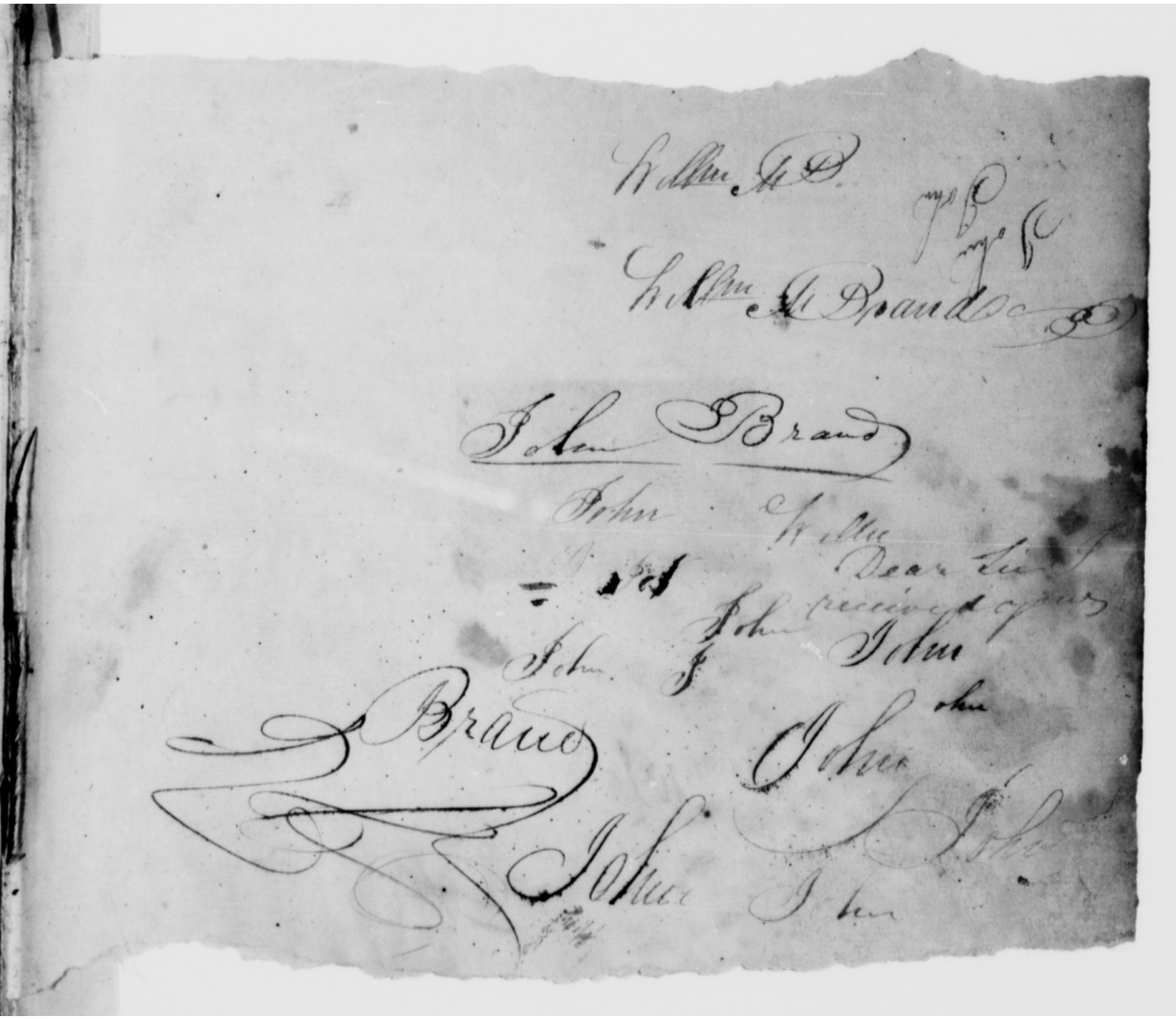

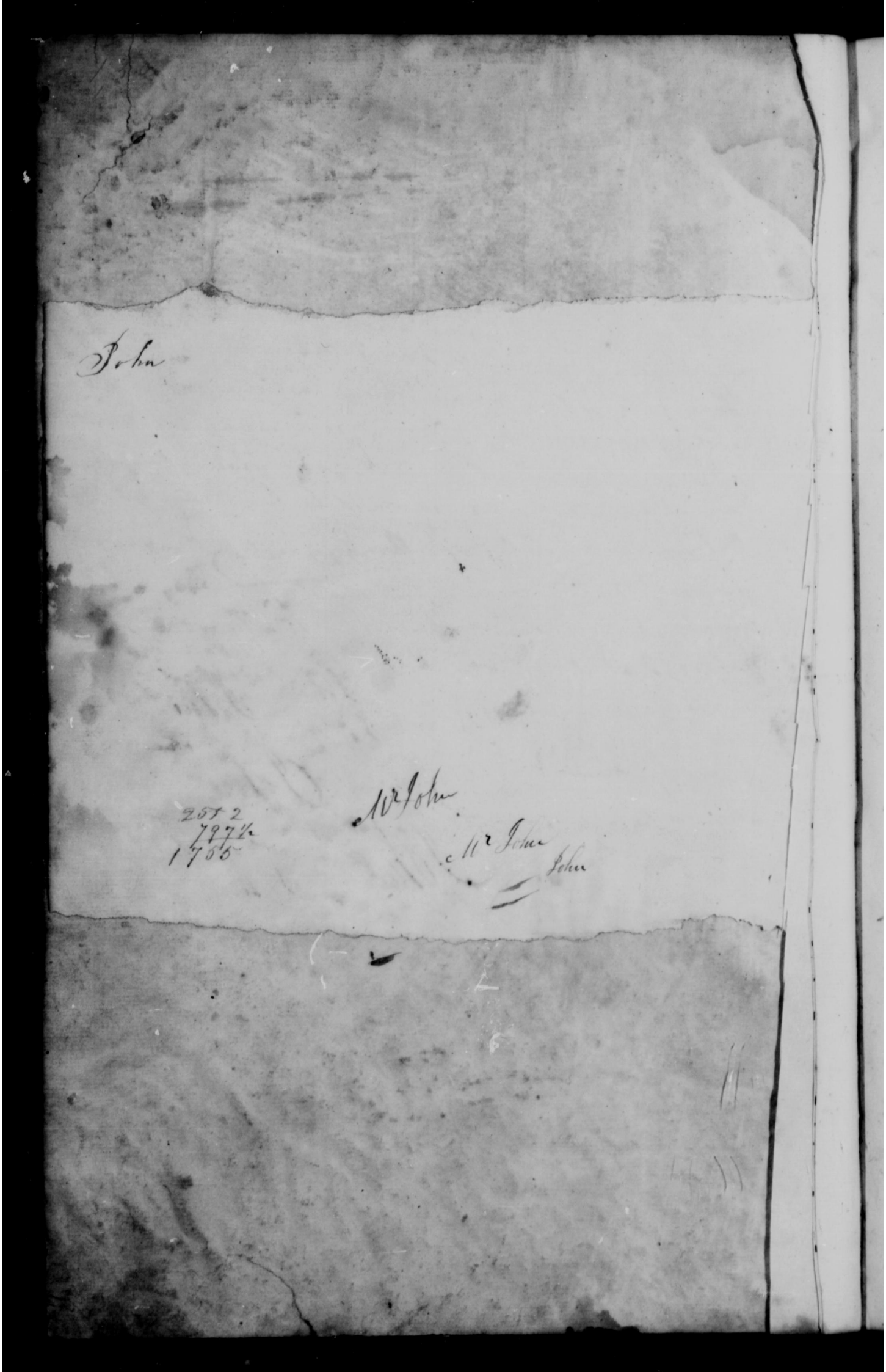

Copy

Lexington 15 May 1811

Mr John Henderson

Sir I herewith hand you Captn Wm Brissons receipt for forty pieces of cotton Bagging which hope wil arive in good order & in due time — —

Since the comencement of the manufacture of that article in this Country, I have been in Copartnership with Mr John W Hunt, under the firm of John W Hunt & Co, but that conection being now disolved, & haveing comenced manufactureing myself, I have taken the liberty of forw=arding the above to you, being satisfied with your mode of doing business, but if your engagements with others in my line wil prevent your giveing me an equal chance of sales, you wil be kind enough to inform me & I wil make Arrangements with some other house; In the mean time (should be the case) I would thank you to place this parcel (as well as several others which I shal forward to your adress before I can possibly receive your answer) with some house of credit that wil undertake the business, the house of Postlethwait & Shipp haveing the first offer; If however you should be able to undertake my Business generally, & can asure me of as good a chance of sales as others in my line I wil forward my shipments to you from time to time as circumstances permit & opportunities offer

I should be glad to make a contract or contracts for any quantity not exceeding twelve thousand yards to be delivered at your place between this & the end of the year (dangers of the Rivers excepted) at any price not less than forty cents pr yard, payable ~~next March~~ in March next but of this (should any offer) I should be glad of speedy infor=mation that I may be enabled to make my arrangements accordin=gly — I should be glad to hear from you on the receipt of this, & please to say if it would be any advantage to send Bale rope & twine along with my article (bagging) & as near as you can what proportion of each (per tha[illegible] would be wanted — [illegible] your reply I remain Respectfully [illegible]

Lexington Ky 22 May 1811

Sir

Since the comencement of the manufacture of cotton bagging in this country, & until lately, I have been engaged in Copartnership, with Mr John W Hunt, Under the firm of John W Hunt & Co; But that conection being dissolved, & having comenced manufacturing that Article myself, I have taken the liberty of adressing you, wishing to know, if your engagements will prevent your giveing me, an equal chance of sales, with others in my line; If that should be the case you will be kind enough to inform me, that I may make some other arrangements;

If however you should be able, to undertake my business generally, & can assure me, of as good a chance of sales, as others in my line, I will forward some of my article from time to time as circumstances may permit & opportunities offer, expecting you to pay the waggoner (upon delivery of the bagging) the same proportion you have hitherto done for others —

I should be glad to know, what prospects there is with you, this season, for Bagging Bale rope & twine, as I shal send some of each if the price will justify it —

I should be glad to hear from you, on receipt of this, & please to say, what time the sales generally comences & what time they generally stop purchasing waiting your reply, I remain, very Respectfully Sir your Most Obedt Servt

John Bland

Mr John Moore
Merchant Augusta Georgia

Lexington 6 July 1811

Gentlemen Above you wil find two receipts for sixty-eight pieces of bagging, which hope will arive in good order & in due time, shal in the cource of a day or two forward you some more, all which I wish you to forward (pr the first good boat & Experienced Captn) to Mr John Henderson of Natchez, & forward me the bills of ladeing pr Mail; I wish it to be diveded & not more than 50 or 60 pieces sent in one boat, so as to divide the risk on the river — Your compliance with which wil oblige Your Most Obedt Servt

John Brand

Messrs Jas Berthaud & Son Shipping port

Lexington 15 Augt 1811

Sir I received yours favours of the 11th June & ~~9 Ultto in course of~~ have noted its contents, & also one dated the 9th July acknowledeing the receipt of 40 pieces of bagging pr Captn Bretton —

Enclosed I have sent you Captn Martineaus receipt for fifty pieces ~~containing~~ 2603¼ yards which I hope wil come to hand in good order & in due time, I have 50 pieces more at Louisvile which I have ordered to be ship'd to you & expect bills of ladeing every mail, All which I wish you to dispose of (for me, without limitation) on the best terms you can, so as to be able to remit me by the first of March, (if not in your power to do it sooner); In yours of

the 11th Inst you mention a parcel of bagging left in your hands by Mr. John Harris, one half of which belongs to me, you will oblige me if you will write me in your next, the Number of yards that you received from him, & the Number that is damaged, & what is sold, I wish you to be particular as it is of some importance, he told me he had advised you to put up the damaged at public auction,

It was my wish that the time of sale should be left to your discretion as you was the best judge when it would sell best

I am with Respect

Sir your Most Obedt Sert

John Bland

Mr John Henderson

Natchez M.T.

Lexington 28 Augt 1811

Mr. John Henderson Sir I intend you have Mr. John Lewis receipt for 50 pieces of bagging which I hope will arrive in good order & in due time

My letter of the 15 Inst. (handing you Martineaus receipt for fifty pieces) I hope have come to hand, to which I refer you for Instructions

I am with Respect Sir your Mo Obd Servt

John Bland

P.S. I hope you will not neglect letting me know the particulars concerning the bagging left with you by Mr John Harris J.B.

Lexington 6 Septr 1811

Mr. John More

Dear Sir I received your favour date 27 June about a month after its date, & in consequence have sent you 120 pieces of bagging & 1000 ℔ twine in 4 wagons as you wil see by the wagoners receipt which I have inclosed you,

I wish you to dispose of them both on the best terms you can so as to be able to remit me between this & some time in Jany. either in a poste note or good bill of Exchange on Philida, Baltimore or new yorck —

I am pleased Mr. Hunts Bagging has given ~~satisfac~~ Satisfaction in your place; since the commencement of the manufacture of that article in this place there never was a piece left his factory but went through my hands until last January, & from the long experiance I have had both in Scotland & this country & the experiance of my hands I flatter myself my baging will not be surpassed in quality by any that leaves this place — please to write me on the arival of the waggons & oblige

Sir with Respect

Your Most obedt Servt

John Brand

Mr. John Moore Augusta Ga

P.S. I attended to your advice in putting up the twine in 50 ℔ bundles there 20 bundles of 50 ℔ each with about 15 yards baging on them

J B

Mr John Moore

Lexington 27 Nov 1811

Dear Sir I received yours of the 31 Ulto pr last mail, & am sorry to understand that the market for bagging at your place is so gloomy, I wish you to dispose of mine if possible this season (but I would not like to sacrafice it for the purpose of getting clear of it) say at the best price you can not less than 45 cents pr yard & 40 for the twore you may extend the credit (where you know the people to be good) to 120 days; or if you can get an opportunity of sending cotton to this country so that the cotton will not exceed $13 pr 100 lb delivered here, you may exchange some for that article & forward it immediately here, we have recd the proceedings of Congress as late as the 15 inst. & hope times well gett better

I am Sir Your Most Obedt Servt

Signed J B

P S the cotton must be of the first quality

Copy To John Henderson ~~&~~ Natchez & also one to Bartlet & Cox of Orleans

Feby 7 - 1812 Lexington

I wish you to make engagements ~~to engage~~ for me if in your power for any quantity of Bagging not exceeding fifteen thousand yards (to be on the river by the 1st of Decr Next) at the best price you can not less than thirty five cents pr yard I shall forward you a parcel of the bagging in a few days & shall occasionally be forwarding you some during the course of the season the whole of above quantity to be on the river by the above mentioned time, But in your engagements you must Barr accidents on the river — the credit what is usually given on such occasions

I am with respect Your most Obedt Servt

John Brand

Mr John Moore Lexington 19 March 1812

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 27 Ulto pr last mail & am sorry to observe by its contents the dull prospects of sales for bagging — 40 cents is too low takeing into view the expences of takeing it to your place by land but than to lett it lay over till another season I would prefer putting it off even at that price but would wish you (if possible) to put off a part if not the whole of the twine along with it — if 40 cents cannot be got will prefer letting it lay over till another season but must beg of you to have it put in a safe place so that no damage may be sustained — it will draw damp in in a cellar or on a mud floor, hoping for better times I am Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 28 March 1812

Mr John Henderson

Sir Enclosed I have forwarded you Mr Lewis receipt for fifty pieces of bagging which I hope will arrive in good order & in due time

I wrote you the 7th Ulto advising you to make engagements for me for any quantity of bagging not exceeding 15 thousand yards, at any price not less than 35 cents per yard, to be on the river by Decr. which I hope you received & will let me know the prospects for next year the first time you write

please to send me an account of sales as soon as you can conveniently, I wish you to close the business of John Harris (that I am concerned in) as soon as you can as I wish to have a settlement with him, you will also oblige me by sending to Mr John W Hunt (as soon as you can) an account of sales of the the lessing of John W Hunt & Co as I wish very much to have a settlement with him also

Yours &c

John Brand

Lexington 29 March 1812

Messrs Bartlet & Co Inclosed I have forwarded an Mr Lewis receipt for fifty pieces of Bagging which I hope will come to hand in good order & in due time — I wrote you on the 7th Ulto advising you to make engagements for me for any quantity of bagging not exceeding 15000 yards at any price not less than 35 cents per yard, to be on the river by Decr, which I hope you received & will let me know

the prospects first time you write
be so good as quote the current prices of the
articles the produce of this Country & oblige
yours Respectfully John Brand

N B the above two letters is not sent

Lexington 31 March 1812.

Messrs Bartlet & Cox

I wrote you on the 7th Ulto
advising you to make engagements for me for any
quantity of Bagging not exceeding 15 thousand
yards at any price not less than 35 cents pr yard
on the 20th Inst I shipped for you per John Lewis
Boat 50 pieces (as part) to meet any engagements
you might have made, but have since sold
it to Mr J B. Schatzell of this place, who wishes to
have it delivered to Mr Rowland Craig of your
place — you will therefore oblige me if you will
direct Mr Lewis on his arrival, to deliver it to
Mr Rowland Craig him paying freight.

If you have made any engagements for me in
consequence of my letter of the 7th Ulto. if you will
please advise me of them immediately — that I
may make my arrangements to meet them
& make no More until I hear from me
again I am with Respect

Yours Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 31 March 1812

Mr John Henderson Sir I wrote you on the 7 Ulto advancing you to make engagements for me for any quantity of bagging not exceeding 15 thousand yds, at any price not less than 35 cents pr yard, and on the 20th Inst I shipped pr John Lewis 50 pieces for you (as part) to meet any engagements you might have made - but on yesterday I have sold that 50 pieces with a considerable quantity besides to Mr J P Schatzell of this place, you will oblige me if you wil direct mr Lewis (upon his arival at your place) to deliver sd 50 pieces of bagging to Messrs Washington Jackson & Co of your place then paying freight

If you have made any engagements upon the advice of my letter of the 7 Ulto, you will please write me directly to enable me to meet them, Expecting to hear from you soon both on Mr John Harris Business & my own

I am with Respect your Obedt Servt Name

Lexington 4 April 1812

Mr John Bustard Louisville Sir I have taken the liberty of Inclosing you a Bill of Exchange for $1000 on Messrs E & T Bullett of your place, which you will oblige me if you will have presented for acceptance if (after acceptance) it can be discounted at your Bank, you will oblige me by forwarding the money to me the first safe opportunity in Bills of your Bank, your answer in course will oblige

Sir with Respect your Obedt Servt J B

Lexington 4 April 1812

Mr John Henderson Sir I received pr last mail yours of the 9th Ulto incloseing a Bill of Exchange for $1000 on Messrs C & T Bullet of Louisville which has been placed to your credit

I wrote you on the 31st Ulto advising you to make no contracts until you heard from me again, & also to direct Mr Lewis on his arrival to deliver the 50 pieces of Bagging (I had shipped for you) to the order of Messrs Washington Jackson & Co of your place (as I have sold it) your compliance will oblige Sir &c — J B

Lexington 6 April 1812

Mr John Moore Dear Sir In consequence of the gloomy prospects in your market, I have this day sold my Bagging & Twine in your hands, to Mr J P Schatzell of this place, you wit therefore account to him for the same, & charge him with any expences that has incurred subsequent to the property coming into your hands (& close my account) should any alteration (for the better) turn up in your place should be glad to hear from you I am with Respect your &c

Lexington 27 June 1812

Mr John Henderson Dear Sir I received your favor of the 8th Inst per last mail, accompanying a/c of sales & a/c current, & also covering a check on the Kentuckey Insurance Co for $150 which has been placed to your credit; I observe that you have got 21 Bales of cotton in payment for my Bagging, I must advise you to hold it until it will (at least) fetch the original cost, unless I otherwise advise you, If there is no probability of it doing that, I think it would be advisable to ship it up the river to Louisville or Shipingport, by the first opportunity, provided the freight will not exceed 4 cents per lb, at present your market is so gloomy that I have been induced to make some engagements (for Bagging) here, which will prevent me from shipping any to your place for some time, However I shall be glad you would write me occasionally when you have any thing worth communicating — we expect (by the advice from Washington last mail) to have an a/c of War being Declared (against Britain) by mondays mail, but God knows what Effect this will have —

I am with Respect Sir Your Obed Serv

John Baird

Mr John Henderson " Natchez M.T. Lexington 30th July 1812

Dear Sir I recved yours of the 15th Inst per last mail mentioning the sale of a part of my cotton —

I wrote you on the 27th Ulto. requesting you to send up what part of my cotton was unsold, to me by the way of Louisville or Shippingsport which I hope you have recved — Cotton has been, & is selling, here at $15 pr 100 lb on a credit of 60 & 90 days, it is uncertain how this market may stand with regard to that article, as there is a great deal comeing into this place from Tennessee, however if your Country cotton be of a good quality I am of opinion it would have the preference with the Manufacturer, there is a flying report in this place that Governor Hull has taken the British port (Malden) by storm, & it is pretty generally belived I am &c Signd J B

Lexington 15 Augt 1812

Mr John Henderson Sir I recved your favor of the 21 Ulto. in course of post covering first of exchange for $200 (on Messrs Ward & Taylor of Georgetown) which has been accepted & placed to your credit, to day I have recved yours of the 28th covering the second

I am &c J B

Mr. John Henderson Lexington 19 May 1813

Sir I have received yours of the 20th & 27 Ulto., handing J. Brandt's first & second of Exchange, on Ward & Taylor, for $400 — which have been placed to your credit

I have also received yours of of the 18th & 26 Jany., handing first & second for $250, from the same unto the same ~~which~~ this I received in course & placed it also to your credit

The gloomy prospects in your Market for Bagging, wil prevent me sending any down to you this season unless it alters very much for the better, should that be the case, be so good as advise me as early as possible

I am with Respect
Sir your Mo Ob Servt
Signed John Brand

P S your last letter, of the 27 Ulto. was without any signature

Copy — Lexington 18 June 1816

Dear Sirs I arived at home last evening from viewing the farm I purchased from you in the neighberhood of Russelvile, & am sorry it does not come up to the discription given me of it, when I purchased I was made to belive the farm rented for 400 Barrels of corn pr annum, I am since informed (during my stay in Russelvile) by the tenant & Mr A Morehed that there will not be any thing like that quantity — I have also to inform you a suit in chancery has been brought in the Logan Circuit Court (against Charles Spraule) for part of land

In consequence of the above circumst=ances, I hope you will not think hard of me throwing up that part of our contract — I expect to be in Frankfort early next month when I hope we shal be able to settle our business amicably, in the mean time I am

Gent — Yours with Respect John Brand

Messrs Spraule Armstrong & Co

Merits — Frankfort

verbatim

Lexington 20th June 1816

Dear Sir I have taken the liberty of adressing you to request the favour, that you wil get a copy of a Bill in Chancery, filed by Wm Stewart in your Circuit Court against Chas Sprauls or Sprauls Armstrong & Co & also a copy of any Subpoena that has been issued from the Circuit Court clerks office, whither returned or not & forward the same to me by mail as early as possible, any subpoena that has been returned to the office please get a verbatim copy, & also the Sherriss indorcement (whither served or not) I have inclosed you a five dollar note to pay any expences incurred

you wil oblige me if you wil enquire at Mr Brett Sr the precise quantity of acres he has to pay rent for (exclusive of Mr Leftwicks claim within the fence) I think he told me there was 120 acres in the large field, & 36 by the house making in all 156 he had to pay for rent

your complyance with the above wil very much oblige yours with Respect

Mr A Morehead Merct J B

Russelvile

Lexington 1 July 1816

Dear Sirs I have yours before me of the 20th Ultto & have observed its contents, as the Russ=ell's farm does not come up (to any thing like) the discription given me of it by you as to rent, & also a Bill being filed in Chancery against you for part of sd tract of land in Logan Circuit Court, & also part of sd tract being in the actual possession of John Armstrong, it puts it out of your power to comply with that part of our contract —

I therefore consider myself absolved from complying with my part, but am willing to hear from you your wishes on the subject, as I am willing to settle the business amicably, I shal be at home on the 10 inst as proposed by you when I shal be glad to hear from you

yours Respectfully L. Bend

Messrs Spraule Armstrong & Co

Frankfort

Mr George Geib

Lexington 25 Augt 1816

Sir I have been absent from home for this eight days & upon my arival home last evening found your favour of the 7th Inst proposing to let your note lay over for twelve months longer, & to give your Brother endorser for the intrest, & also for me to keep the possession of the property for keeping the fencing up, or in repair,

I am very happy your prospects are so flattering & have a wish to do what I can to accomodate you & wil accede to your proposals

your note for $3180 wil be due the 20th next October, I have lodged Wm Russels note for $35 50/100 & Daniel Bradfords note for $41 50/100 in the Branch Bank here for colection, but am sorry to inform you Mr Bradford has failed whither his Brother (as endorser) wil pay the note I am unable to say, however I shal do my best to colect it, the other note of Alexr Reid for $95 75/100 is not worth any thing unless it can be made out of Col R M Johnston who was to have endorced it but never did Reid has moved to Frankfort & good for nothing, whatever means I can with prohrity pursue in colecting the money shal be done but I do not expect to receive any of the money when due except Col Wm Russels T O

the note you are to forward me for the next years intrest you wil please make payable at the Lexington Branch Bank

I am Sir yours with Respect

John Brand

First effect

Lexington 14 March

Lexington 14 March 1817

Gentm

I have just received your of this date informing me that in consequence of Mr Millers suffering your drafts to come back protested you are unable to lift your note to me of 660 $ —

I am extremely sorry you have been dissappointed both on your account, as well as my own; In consequence of disappoint-ments in receiv-eing money due me, I was under the necessity of selling your note to the Branch Bank, in purpose to raise funds to purchase hemp; however, I have made out to raise funds to lift your note, but I must beg of you to forward the money as early as possible as I am actualy paying at the rate of ten pcent — on the money to save your credit

I am Gent — yours with respect —

Messrs Sproule Armstrong & Co John Brand

Lexington Ky 27th June 1817

Dear Sir

My engagements for Bagging in this county is closed, & I have resolved to send some to you to dispose of for me, I have on hand near-ly 500 piecies but am unwilling to risk the whole of it at your market for fear of haveing to make a sacrafice, the price here at present is from 25 to 30 cents pr yard, I am not willing to take less than 30 ¢ I were I sure of it netting me

that I would ship the whole of it — I shall any how send you as soon as convenient about 2[illegible] piece, (measuring from 51 to 52 yds pr piece on an average) if you can make engagements for that quantity payable the first of January please do it, & I shall be advised by you whither to send any more, please to write me as early as possible & let me know the prospect

I am Sir Respectfully your

John Brand

Mr John Henderson

Merct Natchez

Lexington (Ky) 24 Jany 1820

Mr Robt Christie

Dundee

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 10th Augst acknoledgeing the receipt of your favor of the 27th April, I have now to advise you I have forwarded per this days mail a small remittance to Montrose of £45.. 0.. 0 to Mr Messrs Willm & John Dorward of that place advising them to pay you £18.. 8.. 7 the ballance of your account —

I am sorry it has been out of my power to forward the amt earlier, but indeed the state of trade in this Country for the Last six months has put it out of my power to obtain a Bill I have heard no a/c of Mr Aimes and his family farther than mentioned in your letter, I shall be glad at all times to hear from you or

to be of service to you in this Country & if ever Jam
in Dundee shall do myself the pleasure of calling
on you I am with the greatest respect your

Obed Servt

J. C John Brand

P.S. If you have it in your power to inform any
of Chas Matthews family that I received their let
ter inclosing a power of Attorney, which I have
forwarded to a friend of mine in Nashville
(200 miles from this place) the place where he
died & shall write them as soon as I know the
result J B

Lexington (Ky) 24th Jany 1820

Dear Father & Mother

I received your favor
of the 29th Sept a short time ago and am hap
=ily sorry you have been so much disappointed
in receiving your money from Mr Jas Kinnear
and more so at your loosing their friendship, as I had
=d expected their family would have paid some attenti
on to you when you most needed it by being satisf
ied for so doing which I always expected & still hope
you are not so much at variance but that will still
be the case — I have remitted this day to N York
a small amount of £45.0.0 of which aunt Scott
Christie of Dundee is to receive £18.6.7 — the ballance
of £26.11.5 is to be paid to you as it is wanted taking
out any expence that may be incurred.

I hope this will put you out of your present difficulties and expect to be able to send you another remittance by the time you may want it This Bill from New York I have desired to be forwarded to Messrs William & John Forward who I hope will receive it about the time you receive this— I would have wrote you immediately on the receipt of my brothers letter but the situation of trade in this Country for the last six months put it out of my power to forward you any money, I have embraced the first opportunity, I am sorry my Brother has been so neglectfull of you but hope you will ascribe it to the right cause, you will oblige me if you will write him when you get the money and let him know the contents of this letter and that I received his letter, and shall soon write him— Trade is very much changed here since I came home for the worse, & poor people here have great difficulties in making a living for their families, I have started my factory again & have taken James Dunlop as my overseer at a salliery of £100 a year, I have also joined three gentlemen of this place in purchasing a large cotton & wool factory, that was sold at public sale at a very reduced price, we have been in operation for the last four months & have done better than we expected, we have many offers of mechanics of different trade from England Scotland and Ireland but are unwilling to employ

the whole, please write me as soon as you receive the money & let me know the news & how you are with Mr Kinnear & let me know what time you will want more and it shall be forwarded to you first opportunity — A young man Mr Millne whose father lives near the shore, a clock and watch maker by trade and served his time with Willm Rob, desires me to request you to let his parents know he is well in health & doing pretty well, he is often in my house & it has given me great pleasure that I have been able to be of service to him, in a strange Country — make my best respects to all enquiring friends & believe me Dear Father and Mother

Your afect Son — John Brand

Feby 11 1820

answered Robt Gilespies favor of the 17 Mtto, agreed to honor his draft in favor of Jas Peters & Co for $20 50/100 ballance of a/c omitted in R Frazer J P Shalsele & my tobacco adverture

Lexington (Ky) 6 March 1820

Messrs C. G. Smedberg & Co. Gentlemen I received your favor of the 12th to day proposing a Joint investment of 500 Hhds tobacco. I have made arangements for the purchase of all I would wish to risk this season, which is but a small quantity but if I were so disposed to Join you, before an answer could return here, it would be too late, any tobacco that does not get off by the middle of April runs a great risk of laying over to another year —

I am Sir

Tobacco on the Kentucky

above Frankfort 2 50/100 to 3

below — 3 " — to 3 " 25/100

at Louisville 3 " 25 to 3 " 50

Lexington 30th March 1820

Messrs Polard Snead & Co

Gentlemen Your favor of the 23d Inst. is received and your Bill for 500 has been presented and paid —

We have now to advise you to engage a careful sober Boatman in whom you can depend to take it to N. Orleans, to be consigned to Messrs Wm Watson & Co of that place for us — we were introduced (by Mr Marksberry) to a freighter by the name of Laiton who appeared to be a man that can be depended upon & spoken well of by your friend Mr Marksberry, if he has not engaged freight yet you may try him he asked a cent

per lb. but I think he can be engaged for 90 cent p[illegible]
100 lb freight has been shipped this season at 85 —
however do the best you can having in view a sober ex-
perienced man & who has not to many boats — Mr Lait-
on says he has only the one boat which is certainly pr-
efferable — you will please not to purchase any more
tobacco on our a/c than the cost will amount to
between 1400 & 1500 $ for the ballance of which
you may draw on as at sight

We are very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Brand and Frazer

Lexington (Ky) 13th April 1820

Mr Polard Snead & Co

Lancaster

Since we last advis-
ed you we have concluded to encrease our purchase of toba-
cco to 58 or sixty Hhds more so as to load a boat of 60 feet
long, you will on the receipt of this purchase ten or twelve
Hhds more of the best quality possible, Your favor of the
4th Inst covering a list of 48 Hhds which have been handed
over to Mr Levi Hart, he informs us his hands have gone to
the River to take his boats down to sugar Creek, but has no-
t left this place himself, as there is no prospect of the rive-
r rising We are very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt Brand & Frazer

Lexington 22 April 1820

Mr J Swigart

Dear Sir on my arrival at home (from where I had been absent a few days) I received your favor of the 17th Inst. & observe its contents —

It was very much against my wish that I was compelled to bring suit agt. Mr Marshall, & should not have done so but to hold the endorser responsible (who received my property) —

I am still unwilling to do any thing that will release him, & would advise you to take such steps as will recover the money or hold the endorser liable

I am &c JB

Lexington (Ky) 26 April 1820

Mr Stephen Ewing Sir through the advice of our mutual friend Mr Willm Milam of this place (formerly of Huntsville) I have taken the liberty of addressing you at present —. I have been engaged for nearly this 17 years in the Manufacture of Bagging in this place, my factory is now in operation, I occasionally have bale rope & twine made up to sell along with my bagging, & have a considerable quantity of these articles, inconsiderable

forwardness (at present) with the view of forw=arding them (in part) to your place for a market, & wish to know if you will undert=ake (as a comission Merct.) to dispose of any articles I may have that will suit your market —

I am also a partner in the manufacture of cotton & wool in a Concide=rable establishment in this neighborhood, of the firm of Postlethwait Brand & Co, Should be glad you could dispose of cotton yarns or any other article we have —

When we load waggons for your place we generally have to make a small advance on the Carrage, the Comission Merct. comonly pay the ballance, will you do the like, when would be the most proper time to forward, & what comission & storeage will be charged, whither you charge for storeage by the month, or make a lumping charge for storeage & Comission — What quantity of Bagging bale rope & twine you supose you could dispose of in a season, should your answer be apro=ved of, I can forward you a few waggon loads imediately to commence on, of whatever you may advise, hoping this will result to our mutual advantage I am very Resp please advise in Course of mail you &c

Lexington (Ky) 26th April 1820

Mr David Kilgour

Dear Sir

I learnt some time ago that you had a store established in Vincenes, the object of my addressing you at present is to get your opinion whether it would be prudent to forward cotton there to sell on commission by your house,

I lately purchased a farm in this neighbourhood & have to pay it by instalments in such money as will be received at the land office in Vincenes, it would be an accommodation to me to sell yarns there to meet my engagements, if you approve of it please to inclose a letter of introduction to your house that I may write them on the subject — please advise me at what rate cotton yarns sell at in your place & oblige —

Cotton yarns here
600 is 33⅓ per Doz long reel —
7 — 8 — 9 — 11 and others 80s above the same
500 — 37½
candle week 60 cts pr lb
15 per ct off if purchased 810 per ct if sold on comission is allowed

very Respectfully
Your obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 1st May 1820

Mr G F Saltenstale

Dear Sir — I gave a Mr Harrison and a Mr Shannon an order each for a load of bale rope (on saturday) and promised to meet the former at your house this morning at 9 o clock, but unfortunately my overseer of my bagging factory died on saturday

evening, which will make it impossible for me to leave home to day. I have sent by the bearer 20 dollars, you will please to give each waggoner 10 dollars in part (advance) for carriage, and take triplicate receipts, as p[r] order, forward two to me first opportunity, and let him keep the other, let me know p[r] bearer how you come on, and please acknolege the receipt of the 20 $ M[r] W Sanders has produced your receipt for 71 cwt hemp and has been paid — has M[r] Offutt delivered any more hemp — I shall ride down and see you as soon as convenient

I remain
very Respectfully
your Obed[t] Serv[t]
John Brand

Lexington 1 May 1820

Hugh Brent Esq[r]

Dear Sir I have to inform you that you may conclude the sale of the wool cards lately the property of M[r] Dunlap as concluded on the receipt of your answer, the particulars duly — you shall have the cards & other articles belonging thereto (the property of M[r] Dunlap) at five hundred dollars, one hundred dollars to be retained in your hands to satisfy M[r] Haws claim against M[r] Dunlap for rent &c, the ballance of four hundred dollars to be paid one

half the first July the other half the
25 next December, I shall convey you a
good title when I see you which I hope
will be in the course of 10 days, I am sorry
I have to inform you Mr Dunlop is dead,
he died on saterday evening very much
unexpected both to his Physicians in attendance
& his friends who visited him, he has left
a poor widow & five helpless children, I
had talked to him about Mr Hawes a
few evening I came from Paris & the
morning before his death, he had no idea
his affair with Mr Hawes was so much against
him but hoped as he expressed himself he would
be able to satisfy Mr H it was not quite
so much after taking into view the credits
he ought to have & notes & Book accts he left
in his hands — however I am willing you
should retain the $100 mentioned until a
final settlement with Mr Hawes
I am afraid I shall have to administer
on the Estate

waiting your reply

Yours

Lexington (Kentucky) 5th May 1820

Mr Geo Gibb — Sir

I wrote you the 11th January last in answer to yours of the 21st Decr, wherein you offered to pay me one thousand dollars, with interest, on the sixth day of this present month, at New York, on condition that I would give you a final discharge for any claim I have against you, my answer was accepting of your proposition; upon receipt of this you will please to pay into the United States Branch Bank (or office of discount and deposit) in your city the amount according to your proposition, and forward the evidence of deposit to any of your friends in this place (subject to my order) and any relinquishment or discharge they may require (in reason) shall be complyed with waiting your reply I am

Respectfully John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 14th May 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive a bill of lading for 60 Hhds of tobacco signed by Mr Levi & Miner Hart which we have requested them to deliver you, for us, you will find on the back of the bill of lading his receipt for fifty dollars advance part of freight — you will also perceive the freight is 90 cents pr 100 lb Nett tobacco, —

We advise you unless you think you can obtain $4.50/100 pr 100 lb (on its arrival) not to have it inspected for the present, but to store it in some safe warehouse for a short time & in the course of a few months (provided you cannot obtain that price

you will please to ship to London or Liverpool as the best opportunity may offer, consigning it to Messrs. Reid Irving and Co. of the former city, and immediately on its shipment you will please advise us, & also give Messrs Reid Irving and Co the necessary advice as early as possible that they may be enabled to have it insured at what they think most advisable.

In the event of your selling at Orleans, we wish the proceeds placed to our credit with Messrs R I & Co of London and would therefore advise you to negotiate for a safe bill payable in London to them and advise them to place the same to our credit we would advise you in case you cannot sell at our limit, to have it inspected, before shiped, and forward only the rich fat leaf the balance we leave to your discretion either to sell, or forward on our a/c, to Messrs Divie Bethune and Co of New York as you may think most to our interest Please advise us (on the receipt of this) the state of your market, & if you could sell any bale rope and what prospects for that article this season

Your Obdt Servt

Brand & Fraser

Mr J B Perault New Orleans

Lexington (Ky) 14th May 1820

Messrs Reid Irving & Co

Gent.

We received your favor of the 5th January, & observe its contents, making us indebted to you £398.12.

We have now to advise you that we have shipt 60 Hhds of Tobacco for New Orleans to Mr J B Perrault of that city, with advise to sell if he can &

=tain four dollars fifty cents pr 100lb if not to ship it to Lond
on or Liverpool to your adress takeing care to forward bills
of lading as early as possible that you may be able to obta
in Insurance (thereon) at what you may think advisea
=ble in the result of his selling we have requested our friends
Mr Perault to forward the amount of the proceeds (what ever
it may be) to you, in a bill, if it exceeds our debt we can draw
on you for the ballance at some future time —

Advice has been received here of the failure of Messrs
P Watson and Co, of Liverpool, not knowing what
effect it may have on Messrs Wm Watson & Co of N. O.
we have thought proper to forward this parcel of tob
=acco through another channel and are

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
Brand & Frazer

Messrs Reid Irving & Co
London

Lexington (Ky) 27th May 1820

Mr Jas Peters Dear Sir I had been absent for several day at
the Blue Lick and on my arrival at home I found your favor of
the 17th Inst. I assure you sitty Dear Sir there is no person
who more regrets the Misfortune of your house than I do, and feels more
for your situation; a few days after you left this place (when last here)
a letter arrived from Liverpool announcing the failure of Messrs P. W
& Co I requested the Gentlemen not to mention any thing of it as I was in
hopes it was a false report or at worst would only be for a short time, and
I have every reason to beleive he never did, but some time after
wards

but some time afterwards, I learned that you had mentioned some=thing of that kind yourself to a gentleman of this place (when last here) and I assure you I was a good deal surprised to hear it considering the intimacy between us since you came to the Country I have been talking of going to your place for a few day on business and if possible for me to leave home I will go the end of next week or beginning of the following, when I hope to see you in better spirits, I am sorry to hear of Mr Lilburns indisposition but hope before this he has got better.

I have been very much confined to business since the Death of My overseer Mr Dunlop, poor fellow he died very unexpectedly and has left a poor widow with five helpless children, God know what will become of them, but we must hope for the best Mrs Brand sends you her best respects and often mentions her sorrow at this unfortun=ate accurence — Make my respects to Mr Lilburn and enquiring friends and believe me

Dear Sir

Your sincere friend

John Brand

~~Lexington~~

Lexington (Ky) 9th June 1820

Mr Stephen Ewing Sir (Pr Mail)

I wrote you the 26 April requesting you to advise me, whether you would take on yourself to act as my agent (in your part of Alabama) in dispensing of what articles of our Country that will suit your market, but have not had the pleasure as yet of receiveing an answer,

I have now to advise you I have loaded two waggons with bagging (to day) receits herewith enclosed, 82 pieces containing 4272 1/4 Yds and shall (unless otherwise ordered) in a short time forward some more along with some Bale rope and twine — please write me what prospect for these articles

and if you think Cotton would sell with you, I am daily looking
for an answer to my letter above alluded to, but should you de-
cline acting as my friend you will please to hand this and the
enclosure to Messrs Burrows and Searcey of your place and
direct them to answer this letter as well as the former and
to take charge of the Bagging herewith forwarded, the qua-
lity of which I hope you will generaly find of the best, should
you be able to make engagements (with good men) for what
they may want, I am willing to wait until there crops co-
mes off, or whatever other mode of pay is customary for
those articles in your Market— I am
Very Respectfully your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 10th June 1820

Mr Nicholas Berthaud

Dear Sir You will please to ship my
Bale rope on Board the Fayette dividing it as nearly
as possible in two parts, send one half to Mr John Henderson
of Natches, and the other to Mr J B Poraull of New Orleans
I have agreed with Major Telford to pay the freight here, You will
please take Bills of lading accordingly I intended to have visit-
-ed your place myself to see it shipped, but for the present have
declined it please advise me how specie can be got for Kentucky
notes with you I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand.

Lexington 10th June 1820

Major John Tilford

Dear Sir I was not in town the day you left here and of course did not see your rope left at the Cotton store until the day following. I have now to advise you I wrote to Mr N Berthoud requesting him to have my bale rope shipped on board your boat, I expect there will be about 2400 lb there before the boat gets off, one half to go to Mr John Henderson of Natchez, and the other half to Mr J. B Perault of New Orleans. I wish you would have it put in a safe place and keep the different parcels apart so there may be no mistake in the delivery at the different ports I have requested Mr Berthoud to take the Bills of lading the freight to be paid here, as understood between you and myself Doctor Warfield has given up the trip to L. Ville which I am sorry for, I wanted him to go down in the stage but he declines it, in consequence I shall stay at home myself, no views here, wishing you a pleasant trip and a rich harvest I am

Respectfully Your sincerely

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 10th June 1820

Mr John Henderson

Dear Sir I have a parcel of bale rope laying at Louisville in the hands of Mr N Berthoud I have this day advised him to forward part of it to you, to dispose of for me, which I hope will come safe to hand and turn out well it will go on board the Fayette Please to advise me on its arrival at your city and what prospect for a market

I am very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Servt John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 10th June 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir I have this day advised Mr N Berthoud of Louisville to forward a parcel of Bale rope of mine, that is in his hands to your address, which you will please take charge of and sell for me on the best terms you can — Mr B is requested to ship it on the S. B. Fayette and to take the Bills so that the freight shall be paid here — Please advise me on its arrival at your city and what prospects of a Market —

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt John Brand

P.S. Messrs Brand and Frazer of this place (one of whom I am) wrote you the 14th Ulto, pr Mail covering Bill of lading 60 Hhds tobacco pr Levi and Milner Hart which I hope may come safe to hand, we advised you to sell provided you could obtain $4.50 pr 100lb with the proceeds purchase a Bill in in our favor if you are unable to sell on these terms you are advised to have it inspected and select the rich fat leaf which you are to ship to Liverpool, London, or Cows &a Market as opportunity may offer to the address of Messrs Reid Irving and Co of London or their order the rejected tobacco was left at your discretion whether to sell or ship to the address of Messrs Davie Bethune and Co of New York on our ac

J B

Lexington (Ky) 10th June 1820

Mr John B West

Nashville

Dear Sir I some time ago received your favor of the 26th Feby last by Mr Keiser and have since been anxiously looking for the money of the estate of Chas Matthews deceased, which I hope is in your hands, should not have forwarded it before this reac

— hes you please deposit it in the Nashville Branch and for-
ward me an evidence of deposit in some of my former lett-
— ers I authorised you to forward cotton at a limited price,
I now withdraw that authority as this market is full and
money can not be got for it for a long time, besides the qual-
— ty arrived here lately is so bad and unfair put up that
it must be a drug (for a year or two) on the owners hands
I am afraid his poor wife and family are suffering and
perhaps may think I am using the money for my own
purposes, I beg of you to have it settled immediately if poss-
ible, I expect to be in your place in the course of the summ-
er fall on my way to Huntsville, can Bagging and or Bale
rope be sold in your place and who it would be the best
house to consign it to, waiting your reply

I am very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 14.th June 1820

Mr. N Berthaud

Shippingport

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 9.th
Inst.t is just received I wrote you on the 10.th ult.o advising
you to ship my Bale rope for the S. B. Fayette
which is expected daily at Louisville The owners are partic-
ular friends of mine and wish to give them the pre-
ference, but should she not arrive before this reaches you

and no advice of her being at hand (and the river falling I would not wish to lose the opportunity of shipping this water) there is another waggon load on the road which will make some where from 24 to 25 000 ℔ which I wish to be divided in two parcel one half to go to Mr John Henderson of Natches and the other half to Mr J B Perault of New Orleans If it does not go for the Fayette (which I would not wish you to wait for unless there is a good prospect of going soon) you will please do the best for me you can as to freight sir I wish the freight to be paid here in Kentucky notes

I am very Respectfully

Yours John Brand

TO ...

P.S. I have been told Spice is selling with you at 10 to 12 p.c. advance for Ky notes if so, should like to get 5 or 600 dollars if you can draw on me at sight or will send you the money by return mail

Lexington (Ky) 26th June 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir Your favor of the 5th Inst. is received by Brand and Frazer I have now to advise you I wrote you on the 10th Inst. via Louisville per the S B Fayette, which I hope you have received along with a parcel of bale rope, which I hope you will find of the best quality, which you will please to dispose of for me on the best terms you can, and should you advise me that you can dispose of a few 100

— thes you please deposit it in the Nashville Branch and forward me an evidence of deposit in some of my former letters I authorised you to forward cotton at a limited price, I now withdraw that authority as this market is full and money can not be got for it for a long time, besides the quality arrived here lately is so bad and unfair put up that it must be a drug (for a year or two) on the owners hand I am afraid his poor wife and family are suffering and perhaps may think I am using the money for my own purposes, I beg of you to have it settled immediately if possible, I expect to be in your place in the course of the summer or fall on my way to Huntsville, can Bagging and or Bale rope be sold in your place and who would be the best house to consign it to, waiting your reply

I am very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 14.th June 1820

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Lexington (Ky) 26th June 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th Inst is received, to Brand and Frazer, I have now to advise you I wrote you on the 10th Inst via Louisville pr the S B Fayette, which I hope you have received along with a parcel of bale rope, which I hope you will find of the best quality which you will please to dispose of for me on the best terms you can, and should you advise me that you can dispose of a few 1000

lbs more, I can forward it the waters permitting,—
two boat loads of tobacco deliv.d you by Mr. John Withered
belongs to Mr. John S. Snead and myself jointly, Mr. S informs
me that he has requested you to forward my part of the
proceeds to me in good bills on some of the Nothern
Cities, I have now to advise you, when any funds of mine
comes into your hands either for that tobacco or the bale
rope, you will please advise me for what amt. to draw, as
I prefer that mode to your forwarding bills (at present).

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

N B or you may deposit any funds of mine in the office of discount and deposit of the
U. S. Bank in your City and forward me an evidence
of deposit as I may perhaps be able to do better with it

J. B.

Lexington (Ky) July 5th 1820

Mr. John B West

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 27
Ult.o was received p.r last mail enclosing one
note of a hundred dollars of the bank of Ky
and a draft on Major M. Fishel for $100 which
has been presented for acceptance but he refuses
to accept— in consequence I have placed the dft in
the hands of a Notary, to take the necessary steps
therewith, & (who) I have requested to advise the par
ties concerned, that no blame may lye on me

for want of diligence

I am very Respectfully

Your Obed^t Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 10th July 1820

Mr John Henderson

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 25th ult^o is before me, am sorry part of the rope is damaged but hope you have had it mended and dried, if you have not had the damages ascertained before this reaches you please to do so as soon as convenient as I may be able to settle for the freight — Your quotations for rope is low, however I leave the sale at your discretion, whether to sell now or wait a month or two or even three or four for a better price, but would prefer selling even at your quotations, than let it lay over to another season, any funds you may receive, would prefer Checks or good bills on some of the eastern cities, if that is out of your power to get I would prefer waiting on you, to taking funds in this Country, as our paper currency is depreciating every day and there is no knowing to what it may come I am very Respectfully

Your Obed^t Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 11th July 1820

Messrs Burne & Paton

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive Mr Wm Alexanders recpt for one hundred piec=es Bagging marked FB containing 5226 yards (to be delivered to you) to sell for me on Commission — I have taken the liberty of forwarding this parcel from the circum=stance of your being in the habit of selling (for Messrs Wm Leavy and Son of this place) the same article of my Manufacture & also their contract with me being at an end & having no more to send you — I have still a considerable quantity on hand, besides bale rope and twine, which I should wish to forward to you on the same terms if you would advise me I am a partner in a large manufactory for the spinning of cotton yarn (in this neighbourhood) should wish to be advised if you could dispose of some of that article for us, our retail prices here are 37½ cts per dozen for 500 all numbers above are 33⅓ cents per dozen we allow 10 per cent for selling and if taken to ap 15 pr cent advance is allowed, should you wish to try the latter article please to adrss Messrs Postlethwait & Brand and Co of this place, I in the sale of Bagging I do not limit you to any price but wish you to do the best for me you can hoping this only will be an introduction to our further Correspondence

I am Gentlemen

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 18th July 1820

Mr John B West

Dear Sir I addressed you on the 5th Inst. in answer to your favor of the 27 Ulto advising of Major Fishel having refused to accept, or pay when due, Mr ~~Welsh~~ Welsh dft for $100 to West and Bradford, Inclosed you will receive the Dft and protest, expences $1.66/100 which you will please give me credit for and charge Mr Welsh with the same I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

put into the post office by
William M Brand

Lexington (Ky) 20th July 1820

My Dear Brother & Sister I received your favors of the 26 March and 27 April last, the first informing me of the death of our Mother and the Misfortune our father had in falling down stairs, the latter informing of his death. From their advanced age, and the decayed state both of their mind and body (which was very evident when I saw them last) it could not be expected they were long for this world — but nevertheless when we look back and recollects their affection and interest in our welfare and the exertions they made to give us as liberal an Education as lay in their power, which is certainly (although very limited) much before many who were in the same situation, I cannot help dropping a tear of affection to their

memory, To say they had no faults or foibles would be saying they were perfect or more than mortal who is without their failings! I never knew one yet, but I hope their souls are now enjoying that happiness the reward of good deeds done in the body — taking into view the distressed situation of Scotland for this long time, it gives me great consolation to think that they had every comfort their situation required in their decline of life, and I can assure you it gives me more happiness than I can express, that I have partly contributed to their ease and happiness — and that I was able to pay them a visit and spend a few days with them after so long an abscence from my Native place. Times have very much altered here since I was with you and great pecuniary distress prevails throughout this Country, in consequence of the immense fall (and indeed no Market for any article of produce, wheat is selling here at one quarter of a dollar pr. bushel or 1 sh 1½ sterling, tobacco at two & ccc dollars pr. 100 lb. but very little money in circulation to purchase & great losses will be sustained by failures that I never expected to see in this Country — In the month of last March we had the pleasure of having an addition to our family of a little daughter which is doing well, we have named her Margaret, this is twelve we have had born alive since we have been in this place, seven of which are alive and doing well — When I wrote you last I do not recollect if I mentioned that I had purchased another farm 4 miles from town, it is one of the finest farms of its size in this Country about 200 acres, I intend to put an overseer on it next spring, and some of my own slaves and tend it myself

I have received no letter from the Messrs Dorwards as yet
please to make my most grateful acknoledgements
to them for their very kind attention to our Parents
and also to Mr Kinear and family and any other per-
sons who were kind to them, Out of the money in
hands I would prefer that a neat plain headstone
should be erected at the head of their grave, as a token
of respect and also in case myself or either of my fam-
ily should be in Scotland again we could know where
the Bones of our father lay, the way it shall be finished
I leave to your and Mr Dorwards directions having
in view that it shall be plain in every way, I was not
surprised at the unconcern our Father's Brother receive
d the news of his death there never was much harmony
between them and indeed we may say him and us
are strangers and except your family I may say I have
no relations in Europe, if any thing should happen
to you and Mrs Brand, I should be a stranger even
to my native Country and very little inducement to
visit it. William McRob mentioned in your letter
(of the 26 March) is manager in our Cotton Fy
along 3 miles from town and is well, I shewed him
that part of your letter that spoke of his Mother, he has
been speaking of sending some money to her this some
time, but in consequence of the stoppage of trade between
this Country and Europe, there is very little opportunity
of obtaining Bills to forward, and the difference of Ex-
change between this and the cities of the eastern States
is now 20 per cent above par and getting worse every day.
There never has been more abundant crops in
this Country since I have been in it, than we have
this year, and although we regret we have no mark-
et for it abroad, still we ought to be thankful, we
have abundance to support man and beast and by
industry and prudence we have every thing in the
Country we have any necessity for, Mrs Brand William
John and the rest of the Children send you their
love make my respects to Mr Hinds and enquiring friends
and believe me Dear Brother and Sister
your affect Brother John Brand

Lexington 25 July 1820 —

Mr G F Sattenstall Dear Sir yours of this days date is before me (pr Mr Benton) informs me you have purchased some more hemp —

you may give Mr Benton a load to Shipings from I take his receipt deliverable to Mr N Berthaud as formerly — I shal send two more waggons in a day or two — the price of hauling is fifty cents pr 100 lb — as before I am &c

J B

Lexington 25 July 1820 Mr N Berthaud

Dear Sir I have this day wrote to my friend Mr Sattenstall of Scott County to forward to you three waggon loads of Hale rope which on its arival at your place you will please first safe opportunity forward to my friend Mr J B Berault of New Orleans to sell for me on comission — you will please be carefull to examine it when you receive it, some of the last parcell, (pr the steam Boat Fayette) was damaged on its arival at Natchez, the owners of the boat say it must been done before they received it — any how it will be trubles[illegible] to settle & perhaps may be some loss as they have requested an arbitration to be held on it — I am Respectfully yours &c

N B I will prefer paying the freight here, if you can make a contract that way you will oblige — J B

J B

Lexington (Ky 27th July 1820

Mr John Henderson

Dear Sir I wrote you the 10th Inst in answer to yours of the 28th Ulto I have now to advise you that the owners of the S Boat, that delivered you my bale rope have refused to allow any thing for the damage sustained on it, alledging that it must have been damaged before received and was from its outward appearance in good order, an arbitration have sat on it but have not decided, they wish you to state your opinion about it whether from the appearance of the rope it was damaged on board the boat and any other evidence you can obtain to establish that fact, also the damage sustained.

My wish is that the bale rope should not be kept on hand over the season, but rather it should be sold (any how) on the best terms & send me checks or good bills on some of the Eastern Cities for the proceeds

I am very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 27th July 1820

Mr S Berthoud

Dear Sir I have forwarded to you 3 more waggon loads bale rope which I hope you will receive in good order. I would forward what ever I have on hand (of anything going down the river) but for the expenses incurred on delay at your place if you would say it should cost me no more than if shipped in one month it would encourage me to forward to wait first opportunity if it lays here it costs me nothing, your neighbour Mr Gray receives loading for the S B Riyette without any charge for storage

I Beg of you to be careful in examening the Bale rope if it is dry when you receive it, part of the parcel sent to Natches was damaged on its arrival there, the owners of the boat insist it must have been wet when it went aboard the Boat, we have submitted it to arbitration, any good information you can forward me that it went safe on board the boat would be very acceptable, as the arbitrators suspends their opinion until they receive some further information, — I advised you to forward this three loads bale rope to My friend Mr J B Perault of New Orleans first safe opportunity

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 1st August 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir

Your favors of the 10 and 15 Ulto at hand the latter covering a/c sales of 49 Hhds. of our tobacco, a/c charges on 11 Hhds. shipped on board the Phoebe Ann bound for New York and consigned on our a/c to Messrs. Davie Bethune & Co. of that City, all of which we are well pleased with —

We have now to advise you, so soon as the proceeds of the above comes into your hands, you will vest the amt. in a sett of exchange on London and forward them here as soon as possible —. We are very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servts.

Brand & Frazer

Lexington (Ky) 1st August 1820

Messrs Divie Bethune & Co
New York

Gentm

By last mail we received advice from our friend Mr J B Perault of New Orleans, that according to our instructions, he had shipped 11 Hhds of our tobacco to your adress pr the Phoebe Anne Nelson Master — Upon its arrival at your City, please to take charge and dispose of it on the best terms you can for us, place the proceeds to our credit and advise us — Our Mr Frazer informs us he is in your debt a small amt on a/c of import duties, as soon as any proceeds ~~of an~~ from the tobacco comes into your hands, you may charge us with the amt, against him on your books &

we are very Respectfully —

Gent your &c — B & Z

Lexington (Ky) 10th August 1820

Col Hugh A Anderson

Dear Sir The bearer of this will deliver you 40 piece of Bagging containing 2088½ yards as pr his recpt (a duplicate of which he carries with him) to sell for me on commission according to my promise when you was here, I am satisfied you will find it as good as any you have seen in your place, & hope you will do the best for me you can in disposing of it to the best advantage

I do not limit you to any price but only to sell it as other bagging is selling in your part of the Country of the same quality - I shall be glad to hear from you what prospects of a market & what kind of money you will be likely to receive for it & hope this only be an introduction to our future Correspondence

I am very Respectfully &c

P.S. you will please examine the Bagging when you receive it if it is in good order, if not have the damage assessed by some respectable persons what injury it has sustained & mention it in your rect - if it is wett have it opened & dried imediately

J.B.

Lexington (Ky) 14th August 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir

Your favor to me of the 24th Ulto and to J S Snead and myself are 26 cath to hand and contents noted, I expect that I shall value on you for $1500 or $2000, (in the course of next

month) when I shall advise you in the mean time would advise you to hold my funds in your hands subject to my dft—

With the proceeds of tobacco of Brand and Frazer, you have been advised to purchase a Bill on London which you will please comply with as soon as their funds come into your hands and forward to B. and F. here

Before your favor of the 24 Ulto. was received I had forwarded 112 Coils of more rope to N Berthoud Shippingport with orders to forward it to you first good opportunity, which I hope will get safe to hand and expect you will find it better suiting to your market, as I gave particular directions to make it smaller, you will please to push it off (if possible) during the season of selling that article, I shall not limit you, do the best you can, the article cost me about 7½ cts pr. lb delivered at Louisville (or Shippingport) any funds of mine that may come into your hands after the Dft. above mentioned I prefer being forwarded in good bills or checks on some of the ~~best~~ Eastern cities viz; Baltimore or any city eastward of it— I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P S push it off if possible this season, even if it should bring no more than cost & charges which I think 9 cents will cover JB

Lexington (Ky) 30th August 182[illegible]

John Young Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 19 Inst I found in the Post office on my return home from the Olympian Springs (on the 26) and am much obliged for your offer to accept me as a partner, but on mature reflections, I shall have to decline, for several reasons, among which are want of time to devote any attention to the business, having my Bagging Factory in operation also have to pay a good deal of attention to our Cotton Establishment, I am to commence farming the 1st January, next besides my family matters &c &c &c all requiring all the Capital I am possessed of in these establishments to work them to advantage.

It will give me the greatest pleasure if I can introduce a partner to you who will suit your views & be of real service, I have mentioned it to my partners Doctor Warfield and Major Tilford who decline it from the same motives that I do, Should any other Gentleman come in view, who I think would embark with you, and who will be of service, I shall not fail in doing my best in forwarding your views and should any offer before the time limited to address you in Boston I will write you wishing you every success I am Dear Sir

very sincerely

Your Obed Servant

John Y Brand

Lexington (Ky) 30th Augst 1820

Messrs Divie Bethune & Co
New York Dear Sirs

Your favor of the 12 Inst is at hand advising of safe arrival of Phoebe Ann, we advised you on the first Inst. to which we beg refference requesting the sale of our tobacco when you thought best after its arrival — and also to debit us with the ballance against our Mr Robt Frazer on a/c of import duties and advise us —

We are very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servts
Brand & Frazer

Lexington (Ky) August 30th 1820

Mr J B Perault

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2 Inst is received sometime ago, advising the sale of of the ballance of my bale rope on hand at 13 cents pr lb 5 months which I am pleased with

I wrote you the 14th Inst to which I beg reference but since, I have concluded to value on you for only $ 1000 which I shall not do before about the 20th next month, you will please reserve that amt in your hands to meet my Dft the Ballance you may remit in good eastern Bills from $ 500 to 1000 is prefered as they are more easily sold

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Dear Sir

P S I have received advice from Mr N Berthoud of Shipping port that the 102 Coils Bale rope mentioned in my last is put on board of Keel boat to be transported to the Columbus who lays at the mouth of the Ohio
J B

Lexington (Ky) 30 Augst 1820

Messrs Burne & Patton

Huntsville

Dear Sirs

Your favor of the 9 Inst. pr. Mr. Alexander is received acknoledging rect. of 100 piece of Bagging with the damage of value of 102 yards assesed.

I observe the terms mentioned, on which you do your Commission Business, I cannot expect any better terms than your other friends receives — When a favorable opportunity offers I will send you a few loads more — & wish to be advised occasionly the state of your market, for Bagging, Bale rope, twine, & first quality Cottons —

With regard to the price of selling Bagging I shall not limit you at present do the best for me you can, my Bagging is (I am satisfied) of as good a quality as any made in this Country & no deception used in the Manufacturing or making up, & no man in this Country can undersell me — having the hands of my own, I am very anxious to continue my factory in operation and wish you to sell as much for me as you can, a month or two longer credit is no great object where the debt is perfectly secure and will be punctually paid when due, I hope to be able to pay a visit to your place during the fall or winter when I will do myself the pleasure of calling upon you —

I am Gentlemen very Respectfully your Obedt. Servt.

John M. Brand

Lexington (Ky) 6 Septr 1820

Messrs Burrows & Searcey Huntsville Alabama

Gentlemen Your favor of the 2 July was duly recd pr Rutherfords Jim acknowledging rect of 82 pieces of Bagging to sell for me on Comission which you will please dispose of for the best terms ~~for me~~ you can at such rates as Bagging of like quality is selling —

If you can dispose of any more this season I will forward some to you as early as possible after being advised so to do, you will oblige me by keeping me regularly advised of the price of Bagging twine Bale rope & Cotton of the first quality in your market the three first articles I can keep you supplied with by being ocassionly advised what you want — you will also please to advise me in your correspondence the rate of exchange between your place and the eastern cities, say for good Bills or checks from your Bank — your answer pr Mail will oblige

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 6 Sept.r 1820

Mr John B. West

Nashville

Dear Sir

I addressed you on the 18.th July. inclosing Mr Welshes draft on Mayor Fishd. of this place) for $100 regularly protested for non payment, since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you. which I am not a little surprised at, knowing the punctuality necessary in paper of that description. You will oblige me by dropping me a line and let me know when I may expect to get this business finally closed as I am very anxious to get clear of the Business

I am Dear Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 6 Septr 1820

Mr David Wendel

Murfreesboro Tennessee

Sir My friend Major Tilford of this place (at my request) wrote you some time ago requesting information as to a proper house to consign some bagging or bale rope in your place — By yours of the 20 ult.o to Messrs Tilford & Slatter handed me by Major T., I observe that you have agreed to do the business yourself — In consequence I have this

day loaded in Jesse Boors waggon 40 peice Bagging containing two thousand & ninety five yards rect. herewith inclosed, which on its arrival at your place, you will please dispose of it for me on the best terms you can, a few months credit is frequently given where the purchaser is good & punctual, it brought in Alabama last year from 30 to 33⅓ cents pr yard & I should supose it would bring nearly that with you, I can suply you with Bagging Bale rope or twine on knowing the probable quantity you could sell, I had engaged a waggon to take a load of Rope along with this but he has dissapointed me for the present — I will thank you to write pr mail as near as you can, the probable quantity of each article you can sell during the season of picking, that I may make arrangements to suply you, as it is very frequent we cannot procure waggons without a Back load

I am. &c. JB

Lexington (Ky) 12 Septr 1820

Mr L J Gist Bainbridge Alabama

Dear your favor of the 30th Ulto is at hand, in answer — Inclosed you will receive Mr Nicolas Clays draft for forty one pieces of Bagging containing twenty one hundred & 38½ yards thirty four Coils of Bale rope wt 296 lbs & one pack sewing twine of 98 lbs —

I would prefer selling for cash or a short credit (viz) when the planter has time to bring his Cotton to Market — you may sell at such prices as like articles sells for on your Market — Should you be able to sell this & advise me to forward any more I will do my best to fill your order with as much dispatch as possible —

Please keep me advised of the Market price of Bagging — Bale rope, twine & Cotton of this first quality in your Market

I am very Respectfully &c

P S Please advise Postlethwait Brand & Co per Mail of a fitt person to collect Holmes debt — WB

Lexington (Ky) Sept 6th 1820

Mr George Gait

Sir

Your favor without date was received many months ago, stating your disappointment and your inability to pay (at the time you wrote) any part of the $1000 I had agreed to take from you in discharge of the debt you owe me, but offering to pay me a few months $ 500 and the ballance in some time after with interest. I would have wrote you immediately on the rect of your letter, but thought it more advisable to defer writing until the time should come round that you say you can pay the $500 The time has now gone by some considerable time, & I now hope you are able to comply with your promise, wherefore you advise me that my dft for $500 will meet with honor and that you will enter into some arrangement for the ballance at some short date any discharge that will be necessary to exonerate you or your heirs from any claims I have against you will be duly entered into but of course must be only conditional until the money is paid, I think it would be advisable for you to appoint some friend here to enter into the arrangement for you, in whom you have confidence—

Please advise me if I may draw on you for the £500 and point out the way would be most satisfactory to yourself to have it settled and oblige

Respectfully

Yours &ccc

John Brand

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Lexington (Ky) 16 Sept 1820

Mr Isaac Watt Dundee

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 19th June has been received sometime since, While I was in Montrose in 1818 my friend M Burd Esqr wrote me of your applying to him for a claim you had against a firme of Brown & Brand, of £20..13..5 D Replied to him then the same I now do to you, that I knew of no such firm & if Brown made use of my name in any transaction with you or any other person, it was without my authority; it was in June 1801 I failed in Business, and was negotiating with my Creditors from 2 to 3 months, for a settlement which I was unable to obtain without doing an act of injustice to my Father which I determined not to do & ultimately left Dundee 29 or 30th of Augt 1801 — All that time and until my return

into Scotland in 1818 I never heard of any claim you had against me, & cannot admit it unless you have some acknoledgement from under my hand —

At one time Brown and myself occupied Mr Peter Hows factory in Gulhans Closs, that is — I rented, and lett Brown have one half the premises, but there was nothing in the line of partnership either in our hands or materials indeed none of Browns materials ever came to the factory, until prepared to go into the loom, I occupied the heale house and drying yard & had my own warping mill But long before the date of your up — (which is in May 1801) Brown had left that factory & occupied a factory in the Broad closs foot of the Wetgate, I believe the property of Messrs Baxter and Chrichton and I had no transactions of Buzinesss with him —

I am Sir

Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Received Lexington 20th Septr 1820 from John Brand forty three pieces of Bagging Wt 3367 lb and containing 2245 and ½ yards, 74 coils of Bale rope containing 6282 lb, and one Bale of sewing twine containing 87 lbs, all in good order which I promise to deliver in like order and without delay to Mr Stephen S Ewing of Huntsville Allabamma he paying me at the rate of 3$ pr hundred lbs for hauling on delivery, in Current money—

Received thirteen dollars in advance of the hauling

Signed triplicate Robert Ridley

Witness William M Brand

Lexington 20 Septr 1820

Mr Stephen S Ewing

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th Ulto pr Wm Alexander was duly received and contents noted, Enclosed you will receive Robert Ridleys recd for 43 piece of Bagging 74 coils of Bale rope and one small Bale sewing twine as pr recd; you may sell the above articles on such terms as articles of a similar quality are sold for in your place, doing the best for me you can, if you think you can dispose of another load of Bagging please to advise me as early as possible and it shall be forwarded with the least possible delay—

I have advanced Mr Ricky $ 13 on the having and must request the favor of you to pay the ballance and charge me with the amt I would have paid the whole but think it improper to pay a stranger until the loads are delivered & it was inconvenient to receive his pay here after the delivery please be careful in examining the order of the articles on their arrival and advise me occasionally the state of your market for these articles and first quality Tobacco

Dear Sir

Yr Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

Peter Brand

Lexington (Ky) 23d Septr 1820

Mr J B Perrault Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2d Inst has been received, I advised you on the 30th ult to which I beg reference —

I have now to advise you that I have valued on you for $1000 at Sixty days after sight, which you will please honor & place to my Cr, I hope the last parcel of Bale rope has reached you in good order & will meet this Offer, Bills (here) on the Eastern cities are rather on the decline than otherwise

I am &c

P S— Bale has raised from 8 to 10 cts (2 cts advance)

Lexington (Ky) 20th Octr 1820

A Gordon Esqr Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11 Inst was received on the 18th as I was leaving town and have observed its contents, it would be out of my power (at present) for me to say what articles of produce I will send down the river this season except forty tons of hemp that I have engaged to be spun up in bale rope and yarns I am under no engagement at present but before any arrangement could be ~~made~~ entered into (such as you propose) a considerable interchange of Ideas would have to take place between us — for the present I cannot say that I would be willing to enter into partnership with any one —

Should you visit this place before you descend the river I should be glad to see you and we can talk over the subject, by that time I may have altered my opinion

I am Dr Sir

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 22nd Octr 1820

Mr David L Wendel

Dear Sir

I received your favor of the 23rd ulto in course and ever since have been doing my best to procure a waggon to forward to you the Bale rope twine and additional quantity of Bagging, you reccomend but as yet have been unable to procure one, the waggoners are unwilling to go to your place without being sure of a back load, could you insure a back load I could forward one immediatily — Or could you get an a/c on exchange for Bagging Cotton of the first quality at a fair price I will receive it on a/c —

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

B I should a waggon offer I shall forward it immediately J. B.

Lexington (Ky) 20th Octr 1820

A Gordon Esqr Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11 Inst was received on the 18th as I was leaving town and have observed its contents, it would be out of my power (at present) for me to say what articles of produce I will send down the river this season except forty tons of hemp that I have engaged to be spun up in bale rope and yarns I am under no engagement at present but before any arrangement could be ~~made~~ entered into (such as you propose) a considerable interchange of Ideas would have to take place between us — for the present I cannot say that I would be willing to enter into partnership with any one —

Should you visit this place before you descend the river I should be glad to see you and we can talk over the subject, by that time I may have altered my opinion

I am Dr Sir

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 22nd Oct. 1820

Wm David Wendel

Dear Sir

I received your favor of the 23rd ult. in course and ever since have been doing my best to procure a waggon to forward to you the Bale rope twine and additional quantity of Bagging, you recommend but as yet have been unable to procure one, the waggoners are unwilling to go to your place without being sure of a back load, could you insure a back load I could forward one immediately — Or could you get an a/c on exchange for Bagging Cotton of the first quality at a fair price I will receive it on a/c —

I am very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt
John Brand

P.S. should a waggon offer I shall forward it immediately J.B.

Lexington 26th October 1820

Mr John Henderson

Dear Sir your favor of the 20th Ultto was duly received, it will not be in my power to send you any more bale rope this season, but have made arangements to have some for you early the next, the proceeds of what you have sold for me you will please forward to me here in checks on good Bills on some of the Eastern Cities in sums of from 3 to $500 as that sums will sell readier & bring a better premium —

I am
very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
J B

Received Lexington 25th Octr 1820 from John Brand forty one piece of Bagging containing 2146½ yards and weighing 3219 lb all in good order which I promise to deliver in like order and without delay to Mr Stephen S Ewing Mercht Huntsville Allabamma and upon the return of said Ewings recpt to receive at the rate of 3 $ per hundred lb for hauling — Received 70 $ in advance of hauling

signed triplicate Warren Benton

Witness
Jno Tilford

Lexington 25th Octr 1820

Mr Stephen S Ewing

Dear Sir

I enclosed you on the 20th Ultr Robt Ridley's recpt for 43 piece of Bagging and 74 Coils of Bale rope which I hope has got safe to hand. I have now enclosed you Warren Bentons recpt for 41 pieces of Bagging which I hope will reach you in good order please to examine carefully when you receive it whether or not it is in good order — I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally how you proceed in sales, and if you will have a sufficient supply for the season, please also to mention the rate of exchange for checks or good Bills (with you) on the eastern cities and also prices of Bagging Bale rope and Cotton of the first quality and oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Mr P B Perault

Lexington (Ky) 29th Octr 1820

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th Inst was received last mail enclosing Mc Neil Fisk and Co's Ofn on Boston for $ 1000 @ 60 days sight —

I regret the Columbus having passed the mouth of the Ohio before the Keel with the Bale rope got there, but have since been advised of its being put on board of the Paragon, which I hope has reached you in safety long ere this — I regret very much your receiving the Bale rope from Fayette without taking any notice of its being damaged, as I shall (in consequence) lose my recourse on (the owners) I had a parcel of rope shipped on board of her at the same time for Natchez, and on its arrival there my friend shewed the damage and receited for it as damaged, had the damage assised and and advised me immediately; Mr P W Hunt had also a parcel of yours went to your city which was damaged we agreed with the owners here to submit the damage to Arbitration, but they refuse submitting yours as you received it in good order, or without taking any notice of its being damaged until the 26 Augst when you forwarded a p sales —

I my letter to you of the 14th of Augst I requested you to forward the proceeds of Brand & Frazers tobacco in a Bill on London, which we have been expecting for this some time back as it ought to have been paid the 11/14 Septr Exchange on any of the Eastern Cities has fallen from 25 to 21 per Ct advance, & is expected to get lower, I must therefore request that as soon as any of my funds comes into your hands, you will forward it as soon as you can procure good Bills or checks on Philadelphia — N. York — Boston — or Baltimore

I am Dear Sir very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

John Brand

Received Lexington 7th Novr 1820 from
John Brand 47 piece of Bagging contain-
ing 2454 yards and weighing 3651 lbs, 36 coils
of Bale rope weighing 2848 lb and one box
of twine containing 142 lb all in good order
which I promise to deliver in like order and
without delay to Mr L J Gist of Bainbrid-
ge Alabama and upon the return of Mr
Gists recpt to receive at the rate of 3$ per 100 lb
for hauling — Received one hundred
and forty dollars in advance of hauling, the
~~balance~~ to be paid in current notes signed
triplicates Nicholas Clay

Witness

Mr L J Gist

Dear Sir

I received your
favor of the 14th Ulto acknoledging recpt of one
load of Bagging and one load of Bale rope
pr N Clay, and one small bale twine and
observe its contents — Above you have Mr Clays
recpt 47 Piece Bagging 36 Coils rope & 1 box
twine which you will please sell for me on commiss-
ion, My wish is to procure funds in return, that
will answer me in this Country, you will therefore
dispose of the above two loads for the best terms you
can, and should you have to take Tennessee notes

I think they ought to be taken at a fair discount, what you should consider right, for whatever of Tennessee money you are obliged to take. I wish you to procure, (if possible) United States notes and hold them subject to my order, the premium you shall give for United S. notes (paying Tenessee) I leave with yourself to do the best for me you can — Please advise me occasionally the situation of your market for Bagging, Bale rope, twine, & cotton of the first quality

I am Dr. Sir Respectfully Your Obedt. Ser

John Brand

N.B. Should you be able to procure 2 loads of first quality Cotton not exceeding 12 cents pr. lb & Mr Clay will agree to haul it at 2 cts pr. lb you may do so and send it on and charge me with it, but I must request you not to purchase unless he agrees to bring it here at that price, as I am very indifferent about receiving cotton at present, as I have a large stock on hand I do not send any cotton unless of the first quality as indifferent cotton will not sell at any thing like cost and carriage here

J. B.

Lexington (Ky) Novr.

Received from John Brand of Lexington this 10th Novr. 1820 — 24 coils of Bale rope weighing 1971 lbs, 8 piece of Bagging weighing 614 lb and one Bale of Baling twine weighing 60 lb all in good order

which I promise to deliver in like good order and without delay to Mr David Wendell of Murfreesborough West Tenessee and on the return of Mr Wendells rect. to receive at the rate of 2$ 50 cents per 100 lb for hauling Should I be instructed (at Murfreesborough) to proceed to Huntsville am to receive at the rate of 3$ per ~~cwt~~ 100 lb for hauling signed triplicates, Received 30$ in advance of hauling

At West
T Penkers

Anthony Baxter

Mr David Wendell
Dr Sir

Above you have Anthony Baxter's recpt. for 24 coils of Rope, 8 piece of Bagging and one small bale of Twine, which I hope you will be able to dispose of soon, Bagging is selling at Huntsville, (the last advices I received from there) at 33 cents per yd, bale rope $\frac{16}{100}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ and twine at 50 cts Should you be of opinion that you will not be able to dispose of the whole, it would be adviseable to forward part of it to Messrs. Burrows & Searcy of Huntville, on my a/c. In my letter to you of 22nd Ulto. I authorised you to purchase for me a load of cotton as a back load, if you have made no engagements before you receive this, you will please not to purchase

any for the present. — I am a partner in a large Cotton manufactory in this neighbourhood, that have been drove by steam power, but since the late improvement on the vertical wheel by Mr. John Gilford of your place we have made up our minds to abandon the steam altogether and to adopt Mr. Gilfords plan, we have been informed that Mr. Gilford has it in successful operation in your neighbourhood, you will confer a particular favor, by giving us your candid opinion as to the success ability of the improvement, as we expect you must have seen it & what the millers & millwrights in your County think of it, it will be of great importance to us, to know your opinion, the opinion of yourself and any others in whose judgement you may have confidence As we are preparing to make considerable alteration in our works at a very great expence —

please to keep me advised of your sales and the prices and price of first quality Cotton — & oblige

Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

N B the 8 peice of Bagging contains 409 yards I see I have omitted mentioning the quantity in Baxters rect — Nov. 11 since last writing there has been a great fall of rain sleet & snow & still continues, I am afraid the road will get wet unless great care is taken — on its arrival please to examine it carefully & should any of the Bagging rope or twine be wet, have it opened & charge Baxter with the expenses JB —

Lexington (Ky) 10th Novr 1820

Alexander Gordon Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favr of the 7th Inst. is received this morning, but owing to our mail coming in in the evening and going out in the morning before the letters are distributed it was unpossible for me to answer your pr. last mail— I cannot make up my mind finally as to your proposition, neither can I do it without some conversation with you, since I wrote you last I have extended my contract for yarns and rope to 60 tons on the same terms, as the previous arrangement— If it would not inconvenience you to visit this place, I will be glad to see you, & if we can both think it our interest to close with your proposition, it is very probable we may do so on hearing each others views—

I am

Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Sex^ton 18 Nov 1820

Mr J B Kerrault

Dr Sir I wrote you on the 29 Ulto to which I beg reference, since which I have seen the deposition of the mate of the S B Fayette concerning Mr J W Hunts Yarns & my Bale rope, he states in his deposition, that on the arival of the Boat at Orleans, you were advised of the rope being ready for delivery & would be put ashore that day, that a young man (he supposed your clerk) came down to the Boat & said he would go & procure drays & send for it imediately in consequence it was landed on the levy, but no drays came for it that night, (although there was plenty of time to have had it removed) — he further states that he got two awnings & covered it & watched it all night, but that a very heavy rain fell during the night & wett the rope very much — the owners of the Boat here say they are not responsible for it after being landed as you had sufficient time to have had it removed before night — I wish you could get ~~get~~ the deposition of some person that would rebut this statement if it is

incorrect, or any other that would go to satisfy the Arbitrators that it must been damaged on board the Boat —

Brand & Frazer has this some time past been expecting a Bill on London for the proceeds of their tobacco, & cannot account for it, why they have not heard from you on that Business —

Yours &c — J B

Lexington (Ky) Novr. 18th 1820

Mr. John Smith

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3 Ulto was received a few days ago, in answer to your enquiries, we will state that we have about 2000 spindels in operation, by steam power at present but are in hopes to apply a cheaper one soon we have a machine shop in the lower story of the factory, with turning laiths and every kind of tools to make machinery, all drove by the same power that drives the machinery, we have also a black smith shop for forgeing, or doing any other kind of smiths work — there is a foundry in this town where we can get any kind of Brass or Iron cast in the small way, and we have several large foundrys in the state where we can get any large cast Iron done.

Our wish is to get some competent person to erect a sett of looms for us on the most

improved plan, We have a loom ~~which~~ that will be here in a few days, we had, purchased at Paterson As soon as we get our looms in operation we wish to have our machinery for picking, carding roving & spining put in complete order on the most improved mode. If you consider yourself competent to make and start a sett of looms to make coarse goods, such as are used for sheeting and shirting with all the necessary preparing machinery we would be willing to allow you (a liberal) wages, either by the price or year or month, as we can agree, & have no doubt we could find you in employment for any length of time, You will please to write immediately on the receit of this and let us know the most reasonable terms you will come here for, and what you are best acquainted with, whither the building of looms or the spining machinery, and what time we could expect you to come out as we are very anxious to have the looms in operation as soon as possible — please to state your terms and what you undertake to perform, and what time you will come out & provided we aprove of them, we will write you immediately, in answer to yours, accepting of your conditions which will confirm the Contract — waiting your answer we are

Repectfully Yours &c.

Postlethwait Brand & Co

NB you say that the spining machine called the filling frame, spins 5 skeins a day please to inform us how many yards or feet of thread is in each skein and the No of the yarn

Lexington (Ky) 22nd Novr 1820

Mr John Henderson

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 5th Inst is received covering a check from your Bank on the Farmers & Mechanics of Philada for 600 on which you paid a premium of 2½ per cent making 563.75/100 which is placed to your credit

Yours very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 27th Novr 1820

Mr Jones Dr Sir From the last conversation I had with you and also from your letter by Mr Bryan I had made my calculations that you was to come and superintend my business at my factory and farm as soon as your time expired with Majr Rhodes — But from a conversation I had with a Gentleman on Saturday I am afraid there is some misunderstanding, please to write me by the bearer Tom and let me know your views and whether or not you did not consider it as a contract between us & oblige

Yours

John Brand

Lexington
1820
Decr 2nd Mr Jas McGilly Cuddy Bot of

J Brand To 5 bales of Cotton 268, 322, 304, 310 & 306 is 1510 lb at 15½ cents $234.05

Mr Jas McGilly Cuddy Dr Sir

Above is the acct of the 5 Bales of raw Cotton you purchased of me the first mentioned 2 Bales last fall

day been forwarded by John Brunbarger's waggon, the other 3 shall be sent on first opportunity, please to forward the tea by his return waggon & oblige

Dr. Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

N.B. two Boxes of yarns & two Bales of cotton from Postlethwait Brand & Co is by same conveyance as per Bill pr. Waggoner J.B.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 2 Dcr. 1820

Messrs. Burrow's & Searcey

Huntsville

Gentlemen

I received your Mr. J. Searcey's favors of 31 Septr. & 12 Octr. last stating you were progressing rappidly in sales of Bagging & saying a Mr. Brown would leave your place in a few days with a load of cotton & would call on me for a load of Bagging as a back load, since which I have been daily expecting his arrival but he has not as yet made his appearance — Please advise me by Return mail if you have sold out my Bagging & if you can dispose of any more this season; should you advise me to forward any more, I would wish you to purchase a load or two of cotton, provided it can be laid in of the ~~best~~ first quality not exceeding 10 cts. pr. lb. Bad quality cotton will not sell in this market but at a great sacrifice & therefore do not wish to touch it unless of the first quality —

I am Gentlemen

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

N.B. Postlethwait Brand & co sent a parcel of Bagging to your place last spring (by a Mr. Barr) to exchange for cotton & part of both was left in your hands they wish you to forward a statement of their a/c the cotton was (perhaps) forwarded to Messrs. Tilford & Trotter. It may be necessary to forward them a statement of their a/c also to elucidate the transaction, as their business was somehow mixed

by the young man doing business for both — & have not been able to close the transaction

Postlethwait Brand & Co
By John Brand

Lexington 2nd Decr 1820

Messrs Jas Peters & Co

Louisville

Dr Sirs

Inclosed is Mr Chas E Beynwroth's a/c of the barell of wine I purchased from your Wm Watson amt 79.75 $ cts which you will please me with; to be paid in Balerope at 10 cents pr lb delivered in Louisville

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) Decr 2nd 1820

Messrs Divie Bethune & Co

N York

Gentlemen

Your esteemed favor of 10th Ulto is received, covering a/c of sales of our eleven hogheads of tobacco, leaving a ballance in our favor (after paying 69.83 $ cts for our a/c Mr Trazer) of 448.52 $ cts/100 the last sale due the 7th March 1821 — Exchange on the eastern cities is now 20 pr cent above par & thought more likely to advance than decline, & as we have no immediate use for the money we prefer not valuing on you until the last payment is nearly due at least, should we have any more business in your city we shall avail ourselves of your polite offer —

We are very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servts Brand & Trazer

Lexington (Ky) Decr. 2nd 1820

Mr. Stephen Ewing
Huntsville

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 15th Ulto is received acknoledgeing rect. of 41 pieces of Bagging per Warren Benton, am sorry there is complaints of the width of my Bagging, I have always given strict orders to make it 42 inch wide & did not know any thing to the contrary until the rect. of your former letter, when I immediately went to my factory & examined it & found that there were some under that width, but only a few pieces, pieces in a load, I hope you will find Bentons load nearly hold out the 42 inch — I wish you (if it does not interfere with your other business) to purchase 2 or 3 waggon loads of cotton for me if it can be laid in at a price not exceeding 10 cents per lb & of the best quality, unless of a good white color and good quality, I would not wish to have any; as it is very difficult to sell cotton here that is dark in color & dirty, my object in purchasing it is to procure back load for my waggoners, Please to advise me some time before you are out (of any of the articles I sent you that I may make ~~engag~~ arrangements for forwarding you some more should you require it

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 4 Decr. 1820

Messrs. Reed Irving & Co
London

Gentlemen your favors of 28th June & 9th Sept. has been received, we regret you have not heard from Mr. Perault or us long ere this — The 60 Hhds. tobacco was sent to New Orleans & limited at 11 $ 50/100 cts pr. 100 lb. 49 hhds. of was sold in July at 60 days credit, & the other 11 was sent to N York which has also been sold, Mr Perault was advised to invest the proceeds of the 49 hhds. he sold, in a Bill on London to be forwarded to you, to reimburse you what we owed you, he ought to have received the money the 12th Septr. but from some cause which we are unable to account for, we have not heard from him since that time, we have wrote him several times on the subject & expect daily to receive an answer when you shall hear from us —

We are Respectfully

Gentlemen Your Obedt. Servts.
Brand & Frazer

Lexington (Ky) 10th Decr. 1820

Messrs. Crocket & Adams
Nashville

Gentlm. I this day delivered to W Brown & son of James Brown 58 pieces of Bagging 3046 yds in payment of Mr Ogg's note of $500. each of which has been delivered to me by Mr Wm Leavy & son — Mr Browns waggons will leave here this evening & may be expected at your place in ten or twelve days & will call on you for orders where to deliver to in Huntsville I have paid for the carriage to Huntsville as pr. agreement & taken duplicate recpts. one of which is

placed in the hands of Messrs. Wm. Leavy & son, I hope this will only be an introduction to our future correspondence & mutual benefit in the mean time I am

Gentm. Very Respectfully Yours &c

John Brand

Lexington 17th Decr. 1820

Mr. Jas. McGillycuddy

Louisville

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 10th Instant is received covering invoice of 2 boxes of tea & making me in your debt twenty five dollars fifty cents which is this day credited you on Postlethwaite Brand & Co's. Books, they had to pay the carriage of the tea, sugar & coffee which they will charge you with, as by our contract you was to pay the carriage of these articles up here —

It is my impression I was to deliver the cotton to you in Louisville at 15½ cents pr. lb & you was to deliver the tea here @ 2$ 25/100 cts pr. lb —

Please to say if this was not your understanding of the contract, it is so entered on my books

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 23rd Decr. 1820

Mr. John Henderson

Natchez

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 6th Inst. is received enclosing a check of the Bank of your City on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Philadelphia for $300. on which you paid a premium of one pr. ct., is $303 which is passed to your credit

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 28 Decr. 1820

Messrs. Reid Irving & Co

London

Gentlemen

We wrote you on the 4th Inst. to which we beg refference. We are sorry we have to inform you of the dissiappointment we have met with in the failure of Mr J B Perault. Mr J. S. Snead (the partner of Mr Perault) informed us the other day he had received advice from Perault through Mr V Nolti of Orleans stating his (Ps) embarassment & requesting time from his creditors. Mr Snead lives in this place & is very respectable & knowing him to be a silent partner was the cause of our entrusting our property to Perault, Mr S. will leave this in a few days for N Orleans to do the best he can with Peraults Business & we hope & have little doubt he will be able to have that remittance made you on our a/c shortly after his arrival. It has been very mortifying to us that the money has not been paid long ere this; we have informed Mr Snead of the transactions, & he assures us it shall be forwarded the first money comes into his hands. As soon as we have any advice on the subject worth communicating you shall from us

We are Gentm. Your Obedt. Very Respectfully Servts. Brand & Mayor

Lexington 1st January 1821

Mr John Shread

Dr Sir

On your arrival at N Orleans you will oblige me by having the ballance in my favor in the hands of Mr J B Perault remitted as early as possible The 1026 oils of Bale rope (~~2982 lb~~ 8928) forwarded by Mr N Berthoud (on my a/c) in August on board a keel to be transshipped on board the Collumbus at the mouth of the Ohio to be delivered to Mr P. I have no information officially since Mr Berthoud's letter of its shipment Mr A Gordon wrote me it had been shipped on board the Paragon — please to make enquiry about it & if it is in your power have it sold for cash or on acredit at the best terms you can not less than 9 cents pr lb — should it be out of your power to affect a sale at that limit you may exchange it for good sugar & coffee at ~~good~~ fair prices & have them shipped on my a/c to Mr N Berthoud of Shippingport on your way through Louisville please enquire at Mr Berthoud if he has any advice of the rope — I am very anxious my funds should be here early in March next as I have a payment to make in specie for a farm I purchased

I am very Respectfully

Dr Sir

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

N.B. The 49 hhds Tobacco sold by Mr Perault

for Brand & Frazer in July last at 60 days
& which should been paid about the 12th Sept.
We are very solicitous the proceeds should be vested in a good
Bill on London & either forwarded here payable
to our order or remitted directly to Messrs Reid Swing
& Co as you may think most advisable, on this
subject you will please consult my friend Mr
Gordon at to the most safe & expeditious mode
Very Respectfully your Obdt Servts
Brand & Frazer
By John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 1st January 1821

A Gordon Esqr
N Orleans

Dr Sir

I embrace the opportunity of
our mutual friend A Read Esqr of this
place who leaves here tomorrow for your city
The sale of hemp will commence in a few
weeks & to enable me to proceed as fast as possi-
ble in the purchases (so as to go on with our con-
tract) you will please advise me as early as poss-
ible if you have arranged the Business with Mr
Berthoud so that I can get the money (for
your proportion) when I require it, hemp at present
is $85 pr 112 lb but is not known as yet what
it will sell down at, I have requested Mr
Dalton to draw on me for money as
he may want it — please advise me how
yarns will do as I shall be regulated as to the
quantity (of rope or yarns) by your advice
Dr Sir Very Respectfully
John Brand

P.S. I have requested Mr Sneed (if necessary) to advise you on some business of mine with P B Perrault— You will oblige me by rendering him what assistance you can in any of that business— S B

Received Lexington 2nd January 1821 from John Brand 20 piece of Bagging containing 1050½ yards weighing 1375 lb and 20 coils of Bale rope wt 1392 lbs in good order which I promise to deliver in like order and without delay to Colo H A Anderson Lawrence County Alabama and to bring a load of Cotton from said Anderson to said Brand to this place, for which am to receive at the rate of 3 cents per lb load and at the same rate for the return load of cotton (for hauling)—

Received 70 $ in advance of hauling—

signed triplicate

Joseph Woodson — Stephen Pemberton

Colo H A Anderson

Dr Sir

Received your favor of the 15th Novr & observe its contents— Above you will receive Mr Pemberton's receipt for 20 piece of Bagging & 20 coils of rope, I wish you if possible to exchange as much of this load as will load him back with baled Cotton, if you can not exchange as much as will load him back you will purchase as much as will make out the load, but I must beg of you to select the first quality cotton—

Should you have any money of mine in your hands please to remit it in a letter by the bearer & it would oblige me if you can convert it into Land office money on the best terms you can —

I am Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt
John Brand

Lexington 6 Janyr. 1821

Mr James McGilly Cuddy
Dr. Sir I received your favor of 31st Ultr. pr. last mail, wishing to know the lowest price I would deliver 20 Bales first pick Allabama Cotton —
I have only received one parcel of that quality, this season, & it is all gone except one Bale at 18 cents — I have ordered 100 Bales to be laid in for me in Alabama, but the roads are in so bad it is impossible to say when I shall receive it, as I have ordered it only to suit as back loads for my waggoners that carry out my Bale rope & bagging —
Major Tilford has about 15 Bales on hand such as that I sold you at 17 cents which he informs me he would be willing to let go at 16½ cents (to enable him to close a consignment)

I am very Respectfully Your Obed Servt John Brand

Lexington 15 Jany 1821

Willm Watson Esqr

Dr Sir

I received your favor of the 2nd Inst inclosing Benjamin Lamphears note to Jas Peter's & Co for 105 $ 5/100, It could not be deposited for collection in Bank here, as it is made payable in the Bank of Kentucky instead of the Lexington Branch — I called on Mr Lamphear when the note came to maturity & he says, he is not making as much at present as clears his expences, I requsted him to say when I should call again, but he declined & said he could not state any particular time but that you should be paid as soon as he was able — I shall keep the note until I receive your orders what to do with it — I wrote you, the 2nd Ulto inclosing Chas E Beynwroths a/c of the Barrel of wine but have not heard from you of its recd

I am very Respectfully

Dr Sir Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 15 Jany 1821

Messrs L & A Gist

Gentlemen

I received your favor of the 4th Ulto. pr. Mr Clay, enclosing his recpt. for 5520lb cotton, part of which he had left behind on account of bad roads — The price of the cotton & also the price of the hauling being both above my limits as pr. my advice to you of the 7th Novr. & also the Cotton being of an inferior quality, has induced me to hand it over to Messrs Wm Leavy & Son according to your instructions — Any funds of mine coming into your hands please to hold them subject to my order (unless a safe opportunity offers by private conveyance to remit them) & you will oblige me by making collections as early as possible, as the season of purchasing hemp begins in a few weeks & I shall either have to send (into your Country) or go myself in a short time to make collections — Please to advise me if my Bagging, Balerope & twine are all sold & if you will want any more this season & oblige

Gentm. Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29th Jan 184

Mr David Wendel

Dr Sir

I received your favors of the 10th & — Ult° & would have wrote you ere this, but have been making enquiry concerning the carding & roving frames — there is a small carding frame in this place, now for sale, I am informed (by one of the best mechanics in this place for machinery) it cost $200 but could be purchased for $150 as it is not found to answer the purpose, from every information I can learn, Baxters machiens will not answer, every exertion has been used to make them useful but without success & every person who purchased here have destroyed them or laid them aside — Should you receive, or have received any satisfactory information of Mr Tilford's vertical wheel answering the purpose you would oblige by advising us — Please to let me know what progress you have made in the sales of Bagging &c & how you are coming on in making collections — & if you will be able to dispose of the whole you have this season It is probable I may visit your state & Alabama in the course of 30 or 60 days to make collections when I will do myself the pleasure of calling on you

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 12 Feb.y 1821

Mr. J B Trault

Dear Sir.

I wrote you the 18th Novr stating the disposition of the S. Boat Fayette, to which I beg your attention, the owners insist that the rope was damaged on the levy & that they are not responsible as you knew of its being landed & had plenty of time to remove it I am unwilling to lose by their negligence, & wish you to get some legal testimony to rebutt their mates deposition otherways the claim against them must fall, I am astonished you have not advised me on this subject as well as my other business before this time, your attention to this immediately on the recpt of this will oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington Ky 24 Feby 1821

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir

I wrote you a few days ago asking you if my draft on you on a/c of Hon Gordon Esqr or Gordon Grant & Co of N Orleans would be honored and to what amt, since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you I mentioned a contract between Gordon

Grant & Co — & myself by A Gordon) we had entered into for the purpose of having some Bale rope & yarns manufactured in this neighbourhood, on Point a/c, & funds are to be placed in your hands by them & subject to my order to answer for their proportion of the advances for hemp & other expences — It is very important to both parties to lay in our hemp in the early part of this season as it generally advances in price when the farmers are making their corn —

You will oblige by advising me by first mail whether Mr Gordon or Gordon Grant & Co have any funds in your hands subject to my order & to what amt — I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P.S. I received advice that I may expect about 3000 lb coffee pr the Vulcan S Boat which I have directed to be sent to you at Shipping port on its arrival please to have it stowed away in a safe place in your ware house and advise me

J. B.

Lexington, Ky) 24 Febr 1821

Messrs Reid Irving & Co

London

Dr Sirs

We wrote you the 28th Decr to which we beg refference, we have now the pleasure of enclosing you Vincent Nolte & Co's first of exchange on Messrs Barring Brothers & Co for £337 sterling, £337 Stlg which you will please to place to our credit — from the exertions Mr J S Snead

is making, to settle the business of J B Perault we hope to be able to make you another remittance in a short time — we cannot help repeating the mortification we have suffered in consequence of the disappointment in this business & assure you we shall ~~embrace~~ embrace the first opportunity in making you another remittance, we are

Very Respectfully Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Brand & Frayer ~~J. Brand~~

Lexington (Ky) 24 Feby. 1821

Alex. Gordon Esqr.

Dr. Sir

I wrote you the 1st. Ultm. pr. our mutual friend J S Snead Esqr. of this place — requesting to know if funds were placed in the hands of Mr. N Berthoud (subject to my order) to meet your proportion of the purchases of hemp & other expenses, to complete our contract in the manufacture of Bale rope & yarns; but have not had the pleasure of ~~receiv~~ receiving any answer — It is of the greatest importance to us to lay in our hemp in the early part of the season — so far as the winter has gone it has been very unfavorable for every kind of business, more especially for the getting out of hemp, & we may reasonably calculate that as soon as the roads & weather will permit there will be a great deal of hemp in market & that will be the proper time to lay in what hemp we want — I have advanced the manufac

turer 1000 ℔ and requested him to draw on me as he may want it to purchase more, you will see the necessity of having our funds here to procure our raw material at the best price — I have this day wrote Mr Bertlond enquiring if he had any funds of yours in his hands subject to my order. If he has not I hope you will take the best means in having them here at my disposal as soon as possible — a few days ago I took out of our post office a letter addressed to Wm Brand & as there is none of that name in this neighbourhood but my eldest son I took the liberty of opening it, & from its contents am led to believe it was intended for myself. I am sorry the prospects are so gloomy for the articles of Rope & yarns, but am under no apprehension we shall lose money by our contract. I mentioned to you while here that I would allow forty (out of the ~~fifty~~ 60 tons I had contracted for) to go to our Point adventure according to our contract, & at present I am not disposed to encrease, we shall therefore consider our Point adventure to be limited to forty tons — Our vertical wheel is not yet in operation, we have been very much disappointed in not getting our millwright to go & see the wheel in operation — the road has been so bad & other engagements have prevented him, but are still satisfied as to its utility — If my business will permit I shall be in Alabama in April & will go and see it as I pass

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t John Brand

Lexington 3rd March 1821

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 22nd ult is received, the sum I will probably draw for on a/c Gordon Grant & Co to make their proportion of cost of hemp, manufacturing & carriage, will likely be from three thousand, to three thousand seven hundred dollars, as the price of hemp & carriage to your place during the season of shipping may be — I shall be guided by your instructions in valuing on you at sixe days sight, & will only draw about 1000$ or 1200$ at a time as I may want it & shall in the course of eight or ten days value on you for $1000.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt
John Brand

Lexington 3rd March 1821

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 14 ult is received enclosing a check from the Bank of your city on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Philada for 200$, per annum one per cent makes it 202$ which is placed to your credit

I am very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt
John Brand

Lexington 3rd March 1821

Mr John G Tilburn

Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 25th Ulto is received Messrs Pinkethwait Brand & Co will likely write you concerning Mr Coupland — Since I wrote you Mr Watson about the fenders, I have learned that I can procure them of any dimentions & at a much lower price in Philada than in New Orleans — I am very much obliged to Mr Watson & you for procuring the pair of Bedfordshire pigs for me, I am very anxious they should come here safe, & the first waggoner I can procure, that I have confidence in I will get him to call & bring them up — in the mean time you will very much oblige me by having them well taken care of until I can find one & any expences incurred I will chearfully pay — I am glad to learn you are to pay us a visit soon, it will give me great pleasure to see you at my house & to make the time agreable to you while here

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 3rd March 1821

Messrs Reid Irving & Co London

(Dr Sirs) We wrote you the 24th Ulto enclosing Viscount Valle & Co's first of exchange on Baring Brothers & Co of London for £337 sterling £337 stg enclosed you will receive the second of the same date —

We are very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servts
Brand & Frazer

Lexington 5 March 1821

Mr. Stephen S Ewing

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 1st Ulto is received, requesting me to call on Mr J & J H Hervey of this place for $1000 or 1200 dollars — I called & received this day 1200 $ which is placed to your credit — when you receive any more funds of mine, please to invest them in some kind of money or Bills that will answer in some of the Eastern Cities & retain them in your hands subject to my order or forward them by some safe private conveyance & you will very much oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt. John Brand

Lexington 10th March 1821

J Swigert Esqr.

Dr. Sir

I wish you in the case of mine against Mr J J Marshall to call at the clerks office, when the Replevin bond expires, & endorce on it that notes of the bank of the Commonwealth of Ky. or Branches or notes of the bank of Ky or Branches will be received in payment, & take out an execution on the replevin bond, & do such other acts as you may think proper to make the money as soon as possible, & by no means do any thing that will exonerate the endorcer — Please advise me when the replevin bond expires & if there is any prospects of getting the money, Your attention will oblige Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt. John Brand

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Lexington (Ky) 10th March 1821

Mr J Searcy

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 16 January was received some time ago, I would have wrote immediately on its rect. if I had concluded to purchase Cotton — Please forward me a/c of sales & advise me what prospect there is of receiving payment — any funds of mine that may come into, or are in, your hands, please invest them into some kind of Money or bills that will answer to the Eastward (as Phila., N York or Baltimore &c) on the best terms you can, & advise me & hold them subject to my order (unless drafts payable & in that case forward them here by mail, subject to my order, your attention will much oblige Very Respectfully Your Obd. Servt. John Brand

P.S. In the spring of last year Postlethwait Brand & Co sent a young man a Mr Burr to your place with several thousand Dollars & some Bagging to exchange for Cotton, they hold your rect. for some of the Bagging unsold & some of the cotton not forwarded — please to advise them in what situation their business is, as they wish to invest the proceeds of their Bagging in first quality Cotton — Your immediate reply will much oblige Postlethwait Brand & Co

Very Respectfully Yours &c by John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 10th March 1821

Messrs Binnie & Patton

Dr Sirs

It is some time since I had the pleasure of receiving a Letter from you & as the sales of Bagging must be principally over by the time this reaches, please advise me if sales have been made of what I consigned you

& what prospect there is of receiving payment, when any funds of mine come into your hands please to invest them in such funds as will answer in the Eastern cities (Phia^da^, N York, Baltimore &c) & advise me & hold them subject to my order (unless bills) & in that case forward them by mail payable to my order, Your attention will much oblig

Very Respectfully

Your Obed^t^ Servt

John Brand

Lexington 17 March 1821

Messrs V. Nolti & Co

New Orleans

Gentlemen Your favor of the 14th Ult^o^ is received a few days ago, covering a/c sales of 102 Coils of Bale rope of mine (p^r^ S Boat Parragon) & invoice of 17 Bags coffee, p^r^ S Boat Vulcan, am^t^ $748.50/100 which ballances the transaction — Please accept of my thanks for your politeness in aiding our mutual friend M^r^ S Snead in negotiating the business for me

I am Gentlemen

Very Respectfully

Your Obed^t^ Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29 March 182[illegible]

Messrs Winters & Bolton

N York

Gentlemen

Through the politeness of E J Winter Esquire of this place, I have forwarded you the enclosed papers relating to a claim I have against Mr George Geib Music master of your city— While Mr Geib resided here I sold him ten acres of land in this town, (which you will perceive by the endorsed papers) which he never paid for & took a mortgage on the property for the security of the payments, had the mortgage closed & the property sold— The consequence was he fell considerably in my debt— I was in your city in Novr 1818, & proposed to Mr Geib, that he might either hold the property & pay me by instalments, at any reasonable time he ~~would~~ might ask, or if he would pay me one thousand dollars I would give him a release. he agreed to the former (or that he would retain the land & pay me by instalment—; (but entered into no writings) when the first instalment became due, he then chose the latter, & has been promising from time to time to pay me the 1000$ with interest— From the length of time Mr Geib has had to perform his promise & not having complied, I am induced to believe I have no other alternative but by using coercive measures— But should you be able to get the business closed speedily & without much trouble I am still willing to receive the $1000 with interest, (provided he pays you what you charge for your trouble in transacting the business)—

You will oblige me by seeing Mr Geib & understand what you can do with him & advise me either by E J Winter Esqr or by mail—

Should any power of attorney be necessary please enclose a form which I will execute & return as early as possible — I have used every precaution in having the papers executed so as to give you as little trouble as possible & hope I have succeeded

I am very Respectfully
Gentlemen Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 26 April 1821

Messrs. P & J Gill
Bainbridge
D.r Sirs

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since your favor of the 30th Jany — I hope you have got the money in hands for my Bagging & Bale rope, as I propose visiting your County in a few days to collect money & make arrangements (for the ensuing season) to sell Bagging & Rope — You will oblige me if you will collect all you can for me & make up your minds whether you are to do my business as agent the ensuing season — I shall leave here in the course of next week & go by Nashville, to your place, & Courtland, and Huntsville — I saw your father tuesday he is well

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 1st May 1821

Mr N Berthoud

Shippingport

Dr Sir

I have forwarded several waggons with Balerope, & in consequence of my having to leave here in a few days for Huntsville Alabama, I have authorised Mr Saltingstall to forward to you what rope or yarns he may have ready as fast as waggons can be procured — As Mr Forestall prefers you paying the carriage at Shippingport I have requested Mr S to draw the rects accordingly — you will please pay the hauling according to Mr Saltinstall's rect & forward the property as you may find good boats to carry it to Messrs Gordon Grant & Co of New Orleans on the joint a/c & risk of them & myself & charge them with the haulling.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 16 June 1821

Wm Watson Esqr

My Dear Sir

I wrote Messrs Jas Peters & Co the 2nd December last enclosing Mr Chas E Beynroths a/c of the quantity of wine in the qr cask I purchased of you while here, amount $75.75/100 which I was to pay you for in Balerope delivered in Louisville at 10 cents pr lb, In April I forwarded to your in Louisville 2552 lb Balerope, part to pay the above, & the ballance to be sold & placed to my credit

to reimburse you for the articles sent Mrs. Brand from N. Orleans, — When the sales are completed please forward me a/c sales with a statement of my a/c & whether your house will continue to transact business on commission, — If it will not be too much trouble, (when you are in England) you will oblige me by purchasing for me a case or pair of pistols of good quality principally for carrying with me when traveling — Any money that may come into your hands for the sales of rope may be appropriated in that way as necessary (should there be a deficiency I will pay at sight on your return) there has been several robberies & attempts to murder since you left this Country, I have just returned from a tour in Alabama making collections & should have considered myself much safer if I had had a pair of pistols I could have depended upon, please to tender my best respects to your Brother Mr. Peter & his lady, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moffat & enquiring friends in England, Mrs. Brand & Wm. join me in our love & best wishes for your health & safe & successful trip to the old Island of our fathers — may it meet your most sanguine expectations, is the sincere wish of your sincere friend —

John Brand

P.S. I shall be always glad to have a line from you when you have a leisure moment

B.

Lexington (Ky) 16th June 1821

Messrs Winter & Belton

New York

Gentlemen

On my arrival at home (from the State of Alabama) I found a letter from Mr George Geib of which the following is an extract Viz — First I will pay you in half books & half piano's the whole amount, or I will pay you 1000 $ without interest at three yearly payments with an endorcer on the first note, & when that is paid an endorcer on the second & when that is paid an endorcer on the third, or I will pay you 450 in one year with an endorser — I will not comply with any of these terms without a disclosure in full from all claims on your part — The above are the propositions by Mr Geib; in consequence of your calling on him, from a conversation I had the other day with E J Winter Esqr of this place (I am induced to believe it will be my best interest to take what I can get at as short payments as possible) which I have concluded to do, — & must pay most you to settle the business for me in whatever way you think best for my interest, but as there is no dependence (I can place) in any thing he says or does himself; whatever way you settle it, have it secured if you should have to take less, & give a farther indulgence — I shall leave the terms (or either of his propositions) to your own discretion to settle with him & give him

a discharge in full of all demands by me, to date of the discharge — I will only recommend you to take security for whatever arrangement you make, if you should have to give better terms & take less — please advise by mail what sort of an arrangement you have made when closed —

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 20.th June 1825

Mr. N Berthoud
Dr. Sir

On my arrival at home (from Alabama) Mr. G Saltingstall informed me he had some of my own y arns ready, I then ordered him to forward them to you & to make some distinction in the mark so as to know them from those sent you on Joint a/c of Gordon Grant & Co, & myself he has since informed he has forwarded 2 waggon loads (perhaps 6 reels) marked [redacted] J Brand, these on Joint a/c being marked only HB

You will please to forward 12 reels as they arrive to Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co, on my own a/c to sell for me on commission — I neglected to request Mr. Saltingstall to have the carriage payable here (which I would have preferred) any money advanced on my a/c shall be paid at sight — But shall advise Mr. Saltingstall as soon as I see him to have the carriages paid here in future

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Servt. John Brand

Received Lexington (Ky) 21st June 1821 from John Brand forty seven piece of Bagging containing 2454½ yards, weighing 3600 lbs, thirty ~~eight~~ coils of Rope weighing thirty — hundred & — lbs all in good order which I promise to deliver in like order & without delay to Mr Stephen S Ewing Merchant Hunstville Alab.a & upon the return of Mr Ewings rect.a to receive at the rate of 3 cents p.r lb for carriage — Received one hundred & — ~~eighty~~ dollars in advance of hauling

signed duplicate rect.a

Dr Sir

Above you have Mr Rutherfords rect.a for Bagging & Rope, I have forwarded these 2 Waggons to make a beginning upon, but am afraid (as there is very little good cotton in your ~~Country~~ this season) it will be difficult to obtain back loads, I wish to forward you 2 (or more) loads as soon as you can procure 4 or 5000 lbs of the new crop of cotton as Back loads, which you will please to advise me at what time I may venture to forward them as the waggoners are unwilling to go to your Country without some prospect of a return load —

Exchange has very much raised here since I saw you, it is now current at 4½ p.r ct. advance for Kentucky notes (of either Banks) & 40 in Tennessee, but appears to have taken a stand there rather flat it has been as high as 47 —

I would advise you not to take our Commonwealths Bank notes —, at present they are the same as the old Bank but every person appears afraid of them & gets clear of them

as soon as possible, their value will depend very much upon the policy the Legislature may pursue at their next meeting, it is expected our Governor will call them immediately after the election—

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 23.rd June 1821

Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co.
New Orleans

Dr. Sirs On my arrival at home (from Habana) I received your esteemed favors of 24.th & 30 ulto. & have since received that of the 4.th Inst. & observe their contents, I hope you have by this time received the rope & yarns p.r Courier; as the season advances (for the use of ropes) it is to be hoped the price will rise a little, but am of your opinion, & would keep selling at the prices of the day. I have ordered Mr. Saltinstall (our manufacturer) to forward 12 reels of yarn on my own a/c, & to make some distinction in the mark so they may be known from those on joint a/c, he informs me he has forwarded 2 waggon loads (perhaps 6 reels) & has marked them J. Brand, those on joint a/c only being marked JB, I have advised our friend Mr. N. Berthoud to forward them to your address which you will please to sell for me on Commission & advise of the result— the Ballance of our joint contract will be finished before I call on him for any more on my own a/c, as I intend forwarding my bale rope

to Alabama with my Bagging — I shall endeavor to forward the Ballance of our Rope & Yarns as soon as possible, & shall visit the rope walk the ensuing week for that purpose when I shall inform Mr. Saltinstall the proper sizes of rope & yarns, —

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Eastern funds from 45 to 50 above par for Ky notes

Tenesee notes 5 pr. ct above Ky. notes

Specie — 45 — (Do Do)

Lexington (Ky) 26th June 1821

Messrs. Beirne & Patton

Dr. Sirs

This will be presented you by Jonah Reid who takes a load of Bagging (for me) to your City, Should you have any funds of mine in your hands you will oblige me by investing it in ~~your hands~~ good cotton on the best terms (provided it can be purchased), & send it on by him taking his recpt. to deliver it to me at this place at 3 cts pr. lb payable in current bank notes, — I shall forward you a ~~load~~ of Bagging this week (if the waggoner does not disappoint me) to sell (as formerly on Commission) & shall send you on some more as soon as waggons can be procured (if you think it adviseable) — If it is out of your power to procure me a load of Cotton at present please to advise me at what time I may venture to send on waggons with some more Bailing which will be as soon as I can calculate for their getting something for a return load, if it is not exceeding two thirds,

your answer per mail will oblige
Very Respectfully
Your most obedient servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 26 June 1821

Mr John W Tifford
Huntsville Alabama
Dr Sir

Inclosed you will receive Jas Baker's receipt for 35 piece of Bagging 1834½ yards & Jonah Reeds for thirty seven (37) piece of Bagging 1936½ yards to sell for me on commission, as soon as I can procure waggons I shall forward you some Bale rope & some more Bagging but am afraid they will be hard to get as it understood there is no good cotton can be purchased for return loads, you will oblige me if you can procure two loads of good cotton of the first picking, provided they cannot be got of the last years crop, convenable me to forward you the rope as there can be plenty of waggons got if we can give them two thirds of a load back— I have paid Mr Baker dollars in advance of his load. Have paid Jonah Reed dollars, advance on his, I must ask the favor of you to pay them the Ballance in Tenessee notes as neither of them lives in this part of the Country, (should an opportunity offer like the present I shall forward you two loads of rope without delay)

Lexington (Ky) 29th June 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 23 Inst to which I beg reference, since which I have received your favor of the 6 Inst advising the arrival of the Courrier with 225 Coils of rope & 12 reels of yarn — any funds of mine that may come into your hands for the sales of rope or yarns, I wish forwarded to me in checks of the U. S. Branch on some of the Eastern Cities, at a premium not exceeding two pr ct, If they cannot be procured I would recommend undoubted bills on Boston, N York or Philiada — hemp has advanced to $5 50/100 pr Cwt & will be $6 in a few days,

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

T. O

Bale rope is selling here at 8½, at 9 Brisk; checks on Phiada New York 47 to 50 advance; good Alabama Cotton will readily command 20 cts pr lb

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Lexington (Ky) 30th June 1821

Messrs Burrows & Searcy
Huntsville

Dr Sirs

I wrote you a few days ago by Rutherfords Jim to whom I gave an order for 1600 lbs of my Cotton (on you), I again wrote you Yesterday by Fredrick Honiker & John Talbot, each of whom has a load of Bagging for you, & an order for the ballance of my cotton, & that also of Postlethwait Brand & Co — (& my wish is that it be divided as nearly equal between them as possible) it will be difficult to get waggons

to go to your City this summer untill the new crop comes off — as there is no good cotton can be purchased for return loads, when the ballance of my funds (for sales of Bagging) is collected, I wish it to be invested in good cotton if to be had. If it cannot be had of a good quality I would rather decline purchasing until the new crop comes off & invest it in some of the first picking —— Please advise me occasionnally the prospect of prices for Rope, Bagging, twine & Cotton — in your market this ensuing season & oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

N.B. I must advise you not to receive any Kentucky notes in payt of debts owing to me, (until further advised) —— Exchange on the Eastward 45 to 50 advance for Ky notes — Tenesee notes from 5 to 10 above (Ky)
Please mark the Bales cotton of P. B & Co with P. B & mine ~~[illegible]~~ —

Lexington (Ky) 7 July 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans
Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 29th Ulto to which I beg reference, & have since received your favor of the 18th — The Bale rope on joint a/c has all been sent on from the rope walk, & only between 12 & 13000 lb of yarns remains to fill our contract, (which will be finished in eight or twelve days) I was at the rope walk a few days ago & gave orders to stop the manufacture of what has yet to be made on my own a/c, & requested that the yarns on our joint a/c should be finished as soon as possible that we may get it down the river while the water is in order, 13 reels of yarns have been forwarded to Louisville on my Individual a/c with orders to Mr Berthoud to

forward them to your house, which you will please to dispose of for me on Commission & invest the proceeds as advised in mine to you of the 29th Ulto — I had the reels marked A Brand that they may be easily distinguished, those on joint a/c being only marked J F B — I received from Mr N Berthoud, under cover a bill of lading dated 29 June for 7 Reels of yarns & 108 Coils of rope on our joint a/c, & one for 6 reels of yarns on my Individual a/c pr the Tenessee which I hope have reached you before this in good order — I am very much obliged to Mr Forestall for proposing to send me a small piece of rope & a sample of Cottonade pr the Columbus, I have not heard of her arrival at Louisville as yet — Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Rope 9 cts pr lb Brisk

Hemp 6 $ pr Cwt Do

Eastern funds from 45 to 50 advance for Ky notes

Tenessee notes from 5 to 10 advance for Do Do —

Lexington (Kentucky) 7 July 1821

Mr John W Tilford

Huntsville

Dr Sir

I had this pleasure the 26 Ulto — covering Jonah Reeds recpt for 37 piece of Bagging & Jas Bakers for 35 which I hope will reach you safe — I there mentioned to you that I would forward you two loads of Balerope as soon as I could get waggons & requested you to purchase two loads of cotton for me (of the best quality) as return loads, as I discover from your favor of the 27th Ulto (pr Mr Alexander), that you do not wish rope, If you can procure 4 000 or 4500 lb of good cotton for me as return loads — I will forward you two more loads of Bagging as soon as I am advised the waggoners can get any return loads — You will oblige me by keeping me regularly advised of the state of your market for Bagging, Balerope, Cotton & the rate of

Exchange, & what kind of money will be paid for sales of Bagging & rope & what credits you sell at — I would suggest the propriety of taking notes on the delivery of the Bagging wherever the quantity exceeds $50

I am Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

N.B. I must request that you will come under no engagement to take Ky notes in payment for sales made; but be ruled in your engagements by the Currency of your City, in Mercantile transactions generally

P. T. O.

Eastern funds 45 to 50 advance for Ky. notes
Do — Do — 35 to 40 Do — Tenessee

Lexington (Ky) 7 July 1821

Mr. N Berthoud
Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 1st Inst. Covering Bills of lading for 108 coils of rope & 7 reels of yarns on joint a/c of Gordon Grant & Co, & myself & 6 reels of yarns on my Individual a/c has been received — I have been advised by Mr. Saltinstall that he has forwarded 7 reels more on my own a/c (which is all I have ordered him to make for me) which you will please to forward first opportunity (as the other 6 reels were sent) —

The yarns & rope on joint a/c of Gordon Grant & Co, & myself have been all forwarded to you, except between 12 & 13000 lb of yarns which I expect will be finished in 8 to 12 days & shall be forwarded as soon as possible — when I shall advise you of the Contract on joint a/c being closed, so you can place the charges to their proper a/c — — — —

Shortly after the contract is finished I shall have to value on you for Gordon Grant & Co, proportion of of the manufacturing, Bailing, Reels &c.c. amt. some where about $900 —

I am Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 7 July 1821

Mr. George Geib

Sir

I received yours of the 23rd Ulto last mail, & have to observe, I have forwarded authority to Messrs. Winter & Bolton of your city, authorising them to close the business with you & to give you a discharge — It never was my wish, to distress or harass you, & if you will take into view the time since your paper fell due with — what you promised me when I was in New York in 1818 & what you have so often wrote me since, you will think I have not been in a hurry — Messrs. Winter & Bolton have full power to close the business & to give you some further indulgence provided you comply with the terms — I am Respectfully

Yours &c. John Bram

Lexington (Ky) 17 July 1821

Alexr. Gordon Esqr.

Louisville

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 6th Inst. from Shippingport is received last mail, that also of Gordon Grant & Co. of the 25 Ulto from N. O. they advise me of the sales of some yarns to Morgan Dorsey & Co. (a 9½ cents 6 mo. — When I last wrote them (the 7 Inst.) I advised them the Bale rope had all been forwarded & only something about 12000 lb of yarns remaining to close our Joint adventure, since which one load of yarns has been forwarded per Benton's waggon, the ballance shall be forwarded as soon as possible, it will be

all finished in a few days— I have paid Mr Saltonstall (our manufacturer) his charges for manufacturing &c c (with the exception of a trifle) not being able to ascertain the exact amt. ~~with the exception~~ when the business is closed I shall be able to know your proportion of the expences, when I shall then raise on Mr Berthoud for the ballance I prefer selling at the prices of the day, (our articles below) rather than let them lay over for another season, but would avoid as much as possible, giving such long credits, as there is always more risk as the length of time is extended, It will give me great pleasure to see you in Lexington, Mrs Brand joins me in best respts. & am

D.r Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington Ky, 23rd July 1821

Mr George Peck

Decatur

D.r Sir

I received your esteemed favor of the 11th Ult.o some short time ago & observe its contents, I have been ever since endeavoring to procure some waggons to go to your place with Bagging & rope for you to sell for me, but as yet have been unable to get any, they object to go unless I will furnish them with a return load which at present I cannot promise; the object of this letter is to enquire of you what time I might safely calculate on your being able to procure about 8000 lbs of cotton of the first picking for me, I can forward you

some Tenessee money to enable you to procure it, but would wish as much as possible to be exchanged for rope & Bagging, as soon as I can be safe to forward waggons, so that you can return me about 6 or 20 of good cotton to each waggon I will forward you four waggon loads to begin on & will be guided in sending more by the sales made, this will require 8000 lbs for the 4 waggons, say if it should cost 12 cents p.r lb is $960 but I would suppose you can exchange some Bagging & rope for the greater part of it, or procure a trade in some way giving part money & the Ballance in Bagging, rope & twine— I can engage the waggons to wait 3 or 4 days at your place after the delivery of the Bagging, so as to enable you to accomplish the exchange & collect the cotton— please to write me by return mail what time I may with safety expect you can procure the cotton for me, & if I have to send you some money, the least possible amount I shall have to forward— when I can with safety calculate on the cotton being obtained I will forward you about 5000 yards of Bagging, & 5000 lbs of rope & a small quantity of Baling twine, which you may with safety engage for— My Bagging & rope will be as good, at least, as any made in this country, & is 42 inch wide, Messrs Burne & Patton has been supplyed principally with my manufacture & as far as I can learn the planters are well pleased with it. Mr S Ewing also of Huntsville has been my agent there for the sale of the same articles & I had no complaints from either— your reply as early as possible will oblige

Dear Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brad

Lexington Ky 2nd August 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co

Dr Sirs

Your favors of the 25th June, 9th, 11th & 14th July are at hand, & contents noted — I advised you on the 7th Ulto to which I beg reference — From advice received from Mr N Berthoud of the 13th Ulto — it would appear that our manufacturer had neglected to mark the 13 reels of yarns on my individual a/c as I had ordered — I immediately wrote him on this subject & received for answer that he had marked the yarns, Brand, & were in numbers & weights as follows —

No 19 .. 935 lb — No 18 .. 910 lb — No 16 .. 932 — No 17 .. 980 lb — No 15 .. = 889 — No 13 .. 872 — No 22 is 991 lb — No 23 is 943 No 20 is 868 No 21 is 952 lb No 25 — 950 lb — No 24 — 896 No 14 is 945 —

You will please to charge me with the expences on the above & when sold give me credit for the proceeds — In my letter to you of the 29th June I recommended you when any funds of mine was in your hands to purchase checks on the eastern cities provided they could be got at a premium not exceeding 2 pr ct — if they could not be had at that to procure undoubted Bills on Phila N York, Boston or Baltimore — I still prefer that mode — In Mr Sollenstalls letter of the 27th Ulto he advises me the yarns have all been forwarded to Louisville with the exception of 11 Reels & as soon as waggons can be got they will be forwarded also

I am very Respectfully
your Obed Servt
John Brand

Hemp $6.50 Brisk pr Cwt
Bale rope 10 cts pr lb

Lexington, Ky, 3d Augt 1821

Messrs Crocket & Adams

Nashville Dr Sirs — I wrote you the 1st Inst. pr Joseph Bradley enclosing his rect — for 37 piece of Bagging, 1935 yds & weighing 2900 lb — for which I agreed he should receive at the rate of two & 1/4 cents pr lb for carrage, his waggon sheet looked very indiferent, but he assured me he would have a new one before he left Town — however you will be carefull in examining it that it be in good order when you receive it — I shall forward you first opportunity, (according to my promise according to my promise to you when in your city) another load of Bagging & one of Bale rope & a small Bundle twine, please advise me on the rect of Bradleys load — & also the prospects of these articles in your market — the price of Cotton & if there is any to be purchased in your place of good quality & oblige

Dr Sirs very Resp't Yrs Ob Sct — J B —

Lexington 6 August 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co

Dr Sirs

I wrote you on the 2d Inst. to which I beg reference, I have since sent two waggons to the rope walk which will take 6 reels of yarns, which will only leave 5 remaining on our joint a/c ——. they shall be forwarded so soon as waggons can be got ——

On looking over the Bills of lading received from Mr Berthoud — I discover that the 13 reels of yarns pr the Steam Boat Tensee is that belonging to my Individual a/c which you will see by the marks & nos ——— I have expected your Mr Gordon every day here, (from Louisville) when we will be able to close our joint a/c here ——— I have this day received your esteemed favors of the 15th & 21 Ult. I am sorry to understand that the 3 reels yarns pr Courrier is damaged, you will do the best you can with them ——

I have spoke to Mr Sallinstall about the reels being only marked 8 lb tare & that there is 12 lb charged in the a/c sales, he says he weighs the reels before putting on the yarns & that is the wt of them — which he marks with 8 lb, ——

I think 6 months a very long credit, 120 days I would have no objection to, but when you excied that time, the interest accumulates to something considerable, & the risk is increased considerably by extending the credit so long.

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt John Brand

N.B. I was advised by Mr Berthoud of three reels of

yarns being only damaged (or as he says a little wet in the corner) & which he had opened & dryed & charged 3$ for

J.B.

Lexington 7 August 1821

Messrs Jas Peters & Co
— Louisville

Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 2nd Decr last enclosing Chas E Beynroths a/c of part of a qr cask of wine I purchased from your Mr Willm Watson (amounting to $9.75/100 for which I was to deliver you Bale rope in Louisville at 10 cents pr lb — In last April I forwarded you 2552 lb of rope pr Vances waggon with orders to forward the whole of mine to N Orleans & have it sold & the proceeds placed to my credit & advise me — The ballance would be 1754½ lb (after paying you for the wine) which I have received no a/c of since, you will oblige me if you will advise me whether it has been sold — if so please advise Messrs W Watson & Co of N Orleans to hand me a/c sales I received advice from Mr W Watson some time ago of his intention of going to Europe this season & expect he is on his way by this time — he requested me to write you concerning the two young pigs (of the Devonshire breed he had engaged for me) as you might be so much employed in closing your business that it might escape your memory — I shall be glad to hear from you on both these subjects as early as possible, as waggons can now be easily procured to bring them up here

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Kentucky) 9th August 1821

H. A Anderson Esq.r

D.r Sir I have been expecting you here this some time & in consequence of your not coming on (as I expected) have been unable to make any calculations, how much Bagging rope & twine you had engaged — Please advise me immediately on the rec.t of this, how much money you have collected for me, & what engagements you have made for the above articles — waggons are very hard to get this season as there is no cotton in your Country for back loads, & am afraid I will be unable to forward any untill the new crop comes off — As soon as you advise me, I can forward Bagging, rope & twine to meet your engage=ments — But you will have to purchase about 2000 lbs. of cotton to every waggon I send down, & I must beg the favor of you to be very careful to take none but the first quality — Please advise me when the planters will begin to pick out cotton & at what time you can have 2000 lb, for each wag=gon & I will make my arrangements to have the waggons there about the time you will have the cotton ready, & will engage the waggoners to stop a few days until you are ready, should you be unprepared — I saw Mr. P Talbot the other day who has been expecting you up this some time & from what I could understand is ready for you —

Please write me how V B Holmes comes on & if his securities have taken the property into their hands —

Your answer p.r return mail will much oblige

D.r Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington 9th August 1821

Messrs L & A Gist

Dr Sirs

I have been expecting to see or hear from you this some time — You will oblige me to advise immediately on the rect of this, what money you have collected for me since I was with you, & what prospect there is in receiving the ballance — & what prospect there is this year for cotton & how the crops look; if you can procure me about 2000 lb of good cotton for each wagon as a return load, I will send you on a few loads of Bagging & rope so as to be with you by the time the cotton can be ready of the first picking — Perhaps some of the gentlemen who owe for Bagging & rope last year will let you have cotton as soon as picked, if so it will do, or you can exchange the one for the other — I saw your father the other day who informs me he is expecting Mr Leavy up soon — let me know what quantity of the above articles is in your neighbourhood, & what the prospects are this season, your compliance of Dr return mail will very much oblige

Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obed Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 10th August 1821

Messrs Stephen & Ewing

Huntsville Dr Sir

I this day loaded Sterling Coopers waggon with 33 Coils of Baleropes weighing 2663 lb & one package of twine wt 71 lb & have taken his rect to deliver the same to you at 3 cents pr lb carriage payable on delivery, he is a stranger to me & lives in Tenessee & in consequence have made him no advance

you will please pay him $82..11 being the amt for carriage provided he delivers the rope & twine in good order, if not deduct the damage out of the carriage — I have settled with Rutherford for the 2 loads delivered you pr his Jim & Jesse & have taken the price of the three piece damaged out of his pay, you will therefore deliver to him or his order the three piece & keep a list of the lengths, I shall forward you some more Bagging soon) I wrote you pr Rutherfords Jim to which I beg reference, you will oblige me, if you will keep me advised of the prices of Bagging, Rope, & twine; & also cotton of the first quality — Say when I could send down a couple of waggons (with Bagging) & that I could depend on getting about 2000 lb of cotton for each waggon as a return load, your answer as early as convenient will very much oblige

Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obs. Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 13 August 1821

Messrs L & T Gist

Dr Sirs

I have this day received your esteemed favor of the first Inst. & note its contents — I would not recomend you to sue those indebted to me at present (provided you are of opinion there is no danger of losing the debt) but would prefer you taking cotton of the first picking at the prices cotton sells for, say

with the difference of the value of money, if Tenesee money will not buy cotton, of course there can be no difficulty, but if Tenesee money buys cotton, I think I ought to be allowed the difference between land office money & Tenesee money — I would have forward=ed you several waggon loads of Bagging & rope before this time, but have found it impossible to get waggoners to go to your place without a little of a load back — I can get them to go if I will insure them 2000 lb of a Back load — you will see the necessity of pro=curing some cotton of the first picking as early as possible & for every 2000 lb of cotton you can procure I will forward you a load of bagging or rope as you may think it most adviseable — I can make an engagement with the waggoners to stop three or four days at your place untill you can get the cotton ready (provided you should not be ready for them on their arrival) free of expence — please to calculate what quantity of cotton you can depend on, & at what time you can have it ready, & I will forward the waggoners so as to be there by the time the cotton is ready — You may assure your customers they shall not be dissiappointed the Bagging & rope shall be there by the time the waggoners can be assured of 2000 lb Cotton as a return load — Your answer yr. return mail will oblige, Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

P.S. The terms of selling the Bagging & ~~Bale~~ rope I shall leave to your best judgement as to prices

but must recommend you to take notes payable the first of January in such funds as are received in payment for cotton — Those who are unwilling to pay at that time in Cash, must pay Cotton of the first quality at cash prices — if the price is unsettled at your place you may agree to receive it at the Huntsville cash price the day their notes falls due

B

N.B. I saw your father this morning on his way to Bryans station to attend a large association of Baptists who meet there on Saturday they are all well

P.

Lexington 23rd August 1821

Mr. George Peck

Decatur Dear Sir Enclosed you will receive Shelton Rutherford's rect. for 45 piece of Bagging, 40 Coils of rope & one bale of twine to sell for me on commission, I have been compelled to give one dollar pr. 100lb higher than customary if they get not back load, but the customary price of three dollars pr. 100lb for hauling in proportion to whatever part of a back load they may be able to obtain from myself or any other person — you will see the necessity of furnishing them with a back load if possible — I wrote you the 23rd Ulto advising you the difficulty of obtaining waggons to go to your country without some assurance of a back load — I have therefore been induced to give this high price for hauling that you may be able to make a beginning & shall forward you some more as soon as there is a probability of the waggons getting a back load —

Please advise me immediately on the rect. of this the the prospects of sales & prices of Bagging rope twine & Cotton The prices last year in Huntsville for Bagging was one third of a dollar pr. yard — twine one third of a dollar pr. lb — & rope one 6th of a dollar pr. lb

I am very Respt.lly
your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Received Lexington 23rd August 1821 one hundred & fifty dollars in advance of the above hauling the ballance to be paid on the return of Mr. Peeks receit signed duplicate rects.

Shelton Rutherford

Lexington 1st Sept. 1821

Col H A Anderson

Dr. Sir

I have been looking for you since thursday evening & am sorry you have not come on, as I am obliged to leave here tomorrow morning (by appointment) & shall not be at home again untill thursday evening — If you can call on friday shall be glad to see you — but if your business demands your attention at home & I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you before you leave the state — please to drop me a line & let me know what amt. of Bagging, rope, & twine I shall send you, & what time you can assure me of the waggons being able to procure about 2000 lb of cotton of the first pick as a return load, which must regulate my sending the waggons. I can agree with the waggons to lay by three or four days at your place untill the cotton is ready should it not be quite ready when they get there —

In your selling the articles I send you you will please to take notes payable the first of January next payable in cotton or in such money as will purchase cotton, I wish you not to come under any terms of agreement to take depreciated currency, for should the bank of Huntsville resume the payment of Specie, the Tennessee money will not pass in your state in payment for Cotton — but you may receive current notes for sales when the money is paid on delivery of the articles — but I would much prefer seeing yourself on friday as I am sure we could come to a fuller understanding on every subject in one hour than by fifty letters & I think it will be your interest to wait untill we return, Major Telford & Dr. Warfield are to be with me & we wish you to do some busines for the company that may be only an introduction to further business & of much advantage to you. The company wishes to give you some money with you to enable you to purchase cotton for them by passing off W B Holmes notes along with the money — & its likely I can make some arrangement with you to receive your money you have to receive from Mr. Talbot & also you money in Athens for it — I have just seen Mr. Allen who informs me you will be here on monday on your way to Georgetown, It is more than probable you will not get back from there wednesday evening, I shall be home on thursday evening certainly, Mrs. Brand is at home & will be glad of your company untill I return

I am Very Respectfully
Dr. Sir
Your. Obd. Servt.

John Brand

N.B. Mr. John W Hunt wishes to see you on some very important business

Lexington Ky 18th Sept. 1821

Messrs. L. K. & Gist
Bainbridge

Dr. Sirs I wrote you the 13th Ulto in answer to your favor of the 1st Ulto, since which I have been daily expecting a remittance in a bill or check on some of the Eastern cities according to our understanding when I settled with you in Bainbridge, but very much to my disappointment, Mr. Wm Leavy of this place yesterday tendered me a check for about $1770 on the Commonwealths Bank of this state— In the a/c sales rendered me (by you) in May last there is remaining in your hands notes of individuals amounting to $883 39/100— you had received cotton & taken it to your own a/c amounting to $355 34/100 for which you agreed to pay me in Eastern funds, as pr. agreement at the foot of the a/c current—, In your favor also of the 1st Ulto you advise me you had received advice from Mr. Minor that your lot of Cotton had been sold & the proceeds at your order, & that you had advised him to remit you checks on the eastern Cities You there advise me that immediately on the rect. of the checks you will forward me my money— Under all these circumstances I cannot think but that there must be some mistake in the business, you will please to write explicitly on the rect. of this what I am to expect, In my letter to you of the 13th Ulto, Inform you I will send you some some Bagging & Rope so soon as you can procure me some Cotton as return loads, say about 2000 lb to each waggon You will please to make some arrangement with the people who are to receive the rope & bagging, that they will furnish you Cotton for return loads

or you may take a small part of cotton in payment of some of the notes you have in your hands at its value in specie, or you may purchase a part on credit until you can be in funds for sales of my property — I am only waiting for advice from you when you will have some cotton ready, when I will immediately forward you Rope & Bagging to the amt. you will order, having in view that each waggon must receive about 2000 lbs. best quality cotton as a return load. Your answer by return mail will much oblige

Dr. Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. our Commonwealths paper is from 2 to 5 pr. ct. below old Ky notes, & from 50 to 55 pr. ct. below specie, & but few will receive it but in payment of bad debts

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Lexington Ky 8th Septr. 1821

Mr. John W. Tilford
Huntsville

Dr. Sir

I had the pleasure of writing you the 26th June covering Jonah Reeds rect. for 37 piece of Bagging & Jas. Baker's for 35, & also on the 7th July in answer to your favor of the 27 June, since which I have not had the pleasure of any communication from your or any acknoledgement of the receiving of Bakers & Mr. Reeds loads — I yesterday loaded Frederick Rolbs waggon with forty four (44) piece of Bagging, containing 2300 yards, which I hope will reach you safe & in good time. Please advise me of the rects. of the two former ~~waggons~~ loads & the prospect of sales & rate of exchange & oblige

Respectfully
Yours
John Brand

P.S. Postlethwait Brand & Co. loaded a waggon (that will goon with Rolbs) partly with articles for Col. Pope of your city & partly with articles for you to sell on Commission for them is linsey tow linen &c & a few piece of Bagging to make out the load, they are anxious to get the waggons dispatched with

return loads in cotton of the first pick— I have been advised by Col Pope is to pay for his articles in Cotton, as they will advise you, It will be well for you to advise Col. P. of his goods being on the way to enable him to have the Cotton ready as soon as possible that the waggons may not have to lay on expences

Please to advise me the prospects that Cotton will sell for at the opening of the sales &c &c &c &c

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Lexington 10th Sept. 1821

Messrs Wallace & Triplett

Bot of John Brand

To two bales of cotton 279 & 299 lbs is 578 @ 20 cts $115.56

D. Sirs

Have you have a/c of two bales of cotton which is this day put into John Davis's wagon & forwarded to Messrs Winans & January as per your orders of the 9th Ults

I am very Respectfully

Your John Brand

Messrs Wallace & Triplett

Flemingsburgh

Lexington 20th Sept. 1821

A Gordon Esqr.

D. Sir

Your favor of the 15th Inst. came duly to hand (covering $95 in Tenesee notes) & contents noted, when Mr. Mercier calls I shall be glad to furnish him with funds as he may want them according your instructions / when I shall forward you his rec.t— I am afraid your iron in the hands of Mr. Snead will be a duller article, however I have had no opportunity as yet to ascertain whether or not it can be disposed of— I shall make enquiry & provided there is any prospects of success shall advise you Mrs. Brand joins in tendering

our best respects. & am

D.r Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 20th Sept.r 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
D.r Sirs

Your favor of 15th. August covering a/c sales of three (3) Reels, 4 bundle of yarn came duly to hand — I observe there is a charge for one months storage, by my agreement with your Mr. A Gordon, no storeage was to be charged on articles on joint a/c — Your favor of 25 ult.o is also at hand, I would prefer the yarns sent down on my individual a/c to be credited — accordingly Your Mr. Gordon was here a few days ago, when I handed him an a/c of Rope & Yarns forwarded to your adress, in the last loads I forwarded there is some yarns & rope over our joint contract a/c Viz 1794 lbs yarns nett, & 471 lbs rope exclusive of the yarns for Tennessee, which will have to be placed to my Individual credit, I presume Mr. G. will advise you of these circumstances —

I am D.r Sirs
Very Respectfully,
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 21st Sept.r 1821

R. F. Thomas Esq.r
D.r Sir

I received your favor of the 10th Inst.t a few days ago, wherein you inform me, the money will be collected, on the execution against Owings & Jno. Mason, by the 15th Inst.t unless stayed by injunction, will you have the goodness to write me, by one line, & inform me if the money has been paid or if Owings has obtained an injunction, John D. Mason has prevailed on me to hold up the replevey bond against him & others for 30 days, when he promises to pay a considerable part of the

money; if he fails to comply I shall certainly take out the execution & forward it — please excuse the great trouble I have given you in this business —

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your's &c

John Brand

Lexington 21st Sept 1821

S. Marshall Esq Dr Sir

I received your favor of the 15th Inst a few days ago & have shewn it to Mr Castleman who informs me he has not received any remittance on a/c of the whiskey; from this circumstance, he is led to believe the attachment has not been taken off: & indeed, observed that when he did receive it, he did not expect I would get any of it, as he should have a claim against you himself; in what way I was not led to understand — I am truly sorry at this disappointment, on your a/c, as well as my own, I am also sorry our friend Mr M'Kinly has not come up this season, as I was inclined to give you some further indulgence by his consent —

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obed Servt

John Brand

Lexington 21st Sept 1821

Messrs L & Gist

Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 13th & 18th inst to which I beg reference — I have this week (17 & 20th) loaded 8 Clay with one load of Bale rope & one load of Bagging as p/r spec to which he will hand you — which you will please dispose of for me on Commission, doing the best you can, if you think you can sell any more please advise me as early as possible & I will forward you some as you may advise me, I have engaged to give the waggoners not less than 2000 lb of Cotton as a back load each & that they must wait

three or four days at your place so that you may be able to procure the Cotton — I have made this arrangement so you may be able to get the cotton on fairer terms from those who have been offering you payment in that way for me — should they still not comply, I wish you to make some fair exchange (if possible) for part of these loads, so that the waggons shall not be disappointed in getting the back load I guaranteed — which I beg of you to do of the best cotton and as early as you can so they shall not have to charge me for delay, your father will leave here soon & expects to be in Bainbridge by the time Clay gets there; please write me on the rect. of this — & inform me what the prospects are in my business & oblige

Dr. Sir Respectfully

John Brane

Lexington 22nd Sept. 1821

Mr. John H. Wilford
Huntsville

Dr. Sir

Your favors of the 1st & 3rd Inst. came duly to hand, before which I had forwarded by Frederick Robb's waggon one load of Bagging on my own a/c & part of a load on a/c of Postlethwait Brand & Co. with other Mdse of which you have been duly advised — I expect to be able to forward you some more soon (say two loads) but will have to guarantee a return load of cotton, say not less than 2000 lb cotton — you will please (therefore) to procure about 4000 lb of 1st quality cotton (by barter for Bagging or otherwise, on the best terms you can — so the waggons will not have to be delayed & subject me to damages for delay — Please write me on rect. the prospects & prices of articles in your market

I am Dr. Sir Respectfully

Yours

John Brane

Lexington Ky 25 Sept. 1821

Mr. S. L. Ewing

Dr. Sir

I wrote you of the 10th Ult. advising you of my loading for Sterling for your waggon with rope for you, since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you, Above you have (Mr. Tomlin's) Simons rect. for 39 piece of Bagging which I hope will reach you in good order — I have agreed to furnish him with not less than 2000 lb of Cotton as a back load, & you will oblige me if you will procure for me about that quantity of the first quality of cotton on the best terms you can either by exchange or otherwise & detain him as short time as possible, so he shall have no pretence to charge me for delay — please write me immediately on rect. of this & advise me if Coopers load of rope was delivered safe & oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Breckinridge

Lexington (Ky) 1st October 1821

John McKinley Esqr.

Dr. Sir

By the enclosed bill you will learn that Thos. D. Owings has obtained an injunction staying the collection of one of the notes assigned to me by you in payment of Bagging some time ago. Mr. Owings says in his bill that I was aware of the whole transaction between you & him, which I positively deny, you stated when you assigned the notes to me, that you would retain one of the notes in your own hands, so as to cover any possible offset he could have against you — You will much oblige me if you will answer the enclosed Bill in such way (so far as you think yourself justifiable in so doing) as will enable me to dissolve the injunction & obtain payt.

& forward the same to me first safe opportunity
I forward this to Huntsville by Capt. Postlethwait not
knowing whether you have moved to Florence or not—
You have been anxiously looked for here this summer
by some of your friends, but the season has so far ad-
vanced that they have given up the hope of seeing you
this season— I expect to visit your Country early in
the spring when I hope to have the pleasure of seeing
you— I prefer you to Capt. P. for the news of this
place & remain Dr. Sir very Respectfully Your Obed.
Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 1st October 1821

Capt. J. Postlethwait

Dr. Sir Enclosed you will receive
($1321) thirteen hundred dollars in Tenesee notes
You will much oblige me if you will exchange them for
Eastern funds on the best terms you can either
in Nashville or Huntsville as you may think best on
your arrival at the former place— I would prefer such
(from some of the banks or U. S. Notes, if neither can
be procured you use your own discretion, Virginia
& South Carolina are esteemed here next to the above—
Wishing you a pleasant trip & safe return I am Dr. Sir
very Respectfully
Your's truly

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 4th Dec. 1821

Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co.
Dr. Sirs

I wrote you the 20th Nov.
since which I have not had the pleasure to hear from
you, Your Mr. A Gordon advised me to advance Mr. T. P.
Mercer (now attending college here) what money he may want
(occasionaly) to defray his expences, not exceeding $500 p. annum
Mr. Mercier called on me the 1st Inst. for $100 as p.
his rect. herewith enclosed which Mr. G requested me to forward
to you I am Dr. Sir very Respectfully
Your Obed. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 4 October 1821

Alexr. Gordon Esqr.

Dr. Sir

I had this pleasure the 26th Ulto. since which I have not heard from you — I have advanced Mr. Mercier $100 & this day forward, original, recd. to Gordon Grant & Co as you ordered — Please to advise me the situation of my a/c with Mr. Bathoud, & if it is not in your power to procure Tenesee notes (for me) for the ballance in my favor, you may remit it in Ky. Bank notes —

I am Dr. Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Specie 50 to 52.
Eastern funds from 53 to 57 for Ky —

Lexington 4th October 1821

John G. Lilburn Esqr.

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 26 Ulto. reached me a few days ago, since I wrote you last I have received advice from Messrs. W Watson & Co handing a/c sales of Bale rope — Inclosed you will receive Mr. Lanphears note for $105.5/100, Mr. Lanphears property (or most of it) was handed over to a trustee who made sale of it at a credit (perhaps 12 Months) small sums cash, Mr. Chin the trustee informs me there is a small sum of money in his hands also the notes given for the property, which he would be very glad to get clear of, he suggested to me that the creditors should divide the notes & money & intends calling a meeting of the creditors to say what shall be done, Informed him if I got notice of the meeting I would attend & represent your claim, but as the note is now withdrawn from me, I expect I can have no voice in the meeting — I am sorry at the misfortune of one of the pigs dyeing, & am much obliged to you for your politeness in promising to forward me another pair of the same breed, if you can advise me when they are ready I will endeavor to get a careful waggoner to bring them up

as I am very anxious they should get here safe
It will give me pleasure to see you in Lexington &
hope you will embrace this season, when the weather
is generally at the best for travelling

I am Dr. Sir Very Respt.lly
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 5th October 1821

Messrs Crockit & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs

Above you have Mr. Nicks recd. for 30 Coils of rope & one Bale twine, Bagging is scarse here and the demand cannot be supplied, but shall forward you another load so soon as I can get a good trusty waggoner, in sales you will be guided by circumstances, as to prices, of which you must be the judge but must solicit you to make the payments be[illegible] early as possible — Mr. Nicks is a stranger to me & in consequence have made no advance I am Dr. Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Tenesee notes are much sought after & worth from 10 to 15 above Ky
Eastern funds 153 to 157 for Ky
Cotton of prime quality 21 to 24 for K
Bagging Brisk @ 25 cents pr. yard Do
Bale rope 9½ to 10 pr. lb Do — Do
twine to 30 to 33⅓ Do Do

Messrs L & A Gist Sex 6 Octobr 1821
Bainbridge

Dr Sirs I rewed your favor of the 18 Ulto & observe its contents, I wrote you the 21 Ulto advising of my loading N Clays waggons with one load rope & one load of Bagging as per his rects which I hope will reach you in good order in the sales I would advise you to take the purchasers notes payable in some reasonable time in cotton of the first quality but if not paid when due it becomes a mony debt — this I think but reasonable, as there is no Planter but can pay his rope & Bagging when his cotton comes off the ground & if he sees cause to apropriate the proceeds of his Cotton (& of Cource Rope & Bagging) to a more profitable business I do not think it would be just to keep the manufacturer out of his mony & pay him 9 or 12 Mo after, in a depreciated currency — for I pledge you my word that the Bagging you sold for me last year cost me specie every dollar & I have refused to take Cone on weaths notes for that on hand as at the present depreciation it would not pay first cost of Manufacturing

the article, with regard to the balance you owe me I have no doubt we will settle the business amicably & I assure you it is my sincere wish to do everything I can to make what business you do for me profitable to you as well as myself —

I have wrote Mr Berthaud about your 20 Bales of cotton & should it turn out to be as discribed I will take it & give you credit at your limits, otherways return you the order as soon as acertained I am Dr Sirs very Respectfully your Obedient

J B —

P.S. I shall forward some more Rope & Bagging when a waggons offers

Lexington 11th October 1821

Messrs Wallace & Triplett

Dr Sirs

I received your favor of the 2nd Inst yesterday & observe its contents, I am very sorry the cotton dont come up to your expectations, but you could not expect cotton of the first quality at your limits, cotton of the first quality has been selling here @ 24 to 25 cents pr lb — & your limits was 20 — I sent you the two bales hoping it would have answered, at the same price I was selling that quality at — & by forwarding it to you I will lose the sale & would

prefer you should keep it at some small deduction as the carriage there & back must enhance the price — please advise me on the rect. of this what I may expect & oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington, Ky. Octr. 17th 1821

Mrs. Matthews

Madam

I received your favor of the 7th Inst. last mail, & observe its contents. In answer, I received the money due your late husbands estate, this summer, after considerable trouble, the amt I received was three hundred dollars & now that I have received it I am very much at a loss what to do with it, the exchange on England @ present is $164 for 100 dollars, & has been advancing this some time (indeed ever since I got the money) or I should have sent you the amt coming to you before this time, but under the present rate of exchange I cannot think of making such a sacrifice without you give me positive instructions to do so. Our Ky Legislature met this week & great hopes are expected that something will be done by them to raise our currency to something near a par value, should any thing turn up to do so, I shall embrace the first opportunity to forward you the amt coming to you. Please to make my best respects to Mrs Robt. Christie & believe me

Madam
Very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 21 October 1821

Mr. N. Bathoud

Sir

I received your esteemed favor of the 18th last evening & observe its contents

I expect to be in your place in a few days when I shall make up my mind whether I shall except the Cotton In the mean time you will please to obey Messrs Gist's instructions with regard to the sales as the money will be fully as acceptable to me as the Cotton, should I except the order I am Dr Sir

Respectfully your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) Octr 23d 1821

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir

I wrote you per Mail the 21st Inst in answer to yours of the 18th (expecting to see you in a few days) since which I find it will be out of my power to visit your place at present, Inclosed you will receive Messrs Gists order to deliver me the 20 bales Cotton, which you will please dispose of, on the best terms you can & place the proceeds to my credit— Please to send me the Nos of the bales that I may give Messrs Gist credit for the amt the new crop of cotton will be in this market in two or three weeks, I would therefore recommend you not to lose a sale at the prices you quoted the 18th Inst.

Very Respectfully your Obdt Servt

John Brand

Lexington October 23d 1821

Messrs L & A Gist

Dr Sirs

I have received advice of your 20 bales Cotton having arrived at Louisville & have this day advised Mr Berthoud to place the same to my credit, your order is forwarded this day by Major Tilford— Please advise me if you want more rope & Bagging this season, as I shall forward it to market as it is ready, to where it is most wanted & not likely to lay over this season—

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully your Obed. Servt. John Brand

I hope your father & sister has arrived safe at your place

Lexington 24th October 1821

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir

Since writing you yesterday by Major Tilford I have received your favor of the 21st Inst. from yours of the 18th/& also from the report made by the Messrs Gists I am led to believe the cotton of the first quality from Alabama if so it will bring 24 cents pr lb here & I would recommend you not to sell at less than 23 currency, if you are able to obtain that price you may take it, if an opportunity offers, you will please to forward one waggon load here to me as early as possible for cotton of a second quality, Postlethwait Brand & Co has had to pay 24 cents for this some time

I am Dr Sir Respectfully your &c. John Brand

Lexington 29th October 1821

Messrs Crockat & Adams

Dr Sirs

I have been endeavouring to procure a waggon for you to forward the Bagging & rope purchased by you of Mr Crocket from Mr John Smith, but as yet have been unsuccessful, although I have offered as high a $2.75/100 pr 100 lb, the waggoners will not agree to take a load to your city without being insured of a back load — Please advise me by return mail the situation of your market for Rope, Bagging & Cotton, & whether I could with safety agree with two waggoners to take me down one load of rope & one of Bagging & insure them a return load, this I would not pretend to

unless you could raise the means to lay in the cotton from my property in your hands — & to be ready by the time the waggons could get to Nashville, which can not be now sooner than about the first of Decr. I shall continue to exert myself to procure a waggon to take your own loading as soon as possible, & can only assure you I shall lose no opportunity

I am Dr. Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Bale rope 9 cents per lb
Bagging 25 scarse, pr. yard
Cotton 22 to 24 scarse
Eastern funds 54 to 55 for Commonwealths paper

Lexington 31st October 1821

Mr. John W Tilford

Dr. Sir

Your favors of the 6th & 13th Inst. are at hand & contents noted, the latter covering dfts. of nine bales of cotton (dfts. as stated 29 24 lb) I shall endeavor to sell it for you on the best terms possible on your own a/c, if you wish it, as soon as it arrives (but must inform you that I do not do any business on commission) & hold the money subject to your order as sales are made, but would much prefer giving you credit for it at the Huntsville prices & paying carriage myself & if you have no funds of mine in your hands to refund (nor can make any exchange for bagging) I will allow you interest on any advance made for the purchase of cotton, until you are in funds for my sales of Bagging; I could have sold all the bagging forwarded to you for cash

in hand if I would have received our currency, but have refus-
-ed to do it as there is no certainty what our money will come to —
I must therefore request you not to receive any Kentucky notes
in payment of debts due for my sales, my calculation is to receive
the currency of your Country when the debts are due (which I
presume is Tenesee paper — my own opinion is that to give
you credit for the cost of the cotton in your place & pay the
carriage & interest on the money for advances made (until
you receive money on a/c of my sales) would be the fair way of
closing this business & hope you will think with me; whenever
I have received cotton (from any Gentleman in your Country)
as a return load I have been charged with the cost of the
article only, but am always disposed to do what is right.
I have one load of Bagging ready & will have another in
a few days which shall be forwarded to you as soon as I can
procure two waggons, I must beg the favour of you to be
very particular in laying in the cotton to load them
back, of the first quality, as inferiour cotton will not sell
at all, in this market — I have some cotton on hand I
received from Burrows & Searcy of your place that I can
not get an offer for at all, although cotton has been in
demand; Posththwait Brand & Co & the other manufacturers
in this vicinity, prefer their works standing idle, to working
dirty, bad, coulored cotton — please write me on the rect. of
this advising me of the state of your market for Cotton Bagg & rope
& oblige. Dr Sir Very Respectfully your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

United States paper 54 to 55 advance for Ky
Bagging brisk at 25 cents cash in hand

Lexington, Ky, 31st October 1821

Mr. John S Snead
Dr. Sir

I had a conversation last evening with Mr. A Gordon (on the situation of Mr. Perault) who informs me Mr. P. has never been considered insolvent, & that he is at present a partner in a large iron mongery store — with regard to the partnership subsisting between you & Mr. P. I have no doubt of satisfying you I am able to establish, Gentlemen here have told me you have informed them so yourself, & from information which I received somewhere & it is my present impression was from yourself, there is a record of the partnership in a Notary Office in N Orleans, I do not make this statement to induce you to assume the debt, as I have no doubt (from information) I can very promptly recover my money in New Orleans — But as it is always my wish to settle any of my business there is any dispute about as amicably as possible, I shall make you the following offer (which I would not have done was it not for your politeness in not charging me Commissions on the business you transacted for me in N Orleans. Very) I am willing to receive (as far as my own interest is concerned) the principal with only half of the legal interest, that may be due, from the time the money was paid into Mr. Peraults hands, until I receive it in Specie, for which I am willing to receive your negotiable note payable the first day of next April, (1822) to be paid in either of the United States Branches in Lexington or Louisville, as you may think proper — Your speedy answer, will confer a favor on Very Respectfully

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 2nd Novr 1821

Thos Wilson Esqr
Dr Sir

Enclosed you will receive first of exchange (No 624) Dated N Orleans 3th October 1821 for twelve hundred dollars $1200 — drawn by H Morro Milne & Co on Messrs Mackee Milne & Co of N York. You will oblige by having it collected & placed to my credit in the U.S. Bank in Philia

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 3rd Novr 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 13th Ultro is received covering Messrs Morro Milne & Co's dft on Mackee Milne & Co of N. York @ 60 days sight, for twelve hundred dollars $1200 @ 1 pr ct below par, which is placed to your credit — also of the 24th Septr & 6th October, the latter covering a/c & sales of rope & yarns pr Tenesee & yarns pr Courier; In the course of 60 days we shall commence at the rope walk to manufacture the contract, of the ensuing year, which your Mr Gordon has entered into with me for your a/c, I shall wish to be kept regularly acquired of the state of your market, & the prospect for yarns & rope &c that I may be able to have the article manufactured that will bring us the best & quickest return I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 5 Novr 1821

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir

I gave an order to a waggoner (about ten days ago) to bring up a load of my cotton from you, since which I have learned he has returned & has not brought any, you will oblige me by forwarding (whatever may remain unsold) by the first opportunity, I wrote you by Major Tilford authorising to sell at 23 cents pr lb — the article is selling here at 23 to 25, & I do not expect it will fall much as cotton is selling at 13 in Huntsville & the carriage & difference of money will bring it up, so there will not much be made, if it is reduced much in price

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 10th Nov. 1821

Mr. John S. Snead
Louisville
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 6th Inst. is received in answer to mine of the 31st Ult. & contents noted. In mentioning the partnership between you & Mr. Prault in my last, I assure you that no other motive than to convince you that I had considered you the ostensible partner in this country, & as such, I should have had no difficulty in establishing the fact, & of course responsible to those who had property consigned to J.B. Prault — But as it is my wish to settle my business amicably, I accept of your proposition, only will make this remark, that as I have a payment to make in Specie or its equivalent early in April, you will accommodate me very much by making the payt a few days earlier, I have shewn your letter to Mr. Frazer, who observed he had only stated to you he was willing to settle the business in any way that would do both parties Justice — & as for my own part, I never have wished for more; he now accedes to your proposition as well as myself

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 17 Nov. 1821

Messrs. Cpackil & Adams
Nashville
Tenesee
Dr Sirs

I have at last succeeded in getting off your rope & bagging, which was this day forwarded by Frederick Robbs waggon along with a load of rope of my own to sell for me on Commission — I have advanced Robb $30 on the hauling of your load the

ballance to be paid on delivery of the load (in Ky notes) with the exception of 20$ which is to be paid in Tennessee notes, I have also settled with Mr. Smith for 58 lb of rope & 40½ yards of Bagging, the former at 8 cents pr. lb the latter at 25 cents pr. yard — which you will please give me credit for on your books — I have given Mr. Robb three hundred dollars in old (Ky) Bank notes to purchase me a load of cotton for a back load, you will oblige me if you will enable, or assist him, to procure a back load on the best terms possible, he is limited to giving no more than 20 pr. ct. in exchange for Tennessee money (& to 14 cents (for cotton of the first quality) in that money —

I am very Respectfully

Your Obed. Servt.

John Brand

Mr. C. & Adams —

Twenty five coils rope pr. Frederick Robbs waggon weighing lb 1558
1040½ yards bagging (25 piece) weight 1560lb = 3118

For John Brand 39 coils rope weight 3175 lbs

C. & Adams to Jno. Brand Dr.

To cash advanced on hauling		$	30.00
Paid John Smith for 58 lbs. rope	@ 8		4.64
Do Do Do for 40½ yards Bagging	at 25		10.12
Please credit me the above		$	44.76

Lexington 16th Nov. 1821

Alexr. Gordon Esqr.
Louisville
Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 6th Inst. was received in course covering the 200 dollars lent you — I have received advice from Messrs Gordon Grant & Co. of the sales of the yarns & rope pr. Courier with regard to shipping hemp, at present I can say nothing, as it is uncertain what the price will be & what sort of money will be received by the farmers in pay for it & the quantity that will come into

market will be very trifling until March & April
On the 12 of this month I advanced $100 to
Mr T T Ph Mercier on a/c of Gordon Grant & Co
& have this day forwarded his rect for the same
to them — In my last advice to G. G. & Co I requested
them to keep me regularly advised of the state of the
market in N.O. & whether yarns or rope will be
most adviseable to manufacture most of
Wishing you a pleasant trip down the river
I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 16th Novr 1821

Mr John G Lilburn
Louisville
Dr Sir

Your favors of the 4 & 13 inst are
at hand & shall embrace the first opportunity in getting
a waggoner to call for the Piggs — The Cotton Wool
was consigned to Mr N Berthoud, by a house in Alabl
& before I received yours of the 4th part of it had been
sold & part of it has since been sent up here —
With regard to the land you offer for sale, I could
not say any thing at present, but shall make some
enquiry & should there be any prospect of making a trade
will advise you — Mrs Brand joins in best respects
& am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 16th Novr 1821

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
N Orleans

Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 24th Ulto is at hand covering a/c sales of yarns & rope pr Courier, & of 6 reels of yarns pr Parragon — Inclosed you have Mr T. T. Ph. Merciers rect for $100 which I have advanced him on your a/c, & shall value on Mr Berthoud when I want the money — as I may soon want money to make advances on hemp — Mr Gordon has settled the 100$ formerly advanced to Mr M.

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 16th Novr 1821

Messrs L & A Gist
Baimbrige
Alabama

Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 17th Ulto (pr your father) is received covering a/c of thirteen bales of cotton 3189 lb (@ 12 cts) & 1914 at 13 cents, total amt $630..20 cts & twenty advanced to Nicholas Clay, which is all placed to your credit — I am sorry you could not get better cotton in place of the 8 bales at 12 cents — Better to give two or three cents more for cotton of the first quality than to purchase cotton of an inferiour quality, as It will not sell here but at a great sacrifice, & very dull sale at any price; I beg of you not to receive any cotton on my a/c unless of the first quality — I have not received any a/c of the twenty bales from Mr Berthoud as to the quantity — three bales have been sent up here which I am pleased with & some has been sold at Louisville — as soon as I ascertain the quantity you shall

be credited, at your limits —— Bagging is in demand here, I have refused 27 cents this week, there will be very little more to go to your State this year from this place — do the best you can with what Bagging, rope & twine you may have of mine —

I have been informed that Bagging has been selling low at Florence by the quantity for Cash; — Should you think you could sell any more for me this season please advise me as early as possible & if practicable I will send it on I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 19th Novr. 1821

Messrs. Wallace & Triplet

Flemingsburgh

Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 11th Ulto. in answer to yours of the 2nd, to which I beg refference, since which I have not had the pleasure to hear from you — Please advise me on rect. of this what I am to expect in regard to receiving payt. for the two bales of cotton forwarded to you — I have some cotton on hand of the first pick, & superior quality, which I hold at 24, some of an inferior quality from 22 to 23, expecting your answ

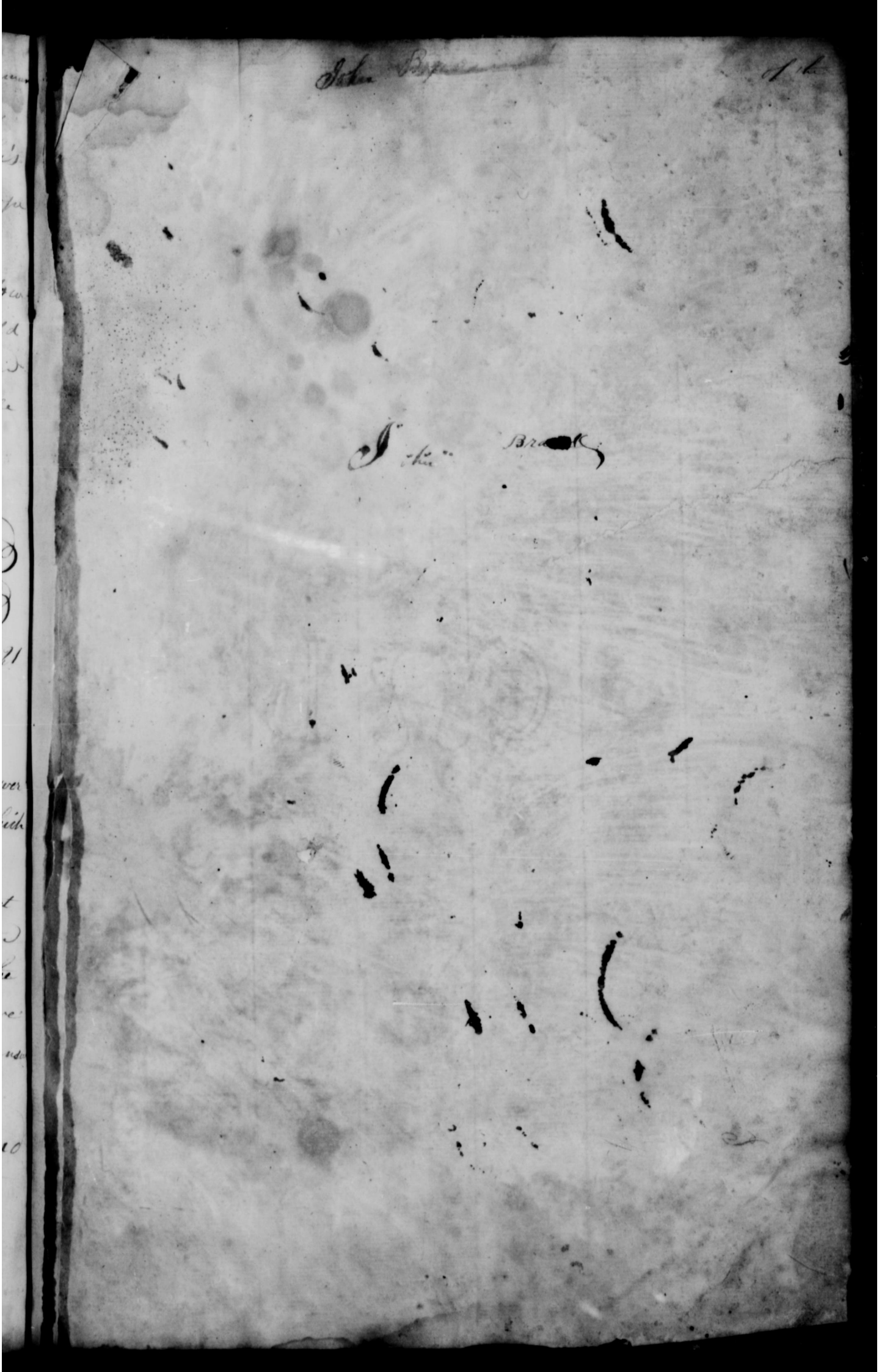
I am Gentlemen

Respectfully

Your Obedt

Servt

John Brand



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Lexington, Ky., Sept 8 1883

My dear Sir.

The bearer of this note John Doyle has been in my service for the past five years. during that time he has always proved faithful and honest, is a good gardener and a capital salesman.

Very Truly
H. T. Duncan

Lexington 1 Decr 1821

Messrs Levy & Andrew Gist
Bainbridge
Dr Sirs

Your father called on me day before yesterday & showed me part of a letter from you requesting him to forward you some bagging on his own a/c & if he could not procure it to call on me & get me to forward some, I had promised to send this to Huntsville, but in order to accomodate your father & you, (having only a part of a load) I have agreed to furnish the ballance the rect. of which is hereby annexed by Gollop Elkins who leaves here to day — There is not a load of Bagging can be bought in this place at any price, & from advice from Huntsville by Mr Hanson who has just returned from there, bagging is at fifty cents pr yard there however you will dispose of this for me on the best terms you can on Commission — Please advise me on rect. of this & also when Elkins reaches you & let me know the prospects of my goods in your hands & oblige Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Yours
John Brand

P. T. O.

Recd Lexington 1 Decr 1821 from John Brand twenty four pieces of Bagging containing twelve hundred & forty nine & one half yards all in good order which I promise to deliver in like order & without delay to Messrs L & A Gist Bainbridge Alabama & upon the return of said Gists rect am to receive at the rate of three dollars pr 100 lb — (being 1873 lb) for hauling —

Recd thirty five dollars in advance
signed triplicate

Gollop Elkin

Lexington, Ky, 8 December 1821

John McKinley Esqr
Florence Alabama
Dr Sir

I wrote the first October last [illegible] Postlethwait, enclosing a bill of injunction [illegible] Savings on the last note due, (wh

was assigned by you to me in payment of Bagging) since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you — Since I wrote you I have seen Col — Owings & he says the only objection that he has to paying the note, is that he has not received the title to the land he bought of you, as agent, & that the land (or part thereof) has or would have been sacrificed at Sheriffs sale for payment of taxes & all he wanted was a deed to the land from you, when he would immediately pay the money — with the above I am entirely unacquainted, but must beg the favor of you to answer his bill & forward the same to me first opportunity — so as to enable me to collect the debt —

In compliance you will much oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 8 Decr 1821

Messrs Willm Watson & Co
New Orleans
Dr Sir

Your favors of the 29 August & 31th Septr was duly received & contents noted, the first covering a/c sales of a small parcel of Bale rope — I must apologize for not answering your letters earlier — It will give me real pleasure in being of service to you in this Country, which you may at all times command — I have entred in an arangement with Gordon Grant & Co (Jointly) for the manufacture of some hemp yarns & Bale rope but possibly may ship some on my own a/c, should that be the case I will forward it to your house — I have entred more largely into business since your Mr Watson was here in extending my farm & in the purchase of Crockets distillery & mills along with Dr Warfield & Mayor Tilford

& in consequence my shipments on Individual a/c (unless in Bagging & rope) will be but small, but should any thing occur to change my intention, will avail myself of the opportunity of consigning it to your house — In the mean time will be much obliged by being occasionally advised of the current prices of the produce of this country in your market — & if there is any quantity of Crude saltpetre in your market & the price — Mr Jas Peters left here last week after a residence of several months, he has very much improved in health & appearance & I think if he falls into some way of obtaining a decent subsistence may yet do well his object has hitherto been to go to Jamaica but he has been much dissiappointed in not receiving letters from there & has settled down to accept of any business he can do for a decent support until he can hear from there He mentioned to me before he left here that he thought he might make himself usefull as a clerk on boad of a steam boat, & as you & Mr Gordon are largely concerned in that line, it may be in your power to aid him, if so he may yet rise, & do well, which will give me sincere pleasure to hear of I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 8 December 1821

General James Allen
Greenburgh Dr Sir

In my way through your place this summer I left Amasa Wells note for $28.88/100 in your hands for collection, if you have not collected it or Mr Wells has not promised to pay it soon, you [illegible] to enclose it to me that I may return it to [illegible] from whom I received — the note is dated 30th August 1819 payable one day after date

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington

Received Lexington 11 Decr 1821 from John Brand forty piece of Bagging containing two thousand & eighty one yards (2081 yds) & weighing thirty one hundred & twenty lb (3120 lb) all in good order which I promise to deliver in like order & without delay to Mr Stephen S Ewing of Huntsville Alabama & upon the return of Mr Ewings rect am to receive at the rate of three dollars pr 100 lb for hauling & to bring back not less than two thousand lb of baled cotton at the same rate of carriage, received eighty five dollars in advance of hauling & the ballance to be paid in current bank notes of Kentucky

Signed triplicates

Mr Stephen S Ewing
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 15th Ulto was received a few days ago & contents noted — above you have Mr Rutherfords rect for forty piece of Bagging (2081 yds) to sell for me on Commission which I hope will enable you to dispose of the rest of my Rope I have engaged to give him a back load of cotton not less than two thousand lb — should you find any inconvenience in sending me the cotton, it is possible Mr John Tilford will assist you to make up the load either on my own a/c or on a/c of Postlethwait Brand & Co; should that fail, I expect Messrs Burne & Patton has funds of mine in their hands & also Messrs Burrows & Searcy; so I hope you will have no difficulty in making up a return load; by showing this letter to any of the above Gentlemen I have no doubt you will be able to procure the cotton on my own a/c — but I must ask the favor of you not to let any come unless of good quality as none can be sold (without a great sacrifice & in this market

I am Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Bagging readily commands 27 cents pr yard in this market at present not any on sale. T. B.

Eastern funds from 156 to 160 of Ky for 100

Lexington 10 Decr 1821

Mr John W Filford
Huntsville Alabama
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 17th Ulto is received a few days ago & contents noted — in answer, above you have Mr Rutherfords rect for thirty nine piece of Bagging which I should have forwarded some time ago if I could got waggons to go, but they have generally refused on a/c of the lateness of the season, I shall have another load this day week which I shall forward you if I can get a waggon to go — I decline accepting your offer of Kentucky money for my Bagging you have sold for me as my great object in sending it to your market was to procure better funds — I could have sold all the Bagging I have made this some time at 27 cents pr yard at my door cash in hand & have been repeatedly offered it (for this) but could not think of dissappointing you — the waggoner you mentioned that was to bring back a load of Bagging for you never called, I spoke of the dissiappointment to Mr Alexander who informed me you wrote to him to load him back, which he did — I have never expected any advances made on consignments but seldom have found difficulty in getting a small load of cotton as a return load which has always been at the market price — my reason for declining doing business on Commission is that I have generally on hand Cotton of my own on sale & I do not think I could do my employment Justice to sell on Commission & have the article for sale myself — I disposed of your load of cotton to Postlethwait Brand & Co at twenty three cents Commonwealths notes, annexed

you have a/c sales — the ballance in your favor you may draw on me for in some funds & at once or two days sight as I may not be in town when the dft first makes its appearance having a good deal of riding to do — I have this day sent a load of Bagging to Mr Ewing of your place to enable him to dispose of some bale rope of mine he has on hands I have engaged to furnish not less than two thousand lb baled cotton as a return load for both waggons — should Mr E. have any difficulty in furnishing the cotton you will oblige me by aiding him, it is immaterial to me whether they load back for myself or not — perhaps you may have some on hand for Postlethwait Brand & bo which you may send if you see cause but must beg of you to be as particular as possible in sending good cotton

I am very Respectfully your obedt Servt John Brand

Account sales of Nine Bales of cotton sold for Mr John W Tilford of Huntsville Alabama

1821			
Nov 1	By 9 Bales cotton 2924 lb @ 23 cents	672	52
	Charges		
	To cash paid Fredick Robbins		
	To hauling 2924 lb cotton 87.72		
	To my Commission on $672		
	52 cents @ 5 pr ct — 33.62½		
		121	34½
	Nett proceeds to credit of J W T	551	17½

E E — John Brand

spices 52½ to 55

U S notes 56 to 60, checks remit looking up

Lex (Ky) 11 Decr 1821

Messrs Field & McMahan
Richmond
Sirs

My friend Major Tilford has this day engaged from me about 1600 yards bagging (for you) to be delivered at my factory the 24 inst. at 27 cents pr yard, you may send your waggon so as to be here on that day when I shal be prepared to deliver it. I am Respectfully your Obedt Servt — John Brand

Lexington 22nd Decr 1821

Messrs Crockit & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 5th Inst. covering a/c sales of Bagging was received a few days ago — I wish you had informed me what progress you had made in the sale of my rope, that I might have made some other disposition of it, if there was no prospect of selling it with you this season — By the a/c of sales I see you sold at from 30 to 31 1/4 cents pr yd. by advice from Huntsville it has been brisk at 33 1/3d, & holders of rope were compelled to purchase bagging to sell their rope with & the holders of bagging & rope would not sell one without the other, I hope you have pursued the same policy so as to get clear of as much of my rope as possible — Bagging is in demand at 30 cents in this place & there is not a load could be purchased in town even at that price — all I can make this year (until first of next month) is sold. If you think you could dispose of the ballance of my rope by having a waggon load of Bagging to sell along with it I would endeavour to get some forwarded sors to be with about the first of February, provided you ~~could~~ advise me in time

Please write immediately on the rect. of this & inform me what time the sales of Bagging will probably be over & if possible I will forward you another load if you think it will be in demand

I am very Respectfully
Yours Obed Servt
John Brand

N.B. Mr John Smith requests me to inform you his bagging is all engaged J.B

Lexington (Ky) 22nd Decr 1821

Messrs Burrows & Searcy
Huntsville Dr Sirs

as I presume the bagging I forwarded to you to sell for me on Commission is all sold, I must request the favor of you to invest the proceeds (as fast as they come into your hands) into United States notes, (& hold them subject to my order) on the best terms possible — please to hand me a/c sales & advise me how you succeed in collections & whether the notes in your hands for last years sales has been paid — three of the bales of cotton you sent me is so bad that I cannot get an offer for them at any price, although cotton of good quality has been in demand at good prices since I received them — I have not been able to get an offer for them — & am much at a loss what to do with them. Expecting your favor on rect. of this I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
John Brand

Lexington 22nd Decr 1821

Mr John W. Tilford
Huntsville
Dr Sir

I wrote you the 10th Inst. covering the Rutherfords rect. for Bagging which I hope will reach you safe & in good time — As the funds for sales of my Bagging comes into your hands you will oblige me by investing them in United States

Bank notes or other good funds that will answer to remit to Philiadelphia, on the best terms you can, & if any safe private conveyance should offer remit them, should any safe opportunity offer from this place. I shall send an order for what you may have on hand

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 22nd Decr 1821

Messrs Burne & Patton
Huntsville
Dr Sirs

Any funds for sales of Bagging (of mine) that may be, or may come into your hands, you will oblige me by investing them in United States Bank notes on the best terms you can — should any safe private conveyance offer, please remit them, or hold them subject to my order as you may think most advisea ble, should any safe opportunity offer from this place I shall advise you, I presume you have been able to dispose of all my bagging, if so please to hand a/c sales, with what has been collected & oblige Respectfully

Your Obedt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 22nd Decr 1821

Mr Stephen S Ewing
Huntsville
Dr Sir

I wrote you the 10th Inst covering Shelton & Rutherfords rect for Bagging which I hope will reach you safe — As my funds may come into your hands for sales of Bagging &c, you will oblige me by investing them in United States Bank notes or some other Eastern funds on the best terms you can & if any safe opportunity should offer please remit them to me here — I hope this last load will enable you to push off the Gallance of the rope & twine

I am Dr Sir Respectfully Yours

John Brand

N.B. Should any safe opportunity offer from this place I shall send an order for what you may have on hand. J.B. J.B.B. J.B. J.B. J.B.

Lexington, Ky, 28 Decr. 1821

Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co

New Orleans Dr Sirs

Your favors of 24 Novr. & 3rd Decr. is duly received — Enclosed you will receive Mr. Merciers recd. for $200 — advanced him on your a/c — Our market for produce has not yet opened & the price will very much depend on the market in New Orleans & the rate of exchange with our currency, at present it is $160 to $162 of Ky Com, or Ky Bank notes for $100 U.S. or checks & there cannot any safe calculation be made whether it will rise or fall — It is very doubtful whether our planters will receive the currency for hemp & tobacco, my own opinion is the wealthy farmers will not, those who are in debt will be glad to do it & pay with the depreciated currency, there is no possibility of collecting debts in specie — Please to advise me in your next if I shall exceed the $500, the former limit, to Mr. Mercier should he apply I am

Dr Sirs, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 29 Decr. 1821

Messrs. Crockit & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 22nd Inst. to which I beg reference, since which a waggoner has returned (which I had started to Huntsville) with his horses broke down, & unable to proceed, in consequence he has this day procured another waggoner to go on with the load, which was left five miles beyond Mulders hill & will start Monday

I have taken his rect to deliver the load to you containing 39 piece 2030/2 yards, which you will please sell for me on Commission, you will also procure for me six bales of cotton of the first quality as a return load for him & have ready by the time he reaches your place so he can have no plea to charge me with delay — should you not have wrote me before this reaches you, you will please advise me by return mail if you could dispose of another load this season to be at your place by the first of February —

Bagging is selling here @ 30 & 32 cents pr yd, I sold two waggon load last week at 30, of cource it will be higher at Huntsville (as it was purchased to go there) You will sell this for the best price you can & do your best to push off the rope you may have on hand of mine along with it — waiting your reply I am

Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
your Obed Servt John Brand

Lexington 29 Decr 1821

Mr John W Tilford
Huntsville Dr Sir

I wrote you the 10th & 22nd Inst
Inclosing Shelton Rutherfords rect for 39 piece of Bagging — he has this day returned with his horses broke down & unable to go on leaving his load on the road — Since I wrote you I have sold a Mr Smith two bales for you, & he has since informed me he has purchased 5 bales for you — this circumstance will render it unnecessary for me to forward this load as I presume that quantity will be as much as you can dispose of this season — Should you not have a sufficient supply I will forward your load immediately on receiving advice to that effect — Dr Sir very Respectfully Yours John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 29 Decr 1821

Mr George Peck
Decatur
Dr Sir

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you this some time; — As the time of payment for sales of Bagging & rope is at hand, I must request the favor of you to collect what is due on my a/c, as quick, as lays in your power, & invest it in United States notes if possible, or any other funds will answer to the eastward, at its difference, & hold them subject to my order — the last advice I had from Huntsville U S notes was 17 advance for Tenesee notes — Please write me on recd of this & let me know the situation of my business with you & how you succeed in collections & oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 2nd January 1822

Messrs Winter & Bolton
New York
Dr Sirs

Your favors of 11th Ulte &c — is duly received, I have shewed both to T. F. Talbot Esqr who says he has no doubt of obtaining Leibs original note from our court, but as the court does not sit until February it will be impossible to obtain it until that time, no exertions shall be spared to obtain the note & if successful shall forward it immediately ~~Very~~ Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 5 Jany. 1822

Mr. John Smith
St. Louis
(Dr. Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 7th Ulto was received & contents noted, Your brother William arrived here about the 24 Ulto. in very good health & still remains so, at the time of his arrival, there was a vacation in the college for the Christmas holidays, untill the 2nd Inst., Mr. Ferguson informed me your views with regard to Willm. & I concluded I would take him home to my own house untill I should make up my mind where to place him, since his residence in my family my wife & myself & indeed all my family have got very much attached to him, he is a very fine, amiable, & diffident child & in consequence of our esteem for him & the long friendship & esteem that Mrs. Brand & myself have entertained for your fathers family we have made up our minds to retain him in his present situation, & I shall assure you both for your own satisfaction & as well as for your mother & grand mother, that I shall do my best in promoting your views, in every thing that regards this affectionate child — I had received information from Mr. Ferguson of the death of your sister, which I sincerely condole with you for, I had not suffered it to reach Willms. ears, untill yesterday, that I handed him your letter, but did not do it untill after he had eat his dinner, I really felt very much for poor Willm., he was very much distressed indeed & cried a good deal, to say he is got composed & I hope will get over it — On Willm. arriving here his boots were a good deal out of repair, I have got him a pair of new shoes & got his boots foxed which will do him for some time, & shall continue to supply him with what he may want to keep him respectable & comfortable, his tuition at college in the department he has entred is $40 per session, one third of which I have paid for him as extraneous money & have also purchased some books for him all of which I shall keep a regular account of —

The boad I do not know what is the current price for but whatever is the usual rate, no more shall be charged you, I received some money from Mr Ferguson at the request of your grandmother, which is place to your credit, the exact amt of which I am unable to say at present, my books being at the store — Mrs Brand joins me in tendering best respects to your mother & grandmother yourself & family & am Dr Sir

very respectfully
yours sincerely

John Braud

Lexington 10 January 1822

Messrs Crockett & Adams
Nashville Tenn

I wrote you the 29th Ult a desire of having forwarded 39 piece of Bagging to sell for me on Commission since which your favr of the 30th Ult has been received & contents noted, I shall have 30 piece more by the 15 Inst & if I can procure a waggon (which at present I have no doubt of) I shall forward it immediately to you — please advise me how you proceed in sales & if you can invest my funds (as they come into your hands) in United States Bank notes, not exceeding $20 of your currency for $100 in U S so you will oblige me & if a safe opportunity should offer coming this way, please remit what you have over. U States for our currency is from 55 to 60 premium & expected not to advance — from some to me unaccountable circumstance you have lately addressed me, John Braidt, instead of John Braud, which you will please to correct

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
your Obed Servt
John Braud

Lexington 14th January 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
N Orleans Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favors of the 12th & 22nd Ulto is duly received & contents noted — I shall endeavour to make a much spun yarn as the quality of the hemp will justify, & only make rope of such as will not make good yarns — Hemp is beginning to come into market & is readily sold at $6 pr Cwt in our currency, whether it will maintain that price during the season is uncertain, but I am rather of opinion it will, the competition is considerable several factories having gone into operation the first inst, & our Merchts generally are anxious to export any produce that will sell readily to enable them to make their remittances on better terms

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respt
your Obedt Servt

U.S. is 158 to 160 of our currency for $100

John Brand

Lexington 15 January 1822

Messrs L & A Pest
Bainbridge
Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 1st Ulto covering P Elkins rect for Bagging since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you — As I presume the planters are now paying you for the Bagging, rope, & twine, you will oblige me by investing my funds in U S bank notes (as they came into your hands) the last advice I had from Huntsville, stated U S notes to be at 17 per cent above your currency, however you will do the best you can not to exceed twenty, should any of the planters who owe you on my a/c prefer paying you in cotton, you may receive it at a fair price provided it is of the first quality — please advise me on rect of this the situation of my business in your hands & oblige

Very Respt
your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Bs Should you receive any cotton on my a/c, claim it subject to my order

Lexington (Ky) 15 Jany. 1822

Mr David Wendell

Sir

As I presume the Rope & Bagging deposited with you on Consignment, is by this time disposed of, you will oblige me by investing the proceeds in U. S. notes if practicable not exceeding 20 per cent premium, as they come into your hands, provided you could store cotton until I have an opportunity of sending for it, I should have no objections to receiving a waggon load of good quality at a fair price — The note on Mr Wells near Greenbourgh, I received from you, I was obliged to leave in the hands of General James Allen for collection — I have no advice of its being collected as yet — please to advise me on rect. of this the situation of my affairs in your hands & oblige Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 15 January 1822

Col. H A Anderson

Dr Sir

As I presume the planters have it now in their power to pay you for Bagging Rope & twine either in money or cotton, you will oblige me by collecting what is due me as soon as you conveniently can, as you receive the m[illegible] please invest it in United States notes on the best terms you can not exceeding 120 of your currency for $100 in U. S. if in Georgia or Carolina it ought to be from 2 to 3 per. cent. below U. S. if you receive Cotton hold it subject to my order, but I must beg of you not to receive any unless of good quality, as dirty ba[illegible] colored cotton will not sell in this market — please write m[illegible] on rect. of this & let me know the state of my affairs in your hands & oblige Respectfully Yours

John Brand

T. C.

P. S. The last advice I had from Huntsville U. S. notes was [illegible] @ 117 in Tenesee for $100 in U. S. notes — our currency is [illegible] to 160 for $100 U. S. — Should Mr V B Holmes & Co [illegible]

note not be paid at maturity, you will please to hand it over to John McKinley esquire & order him to bring suit on it immediately, take his rect. for it & forward it to Postlethwait Brand & Co. of this place

Lexington 16 January 1822

Messrs. Wallace & Triplett
Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 27 Novr. last was duly received & contents noted, I am very sorry the cotton I forwarded to you was not of a quality to suit, you will oblige me by returning it by the most speedy conveyance either by the way of Maysville or direct, as your own better Judgement may dictate, taking into view the price of carriage

I am Gentlemen
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 18th January 1822

Messrs. Crockit & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs

Your favor of 4 Instt. was duly received & contents noted, above you have Frederick Robbs rect. for thirty six piece of Bagging, which I hope will reach you safe & in good time, Robb expects to reach your place about the first to third Feby. Postlethwait Brand & Co. have advised Mr S Bradford of your place, to send them a load of cotton with Robb as a return load, you will please call on Mr Bradford & ascertain if he can furnish the cotton, if so you need give yourself no further trouble but receive the Bagging, but if Mr B. is unable to furnish it you will oblige me to procure a load of good cotton so as to be there by the time Robb reaches your place & forward the same to me & advise me by mail — I wrote you the 29 Ulto. to which I beg reference same &c

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 28th January 1812

Mr N. Bathoud

D.r Sir The hemp is now coming in & I have been called on by Mr Tattensall for money to purchase (on a/c of Messrs Gordon Grant & Co, & myself) to whom I have made some advances — You will oblige me by placing funds here to pay their proportion of purchases, as soon as convenient I am informed that you have it in your power to check on our Commonwealth's Branch here through your Louisville Branch, (at present) if so, you will please remit me $1200 — & advise me when I can obtain some further advances — & oblige

D.r Sir very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 1 February 1812

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans D.r Sirs I wrote you the 28 Dec.r (& 14 Ults) last (inclosing Mr Mercier's rec.t for $200) to which I beg reference & have since received your esteemed favor of the 7th Ult.o covering a/c current to 31 Dec.r, what parcels of hemp has come into market as yet, has readily brought $ dollars, I shall be in Scott court on monday next, & will call on Mr Tattinsall & see what is best to be done as to purchasing hemps, at present it is uncertain what the price will settle down to, although I am of opinion it will be $6 pr. Cwt) if of good quality — Presuming you have remarked the $2000 mentioned in your last, I must request the favor of you to invest the ballance, in articles, as bill under, of groceries so soon as you are in funds & me it adviseable, if there is a prospect of the articles it will be a considerable favour if you can anticipate the bills & forward the articles as early as convenient —

I shall forward this to Louisville by Chas. Wilkins Esqr. to go by the Fayette S Boat. should it be in your power to forward any articles by her, pleas to take rect. as per contract & oblige —

Exchange (Dr Sir) very Respectfully
U. S. Notes or good bills 60 premium your Obedt. Servt.
for Ky funds — John Brand

list of Articles to be purchased By Gordon Grant & Co
one Barrel molasses, one Barrel loaf sugar
from 1500 to 2000 lb best green Havanna Coffe & the
Ballance in best quality Brown sugar in Barrels
B

Lexington 7th Feby. 1822

Messrs. Crocket & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs

I wrote you the 18th Ulto. covering Frederik Robb's rect. for 36 piece of Bagging, since which I have received your esteemed favor of 19th Ulto. enclosing S Pemberton's rect. for seven bales of Cotton, Above you have Wm. Neale's rect. for thirty five piece of Bagging which I hope will reach in good order & in good time to be pushed of this season —

I have been advised a Mr Coates from Philada has been purchasing up bagging here & forwarding to your city & Huntsville & has given as high as 33 1/3 cents pr yard Ky currency, should you be of opinion this will cause a glut & consequently a decline in price you may make engagements for what is on the road, even at a little less price than your last quotations —

Eastern funds 60 premium for Ky notes Yours Dr Sirs very Respectfully
Tenesee 30 Do Do John Brand
Cotton 20 to 23 pr 100 Do
Bagging 33 1/3 to 35 cts pr yd Do

Lexington 7 Feb.y 1822

Messrs Winter & Bolton
New York Dr Sirs I wrote you early last month informing, that as soon as our Circuit Court sat which would be in this month, I would apply for Peibs note, our Court commenced its setting on monday & as soon as a motion could be made we obtained the note which is hereby enclosed — & above you have a copy of the final decree of the court on that subject which Mr Talbot thought might be useful to you. I have also enclosed Peibs last letter to me making a proposition subsequent to the one I authorised you to close with him — which is more favorable than the one I acceded to I would recommend you to do the best you can to close the business as soon as possible, taking whatever you may think most advisable as to the amt, but he has trifled with me so long that I would insist upon personal security or such that you may think satisfactory

I am Gentlemen Very Respectfully Your Obed.t

John H. Brand John Brand

Lexington 15 Feby. 1822

Wm N Berthoud
Shipping post
Dr Sir Your favr of the 9th Inst.o is before me & contents noted, I am sorry you have no funds of Gordon Grant & Co.s in your hands, as I am now in advance for them near $1000 & am called on for money every few days for the pay.t of hemp, on our Joint contract, as soon as you are in funds you will please to remit me two thousand dollars which charge to their a/c — I have advised Mr Mercier (some months ago) which you will please forward to me as soon as convenient & oblig.g

Dr Sir Very Respectfully Your Obed.t Serv.t John Brand

Lexington 15 Febr. 1822

Genral Jas Allen
Greensburgh Ky

I wrote you sometime ago, requesting to know if Amasa Webb had paid his note which I left in your hands for collection, (on my way through your place last summer) but have not had any answer — As I shall have to account for it to the Gentleman from whom I had it (received) in a short time, please to advise me by return mail whether the note has been paid, if not, please to permit it immediately — Your compliance will very much oblige

Yr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt
John Brand

John H. Brand

John H. Brand
Lexington Ky 16 Feby 1822
Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans

I had this pleasure the first Inst. (which I forwarded to Louisville to go p. U. S. Mayette) to which I beg reference, since which I have received your esteemed favors of the 17th & 26 Ulto. & contents noted, the latter covering Wm. Nott & Co — first of exchange for $2000. on Thomas Callender & Co of New York (a) ½ p. ct. discount which is placed to your credit — In my last I advised you to invest the ballance of my funds that will come into your hands, in groceries, say, one barrel of loaf sugar & one Do. of molasses, one box of French cordials for Mrs B. & the ballance in best quality brown sugar in barrels, & best Havanna green coffee in Bags, say, 500 to 2000 lb of coffee & the ballance in sugar, should the funds not be all in your hands you will oblige me if you can anticipate so the groceries may come by first safe opportunity,

if forwarded by the Fayette (as I requested you to do)
Please to take rect. as pr. contract, as in the result of its
coming with I have engaged the freight with my friend
Major Tilford — A few days ago I valued on Mr. Berthoud
for $1200 on your a/c, but received for answer he had no
funds of yours in hands he was authorised to pay over to
me, (only being advised to remit me what money I had
advanced Mr. Mercier) but that you had a large quantity of
Mase coming up the river, & as soon as it was open expec-
-ed to be in funds —, — Hemp has been coming in plenty
this some days & sells readily at six dollars pr. bdt.
Currency — I have been called on several times by
Mr. Saltenstall for money to purchase hemp & have
already advanced nearly $2000. I have authorised Mr.
Sw to give $6 currency for some crops of superior quality
not exceeding 20 or 30 tons, to make yarns, tow, & tare, & 5$
for inferior quality to make rope — The wind is now in
the South & has brought rain with it, & is now raining &
it is expected the river will be open by tuesday or wednesday
— Tobacco is selling $4 to 4 $\frac{25}{100}$ in Winchester; Eastern
funds 60 to 62 prem. — whisky 25 cts pr. gal — I am,
Dr. Sirs
very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 16 Feby. 1822

Messrs. Wilbm. Watson & Co.
New Orleans
Dr. Sirs

I had this pleasure the
Devr., since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing
from you, — as I presume you are in funds for the
parcel of bale rope sold for me, You will oblige by
investing the amt. in good Havanna coffee & forward
it to me here as early as convenient — Our produce is
now coming into market, Tobacco was selling (on wednesday)
in Winchester at $4 $\frac{25}{100}$ currency, hemp is $6

Eastern funds Viz. U. S. notes or good bills @ short sight @ 60 to 62 premium — for currency

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 27 Feby. 1822

Messrs Crocket & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs Your favor of the 14th Inst. is at hand & contents noted — As there is some difficulty in settling with Robb for the Tenesee money the negro received from you — you will please not to give any of the waggoners any money on my a/c unless advised to do so — Expecting the sales of bagging would be over before another load could reach you I had sold Mr Coates a load at 35 cts — pr. yard on delivery (before I received your favour of the 14th) & have given Stephen Pemberton an order on you for a load of cotton, which, I beg of you, to be careful in selecting it of as good a quality as possible — he left here the 23d. should you still think there could be another load sold this season I can have one ready by the time I could have an answer from you — I would have sent you Tenesee money to have purchased the cotton but was afraid the waggoner would lose it —

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Hemp $6 pr. Cwt. Brisk currency
Bagging 33½d. pr. yd Do
Eastern funds 60 to 62 premium Do
Cotton 25 to 26 Do
Bale rope 9 Do

Lexington March 6th 1822

Messrs Pardon Grant & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 16th ult.
to which I beg reference, since which your esteemed favor
of 9th & 16th ults has been received & contents noted, the
first covering a/c for lines to Mrs Brand, amt
$11.1 which is placed to your credit —
Enclosed you have Mr Merciers rect for $150 —
advanced him on your a/c, the $200 advanced him some
time ago I have received from Mr Keating on a/c
of Mr Bathrond, which is also placed to your credit —
I have spoke to my friends on freight for your
boat, who says they will with pleasure throw any thing
they have in your way when opportunity offers —
Brimstone could not, to any amount, be sold in
this market — the current price is from 9 to 12 cents
pr lb — but the powder manufacturers have got
a supply to last them some time & the retail busines
is very trifling — hemp still continues brisk at $6
pr cwt — I am told a house in Frankfort has
made an engagement to deliver a large quantity
of yarns to a house of your City (Morgan & Dorsey)
@ a stipulated price, they have made large
contracts for hemp @ $6 & the price, I am afraid we
shall find some difficulty in procuring the yarns
to make our compliment — Mr Battinstall in
forms me to day he has got two loads of yarn
ready, I have ordered him to forward them as for
merly, when waggons offer — freighting from here
to Louisville is now 75 cents pr 100 lb I am
Dr Sirs very Respectfully your Obt Servt
John Brand

U. S. Notes a good 61 day bills
from 60 to 62 premium

Lexington 7 March 1822

Messrs Crockit & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs

I had this pleasure the 27 Ulto to which I beg reference & have since received your esteemed of 26 covering $350 in Orleans & Caralina Notes — (three hundred & fifty dollars, at a premium of 12½ making $393 $\frac{23}{100}$ which is placed to your credit —

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 7 March 1822

Genl Jas Allen
Greensburgh Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 25 Ulto is duly received, covering $31 $\frac{25}{100}$ the amt of principal & interest of Amasa Webbs note left with you for collection — Please to accept of my thanks for your kindness & attention, should it be in my power to render you any service in this place, it will give me pleasure to do it — I am Dr Sir —

Very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Eastern funds from 60 to 62 prem
Hemp $6 pr Cwt
Whiskey 25 to 33 cents per gal
Tobacco 4 to 4 $\frac{50}{100}$

Lexington 7 March 1822

Mr N Berthoud Dr Sir

I had this pleasure the 15 Ulto to which I beg reference, I have (yesterday) advanced Mr Mercier $150 one hundred & fifty dollars, on a/c of Messrs Gordon Grant & Co which you will please to remit me as early as convenient & charge to their a/c,

Please advise me when you will be able to remit the $2000 mentioned in my last, as I am considerably in advance for them & am called on every few days for money to purchaise hemp on their joint contract with myself, (I advanced $500 more yesterday — I have directed Mr Saltinstall to forward some reels of yarns he has on hand which will be marked F B, please to forward those to Messrs Gordon Grant & Co, & take rects on Joint a/c & risk of them & myself —

The carriage please charge to our Joint a/c — I am

Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt. John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 18 March 1822

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 14th Inst. is received covering, $150,.. one hundred & fifty dollars in Commonwealths notes, for the like amt. advanced by me to Mr Mercier on a/c of Messrs Gordon Grant & Co, which is placed to their credit — I am sorry you are not able to make remittances to me on their a/c; to lay in their proportion of hemp on joint contract with myself, I am now in advance for them nearly $2000 (the amt. of their proportion of the advances to purchase hemp alone) will be about $3000.., I have been advancing money this some time & have been compelled to sell Bills on the Eastward & to part with old Bank of Ky paper to meet our engagements with Mr Saltinstall, which I should not have had to do, had I been placed in funds to meet their proportion of the purchases — I am only afraid it may cause some difficulty in our settlement (as it can hardly be expected, I should advance money when the difference

of exchange is from fifty to sixty pr. ct. premium
& receive a currency which is now from 70 to 80 prem., &
no knowing when it may be two for one & will not be
received in pay.t for the Raw Material, In consequence
of the depreciation of the currency, hemp still conti-
tinues in demand, & may be considered at an
advanced price of from 25 cents to 50, per Cwt.;
If convenient to you, I would prefer your remitting
me some Ky Bank paper in part, to reimburse me
for some of the same kind advanced on their a/c ——
Wishing to hear from you as soon as convenient —
I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully
your Hble. Servt.
John Brand

N. B. as the currency has depreciated so rapidly this short time, it is very doubtful how long it will be taken for produce

Lexington, Ky, 18 March 1822

Mr George Yeoke
Preston Burg

Your favour of the 22d. Jany. came to hand some time ago, In consequence of the lateness of the season & bad roads, I have not been able to get a waggoner to go to your place —— Intend to leave here in two or three weeks to visit Tenesee & your State, when I shall call upon you, & if agreable make arrangements to supply you with Bagging, rope & twine for next year —— You will oblige me if you will get my funds collected by the time I reach your place —— any of the planters who prefers paying in cotton at cash price — you may receive it, if of first quality, but I would not wish to receive bad cotton or inferior cotton @ any price ——

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully
your Hble Servt.
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 18 March 1822

Messrs. L. & A. Gist Mercts.
Bainbridge Alabama

Dr Sirs

Your favours of the 10th & 20th Ulto. has been received & contents noted, the latter (pr. Mr Garland) covering ($200, two hundred dollars) in Eastern funds which cost (as you state) a prem. of 15 pr. ct. — making the amt. $230 — which placed to your credit — I intend to leave this place in a few weeks; say the latter end of this month or early next, to visit Tenesee & your State, You will oblige me if you will get my business as nearly closed as possible by the time I reach your place — any person owing money for sales of my articles, you may receive payt. in cotton, provided the cotton is first quality; but I would not receive bad cotton at any price, whatever cotton you have received or may receive before I reach you, you will please to keep for me in safe place — when I shall advise you what disposition to make of it —

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Bran[illegible]

Lexington 27 March 1822

Mr J. S. Snead
Louisville
Dr Sir

Your favor of 21st Inst. is duly received & contents noted, covering your check on Cow[illegible] Branch for seven hundred dollars — I endeavour yesterday to purchase five hundred dollars of C[illegible] but could not hear of any for sale, it is very scarce & in demand at from 72 to 75 advance — sometimes it may be purchased (from strange to its value) @ 66 —, but very rarely — I shall lose no opportunity in investing that amt. (if

be obtained (@ your limits) first opportunity — & shall advise you if I am successful, in the meantime would reccommend you not to lose an opportunity yourself — from late advice exchange is also looking up in Tenesee & Alabama & was at last dates from 15 to 18 prem — for Tenesee notes — raw cotton is now held at 30 cents pr. 100 lb — in this place — Hemp from $6 to 6 $\frac{50}{100}$ pr. cwt — Whiskey 25 to 27 & 28 — I am very anxious to obtain $500 of good money to meet an engagement (of my own) with a Gentleman in Indianna, for some land I purchased two years ago & which comes & which comes due early next month — he will likely go through Louisville on his way home & the money there will likely answer him as well as if it was here — he has a long journey to make & I should not like to dissiappoint him — I am Dr Sir

very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 27 March 1822

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir

Your favors of 21 & 24 Inst. is duly received & contents noted, the first covering your check on Commonwealths Branch of Louisville for $2000 on a/c of Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co — which is placed to their credit — As it is important for us to lay in our hemp as early as possible, you will oblige us, & be much our interest, to remit me $1000 more as soon as possible in your power, more especially as

I wish the whole purchases compleated, before I leave this for Allabama which I expect will be in about two weeks I am Dr Sir very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington, Ky 27 March 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans Dr Sirs

I had this pleasure the 6 Inst. since which I have received your favors of the 4th & 9th & note the contents — last evening's mail brought me $2000 (two thousand dollars) (in a check for Commonwealth's notes from Mr Berthoud on your a/c, which is placed to your credit for hemp purchases — I expect to be in Georgetown on Monday next (Court day) to make some exertions in procuring our quantity of hemp — The farmers are getting very shy of our currency since I wrote you last & it is very doubtful how long it will pass as a currency — some (~~already~~, who are not in debt or have not made engagement for it) will not part with property for it — & all kinds of produce advances in price as our Currency depreciates — Hemp may now be quoted @ $6 25/100 to 6 50/100 — I have received no advice from Mr Berthoud as regards my a/c with you in New Orleans, should he mention any thing of it, I shall inform I have ordered groceys for the amt. — I have already advanced Mr Saltenstall between three to four thousand dollars & shall hand him another thousand on monday — I am anxious to close our hemp purchases before I leave home for Allabama which I hope will be in about two weeks, nothing detains me but this business,

as I am very much afraid our currency will be Blown up by the time I return, unless our Legislature does something that will raise confidence in it during their Session that is to be held in May, If to be had in your city, you will much oblige, if you can send me, three or four Boxes of good Scotch, (or Smoked) herrings, one small keg of rice & one of barley & one or two kegs of good Scotch pickled herrings

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Specie or good funds is now from 72 to 75 prem for Ky or Commonwealth notes & very scarse
Tenesee or Allabama notes 130 to 135 prem for Do
Cotton $30 pr 100 lb — — — — — — Do
Tobacco from 3½ to 6¼ according to quality
J. B

Lexington 27 March 1822

Messrs Crockit & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 20th Inst is duly received, covering Stephen Rembertons, rect for eight Bales of cotton 2546 lb @ 14 cts — $356.44 (commission @ 2½ $8.91 total $365.35 which is placed to your credit — I hope to be able to leave here in about two weeks for your State & Allabama — when I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you, I wish to get my business closed as near as possible & hope you will be able to collect all my funds by the time I reach your place as you receive please invest them in good Eastern funds & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 8 April 1822

Mr. N Borthoud
Shippingport Dr Sir

Your favor of the 4th Inst. is duly received & contents noted, I shall leave here next week for Allabama & shall value on you in favour of Mr L. T. Sattenstall for the amt. you authorise, with a request that he will not use the dfts. untill all the funds in his hands are expended, which may perhaps not be for some weeks — The farmers are still very shy of the currency & I shall not be surprised if it depreciates a little farther, that they refuse to part with their produce for it, Indeed some of them already have put away their hemp & refuse to part with it for any thing but Specie

C. Funds 75 to 80 prem. I am Dr Sir very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Specie Do Do

Hemp $6 25/100 to 6 50/100 pr. bwt. — — — —

~~Lexington 8 April 1822~~

P.S. I expect some sugar, coffee &c from New Orleans which will come to your care, please to let them lay in some safe place in your warehouse untill I advise you on my return from Allabama & oblige

P. B.

Lexington 8 April 1822

Mr John Smith
St Louis Dr Sir

Your favor of the 2d inst is duly received (pr. your mother) covering $155 dollars in Kentucky notes, which is placed to your credit, Your Brother Wms. expenses very much depend on the cloths Books &c he gets; with the money last receive I shall pay off all his acts. due, for fear our curr. should blow up before my return from Al. which will be some time in June or late in

I shall leave here next week on my Journey —
You will oblige me if you will procure for me from 14 to 20 Buffaloe rugs of best quality, larger well covered with hair, & the skin soft — for my negroes bed clothes, & forward them to me to the care of Mr. N. Berthoud Shipping port, Your mother & Wm are both well, Mrs B. & self's best respects to you & family & am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

E Funds from 75 to 80 prem — in our currency & people getting very shy of it — very uncertain how long it will pass,

Lexington 13 April 1822

Messrs Wm Watson & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 22d Ult. is duly received, & contents noted, covering Bill of two bags of coffee $142.80½ including charges which is placed to your credit, I have layed yours before Major Tilford & Dr E Warfield, my partners in the grist mill, Distillery, & powder works, under the firm of Warfield & Co, who request me to say, that it is but a small quantity of Brimstone we use, intending only to keep the powder works going during the time the mill can be kept going by water & will only make from 24.000 to 30.000 lb; we would have no objections to make an exchange with you for two tons brimstone & pay in powder & whiskey, You may see a sample of our whiskey at the house of Winter & McCall of your City, which we consider of superior quality & very fit for your purpose of making Gin

being distilled by steam free of any still burn, verdigrise, or any other bad effects from the common mode of distillation — & of superior body; will you please to call & see it & advise Warfield & Co, what you could put in the Brimestone at & what you would receive the whiskey at in payt. —

I shall leave here the 16th Inst. for Tenesee & Allabama & will be absent from 4 to 6 weeks, on my return home if hemp can be purchased at a fair price, I intend making a few tons Bale rope & forwarding to your house, when I shall advise you —

we are Dr Sir, very Resptfly

Your Ob. Servt. John Brand

U S notes from 75 to 80 prem — Currency
Hemp $6 25/100 to 6 50/100 pr bwt — Ditto
new whiskey 25 cents to 34 pr gal Do
Tobacco from $4 to 4,50 — Do
c Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans

Good 60 Day Bills or checks rates about the same as U.S. notes

Lexington 13 April 1822

Dr Sirs,

I had this pleasure the 27th Ulto to which I beg refference, since which I have received your esteemed favors of 23 Ulto pr Columbus & of the 25 pr Mail, (both arrived on the same day) the first covering Bill of groceries, $1124.95 including charges, which is placed to your credit — (I am sorry you overlooked the barrel Molasses) —, our currency still keeps depreciating & may be quoted at $1.75 to 1.80 for Specie or good funds & as it depreciates our produce advances in price, hemp is now $6 25/100 to 6.50/100 pr bwt —, I expect to leave here the 16th for Tenesee & Allabma & will be absent from 4 to 6 weeks, I have directed Mr Saltenstall to embrace every opportunity in forwarding the yarn to Louisville, & shall place him in funds to finish our purchases before I leave here

I am Dr Sirs very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand — P. S. — Mrs Brand presents her respects to Mr Gordon & is much obliged to him in taking so much trouble in procuring her articles for her

Lexington 15th April 1822

Mr Robt Hamilton Dear Sir

Understanding by Mr Asa Farro that you intend being in Lexington soon & not wishing to disappoint you, I have left with Mrs Brand, fifteen hundred & fifty dollars in United States notes, & silver, including two checks of Mr John S Snead on the U. S. Branch at Louisville, which I presume will answer you better than silver here — Before this is paid you, I expect my article of agreement (left in the hands of Mr Clement Smith) given up or destroyed in presence of whoever pays you this money for me & also a release in full of all demands acknoledged in the County Clerks office & to be recorded as satisfaction for the mortgage I gave you for the security of the pay.ts for the land — Also my note you hold for sixteen hundred & thirty five dollars & forty one & 1/2 cents — being the last note I owe you — The sum left with Mrs Brand is eighty five dollars & some cents short of the amt. of my note in your hands — This small ballance I reserve untill the land is resurveyed & the corners established by legal possessioners, which I will have done so soon as possible after my return from Alabama, when the full amt. of whatever I owe you shall be promptly paid to whoever you may give an

order ——— I could have had the possessions on it this spring, but prefered waiting until you could appoint some person to attend for you — to give every information as regards the lines & corners — Please to authorise some person to act for you in this business that the thing may be closed as soon and satisfactory as possible — Mr D. Logan & Mr Williams have both run their fences over the lines that was run when the land was surveyed for me, & Mr Patrick Vance insists on the marked lines as his line, if he obtains this it will take about a mile off me as far as Mr Vance line runs — & also so far as Mrs John Bradfords line — which will be a loss of 195 poles on this line alone — My Friend Doctr E Warfield will hand you this, to whom I have explained my views on the subject, & who is appointed by me to see the release properly executed & my note given up when the money is paid — I am Dr Sir Very respectfully Your Obdt Servt Will Bradford

P. S. Dr Warfield will settle the premium on the U. S. notes provided you prefer them to the silver — my object is to pay $1551 at present & the ballance so soon as the lines & corners are legally established

Lexington Ky 31 May 1822

Messrs Crockett & Adams

Nashville Dr Sir Inclosed you will receive Major John B Longs note to John Hunt Esqr for three hundred dollars due the 17th which I mentioned to you Mr Crockett when in Nashville, Mr Hunt has requested me to for it to you & to request you to do your endeavour to collect it, Major Longs Brother informed me when in your place that the major had gone

Natchez, to collect a debt of about $2000 — of an old debt — & had received advice from him that he had collected $500 & expected to get the ballance on his return from N Orleans —

You may be able to get it from him on his return if he is successful in his collections or from him during the summer, from his collections & profits from the spring — should you be able to collect it, you will please to place it to my credit; & you will of course be allowed your compensation for collecting — Please to advise me, as the season advances, the prospect for bagging rope & twine & the rate of exchange in your city & oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington 1 June 1822

Mr N Bathoud

Dr Sir I have this day advanced Mr Mercier ($200) two hundred dollars on a/c Messrs London Leant & Co of New Orleans for which you will please to place me in funds as soon as convenient & charge them with the amt — Mr Merciers rec.t has this day been forwarded to their address in N Orleans — The coffee & sugar came from Messrs P. P. & Co — to hand during my absence at Alabama —

I am Dr Sir
Respectfully Yours &c a

John Brand

Lexington 4 June 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans
Dr Sirs

Inclosed you will receive Mr Mercier's rect for two hundred dollars ($200) advanced him on your a/c — Your esteemed favor of 23rd March last was duly received, Just before I left home for Allaba covering Invoice of Mdse to my a/c ($1124.95/100) eleven hundred & twenty four dollars & ninety five cents, which is placed to your credit — & the goods received during my absence — I have last mail received advice from Natches that all the bale rope there & New Orleans have been purchased up on speculation, if the news that speculation is founded upon be correct we may yet do well with our yarns & rope, any how I think it would be prudent, not to sell at present prices, as in my opinion it certainly must be better this fall, If yarns do worse than rope it might be adviseable to have them laid into rope in your City, provided the price would justify the expense, the yarns when laid would certainly make much hansomer & better rope as they are made of the best hemp & more pains taken in spinning, hemp is now @ from 7 to 8 dollars pr Cwt Currency & very scarse it is very doubtful if we can procure as much as fill our coul

I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange 190 to 195 in currency for $100 in U.S. note

Lexington 4 June 1822

Messrs Winter & Bolton
New York Dr Sirs

During my absence at Alab the enclosed letter from George Geib reached here, which I th

it my duty to forward to you to make whate use of you may think proper —

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 8 June 1822

Messrs Field & McClenahan
Richmond
Dr Sirs

After a diligent search I have found your favor of the 4th April, which according to your statement requests me, (if hemp is not selling @ seven dollars) to oblige you by having it stored a short time for you —

I have also found Dr Ashbys of same date stating that he had purchased the hemp @ $6, as I mentioned to you. — The wt of the hemp was Cwt 9.215 @ seven dollars will be $67.43½ which you may draw on me @ sight. I am Dr Sirs
Very Resptfly
Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 7 June 1822

Mr F. T. Mastin
Dr Sir

On the other side you have Mr Lathir's rect for 38 piece of Bagging 198 yards which I hope will reach you in good order — From advice I have received from Louisiana there is no bagging at N Orleans or Natches & from every appearance the article will bring a good price

this season, Indeed the price it has brought this two years @ your place (31 to 33 1/3 cts pr. yd.) it does not leave the Manufacturer 20 cts pr. yd in good money, which is not worth following if the article is made good, I have limited some I have in the vicinity of Courtland @ 45 cts pr. yard but must be regulated partly by the general price @ present I would not wish you to sell @ a less price than forty cents pr. yard in good money (as I understand some of our manufacturers have limited @ that price), Bale rope has all been purchased up in N. O. & Natches on speculation, I think that article ought to bring one shilling pr. pound — The bagging I expect you will not find surpassed in quality by any from this Country & have no objection @ your making a comparison, I expect to forward you another load of Bagging in eight or ten days, I would wish you in selling to make the payments come due as early as you can so the money may be invested in good funds while it is @ its lowest rate, as it is a serious loss to be kept out of the money until the exchange rises from 10 to 15 pr. ct. I shall write you again when I load some more for you I am Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully
Yours &c

Please to advise me on the rect of the load & give me your views on the prospects of the article & the prospects of your growing crop of cotton J. B.

John Brand

P.S. Please to load Mr. Gaither with 6 or 8 Bales cotton & let me know what is left on hand after is loaded & whether you can make another load cotton J. B.

Lexington (Ky) 8 June 1822

Mr J B Perault
Dr Sir

I wrote you the 18th Novr 1820 & 12 Febry 1821, (to which I beg your particular attention) to neither of which have I ever been favoured with an answer — It is important to have some evidence of the situation of the damaged Bale rope (Mr S Boat Fayette) when you received it, this unfortunate business still remains unsettled, for want of any evidence to prove the situation of the rope when received by you — Will you be so good as to go before a Notary yourself (or get the person who was in your employ & received the rope) to depose to the situation the rope was in when you received it; a deposition said to be from the mate of the Fayette, states the rope was left out all nights on the levy & was under heavy rain although you had full time to have had it removed — I hope this statement is incorrect, — I cannot think of going into the arbitration without having some evidence on this business & am particularly anxious to have it settled — You will very much oblige me by attending to this business on rect of this & also in forwarding me a copy of a/c of sales of that parcel of rope, sound & damaged, the original having been mislaid in the hands of the Arbitrators — —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 14 June 1822

Alexr Gordon Esqr
Shippingport
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 10th Inst is duly received covering N Berthoud's Dft on Robt S Todd Esqr of this place for two hundred dollars, which has been duly honored, also a/c of four boxes of smoked herring, one Keg of Barley & one Do of rice which has all arrived. I wrote your house on N O (same day I addressed Mr Berthoud), enclosing Mr Merciers rect for two hundred dollars, & suggesting the propriety of not selling the yarns @ present prices (as I had understood from advice from Messrs John Henderson & sons of the purchase of all the rope in N Orleans & Natchez on speculation — I suggested the propriety of having the yarns laid into Bale rope (provided the Rope should advance above the yarns & the expense would justify the measure) I should suppose it would not cost in your City more than from 1/2 to 3/4 of a cent pr lb for laying, & would make very superior rope as the yarns are made of the best of hemp, & more pains taken in spinning, of this you ought to be a better Judge than I am & will please advise your house what you may think advisable for our mutual interest —

I was in Scott County last Court day & am afraid we will not be able to procure the quantity of hemp to finish our Contract, I requested Mr Saltenstall to exert himself in laying it in as soon as possible as I was satisfied (from prospects) it would rise. It is now selling @ $7 1/2 to 8 in Currency Dr [illegible] & four dollars in specie & take it @ their house, which costs from $3 to 5 pr ton for hauling —

There could not be any Bagging purchased in this neighbourhood for Currency, the Manufacturers are all aware of the situation of that article; I have limited some I have forwarded to Allab.a @ 40 cents pr. yard in good funds & 45 in Currency which was @ a depreciation (when I was there) of 18 to 22 prem.. for U S notes — Having only received yours last evening, I have not been able to ascertain as to rope, but will to day, should I succeed shall advise you — Mrs. Brand is much obliged for your exertions in procuring the articles of groceries & joins me in Tendering our best respects to Messrs. Gordon & yourself, wishing you both a long & happy life & that both your most sanguine wishes may be realised by the union

I am Dr. Sirs
Very truly
Yours &c
John Brand

P.S. I have just learned Bale rope is held @ 12½ cents pr. lb. in currency & very little in market — considerable enquiry having been made after it lately & mostly sold

J. B.

Lexington (Ky) June 15th 1822

Mr. F. T. Martin
Huntsville
Dr. Sirs

I had this pleasure the 7th Inst. inclosing Mr. Gathirs rect. for thirty eight piece of Bagging, to which I beg reference — The present is to advise you I have this day loaded Jesse Poor's waggon with (28 piece) twenty eight piece of Bagging containing fourteen hundred & sixty seven yds (1467 yds) & fourteen coils of Rope (1195 lbs) eleven hundred & ninety five lbs which I hope will reach you in good

order — I am still of the opinion I was when I last wrote you, Bagging & rope are already sought after as an article of speculation, I had the silver offered me to day for what I had on hand — & must again request, that you will not sell any of my bagging @ a less price than forty cents pr. yd in good money, & the rope @ 1 shiling pr. lb —; when I say good money I mean Silver or United States Bank notes, (or their equivalent in Allabama currency) when paid for, The manufacturers are sending a good deal down the Mississippi, & talk of sending over to Georgia,

If there is not a heavy importation into N Orleans soon, you will have a short supply this season — as they will continue to send down the river while they have an opportunity — I shall send down waggons with bagging & rope to bring home the cotton I purchased & shall afterwards be regulated by the best market — The heavy price of Carriage to your City & the long credits will induce the manufacturers to prefer the Natches market as they can get their remittances six months earlier than from Allabama, I wish you in disposing of my bagging & rope to sell them both together, not to sell the one without the other. I have ordered some to be made which shall be forwarded so soon as possible — Please to write me on rect. of this & oblige

Dr. Sir
very Respectfully
Your Obe Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 15 June 1822

Col. H. A. Anderson

Dr Sir I am still of the opinion I was when at your house, Bagging must be a better price this season than it has been @ your place this two years Both it & Rope are already sought after as an article of speculation & I had this day a good price offered me in Silver for what I have on hand, I must therefore request that you ~~[illegible]~~ will not sell any of my bagging @ a less price than forty cents in United States Bank notes or silver, (pr. yard) & rope @ one shilling pr. lb.; (or the Currency of Allab.a @ its value when received less than silver) & that the rope & Bagging shall be sold together — In selling I wish you to be careful who you sell to, & sell @ as short credit as possible, & take the note of the person when the property is delivered — Any person that you hitherto have had difficulty in collecting the money from, I would refuse giving credit, as I would rather have my property than to make a bad debt — Please write me on rect. of this & let me know the quantity of cotton you have ready for me — as I shall forward my engagement with Col. Sherrard & some more rope for you so soon as I can procure waggons after rect of your letter — The manufacturers are shipping a great part of their Rope & Bagging down the river — considering it a better market than Allab.a the heavy carriage, the depreciated currency & long credit is much against the Manufacturers I he can afford to sell @ from ten to twelve cents pr. yard less in N Orleans than in your Country on a/c of these items & bagging is now 30 cents in Natchez a circumstance I never knew before @ this season of the year — is your Road repaired @ Browns ferry? The waggoners are very much afraid of that swamp

Jan 3 S. 7 a.s. John Brand

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My Dear Brother & Sister

I wrote you sometime ag
but have not received any of your favours since
When I wrote you last I informed you there was a
probability of a brewery falling into my hands
(& that of a friend of mine) for money we had
advanced upon it as a loan & also for security which we
had to pay; @ the same time I mentioned the
price of barley, hops &c &c, & the price of beer &
porter at this place with the view of your giving
necessary information to any competent industrious
sober brewer who might think proper to come out
to this country — As I expected the property ha
fallen into our hands for which we have got a dee
in fee simple, in pay[t] of the money due us
& we are anxious to sell or rent it to some worthy ma
of the above description, & from every thing I can
learn there is not a better business in this country
with proper management — It is about
two weeks since I returned home from a journe
of 800 to 1000 Miles) through the States of Tennes
& Alabama collecting moneys (for rope & ba
-ing sold for me on Commission) in those States
& purchasing Cotton, of this last article I bought abou
30.000 lbs part of which has arrived & upon which I
making a very handsome profit, this is the secon
time I have taken this trip & from my success
rather expect I shall have to go there every spring
some of my sons are able to go in my place —
I think I mentioned to you I had purchased a
farm of 200 acres, I have since bought about 200 acres
adjoining it, making the whole about 400 & it is no

one of the finest farms in this Country, of the same size, I have got an overseer over it with my own hands, & take great delight in farming, & and breeding some fine cattle & horses & make all my own bread, meat, poultry &ccc besides I shall make from six to eight tons of hemp this year, & gets all my own fine wood from it, in short I purchase nothing from our market, but a little fresh meat such as a beef steak or a quarter of lamb, or veal occasionaly, & would not have to do that if the meat would keep, but we find it an advantage to sell our cattle & hogs to the butcher & purchase a small quantity as we want it

Your namesake son Wm was a little unwell this spring & I thought it best to take him from college a short time until his health improved, he is now better, & will go to college again after the vacation, & I hope will be able to remain until he finishes his education I have not seen Mr Douglas since a short time after he came here, he is settled in Louisville 170 miles from here doing business as a clerk to an auction store & the last advice I heard of, him he was well

We are very much annoyed at present with our Currency, the State Government during the year 1820 made a State Bank, (without any capital) pledging the property of the state for the redemption of the notes, The consequence has been that the people have lost confidence in the paper, Specie has entirely disappeared & the paper has fallen that it is now two dollars in Currency for one in silver & no safe calculation can be made what it will come to, for my own part I sell my property & lay on the difference in the currency as soon as possible invest the currency in some other property that

I know is intrinsically valuable — Give my best respects to Mr Joss & enquiring Mrs Brand & all the family joins in our sincer love to you both & am Dr Brother & Sister Your affectionate Brother —

The bearer of this is the young man to whom I lent the money on the brewery & is going to Scotland to his relations (he has lost a handsome property for want of experience) John Brand

Lexington 27 June 1822

Mr N. Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir

I have this day loaded Elias Woods waggon with forty four piece of bagging to your adress, which you will please to forward first safe opportunity to Messrs John Henderson & sons of Natches & oblige Dr Sir Very Respectly
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

N.B. The above forty four piece contains as pr marks 2311 yards — P.B

P.S. The first two waggon loads of bale rope that reaches you from Mr Vattenstalls you will please to forward to the same adress (as above) P.B

Lexington 27 June 1822

Jas Arrot Esqr
Philiada
Dr Sir

I wrote you some time ago, enclosing a proposition to Mr T Witherspoon his business (in this Country) in the hands of Theodore F Talbot Esqr of this place since w I have not had the pleasure of hearing

As Mr Witherspoon during his life time, wrote me to make some enquiry concerning the business; I have repeatedly done so, but from the information received from Mr T there is no prospect of the business being shortly settled — Mr Talbot is talking of leaving this country, should he do so, it might be prudent to join some other attorney with him, that in the result of his going he might hand the papers over to him, with what information he might be able to furnish — I have thought it my duty to give you this information, having received a letter from you enclosing one from Mr Witherspoon & having also received information from your nephew Mr Browning in Nashville this spring that you was the administrator on Mr Witherspoon's estate — As you are unacquainted in this country I take the liberty of reccommending to you Major Leslie Combs, who is considered one of our best collectors, & who practises in the federal Court of this State, as well as the Circuit Courts of this county — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectly
Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

PS from information received this day from Mr West (who owed), originally, to Mr Witherspoon) I am induced to believe the debt perfectly secure & will @ this time amount considerably above $4000 —

T. B.

Lexington 25 June 1822

Messrs J. Edmonston & Co
Mooresville Dr Sirs

I this day loaded Tobie Talbot's waggon with twenty one piece of

bagging 1105 yards & seventeen coils of bale rope 1465 lb
— to your adress to sell for me on Commission, which
I hope will reach you in good order, I would recommend
you to be particular in examening that the articles are
dry & not injured when you receive them, if any damage
have the amt. assessed & advise me I have given
Talbot an order on Key's & Duncan for a load of
my cotton, which you will please advise them, & also a order on you for fifteen dollars
in Tennessee notes as that money is very scarse here, which
I hope you will suffer no inconvenience in advanc
ing for me, the manufacturers here have advised
their friends in Allab.a not to sell that article at less
than forty cents p.r yard in good money — if credit
is given, paying the difference of exchange when paid, —
& several has informed me they have ordered their agent
to give no credit — How this will do I cannot say —
but the article is expected to be very scarse this season
& a good deal is going down the river to Natches, a
a better market than your country — I lost last year
very heavily on the exchange, the difference from the
time the article being sold, until paid, was 12 to 14 p.r
cent — which makes a difference of 4 to 4½ cts p.r yard
this is a very heavy loss — & could have been avoided by
selling by the waggon load for cash — I am
indifferent about selling at present at any fixed
price until I hear from you your views on the
subject, but if any of your customers should wish
to engage you may do so, say at the current pr
the first December or January as you may ag
they taking their rope & bagging & twine together
I shall send you some more first opportunity (with
some twine also) Please advise me & give me your
views on the rect. of this load —
& oblige Dr Sirs very Respt.
your Obt — John Bra

Lexington 27 June 1822

Mr Joel Scott
Georgetown Bot. of John Brand

To 2 bales of cotton 310 & 310 lb. @ 17 cents pr. lb good money — — — — $105.40
By cash pr. Mr Miller — — — — 100.—
Balance due J.B. — — — — 5.40

Dr Sir Above you have bill of two bales of cotton pr. Mr Peak which I hope will reach you safe & give you satisfaction — should you want any more please advise me — I have forwarded it supposing you could not find an opportunity to send for it I am Dr Sir

Your Respt. O-s — John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29 June 1822

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez Dr Sirs

I received your esteemed favor of the 18th Ulto & observe its contents
I would have answered you ere this, but have been waiting until I could advise you of some bagging & rope being forwarded to you —
I have now to advise you that I loaded forty four piece of bagging on the 27th Inst. (2311) which I sent on to Mr N Berthoud with orders to be forwarded to you first safe opportunity —
I have also ordered two loads of rope to be sent you of the first that reaches Shippingport; & intend sending another waggon load of bagging during the ensuing week if an opportunity offers
This I merely intend as a small experiment

this article being so low for this some time in your market I have sent it generally to Allabama, The bagging I hope you will find forty two inch wide & equal in quality to any made in this country — There is a new patent hemp Break expected here this fall from New York, & if there is any prospect of its answering the purpose, I intend having one erected on my farm (four miles from here), I have seen some of the rope made of the hemp, which is broke without being rotted at all, the colour is of a lively green & the texture & strength of the article very much improved — — Should this machine answer any thing like what is said of it, I anticipate as great a revolution in the culture of hemp as there was in the culture of cotton by the introduction of the cotton gin — Our bagging will (there) be very much improved in colour & the quality of the hemp will be so much improved, that we will be able to make it of a better quality, if there is any encouragement for making it so, I should be pleased to be occasionally advised of prices current of articles of our produce in your market — I have received advice from my friend Wm. Watson of New Orleans of 12 Inst. of a large supply of bagging having arrived there from Scotland — Should be to know, if the quality is equal to what it has been this some years — I have been advised that the Sun Hemp was all worked up & no likelihood of any more supply from the East Indies Tam

Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Bran

Lexington, Ky. July 1st 1822

Mr Jas Walker
Columbia
Dr Sir

Our mutual friend Major John Tilford handed me this morning your favour of the 28th ult. requesting information as to your chasing bagging, & getting some forwarded to you to sell on commission — At present I do not believe you could get any for Kentucky paper & the difficulty of getting waggons to go to your state or Alabama &, without being insured of a return load, will render it somewhat doubtful when any could be sent you — When the season commences for picking cotton, provided you could send up a load or two on your own a/c or could purchase one for use on a/c of bagging & rope; I believe I could be able to forward you your load of bagging & one of bale rope with some bailing twine to suit; this will somewhat depend on my subsequent engagements at that time, but should you think proper to write me, when you have it in your power to send one or two return loads, I will either forward you one or two loads myself or endeavor to get some others of our manufacturers to do so — I am D. Sir

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
John Bryan

P.S. The commission I am charged in Nashville & in Alab. is five pr. ct. of course you would be allowed the same — J.B.

N.B. Dr E Warfield, Major Tilford & myself are concerned in 60 in the Mills formerly owned by Mr. Crockat in Tennessee City — where

we make a good deal of good gun powder, should your place be a good market for that article we could forward you some of that article @ same time

P. B.

Lexington (Ky) 5th July 1822

Marcus Thomas Esqr. Sheff.
Mt. Sterling
Dr. Sir

I received a letter from Jas. Trimble Esqr. of your place who informs me the injunction, myself against Owings & Mason, was dissolved last term of your Circuit Court — Enclosed you will receive a new execution, which you will please to have levied on some property as early as possible — you will also please to get an execution from your clerks office for the damages & expences incurred on obtaining the injunction & levy @ same time if practicable — Please to advise me the day of sale of the property by some safe hand, or by mail if none other offers — & you will very much oblige

Dr. Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 19 July 1822

Mr. David Logan
Dr. Sir

I received your esteemed favor of the 13 Ulto. a short time ago, & would have answered you on this, but was undetermined whether to forward any to your market or not — I have now concluded to keep the article for this market (conceiving it a better one) & so I can get clear of it during the fall & before

new crop comes in here — What I have sold has been @ $16 to 16.50/100 in Specie, or 33 1/3 in our Currency — Mrs Brand 100 joins me in our best wishes to yourself & Mrs Logan &c

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Yrs
John Brand

Sugar 14 to 15 cents
Coffee 34 to 35 do
Currency 200 to 205 for 100 in Specie
Hemp $4-25/100 to 500 pr cent

Lexington Ky 19 July 1822

Mr Jas Elliot
Big Spring Alaba

Dr Sir

I received your esteemed favor of the 28th May some time ago & would have wrote you ere this, but could not make up my mind as to the entering Willm in business; I at last ~~[illegible]~~ concluded to shew him your letter — He appears undetermined what business to turn his attention to when he leaves the college, & I think it would be best to let him finish his education before he is any ways committed in business & then let him decide what course he intends to pursue — Mr Pike called on me on his way home from Allaba, & informed me he had been talking to you on that business, but at that time had not come to any definite determination what to do, he promised to write me but never has done it — You no doubt recollect Jeremiah Scott who lived with Dr Warfield, he has lately been found out pilfering from the Dr to a very large amt. I am informed he has acknoledged to have taken about $1300 in good (or parr) money, but

it is very much doubted if that is even the whole) this is a very unfortunate circumstance for both — I believe the young man before this day was a week, stood as high as any young man in town, & his employer put the most unlimited confidence in him — his prospects are now blasted forever, what a pity) a young man of (to every appearance) good moral conduct, Industry & handsome talents to throw himself away & ruin his prospects forever, The Dr. has him in confinement & doing his best to recover as much of his own as possible — Pray how far is the big spring from Florence & what kind of road is it? What kind of a neighbourhood is it round it & what is the population? is there many large cotton planters near you & how is the health of the neighbourhood? & what is the prospects for bagging & rope in your peace this season? It is now 28 to 30 cents here per. yd in Specie — I have ordered my friends in Tennessee & Alaba not to sell mine for less than 40 cts in parr money or 45 in Tennessee notes — & taking into view the quantity that has gone down the river it is expected there will not be a sufficient supply for the country this season — Your old friend Mr Trotter is now @ Philiada no other news worth relating — my second son (John) is very unwell with a swelling in his side, there is some doubts if he will get over it — my family joins me with our warm respects — Wishing you health & success in business I am Dr Sir your Sincere friend & well wisher

John Bris

P.S. If the prospects be good for bagging & rope I may consign some to you if I can get waggons to go

Currency 201 to 205 for 100, hemp $8 to 10 Currency
Bacon $6 to $8 curr — Bagging 28 cts to 30 cts Specie
Rope $6. 50 to $7 Specie — — — —

Lexington 24 July 1822

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir

Your esteemed favors of the 10 & 21 Inst has been duly received covering Bills of lading of 44 piece of bagging & 33 coils of rope pr S B Tamerlane & 27 coils of rope pr S B Rocket — The present is to advise you that I loaded F Robb's waggon with 40 piece of bagging on the 22nd Inst which on its arrival you will please to forward to Messrs John Henderson & Sons, the first safe opportunity — I also on same day gave Mr Robb an order on Mr G F Satten stall for a load of rope which on its arrival you will please to forward to Messrs Gordon Grant & Co — N O — as well as any that may be on hand & what may in future arrive unless advised otherwise

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington Ky 27 July 1822

Mr David Wendel
Murfresboro
Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 20th Inst is just received & contents noted — I could furnish your friend with the quantity of Rope Bagging & twine, mentioned & make out the ballance of the load for you to sell for me as formerly but it is very difficult to get waggons to go to your State

without being insured of a return load, if your friend & you could make any load in return I have very little doubt but I could send them the articles in time (say from 2000 to 2400 lb — of a return load would answer) & am willing to take the price Messrs Crocket & Adams are selling for the first day of January next, payable on or before the first day of April 1823 — & if you can send me the back load in prime cotton in part payment @ the cash price in your mark when the cotton is delivered to the waggoner, It would be the means of enabling me to comply with your proposal — Your answer will oblige — Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 2 August 18[illegible]

Alexander Gordon Esqr
Shippingport
Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 27th Ulto is duly received & contents noted — On the 27 June I advised Mr Berthoud to forward to John Henderson & sons on my a/c two waggon loads of rope, since which I have received Bills of lading of 33 coils pr S B Tamerlane & 27 coils pr S B Rob[illegible] the expenses of which ought to be charged to my individual a/c, the ballance of whatever rope he may have received from Mr Saltenstall (or what may arrive this season) I advised him on the 24 Inst to forward to your house in N O on joint a/c the expenses of which ought to be charged accordingly — —

By Mr Berthoud's a/c (presented to me last evening by Mr Keating) I discover that I am charged with the carriage on 31 coils of Rope $20, Commission on same one dollar, making in all $21, which ought to have been charged on Joint a/c, You will oblige by having this charge put right on Mr Berthoud's Books — I am sorry the yarns has turned out so dull an article, however we must now do the best we can with them, the ballance of the hemp will be made into bale rope & no opportunity lost in forwarding as fast as ready, but I am afraid we will not be able to procure as much hemp as finish the quantity we expected to manufacture — The farmers are now asking $5 in Specie & $10 in Currency pr. Cwt. & I am told they are actually paying that price in Frankfort & Versails — & still much in demand — I have been a little surprised at not receiving advice from Mr Berthoud of the shipment of any yarns or rope on Joint a/c — & at not receiving any advice from your house in N. O. of their arrival — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Exchange 200 to 202½ for 100

John Brand

Lexington 2nd August 1822

Messrs Crocket & Adams
Nashville
(Dr Sir)

34
68
272
204 2312

68
376
282 3196

Your esteemed favor of 17 Ultto was duly received & contents noted, also of 7th June — I have now to advise you that I loaded John Daltons waggon yesterday with 47 piece of Bagging weighing 3196 lb @ $2.25/100 in Tennessee notes [illegible] John Harris waggon with 34 piece weighing 2312 lb

2312 lb @ same price, which I hope will reach you in good order. It is very difficult to obtain waggons to go to your State or Alabama without return loads — & Tennessee notes being very scarce here I have agreed that they shall receive their pay from you on the delivery of the article in good order — which I hope will be agreeable to you, more especially as they are strangers to me & perhaps may not be here again for some time — I have also agreed to load 2 waggons on the 6 Inst. which I intend forwarding to you / one of which will be bagging & the other rope & twine to suit — Bagging has been selling @ 28 to 31 cents pr. yard on delivery @ the factories, in Specie, I have refused 28 for this I am sending to you — I have limited my sales for Alabama @ 40 cents in good or its equivalent in Currency — as the market will not open this season yet I should like to have your views what it will command with you, @ present I would wish you not to sell any @ a less price than 45 in currency — Please to keep me regularly advised of the prospect of your market for bagging rope & twine, — when I will occasionally advise you what to do I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully your Obdt Servt

John Brahan

Bagging 28 to 31 Specie
Rope 7 to 8 Do
Hemp $4.50 to 5 per Cwt.
100

Lexington Ky 13th Augst 1822

Messrs Keys & Duncan

Moorsville Alla.

(D.r Sirs) Your esteemed favor of 9th inst. is duly received & contents noted — At present I am unable to say whether it will be in my power to send any quantity of coarse goods for negro clothing, but it is likely I may forward a few hundred yards to Messrs Edmondson & Co to sell for me on commission, along with some iron rope & bailing I intend sending them — At present I do not wish to purchase any more cotton, I have five waggon loads yet in Alla.a of my purchase when in your state, which I presume will be as much as I will be able to dispose of until the new crop comes in — Gaither has not yet arrived with the load of cotton you delivered him — I loaded John Talbots waggon with rope & bailing for Messrs Edmondson & Co on the 25th June, but have not received any advice of it since, I hope it will arrive in good order — Bagging is selling @ 25 to 30 cents in silver in this place, I have refused 28 for all I had on hand delivered @ my factory, (the cash paid on delivery,) —

I am D.r Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Ob.t Servt

John Brand

Received Lexington 6th August 1822 from John Brand forty one pieces of bagging measuring twenty one hundred forty two 5/8 yards & weighing twenty nine hundred (2942 5/8 lbs) — over

Forty seven coils of bale rope weighing thirty six hundred & eighty nine lbs (3489 lbs) & one bale of twine weighing sixty three lbs (63 lbs) all in good order which I promise to deliver in like order & without delay to Messrs Crocket & Adams Mercts of Nash —

Lexington (Ky) 8 Augt

Messrs Crocket & Adams

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 2nd Inst advising you of two loads of bagging being sent you by John Dalton & John Harris —

The present is to advise you I loaded Frederick Robbs waggons with forty one piece of bagging, forty seven coils of rope & one bale of twine (on the 6 Inst) as pr his rect a duplicate of which he will hand you. I yesterday loaded Asbery Amo's waggon with thirty six coils of bale rope & one bale of twine as pr rect a duplicate of which he will also hand you. The whole of this hauling I have paid them for as pr rects — On rect of the bagging & rope please advise me the situation of your market for the manufacture of this country, also exchange & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P.S. bagging is still selling @ 28 to 30 cents pr yard in Specie on delivery @ the factory here & expected to be higher — Exchange Notes or checks on the Eastern Cities is $205 210 for $100 — bale rope $7 in Silver 100 lb

Lexington (Ky) 19 Augt. 1822

Mr John G Lilburn
(Dr Sir)

Your esteemed favor of the 5th Inst. is duly received & contents noted — Mr Chinn is now @ the Blue Lick Springs; on his return I shall apply to him on your business & shall advise you of the result — I am glad you place is more healthy than reported, there has been more sickness here than usual, but is now quite healthy — My son John has been confined to his bed for 5 weeks with a rising in his side & the result, as to life, is very uncertain — I am just informed that Thos. Dougherty Clerk of the house of Representatives of the U S died here this morning @ 4 o'clock, he was on a visit to his daughter who lives in this place — You have no doubt head of George Wood having left this Country for home, I am sorry for him poor fellow his prospects are very different from what they were on his arrival here & I shall lose something considerable by him — Poor Peters I am afraid is lost; he cannot refrain from intoxication, he wrote me on the eve of his starting for the West Indies, I have heard nothing of him since — I shall be glad to see you when you come up here, & should think it prudent in you to take a trip to the Upper Country for a few weeks, until the weather gets more cool I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 12 August 1822

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
(Dr Sir)

Your esteemed favor of 19 & 26 Ulto

is duly received & contents noted — In yours of the 19 you mention rect. of the bagging pr. Tamerlane, but take no notice of the rect. of the rope pr. same boat, I shall not send you any more rope this season & hope you will be able to put off the rope I have sent you along with the bagging, I have (sometime ago) forwarded another waggon load of bagging to Mr. Berthoud with orders to send it on to you first safe opportunity, I am Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Bagging 28 to 30 cts. silver
Rope 6½ to 7 — (Do)

Lexington 13 August 1822

Mr. N. Berthoud
Dr. Sir

Within this few days three Hhds. of Tobacco has been forwarded (for John Luccock Esqr.) by Robt. Gray Tobaconist of this place, Mr. Luccock while here left money in my hands to settle for the Tobacco & the prising &c. — The prising I have been unable to settle for on a/c of the tobacconist not having large enough scales (or beam) to weigh the Hhds. when prised, will you please to have them weighed on their arrival, & forward the result to me so I may be able to settle the a/c, & hand Mr. Luccock his a/c & oblige Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully Yours
John Brand

Lexington Ky 15th August 1822

John McKinly Esqr

Sir When I had the pleasure of seeing you in Huntsville last, I was induced to believe you would be up here in June, am sorry you have not come up. — At the Montgomery Circuit Court my attorney got Col Owings's bill of Injunction dissolved for want of jurisdiction having been granted by magistrate. Immediately after being informed of this, I got another injunction out & forwarded it to Mount Sterling as the best point to make the money — I have since seen Col Owings who is very anxious to see you & wishes me to stop any further proceedings on the business until you come up, I refused to do it until I got advice, & as yet have done nothing to stay proceedings, He complains of being kept out of a great deal of money for want of the deed from you, he having sold some of the land — but the purchasers refuses making any payment until they receive a deed, I told him that you had informed me he was not to receive a deed until the land was paid for, he assured me that you was under a mistake & that he would shew me the article of agreement which stipulated that a deed was to be made to him whenever he applyed for it, & that he would not pay any more money until a deed was made to him, No money has been collected from the balance of the claims on Marshall, I am afraid that will be lost I think it not necessary to prosecute him any further of this however I shall be advised by my counsel in the suit when I see him — Please to advise me on receipt of this whether you will be up this season, as I should be happy to have the business amicably settled —

If you are not here by the fall Courts — I think it will be proper (& prudent) in me to abandon the suits against Owings & Marshall both, (if I can) & look to you for payments, this I shall be sorry to do on your a/c if I can possibly make any thing out of them — Waiting your reply I am Dear Sir — Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 18 Augst. 1822

Mr David Wendel

Dr Sir Your favor of the 8th Inst is duly received & contents noted — Bagging is now in demand @ 30 cents in silver & expected to rise — Orders is sent out to Allabd. by the Manufacturers here limiting their bagging @ 40 cents & rope 15 in good money, some have authorised them to take 50 in Cpr-cy for Bagging, I have no objections to take either of these prices, provided I can get a waggon to go to your place, or if you will send a waggon for the articles you shall have them at the price they are selling for here in silver, with the interest from the time of delivery until paid, or say the first of April, If you accede to either of these propositions you will please advise me on the rect. of this that I may limit my engagement to my ability to comply — There is a Gentleman here from Williamson County (a Mr Craig) made some arrangements for his neighbours, he informed me to day he expected a Mr Mason here to pur-chase about $2000 worth for himself & neighbours Should you see cause to prefer my offer to you in my letter of the 27th Ult — viz — the price to

what it is selling @, the first of January next in Nashville you may do so, or you may say the price shall be what it is selling for in Nashville the first of December as you see proper, if you make your selection by return mail I am Dear Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 20th Augst 1822

Leroy Pope Esqr
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 8 Inst is received duly last evening, proposing my furnishing you with 2500 yards bagging @ the current price in Huntsville the 20th Decr, the article to be delivered in part (or the whole) in all September next — I accede to your proposition & will endeavour to comply as early as possible, but in case I should be dissappointed in getting a waggon, as early as you might expect you may call on Mr F. T. Mastin (who has bagging of mine for sale) ~~[illegible]~~ & get half a dozen of piece on loan — If Mr Mastin is not @ home, Mr Hogue will let you have it which I hope will supply you until the waggon can reach you — Bagging is very much in demand, what I have on hand is sold @ 30 cents pr yard in Silver, Bale rope is 7 cents in silver pr lb — As to quality, I shall do my best to meet your wishes, & have no doubt you will find it @ least, not surpassed by any made in this Country —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. Your linneys are ready & expect will be forwarded in a few days —

P.S. Please advise me on the rest of this & oblige

B.

Lexington 21st Augt 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sir

Your favor of 31 Ulto is a hand & contents noted — I am sorry the yarns has turned so dull an article in your market, the ballance of our hemp purchased on joint ap will be made up into bale rope; & will soon be completed — The exchange here about the 4 Inst was 195 in Currency for $100 in U. S. notes, or checks

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Hemp 4½ to 5 Specie
Bale rope 7 pr lb Do
Bagging 30 pr yd Do
Exchange 105 to 110 Curr for $100 U.S.

Lexington Ky 12 Aug

Messrs Morgans & Turner

Dr Sirs

Your favor of the 14 Inst is duly received & contents noted, I am sorry at the result of the large note, & would wish you to take every legal step to recover the money as early as you can, the manner of procedure I shall leave to your own discretion, do as the note was your own — I am sorry I have to inform you I had the misfortune to have my bagging factory burned out night of the 22nd Inst with about 25 tons of hemp, some bagging, looms &cc, the loss will amount to about $5000 in Specie, I am again using exertion to rebuild, have purchased about 12 tons of hemp & expect to be in operation in two or three

I had calculated, of your purchasing cotton with the proceeds of the two notes, with the intention of getting down bagging & getting the cotton as return

but in consequence of my late misfortune I shall not have any to spare from my engagements earlier than November; when Postlethwait Brand & Co will have cotton in your place, I then expect to be able to forward you some —

Cotton is a very dull article here at present, a Mr Tappin of the house of Binks & Co of Courtland sold a parcel yesterday at $24 in Currency equal to $12 in Silver; I have 70 Bales on hand & hardly even any enquiry after it — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Wm Brandt

Bagging 30 cts in Silver & scarce
Rope 7 Do Do — plenty
Exchange 105 premium for currency

Lexington 29 Augt 1822

Thos P Percy Esqr
Huntsville
Sir

Your favor of the 7th Inst is received proposing my furnishing you with sixteen hundred yards of bagging, the price to be regulated by the price generally given for the article, the first day of next January in Huntsville — I agree to the above proposition, but as I had the misfortune to get my bagging factory burned the 22nd Inst (by accident) it may not be in my power to forward it as early as I wish; so that you may not be disappointed, I herewith enclose you an order on Mr F F Chastin for the loan of six pieces, which I hope will supply you until the ballance reaches Huntsville, I shall be able to start my factory into operation again in a few days — I shall embrace the first opportunity of forwarding yours & Col Pope's bagging as soon as ready

Lexington 29th August 1822

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Wm Brandt

F F Chastin Please to let Col Thos P have the loan of six pieces of my bagging & oblige Respectfully Yours John Brand

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Messrs L Edmondson & Co
Huntsville

Dr Sirs Your favor of the 12 Inst. is received & contents noted, I am willing my bagging & rope shall be sold by you at the same prices as is generally paid in Huntsville for bagging of a similar quality — & have no objections that you supply your particular customers, at the current price given the first day of January next in Huntsville — Or you may pay fifty cents in such Bank notes as are received in Huntsville in payment of debts, or forty cents in Silver as you may make the contract at the time of delivery, but I would recommend you to take notes for the debt, one third of the article & have the conditions clearly expressed in the body of the note, so that no difficulty may arise when the a/c is settled — I had the misfortune to have my bagging factory burned the night of the 22d Inst. with all my hemp, looms &c., loss about four or five thousand dollars in Silver, I am doing every thing I can to get into operation again, & expect to start next week — It will be some time before I can send you any more rope or Bagging as I have several contracts to fill & the above misfortune will throw me back in my calculations —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington / Ky / 29 Augt. 18

Messrs Crockett & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs Your favor of 22nd Inst. received & contents noted, Mr Smith appears to be determined to receive any thing but good money in payt. for his bagging

For myself, I lately purchased the store house occupied by Postlethwait Brand & Co, our payt. of $5500 I have to make in such Bank paper as is received in payt. of debts in Huntsville (Next May) so that currency will answer me at its value — I have been informed by Mr. Malone that 40 cents in silver has been offered him for a large quantity of Bagging before he left Huntsville & I have no doubt it will readily bring fifty cents in currency — I would recommend you to advise with Mr. Bradford the propriety of raising the price to fifty cents in currency & must leave the result to yourself & him for the present — as I know you will do the best you can for my interest — Bale rope ought to bring 15 or 16 cents Currency in your market, it is now @ $7 in Specie here & the carriage is now very high, say from 3¼ to 4 cents currency — At these rates & adding other charges, it would not be a business worth attending to, but must recommend you to push it off with my bagging at the best price you can, not less than 12½ cts pr. lb — Warfield & Co will forward you some fine No. of gun powder first opportunity —

I had the misfortune to have my bagging factory burned (by accident) on the night of the 22nd. Inst. with a large stock of hemp, looms & c c c, loss from $4 to 5000 in Silver; I am now doing every thing I can to get again into operation & expect to succeed in all next week — Please advise me occasionally the rates of exchange Bagging, rope & & oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Exchange 2 in currency for 1 in U.S.
Bagging 30 cents silver in demand
Rope 7 Do Do Nominal

Lexington Ky 29 Augt 1842

Col H A Anderson
Dr Sir

I received your esteemed favor of 23rd Ulto & note its contents — In my letter to you of 15th June I advised you not to sell my bagging @ less than 40 cents in silver, It is not my disposition to ask more for any article I have for sale than other people are selling at, the Manufacturers have limited their agents generally in Allabma not to sell at a less price than that I limited you at — Any of your particular friends that you think will pay you punctually you may let them have Bagging & Rope & twine @ what it is selling for in Huntsville the first day of next January, in such Bank paper as is generally received in Huntsville in the payt of debts, & collect the debts as soon thereafter as due — or you may sell at fifty cents pr yard in Bank notes as above — the rope & twine you will learn a what price it is selling & you may sell at same prices as others do — I had the misfortune to have my bag & rope factory burned on the 22d Mst by accident with a large quantity of hemp, looms &c, the loss estimated @ from $4 to 5000 in Silver, in consequence of which I may not be able to forward my contract with Col Sherrard as early as I intended — You will please to let the Colonel have Bagging & Rope to keep him a going until I can send on his bagging & rope & some rope & twine for you You will oblige me by informing the Col of this circumstance & endeavour to accomodate him as much as you can, as it always my wish to comply with my contracts as near as possible — I expect to get into operation again a week or two when every exertion will be made to the Col's contract along with rope & twine for you to sell with my bagging I am Dr Sir very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt John Brown

Lexington 29 August 1822

John Lucock Esqr.

To John Brand Dr.

To cash paid Gilbert for 3957 lbs tobacco @ 3½ cts	$138..28½
To Do. pd. Gray for 3 empty Hhds.	7..50
To prising 3298 lbs tobacco	16..50
To 1½ lb nails	00..37½
	162..66
By cash from Gray for 660 lbs refuse Tobacco	9..90
	152..76
Reduce to specie @ 2 for 1 cs	$76..38
Ballance of good funds on hand	43..62
	$120..00

Dr. Sir

Above you have a statement of your a/c, Ballance in my hands forty three dollars & sixty two cents, in good funds, for which you may draw on me at sight — I hope the three hhds. will enable you to try the experiment, but should have been pleased had the article been of a better quality, for I have understood from Gray it was rather an inferior crop — I hope your Journey has been agreeable to you, should you again visit this place it will give me great pleasure to be of service to you, — I had the misfortune to loose my bagging factory by fire on the night of 22..23 Inst. by the imprudence of one of my negroes going into the heckling house with a candle, in a lanthorn & fell asleep, it was with difficulty several of them escaped, the whole of my hemp, looms &c was consumed, the loss is estimated @ about $4000 in silver — I am repairing the [illegible] again & expect to get my hands @ work in three weeks from the time the factory is consumed

I am Dr. Sir Vy. Respty. your Obt. servt. John Brand

Received ~~Lenn~~ Dr Sirs

Above you have Elijah Polards rect. for six bales of cotton which I have sent you to sell for me on Commission, at the time I loaded the waggon I was in a hurry & did not weigh them, pay the waggoner according to his rect. & send me a list of the weights — Cotton is selling here @ 31 to 32 cents currency, do the best you can for me & if you can dispose of this soon I will forward you another load or two when receiving advice so to do — I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally the state of your market for this article —

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Bray

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

Lexington (Ky) 3rd Septr. 18

Messrs Samuel M Perry & Co
Bainbridge Allabn
Dr Sirs Your favor of the 25 Ulto is duly received & contents noted — I had intended to have sent you some Bagging & Rope to sell for me on Commission, but was not able to procure waggons to go to your place without a back load being guaranteed, which was out of my power to do — I had the misfortune to have my factory consumed by fire the 22nd Ulto & at present am doing nothing in manufacturing bagging, but expect to be again in operation in the course of next week, I have engaged to deliver about 4000 yds to three planters in Allabn which will be forwa

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-ing some to your Country, & if I can prevail
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it, for fear you may be dissiappointed —
Should an opportunity offer after my engage-
-ments are filled I will send it on as early
as possible & write you by mail immediately
it leaves here — I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 6 September 1822

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

Dr Sirs Your favor of the 4 Inst is duly
received & contents noted — You may sell
the cotton @ 31 cts pr lb or 15 in good money,
If you get it off soon & will advise me I will
send you some more —
Exchange from 100 to 102 premy Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. If you can procure some
good tow linen as sufficient quantity to make
it an object, you may exchange any quantity at
not exceeding 2/ pr yard — the coarser & wider
the better J. B. — — — —

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Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 6 September 1822

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

D.r Sirs, Your favor of the 4 Inst.t is duly received & contents noted — You may pay the cotton @ 31 cts p.r lb a 15 in good money, If you get it off soon & will advise me I will send you some more — Exchange from 100 to 102 prem.m Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

P.S. If you can procure some good tow linen in sufficient quantity to make it an object, you may exchange any quantity not exceeding 2/ p.r yard — the coarser & wider the better J. B. — — — —

Lexington 7 Septr 1822

Mr Paul Durett

Mt Sterling

Dr Sir I wish to Barter Brown sugar & Raw Cotton for good tow linen, they are both of good quality — I will allow 2/ p^{r} yard for the linen, & put in the sugar & cotton at thirty cents (each) p^{r} lb — — Should this exchange meet your wish please to advise me by mail & oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obed^{t} Servt

John Brand

P.S. Should you have any good strong plain linsey, with cotton warp I am willing to take what you have (also) @ a fair price

JB

Lexington 7 Septr 1822

Mr George Howard

Dr Sir Your favor of the 4 Inst^{t} is duly received accepting my proposition, to allow you two shillings for your tow linen, p^{r} yard, in exchange for some of my raw cotton, @ 31 Cents p^{r} lb — I have nearly thirty bales of cotton generally of good qu out of which you may select as much as will pay you for the amt^{t} of the bill of linen, which I wish you to do as soon as you can ascertain the amt^{t} of your Bill, so you may have yours of the best It will be out of my power to come up for your linen, I shall take it upon your recommendation, I have no doubt of your being pleased with the cotton it is a choice parcel — which I took great pains in selecting myself when in Allab^{a} last May —

When you get your linen all collected, please to forward it by the waggoner that will take up the cotton, & oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. I was on my way to your place on the 23 Ulto. — via Paris, (on this and other business) & should have been there on 23rd, but an express reached me at Paris on the morning of the 23 informing, my bagging was consumed by fire — I had no alter=native but return (& have been very engaged ever since in repairing, & will be some time yet to come. J.B.

Lexington 7 Septr. 1822

Mr Jas. A Brooks
Owingsville

Dr Sir
I wish to barter sugar or Raw cotton of a good quality for good tow linen, I will allow 33⅓ cents pr. yard for the linen & put in the sugar in ex=change @ 30 cents pr. lb — & the raw cotton @ 30 cents pr. lb — Should you have any quantity of this linen on hand (or can procure it) & this exchange would suit you, please to advise me by mail & inform me of the quantity you will have — The sugar & cotton are both of good quality I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

P.S. If you can procure any good strong linery with cotton warp & am willing to take what you have of that also @ a fair price
John Brand
J.B.

Lexington 9 Septr. 1822

Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co.
Dr Sirs
Inclosed you have Mr Merciers recd. for $200.. which I have this day paid him in currency on your a/c — exchange two in currency for one in silver,

There is a larger quantity of hemp raised in this State this year, than ever has been & it is already beginning to have a considerable effect on the market for that article, I would recommend your pushing off our yarns & rope as they arrive, as I am satisfied the raw material must fall very soon — I bought ten tons hemp a few days ago for my bagging factory, for which I had to give $5. Dr. Cwt. in silver, it can now be got @ $4 to 4 $\frac{50}{100}$ I am Dr. Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 9 Septr. 1822

Alexr. Gordon Esqr.

Dr. Sir I have this day paid Mr. Mercier $200 in currency on a/c of your house & have enclosed his rect. to their adress N Orleans for which you will please place me in funds as soon as convenient — I have advised your house to push off our yarns & rope as they may arrive as the Raw material must very soon fall; the quantity raised in this state this year, is considerably larger than ever has been & will soon have a considerable effect in lowering the ~~price~~ I am Dr. Sir

Respectfully
Your Truly
John Brand

P.S. I Really think you are exposing yourself & lady much, in remaining so long in Shipping port & if you will allow me to give you an advice, I would recommend you to move up to this section of the country, which is particularly healthy @ present

Lexington 13 Septr 1822

Mr Geo. Howard

Bot of John Brand

To 4 bales Cotton No 413.. 318 lbs 414.. 300 lbs 416.302 lbs	
& 407.. 298 lbs is 1218 lbs @ 30cts is ------	$365.40
To 2 Sackin Bottoms @ $5.50/100 each = ---	11.. 00
	376.40
Cr By your Bill of linen & $5 for hauling	360.25
By cash from Waggoner ----------	10.. —
Ballance due J. B. ----------	370.. 25
----------	6.. 15
	376.40

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 11th Inst is received pr Mr White (the waggoner) along with the linen, & ten dollars in a Commonwealth note to purchase two bed bottoms, the bed bottoms are of a superior quality, for which I had to give $5.50/100 each, the linen I have not had time, as yet, to look over, but have forwarded the four bales of cotton as pr bill leaving a ballance in my favor of six dollars fifty cents — The cotton I hope you will find satisfactory, I got Captn Postlethwait to go & select it for you, as he is a good Judge of the article & you had not sent any person to do it

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 14 Septr 1822

Mr F T Mastin. Huntsville Allabd

Dr Sir Your favor of the 14th July was duly received some time ago, acknowledgeing Rectt of Jesse Poor's load of bagging & rope in good order — Turn over

In my former letters to you, I limited the sales of my bagging, at (40cts) forty cents p.r yard in good money, which I had understood was the price the holders of that article had generally set upon it, & I see no reason at present for altering the price, as there will not be a supply for your market this season — But it is not my wish to ask more for my article, I have, than others are selling the same at, if of similar quality, I therefore wish you to enquire the terms Messrs. Cobb Balance & Co are selling at, & whatever they are selling for, you may do at the same price, & you may sell to any of your Customers, at the price that good bagging is selling at, the 15 day of next december in your place? — Or forty cents silver; cash, or fifty cents p.r y.d payable the 1st day of April 1823 in such bank notes as are generally received in payt. of debts in your place — the Rope I wish you to part off with the bagging at the price others are selling for in cash, or sold on credit a similar price to what others are selling for (also) on such terms, I have sent considerable quantity of bagging & rope to Natchez this summer, with which I will do much better than even, at the prices here limited, I have received advice from there of my bagging selling as high as 40 cents cash, & the charges for freight are not one third to what they are to your place

I had the misfortune to have my factory burnt by accident on the night 22d & 23d Ulto, previous to which I had engaged to supply Col Cope & Col Percy with their quantity, & you will oblige me by your loaning either of these Gentlemen a few

to keep them agoing untill I can forward their supply, which will be very soon, as my factory is again in operation I am Dr. Sir Yours &ccc

Exchange 2 currency for 1.. Rope 7 cts silver
Bagging 2 p.d silver

John Brand

Lexington 16 Septr. 1822

Mr George Howard

Dr Sir Your favor of the 14th Inst. is duly received covering six dollars twelve & ½ cents, Ballance & in full for four bales of raw Cotton

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Received Lexington 20 Septr. 1822 from John Brand, six bales of tow linen containing one thousand one & one fourth yards, & weighing eight hundred, & twenty six lbs. all in good order, which I promise to deliver in like order & without delay to Messrs Crocket & Adams Mercts. in Nashville Tennessee & upon the receiving advice of the safe (by J Br.) deliv

~~[illegible]~~

, the carriage to be paid over to Major John Tilford of this place at the rate of three dollars in Commonswealths Bank notes

signed triplicate rats

witness

Henry Warder (of Barren Cty Ky)

William M Brand

No. 1. contg. 7 cuts	25½ yds	15	17	32	16	17	7	is total						129½ yds
No. 2 contg. 7 cuts	27	13	19½	27¼	20	30	28							164¾
No. 3 contg. 6 cuts	24¼	15	22½	17	29	36½								144¼
No. 4 contg. 7 cuts	11¾	45	37½	10¾	21	14	34½							174½

No. 586 brought over

No 5 cont'g 11 cuts — 5 3/4 .. 21 .. 12 1/2 .. 12 1/4 .. 19 1/2 .. is total 7ds
11 1/2 .. 27 1/4 .. 13 1/2 .. 40 .. 20 1/2 .. 14 } is total 197 3/4

No 6 cont'g 11 cuts — 24 1/4 .. 20 .. 14 .. 17 1/2 .. 26 3/4 .. 14 3/4 .. 8
23 1/2 .. 21 1/4 .. 10 .. 11 1/2 — — — — 190 1/2
1000 1/4

Messrs Crocket & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs On the other side you have a bill & Mr Warders rect, for six bales of tow linen to sell for me on Commission, I think you will find it a good lot, this article is getting scarse in this market — You will do the best you can to sell it for cash, or short credit for good paper — & hold the money for this, as well as what you may receive for sales of my bagging & rope subject to my order — I have again got my factory in operation & am now making up my engagements with several of the Allabma planters & expect to be able to complete them in about four or five weeks & shall then be regulated as to what place I send to, by the demand & price in the different markets — I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally how you proceed in sales & the prices

Since I had the pleasure of hearing from you I have received advice from Natchez of sale of my bagging bringing me forty cents in silver in that market, which is much better than what that article sells for either in your place or Alb the Carriage & other charges being much less than in either place — I am Dr Sirs
Very Respect Your Obedt Servt
John Bra

Bagging 33 1/3 cents in silver
Rope 6 1/2 to 7 Do Do
Exch — 2 in Currency for 1 in silver

Lexin 20 Septr 1822

Cotton a mere drug at 20

Received Lexington 21 Septr 1822 from John Brand six bales of cotton in good order which I promise to deliver in like order & without delay to Messrs January & Sutherland, in Maysville (Ky) & upon delivery am to receive at the rate of Fifty cents pr 100 lb in Commonwealths Bank notes — for carriage

Signed duplicate rects William M Brand Thompson Fristo

Dr Sir

Above you have rect for six bales of cotton, should you not find it practicable to dispose of it soon, you will please to forward eight or ten bales of that which is in best order to Mr David Logan of Pitsburgh & advise me, Please to weigh & mark it & write me of the weights & oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P.S. I can send you more of you advise me to do so

Received Lexington 23d Septr 1822 from John Brand six Bales of cotton in good order which I promise to deliver in like order to Messrs January & Sutherland without delay, Mer Maysville, Ky, & upon delivery am to receive at the rate of fifty cents pr 100 lb in Commth Bank notes for hauling —

signed duplicate Signed Thomas Fristoe

witness signed J C Woodson

Dr Sirs above you have rect for six bales of cotton, in my letter to you of the 21 Inst I requested you to forward eight or ten bales to Mr David Logan of Pitsburgh, unless you can sell it soon you may forward twelve

to him, (first chance) & get clear of the Ballance as soon as you can for cash or good tow linnen, I am Dr Sir yours &c

J — B —

Lexington 30 Septr 1822

Mr Jno G Lilburn

Dr Sir Some days ago there was paid in my hands by Mr T H Hickey attorney of this place eighty two dollars & seventy five cents ($82.75 cts/100) in notes of the Commonwealth Bank of Ky, on a/c of Messrs Wm Watson & Co — Collected by Mr H. for a note forwarded to him by Mr W —, which is at their credit & subject to their order

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 8th October 1822

Mr Lewis Vimont

Dr Sir Above you have a check on our U S Branch for $417.10/100 left in my hands by Alexr Gordon Esqr —, which was received this day

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 8 October 1822

Alexr Gordon Esqr

Dr Sir I received this day four hundred & seventeen dollars & ten cents ($417.10/100) from Mr David A Sayre on your a/c & have remitted a check for the amt to Mr Lewis Vimont Post Master Pittsburgh — I expect to go down to Mr Sattenstall

in a few days, & close our a/c for the manufac-
ture of our Joint concern in Rope & Yarns
when I will forward you a copy —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 8 October 1822

Mr David Logan
Pitsburgh

Dr Sir

I had this pleasure the 19 July, since which I have concluded to forward you a few Bales of cotton to sell for me on commission & have this day received advice from January & Sutherland covering Halderman & Davis rect. for 12 bales, as under, total 3982 lb — being shipped on board the Keel boat Dandy which left Maysville the 5th Inst. — (you will please to dispose of this lot at the fair price in your market as early as you can, as the new crop will soon be in market & expected to be fine & at a low price should you succeed in disposing of this early to good a/c I may forward you some more as I have about 40 Bales yet on hand, & this market is now full of the article, & purchasers hold back, calculating on the low price of the new crop — Mrs Brand Joins me in best respects to Mrs Logan & yourself I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully Yours
John Brand

List of 12 bales of cotton forwarded David Logan to sell on commission, Viz: 348. 357. 323. 344. 352. 309. 306. 309. 347. 360. 309 & 318 is total 3982 lbs

P.S. I had the misfortune along with Dr. C. Warfield to become the endorser & to advance money to Mr. [redacted]ge Wood Brewer of this place & have now had to take his brewery for the debt—; at present there is only a small establishment carried on by Mr. Counel who makes very bad liquor (in the old establishment, & even cannot supply the demand, I am of opinion a good brewer would succeed well here as there is a great many European mechanics in this town & neighbourhood who would prefer good malt liquor to spirits. Should you know of an industrious sober good brewer who would wish to carry on this business here you can refer him to either of us, we would prefer selling the property, but if we cannot do that, we will rent it at a fair rent— I am particularly desirous to have good porter here such as I drank in your place when last there— You will oblige us if you will cast your eyes round you for a man of the above description & let us know the result. J.S.

Lexington 14th October

Willm Ward Esqr.

Choctaw Agency

Dr Sir I received your esteemed favor of the 12th a few days ago & noted its contents— I would have wrote you immediately on its recpt but have been busy rebuilding my bagging factory, which I had the misfortune to have burned the 22nd Augt by accident— You do not mention the price Mr Henderson would be willing to pay for bagging on delivery, otherwise I might have forwarded that quantity— but am afraid, before I could receive an answer it would be too late to forward, as the Mr H will better look some other where for his supply

this season —

I have got my factory (again) into operation & am now busy employed in making up my engagements for Allab^a which will be completed in all next week — nothing new (worth mentioning) here at present — Mrs B. joins me in tendering our best respects & am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Hemp 6$ to 7 pr cut — curry

Bale rope 13 cts pr lb &c.

Bagging 60 to 66 2/3 currency

Exchange 2 in Cur — for 1 in Silv

Lexington 14 October 1822

Jas Trimble Esqr (Dr Sir

Your favor of the 4th Inst is duly received — Col Owings has enjoined in our Court & filed the original contract with Mc Kinley, one of the provisions of which is, that a deed shall be made to the land (for which the notes were given) when demanded, & he refuses to pay any more untill he receives the deed — Mr Mc Kinley has been expected here this some time, & I had thought it advisable, to let the business lay untill his arrival, should he not arrive soon I will have to take advice how I am to proceed to recover the money either from Owings or Mc Kinley — I am Dr Sir Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 15 October 1822

Thos P Percy Esqr
Huntsville

Dr Sir I have this day loaded John Pemberton's & Willm Fairs waggons with four thousand four hundred, fourteen & 1/2 yards of bagging addressed to Col Pope which I hope will reach you in good öder, there is a few hundred yards over complying with my engagement with you & the Col should either of you want it you may take it on the same terms as you take the other, the quality I hope will give you satisfaction, I am satisfied there is none better made in this country — Please to advise me on the rect of it & when I hope to hear of its giving you satisfaction, & hope this will only be an introduction to our further correspondence — I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P.S. I hope the misfortune of having my factory burned will be a sufficient apology for not being able to forward it earlier J.B.

Lexington 15th October

Leroy Pope Esqr

Dr Sir Above you have John Pembertons rect for 1/2 piece of bagging, twenty two hundred & eight & 1/2 yards of bagging & Wm Fairs rect for forty two piece, twenty two hundred & six yards, in all four thousand four hundred fourteen & 1/2 yards (4414 1/2 yards), which I hope will reach you in good öder, should they not deliver it in good öder you will please to have the damage assessed & advise me of the result that I may be

able to settle with them on their return —
There is to complete your engagement 2500 yards
Col Perceys is 1600 yards, (which you will much
oblige me if you will hand over to him) — will
leave 314½ yds of a surplus, you may either keep it yourself
on the same terms as the other, if you should want
it, or let Col Percey have it if he should want
it on the same terms as he receives the other —
But should neither of you want it please to
hand it over to Mr. F. T. Washm —
The quality I hope you will find equal if
not superior to ~~most~~ of the bagging made
in this country, what I have sent to Natches this
season has given great satisfaction & has sold at
from 37½ to 40 cents pr. yard in silver & the
Carriage on the article to that market is very
trifling compared to the carriage to your place
I shall be glad to hear from you on its arrival
I am Dr. Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P. S. I hope the misfortune of having my
factory burned will be a sufficient apology for not
being able to forward it earlier — J. B.

Lexington (Ky) October 14 1822

Messrs. L. Edmondson & Co
Moonsville

Dr. Sir
Your favor of the 2d. Inst. was received last
evening & contents noted — It is very difficult to
get waggons to go to your place without being insured
of a return load — & the cotton I have in Allabr. will
only answer for return loads for the engagements I have
already made with Col. Pope & others — but if

you could make me up 7 or 8 bales of cotton of the first pick for each waggon (at the price current when received) I will endeavour to forward you 4 or 5000 yards & some rope & twine to sell along with it — my engagements will be completed by the end of next week & should you see cause to write me by return mail (by the time I can receive your letter) I can shortly have a waggon load or two ready — I have this day forwarded two waggon loads to Col Pope & Col Percy (4414½ yds) for which they are to pay me the price that bagging is selling for in Huntsville the 20th next Decr should any of your customers see cause to take a load or two on same terms, I will supply them as soon as I can, if they will obligate themselves to furnish seven or eight bales of cotton each waggon as a return load, of the first picking at the price it is selling at in Huntsville the date it is received — I have this day received advice from Huntsville that bagging is at fifty cents pr yard in Specie —

The waggons forwarded to day has an order on Keys & Duncan for one load of cotton & on George Peck Decatur for one load —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 15 October 182[illegible]

Mr John G Lilburn
Dr Sir I received your esteemed [illegible] of the 7th Inst —, Inclosed you will receive ninety [illegible] dollars & twenty five cents — the amt of 82.75/100 [illegible] from Mr Hickey & the eight dollars & 45 cents expenses on [illegible] two bags of coffee, overpaying five cents for want of

change — I am sorry you did not give me a call when you was up here — there is a small ballance in favor of the house in N Orleans, in my hands, originated in the purchase of the coffee but I expect to be shipping something for them during the ensuing season & will let that lay untill a further a/c — Wishing you may get your business closed in this country to your satisfaction & success in your business below I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P. S. As I gave Mr Hickey a rect for the amt received from him, you will please acknoledge the rect of this money — J B

Lexington 1822

Lexington, Ky, 26 October 1822
Mr George Peck Decatur Dr Sir On the 15 Inst I loaded two waggons with Bagging for Henry Pope Esqr Huntsville, To one of the waggoners (John Pemberton) I gave an order on you for the 9 Bales of Cotton you had for me when I was in your plain, for sales of Bagging &c — I hope he will not be detained — When you load him please to take his rect & forward me a list of the weights (by mail) of the Different Bales that I may give you credit for the amount & be enabled to settle with the waggoner, & you will Much oblige very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 26 October 1872

Mr Samuel Pike

Dr Sir I received your favr of the 21st Inst. yesterday & observe its content In answer I have seen Mr Reynolds & read your letter to him & at the same time stated to him that I wished him not to make any statement to me, that he would not make before you or the arbitrators, — He stated that he knew who you meant for your witness (in Alabama), he had stated to him, that he was as well treated while he lived in your family as ever he was treated in his life or ever would wish to be, & he respected your family highly for it, & always would do & that he never was treated better by any man than he was by you while he lived in your house, this he had told repeatedly & would again at any time before any person — Thus I hope will satisfy you, he intends being at your court by the day set for trial & will either call on you himself or get some friend to do it & would be willing to go into the arbitration then if you be cause With respect to my being one of the arbitrators, I must decline it, It will give me great pleasure to be any service to you in the settling of your business but this man is in the employ of a Company with whom I am deeply interested, & in consequence I think it would be highly improper to have any in the business, but doubt not you can find some in Paris more competent to settle the business than I am, & I would really recommend you to settle the business in this way in preference to settling it by law — Reynolds says he is willing to chose his man & you may chose the other, & if they disagree

they shall have the choosing of their own umpire this I think is fair & would be glad, as I have very little doubt that the result will be more satis=factory to both of you, than by being settled by a litigious law suit—

I am Dr Sir Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand
Lexington 30th October

Alexr Gordon Esqr.
Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 23rd Inst. is duly received & contents noted— Inclosed you have a/c of expences on hemp manufacture on joint a/c with your Co, & myself, as handed me by Mr. Saltenstall, You will observe the hemp stands us low, being laid in early; when it advanced from $8 to $10 in currency pr. Cwt. I stopt. purchasing —
although we are unfortunate in making so much of it into yarns I still hope it will nett us a profit & would recommend getting clear of it all as early as possible, as the quantity of hemp made this year must reduce the price (the ensuing season) very much

I received advice from the man I sent to Virginia a short time ago, he had then bought eleven boys, six of them cost on an average $337.50/100 they are about 12 years of age, the other four will cost about $400 a piece, exclusive of all his expenses, the last mentioned four is from 14 to 16 years of age— I purchased two myself (here) last week, a man for my farm 22 years old for which I gave $450 in silver & a boy 11 to 12 years old for which I gave $325 in silver, from these prices you will perceive they can be bought here cheaper than sending town Virginia for them,

the demand for them there has encreased the price very much, from 3 to 4000 has been taken from Virginia this summer, at my last advice several purchasers had arrived at Richmond from New Orleans, one of which offered my agent $500 each for 30 of what cost me $425.

The ballance I shall want I will purchase in this country — the only negroes that can be purchased on reasonable terms in that country at present, are families, they can often be purchased low, if that description would suit you I have no doubt you can be accomodated & it will give me great pleasure in aiding you to get a trusty person to go in for you, as it will not in the least interfere with my arrangements —

Mrs Brand & myself tenders you & Mrs Gordon our grateful acknowledgement for your polite offer, to procure any thing we may want in New Orleans during the winter when we have made up our mind what we will want we will avail ourselves of your politeness — Wishing you both health & happiness I am (Dear Sir)

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

N. B. the compensation I gave my agent to go to Virginia to purchase negroes for me, is one dollar pr. day & his expences, I sent two horses with him & gave him orders to purchase a light waggon there to assist them out — JB

Lexington 5 Novr 1822

Alexr Gordon Esqr
Dr Sir I have this day advanced T T Ph Mercier Esqr two hundred dollars in currency on a/c of your house, for which you will please to place me in funds when convenient — I forwarded you some days ago, an a/c of our joint investment with L T S Altenstall which I hope you will find correct

I am Dr Sir
Very Sincerely
Yours &c John Brand

N B. Mr Berthoud will please to attend to the above should Mr Gordon have left Louisville for N. O. — J. B.

Lexington 5 Novr 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans
Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 9 Septr & have since received your favor of the 28th — contents noted —

Above you have Mr Merciers rect for $200 in our currency, exchange $ 180 in Currency for 100 in good money — I am still of the same opinion Viz, to get off our Rope & Yarns as soon as possible, as the quantity of hemp made in this country this season is very great, & when it comes into market will be low, besides our currency is improving & I should be glad to get the returns from the sales as early as possible —

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Hemp $6 to 7 in Currency pr. Cwt.
Whiskey 50 cents pr. gal Do
Pork 4cts to 5 pr. lb Do
Bagging 30 to 33⅓d Silver, pr. yard
Exchange $180 in Currency for $100 U.S.

Lexington 13 Novr. 1822

Messrs. Morgans & Turner
Huntsville
Dr. Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 18th Ulto. is duly received & contents noted, I have been endeavoring to send on some bagging to Allabr. this some weeks, but as yet have been unable to procure waggons to go, in consequence I have concluded to forward what I have on hand to Natches via Louisville, by advice I received from there by last mail, I learn that all I have sent on there is sold @ from 37½ to 40 cents, which will not me more than 40 in silver in Allabr., as the carriage &cc is less than to your country, the demand for the article in Louisianna is encreasing as there no appearance of a sufficient supply arriving from Europe, the price is expected to advance, I see the principal Manufacturers here are sending their bagging to Louisville, in consequence of the encreasing demand for the article below, however, should it not fall in price in your market, viz, 50 cents in currency, I shall likely forward you so soon, if I can procure waggons to go, I will feel obliged to you by being occasionally advised the state of your market for cotton, Exchange, articles of our Country Manufacture I am Dr. Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Bra

Bagging 33 1/3 pr. yd. specie
Rope 6 to 7 — Do
Flour 3 to 4 currency pr. 100 lbs.
Whiskey 50 cents pr. gal. Do
Exchange 80 to 85 prem in Curry

P.S. Our currency is in a very unsettled state at present & no calculations can be made what it will settle down at untill the rising of our Legislature, It depends entirely on their proceedings whether it apreciate or depreciate, they have it entirely in their power

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Lexington 14 Novr. 1822

Mr. David Logan
Pitsburgh

Dr. Sir Your esteemed favors of the 17th & 30th Ulto. is duly received & contents noted

Mr. Shires is not the description of a person we want for a brewer, our object is to sell if possible, if we cannot effect that, we will rent, of course it will require the person to have some capital —

I am satisfied with the sale you have made of the cotton, I expect a parcel more from Allabra. in a few days, when I will be able to forward you fifteen or twenty bales more —

A Company composed of Dr. Elisha Warfield Major John Tilford & myself, doing business under the firm of Warfield & Co. own a large powder works & distillery, in Tessamine County

They have ordered about two waggon loads of Salt Petre & Brimstone from McDonald & Ridgely of Baltimore, to be forwarded to you —

Immediately on its arrival you will please

to forward the whole to Warfield & Co. Lexington to the care of Messrs. Tannary & Son, Maysville. For any expenses incurred you will please to make use of any of mine in your hands, & charge me with it. I am Dr. Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 16 Nov. 1822

Jas. Trimble Esqr.
Mt. Sterling

Dr. Sir I wrote you the 14 Ulto. advising that Col. Owings had filed a Bill of injunction in our Court & had filed the original contract with Mr. McKinly — as Mr. M. has not yet arrived & there is very little prospect of his being here this winter, I have concluded to file a Cross Bill against both Owings & McKinly & endeavour to make the money out of Mr. M. — To enable me to do so will you be so good as to send me a statement of the charges, which I have a right to charge against them in my Cross Bill, — The charges I mean is all the expenses damages costs in the Suit, wherein you was employed by me to get a bill of injunction dissolved, which Col. Owing had filed in your Circuit Court & in which you was successfull —

Your Reply to the above will oblige Dr. Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. Please to write me as soon as you find it convenient as my attorney here will leave here soon for the eastward

Lexington 20th Novr 1822

John H Watson Esqr

Dr Sir It is with regret, that I am under the necessity of calling on you, for a statement in writing, of the conversation that took place between you, Mr Robt Frazer & myself, at the time I had a transfer made in his favor, of $1.100, on the books of Messrs Wm R Watson & Co in 1819 — & also any subsequent conversation with him on that business, & whether or not, Mr Frazer has has ever been refused the money, & W. F. did not refuse to take the money some time in the spring of 1820, or at any other time —

The business between Mr F. & myself, is left to arbitration, & I think it is a duty I owe, myself, as well as my family, to have as clear a view of the business laid before the referas as possible, in order, that any impression (to my prejudice) made on the minds of any gentleman, by Mr Frazers statement, may be removed, I hope the above explanation will be a sufficient apology —

& I assure you it is with reluctance I have been compelled to resort to you, knowing the delicate & disagreeable situation, of being called on, to give evidence, between those with whom you have been so long, in the habits of intimate & social intercourse — Your early attention to the above, will confer a favor, on Dr Sir Sincerely Yours with esteem

John Brand

Lexington 20th Novr 1822

W W Worsely Esqr Present

Dr Sir

It is with extreme regret, that I am under the necessity, of calling on you for a statement of the conversation, between Mr Robt Frazer & myself last winter, (in his house) at the time I called on you to go with me to Mr Frazer to enquire what he had to alledge against me in our transactions with regard to the closing our tobacco shipment to Europe —

— You will oblige me if you will state in writing, whether or not, Mr Frazer alledged anything (at that interview) wherein he was dissatisfied with my conduct in regard to that business, except the transfer by me in his, in his favor, on the books of Messrs Wm R Morton & Co for $160 & whether or not you recollect of my observing to Mr Frazer, when he made his complaint of that transfer —, that if that was all he had to comp of, in the transaction I would take it back again & whether he made any complaint on any other part of the transaction, during the interview — & if you recollect of my observing to Mr F, — That I was sorry he had ever complained to any person of that circumstance, for if he had told me he had been in the least displeased with it at the time or any subsequent period, I would have taken it back again. I hope you will excuse this trouble, as I know the delicate situation of giving evidence between with whom you have long been in habits of intimacy, The business between Mr F & myself

left to arbitration, & I think it is a duty I owe myself & family to lay as clear a view of the business before the referees as possible, That in the result I may be able to remove any impression (to my prejudice) that may have been made on the mind, of any of my friends, by Mr Frazer statement — Your reply as early as convenient will oblige (Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 21 Novr. 1822

Mr John Smith

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 16 Inst. is this day received, enclosing Mrs Braddys order on Mr Robt. Scott for thirty four dollars, which is herewith returned, Mr Scott says he remitted all Mrs Braddys money (he had in hand, by Mr John S Snead a few weeks ago, & therefore refuses to pay this order — Inclosed you have a/c of moneys paid to & for your brother William, amounting to three hundred & ~~twenty~~ 70 seven dollars & ninety six cents ($377.96) the amount to your credit is two hundred & twenty nine dollars & sixty two & 1/2 cents, leaving a ballance in my favor of one hundred & forty eight dollars & thirty three & 1/2 cents ($148.33 1/2 / 100) William has several small accounts which has not yet been brought in, I presume not exceeding thirty or forty dollars — I have made enquiry to day at Mr Worsley what I ought to charge for bed board washing &c for Wm his reply was three dollars pr. week in

cheerfully, but as it is not my wish to make a profit on Wm I shall only charge you fifteen shillings. William came to my house the 24th last December, of course by that time (on the 24 next month) there will be one years Board & lodgings &c due which will amount to one hundred & thirty dollars in silver. I wrote you the 8th of April last requesting you to purchase from fourteen to twenty buffaloe robes for me for my negro bed clothes, since which I have not heard from you concerning them, Willm informed me some time ago that you had procured them, but they have never come to hand, will you be so good as to write me first mail & let me know when I may expect them, as the weather is getting cold & my negroes are very much in want of them — I requested you to forward them to Mr N Berthoud of Shippingport — We have been anxiously looking for you here this some weeks & Willm will be very much disappointed if you dont come up & see him, are sorry Mrs Smiths health will not allow you to proceed on your Journey to the Eastward, but hope she is on the recovery Mrs Brand joins me in tendering our best respects to you both & your Grand Mother

I am Dear Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

P.S. I have just learned from William that the letter he received from you to day, informed him you had left Louisville for home. Present our best respects to your Brother &c

Lexington 25 Novr 1822

Mr Robt Frazer

Sir Shortly after my arrival at home from England (in 1818) I addressed three letters to you (in Ireland) dated December 19th 23d & 29th — These three letters, & also one from Messrs Reid Irving & Co to you, quoting an extract from a letter addressed to Jas Peters & Co from Mr P Schatzell, may be of use to me in elucidating our real situation & understanding of the business when I parted from you in Liverpool — As it is my sincere wish that Justice, should be done between us in the present arbitration, referred to Mr Harper & Mr Robt S Barton (& I have no doubt it is yours also) & I will be obliged to you to allow me the use of these letters to lay before the arbitrators — When they have done with them they shall be returned to you, I cannot help expressing my regret, to you at the present moment, that you did not whenever you felt yourself agrieved, communicate your sentiments to me fredly, as I have no doubt when my explaining the business to you as it occured, You would never have censured my conduct in the transaction, Your answer will oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 2d Nov 1822

Messrs John Henderson & Sons

Natchez (Miss) Your esteemed favors of

20 August 6 Septr & 5 & 25 Ulto has been duly received & contents noted, I am very much gratified at my bagging giving satisfaction to the purchasers & shall do my best endeavours to maintain its reputation — I have been this some time forwarding what I have made to Allabama to fill some engagements I made there last spring, (excepting some small sales I have made here) so soon as my present engagements are completed I expect to forward you some more if I can do it in time for the season of packing — will be glad to hear from you occasionally the state of your market for articles, the produce of this country — When any of my funds comes into your hands you will please remit them in small checks on the eastward & oblige Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington Ky 26 Novr 1822

Messrs Crocket & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs
Your esteemed favors of the 9 Ulto Pr Mr M Smith was duly received & contents noted — I hope by this time that all my bagging & rope &c &c has been disposed of — On recd of this you will oblige by advising me what article (if any) of mine are yet unsold, the amt of money on hand & what time the ballance will be received & prospects of sales for the ballance of this season — I have been selling my bagging as fast as I could get it out of the loom @ 33 1/3 cents specie delivered at my factory door, what I have sent to Natchez

all been sold at from 37½ to 40 cents —
Warfield & Co has again their Powder Mills &
distillery in operation, & will now make about
300 lbs Powder pr Day & about four of five
barrels of whiskey; they would also be pleased to know
the situation of their business, & prospects of
sales for gun powder, & what moneys of theirs
are in your hands — Rope is selling @ 13 cents
currency — Tow linen none in market &
very little making, the Country people are
generally employed in making linceys & Jeans
for their winter clothes I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange
U.S. notes & checks 85 to 88 prem for Curry
Tennessee notes — 50 — Do Do Do nominal
Specie 85 — Do
Lincey plain Cts — 100 pr yd Do
Janes — 150 to 200 cts Do
Tow linen 33⅓ Do none
Socks 75 cents pr pair Do scarse
Bagging 33⅓ Do silver
Rope — 12 to 13 Curry

Lexington, Ky 11th Decr 1822

Col. H. A. Anderson
Dolin
which I wrote you the 29th Augt — since
which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from
you — In that letter I requested you to supply
Col Sherrard with what bagging & rope he might want
to keep him going so he should not be dissiappointed
in his engagements with me for those articles (as I
had met with the misfortune of having my factory

& would not be able to forward his so early as I expected — I have now to inform you that I have had two waggon loads of bagging & rope ready for to send on to him for five weeks I had engaged Willm Lewis of Tessamine to leave here with it in October, he never came & by the time I learned he would not go, I could not get any waggons to go, I have ever since been doing my best to procure waggons to go, but as yet have not been successfull & as the winter has set in & the immense rains we have had has made the roads so bad, I am afraid it will be out of my power to get them to go this winter, you will therefore on rect of this lay by as much of my bagging & rope that you have on hand as will fill his contract, & deliver it to him, should I be able to get waggons to go I shall still forward it —, but I will rather run the risk of losing the sale of what I have on hand, than that he should be dissappointed — please to advise me on rect of this what situation my business is in your hands viz, what is unsold & the price it is now at & what prospects you have of a full supply of these articles Should I be able to procure waggons to go; I shall write you immediately on their departure — I am

Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 1 Decr 1822

Col B Sherrard

Courtland — Dr Sir

I wrote Col Anderson the August, of my having had the misfortune of

having my factory burned, & requested him to supply you with what Bagging & Rope you might stand in need of untill I could forward you what I had engaged to deliver you, I have had two waggon loads of bagging & rope ready to send you this five weeks, but was disappointed in the waggons I first engaged & have not been able to procure others since I learned he would not go — We have had immense falls of rain for this several weeks & the roads are excessively bad, there has been two days of severe frost, which will still make them worse, so that it will be very doubtfull if waggons can be got to go to your country this winter, On rect. of this you please apply to Col — Anderson & request him to keep as much as will fill your contract if he has it; & do the best you can to get the ballance; should it be in my power I shall still forward it, but I will rather run the risk of losing the sale of what I have on hand than that you should be disappointed, I had also procured some Jeans for you & am very sorry indeed that it has been out of my power to send on the whole, please to write me so soon as you get your supply from Col Anderson & let me know how you have succeeded & what you want — if he should not have sufficient to fill your contract

I am Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington 5 Decr. 1822

Messrs. January & Sutherland
Maysville

Dr Sirs Your favor of the 5th October was received sometime ago — covering Bill of lading for twelve bales of cotton forwarded to Mr. David Logan of Pittsburgh, since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you, Please advise me what of my cotton is yet on hand unsold & the state of your market — I expect two loads from Alabama daily, & have 8 or 10 bales on hand, for which I wish to find a market, waiting your reply

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 7 Decr. 1822

Mr. Francis T. Mastin
Huntsville

Dr Sir I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since I wrote you by Mr. Smith — Please to advise me what if any, of my bagging & rope on hand is unsold, & whether you have collected the money & what sort of funds it consists of, I prefer the funds should be either in United States Bank notes, sylver, or your currency at its value, I am not fond of some of the southern notes & will prefer that you should take as little of that kind of paper as possible, if any, — Your answer will much oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington, Ky 17 Decr 1842

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville

Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 20th Ulto is duly received & contents noted — Since I had the pleasure of seeing your Mr Turner here, my bagging has principally gone down the river to the Natchez market (both) as the price netted more there than with you & also the difficulty of procuring waggons to go to your country, I shall have on hand (in a few days) something upwards of six thousand yards of Bagging, & rope & twine in proportion, If I can procure waggons to proceed I will forward you two or three loads, but as the winter has set in very severe, I am afraid they will be hard to get, I can sell the whole of it at 33 1/3 cents pr yard in silver delivered at my factory, but will prefer sending to you if I can procure waggons — There is little if any tow linen now in this market & none now making, so you can hardly expect any more of that article from this country this season — If I can get waggons to go I shall advise you immediately on their departure — Our currency has lately improved & is now at $85 prem — for U S notes or silver — I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John Braced

N.B. You will oblige me if you will inform Col Leroy Pope, that if he has no objections, I will prefer the price of the Bagging delivered him; to be rated at the currency price as I have a debt payable in your

place next spring — & that I wish particular=ly to know his wish on this subject, that I may make my arrangements accordingly — get a definite answer from him & advise me —

T. P.

Lexington 10th Decr 1822

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville
Ohio

I this day loaded four bales of cotton in Robt Fristoe's waggon & two bales in James Arthurs, in all six, which I hope will reach you in good order — If you see a prospect of disposing of any of it immediately, you may detain what quantity you think you can sell, but if there is no prospect of getting clear of it early, I wish you to forward all this & also the bale on hand to Mr David Logan of Pittsburgh on my a/c, & render me an account of sales of what you have sold & remit the proceeds so soon as convenient, I daily expect 17 Bales from Alabama which I shall forward you on its arrival either to dispose of or forward as above as you may think most adviseable — As I under=stood by your Mr January that what you have sold has been for specie, you may, either draw on me at sight for the carriage or other expenses incurred in Commonwealths notes, or exchange the specie for that paper to pay charges as you may think most adviseable I am Dear Sirs

Very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt
John Bra

Exchange 85 to 90 prem — for
U. S. notes or silver —

Lexington 12 Decr. 1822

Col. H. A. Anderson
Dr. Sir

I have at last succeeded in forwarding you bagging, & rope, & twine to enable me to fulfill my engagement with Col. Sherrard — my engagement was to deliver fifteen hundred yards of Bagging, fifteen hundred lbs of rope & twenty five lbs of twine — expecting he has received part of the contract from you, I have thought it best to forward you this load, so you can hand him over what will complete his contract, the ballance you can dispose of as formerly — Col Sherrard requested me to send him about 30 yards of Jeans, I have sent, one hundred & nine yards, the small role of 16 3/4 yds. I think ought to bring 1.25 cents pr. yard in Silver, & the other three pieces, say a dollar in silver — the fine piece sells here at two dollars our currency, & the others at nine shillings pr. yard — What Col. S may want of this lincey you may let him have & the ballance left — you will please dispose of for me for the best price you can — I have late advices from Huntsville that informs me bagging is very scarse there the price 50 cents in currency pr. yard Rope 15 cts. pr. lb & twine 45 to 50 cents pr. lb — I should be glad you can dispose of all you have at these, & have the money collected by the time I reach your place — say the first of April — You will find the length of the Jeans marked on the ends of each piece, I have wrapped it in two cuts of tow linen containing three yards in each cut I thought it best to cut it that length so

that it would make two shirts for negroes — & sell the better — Please to write me on rect. of this & let me know the situation of my business in your hands — The cotton that is left over you will please to take good care of for me & I would suggest your sending for that which is at Browns ferry — & any other not at your own house, as you can take better care of it under your own eye — Your reply in course of mail will very much oblige

Respectfully Yours
John Brand

P.S. Please present my respects to Col Sherrard & say I am sorry I could not forward the articles earlier

What prospect is there of getting anything from Holmes for F B & Co —

You will recollect I authorised you to take cotton of first quality in payt. of the debt. if you should have to give ½ a cent more than customary —

In all the collections of money or the sale of property — I would have no objections to receiving the currency the currency of the currency at its value or depreciation —

Lexington (Ky) Oct 15

Col Benjamin Sherrard
Courtland
Dr Sir

I wrote you the first Inst. advising my being disappointed in getting waggons to go on with the bagging &c I had engaged to deliver you — & ~~[illegible]~~ is requesting you to call on Col Anderson to

supply you with the quantity I had engaged to deliver you — The present is to advise you that I loaded Mr Fears waggon with 137 Yds of bagging & 1118 lbs of rope, 64 lb twine & 109 yards of Canes, on the 12th inst, which is forwarded to Col. Anderson, I on the same day wrote him & requested that you should have your quantity of any of the articles sent, that you might want handed over to you, in case that he should not have been able to give you enough to fill your contract with what he had on hand — I hope the misfortune of having my factory burned & the disappointment I met with from the waggoners (mentioned in my letter to you of the 1st inst) will be a sufficient apology for my not sending on the articles earlier, I assure you I have been very much mortified at the circumstance, but hope you have suffered no inconvenience

You can take of the Canes what you may want & the price we can settle when I see you, which I hope will be about the last of March

Please to write me when you receive the balance of your contract & let me know how you are pleased with the articles, which I hope you will find of a good quality I shall not send any more to your quarter of the country this season, & therefore wish you to finish your supply out of this parcel

Waiting your reply I am D.r Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington Ky 19 Dec. 1822

Jas. Trimble Esqr.
Mt. Sterling

Dr Sir I wrote you the 16th Ult. requesting the favor of you to furnish me with a list of the legal charges incurred on the suit between Col. Owings & myself, wherein you was employed to have his Bill of injunction dissolved, which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you, my object is to file a cross Bill in the Court (as the Col. has again filed a Bill of injunction there) & make Mr. McKinley a party, so that I can make my money, as there is no prospect of my being able to make it out of Col. Owings until he receives a deed for the land for which the notes was given— I embrace the opportunity of my son William going to your place, & have requested him to call on you & obtain a list of the legal charges in the suit you was employed, that I may properly add to the original debt & interest, Should it be inconvenient to you to oblige me so far, will you be so kind as to advise him where he can be furnished with such a list, as I am anxious to have my cross bill filed before my attorney leaves this County for the Eastward, Your reply will very much oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.
Thos. P. Barr

P.S. the expenses which I suppose would be a proper charge, is your legal fee— 2nd the Sheriffs Commission & fee for levying the execution the expenses incurred in the Clerks office, & the damages usually allowed by law in such cases fees of which I am at present entirely ignorant of

Lexington 20 Decr 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans Dr Sirs Above you will receive Mr Merciers rect for two hundred dollars advanced him on your a/c this day —

I had this pleasure the 5 Inst since which your esteemed favors of 20th & 25 Ulto has been received & contents noted, exchange is nearly the same as when last I wrote you but is expected to improve as it will be slowly withdrawn from circulation, The crop of hemp will not turn out so large as was expected, the fibre being very light a good many of our farmers have not laid their crop down to rott calculating on the quantity raised that the price will be very low — but I am still of the opinion that we ought to push off our yarns & rope if we can, without a sacrifice — I am Dear Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange 80 to 85 prem —
Hemp $6 carry pr Cwt
Pork 3.50 to $4 Do pr 100 lb Do
Old whiskey 50 cts pr gal Do
Bagging 33 1/3 pr yard silver

Lexington (Ky) 21 Decr 1822

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez Dr Sirs Your esteemed favors of the 16th Ulto is duly received covering a/c sales of my bagging & rope in your hands nett amt $1863.59 As the funds comes into your hands you will oblige by forwarding me the proceeds in small checks on Philadelphia from $300 to 500

, & will thank you to keep me regularly advised of the state of your market for the articles of our Country produce —

I am Dear Sir's very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 21 Decr. 1822

Mr. N. Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr. Sir

I very yesterday, advanced Mr. T. T. Ph. Mercier two hundred dollars in currency on a/c of Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co. of N. O. & have forwarded them his rect. Will you please to place me in funds for the same as early as convenient & oblige

Dr. Sir very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P. S. Please to advise me when you write if there would be much delay in the forwarding of some Bagging to Flor. to Florence via Trinity, & the usual freig. I. B. —

Lexington Ky 11th Jany. 182

Mr. David Logan
Pitsburgh
Dr. Sir

Your esteemed fav. of the 16th Ulto. is duly received this day & contents noted — I also received this day Bill of lading of seven bales of cotton shipped for you, by Messrs. Tannary & Sutherland of Maysville on my a/c Pr. the Steam Boat Pensylvania owned by Ha[illegible] & others & the bill of lading signed by

Willm which I hope will reach you in good order, on its arrival you will please to push it off at the best price you can, & forward the a/c sales & a/c Current with advice what I may draw on you for, as the hemp will be coming in soon & I wish to make my purchases of hemp for the year before I take my annual journey to Alab.a which I hope will be about the last of March next — Mrs Brand joins in presenting our best respects to yourself & Mrs Logan wishing you the compliments of the season & many returns — I am D.r Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

P.S. I have 19 Bales of cotton in my cellar & expect 70 to 80 will be on the way in a few days from Alab.a, should wish to be kept regularly advised of the rate of that article in your City JB

Lexington Ky 1st Sept.r 1823

Col. H A Anderson
D.r Sir I had the pleasure of addressing you on the 12 Ulto, & Col Shevard on the 15th advising of my having sent off Rope & bagging to you to fill Col Shevards contract I mentioned to you in my former letters of my misfortune of having my factory burned & the difficulty of demands of getting waggons to go to your place & it was with great difficulty I could procure the waggon I forwarded you on the 12th Ulto — I have this day advised Messrs Cracket & Adams

of Nashville to forward you a load of Bale rope from that place, as they have more there of mine than I think they can be able to dispose of this season, the only cause of the delay of Col Sherrard, supply not being sent on earlier was the difficulty of procuring waggons at the time, as I had put off sending it off in the earlier part of the season waiting for some Jeans to forward Col Sherrard — Should I be able to get a waggon to go to your place in a few days, I shall send you another load of rope & perhaps some more Bagging but am very doubtful as to my success & wish you not to depend upon it — I am Dr Sir Very

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P.S. Major Gains paid me the last of his note a few days ago J. B.

Lexington (Thy) 1st Jany 18

Messrs Crocket & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favors of the 6th & 12 Ulto is duly received & contents noted Should you still think you will have any difficulty in making sales of my Rope, or have any doubt of selling it this season — You will on rect of this, or as soon thereafter as possible you can procure a waggon, forward one wagg load to Col Hugh A Anderson, near Courtland Lawrence County Allabma, who has Bagging of mine on sale & is very anxious to get Rope in proportion to the bagging — If it [illegible]

your power to forward the load of Rope to Col Anderson (which I would much prefer) you will please to forward the load to Messrs Morgans & Turner of Huntsville, to whom I shall load two ~~[illegible]~~ loads of bagging the day after tomorrow with a small quantity of Rope & twine — Should you have any doubts of your being able to dispose of the tow linen, you may forward what you can spare of that article also to Messrs Morgans & Turner — My wish is, that you should forward whatever you think you cannot dispose of, of any of the articles of mine you may have on hand to the above places, so you may be able to close sales with me on my arrival in your City, which I expect will be about the last of march next — I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P. S. Please to advise me on recd of this what you will do in the above & the situa=tion of your market for articles of our Country manufacture & oblige J B

Exchange

U S notes 75 to 80 prem for Curr

Silver about 1 to 1½ below the above

Bagging 33⅓ cents pr yard Silver

Tennessee notes 45 to 50 prem for our Currency

Cotton no sales at any price, in cash — what little has been done in the latter article has been at the Allabo prices with carriage for our Manufactures — alowing the differ=ence of exchange between our Currency & Ten=nessee Money

Lexington 4th Jany 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville
Dr Sirs

Above you have John Talbots & James McNights rects for (total) sixty eight piece of bagging, thirteen Coils of Bale rope, & one bale of twine to sell for me on commission, which I hope you will receive in good order & be able to push off at the best price possible this season, I have guaranteed them both Back loads, as you will see by their rects You will oblige me by having a load of prime cotton ready for McNight by the time they get there; & inform Messrs Estill Malone & Co that Postlethwait Brand & Co have given John Talbot an order on them for one load of prime Cotton, which they will please have ready by he arrives, should any difficulty arrise as to getting the Cotton, please to apply to Mr F T Mastin who I hope has some funds of mine in his hands — The latter measure I would rather decline if you can possibly avoid it, but any how the wagg must be loaded back, & you will oblige me if you will see that the cotton is ready by the time they get there, so they will not have any cause to charge me with being detained for want of their load — Your favors of 29 Novr & 14 Ulto is duly received & contents noted —

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. If you can load McNight back for other person I shall be much pleased

Lexington (Ky) 14 Jany 1823

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 29 Ulto is duly received, enclosing fifty dollars in one Commonwealth note & a Dft on Robt S Todd for one hundred & fifty dollars, the amt advanced by me to Mr Mercier on a/c Gordon Grant & Co — Your instructions as to paying specie will be attended to — I gave two waggoners an order on Mr G T Saltenstale for two loads of bale rope (on the 3rd Inst) with instructions to Mr S to forward it to you, On its arrival you will please to shipp it by the first good Steam Boat to New Orleans, to Messrs William Watson & Co on my a/c — & forward me Bill of lading I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange 75 to 80 prem for Curry

Lexington, Ky, 7 Jany 1823

Messrs Willm Watson & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs

It is long since I had the pleasure of hearing from you (the 12 June last, & having nothing particular to communicate have deferred writing —
The present is to advise you that I gave an order on my ropemaker on the 3rd Inst, for two waggon loads of Bale rope with orders to forward the same to Mr N Berthoud of Shippingport, to whom I have

wrote requesting him to forward it to your house, which I hope will reach you in good order, On its arrival you will oblige me by disposing of this parcel for me on the best terms you can as I do not wish it to lay over this season — should it not be in your power to sell for cash, you may barter it for Sugar or Coffee of the best quality — Should you be able to accomplish the latter object, I would prefer that the property should be shipped up the river by the S.B. Boat Fayette, as she is in my debt & I have no other way of getting my pay — From the last advice I had from your Mr Lilburn, I presume he must have left Louisville, you will therefore ship any thing of mine to Mr N Berthoud Shipping port —

In the month of October last I remitted nine one dollars & twenty five cents in currency to Mr Lilburn at Louisville, on your a/c drawn me by T M Hickey Esqr of this place, which he informed me was the proceeds of a note sent him by you for collection —

Warfield & Co has shipped to you 108 Barrels of Whiskey (to the best of my recollection) which near the Books, which they instructed their agent the Mills to advise you at what price to sell from recent advice they have no expectation obtaining their limits, & of course expect it to be stored untill further advice, the article of superior quality, & from the very short crops of grain they have very little doubt it must advance again before fall —

Our currency has been appreciating for

five weeks & may now be quoted @ 70 to 75 prem. for U S notes checks or specie

I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

P. S. Have you ever heard how poor Peters has done in the West Indies, if so, please to let me know, It would give me great pleasure to hear he had reformed I did my best to accomplish that object before he left this Country, but I am apaid to little effect —

Lexington 8 Janry. 1823

Mr John Smith

St Louis

Dr Sir

I wrote you the 21 Novr. last to which please refer, since which I have paid for your brother William the above items, leaving a ballance against you of two hundred & twenty nine dollars & 78/100 in Currency & thirty dollars in Specie or its equivalent —

Total two hundred & fifty nine dollars 78/100

Over the other side

There is an a/c due Dr.s Ridgely & Pindell, & a ballance due the college of last years a/c probable amt in all to forty or fifty dollars in Currency — By this you will be able to know the probable amt of Williams expences for one year — as I am now going into market to purchase hemp for my years supply, you will oblige by remitting the Ballance in my favor as early as convenient. & you will please advise me how William is to receive his supplies for this year, if I am to furnish him, you will better keep some funds here in deposit subject to his order, as it is very inconvenient for me, under my present arangement, to make advances — I have never as yet received any advice concerning the Buffaloe Rugs, please to let me know if I may expect them, as I must have them from some where soon — Expecting your reply by a return mail I am D.r Sir

Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington Ky. 15 Jan.y 1823

Mess.rs Reid Irving & Co.

London Gentlemen

Your favors of 4 Jan.y & 17 September last has been received & contents noted. We regret You have been put to the trouble of again addressing us on the subject of the ballance we owe you — On the winding up of the business of the Co. who made the shipment of tobacco to your house, a difference

of opinion arose on several points, which they could not agree upon, & have ultimately left it to arbitration —
We would have wrote you long in this, but have been daily expecting to have the business closed, when the money would certainly have been remitted you —
We are now confident the business will be closed shortly, when no time will be lost in forwarding you the amount of your claim with interest, which we hope will be satisfactory We are gentlemen

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Signed John Brand
& also by, Robt Fraser

Lexington 17 Jany 1823

Messrs. Alex Bell & Co
Woodford
Sirs I this day received from Messrs. H. Monroe Milne & Co of New Orleans your acceptance dated the 17 Febr. 1820, drawn by Hugh Bell & accepted by you — for $1500 —
In my advice concerning the above Bill it is stated that interest is to be allowed from the day the bill is drawn on demand, but held back I presume to accomodate your house —
The Bill is not my property, but merely sent to me for collection by the above mentioned Gentlemen — Your early attention will oblige, as I will have to write them of the result in a few days I am Gentlemen

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Signed John Brand

Lexington 18 Jany 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville Dr Sirs

I had this pleasure the 4th Inst. inclosing John Talbots & Jamls McKights rects. for two loads of Bagging & rope & one bale of twine — Above you have Frederick Robbs rect. for 39 pieces of bagging, which I hope will reach you in good order & in good time for your market — The two last loads & this also you will find full forty three inch wide, which I should suppose would give it greatly the preference of the bagging generaly sent to your market, which is only forty two — What I have made this short time is all forty three inch wide, should I find any advantage in making quicker sales or a better price, I shall continue that width, if not, I shall only make it as others do as to width, the quality I shall endeavour not to be surpassed by any body — please advise me how the sales progress — whether the width gives it a preference — I hope you will be able to purchase a load of prime cotton from the sales of the former loads sent you, if not, I hope you will forward me a load by Robbs waggon without being any inconvenience to you — & must beg of you not to send me any that is not of first quality — the article is very dull at 18 cents Currency — if of the first quality & if of inferior quality will not sell at any

Jam Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Exchange 175 Curry for 100 spicie or U S notes Cotton 17 to 18 [illegible]

Lexington 18 Janr. 1823

Col H. A. Anderson

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 12 Ulto when I sent on Mr Furr's waggon with rope Bagging twine & Jeans to fill Col Sherrards contract — I received a letter from Col Serrard this day (dated the 2nd Inst.) complaining heavily of my failing to furnish the articles agreed on — & his intention of making me liable for $ 300 the penalty mentioned in the article between us — The Col cannot regret more than I do my inability to comply, but I hope he will not insist on the course he mentions, I am sure it is very far from what I would do, or what I should expect from a Gentleman of the Colls Standing —

I hope upon reading my letter which I wrote him to day & which I wish you to see he will think better of it — & I wish you to inform him of the advice I wrote you the 29 Augt. to keep him supplied until I could send on the ballance —

It will be a very hard case if he take advantage of my misfortunes & disappointments after being convinced of my anxiety to comply — He informs me he has received the ballance of his supply from Huntsville, if so, you will please to dispose of all the articles which Mr Furr delivers you on the best terms you can, as it is my wish not to let it lay over this season — The Col complains of the holders taking advantage of the scarsity of bagging to raise the price — I believe it is human nature to take a good price for any article the holder has to sell — I do not expect he would take 7 or 8 cents for his cotton if he could get 25 or 30 This is a circumstance I can have no control, as the quantity I make is but a drop in the

bucket compared to what is wanted in the United States — but the planters in Alab^a cannot expect the manufacturers of Kentucky to take less from them than they can get from others & I assure you the bagging sent down the river has generally been sold at 37½ to 40 cents in silver, which will bring the manufacturer more profit than what they have sent to Alab^a & Tennessee — the price of Bagging has been generally at the above prices in Natches all this season, & 60 cents in Charlston & Augusta in Georgia — Please to write me so soon as you see the Col & inform me what he says, I should be very sorry to have any difference with him & hope he will think better of it — I hope you have received the load by Mr Fur by this time, in good order — waiting your reply I am Dear Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

P.S. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you between this & the last of march or first of April & to find all the articles & the money collected J.B.

Cotton very dull at 17 to 18 our Currency

Exchange 175 to 180 Curr for 100 Specie

hauling 5 down & 4 back, ⅓ Tennessee money

Lexington (Ky) 18 Jany 18[illegible]

Col Ben Sherrard

Dr Sir Your favor of the 2nd Inst is just received & contents noted, It is with extreme regret & mortification, that I observe your complaints & intention of taking advantage of my misfortunes & disappointment; I assure you, sir, there was no want of inclination on my part to fulfill my contract with you,

where I am best known my character has never had such a charge laid to it, nor of taking advantage of any person when in my power — No, I would disdain such conduct, Col Anderson can inform you that I wrote him the 29 August (immediately after my factory was burned) to supply you with bagging &c so that you might suffer no inconvenience untill I could forward your supply — I would have sent on the rope & bagging earlier, but when I parted with you it was a request of yours to send you thirty yards of Janes for your family, that article does not come into market untill fall so I put off sending the rope & bagging untill I could send you the Janes also — The whole was ready in October, & I thought it would be no inconvenience to you, as I had requested Col Anderson to supply you untill I could send yours on — I had two waggons engaged to take the whole on at that time (Viz October) but was again dissiappointed — & did not see the waggoner untill some time in Novr., when he informed me he had his waggon broke down & was then at the waggon makers & he could not go —, I immediately exerted myself again to procure another waggoner, but was not able to succeed untill Decr., when I forwarded on (the 12 Decr.) Bagging, Rope & twine & Janes to Col Anderson, by Mr Furr's waggon, sufficient to give you your supply, with what I had given you an order for, on Col Anderson, which I was in hopes would have been satisfactory — I have not taken any advice on the business, & hope it will not be necessary, my understanding of the contract is that I am to guarantee you against damage to the amount of the sum (mentioned in the article of agreement) & no farther — I shall suppose for instance, that I had called on you for the money, when due, after delivering the whole

contract, & you could not pay me for several days or weeks, would it be just of me to require you to pay $500 damages, no, it would not, & all I could ask would be interest until payed — whatever damage you can make appear, you have sus = tained by not receiving the articles according to contract, I consider myself liable for & no more

But this I hope will be no matter of dispute when met, It is my sincere wish that this that this trans = action should only be an introduction to our future correspondence, as it is my interest & wish to furnish the planters with their bagging & rope on fair terms & of good quality, with regard to the monopoly or rise of the article, it is what I had no control of — the manufacturers in Kentucky are something like the Cotton Planters in Allab^{a}., & any where else, they will to get the best price they can for the articles they have for sale — it is human nature, but I can assure you if the articles falls again to what it has been this some time back in Allab^{a} the Manufacturers will soon quit making it — I hope after reading the above & cooly reflecting on the business, there will be no difficulty between us — if there is, it will be much against my inclination & wish — I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you late in March or early in April when I hope to settle with you amicably

I am Dr Sir

Respectfully Yours —

Signed John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 23rd Jany 1823

Messrs Crocket & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs Your favor of the 16 Inst is received, advising of your having forwarded 2547 lb Bale rope to Col H A Anderson, & 1001¼ yards of tow linen & 891 lbs rope to Morgans & Turner on my a/c —

I am sorry you have not got all the bagging sold, & as we may expect a depression in price now, as the season is advancing to a close (provided the planters have not nearly supplied themselves) I would recommend you to get the small balance put off this season if possible at the best price you can, so you may be able to close sales — the price of the article next year will depend on the quantity imported, & as I am not willing to run the risk of the article laying over, I must again request you, to push it off at the best price possible —

The last advice I had from Natches Ky Bagging was ~~from~~ 38 to 40 cents — I have now four waggons out to Alaba, & may send out perhaps one or two more, the Ballance I shall send to Natches (untill April) — Our currency continues to improve a little & may now be quoted at 70 to 75 prem for specie or U S Notes — sales of bagging or rope cannot be made here any more this season it is too late — I am Dear Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. The dft drawn on the Messrs Gists of Bainbridge was by E Warfield (& not by Warfield & Co) I read the extract of your letter on that business to him, & he assures me it will be paid & holds himself responsible

for any dissiappointment on the transaction he is as good a man as any in the U.S.

Lexington (Ky) 23d Jany. 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville
Dr Sirs I have this day received advice from Messrs Crocket & Adams of Nashville, of their having forwarded to you 1001/4 yards of tow linen & 891 lbs Bale rope of mine — as pr my advice — I hope you will be able to push off this rope with the bagging I have sent you — As the season is now advancing to a close I would recommend you to push off the Bagging Rope &c of mine in your hands as soon as possible, as I do not wish any of the articles to lay over to another season — Should you be able to make a sale to any considerable amt., I would have no objections of your taking part in Cotton at a fair price, if of prime quality — I wrote you a few day ago enclosing Frederick Robbs rect. for a load of Bagging & gave him assurances to load him back with Cotton, which I hope you will be able to accomplish without any inconvenience to yourselves — but should it be any ways inconvenient to you to load them back, you may call on Mr F T Mastin to assist you as I expect he has funds of mine in his hands, or if Col Pope will put in a few bales of prime quality at a fair price, I have no objections to receiving it in part pay of bagging he received from me —

Your esteemed favor of the 6 Inst. has been received & contents noted — In disposing of any of my property, I have no objections to your giving Credit untill the first of April, to people you know to be good, in this case I wish you to take their note for the amt. on the delivery of the property

I am Dr Sir

Exchange 70 to 75 prem for U S } Very Respectfully
60 — Do for Charleston } Your Obedt. Servt.
Tennessee 30 Do

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 23 Jan. 1823

Col H A Anderson

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 18 Inst. to which I beg to refer you — I have this day received advice from Messrs Crocket & Adams of Nashville of their having forwarded to you 2547 lbs of bale rope of mine as Pr. my advice — I hope you will push off as much of this rope as you possibly can, the season of packing is now advancing to a close & it is my wish that you shall sell any of my property in your hands, at the best price you can so as not to sacrifice it, I do not wish it to lay over untill another season, whatever others are selling for in your neighbourhood you may do the same — In my last to you I mention the letter I received from Col Sherrard, the tenor of which I am sorry to observe — I cannot help again requesting the favor of you to assure the Col —, that it was not from want of disposition that the contract with him was not fully complyed, but owing to my misfortune & dissiappointments, any damage he has sustained from my noncompliance

I hold myself bound to make good — but as to paying the full amt. of the penalty mentioned in the article, is what cannot be expected, neither will the law bear him out in it, to have recourse to this will be much against my inclination — He appears to be very angry at the Kentucky manufacturers raising the price of bagging, I think it is not fair to blame me for this, the quantity I have sent to Alabama this year is very trifling, & the quantity I make is so small in proportion to what is used, that it can have no effect on the market, & I can assure there has been no monoply or concert between the holders of the article to raise the price (in this Country), but merely originated from the scarsity of the article all over the U States — & the natural cause operates on bagging as on all other articles — Very — it will increase or fall in price as the article is plenty or scarse & what I make can have no effect on the market — Please write me on rect. of this, or so soon as you receive the bagging &c &c & let me know the prospect of closing sales this season — & whether you have seen Col Sherrard & what he says — & oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

P.S. any prospect of Postlethwait Brand & John Brand & Co receiving their debt from Mr Holmes — J.B.

Lexington (Ky) 27 Jan 1812

Messrs H Monroe Milne & Co
New Orleans
Gentlemen

Your favor of 27 [illegible]
was received in course, covering Messrs Alex [illegible]

acceptance dated 17 Febr. 1820 for $1500, on demand, the Messrs Bells are Cotton Spinners, & lives about 14 miles from here in the country (in Woodford County) — I immediately on recpt of yours addressed them informing of my holding the Dft & requesting payment, & on yesterday (Sunday) received their answer as under —

Woodford 24 Janry 1823

c Mr John Brand

Sir Your letter of the 17 Inst. addressed to c Alexr Bell & Co, I have received — The Partnership of c A Bell & Co was composed of c A Bell & myself, it was dissolved in October 1820 at which time I knew nothing of the bill drawn by Hugh Bell & accepted by Alexr Bell for $1500 & was very much surprised at receiving your letter stating that you had such a bill in your possession for collection — The Bill must have been accepted by Alexr Bell when in New Orleans, & I believe the firm of c Alexr Bell & Co at that time was indebted to Hugh Bell about the sum of $1500 dollars, but the debt has long since been settled with Hugh Bell — Alexr Bell now resides in Florence (Alabama) Hugh Bell in Mobile (Ala) & New Orleans I shall write to both of them this day, on the subject & if either of them owe the Bill & direct me to pay it, I shall do so, in the mean time I request you to hold over the Bill until I receive Reply from them — Very Respectfully

Signed for Saml Bell

On receiving the above my intention was to have the Bill regularly protested immediately & returned, But my friend Theodore F Talbot Esqr Attorney at Law being at this time in my house

I showed him their letter & Dft — who informs me on account of the Bill being of so early a date recourse was lost on all except the acceptors & it answered no good purpose to have the Bill protested as I should have to send a Notary out there on purpose, I thought best to advise you & hold the bill for your instructions —, whether to return you the Bill, wait for payt or to hand it over to an Attorney at Law to commence suit upon — in either case I shall particularly attend to your instructions on rect thereof — I am Gentleman

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29 Jany 1823

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez
Dr Sirs Your favor of the 1st Inst was duly received, covering a check from the Bank of Missisipi on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Philiadelphia for three hundred & fifty dollars, @ 2 pr ct prem, making $357 — which is placed to your credit — I am Gentm very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29 Jany

Alexr Gordon Esqr
New Orleans
Dr Sir
Mr David Megowan of this place handed me Mr N. Berthoud's check on your favor, on Philidse for $400, not having

any advice from you on the subject I presume it is intended as proceeds of Joint adventure of Rope & Yarns in the hands of Gordon Grant & Co & have given them credit for that amt.

So soon as you are in funds for me, you will oblige by forwarding, the following articles, One Barrel Best Loaf sugar, one keg Scotch barley one keg Rice, one Barrel Molasses, one box of W.I preserves, assorted, one box, Cordials, one box Cod fish, two boxes best raisins, two kegs Scotch herrings, if to be had & two Boxes of smoked herrings & two kegs of Salmon, if the herring is not to be had you will please to double the kegs of Salmon — Our Currency continues to improve slowly & may now be quoted at 170 to 175 for 100 U S notes or silver — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

N.B. is there any advice concerning our yarns sent to New York, should like to be placed in funds as soon as convenient, — for our joint adventure — if sales are made — J.B —

Lexington (Ky) 29 Jan 7. 1823

Mr John Wood
Port Glasgow
Dr Sir Your favor of the 22nd October last was received a few days ago — I had heard of the death of your brother George before receiving your letter, but none of the particulars, & I assure you, sir, I sincerely sympathise with you & the rest of the family on this mournfull event —

George poor fellow has been particularly unfortunate. He came to Lexington with very bright prospects, but unfortunately met with a worthless Country man from Aberdeen, who has ultimately been the cause of his failure in business, George has always been highly respected here, as an amiable & highly honourable young gentleman in all his dealings — Indeed none could stand higher in public opinion, & I am sure none stood higher in mine — On his arrival here he brought a letter of introduction to a particular friend of mine, Doctor Elisha Warfield, who introduced him to me as a very worthy young Scotchman & a Countryman of my own, George & I got very intimate & he was often at my house. Upon his associating himself with this Aberdeen man (James Wallie) they purchased a Lot to erect their brewery upon; neither of them being citizens of the Country, they could not hold real estate & the property was deeded to me in trust for them; they erected their brewery & carried it on for some time under the firm of Wood & Wallie, Wallie became very dissipated & negligent of his business, & had disappointed George very much in not furnishing his proportion of the Capital as agreed upon in the articles of Partnership, George ultimately purchased him out, but the misfortune was that he had expended all his Capital in the purchasing of the Lot, erecting the buildings, & articles necessary in the business, after carrying on the business some time himself he found himself cramped in his means to go on, & as Dr Warfield & my

were his principal friends, he came to us & opened his mind as to his real situation in pecuniary matters, & begged us to assist him, he assured us that by us doing so he could recover himself in a year or two & pay us back whatever money we would advance him — We accordingly became his security in bank for two thousand dollars, & advanced him [redacted] money occasionally, & in Sept.r 1820, he was in our debt two thousand six hundred dollars, exclusive of the loan in bank, in the winter of 1821 & 22 he reluctantly came to the resolution of abandoning the business & informed me he had an idea of studying medicine at our College here — I advised him against it & recommended him to go home & take his relations advice & if they should advise him to this he could have the benefit of as good a school & could live on better terms — the latter plan he adopted & was on his way to put it in execution — In consequence of the debt he owed Doctor Warfield & myself he deeded the property mentioned to us jointly, & assured us he would pay us whatever the property was deficient in settling our claim against him, we have sold the property & have lost about two thousand four hundred dollars, this is a great sacrifice, & the property is actually worth more, but this business has been very unfortunate here & people are afraid to touch it — & besides it was that description of property, that it was going fast to decay & would have been

worth very little in a short time —
We ascribe George's misfortune to his entering into a business that he was entirely ignorant of & course made a great deal of waste, although a times he made very good liquor — George was not in debt to any body but us — We would be glad to be advised if there is any probability of our being remunerated — Very Respectfully
Yrs &c
John Brand

Received Lexington 5 Feby. 1823 from John Brand sixty dollars in silver on a/c of Messrs Gordon Grant & Co of New Orleans
Signed duplicate J J Ph. Mercier
Lexington 6 Feby. 1823

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans
Dr Sir Above you have Mr Merciers recd for sixty dollars in silver advanced him on your a/c, I shall advise Mr Berthoud who I have no doubt will place me in funds for the same — I advanced Mr Mercier silver at the request of Mr Berthoud to enable him to keep his a/cts with you easier — I have this moment received your favor of the 14th Ulto — & am sorry at the prospect of the result of our Joint adventure, am nevertheless still of the same opinion, I would push it off, the first loss is generally the least — I wrote you the 29 Ulto to which I beg to refer you I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange, 170 to 175 in Curr — for 100 Eastern funds
Hemp $5 to 6 Curr pr. Cwt.
Whiskey 37½ to 50 Curr pr gal
Gun Powder 40 to 45 Do pr lb
Bagging } No sales
Bale rope }
Allabama cotton good 17 to 18 Do
Lexington (Ky) 17 Feby 1823

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir

On the 7th Inst I advanced Mr J J Ph Mercier sixty dollars in silver on a/c Messrs Gordon Grant & Co whose rect. is this day forwarded to them, you will oblige by placing me in funds for the like amt. as early as convenient —

Iam Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Exchange 170 to 175 for $100 of E funds or Specie
Lexington (Ky) 17 Jany

Mr David Logan
Pitsburgh
Dr Sir

I had this pleasure the 11th Ulto — to which I beg reference Mr James W Palmer some time ago paid me $641 (sixty four dollars) on your a/c which is placed to your credit — I drew on you on the 1st Inst. for $100, at ten days after sight in favor of Doctor Elisha Warfield, & on the 4th for the like amt in favor of the same Gentleman which I hope you will duly honor & place the same to my Cft. The Dr left here on the

5th Inst. for Philiada. to purchase Mdse, he informed me he would send his goods on to you & would advise you of my two dfts — expecting the proceeds to pay for carriage on his goods to Pittsburgh — I have not received any advice from you of the arrival of the last seven bales cotton sent you pr S Boat Pensylvania — I expect to value on you for about twenty or thirty dollars in favor of Mr Tilford in a few days. This is the coldest morning we have had this season, I am sitting in a close room with a good fire, & am compelled to hold my pen to the fire every two or three minutes to melt the Ice in it, the mercury is 1 above 0 Fahrenheit hanging at my door I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. our Currency is now 170 to 175 for 100 $ in Eastern funds or silver — I mentioned to Mr Frazer of the small amt of yours he had in his hands, he says it is deposited in Hy Branch Bank, I would advise you to let it lay as the Bank are winding up their business & must ere long be greatly improved J B

Lexington 8 Feby 1823

Mr David Logan
Fayette County

Sir Yours dated the 5 Inst was delivered me this evening on my retn from I examine & I observe its contents — I am of my people has trangressed on you by cutting

your land, I am extremely sorry for it & satisfaction shall be made you, either by giving you a tree of equal size & quality or paying you in money whatever it is worth as you may chuse — I have been a householder for twenty eight years & upwards of twenty of them, in Lexington, & never as yet, have had a disagreeable word with a neighbour & it shall not be my fault if I have any with Mr Logan — But from what I can learn, I doubt very much, if I have transgressed, — But in order to sett this matter at rest, it will be best to meet together on the line so soon as your health & the weather will permit & have the line staked off — If my overseer has put my fence on your land it shall be immediately moved back — But Sir, I did not expect you would have made such a fuss & wrote me such a letter, before you had been certain that my people had transgressed; more especially, as you yourself are the first & I believe the only transgresser between us — So soon as your health & the weather will permit, I will endeavour to meet you on the line (if you will let me know when it will be agreeable to you) & endeavour to settle this business amicably (if possible) as good neighbours ought — Wishing you better health I remain Sir very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington Ky, 13 Feby. 1823

Messrs. John Henderson & Sons
Natchez Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 11th Ulto was received a few days ago covering check No 659, of the Mississippi Bank

on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Philid^a for $500 at 2 p^r ct prem making $510 which is placed to your credit — I was just on the eve of sending you two or three waggon loads of Bagging, but as you seem to think the planters are principally supplied for this season & the warehouse charges being so high with you, I have concluded to forward it to Allab^a. I shall make this year from 60 to 70.000 yards & will wish to be kept regularly advised of the state of your market for this article & bale rope, which will oblige

Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obed^t Servt.

John Brand

P.S. Since my factory was burned I have made my bagging 43 inch wide, which is much preferred in Alab^a. Will you be so good as to advise me if by making what I send you for the next season of that width, will give it the preference in price (or readier sale, or if there is any of that width sent to your market — J.B.

Lexington (Ky) 13 Feby 182

Mr David Logan
Pitsburgh

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 7 Inst., to which I beg reference Since which I have not received any of your favors — The present is to request you to purchase one ton of Iron for Postlethwaite Brand & Co. of the following dimensions

6 Barrs 3/4 Inch square
6 Do — 1 inch Do
6 Do 1/4 Do — Do
6 Do 1/2 Do, Do
& 6 Do 2 Do Do

The ballance of the Son to be of horse shoe Barrs & 3/4 inch Tier

For the above you will please to make out the a/c including commission & all charges, forward the a/c to me & charge me with the amt — The Iron you will please forward first safe opportunity to January & Sutherland of Maysville on a/c & Risk of Postlethwait Brand & Co — I am

D Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

P.S. If you have not sold all the Cotton you may perhaps be able to exchange some of that article for the above Bill of iron, But in doing so I would not give more for the iron, than if you were paying the Cash

J B

Lexington 14 Feby. 1822

Messrs. L. Edmondson & Co

Mooresville Allaba

D Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 6th Novr. last was duly received & contents noted — In the enclosed you will receive John Dentons rect. for sixty eight piece of bagging containing three thousand five hundred & ninety two yards (3592) — to sell for me

on Commission, which I wish you to dispose of for me this season (if possible) on the best terms you can — In yours of the 26 Novr. you say you will load waggons back with cotton for me, in consequence I have agreed to load Mr Dentons two waggons back — but I must beg of you not to send me any that is not of first quality, inferior cotton will not sell here at any price, I would prefer giving more (½, or a cent, pr. 100lb) than not to have it of the first quality I wish you to close sales if you can by the first of April (when I expect to be with you) to settle my a/cts — & make arrangements for the next season I expect to have two or three waggon loads more (over my engagements) before I leave here for your Country, but am afraid it would be too late to send it — should you think you will not have a sufficient supply for the season & I can receive any advice from you to that effect I will send you on a load or two as soon as possible — Please to write me immediately on rect. of this, & let me know the state of your market — & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

P.S. Please to have the cotton for the back load ready for Denton by the time he gets there, Messrs Keys & Duncan has still one bale of mine on hand, about 13 or 14 more will make his two loads, as he cannot take much on his waggon

J. B.

Lexington (Ky) 15 Feby. 182

Mrs E Smith

St Louis Dear Madam I have not had the pleasure of addressing you this long time

& after presenting my best respects to you & your mother & all your family (as I shall soon leave here for the State of Alab.) I think it a duty incumbent on me to give you a view of the situation & habits of your son William placed under my care by yourself & your Son John, Situated as I am with regard to William, I think it is my bounden duty to give you as clear a view as possibly I can of his habits & attention to his studies —

In the early part of last year William was in the habit of associating himself with some young men, whose character I did not esteem, immediately on my knowing of this, I talked to him & pointed out to him the distress it would give you, & the bad effects it would have on his standing in society, after his studies was finished, provided he persisted in his associating himself with such Company I am now happy to be able to inform you that my advice had the desired effect, he immediately abandoned that kind of company, & now associates himself with none but of unexceptionable character — A short time ago he had a misunderstanding with his Schoolmaster, & left the school, I immediately on my knowing of this circumstance I waited on that Gentleman & had the business made up & Willm again returned to School, but I do not think he applies himself as he might do to his studies — This was the cause of his Master & his falling out, It would come better from you than any other person to give him a little advice on this subject, Another subject I would wish you to give him a little advice upon, viz. I think he is a little too extravagant in his purchases both in his apparel &c & &c & &c &

Believing that I know your sentiments on this subject, I have frequently advised Wm to be more economical in his expenses— But Willm is a little thoughtless & I think does not pay attention to my admonitions as he ought to do, the last week he went to our store & took off a suit of superfine Blue Broad Cloth & has had it made by a fashionable Tailor, which in my opinion he had not great use for having a good suit of homespun which he got in the fall— this has increased his store a/c for this year very much, in the fall of last year your Son John wrote me he would be down soon & pay all Wms a/cts —, in consequence I paid all his a/cts that was presented at that time, but in a short time John changed his destination & I have not heard from him since

— Immediately after John left Louisville to take his wife to St Louis I inclosed Wms a/c which Wm told me he had received at St Louis & that Mr Ferguson would remit the money—

On the 8 January last I addressed a letter to Messrs Smith & Ferguson stating Willms a/c, to neither of which have I received any answer, It will be extremely disagreeable to me to require Wm to pay little Bills as they are presented, as I always have done, but my present situation having had the misfortune to have my factory burned by fire last summer has taken my surplus funds out of my hands in erecting my factory again— I am now in advance about one hundred & eighty dollars in silver reating our currency at its present value 170 [illegible]

William has several other a/cts [illegible]

his store a/c which I expect would take $250 in good money to settle it is very inconvenient for me at this time to make advances, as I have my stock of hemp that I must lay in for the year — besides having to supply my various other establishments with my proportion of Capital to carry them on — You will oblige me if you will have a remittance forwarded as early as convenient to liquidate all Wm's acts — & to enable me to meet his little engagements as they are presented — & also advise me what I am to do with regard to paying Williams little pressing expences — Mrs Brand joins me in presenting our best respects to yourself, your Mother & all your family, & Believe me Dear Madam

Very Respectfully
Yours Sincere well wisher
& Sincere friend
& Jno Brand

Lexington 25 Febry 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner

Gents Your esteemed favor of the 10th Inst. is just received & contents noted — Above you have Park Connetts rect. for 53 piece of bagging, containing twenty eight hundred & twenty five yards which I hope will reach you in good order — Before your favor of the 10 had reached me I had engaged Mr Connell to take on the above otherways I believe I would not have sent it — but I still hope it will not be too late — I have promised to let Mr Connell have eight Bales of cotton as a return load which I hope you will procure for me of the best —

quality by the time he arrives — should you not be able funds for sales to purchase the above cotton, You may either call on Mr F. T. Martin to aid you, or take from Col L Pope on a/c — or you may value on our friends Crocket & Adams of Nashville who has funds of mine in their hands, as you may think best for my interest — I have this day advised the latter Gentlemen to honor your Dft. for 2..3 or $400 if you should value on them for that amt — This is the last bagging I shall send to any market untill the road improves & as the season is so far advanced there is no sales now to be made here on fair terms — Should you be able to barter any articles of mine in your hands for cotton of a prime quality on fair terms you may do so & hold it over for back loads for another season — I expect to leave here for your Country sometime next month, when I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. If you think there is any doubt of getting off the Bagging, Rope, or tow linen for Cash or Cotton, for this season, You may be able to make a lumping sale of either of the articles on a liberal credit for good paper, payable (in Current Bank notes of your Place) any time before the first of April 1824 — which will suit me, as I have a payment of that kind of paper to make for a house I purchased in this place — J.B.

Lexington 25 Feby. 1823

Messrs. Crocket & Adams
Nashville Dr Sirs I have been forwarding several loads of Bagging to Messrs. Morgans & Turner of Hemtsville, with orders to load back with cotton, & in case they should not be in funds I have authorised them to value on you for 2, 3, or $400 dollars, which I hope (should they do so) you will duly honor & place to my Dft. — I have never heard of either of the waggons that went on to Col H A Anderson, I had a letter from him a few days ago, dated 24 Ulto — they had not then arrived — should you hear any thing of them I would thank you to write me I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. I hope to have the pleasure of Calling on you shortly after the 20th of next month — J.B.

Received Lexington 12 March 1823 from John Brand one hundred dollars in silver on a/c of Messrs. Gordon Grant & Co of New Orleans J. J. Ph. Mercier

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 6 Ulto, since which I have not received any of your favors — Above you have Mr Merciers rect. for one hundred dollars in silver which I this day advanced him on your a/c, Mr. M has closed his studies at our college & has drawn the above to settle his bills here & will leave this in a few weeks for the Eastward

— I have never received any advice from you of any sales of our joint adventure in Bale rope, if you have still the whole on hand, I am afraid we will meet with a severe loss, on this transaction, I have been of the opinion for this six months back, that we ought to embrace the first opportunity in making sales & from present prospects I am still of this opinion — There is a very large proportion of the hemp raised in this Country last season will be unfit for any kind of manufacture but Bale rope, of course this quality will be very low, it may now be purchased in almost any quantity at four dollars in currency, In consequence of the large quantity in market & the unsteadyness of the article shall not do much (if any thing) at it this season —

If you have not made sales before this reach you, I am afraid this season will be so farr gone that it will be impossible to make sales without making too great a sacrifice, as to this now I shall leave it at your own discretion — I shall leave this in all this month for alabama & will be about four or five weeks

I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt.

John Bean

Exchange 175 to 180 in Curr for $100 in silver

Hemp $5 — — — Ditto prime

Whiskey 37½ to 50 Do

Lard " Raw. Do

Lexington 12 March 1813

Mr N Berthoud

Shippingport

Dr Sir I this day advanced Mr I I Pl Mercier one hundred dollars in silver on a/c of Messrs London Grant & Co & have enclosed his rect to them, you will oblige by placing me in funds for the same as early as convenient, as I shall leave this for Alabama in two weeks — Little has closed his studies at our college & has drawn this sum to pay off his bills here before he goes to the Eastward, which will be in a few weeks — Have you any crude salt petre on hand, if so, what is the lowest price, should wish to take a few thousands & pay part in gunpowder — expect you will soon receive 10 or 12.000 lbs from N O, on a/c of Warfield & Co please to advise on its arrival & hold it untill you receive advice what disposition to make of it — by either Major Tilford or myself — The firm of Warfield & Co has been dissolved Dr C Warfield having retired, The business will in future be conducted by Major John Tilford & myself under the firm of Tilford & Brand — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Brand

Exchange 175 to 178 in Cash for $100 godspeed

To the President & Directors of the Ky
Mutual assurance society against fire

Gentlemen

You will please to request
your surveyor to resurvey my Bagging Manu
= factory — as, since it was burned it has
been rebuilt & some alterations made — as I
wish to obtain a policy according to the
articles of association

I am Gentlemen
Delivered to Mr Higgins Respectfully
by Wm. B. 13 March 1823 Yours &c
John Brand

Lexington 13 March 1823.

Lexington Thursday 12 March

Col H A Anderson

Dr Sir I this day received
your esteemed favor of the 22nd Ulto &
note its contents, Mr. F was got here about
a week ago, but had to sell a bale of cotton
by the way to bear his expenses — With
regard to the cotton at Browns ferry, I am
unacquainted with the regulations in your
state with regard to the owners of warehouse
but would suppose they were responsible for
any reasonable damage sustained on any
article, by their act or their carelessness,
settle this, I shall leave it to you to arrange
as if you were doing it for yourself —
I calculate on leaving this for your County
the last week of this month if the situation
of my family will permit & will go directly

Huntsville, & will likely write you from Nashville — I have 13 likely young mules some 2 & some 3 years old, just fit to put to work, which I have raised on my farm & intend bringing with me to your country to sell, you will oblige me if you will let your neighbour know, I will give a bargain of them to any one or two Gentlemen who will purchase the lott & will give credit untill the first day of April 1824 —

If there is any prospect of yourself or any of your neighbours wanting any of them please to write me a letter addressed to me, post office Huntsville — should you wish to see them ride over to Huntsville, I will give you a good bargain to purchase the whole, as it does not suit me to retail them —

I am sorry the prospect is so bad as to Holmes debt — when I come down I will see what can be done

I am Dr Sir Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
John Brand

P.S. I hope Col Sherrard & myself will settle amicably when I see him, I suppose when he wrote me that he must have been out of temper with some of his business

J. B.

Lexington (Ky) 24 March 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville

Dr Sirs Your esteem

[illegible] of the 20 & 28 Ulto is duly received & contents

noted, the latter covering John Flins rect. for eight bales of cotton, he has not yet arrived, I expect to leave here about first of April for your Country & I have 13 fine young Mules (I have raised on my farm) some 2 & some three years old, if I do not dispose of them before I leave here I intend to bring them with me to your State, I lately saw in one of your news-papers that you would dispose of about 40 at auction — Will you be so good as to advise me immediately on rect. of this, what prospect of sales for this stock, say on a credit of 12 month, & how they sold that you offered at auction, Please address to me Post Office Nashville & oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 28 March 1823

Messrs L & A Fist
Bainbridge Dr Sir I expect to leave here next week for your State & expect to have the pleasure of seeing you early next month when I hope you will be able to discharge your acceptance I received at the settling of our last spring I am Dr Sir
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange 175 to 180 Curr for 100 C. F.
Tennessee 30 to 35 prem in Curr
Cotton 17 to 19 dull, Do
Whiskey 45 to 50 Sales Do
Bagging no sales
Rope 8 to 10

Lexington 10th April 1823

Mr N Berthoud

Shippingport

Dr Sir I received advice a few days ago from Messrs Gordon Grant & Co of some groceries for my family coming up by the S B United States, who I have heard has arrived at your place — I shall leave this in two or three days for Alabama & expect to be absent about five weeks ~~10th inst~~ on my return I intend forwarding you a good deal of bagging & Rope to be sent on to different places & would prefer the groceries to lay in your hands untill my return, as the roads is so bad & the carriage very high —

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 10 April 1823

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co

New Orleans

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 12th Ulto enclosing Mr Mercins Invt for one hundred dollars in silver, which has been returned me by Mr N Berthoud, Since which I have received your esteemed favor of the 1st & 13th Ulto the latter covering Bill of part of the groceries as per order, Amt $55.13 which is placed to your credit, the sale of yarns in New York is very low, but I have no doubt it was the best that could be done for us & I think even better than holding on — I have received $150 in

in silver for a Widow woman in Scotland proceeds of the effects of her deceased husband who died in this country, which I wish to remit her, will you be so good as to invest that amt in a bill on London so soon as you receive funds for me & forward it to me payable to my order, I shall leave here in two days for Alabama & expect to be absent about five weeks — When you forward the ballance of groceries please to send a barrel of Molasses if possible — Our Currency contrary to all expectations is again getting worse & may now be quoted at $185 to 190 of currency for 100 in good money — All kinds of pro- = duce very low, Tobacco no one will touch, hemp from $4 to 6 in currency, according to quality, new whiskey 45 to 50, Corn —

I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 22nd May 18

Mr John Smith

St Louis

Dr Sir Above you have a Statement of your brother Wilbur's a/c for his board &c, & money advanced for him, which I presume you will find correct — Your Brother is still in debt for some necessaries, Doctors Bill & Ballance of last years tuition & Store a/c @ Powelton at Brand's part of which I have been generally charged with in my a/c. — We can inform you of the amt from what he tells us

$75 to $80 in silver to settle all claims at our present rate of exchange

I am D.r Sir

Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington 20 May 1823

Mr Samuel L Morgan

Huntsville D.r Sir Your esteem-

=ed favor of the 2.nd Inst. was received p.r last Mail (via Florence) forwarded by our mutual friends Mess.rs Andrew Buchanan & Co.y — Since my arrival at home I have been enquiring the character of the Negroman who wants me to purchase him & find it does not stand as fair as I had expected, the famalies who know him best speaks very unfavorably of him as to his honesty, in consequence I shall at present decline having any thing to do with him, but am very much obliged to you kindly offer to negotiate the business for me I am D.r Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 21 May 1823

Mess.rs John Henderson & Son

Natchez D.r Sirs I had this pleasure the 13 Feb.y since which I have received favors of the 6 March & 28 the first covering check for $50 with 2 p.r cent prem.m making $51 & the last covering a check of $312 71/100 @ 2 p.r Ct. prem.m is $318 . 71/100 which is both placed to your credit, Ballance as p.r your a/c curr.t (in my favor, of $163 . 12½/100 outstanding debt — I have just returned from my

annual tower through Tennesse & North Alabama taking in orders, & collecting, & since my arrival have forwarded 103 piece of Bagging to Mr N Berthoud of Shippingport with orders to forward the same to you, I have still on hand about 120 piece & six waggon loads of Bale rope, which will be sent on to you as soon as waggons can be procured, The bagging I flatter myself you will find of a superior quality to that generally made in this country, as to quality, in thickness, width, & selvige which I presume is considered of some importance, as the Bailing is sewed in the selvige — As the prospects for this season are not so promising as they were last year at this time, I will be regulated in my shipments, by the prospects at the different markets for those articles of my manufacture, I must therefore request the favor of you to keep me regularly advised of the situation & prospects of these articles in your market —, & oblige Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington Ky 21 May

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 5 Ulto is duly received during my absence at Alab & contents noted, covering bill of groceries $48.39 which is placed to your credit — The $400 advanced by me to Mr Mercer has been refunded by Mr Berthoud shortly after it was advanced, I am sorry the prospects for Bagging & Rope for the ensuing

season are so gloomy, at present I have no intention of making any rope, but am so situated with my negroes & property, that I must pursue the manufacture of Bagging or dispose of my hands, &c, which I am unwilling to do — There is very little Bale rope making in the country this season, the manufacturers have generally turned their attention to making Bagging, & I am afraid they will sorely repent it, — I should not be surprised if Bale rope become a pretty good article next season as the quantity making is so small — When the funds for sales of yarns are collected I would prefer them being placed to my credit in the office of discount & deposit of the U States Bank at New York or at Philiad.a I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange $186 to 190 in Curr for $100 in good funds,
Checks the Eastward 1 to 2 prem
Hemp 5 to 6 Currency
Whiskey 50 to 62½ cts currency

Lexington (Ky) 23 May 1823

Messrs Monroe Milne & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 27 January last, advising you of the Rect of your favor of the 27 Decr, To which please refer, In that I gave you a copy of the Messrs Bells letter to me in answer to mine demanding payt for their Bill of $1800 you forwarded me — I am afraid one or both has been miscarried, as I have as yet received no ~~answer~~ answer what to do with the Bill, On rect of this please advise me what I am to do with it, & oblige — Dr Sirs Very Respty J Brand

Lexington 23d May 1823

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport Dr Sir On the 20th Inst.
I loaded John Talbots waggon with 31 piece of Bagging 1618½ yards, Burgess W Gaithers waggon with 32 piece 1670, & John Flins with forty piece 2090 yards, to be delivered to you as pr. their rects. On its arrival you will please to have it shipped on board the first staunch Steam Boat, bound for Natches to be consigned to Messrs. John Henderson & Sons of that place at my a/c & risk — I have three or four waggon loads still on hand, & four loads of Bale rope, which I shall forward you so soon as waggons can be procured, which I wish forwarded as above but would prefer that which has gone on to be shipped before the other so as to divide the risk — I have given John Talbot an order for what groceries you have on hand of mine —
Could you purchase one load of salt for me for silver, & value on me for the same, if so, at what price, please advise me by return mail & oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Exchange
U S notes or checks 188 to 190 Curr for $100
Tennessee 25 to 30 prem for Curr —

Lexington 7 June 1823

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir I yesterday loaded John Talbots waggon with 44 piece of Bagging, the last I have ready at present, (if I have made no mistake), the whole amount you will have received when this reaches you is

two hundred & sixty six piece of bagging, containing thirteen thousand nine hundred & twenty 1/2 yards, I have also given orders on Mr Sattenstall for four waggon loads of Bale rope, all of which I wish forwarded to Messrs John Henderson & Sons Natches by the first safe steam boat; but would prefer it should be sent in two or three parcels, so as to divide the risk —

The Revd Robt M Cunningham has had some goods forwarded to you by Mr Abrm S Barton Wt 1421 lb as pr rect. Mr C. wishes them forwarded as early as possible to Messrs Howard & Kenedy Big Spring Alaba, Your commission with any other expences incurred in Shipping port you will please to charge to my a/c, & forward me the amt of his Bill, as early as convenient to enable me to settle with him before he leaves here —

I wrote you the 23d Ulto, requesting the favor of you to let me know the price of salt in your place, but have as yet received no answer —

Will you please to advise me the price of the different kinds of salt in ~~[illegible]~~ Specie or currency & oblige Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Exchange 195 to 200 Curr for $100 Specie } John Brand

Lexington 10 June 1823

Dr Willis Hodges

Moulton Dr Sir Your father called on me the other day & requested me to authorise you to draw any sum you might stand in need of, not exceeding one hundred dollars in Tennessee notes, by an order on some of my agents in Alaba

In pursuance thereof, I hereby authorize you to call on Col R A Anderson & if he has collected any money of mine for sales made since the settlement, (exclusive of his acceptance) he has my authority to pay you the sum you may require within the above amt ——. If he has none of my money on hand you will call on Mr Francis Thrasher of Huntsville, who I expect has some of mine in hand, leave this letter with him & it shall be his authority to advance you any sum within one hundred dollars in Current Bank notes, whoever you may receive it from you will please request them to advise me of the amt they have paid you immediately, & also state the rate of exchange for silver when you receive the money

Yours &c &c

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt John Brand

Col R A Anderson Lawrence Cty —— or Mr Francis Thrasher Huntsville — Please to pay Dr Willis Hodges any amt out of any moneys of mine in your hands, not exceeding one hundred dollars in currency & take his receipt for the same & this shall be your authority & advice for the rate of exchange for silver —

John Brand

Lexington 10 June 1829

Mr B Metcalf

Huntsville Ala Please to inform me if you showed Mr John McKinley the copys of the notes I left in your hands when I was in Huntsville. & should he have said, I have not received any advice from you or him on the subject — You will oblige me if you will advise me what propects is in your market this season for rope or Bagging, or whether it will be worth while to send any to your market this season —

No sales of Bagging in this place since I saw you, & what has been made has been sent down the river, Please put the records in a cover & send them onto me by Mr Richardson & let me know the rate of exchange & oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington Ky 10 June 1823

John McKinley Esqr.
Florence Dr Sir I had this pleasure 1st May last when I was in Huntsville, which I left with Mr B Metcalf, along with the records of the suit on the note, assigned by you to me on Col Thos D Owings, you will learn by those papers the situation of that suit — I have herewith enclosed you the advertisement relating to the same which I cut out of the newspapers — You see the necessity of your immediate attention to this business, otherwise I am afraid I shall have no alternative but to come on you for to recover my money — Your early attention will oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 16 June 1823

Messrs. Morgans & Turner
Dr Sirs On the 14th Inst. I loaded Shelton Rutherfords waggon with 37 evils Bale rope 2966 lb & one bale of twine Pr Jesse Bertons waggon weighing 91 lbs — all to your address — You will please to hand over six hundred lbs to E Rawlins Esqr. & thirteen hundred lb to T. L. Percy Esqr. also fifty lbs

of the twine to Leroy Pope Esqr., which will close my contract with all the Gentlemen, the ballance left you will please dispose of on commission for me along with my bagging, or on the best terms you can, I am willing you should sell any of my articles on a credit untill the first day of next April, to any punctual men, who will not disappoint you, taking their notes for the same, payable in such Bank notes as are generally recived in the payment of debts in Huntsville, You will oblige by keeping me regularly advised of the prices & prospects, in your Country of the different articles of my manufacture, such as Bagging, Rope, Twine, Gun Powder, & Tow & hemp linen &c the rate of exchange —

The prospects with you will regulate me, whether or not I send any more to your Market this season

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 21 June 1823

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville
Dr Sirs The present is to request the favor of you, to advise me the price of Cotton by the Bale in your market, & whether there is much of the article on sale in your place — I have 15 or 20 Bales on hand & will have two waggon loads more in a short time, from Alabama, can it be disposed of with you for cash, or can any quantity be exchanged for tow linen of a good quality for Salt on fair terms, — Please advise me by return mail if the prospects will justify me in

forwarding you a load or two & oblige
Very Respectfully

Exchange
95 to 98 prem for Curr.
Cotton 22 to 24 as to quality

Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 1st July 1823

Mr. N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 15 Ulto. came duly to hand, covering Bill of lading of 222 piece Bagging & 139 coils of bale rope I hope you have been able to forward the 44 piece of bagging before this — Mr Talbot On the 27 Ulto I loaded James Hillix waggon with 39 piece & Abia Maguires waggon with 41 piece of bagging (total 80) — I wish you to forward this eighty piece to Messrs. Findlay & Buchanan Tyrone (By Florence) Alabma by the first safe opportunity — If the freight can be engaged at Tennessee notes it would be desirable as good funds are very scarce there — Please advise me if there will be opportunities of forwarding goods (during the low stage of water) to New Orleans & Florence & oblige Dr. Sir Very Respectfully

Exchange 196 to 198 Comm. fa 100 specie
Checks & U S notes 1 to 2 pr ct prem

Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. I am truly sorry at the salt petre of Tilford & Brand's coming by the S. B. U States, It has been the cause of hard thoughts by the owners of the Fayette, as this is not the first time they G G & Co have done so —, however, Tilford as well as myself perfectly coincides with you in opinion that the innocent Carrier ought not to loose by the mistake

a error of an agent — But it has been understood that Gordon Grant & Co, are the owners of the U. S, — If this opinion is not correct, the freight will be paid immediately, but it will be particularly hard, as the owners of the Fayette are actually paid for upwards of 24,000 lbs of freight on my a/c alone, which I have a limited time to ship up the river, & it is very doubtful whether I shall be able to ship that quantity before the time expires; I have heard a considerable grumbling here, for agents keeping back freight for boats wherein they are interested, instead of embracing the first opportunity of a good boat — & in some instances the shipper has been charged a higher freight. This course if pursued in will certainly injure their Business — J. B.

Lexington 5 July 1823

Messrs Crockett & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs Enclosed you have Thomas Moore's your notes for $17 21/100 each with a credit (received) entered on the back of one of them for $27 20/100 You will oblige me, if you will put them into the hands of a proper officer for collection, he is a shoe maker & will be found by enquiry at a Mr Cliffords near where the post office was formerly kept — Moore himself is a trifling little fellow & cannot be depended upon, I wish you to have the debt collected or secured as soon as possible, I have been told by his father in law that he has a claim on me for $7.— for shoes [illegible]

my family by a Mr Vigus, if he says so, allow him on the settlement, I know nothing of it myself—

Tilford & Brand sent you our some Powder some time ago & have been surprised at not hearing from you, Please advise how powder sells & what prospects for bagging & rope & oblige

Dr Sir

Yours &c

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 7 July 1823

Theodore F Talbot Esqr
Philiada

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 12 Ulto is duly received & contents noted, covering your draft for $450. on Philiada to meet your note in the U S Branch for like amt on which I am endorser, Upon enquiry I could not procure Southern notes, & had to sell the Dft at 1 & 1/2 pr cent prem to Postlethwait Brand & Co, the amt of prem is $6 75/100, $6.50/100 I handed to Mr McIlvaine to be placed to your credit, the 25/100 for postage, according to your directions, the $500 note of Frazers left in my hands, you will of course advise me what to do with, if to be handed over to any person here you will please send an order for it, Your friends Mr & Mrs Breckenridge are at the Blue licks with Francis Prevost & daughter Mary, both unwell, Messrs Wilkins & Tilford are both at Louisville attending the sale of the Steam Boat Fayette which is advertised for tomorrow, no other news worth mentioning—

Mrs Brand joins me in presenting our best respects to Yourself, Mrs Talbot, Miss Emily & the rest of your amiable family— Eliza particularly requests

me to present her love to Miss Ophelina — Believe
me dear Sir Very Respectfully
Exchange Your Obed.t Serv.t
$196 to 200 in Curr.y for $100 John Brand
Specie or C Funds

Lexington (Ky) 7 July 1823

Will.m L Brown Esq.r
Clarksville Tennessee

D.r Sir Your favr of the 17 Ult.o
is duly recived & contents noted, addressed to our.s
Brand, we would have answered you before this, but
waited to see Mr Rob.t Crocket, to whom we have shewn
your letter — He has directed us to say to you that
he is upon the eve of moving his family to Logan
County & as soon as possible will call on you & make
a proposition for the settlement of your claim ag.t
-inst the property we purchased from him —
We have paid the principal part of the claim
against us for this property, & would have paid
the whole had we not accidentally discovered your
mortgage, the Ballance we shall hold untile your
claim is settled — Should you be unable
to settle with Mr Crocket, we may then make
you a proposition by his permission —

We are
D.r Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.ts
signed
Tilford & Brand

Lexington 10 July 1823

Mr David Wendell

Murfreesboro

Dr Sir Your favor of the 28 Apl. last came duly to hand, & must beg your pardon for not answering you sooner — The letter from Genl. James Allen remitting me the money, I had laid away among other papers & could not lay my hands upon it untill this morning — Inclosed you will receive thirty one dollars & 24 cents currency, the amt. of principle & interest, I see, I received from Genl. Jas. Allen for Amasa Webs note recd. from you of $26 - 88/100, Please acknoledge rect. of this & oblige Dr Sir

Respectfully

Yours

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 10 July 1823

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co

New Orleans

Dr Sirs Your favors of the 11 & 30 May, & 23 Ulto has been duly received & contents noted, I would have wrote you ere this but had nothing new to communicate — I am pleased you have at last got clear of the Yarns & Baleropes although at a low price, when in funds for sales, please remit as early as convenient, the funds for sales of yarns in New York, I would prefer receiving them by check or dft — as you may think most adviseable For funds in Orleans for sales of rope I would prefer checks on some of the New York or Philada. Banks if they can be procured on fair terms say not exceeding 2 pr cent prem —

The small Dft on London formerly mentioned - I would wish forwarded as soon as possible, as it is for a Widow woman in Scotland who I have no doubt is much in want of it, I have for the present abandoned the manufacture of bale rope, our currency is at present so oscillating that there is no safe calculation can be made, whether it is best to hold on to the paper or invest it in produce, I had intended to forward you a parcel of bailing to sell for me, but late advice from your city will prevent me, I shall not forward any more of the manufacture, I am engaged in, at least this season, unless the prospects are more flattering. I am Dr Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt.
Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 15 July 1843

Mr N. Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir Your favor of the 8th is duly received & contents noted, covering bill of lading of 124 piece of bagging forwarded John Henderson & Sons on my a/c & risk, the forwarding the 80 piece as above, instead of to Findlay & Buchanan is not very material, I shall send you two waggon loads to forward to them as soon as I get some off I am now getting up to go by land to Alabama

I have forwarded you a load of Bale rope which is intended to go to Messrs Findlay & Buchanan Tyrone (opposite Florence) so soon as good Boat can be procured, The former Bill of lading was 137 coils (not of 147 you say) 12055 lb & so it appears the mistake was in the number of coils not in weight, I am Dr Sir Very Resp Yours John Brand

Lexington 15 July 1823

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

Dr Sirs Your favors of 28 & 31th Ulto is duly received, I have loaded Thomson Fristoes waggon yesterday with six bales Cotton for you to sell for me or barter for good tow linen at affair price, one of the Bales had no mark on it, & I am not certain of the correctness of my own weights, You will therefore oblige me if you will weigh the whole of it & send me a list of the dfts, on its arrival, I would have sent you more, but from yours of the 28 I am led to believe I can do better with it here, & have only sent you the above to try your market I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Yrs John Brand

Exchange $200 in Curr. for 100 silver
good cotton 20 to 23 cents pr lb

Lexington 30th July 1823

Col H A Anderson

Dr Sir

I yesterday loaded John Pembertons waggon with forty one piece of bagging containing twenty one hundred & fifty two & 1/2 yards — & Lewis Burtons waggon with twenty five piece of bagging containing thirteen hundred & nineteen yards; fifteen coils bale rope weighing twelve hundred & thirty four lbs & one bale of twine weighing one hundred & eleven lb, & have taken their rects to deliver the same to you without delay, a copy of which they have with them — I have engaged to give them seven bales of cotton each for a back load, I must therefore beg of you to have the

cotton ready & in good order by the time they arrive at your house, so they shall not have it in their power to charge me with delay —
& advise me as soon as you load them, enclosing their rict. for the cotton — If you have not already delivered the Bagging, Rope & twine to Col. Sherrard (which I sold him, & gave an order on you for) You will please let him know as soon as possible after the arrival of the waggons — that you are ready to make the delivery whenever he will send for it — & should he send for it before the waggons arrive — you will please to deliver as much, as you have got, so far as the order calls for — so he shall have no cause of complaint of a dissiap=pointment again — The ballance after filling Col. Sherrards contract — I wish you to sell for me on the best terms you can, or on such terms as such articles are selling for in Courtland, or your neighbourhood — To good men that you can depend upon, you have my authority to give a credit, to be paid any time before the first day of next April — Please to let me know the prospects for bagging, rope & twine this season — The Canes on hand, please dispose of at what you think it is worth or at what such are selling for with you — let me know if there is any prospects this season for the payt. of the claim of P B & Co on Drs. Rosseau & Perine & oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Beard

Lexington 31 July 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville
Dr Sirs

On the 14 Ulto I sent you a load of bale rope by Rutherford, Tim, since which which I have not had the pleasure of receiving any of your favors — I wrote you on same day to which I beg to refer you, in what manner to fulfill my engagements to Col Pope & Col Percy & Rawlins Esqr if you have not already fulfilled those contracts, I beg of you to have them completed immediately on rect of this — While I was in Decatur (immediately after I left your place last) I sold some bagging to Dr Rhodes of that place, for which I gave him an order on you, please to advise me, if ever he has called for it, if not you will oblige me if you will write him you are requested to deliver it to him on aplication —

I would have forwarded ~~you~~ some rope & bagging, but am really afraid your market will be glutted with the article this season — but should the article maintain a fair price, I shall forward you some during the season — You will oblige me if you will keep me advised of the state of your market for those articles — when the season opens I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 31 July 1823

Messrs Levi Edmondson & Co
Mooresville
Dr Sirs

I forwarded to you on the 14th Ulto by Jesse Burton 38 coils rope 3810 lbs, since which I have not had the

pleasure of receiving any of your favors,
You will recollect I gave Messrs Keys & Duncan an order on you for Bagging & Rope, if they have not already received the amount of the order — You will oblige me if you will inform them you are ready to deliver it whenever they may send for it & take their rect. for the same, please advise me the prospects for these articles in your market this season & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Yours
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 11 August

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans
Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 10 Ulto to which please refer — since which I have received your favor of the 10th Ulto — I have been truly sorry at the mistake of your clerk in sending the salt Petre by the United States instead of the Fayette — My Partner Major Tilford is one of the owners of the Fayette & felt very sore on the subject, as he says, it is not the first instance of the kind that has happened — I must acknoledge that I was dissiappoi-ed myself — as I have paid the owners of the Fayette for upwards of 20,000 lbs of freight up the river, which I am limited to a day when to ship, so whatever we pay the owners of the U, S — is lost to us — Tilford & Brand agrees with you that the innocent carrier has no right to lose his freight — but says, a good deal could be said on the subject where the agent

committing the error & the carrier are one & the same person, & it is a sound Maxim in Law that no man has a right to take advantage of his own error — They say the amount being small, is not worth having any words about, & will be remitted Mr Berthoud first opportunity —

I am sorry Postlethwait Brand & Co did not advise you of the arrival of the cotton ps. Chagnut — I am but a sleeping partner in that firm, & seldom know any thing of the business unless brought before the Co, Capt. Postlethwait is the active partner & I thought had wrote you on the subject, however upon enquiry, I find the Cotton has been all received safe with the exception of one Bale a little damaged — & the money paid over to Mr N Berthoud some time ago — according to your instructions —

As by this time you say you will be in funds for me, please send me a Bill on London for £ 50. Sterling, or place that amount to my credit on the Books of Reid Irving & Co London as you can best accomplish it, this I wish done as early as possible — I shall have a good deal of bagging this fall which I am in doubt whether to send to market — As you are largely in the shipping of that article (Cotton) can you send any for me to the proprietors or Planters — Please advise me the prospects for this article & oblige

Respectfully
Yours &c
John Brand

Lexington Ky 11th Augst 1825

Messrs Reid Irving & Co
London

Dr Sirs I wrote you the
15 Janry last, at which time I was in hopes we
would have the business between Mr Frazer & myself
soon settled — but as yet there is no prospects at
what time that will be accomplished — I have
proposed to Mr Frazer that each of us should
remit you one half the amt with interest
until the first January next — which he has
agreed to — In consequence I have this day
wrote my friends, Messrs Gudon Grant & Co
of New Orleans to remit me a bill on London
(as early as possible for £500 Sterg or to have
that amt placed to my credit on your Books as they
might think proper — If you have made no error in
calculating the interest, this sum will be half of
the claim you have against Mr Frazer & myself
with interest until the first next January
which I hope will be satisfactory, (when you
receive the other half from Mr Frazer) I can
not help at this time, of expressing my regret
that this small balance has not been remitted
you long ago I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 14 augt 1823

Mr N Berthoud Shippingport

Dr Sir I this day loaded george B Waltz waggon with thirty three piece of Bagging & two bales of linceys & John Youngs waggon with thirty six piece of bagging as perfect a duplicate of which they have with them as soon as a good opportunity offers I wish you to forward this two loads to Messrs Andrew Buchonon & to florence or tyrone as they may order an my ofc & risk & forward me a bill of lading I am Dr Sir Respectfully my oledt servt John Brand PS If you have an opportunity you may value on tilford & Brand for the freight of the salt petre pr United States — if not we will remit it first good opportunity

JB Exchange 203 to 205 in lieu for $100 in good funds

Lexington 19 Augt 1823

Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co

Florence

Dr Sirs I had shipped on board the Steam boat Florence, at Louisville, the 29 Ulto thirty four coils bale rope to the address of Messrs Findlay & Buchanan Tyrone, (wt 3071 lbs) & on the 14 Inst I forwarded to Mr N Berthoud Shippingport sixty nine piece of bagging containing thirty six hundred & eight & ½ yards to be forwarded to your address at Florence or Tyrone as you may order, I also forwarded two Bales of linceys of Postlethwait Brand & Cos which they will advise you about — Part of the bailing & rope is

intended for Mr James Elliot of Moulton to dispose of for me on Commission, the ballance I wish you to dispose of for me on the best terms you can, — where you can sell to undoubted punctual men I have no objection to your giving credit payable any time before the first next April, but in doing so I would wish you to take their note for the amt. any that may be paid early in the winter, please to invest in Eastern funds while it is at the lowest, as it (the currency) generally gets worse towards February & March — I would have forwarded you more but am afraid of your market being overstocked with these articles, should the price be better than I expect, I can send you on some more during the season, when the packing season begins I will take it kind to be kept regularly advised of the prices current & rate of exchange in your pla — I have advised Mr Elliot of having forwa=ed the above articles to you, he will likely give an order by some return waggon from Moulton, for what he may be able to disp of — Tam Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your
Most Obedt Servt
John Bra

Lexington Ky 19 Augt 1823

Mr James Elliot

Moulton

Dr Sir I have forwarded to Messrs Andw Buchan & Co Florence, thirty four coils of bale rope & sixty nine pieces of bagging & have advised them that a part of it is intended for you to sell for me on commission, when you have a good opportunity by some return waggon to your place, you can send an order for what you think you can dispose of for me — I have sent this as an experiment if it bring 33⅓ cents in currency, at the present rate of exchange, it will only bring about 19 cents silver, after playing all costs, this is not a price that the article can be made at, when our currency is silver — & the prospects in Louisi and is more flattering at present than in Alab I shall therefore be regulated in my shipment by the prices, & will be obliged to you by keeping me regularly advised, the prices current & rate of exchange in your section of country — when you send for the articles draw the order on Findlay & Buchanan Tyrone, or Andw Buchan & Co Florence

I am Dear Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 26 August 1823

Mr David Logan
Pittsburgh

Dr Sir Your favor of 25 Feby came duly to hand & contents noted, since which I am without any of your favors — I understood that cotton is now in demand in your place, I have had an offer for what I have on hand for that market, but they did not come to my price (viz 10½ specie) —

I had a/c sales lately for a parcel I sent to January & Sutherland Maysville (a 11 cents specie, & the article is looking up below, however as the parcel in your hands has been a long time in market I wish you to close sales as soon as possible & forward me an a/c current — & oblige

Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Briand

Lexington (Ky) 26 Augt 18

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez

Dr Sirs Your favors of 17 & 19 June last was duly received some time ago & contents noted, The latter acknoledging rect of 222 pieces of bagging & 139 coils of 3 Bale rope, (there appears to have been a mistake in the number of coils of rope) as there was 147 Coils forwarded —

Mr Berthoud has advised me he has wrote you on this subject; please let me know if the error has been corrected, — There was shipped on board of the Belle Creole the 6 July, 124 pieces of Ragging of mine, to your address, I have

expecting this some time to have received advice of your having received it, but as yet am without any advice on that subject — I can forward you some more bailing if you think it advisable — Your reply will oblige D.r Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obl.t Serv.t
John Bland

Lexington Ky 27th August 1823

Mess.rs H. Monroe Milne & Co.
N Orleans

Gent.n Your favor of 4 Inst.n was recieved last week, covering two inclosures, one addressed to Myself, & the other to Mr Isaac Bell of this place which I delivered to him immediately, he informed me, he would ride out to his brothers on Sunday & would call & see me in the begining of this week, I called on him to day, his answer was, that he had been out to his brothers, & that he, had refused to enter into the arrangement, to give the notes mentioned, — So the business stands as it was before the arrangement entered into with Capt.n Hodgson, I am afraid this Business will not be soon settled, without using coercive measures; whatever you may instruct me to do in the business shall be punctually attended — I am D.r Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Bland

Lexington 2nd Sept. 1823

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

Dr Sirs I yesterday forwarded 12 Bales of cotton to your address, viz; 4 by Robt. Fristoe, 4 by Thompson Fristoe, & four by John Nudigate, on its arrival you will please weigh them & transmit me a list of the weights

I wish you to dispose of this lot for me on the best terms you can for cash, or undoubted paper at short date, say 30, 60 or 90 days but I would not wish to let it go at less than eleven cents specie at present, please advise me on the prospects for sales on rect. of the cotton & oblige Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 8 septem 1823

Mr David Logan pitsburg Dr Sir
Your esteemed favor of the 26 Utto is duly received cevering an order on Mr Willm W Worsley for one hundred & fourteen dollars & requesting me to call on Mr N Porter $107.. 1/100 on Messr T & G Boswell for $883.. 44/100 & on Mr Jas. W Palmer for $42.. 69/100 I have called on these gentlemen & have received from Mr Wor one hundred & fourteen dollars from Messrs Boswels eighty three dolls & 43/100 & from Mr Palmer fifty two dollars & seventy cents make the whole received to be two hundred & fifty dollars & thirteen cents for which amount have given these Rects Mr Porter informs

me he had forwarded you $100 by Mr. McLure which I hope you have received the baltance he said was hardly worth my receiving & he would write you I am Dr Sir very Respectfully your obedt servt

John Brand

Lexington Ky 9 Septr 1823 Mr John McMillan Madison Indiana Dr Sir your favor of the 23 ult is received & contents noted I have since seen Captn Thomas Nelson who handed me the bill on Liverpool £19.16.7 which is here with Inclosed he says you are extremely welcom to his service & it has given him pleasure to be of service to you My respects to Captn Shannon & enquireing friends & believe me Dr Sir very Respectfully your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Showed James B January your order he says he never received any money on that Business J B

P.S. captn nelson informs me he left the 3 of. exchange in the hands of Mr Joshua Baldwin N Orleans you will better hold this until you hear of the former being received or not

Lexington 13 Septr 1823

Mr F. I. Maslin

Huntsville

Please pay over to Messrs Morgans & Turner any funds of mine in your hands & oblige Dr Sir Respectfully Yours

John Brand

Messrs Morgans & Turner Lex 13 Septr 1823

Huntsville

Dr Sirs Above you have order on Mr F. I. Maslin of your place for

any funds of mine that may be in his hands
When I left Huntsville there was a
ballance of $706 " 74/100 due, which (Mr Mastin
informed me) was owing by two or three very
respectable Gentlemen & he had no doubt would
be paid during the May Court, or as soon as they
came to Town; my object in placing this funds
in your hands is, in case I should send you any
bagging &c (soon) You may be able to purchase some
cotton for me as return loads, for it is out of our
power to get waggoners to go to your place without
the assurance of a return load — You will
oblige me if you will call on Mr Mastin
on rect. of this & advise me of the result —
& whether you have yet received the money, for
the note I received from Mr T Searcey wherein
suit was brought — I would have forwarded
you two or three loads of bagging, but am afraid
to guarantee a return load, without some asse-
rances from you — Please advise the prices
of Bagging, Rope & Twine & the prospects in
your markets for these articles — & rate of
exchange — waiting your reply

I am Dear Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Beard

P.S. Has Dr Rhodes of Decatur ever called
or have you had any conversation with him
on the order I gave him on you for bagg
J.B.

Lexington, Ky, 13 Septr 1823

Messrs L Edmonson & Co
Moresville Alabª

Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 28 Ulto was received pr. last mail & contents noted, The prospect of the price for bagging in your place this season is rather discouraging, I expect the price in Louisiana & Mississippi States, will both be better, taking into view the depreciated currency that is received in payment for the article, & the heavy charge of transportation, & long credit given; with the exception of two waggon loads sent to Lawrence County in your State (to complete some engagements I had made there) I have forwarded all I have made since my return from Alabama, down the river, as sales are more to be depended upon & quicker returns —

I have however concluded to forward you two more waggon loads, provided you can furnish return loads of cotton, as it is out of my power to get waggoners to go to your place without giving them assurance of a return load, should you agree to this, I must request you not to forward any unless of prime quality as it is really out of my power to sell cotton of an inferior quality in this market, —

There was two or three bales of very inferior quality I received from you in the last lot, by Denton, when I returned from your place I had about 60 Bales on hand & had made a sale of the whole lot, if of good quality, but upon examining the lot, these bales were found & ruined my sale, I was really mortified at the circumstance

as I had represented it all of good quality — I had requested all my friends not to send me any unless of prime quality & had not examined your parcel particularly — Should the price improve with you I presume I could send you as much as you could dispose of by being furnished with return loads — Please advise me by return mail & let me know the prices of Rope & bagging — Cotton & rate of exchange — & oblige

Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Bean

P.S. Please advise me if Messrs Keys & Dunn have received their lot I sold them for which I gave them an order on you J.B.

Lexington 22nd Septr 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville
Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 13 Inst (which was forwarded by Mr Jas Elliot of Tuscumbia) to which I beg reference since which your esteemed favor of the 10th has been received, the bagging (of mine) you have on hand you may sell at 33 1/3 C currency of your place, but I think it would be advisable to give as short credit (if any) as possible & to invest the proceeds in good funds about December when it is presumed it will be at its lowest, I shall wait for your reply to mine of the 13th — The first opportunity I shall forward some twine of a better quality for Col. Pope, when the last was sent, it was

of my power to procure any of the best quality
You will please inform Col Pope of this, & ask
him if he received the 12 mill Bags sent him
by Postlethwait Brand & Co & oblige
Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 22nd Sept 1823

Mr David Logan
Dr Sir I had this pleasure
the 8 Inst. informing you who had paid me the
different sums p. your order, since which I have
received your favour of the 13 Inst. & observe
its contents, the price offered by Mr Allen I
could not send to your plad & take 11 cents
for — I have refused 11 cents clear for the pick
of ten bales out of 114 by Postlethwait Brand
& Co I offered the lot (of 114 Bales) at 11 cents —
Since writing you on the 8 Inst I drew a
small order on you for about $63 some cents
in favor of Mr Gilfoil Please send me
an a/c current & oblige Yours Respectfully
John Brand

Lexington Ky, 24 Sept 1823

E Rawlins Esqr
Huntsville Dr Sir Your favor of
the 13 Inst. is just received & noted the contents,
subjoined you have a copy of your rect. I am
Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt John Brand

Huntsville May 1st 1823

Received of John Brandt fourteen piece of bailing containing in the whole seven hundred & forty one & ½ yards, one coil of Rope weighing one hundred & eighteen pounds & ten pounds of twine — for which I am to pay him on the first day of April next in this place, for the bailing thirty cents in silver pr. yard, for the rope ten cents pr. pound in silver, & for the twine forty cents in silver pr. pound — I oblige myself to take from said Brandt six hundred pounds of bale rope more & to pay him for the same as above —

Signed Eldred Rawlins

P. S. The above article is in your hand writing, in which, there is a small error it ought to have been forty cents pr. pound in currency for the twine E. R.

Lexington 26 Sept. 1823

Messrs Morgan & Turner

Huntsville

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 22nd Inst. in reply to your favor of the 10th — but have not received as yet your answer to mine of the 13th — The present is to advise you, that I have this day delivered Col Calvin Morgan two hundred dollars in Huntsville Bank paper, two hundred dollars in Nashville Bank paper, & four hundred dollars in Notes of the State Bank of Tennessee to be delivered you — Total eight hundred dollars, which you will please to hold subject to my order, as I shall be regulated by circumstances whether I invest it in

first quality cotton or in Eastern funds
Please acknoledge rect of this & oblige
Respectfully
Yrs
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29 Septr 1823

Col H. A. Anderson
of the 7 Inst Dr Sir Your esteemed favor
was received a few days ago
the day after the waggons had delivered the four-
-teen bales of cotton in good order — I have received
advice from Huntsville (dated later than your
favor of the 7th, which informs me the merchants
there have concluded to sell at 33 1/100 pr yard
should the exchange not exceed 33 1/3 pr cent advance
in your currency for eastern funds (U States notes)
but they also advise me they think it will
likely go as high as 35 or 37 1/2, however you
will learn before you get this — what price it
is going at — This price 33 1/3 understand
is for cash when the bagging is delivered, which
makes a great difference to giving credit untill
March or April, as the exchange at that time
is generally at its worst, whereas if paid for
when received it would give the seller the oppor-
tunity of investing the proceeds in United States
notes when they were at their lowest — last year
when [redacted] my bagging & rope
was sold, exchange between your currency & United
States Bank notes was generally from 18 to 21 pr
cent prem, & when I received the money it was
33 1/3 pr ct advance, which if you will

take the trouble to calculate you will see made a difference of about 3½ cent, silver pr. yd. less than if I had received 45 cents currency when delivered, instead of 50 in April. I hope you will bear this in mind when you make sales, & collect as much of the money as possible & invest it in United States notes, while it is at its lowest. There certainly ought to be a difference in price, in sales, between receiving the money when the property is delivered, or a short time after, so you could invest it in good funds by receiving it in April when it is at its very worst. Please write me occasionally & let me know the prices of cotton, Rope & Bagging, & exchange &, if you can dispose of any for me this season, I have an idea in future of sending you your supply by Florence when the water is up, as it can be done lower & there is great difficulty in procuring waggons to go to your place. I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 29 Sept

Messrs Crockett & Adams
Nashville

Dr Sirs Your esteem favors of the 16 July & 6 Ult. has been received & contents noted, with regard to Moore I have been informed by his friends here, that he was in the shop when the officer called, & he himself told the officer that Moore had left town, I should rather expect he is still in Nashville, should you hear of him still

being there, or any where else, & could get the business settled by giving him time, by getting good security for the debt ultimately, I would be pleased

From the bad prospects for bagging in your market I had concluded not to send any there this season but from observing yours of 6th August I have concluded to forward two waggon loads which I loaded on the 27th Inst viz, John Hills waggon with forty three pieces, twenty two hundred & thirty nine yards & Willm I Freemans waggon with 26 pieces, thirteen hundred & fifty eight yards, & fifteen kegs gun powder 25 each & 25 kegs do 12½ each for Tilford & Bland, at present I would not with the bagging sold for a less price than 33⅓ cents at least, should you be able to procure that for it on a short credit I have no objection letting it go, I shall be regulated whether or not to send you any more by the demand & prices in your market, which I hope you will keep regularly advised of

The gun powder sent you by Tilford & Bland you will dispose of as formerly, or on the best terms you can, as others in your market, we hope to have our Powder works again in operation in a few weeks when we will forward you a full waggon load, our mills has suspended their operations this three months for want of water & this small parcel is the last we have on hand — should you be able to dispose of this parcel of bagging soon, I will forward you some more on being advised so to do — I would have forwarded you this parcel earlier but was not able to get waggons to go without giving

them assurance of return loads — & would wish you to advise me if you can give return loads of cotton from proceeds of sales, on my a/c as I can then easier procure waggons to go

I am Dear Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 14 October 1823

Messrs Reid Irving & Co,
London

Dr Sirs I wrote you the 11th August last to which I beg reference, I am sorry the Bill (I therein promised to remit you, has been so long of coming to hand which has been only this day received from New Orleans — Enclosed you will receive first of exchange for £50 Sterly No 228, dated New Orleans 12 Septr, drawn in my favor, by Messrs H Monro Milne & Co, to Messrs Finlay Hodgson & Co London at 60 days sight which I have endorsed payable to you — You will please have the amount placed to my credit, as half of the debt, owing to you by Mr Frazer & myself, I have not spoken to Mr Frazer, since I last wrote you, at that time he promised to remit you the half of the amount owing you, which I hope he has done, hoping this will be satisfactory I am Dear
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Signed John Brand

Lexington Ky, 4 October 1823

Mrs Matthews
Dundee

Madam I received your favor of the 28th June last, & observe that you request me to remit you the amount I collected for you at whatever rate of exchange or sacrifice I have accordingly had remitted to a friend, in Philadelphia, one hundred & fifty dollars in good money, with a request that it may be immediately invested in a bill on London, & forwarded to Mr David Hay Hill Tower Dundee, for your use & benefit, or payable to your order — I am sorry our currency is at present so depreciated, being only one in silver, for two, in Curr — the amount I received for you was three hundred dollars Current notes, & the amount remitted to Philadelphia is what it has produced, I charge nothing for any trouble I have been at in collecting it &c & only regret the amt is not much larger for the benefit of yourself & family

I am Madam

Mrs Matthews care of Mr David Hay Hill Tower Dundee

Very Respectfully Your Obdt Servt
John Brand

P.S. The amount in Sterling will be about £31.

Lexington 4 October 1823

Mr Wm W Worsley Dear Sir I have at last received the bill on London from New Orleans for the £50 Sterg., which I have indorsed, & enclosed to Messrs Reid Irving & Co which will pay the half of the debt — Mr Fraser & myself owes them, according to the calculation made by you

Yours truly

Owen

I would have shewed you the letter & bill myself — but leave home in the morning for Georgetown & perhaps will not be home for a day or two — You have my permission to shew the whole to Mr Frazer if you think proper, as I never have had & never wish to have any correspondence on this business that he is not fully acquainted with — After which you will oblige me if you will put a wafer in the & the bill, & put it in the Post office that it may go with the tuesday mornings mail

I am Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Signed John Brand

Lexington 6 octobr

Messrs January & Sutherland Maysville

Dr Sirs your esteemed favor of the 8 ulto was received some time ago since which I have not received any of your favors On recit of this please advise me what progress you have m in sales of the cotton if you think you can no dispare of it soon at my limits you will please forward it to Mr David Logan pitsburgh on my ab & risk please advise me what you have sold, & what prospects of getting it up the river & oblige Dr Sirs very Respectfully your obedt Sert John Br

PS Should you forward any to D Logan please send me a list of the weights of the bales J B

Lexington 6 october 1823

Mr N Berthoud Shippingsport Dr Sir

I forwarded to you in augt by Mr young & Mr Waltz waggons sixty nine piece of bagging to be sent on to Messrs Ander Buchanan & co florence on my ac & risk since which I have not heard of it please advise by return mail if it has been forwarded & whither there is any prospect of getting bagging forwarded to neworleans as I have some by me I wish to send to Gordon Grant & co I am Dr Sir very Respectfully your obedt sent

John Brand

Lexington 6 Octob 1823

Mr N Berthoud Shippingport

Dr Sir I forwarded to you in August by Mr Youngs & Mr Waltz waggons sixty nine piece of bagging to be sent on to Mr. Andrew Buchan & Co Florence, on my a/c & risk since which I have not heard of it Please advise me by return mail if it has been forwarded & whether there is any prospect of getting bagging forward=ed to New Orleans, as I have some by me I wish to send to Gordon Grant & Co I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 12 October 1822

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans Dr Sirs Your esteem-
ed favors of 2 August, & 30th; 30 July, & 12 Sept
have been duly received (that of 30th covering
a/c current, Ballance in my favor $1186.58
& that of 12 Sept, covering bill drawn by H
Monro Milne & Co on Findlay Hodgson & Co
of London in my favor for £ 50 Sterling —
& bill in my favor in New York for $948.81/100
which I believe closes my a/c with you at present
I am sorry you overlooked that remitting me the
small Bill the proceeds of $150 as advised in my letter
to you bearing date ~~to you~~ 10 April — I have, how-
ever, forwarded that amt to a friend in Philad
to have it remitted from there — I have had
a few waggon loads of bailing on hand
this some time, which I have been endeavouring
to get waggons to take to Louisville to
be forwarded to you by Mr Berthoud —
but as yet have not been able to procure them
so soon as I can procure, waggons to take
some of it I shall forward it immediately
when I shall advise you I am Dear Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 17 Octo. 1823

Mr N Berthoud

Shippingport

Dr Sir I this day loaded James Sells's waggon with 44 peice of bagging & took his rect. to deliver it to you at Shippingport — Containing twenty two hundred & eighty six yards which I wish you to forward first good opportunity to Messrs Logan Grant & Co New Orleans on my a/c — I shall forward you another load first waggon I can procure which I wish you to forward as above without further advice

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

John Bland

Lexington Ky 17 Oct. 1823

Mr David Logan

Pittsburgh

Dr Sir Your favr of the 15 Ult. was duly received, & contents noted, covering a/c curt. Ballance in my favor $134.23 for which I valued on you the 5 Inst. in favr of Mr. E & I Winter of this place — The present is to advise you that I received advice yesterday from Messrs January & Sutherland of Maysville dated the 15th Inst. covering James Collins rect. (for Lindell & Scott) dated the 11th for 9 Bales of cotton a list of which is on the other side, total 3366 lbs which I have forwarded you to sell for me on commission on the best terms you can & as speedily as possible — I sold 14 Bales here a few

days ago to ~~Capt~~ Postlethwait Brand & Co at 11 specie, & the price I have been selling at in Maysville, at not less than that — or in other words, 11 cents specie was my lowest limits — Cotton, from my late advices from Alabama, is from 10 to 12½ which is from 2 to 4 cents higher than last crop — the present lot I wish sold as soon as possible, or before any of the new crop will be in Your Market, I hope you will be able to make a quicker return than the last parcel — I have several waggons will leave here on monday next for Huntsville & will bring back cotton of the new crop & should wish to be occasionally advised of the state of your market for this article —

No 1.. 319
— 2.. 510
— 3.. 438
— 4.. 304
— 5.. 313
— 6.. 446
— 7.. 438
— 8.. 450
— 9.. 348
Total 3566 lbs

I am Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange 203 to 205 Curr for 100 in Sp
U S notes 1 to 1½ prem for specie

Lexington 21st October 1825

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville

Dr Sirs, I had this pleasure the 26 Ulto Dr Col C Morgan enclosing two hundred dollars Huntsville bank notes, two hundred dollars in Nashville Bank notes & four hundred dollars in notes of the state Bank of Tennessee Total eight hundred dollars — Enclosed you will receive John & Richard Hudsons rect for eight

piece of bagging & 10 ℔ prime quality of twine which you will please dispose of for me on the best terms you can as formerly — You will perceive I have engaged to furnish them with two pretium loads of cotton, which I hope you will have ready for them by the time they arrive, & beg of you to send me only of first quality — Please reserve the Huntsville paper & as much of the State bank paper as you will have after laying in this two loads of cotton (as you can) as I appreciate them Banks higher than the Nashville Bank —

Your favor of the 4th Inst. is received last mail & note the contents — when I was in Huntsville last May Mr. Martin gave me every reason to believe the ballance of my a/c would be received during the May Court — Upon rect of this you will oblige by advising the individuals owing the money, that first quality cotton will be received in pay.t of their debt, at a fair price, of which you are to be the judge, if they do not comply, take measures to coerce pay.t as soon as possible — in both cases whether they pay the cotton or suffer themselves to be sued, it is only reasonable they should pay the interest from the first day of last January, Mr. Martin told me the money was due at that time & interest should be collected upon it — You may also inform them that nothing will be received in discharge of the debt but current money of the United States, provided they suffer themselves to be sued — I am D.r Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Bland

P.S. Expect to forward two loads more in a short time when I shall advise you

Lexington 6 Novr 182

Mr George Crocket

Dr Sir

Above you have John Carmans rect. for twenty seven piece of bagging 1394 yards, to sell for me as usual — You will perceive that I have agreed that you shall pay him $2.50/100 in notes of the Commonwealth Bank of Kentucky pr. 100 lb for hauling, or if you cannot conveniently pay him in our Currency — You have the privilige of paying him its equivalent in Tennessee Currency, according as you may think it most to my interest — Your esteemed favors of the 11th & 25th Ultto is duly received & contents noted, I would have sent you a whole load, but Carman had taken in twelve piece of bagging for a Mr Hamilton of this place — I shall be regulated in the further supplies I send you by the advice I may occasionaly receive from you which I hope will be at least once every two weeks during the season for sales — I am sorry the quality of our powder is complained of, but have no doubt we have discovered the cause, we shall start our works again so soon as we have water to work the mills, when every attention will be paid to make the article of first quality — And have no doubt the next supply we send you will be as good as any made in the country

Exchange
$205 to 208 Ky Curr for $100 U.S.
142 to 145 Do — for $100 Tennessee Curr.

Yours Dr Sir
Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. Please mention price of cotton next advice —

Lexington 8 Novr 1823

Mr Paul Durett

Mt Sterling

Dr Sir Your favor of the
20th Ulto was received a few days ago & contents noted
I have understood that Mr Adams property in
Bath is all encumbered, or I would have sent the
execution there — the parties to whom I hired the
negroes living in your county, I have thought it
advisable to send it to Montgomery — I do
I think they can have no objection, as they have
had plenty of time to have made the money, had
they a disposition to do so — it is nearly four
years since I hired the negroes to Dr W Adams
& I would not have done so (as I had been disap-
=pointed the previous year) if he had not pledged
himself that I should be punctually paid —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
John [illegible]

Lexington 21st Nov 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner

Gentlemen I had the pleasure the 21 Ulto enclosing John & Richard Hudsons accts for 85 piece of bagging & one bale of twine — Since which I have received your esteemed favor of the 15 Ulto & note the contents — I am sorry to observe that I have fallen heir to a counterfeit note with regard to the $50 Georgia note left in your hand, it is entirely Messrs Crockel & Adams — so if I received credit for the amt of the proceeds & is debited for their Dft to the same amt — the a/c stands square on that head — they settled my a/c when I was in Nashville exclusive of that $50

Above you have Frederick Rolls acct for 41 piece of bagging which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time for your market — I shall load another load on Monday which I hope will both reach you about the 10th 1/2 next month — I have engaged to furnish them both with return loads of baled cotton — I hope on rect of this you will purchase for me at least 16 Bales so as to be ready by the time they arrive — & as I think it bad policy to pay such a heavy land carriage on an inferior article, I must again request that you will be particular in selecting the article of the first quality — I shall be regulated by what advice I receive from you whether or not I shall forward you any more this season, which I hope you will advise me on rect of this — I hope you will invest what funds of mine may be in your hands in United States, Virginia, or South Carolina Notes while the exchange is in my favor, as I am

afraid it will get worse again in the spring
By the bye I think when credit is given the debtor
ought to lose the depreciation, if not — better to
sell at a less price for cash & invest the proceeds
when the exchange is most favorable

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 25 Novr 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the
Inst. (handing you Frederick Robbs recd for a
load of bagging to which I beg your reference —
The present encloses you Nicholas Clays recd for 39
piece which I hope will reach you in good order
& in seasonable time for your market — I shall have
more ready in a short time but shall not send
any unless you advise me so to do — Will you
be so kind as to send me by return mail the dimen
sions of your wheel you have in the upper story of
your warehouse for raising merchandise Viz —
The diameter of the rim of the wheel, the size of
the scantling it is made of — the number of thick-
nesses of Do — The number iron forks for the rope
to go in round the rim — The size of the axle
the size & length of the gudgeon, the length of
the upright whereon the axle turns & any other
information you may think will be useful to
me, as I wish to erect one in my new ware
house that I have built this summer
hoping to hear from you soon
I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington Kys 26 Nov 1823

Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co
Florence Alabama

Gents Your esteemed favors of the 29 Augt 14 Sept & 4 Inst has been duly received & contents noted — I am a little astonished at the bagging shipped by the Keel boat Gen Washington on the 9th October, at Louisville has not reached, you as I observed in a late paper from your city that two boats had arrived from Louisville loaded with bagging & rope — however I hope it has reached you before this, if you have not advised Mr James Elliot of Tuscumbia of its arrival I wish you to do so on receipt of this, or so soon as it reaches you — as I had promised him some of it to sell for me on commission, I hope you will be able to close sales of what he may leave with you, any of the Respectable planters who may be depended on for punctuality may have a reasonable credit — This is the first I have sent to your place, & was done principally with the view of trying the experiment, should it succeed I can another season forward as much as would supply all your customers — The quality I hope will give satisfaction

I am Gents Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Braid

Lexington 26 Nov 1823

Messrs Gordon Grant & Co
New Orleans Gents I had this pleasure the 12 Ult to which I beg your reference I received yesterdays mail, from Mr N Berthoud

Bill of lading of 44 piece of bagging pr the Belle Creole which I have sent you, to sell for me, & I had sent on this load on rect of yours of the 12, but from the low state of the river, & the uncertainty of getting it forwarded unless by keels or flats (which I do not approve) induced me to forward the ballance I had on hand to Alabama, as I considered the market there more certain, taking into view the uncertainty of what time it could reach you — from late letters from your city, I am afraid it is now too late this season to forward any more of that artich to your market — We have had some very heavy & steady rains lately which has raised our creeks & I have very little doubt it will raise the Ohio — in consequence I shall forward you about 15,000 lbs of Bale rope which I have on hand so soon as waggons can be procured I am Dear Sirs

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 26 Novr 1823

Mr George Crockel

Nashville Dr Sir Above you have Mr Robbs rect for forty piece of bagging which I hope will reach you in good order & in seasonable time for your market — Your favors of the 12 & 16 Inst is duly received — I am sorry you have taken Winns bagging on sale — had you advised me of the quantity you would have probably sold I could have supplied you with the whole — I have been applied to by several merchants in your city to consign the article to them, but have always delin

— thinking it preferable to confine my consign=ments to one house — As the sales of the one in my opinion must interfere with the other — I do not wish any house who does business for me in the sale of that article to come under any engagement to sell for any other person —

& I can send as much to Nashville as will supply that market, myself — & any person sending to the same house must interfere with me more or less —

I would therefore prefer that you should confine yourself to doing my business in that line — I shall have more bagging in a short time which I can send you provided you think you can get it off this season I am Dr Sir Respectfully

Yours John Brand

P. S. You will see by Robbs rect. that I have engaged to furnish him with a back load of cotton, you will please to be particular in selecting it of the first quality, & charge me with the amt. J. B.

Lexington December 5th 1823

Mr George Crocket
Nashville

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 26 Ulto enclosing Jonas Robbs rect. for 40 piece of bagging, which I hope will have reached you safe by the time you get this

Your esteemed favor of 27 Ulto is this day recd & contents noted, John Carman is a young man of, (I should suppose about from 25 to 28 years of age, low stature, & rather mean in his appearance, I refused to load him untill I enquired at John Dalton concerning him

who gave him a good character — John Dalton has often brought up cotton here from your state & sold it or traded it, Dalton told me that Carman brought up Cotton for him, & that he knew where he lived & that he was a clever young man, or I would not have loaded him —

I loaded John Dalton with 47 piece of bagging for you on the 1st August 1822 & John Harris with 34 piece at same time, who was in company with Dalton — I believe Dalton lives in Williamson County also, although of that I am not certain — Upon enquiry today I find that the 12 piece Carman loaded before I gave the 27 — was received at Mr Hamilton's factory, — but was the property of Mr Elijah W Craig of this place, & was to be delivered to Mr Thos. Yeatman of your city — Dalton became security for the delivery of it — the account that Carman gave of himself to Mr Craig was that he lived in Williamson County 22 miles from Nashville & 2 miles from Franklin — You better see Mr Yeatman as soon as you receive this & see if he has delivered the 12 piece, if he has not you cannot loose any time in using every exert to hunt him up — & do every thing you can to recover the bagging which will much oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Tilford & Brand recd your favor of 27 Ulto covering check of $504 & return their thanks for your prompt attention to their advice with which they are much pleased — J. B.

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Lexington Ky 17 Dec

Messrs gordon grant & co New Orleans

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 26 ulto to which please refer since which I am without any of your favors there is about 10,000 lb of the Rope mentioned in my last been sent on the Ballance will follow as soon as possible we can get waggons I have sent on to Louisville two of my negroes fellows who have displeased me very much by running away & giving me trouble I have requested Mr Berthoud to forward them to you on my a/c & wish on their arrival at your city you will oblige me if you will have them put in decent order in their appearance & dispose of them for me on the best terms you can Salem is from 20 to 24 year of age & ben from 18 to 20 year of age both sound & healthy to the best of my knowledge & belief I have had them both since they were 8 or 10 years old I part with great reluctance that I send them down the river but am compelled to make an example of them for the benefit of my other hands although I blame my overseer very much for their running away I hope you will be able to get the rope sold this season please to advise me accordingly how you proceed in sales and when in funds I shall advise you how to appropriate them as I shall be compelled to purchase some articles for ships for the Brig B Fayette for which they owe me the owners if I miss this season I shall loose the debt as the time the contract will expire this ensuing summer I am dear Sirs very respectfully your obedient

Servant J Brand

Lexington Dec 17 1823

Mr N Berthaud Shippingsport

Dr Sir your esteem favour of the 23d ult to recovering bill lading of 44 peice bagging per steam boat Bell Creole has been received some time ago I have purchased 2 cows of the English bound from Hector Lewis esqr which is now in my lot they are in calf by a full blooded long horned bull and will calve early in the spring the price is $36 Silver for the two. I have engaged Mr David Mc murtry a respectable farmer of this neighborhood to take them down to you & will leave here this day you may pay him the money for the cows you have to pay him $6 silver and his expenses going to Louisville for his trouble in carrying them down I have sent with him a negro fellow of my own who has displeased me very much by running away and giving me a good deal of trouble I have determined to send them down the river as a example to my other hands I have agreed to pay mr Mc Murtry $6 in Silver & his expenses up from Louisville as my part so as to divide the expenses between Mr Forestall & myself you will oblige me if you will have the 2 fellows secured in gaol until you can find a good opportunity of sending them on to Messrs gorgen Grant & Co by a steam boat on my ap & Bush I have received advise from Mr Ballingstat that he has sent on about 10,000 lb bale rope for me to your address he has yet about 16,000 on hand of mine which will

be forwarded so soon as waggons can be procured to take on to you as it arrives I wish it sent on by first safe steem boat for Gordon Grant and &c on my a/c Risk I have sent you on a duplicate of a letter to G. G & co to be forwarded by same Boat the fellows go in which will advise them what to do with them I hope the whole will reach you safe please write me when the fellows leave Louisville & oblige Dr sir

very respectfully your obedt
Serv John Brand

Lexington 19 Decr 1823

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

Dr Sirs Your favor of the 13 October came duly to hand, covering Bill of lading for nine bales of cotton shipped to Mr David Logan of Pittsburgh on my a/c

Since which I am without any of your favors — I have received advice from Mr Logan that they have been all received & sold

I hope you have disposed of the two bales you retained, if so, please to forward me a/c sales with proceeds as soon as convenient & oblige Dr Sirs very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Exchange
U S notes 103 to 106 prem for Commwth in proving
Specie 102 to 104 Do Do Do
Good cotton 24 cents pr lb Commwth

Lexington Ky 19 Decr 1838

Messrs Andw Buchanan & Co Florence

Dr Sir your esteemed favor of the 9th inst is received pr last mail & contents noted — I wish you to close sales for me if possible this season (without a sacrifice, if inferior bagging is selling at 28 et a superior article ought certainly to bring some more, more especially when a credit is given — I believe better to take 30 cents cas now than 32 or 3 between this & first april next, as I have little doubt that your currency will depreciate after january at farthest — & by inverting proceeds immediately would net the manufacturers more than this latter price — however you will do the best for me you can, bearing in mind that I do not wish my article to lay over until another season — please invest proceeds of sales in united states or South carolina notes, whatever you have on hand & the balance collected & oblig Dr Sir very respectfully your obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington Ky 20 Decr 1838

Messrs L Morgan & Son

Huntsville Ala Sir In the month of September last I was solicited by your Major L Morgan to accept his Dft in favor of Wm Hamm Redd Carriage maker of this place, for four hundred dollars in Specie, with assurance that the money should be placed in my hands before the same came to maturity — accordingly the Bill was

presented & accepted on the 4th of October last, it has since come to maturity, presented for payment & paid the 9th Inst. I have been expecting a remittance every mail for this some time to refund me the money, & in consequence of its not arriving I am afraid it must have miscarried, If you have forwarded it you will better make some inquiry concerning it — Should it have escaped Major Morgans memory — You will please to remit it as early as convenient, as I wish to invest it in hemp & oblige Dr Sirs "Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
John Brand

Exchange
Specie 103 to 105 prem for Commth.
U S notes 104 to 106 Do Do
Cotton 22 to 24 in Commth.
Bagging 20 to 22 in silver
Bale rope 4 to 5 Do
Twine 19 to 20 Do

Lexington, Ky, 22nd Decr 1823

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natches Dr Sirs Your esteemed favors of 18th Septr 4th Novr & 2nd Decr has been duly received & contents noted — I am truly sorry at the misfortunes of your city occasioned by the epidemic this last fall, & hope that the police of the city will take such measures as in future it will be partly prevented — I regret you have not been able to push off my bagging & rope I had hoped they would both have given satisfaction & I do not think they are much, if any, inferior to what they were last year, the quality of which you approved of — I flatter myself I can make

as good bagging as can be made in this Country out of the same kind of materials — I will therefore take it as a favor if you will procure a quarter or half a yard of Mr Aiters bagging, & as much of Mr Dewels bagging, & put them up in a neat parcel & forward them to me through Mr N Berthoud of Shippingport, Ky, — & I will endeavour the ensuing season, not to be surpassed in quality by any — The quality of my bagging has hitherto been considered of the best generally made in this Country — I had a good many new hands put to the business this year which made my filling not quite as even as formerly, but in a short time they will have such experience as will obviate this difficulty — I had also a new overseer who was not as attentive to his duty as he ought — I shall part with him this week & hope my new one will pay more attention — Presenting you with my acknowledgements for the friendly hints you have given me I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 23 Decr 1823

Mr N Berthoud

Mr McMurtry Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 17 Inst. pr Mr McMurtry to which please refer, I have been informed by a gentleman who met Mr McMurtry on the road, the boy Ben was unwell, please advise me how he is, & if he is not in good health I would wish he detained untill he recovers — Sam I wish forwarded first safe opportunity, & every precaution taken so shall not get away, which he will do if he has

an opportunity, as he is not willing to leave Kentucky
I received a letter from Messrs Dodson Grant & Co,
under date of the 5th Inst. proposing (for some
person in Orleans) to enter into a contract for hemp
Yarns advising me should I decline it, to write you
so that you may be able to contract with some other
person — At present I have more business than I
can well attend to & therefore must decline the propo
= sition — Should you find any difficulty in getting
some person to undertake the Contract, I would advise
you to apply to Mr J F Sattenstall of Scott county who
has done business for me in that way for this several years
& may be relied on for what he engages to do — He was
present when I received the letter from D & Co which
I shewed him, he says there is no doubt but a good
profit would be made on the job, as hemp is plenty
in his neighbourhood, should you have any idea of
employing him he will ride down & see you, if you
wish it & will advise him — I am Dear Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 22nd Dec 1823

Messrs H Monroe Milne & Co,
New Orleans

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure
the 27 August to which please refer —
I have now to advise you that Mr Isaac Bell
of this place called on me the other day to enquire
whether I was still authorised to enter into the
arrangement with his brother as advised by
you — I replied that I presumed I was, as

I had received no advice to the contrary, he then offered to enter into the arrangement, if I promised not to bring suit against him untill the second note became due, as he thought he could meet them after that time — I replied that I was only an agent in the business & had no controul over it, but that I should not commence without requested so to do & I presumed that I should have no advice to do so — He has therefore this day entered into the arrangement ~~with me~~ & has delivered me the six notes as specified in your favor of the 4th August last — amounting to $2200.. in all — Mr Isaac Bell informs me (who ~~has~~ transacted the business with me) that he has no doubt he will be able to comply with this arrangement as he has sold out his interest in the Cotton factory, the proceeds of which he calculates will enable him to do so

I am Dear Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington 23 Decr. 1823

Mr Willm. Alexander
Paris

Dr Sir According to your request, I have to advise you that I yesterday loaded David Bartons waggon with twenty five piece of bagging, as per marks, twelve hundred & eighty seven yards, & six pieces you received before 309½ yards, making in all that you have received 15[illegible] yards — When you send for the ballance you will oblige Postlethwait Brand & Co if you will get your waggoner if going to Huntsville, to take

about (200) two hundred lbs of rag carpet they wish to send on to a friend there & to call on Captn. Posthethwait for instructions — as I do not think I shall send any more this winter —

I am Dr Sir Yours Respectfully

John Brand

Fox — 24 Decr 1823

Mr George Crocket

Dr Sir above you have nut for 42 pieces of Bagging which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time for your market please to buy a load of good baled cotton for me by the time the waggon gets to your place so he shal have no cause to charge me with detention —

Should you think you cannot dispose of this load you will better send what you can spare to Morgans & Turner, if they should think they can dispose of it; to acertain which you will better write them — I hope by this time you have heard of Carman

I am Dr Sir very Respectfully

John Brand

P.S. Your esteemed favors of 6 & 13 inst has been received & contents noted; the latter covering Jonas Robbs nut for 7 ~~pieces of Bagging~~ Bales cotton he has not yet arrived — JB

Lexington 29 Decr 1823

Mr N Borthond

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 23rd Inst. to which please refer, since which Mr. Mc Murtry has returned home, & has paid me the original cost of the Cows sent you, I hope they will give satisfaction — Mr M— informs me that Ben's ankles swelled by travelling, & that he has repented very much for his bad conduct, if he is anxious to return home, & will promise to behave better in future, I will have no objections to his returning — You will oblige me if you will call & see him & talk to him on this subject —

If you think he is anxious to return home, please send him up by some careful waggoner who lives in our neighbourhood & who will treat him with humanity — first opportunity — I sent on a load of bale rope by Dennis Nicols who lives in Scott county, if he has not left your place before this reaches you he would be a good opportunity to send him by, if coming here, If Sam has not already gone I hope there will be an opportunity soon —

If the hand cuff & chain that went down with them are of no use in securing Sam in the Boat, please send them home with Ben

Sam Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obed Servt

John Brand

N.B. Please not to send Ben home unless he is anxious to return, & promises to behave better P. S.

Lexington 30 Decr 1823

Messrs Morgans & Turner

Dr Sirs Above you have Mr William Alexander's Dft. on Mr John Tilford of your city (for $275, Silver) On its arrival you will please to present it for acceptance & collect it when at maturity & place to my credit — Your favor of the — is duly received giving the dimensions of your wheel, for which please accept my thanks — I have not received any advice as yet of Robbs or Clays waggons having reached you — I would have forwarded the above Dft. at its date, but have been looking every mail for advice from you of their arrival — I lately sent on a load of bagging to Mr George Crocket of Nashville & requested him, should he think he could not effect sales for the whole of it, to forward part of it to you — I hope you will be able to close sales & make collections by the first April, when I expect to have the pleasure of calling on you I have heavy engagements to meet by that time, & wish to make every dollar tell that is in my power, to which I hope you will bear in mind I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Pay to the order of Mr Jacob Ewing

Lexington 1st January 1824

Mr David Logan
Pittsburgh

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 17 Novr last was received some time ago, enclosing a/c sales of nine bales of cotton to Allen & Grant $387.18 — also an order on Mr W W Worsley for $50.. on N Porter for $25..17 — on J & G Boswell for $121..85 — on J W Palmer for $28.. & on Posthethwait Brand & Co's a/c $16.. —

I valued on you in favor of Thos Smith 23 Ulto $31.62½ & in favor of Ben Gratz the 31 Ulto for $118..51 making in all $389..14½ — Your dfts has all been duly honored & paid & placed to your credit — the Dfts in favor of Mr Smith & Gratz will be at maturity a few days subsequent to Allen & Grants acceptance — But I am sorry for one thing; that I had overlooked, in drawing on you for the whole amt of proceeds of sales, without reflecting on the charges you had against it — & never thought on them untill this moment that I sat down to address you, I hope this will make no material difference with you for a short time, I have about fifty bales of prime cotton on hand, & on the way from Nashville & Huntsville which will all be here in a few days but the lowest I can take for it will be 12½ here, it cost me 12 to 13 in Tennessee money besides carriage to this place — if Allen & Grant would give 14½ or 15 at 4 or 6 months payable in Bank I think I would send it on to you to deliver to them, you may sound them on this subject & advise me, but should they think of closing with this offer, they will have to appoint a friend to look at the cotton here

, as I could not think of forwarding it upon an uncertainty — I have also a few bales yet unsold at Maysville which I will have forwarded to you directly — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
John Brand

P. S. Mrs Brand joins me in presenting yourself & Mrs Logan our best respects wishing you a happy new year & many returns

Lexington 2 Jany. 1824

Mr George Crocket

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 24 Ult to enclosing rect. for forty two piece of bagging, since which I have to acknowledge the rect. of your favor of the 20th & note the contents — I have since also received advice from Morgans & Turner of the rect. of two loads of bagging, which they inform me will be as much as they can get off this season, so you may give yourself no trouble in forwarding any of the last load sent you to them — but do your best to push off the whole you have on hand, on the best terms you can payable between this & the first April so as to be able to close a/c sales as I hope to be with you about that time

A Mr William Weatherhead of this county who I knew was an acquaintance of John Daltons gave me the following information yesterday, that he knew Dalton in Virginia & has known him this some time in your State, as he has lived in the same county where his (Weatherhead) father, brothers & other connections lives, that he was there on the first last Decr. & was in company with his son in law Major Humphrey Bates, when they met with John Daltons son Robert

& enquired where his father was, he told them he had gone to Huntsville with his waggon, that he W, after that went to Sparta on business & returned again to same neighbourhood about the middle of the month, when he understood that Dalton had gone off, he W, was told that a neighbour to whom Dalton had owed about fifty dollars went to Dalton after his return from his waggon & threatened to use violent means, if he Dalton did not pay him, & that Dalton then paid him, & appeared to have plenty of money — he also states that he knows Daltons brother in Orleans whose name is William that he William has been in Orleans since 1818 & is believed to be in the employ of ac Mr Rufinac, perhaps Mayor of the city, but ~~that~~ he does not believe that Dalton has any relations in Bedford Cty he, rather expects Dalton has gone on to Orleans by the way of Mobile or waters — Mr W, also states he has a brother by the name of James Weatherhead, who lives in the neighbourhood of Col Samuel Landers near the falls of the Black warrior & near Tuscaloosa, who he says will likely see him if he goes that way as they both know Dalton as they moved from Sumner County Tennessee — Mr W, says his own relations lives in Sumner County, & his fathers name is Frank Weatherhead & has a brother named Robert lives there also (near Bledsoes lick) & that Robert would be a good hand to give information from time to time about Dalton, as he Robert is a trading man, & is in N Orleans generally every year, & that he or Major Humphrey Bates will do every thing in their power to give information so that Dalton may be found — They may be found or addressed to

, as they live a few miles from that place
— I think it would be well to hunt up the fellow who receipted for the loading & get him to become an evidence against Dalton as I have very little doubt that he has the money & that the waggoner was only the tool of Dalton
— Mr W Gwether states that there was a John Carrman lived with Dalton a few years ago but that Dalton told him, that he had gone off with a mare of his & now lives with a Mr Boling in Gallatin county, Ky, he Boling formerly lived in Sumner county Tenn — he also says that there was a young fellow of the name of Dennis who was here driving Daltons waggon & in company with Dalton about a year ago — I should like to know the first name of Mr Boling that I could address him on the subject — I wish if possible to find out where the bagging was sold, if that can be found, & the bagging identified, it may be claimed from those who have it, as the property is stolen, by law, any carrier who receives goods to be delivered at a certain place, & leaves the road & purloins it, commits robbery & of course felony, & the property may be claimed by the owner wherever he can prove the property, now if the fellow could be found who signed himself John Carrman, he might be made a witness to save himself, as he may be brought back to Kentucky & tried for felony, Mr Elijah W Craig of this place who was the owner of the other twelve piece of bagging, has agreed with me that we shall exert ourselves to follow up the business so that we may recover the property if possible, or its value, now if you can find out where the bagging was sold, & that Dalton

had any hand in it, we have very little doubt but by having him apprehended in N Orleans his friends there would pay the money for him as there is little doubt, that it may be proved that he was accessory to the fraud — I would suggest to you the propriety of your hiring an intelligent man who would take his, Dalton's, track when he left home with the bagging & trace him to where it was sold, & obtain all the information possible & depositions if possible & to find out Carman alias Dennis, & secure him untill we can get some satisfaction, if you cannot find such a man in your city, write to Robt Heathahead Caire to come & see you, & you will then be able to judge whether he is a fit person to undertake the business, if so give him some written authority to act in case he should find out either of the parties, or the bagging your attention to the above will oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. Perhaps it may be necessary to take counsel on the subject before starting the person on Dalton's track, that he may know how to proceed in case of finding any of the parties, or the property

Lexington 3rd January 1824

Messrs January & Sutherland
Maysville

Dr Sirs Your favor of the 22nd Ulto is duly received a few days ago & note the contents, if the two bales of cotton is not sold by this time this reaches you, you will please to forward them to Mr David Logan of Pittsburgh, first good boat, on my a/c & risk & forward me a/c current & oblige

Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 8 January 1824

Mr Caleb Rice I have learned from several sources that you was leaving my farm ~~an~~ or that you intended to do so, as you was enquiring for a place —

It is always my custom to give the offer to a tenant in possession, for that purpose I called at your residence yesterday but you was not at home, I left word with your children that if you wanted the place you must come & see me, but you have not come, It is necessary that I should now if you intend renting the place, so that I may look for a tenant in case you should not please to inform me by the bearer what you intend to do, if you want the place you will have to come & see me

Mr Caleb Rice
Mr Jno Brand - Jr

John Brand

Lexington 10 January 1824

Mr Wm Alexander
Paris

Your waggoner John Brandon called on monday last & presented your order for the ballance of your bagging, I was out at my farm & my son Willm rode out & informed me, that Mr Brandon said he could not take more than 10 or 1200 lb — I requested Wm to give it to him, — he received sixteen pieces measuring eight hundred & twenty four yards, there is still a small ballance coming to you — Wm gave Brandon a bill of it stating that the weight was 1246 lbs which must have been a mistake, he misunderstood me, my bagging averages 73 or 74 lbs pr piece which would only make 1184 lbs at the outside —

I have Brandons rect for the bagging —

Yours Dr Sir Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 15 January 1819

Messrs Gordon & Forstall

New Orleans

Your favors of 5th & 18th Ulto has been received & contents noted

The first proposing a contract for hemp yarns, which I decline, in consequence of having more business on hand than I can properly attend to at present, I advised Mr Berthoud of this & recommended Mr Fallenstall who has since wrote him — As my bale rope arrives please dispose of it on the best terms you can for cash, or on reasonable credit to good men — Since the two negro fellows left here, I have been informed, that one of them was taken sick between this & Louisville, I have wrote Mr Berthoud to send him back & to forward the other, but as yet have not received any reply

On negro Sam reaching you please dispose of him on the best terms you can, I warrant him a sound & healthy fellow to the best of my knowledge, I have rated him 15 or 16 years — I have made an arrangement with Robt S Todd Esqr of this place that any funds of mine ~~that he may have~~ in your hands may be appropriated to his use; for the purchasing any articles he may order for the proceeds of the fellow, Rope, & bales of bagging as they may come into your hands, & where you have taken acceptances or bills for them, you may be able to give them in part of his goods — Or you may be able to exchange some of my property for articles that will answer his purpose In either case please advise me —

I am Dr Sir, Very Respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt John Brand

Lexington 16 January 1824

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport

Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 7th 23rd & 29th Ults to which please refer since which I am without any of your favors — In the latter I advised you, that I had understood, by Mr McMurtry, that Bens ankles had swelled very much in travelling to your place, & that he had repented very much for his bad conduct & that he was anxious to return home — I asked the favor of you to call & see him & if such was the case, & he would promise to behave better, to send him home again, I also requested of you to have Sam sent down to Orleans as soon as possible & well secured in the boat so he could not get away, as he was unwilling to leave this Country — I was very much surprised yesterday under all those circumstances, to have Sam returned to me by Mr Gilbert — (after all my trouble & expense, useless you have been imposed upon in some way by the negroes I cannot account for this — Please explain this circumstance to me by return mail — I have been advised by Mr. Sattenstall that three waggon loads of rope had been forwarded to you some time ago, one of them has never returned your rec.t I believe he lives in Shelbyville, I gave Dennis Nicoly an order on Sattenstall for two more loads, a considerable time ago, but have since learned that he was taken sick before he reached there, I saw Mr. S. the other day who informs me that Nicoly had called on him & promised to load them on the 15th Inst. — If you have not already

forwarded. what has come to hand, you will please send it on to Messrs Gadon & Forestall N Orleans Pr first good steam boat, on my ye & risk, & the other two loads also so soon as they reach or first opportunity thereafter —

You will please to send on Ben also to same address as above, first opportunity — I have started I am to work this morning untill I can receive your reply, but have no expectation that he will do well long — he has given me a great deal of trouble & am sorry he ever returned, I rather expect he will soon visit Louisville again

Your answer will oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 19 January 182[illegible]

Messrs Willm Watson & Co

New Orleans

Dr Sirs Your favors of the 5th & 15 February last was duly received, since which I am without any of yours to reply to — I had advice through Tilford & Brand that you had sold my Bale rope on a credit of 6 Mo the time will expire in a few days or perhaps before this reaches you — I have this day given an order on you for the proceeds, in favor of Robt S Todd Esquire of this place, which I hope you will duly honor when presented — as he wishes to invest the proceeds in grocery & forward me a/c current & oblige Dr Sirs

P. S. Tilford & Brand have been looking for a remittance for this some time for proceeds of whiskey & gun powder. Please advise them on rect of this

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 26 January 1824

Messrs Gordon & Forestall
New Orleans

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 15 Inst since which I am without any of your favors to reply to — I have since received a letter from Mr Berthoud stating that he had sent home Sam instead of Ben, who he had sent down by the Steam Boat Mississippi — On Ben's arrival at your city please to have him put in decent order & sold for me on the best terms you can, I have owned him this many years (in fact raised him from a child, & as far as I know he is sound & healthy & you have my authority to say so —

By Mr John Kirkpatrick } Sam Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 27 Jany 1824

Mr George Crocket
Nashville

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 10th Inst is duly received & contents noted, covering a/c of six bales of cotton Pr A Elkins, $357.84 which is placed to your credit, he has not yet arrived —

You mention that you will write to your friend in New Orleans to have Dalton apprehended — I think it will be better for you to do so after you get testimony of his selling the bagging — it will be better for you to attend to it than myself, as you have the same authority, & the testimony will be more convenient for you to take than myself being at such a distance from where it can be

collected — I feel much obliged to you for your exertions already bestowed on this business I wish you to push off as much of the bagging as possible, which you have on hand of course you will have to sell as others do — It is important for me to realise as much money as possible by the time I visit you this spring, which I hope will be about the first of April, I have a heavy payment to make in Huntsville when I get there, which if I do not meet at maturity I may be charged specie for, You will therefore oblige me if you will endeavour to have as much money for me as possible I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 28 Jany 184[illegible]

Col H A Anderson
Courtland Alabama

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 10th Inst is duly received & contents noted — I hope you will be able to get off the few Bolts of Bagging & rope yet, this season — I must beg the favor of you to use every effort in your power to make all the collections by the first day of April, about which time I hope to have the pleasure of calling upon you, I have a very heavy payment to make in Huntsville this spring — when I go down & it will be very important for me to collect all the money due me in your county by the time mentioned, as I may be charged specie for the debt if not paid punctually — Postlethwaite Braad Co. I have advised with regard to the

proposition by Dr Perrine & Dr Rosan for the debt they owe them — they B & Co have no objections to extending the time to what they ask, viz, one, two, & three years, — if they will give satisfactory security — You are hereby authorised to have the whole debt, interest & costs added up & divided into three notes, & be sure you take ample security — They, B B & Co recommend you to employ some man of business who is fully competent to draw out the papers, so that there may be no loop hole for them to creep out at — This charge they ought also to pay as the business is done & the charges incurred for their accommodation —

Sam Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
John Brand

Lexington 16 Feby 1824

John Swigert Esqr
Frankfort

Dr Sir I have been expecting to hear from you this some time concerning my claim against John J Marshall Esq which is in your hands for collection, Mr Marshall while in this place last summer assured me the money would certainly be paid by the first day of January 1824 — If the money has not been collected by the time this reaches you you will oblige me, if you will take out of the office the necessary records to enable me to make the money out of John McKinley Esq and

shall leave here for Florence, in Alabama, the place of Mr McKinleys residence, in a few days
I hope you will attend to this immediately & advise me by return mail & oblige
Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 25 Feby 1824

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir Your esteemed favors of the 17 & 24 Ulto was duly received sometime ago & covering Bills of lading Pr S Boats, Messisippi & Favorite —
I received advice from Messrs John Henderson & Sons, the other day, of their having forwarded me, through your hands, a small parcel, should you not have forwarded it before this reaches you, I would thank you to forward it first opportunity, Perhaps Mr Logan may bring it with him, if it is not large
I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 6 March 1824

J Swigert Esqr
Frankfort Dr Sir I received your favor of the 1st Inst in course of mail, & waited answering you untill the return of Mr Hunt from your place
The bond (inclosed) I showed to Mr David Castleman who refused to sign it, saying, that he had told Mr

Marshall that he was willing to submit it upon the merits of the case, whether he could not hold the money according to law, but he would not submit it to be decided by a court, upon the principles of equity, & that he held an opinion agt Mr Marshall & others & on that he claimed a [illegible] which he knew no court would deny him, & that he did not care when suit was brought against him —

You request me to send down the transfer I received from Mr Marshall — In the year 1820 or 21 I received an order on David Castleman from Mr Marshall, for about 6 or 700 lb pounds of whiskey, sent to New Orleans, upon presenting it to Mr C — he informed me that the property was attached as the property of Mr M, that he had not received any remittance on that acct & it was uncertain when the case could be decided, refused to accept Mr Marshalls order & to have any thing to do with it — It is impressed on my mind that I saw Mr C in Lexington shortly afterwards, & returned him the order; for fear that I might be mistaken I have this morning examined among my papers, but cannot find any such paper, nor do I believe any such paper exists in my possession — I have delayed prosecuting my claim with rigour to my own loss, from my friendly feelings towards Mr Marshall & Mr McKinley, as I am confident I could have collected the debt in specie before this time had I not acted from these motives — The debt became due in January 1820 & suit was brought the first court there after; at that time there was no Commonwealths Bank in existence, if I take Counterpaper for the debt I actually lose one half the amount — I would have taken out the [illegible] year & gone upon Mr McKinley for

the debt had it not been for the promises of Mr Marshall, who assured me the money should certainly be paid the first of January last, at farthest, I can wait no longer, & am now perfectly indifferent whether Mr M pays the money or not — I shall leave this in a short time Alabama & shall certainly take out the records to enable me to go on Mr McKinly when I go down there, if the money is not paid — Please to write me as soon as possible & let me know what I am to expect, if I do not hear from you in the course of next week, I will ride to Frankfort the week following & will either have the records or the money before I leave there, if possible, I have enclosed the Arbitration bond — I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 6 March 1824

Mr William Bean

Columbus Ohio Dr Sir I received your esteemed favors of the 11 last May & 23 Ulto — & would have answered the first but from the pressure of business at the time neglected it, & afterwards it escaped my memory untill the recn of your second — I have examined the report of your legislature upon your hemp breaking machine & am very much gratified at your success, It is a most important discovery for the western country & I hope will prove of great benefit to yourself This neighbourhood is the best situation (for using the machine) of any in the western country, as our farmers are generally rich & strong handed & raise a great quantity of that article, I am satisfied there is not less than from

600 or 1000 tons pr. annum used in this town alone & if they the farmers, could get it broke clean, many of them would raise double the quantity — I have a farm of about 400 acres 4 miles from here whereon I raise all my provisions for my family in Town & my hands in my factory, & have also raised about 20 of hemp pr. annum, my only difficulty is in getting it broke out, or cleaned, could I accomplish that, I would raise 2 or 3 times the quantity — I have a horse draft mill erected on my farm, where I grind all my meal & flour, the diameter of the wheel is large, two horses can grind corn on it; & I can put any quantity of horses to it not exceeding 8 —, can your machinery be attached to it, if so, what would be the expense of the patent right & erecting the machinery — If the expense will not be too great I would like to have one erected on my farm, & I have no doubt if the people were to see it in operation successfully, you could dispose of more patent rights in Kentucky, than any other section of country in America & it will give me great pleasure to be of service to you

If you will come over here & start one on my farm in successfull operation, I would have no objection of being your agent here, or perhaps take some interest in the patent right for a few of the counties in this section — We have been promised one for this 2 years from New York by a Mr Smeades, but as yet there is no prospect of its coming, so the sooner you could get yours in operation the better —

I shall leave here for Alabama about the last of this month & shall be absent from four to six weeks, it would answer better for me to be present when the machinery was making, as my extensive acquaintance in this country might be of considerable benefit to you — should you think proper to attach one to my mill, I would recommend to you to have the

most important & difficult of the machinery to make, made at your own shop & sent here, as by having the article itself before you, it may be easier to get a contract made for a quantity, if you should not think it to your advantage to make it yourself — Is your rolers of cast iron, if so, what do they cost pr. lb in the cast state, what is the length diameter, & weight, & how many is there used in a hemp machine what would be the probable expense of erecting a machine where the horse wheel is already erected & what time would it take to erect one in this situation, I should like to have your answers to this, before I leave here for Alabama, & on what terms you would erect one on my farm as an experiment to shew the people — my farm is in the most favorable situation for erecting the first, being in the centre of the richest settlement in the western country not only as to actual wealth, but in the heart of the richest soil in Ky — Please write me by return mail, & make any enquiries that you please that I may be able to answer you before I leave here, if you could come over yourself it would be better, I could shew you some of our hemp before & after it was broke & you could make up your opinion better than by all the writing you could do in a year as to the prospects of selling your patent rights = & I have given the report to the editor of the reporter it will appear in the paper Monday week } & the value of it, & any aid I can give you as to advice &c will give me pleasure — I have always been anxious for the success of a machine of this kind, but more especially when invented by a country man of my own — I would advise you to come over immediately & bring a sample of the hemp for the break of that which has been [illegible] & also that

which has not been rolled — I am sorry to inform you that James Dunlop is no more he died 4 years past April, Mrs Dunlop lives near me I have put her oldest son to learn to be a tanner & her second son to be a printer both fine boys & I hope will do well — Mrs Brand joins me in presenting our best wishes for your prosperity & am D.r Sir

Yours truly & sincerely

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 13 March 1824

Mr William Beau

Columbus Ohio

D.r Sir I wrote you the 6 Inst. to which please refer, since which I have thought upon the subject of your coming over here to erect one of your machines & would advise you to postpone your coming over here until May, the roads will then be better & I shall have returned from Alabama — The Shakers have erected a flax break which they say will do for hemp also, should you come over by the time mentioned, I will ride over to their place with you & see it, (it is only 8 miles from here) & I am very well acquainted with one of the principle men — In the meantime I hope you will write me immediately in answer to my letter of the 6, & let me know your sentiments on the subject — Since I wrote you I have had a great many enquiries on the subject which I hope you will be able to answer in your next I am D.r Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obed.t Serv.t

John Brand

Lexington 18th March 1824

Messrs. John Henderson & Sons
Natchez

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favors of the 12th & 24th January are both to hand & contents noted. The sample of Mr Dewees bagging is also to hand, for which please to accept my sincere thanks, this sample is very good & there will be no difficulty in making as good if the price will justify it & the difference allowed by the purchaser between a superior & an inferior article. I used to make my bagging a good deal thicker in the warp & heavier, but when there was a great many factories started into the business & they could sell their article (which was far inferior to mine) at the same price it was no encouragement to me to make a superior article & indeed I could not go into market on the same terms with them, as it required more hemp & more labour — There is no doubt the article will improve in quality, if the purchaser will allow the difference of the value of the article between a good & a bad one — We have now the prospect of getting an improved hemp break, which will break the hemp without rotting — This will improve the colour of our hemp very much, which has been so much complained of & I have no doubt the quality also — If the article would maintain a steady price giving a fair profit to the manufacturer, I have no doubt the quality of the article would very much improve, & sufficient quantity can be made in this country to supply the American market — By the last advices from N O bagging is 16 to 18 cents — this is not a price the manufacturer is authorised to sell for — You will please to hold what remains, subject

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of mine for further advice, as I cannot sacrifice my article in that way — forward a/c sales, with proceeds of what has been sold this season & the ballance due on last years sales as soon as convenient —

I shall leave here for Tennessee & Alabama in a few days, & will be absent four or five weeks, will you be so good as to keep me regularly advised of the state of your market for bagging (2) & rope (1) & the prospect for next year, as I wish to ship what I have made on my return provided the prospects will justify me in doing so

I am Dear Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
John Brand
Lexington 20 March 1824

Messrs Gordon & Forestall
New Orleans

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of 19 Ulto is to hand & contents noted —

About the 19 January last, I gave Robt. S Todd Esqr an order on Willm. Watson & Co for the proceeds of sales of a small parcel of bale rope, which was sold on a credit & has been due this sometime, Mr T. informs me he sent the order to you, but no advice has been received of your receiving the money, will you be so good as to attend to this business & advise immediately on your receiving the money as Mr T is to settle with me here when advice has been received of the money being paid in N Orleans

Please to advise me occasionally, as you give Mr Todd credit for any of my funds, so I may be able to charge him & give you credit for the amount — I made a transfer of the freight due me by the owners

of the Fayette I hope you will be able to forward it soon as the time limited will expire this season & the debt will be lost —

I shall leave here for Alabama in a few days & shall be absent five or six weeks, Will you please to keep me advised of the prospects for bagging in your market the ensuing season, as it will depend on the prospects for the article in your market and Alabama whether I send any from home this season — And if I send any to your city I would prefer forwarding it on my return from Alabama & before the navigation of the river fails — I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 22 March 18

Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co

Florence Alabma

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 19 Decr last to which please refer, since which I am without any of your favors to reply to — I shall leave here some time next, & shall go direct to your place

You will oblige me if you will have all moneys (for proceeds of sales of rope & bagging) collected by the time I reach your place — As I have a heavy payment to make in Huntsville when I get there, & may be charged specie if not paid at maturity I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 22nd March 1834

Mr James Elliot

Tuscumbia

Dr Sir I shall leave here in eight or ten days for your State, & shall go direct to Florence & hope to have the pleasure of waiting on you about the first week in April

You will oblige me if you will have the money collected for sales of my bagging so as to be able to settle by the time I reach you — As my time will be very short in Ala & I have a heavy acceptance to pay in currency at Huntsville, which may become a specie debt if not paid at its maturity

I am Dear Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obed Servt

John M Brand

Lexington 27 March 1824

Messrs Wm Watson & Co
New Orleans

Your esteemed favor of the 2nd Inst. has been received & contents noted covering a/c sales of the small parcel of bale rope, & advice of your having paid the small balance to my order in favor of Robt S Todd Esqr —

Gilford & Bland has also received a/c sales of gun powder, with a remittance, the small ballance outstanding on a/c sales whiskey, shall collect as soon as possible & forward — Mr Gilford some time ago sold out his interest to Doct. Elisha Warfield to whom, & the writer, the property now belongs & will in future be conducted under the firm of Bland & Warfield, they W & W were down at their mills, in Jessamine County day before yesterday, & left orders with their agent here to join and Watson & Gilbarn, one hundred barrels of whiskey & one hundred Kegs of gun powder to sell for them on Commission,

Our agent will forward bills lading as soon as possible, after the property is on board —

It will give the writer particular pleasure in recommending any of his friends to your new firm — Please to present my best respects to your Mr Peter Watson, it would give me great pleasure if he would take Lexington in his way home, that I might be able to return part of the civilities received from him while in Liverpool — I shall leave here in about ten days for my annual tower through Tennessee & North Alabama, to make collections & new contracts for the ensuing season —

As I have no correspondents in South Alab.
I would take it kind if you would occasion-
ally advise me of the market price there
in your city, for bagging, the prospects for that
article for the ensuing season is very bad, &
unless it is more flattering than at present I
shall not send any of that article from hence
this season — Wishing your new firm great success
& the same to your Mr H Watson in his new
establishment at Tampico I am D.r Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington Ky April 1824

Mr Wm Bain
Columbus Ohio D.r Sir I yesterday received from my
friend the Honorable Henry Clay the original proposition
made to him by you partners & Col Hines & F
Tibbetts, I presume both of your place — wishing
to raise a capital of $40.000 for the purpose of estab-
lishing a hemp bale in this country, in partnership
& making the calculations of the profits that would
arise from the machine, it is dated the 1st March
Whether you are advised of this I do not
know, but if not, it would seem to me rather
strange that your partner should be soliciting a
partnership in that business without your knowl-
edge — As your name is not taken notice of in
the proposition, at all — I have thought it
my duty to give you this information that you
may be on your guard as to what is going
on, I would recommend to you not to take any
notice of this circumstance, if you do it may

be the cause of a rupture between you & your partner which may be against your interest at present — & I would also recommend to you not to give up your two portion at least of the patent right for Ky, at all events, but rather secure the whole of it for this State if possible — Mr Clay inclosed your proposition to me under cover, expecting that it would be a speculation & not knowing that I had any correspondence with either of the patentees I shall hold it until my return from Ala for which place I shall leave here day after tomorrow & will be here again I hope about the middle of May — please write me so as to meet me here at that time, & give me all the news how you are going on & if you can make any further improvements in the machinery — I would recommend you to make yourself as perfect as possible in the principles & operation &c of your machine so that in case of your parting with your partner you may be able to erect one yourself without any difficulty

I am &c &c

Your friend John C Breckinridge

Lexington Ky April 1824

Mr David Logan Pittsburgh Penn

Dear Sir I received your esteemed favor of the 11th Feby some time ago & note the contents I would have answered you before this time with a remittance of the balance due you of $46.27 100 as stated by your acct, but was afraid to do it by mail — I have now to advise you that I yesterday paid over to Mr Willm Leary Junr $46.50 100 which he will pay you when he reaches your place, by whom

pm he will start in eight or ten days — Before my
letter to January & Sutherland reached them
they had sold the cotton which I had ordered
them to forward to you & the whole of the
cotton I had on hand, which I authorised
you to dispose of to Adams & Coy, I have since
sold to Postlethwait Brand & Coy at 12½
in specie which clears my hand of that article
at present — I shall leave this day after tomor-
=row for my annual tour to Tennessee & Alabama
Depart to be absent five or six weeks —

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
John Brand

Lexington Ky April 1824

Honorable Henry Clay
Washington City
Dr Sir

Your favor was received
yesterdays mail, covering Mr Hines & Tibbets, proposition
to establish a hemp break in this State, I had some time
ago wrote to Mr Bain one of the Patentees, on this subject
he was with me last week, — Mr Smeades from New
York is now erecting his machine at your horse mill —
I shall leave here for Tennessee & Alabama day after
tomorrow; as soon as possible after my return; I intend
riding over to Columbus & see the machine in actual
operation when I will be able to make up my mind
which I most approve of, should I be convinced of the
utility of either I intend erecting one on my farm on Cane run
— If it succeed, as I sincerely hope it may, it will be one of
the most useful inventions to Kentucky that has yet

appeared, & I hope & expect that the invention will produce as great a change in the culture of hemp as the invention of the cotton gin did in the culture of that article — I am Dr Sir

With great respect
Yours Sincerely
John Brand

Lexington Ky 18 May 184

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez
Dr Sirs On my arrival at home from my annual journey to Tennessee & North Alabama I found your esteemed favors of 30th March & 27 Ulto, the former enclosing an account current & a check from your Bank on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Philada No 522 for six hundred & fifty dollars at one pr cent prem which is $656.50/100 placed to your credit

I am sorry the sales has come so short this year of my expectations, but sincerely hope your city will not again be visited by a sickly fall — My bagging in Tennessee & Alabama is all sold & during my journey I received orders for 860 piece besides Bale rope which I am now forwarding — I shall be regulated in my shipments to your city in the fall, by the advice I may receive from you between this & that time — I hope you will be able to collect the outstanding debts & forward as early as convenient I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. The quantity of bagging made in Ky this year will very little exceed the quantity made last year T. B.

But if Congress will give a little more protection I have no doubt the quantity will be considerably encreased in a short time —

N B. I find upon a comparison of your a/c sales with my books there is a deficiency of two coils of Rope 166 lbs — This arose in the delivery of the rope by the S B United States — The quantity delivered was 147 coils, 12055 lb — by your report you have received only 145 coils 11889 lbs — leaving a ballance of two coils — 166 lbs deficit. I have before me Mr N Berthoud's favour of the 8 July last stating the mistake & that he had wrote you on the subject — Extract from N Berthoud's letter of 8 July 1823 "On examining the account of the shipment made for your a/c by the United States I find there was a mistake in stating the number of coils of Bale rope in the Bill of lading, the actual number of coils shipped is 147 weighing 12055 lbs the weight mentioned in the Bill of lading as being that of the number stated say 139 coils — I have written to Messrs J Henderson & Sons on the subject & I hope all will be correct as the Boat was bound to deliver the weight specified in the Bill of lading"

Lexington 20th May 1824

Messrs Gordon & Forestall
New Orleans Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 25 Ulto is to hand & contents noted — I have just got home from my annual tour through Tennessee & North Alabama & am at present shipping Rope & bagging to those markets to supply my orders received on my journey, (about 800 piece) but will finish as much as I shall send by water in two or three weeks

, when I shall turn my attention to your market —
You will therefore oblige me by keeping me regularly advised of the prospects for those articles with you
I called on one of the administrators of Mr Nouvells estate (the other, Mr Keen, being dead) who informs me he is afraid there will not be a sufficiency of funds to pay his debts, there is still some outstanding debts, & he had a house that will have to be sold, but the claims, by note, already presented will eat up the whole — If you have Mr Nouvells acceptance you will better forward it first mail & I will do all I can for you, but if your claim is only on open account, I am afraid the prospects are rather unpromising as Executors & administrators are compelled by law to pay debts claimed on an estate according to their dignity viz, — Executions first Bonds & notes second & open accounts last, & any claim the executor or administrator may have against the estate may be paid first, if of the same dignity — I am sorry Mr Todd has not been able to get up as much freight by the Fayette as cover my claim, which was about 24 000 lbs & the time expires this July, so whatever amount of that quantity has not been forwarded I shall lose I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
John C. Brand

Lexington 20th May 1824

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir

A few days ago I arrived from my annual tour through Tennessee & North Alabama & found safe at home the two boxes of heckles forwarded by Messrs Lockhart & Arrot of New Orleans — Since my arrival I have forwarded to your address four waggon loads of bagging & one load of rope as pr rects.

I expect to load three more loads to day & shall send on more Bale rope as soon as I can procure waggons — Should any opportunity offer of a good steam boat going up the Tennessee river, You will please to forward one hundred pieces of bagging, five or six thousand lbs of Rope & the Bale of twine sent you by Rutherford's waggon, to Mr James Elliot Merct. Tuscumbia — The ballance that may be on hand of rope or bagging you will please forward to Messrs Findlay & Buchanan Southport, opposite Florence untill I advise you further — I would wish not to lose an opportunity of forwarding the above first safe conveyance, with care that it be placed in as dry a place as possible

There has been a great deal of very heavy rains within these few days, so much so that water has raised in several cellars in this place & considerable loss sustained in sugars salt pepper &cc please be carefull in examining the bagging &cc when you receive it, should any wett get to any of it have it dryed before it is laid aaway & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respt

Your Obt Servt John Brand

N. B. I received the other day a/c sales & a/c current from Messrs Jno Henderson & Sons, & find they have not received the whole quantity of rope sent by the United States S. B. this report makes a deficiency of two coils 166 lbs. I have wrote them on the subject & quoted an extract from your favor of 8 July last on the same business

J. B.

Lexington 21 May 1824

Dr Sir please to drop me a line by return mail & let me know what the prospects of making the money on the execution issued from the fayette Circuit Court in my favor against Col Jn. Du Owing, & John Mason Jr & whither it will be necessary for me to come up to your place & at what time & you will much oblige

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
John Brand

Mr M. Daniel sheriff of montgomery

Lexington 24 May 1824

Mr William Hepburn Paris

Dr Sir Your note to me for one hundred & eighty seven dollars in silver became due the first Inst. You will oblige me if you will call & pay it, & remit the money as early as convenient as I want it & oblige Respectfully Yours

John Brand

Lexington 26 May 1824

Mr N Berthoud Shippingport

Dr Sir

I had this pleasure the 20th Inst. to which please refer & shall now give you a list of the property forwarded to you & how to dispose of it — Viz, I forwarded to you on the

May 13	Per	Willm Burba	30 piece	1554 yds
— "	Per	Ben Sly	30 piece	1548½ yds
— 19	Per	Willm Brenaugh	28 piece	1440½ Do
" 19	Per	Shelton Rutherford	38 Do	1967½ do
" 21	Per	John Wright	38 Do	1965½ Do
" "	Per	Robert Johnston	38 Do	1966½ do
" 22	Per	J. H. Hunley	28 Do	1444 Do
" "	Per	Sidney Hunley	33 Do	1704 Do
" 24		Asbury Amas	36 Do	1864½ Do
" "		Jesse Rutherford	36 Do	1866½ Do
" 25	Per	John Branberger	33 Do	1712 Do
" "	Per	Wm Armstrong	32 Do	1654½
May 26		Total of bagging to this date	400 pce	20688 yds

One Bale twine by Shelton Rutherford 105 lbs

I have received advice from L F Saltenstall that he has sent you 5638 lbs of Bale rope on my a/c

You will please to forward to Mr James Elliot Merct Tuscumbia 100 piece of Bagging — the bale of twine & all the bale rope above mentioned — Send 160 pieces of bagging to Messrs Findlay & Buchanan Southport opposite Florence, & the ballance to Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co of Florence

I wish the whole forwarded by the first good Steam Boat, while the river is in order, unless there is more than one boat up, when it will be prudent to divide it

so as to lessen the risk —
Please forward me bill of lading as also the individuals the property is addressed to — & oblige Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John T Brand

P.S. I expect to forward you two more waggon loads of bagging next week — & some more rope so soon as ready — when I will advise you where to send it
T.

Lexington, Ky, 27 May 1824

Mr Peter Watson N Orleans
Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 24 Ulto was received at my home during my annual tour through Tennessee & Alabama States
I feel very friendly disposition to do anything in my power to aid your house in New Orleans, & indeed either in Tampico or Liverpool. You brother William I feel a warm attachment for, being more acquainted with him than any other member of the firm & it will always give me great pleasure to be of service to him or you, My prospects in business are flattering & my former success has been far beyond my most sanguine expectations my situation now has placed me so; that I do not dread any competition either in Dundee or America — (in the bagging way) With regard to Isaac Watt, you must have taken up a wrong impression it was not from his griping disposition that there was any difference of opinion between him & myself

, but from his bringing up a claim against me that he had no just right to — the fact is this

I had for some years rented a factory in Dundee with a certain David Brown, & each of us had part in our own hands & carried on our business entirely unconnected with each other, but in the renting of the factory — if my memory serves me right Mr Brown rented a factory in another part of the town in 1800, & moved to it, in the summer of 1801 — I failed in business, & called a meeting of my creditors; & proposed a compromise, I offered them 15/ in the pound with undoubted security which they refused, I was told by one of the creditors that the reason of their refusal was, that I would not agree to throw out my father's claim, as a creditor, He poor old man having the fullest confidence in me had placed the whole he had in the world in my hands, was unable to work & it was his only dependence & no prospect of his getting any assistance from me, their object was to draw every thing from me & then put me in jail & compel my father to withdraw his claim, this was the conduct of Baxter & Crichton & James Duncan Jr. —

On hearing this I felt very indignant, & determined to disappoint them, let the result as to myself be what it may — I resolved to come to America (which I never would have thought of but for this circumstance) the result has been very fortunate for me, but no thanks to them for it, I still feel the same indignation towards them, on account of their intentions towards me, & this was the reason I would not pay them more than the amount of their legal claim against me without interest, as they had been the means of

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sacrificing my property — for on my departure for this country, they had to sell my property, which only produced to my creditors a little upwards of 6 ℔ in the pound instead of 16 ℔ & all that I brought with me from Dundee was £100 — & when I arrived in the United States the whole amount of money I had in the world was fifty guineas or £53. —

I left Dundee the last week in August 1801 & had been there some time subsequent to my failure & never heard any thing of any claim against me from Isaac Watt until I was in Scotland in 1808, when David Brown was solvent & doing business for himself when I left there — & if Isaac Watt had any claim against the firm of Brown & Co. which firm never existed, why did he not collect the money from Brown — I wrote Isaac Watt in 1809 if he could establish to my satisfaction that I owed him a just debt I would certainly pay him & just otherwise.

The amount of what he says was due from Brown & Brand was £12 sterling, & I should have been very sorry to have left that unpaid, if I had thought he was justly entitled to it — As for charity, to Mr. Watts family, they have no claim on me — I have plenty of poor relations of my own, who have prior claims, if I had no heirs —

But I have a family of children to provide for who have claims as superior to either — I have been unintentionally drawn into this long explanation which I hope you will excuse

Should I have any business in England or Scotland I shall avail myself of your polite offer in applying to you for your aid & shall at all times be glad to reciprocate acts of friendship between yourself & brother William. Wishing you great success in your business beginning the world again,

I am Dr Sir

Respectfully & Sincerely
Your friend & well wisher
John M Bibb

P.S. I am really sorry in not having the pleasure of seeing you in Kentucky

Lexington Ky, 29 May 1824

Messrs Willm Watson & Co
New Orleans.

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 4th Ult is received & contents noted, I am very much obliged to you Mr Willm Watson for the information, of correspondents & places of deposit, for bagging in South Alabama, Bye & Bye I may avail myself of your polite offer to forward some for me to that country, at present I am engaged making up between 8 & 900 pieces for North Alabama & Tennessee, which I had engaged to send during my annual tour through these States, having only returned from them about two weeks

I returned last evening from our Powder Mills & Distillery in Jessamine County, & while there looked over the copy of a letter sent you by our agent at the Mills (D Crozier) advising you of the shipment of whiskey & gun powder on our own a/c, & must request you to conform to the advice in that letter, Viz, not to sell at a less price than 35 cents for the whiskey, unless further instructions — It is the opinion of Brand & Warfield

that the article will bring that price in the fall — & they are convinced the article is equal if not superior to any that goes from this country — I was offered this spring from Robt S. Todd Esqr. of this place, 40 cents currency pr. gal when he could have purchased the common stuff of the country @ 33⅓d. The powder sent you, we would prefer selling it at the market price first opportunity — Brand & Warfield will be pleased by occasionally receiving from you your progress in sales, with your own remarks on the prospects for articles from this country —

I have enclosed a letter for your Mr Peter Watson, not knowing whether or not he had left the city, should he have done so, please forward it after him to Liverpool & oblige

Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 29 May 1824

Messrs Gordon & Forestall
New Orleans

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favors of the 5th Ulto & 8th Inst has been received & contents noted — The latter enclosing your a/c against the estate of Mr. Nourse lately of this place — I have shewed it to my lawyer, who informs me there is already more executions out against the estate, than there will be property to satisfy — besides a great many notes or acceptances, have come forward there will be nothing for — I shall hold the a/c

until your further orders & should any thing turn up, shall do what I can for your interest —

I observe your remarks on the prospects for bagging for the ensuing season, but am afraid your expectations will not be realized — You observe there will be 4 to 5000 wanted for your market — there will be at least 15,000 piece made in Kentucky this year at a very moderate calculation — & I see by the New York papers that several large importations have already arrived there — For whole of this quantity will have to change hands, that which is imported will very likely be sold as early as possible, to get clear of the risk & charges of Storage — our Kentucky Manufacturers are generally of small capital & will have to sell no matter at what loss, or they will not be able to go on another year — Under these circumstances, it is my opinion that bagging will be very low in your market this season — I shall make between 13 to 1400 piece myself this season — 800 of which I am engaged to forward to my different stands in Tennessee & North Alabama — after that, I shall hold the balance ready to be sent to the market which is the most promising & will be much obliged to you to keep me advised of the state of your market — I am aware of the object of the up country people, preferring the Scotch bagging to the Ky, the Alabama & Tennessee cotton has generally been very badly picked & ginned & was for the most part put in Ky bagging, while the low county cotton was better handled & put in Scotch Bagging. This drew a complete line of

distinction — the up country people now think to impose their cotton on the Merct. in N. Or. for Mississippi cotton, & indeed I have heard of considerable art being used to accomplish that object — Whenever they find that they cannot impose their cotton on the Merct for low country cotton they will abandon the importation of Scotch bagging to these States — for they will find out that it is not the bagging will sell the, —

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 8 June 1824

Mr H Adams
Editor Alabama Republican
Huntsville
Dr Sir

A few evenings ago a friend of mine who hapened accidentaly to read the Criticism

Lexington, Ky 18 May 1824

Mr H Adams

Editor of Alabama Republican

Huntsville

Dr Sir A few evenings since a friend of mine who accidentaly saw your paper of the 14 Ulto, at my house, handed me the enclosed, "with a request that I would get it published in your usefull paper —

In justice to the young ladies & also the head of the academy aluded to I hope you will comply with the request — I shall observe that the author of the enclosed is in no way connected with the academy neither is he directly or indirectly connected with any of the young ladies who were subscribers to the address, or at the school —

Your compliance with the above request will confer a favor on Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John T Brand

P.S. It is hardly necessary to add that my friend can have no knowledge of the author

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Lexington 15 June 1824

Col H A Anderson

Dr Sir Your favor of the 29 Ulto has been received, enclosing a Bill @ 60 days sight from New Orleans on New York, for $928 handed you by Col Ben Sherrard being the amt of his ap

I received advice from Louisville last week of three hundred pieces of my Bagging having been shipped on board of the Steam Boat Superior, & consigned to Messrs Andw Buchanan

& Co of Florence & Messrs Findley & Buchanan
of Southport — as soon as you can have an opportunity
I wish you to send for 80 or 90 piece of the same
after you have heard of its arrival
I shall send off three loads of Rope this week
to Louisville which I shall order to the same
Gentlemen, so when it arrives you can have
a small suply of that also — This will enable
you to make a beginning, & should you be able
to dispose of any more (by being timely advised)
I may be able to forward you a few waggon loads
by land, when you will be able to furnish me
with return loads of cotton — Should Col Stewart
wish you to suply him, or if he would take it
from Southport, I shall be happy to furnish
him with any articles I have in Atlanta, at the
price you sell at when he receives it; which
of Course will be regulated by the prices in
Huntsville — of this please to advise me —
or perhaps Col Stewart would agree to give
the same I have agreed to furnish Col Pope
at, which is twenty five cents in Silver pr yd
for Bagging & Nine cents pr lb for rope
payable first next April, if so, you have my
authority to suply him with an order on
Messrs Findley Buchanan Southport for any
articles of mine may be in their hands —
I shall advise those last named Gentlemen
to recieve your orders & suply you with whatever
you may order that may be on hand —
you will oblige me by advising me occasionally
the state of your market, & prices, for Bagging
Rope twine Cotton &c, so I may be able to [illegible] you

a further suply by land should circumstances justify it — please to get clear of the Janes this fall if possible at the best price you can I am Dr Sir very Respectfully your obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 15 June 1824

Messrs Andw. Buchanan & Co.

Florence Dr Sirs I have shipped at Louisville pr Steam boat Superior to your adress, one hundred & forty piece of Bagging containing 7235 yards & one hundred & sixty piece to Messrs Findlay Buchanan & Co of Southport, containing 8276½ yards, which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time — as I presume this quantity will be more than you can dispose of, I have this day advised Hugh A Anderson Esqr of Lawrence County to send for 80 or 90 piece to make a beginning with, he will of Course send to your house at Southport which I hope you will duly honor, I shall forward to Louisville this week, three waggon loads of Rope out of which I wish you to suply him with what he may order, after its arrival — I have some small engagements on this side the River which I may have to give an order for, but shall not, do so, if I can get waggons to go in time, & you should think you can dispose of all I have sent you

The Boat left Louisville the 10 Inst & probably may reach your place before this does — please advise me after the rect of the Bagging, with your remarks as to the prospects for this article the ensuing season

Lodge Dr Sirs very Respectfully yours &c J Brand

Lexington 15 June 1824

Mr James Elliot Merct

Enclosed Dr Sir There was shipped at Louisville the 10 Inst. on board the Steam Boat Superior on my acct & risk — One hundred pieces of Bagging containing 5180 yards — 52 Coils Rope weighing 5657 lbs & one Bale twine containing 105 lbs — all to your address, which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time — You will please to dispose of the above articles for me as for many as the Spring advances & our currency gets worse you will see the necessity of selling the articles payable as early as possible & invest the proceeds in good Eastern funds or if it could be done, dispose for silver or such funds as allowing the discount when the Money is due — Keeping the above in view do the best for me you can & oblige

Dr Sir Respectfully Yours truly

Robt Wickliffe

PS Please advise me the prospects for these articles in your Market, as soon as you receive them RW —

Lexington 15 June 1824

Mr — David Tilgman

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 2d Inst was recvd last week enclosing Mr M & Richardsons Dft — on Mr M & Richardson which was immediately presented when he promised to arrange it — this and which has been the reason of my delay

in writing you — I have now to advise you that I this day recvd $750 principle & $8.25/100 interest to this date — Total seven hundred fifty eight dollars & twenty five cents — in silver & United States Notes which is subject to your order

Mrs Brand joins me in presenting our best respects to you & family & am Dr Sir very respectfully

yours, sincerely

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 16 June 1864

Messrs Lockhart & Smot.

New Orleans

Drs Your esteemed favors of 21 March & 8 Ult was received during my absence in Alabama & note the contents — The three boxes of buckles has been received safe, for which please accept my thanks — Above you have Messrs Wilkins Pr Co Shaines & Co's Dft at sight for sixty one dollars 12 Cts (the amt due you) on Wm Kenner & Co of your city — I have a considerable quantity of bagging on hand which I would be unwilling to take less for than twenty cents pr yard, at this place, should your market improve during the season, so that the article would suit me that price I will likely forward you some to dispose of for me on Commission I am Drs

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 18 June 1824

Messrs McMurro Shelue & Co
New Orleans

Dr Sirs

I had this pleasure the 22nd Dec. last, advising you of the arrangement having been entered into, & on what terms, to which I have received no reply —

I have now to advise you that previous to my departure for the State of Alabama, I deposited for collection, the second note, which fell due in may & was paid, I was on the eve of forwarding you the proceeds, but was called on yesterday by Capt. Hodgson to whom I have accounted, & paid the amt. as p. a/c rendered him, for which I have his rect. — Capt. H. has ordered me to hold the ballance as collected, subject to his order — As the papers came into my hands through your house I think it proper to advise you of these circumstances, & hope it will meet your approbation, of this you will please advise me by return mail & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.
John Bland

Lexington, Ky, 18 June 1824

Mr George Crockett
Nashville

Dr Sir I received by this days mail from Louisville, Bill of lading of 80 pieces of bagging 4171/2 yards p. Steam Boat Rambler Snodgrass master, to your address on my a/c & risk which I hope will reach you in good order —
The Bill is dated the 14 Inst. — Should you not have it

I may forward you a load or two more by the same route, of this you will please advise me by first mail — I hope you have forwarded to Huntsville, as I requested, the ballance left unsold of last year — I wish you not to pay Mr W L Brown any of the money until I order you as I may want a few loads of cotton in the fall for return loads — & Brand & Warfield may want a load of cotton as a return load — should you wish another load of gunpowder, which I hope you will at farthest in the fall, I should like to know if the last load of Powder has given satisfaction — Please to write me on rect. of the bagging & immediately on rect. of this & oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 19 June 1824

Mr Willm Bain
Machinist Columbus

Dr Sir
Your favors of the 5th & 8th Ulto ~~to [illegible]~~, & 12 Inst. has been received & contents noted — I arrived at home from Alabama last month & shewed yours of the 5th & 8 Ulto to Mr Jno W Hunt & Dr C Warfield, the Gentlemen with whom I had contemplated entering into partnership with you & myself — we had concluded to ride out & see Mr Smeads machine & advise you of our opinion & the opinion & the opinion of the public on its operation & concluded there was no necessity of being in a hurry about the business, as in your favor of the 5 Ulto

you state that the hemp would all be broke before the machine then in operation would be proved, & there was no certainty of seeing the new machine in operation until the hemp was cut — of course there was no use of our coming to Columbus until that period he had fully calculated on Mr Hunt & myself being in Columbus by the time we could see the new machine in operation with the hemp crop — & expected to have entered into a contract with you which would have, in the result of our expectation being realised, made your fortune & made some money for us — You are now afraid that your contract with Mr Rhodes has frustrated our views, as we have no doubt he has the same object in view that we had, However what is done cannot be mended & we must do the best we can — we are still disposed to enter into the arrangement with you provided we can see it will be to our mutual advantage, but as we have to go to considerable expence in the result of our making a contract with you we must be satisfied in our mind of the success of the experiment — to obtain the information necessary to this object — Mr Hunt & myself propose to ride over to Columbus so soon as you can be able to shew us your new machine in operation — we had thought we could come over between the 10 & 20 of next month — but we should lose our labor if we could not see the machine in operation — should the machine be in operation by that time we will certainly come if our families are in a situation that we can leave them — please advise us by return mail when you will be able to shew us

the new machine in operation ~~[illegible]~~ then we will inform you when you may look for us — I am Dr Sir

Your &c &c

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 23rd June 1824

Captn Henry Hodgson

Louisville Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 20th Inst. is received & contents noted —

Enclosed you will receive five notes drawn by Samuel Bell payable to ——, four of which is for four hundred dollars each & one for two hundred, making eighteen hundred dollars — & including the $400 settled with you here on the 16 Inst. is the whole of the notes received on your a/c by me from Mr Bell according to the arrangement authorised by Messrs H. Monroe Milne & Co, of New Orleans I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 5 July 1824

Mr William Bain

Columbus

Dr Sir Your favor of the 27 Ulto is received pr last mail, & contents noted, Mr Hunt & myself have both some business to attend to here on the 14 Inst. & cannot leave here before that time, but have appointed to leave here for your place from the 15 to the 19th which will be this day two weeks at farthest — we expect to reach your place in 5½ or six days — With regard to my opinion of Mr Smedes machine, I can hardly give a decided opinion as yet, I have been so engaged since my return from Alabama

that I have only been out once to see it & Mr Smedes was not there at the time, the Breaks was not in operation when I was there, It was on a Saturday afternoon & they had stopt the break & were swindling, My opinion is that two swindlers cannot keep the break going as from the appearance of what they were doing, when I was there they could not clean more than 400 to 500 lbs pr day (the 2 breaks)

My Farmers who have seen it in operation have told me it wont do, as they can break as much hemp with their breaks on their farm, as Mr Smedes can do with his break, with the same number of hands, — but if Mr Smedes can break 600 lbs pr day with 6 Hands, of unrotted hemp, after being pulled & dryed, I consider it of some importance although not what was first calculated upon — I shall endeavour to see it again before I come over & will be able to give you a more satisfactory opinion then — I shall see Mr Smedes & inform him of his hemp scythe or cradle — You will oblige me if you will have one made for me of the first quality, before I come over, so that I can bring it home with me, have it made of the best materials, & completely hung ready to go to work, Mr Clay left here yesterday morning for your place, he informed me on Friday your court will be sitting untill the 24 Mst. So of course he will be at Columbus when we reach there I am Dr Sir

Yours Sincerely
John Brand

Lexington 5 July 1824

Mr N Berthoud Shipping port

Dr Sir Since the rect. of your favour of the 15 Mst. covering bill of ladiezg of 80

piece of bagging pr Rambler — I have sent you on four loads of bale rope which you will please to forward as early as possible to Messrs Findlay & Buchanan South Port — Since you was here, I have received advice from Messrs John Henderson & Sons of Natches containing the following extract of the 14th Ulto,

The Captain of the S Boat U States does not consider himself responsible for the two coils of Rope said by Mr N Berthoud to be wanting, as he delivered all he received & was ~~six~~ pieces more than the Bill of lading called for, which was only 139 Coils & he delivered 145, so that he says as there was so great a mistake in the bill of lading it is presumable there is a mistake in the two pieces more now asked for & having delivered all he found on board, which was over what the Bill of lading called for he cannot conceive himself bound for any more

We have no hold on him — This is pretty fair reasoning, however correct, is left with you to decide

When you forward Bills of lading, please inform me if the rect. for Robt S Todd's goods pr S Boat Keystone was recited to be paid for in Lexington & oblige

Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 10 July 1824

Messrs Keys & Dooney

Moresville Alabama

Dr Sirs I received advice a few days ago of three hundred piece of my bagging having arrived at Florence, consigned to Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co of that place —

Should you wish any of that article, to supply your customers, to dispose of for me on commission, please to send for a waggon load or two from these Gentlemen as you may want it

I have this day requested them, to furnish them with what you may order — Please to send for a waggon load to make a begining & should you wish a further supply — I can send it you from this place, so soon as you can furnish, return loads in cotton — You will of course be regulated in your sales by the Huntsville market, or what a similar article may be selling for at your place — Please to write me on rect of this, & let me know your views & oblige

Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Bean

Lexington, Ky, 10 July 1824

Messrs Keys & Duncan
Athens Alabama

Dr Sirs I received advice a few days ago of three hundred piece of my bagging having arrived at Florence consigned to Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co of that place, should you wish any of that article (to supply your customers) to dispose of for me on commission, please to order a waggon load or two as you may want it, I have this day advised these Gentlemen to send you what you may order — If you send for a load say about forty piece, that will make a begining & I can supply you with what further quantity you may want from this place, so soon as you can furnish me with

back loads of cotton — Should you conclude to do business for me, you will please to dispose of the article so as to have the money collected by the first of April at which time I generally reach your State, You will oblige me by writing me immediately on rect. of this & let me know your views. I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servts
John Brand

P.S. You will of course be regulated in your sales by the Huntsville prices or what a similar article may be selling for in your place —

Lexington 10 July 1824

Col H A Anderson

Dr Sir I wrote you the 15th Ulto to which please refer — since which I have received advice of the arrival of the bagging at South Port — Please to send for two waggon loads as soon as you can conveniently, which will make a beginning — & I will supply you with what more you may want from this place as soon as you can furnish back loads of cotton — there is four waggon loads of Bale rope on the way by Louisville, consigned to Messrs Findlay & Buchanan Southport on its arrival you can send for what part of it you may want — Please to write me on rect. of this & let me know when you will send for the bagging — & whether Col Shorard will take his supply from you or at Southport — & if Mr Paul Watkins will take his supply

from you — in the prices you will of course be regulated by the Huntsville market on like terms of credit — or by what it may sell for in Country deed of as good a quality & as long a credit

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 10 July 1824

Messrs A Buchanan & Co
Florence Alabama

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 28th Ult is received & contents noted — I have this day advised Messrs Keys & Duncan of Athens, & Messrs Keys & Looney of Moorsville of the arrival of the bagging & requested them to send for a load each Should they do so, please to furnish them with what they may order, should you want a further supply, please to advise me & I will endeavour to keep you supplied — I have forwarded four waggon loads of Bale rope to Mr A Birthond with orders to forward the whole to you, I hope it will reach you in time & in good order — I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
John Brand

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28
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Lexington 14 July 1824

Leroy Pope Esqr

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 23^d Ult^o is received, enclosing, a check on the Branch of the U S Bank at New York for eight hundred dollars & return you my thanks for your punctuality enclosed you will receive your note which I held for the amt. Above you have Claiborn Parish & Jno Plumberton's rec^t for eighty piece of bagging & one hundred & four lb^s of twine, Both of which I hope will give you satisfaction — Should Col^o Perry want any of the twine, as there is more than your contract, you may let him have what he wants on the same terms as you get it — Should he not want any, you will oblige me if you will hand over the Ballance over your contract to Messrs Morgans & Turner on my a/c — There is some Bale rope of mine in the hands of Messrs M & T. Please to receive it on a/c of contract & I will endeavour to have a further supply before that is used up so as not to disappoint you — There will be about the same quantity of Bagging made in this State this season as was last year — & a very large importation has been made, calculating on the Tariff being much higher, than it ultimately passed for — This will certainly keep the price low this year at least, I am only afraid that the quantity will be so large in the U S. that the holders will have to sacrifice it below its intrinsic value; if so, it will have a bad effect, as it will compel a great many of the manufacturers to quit the manufacturing of it, & partially stop the importation — this would certainly be against

the interests of the planter — I sincerely wish that the article would maintain only a fair & steady price — its the interest of both of us

Yours Sincerely

Jno Bland

Lexington 15 July 1824

Mr N Berthoud

D.r Sir Your esteemed favor of the 11 Inst. is just received — the last load of Bale rope you have yet on hand, I wish forwarded to Messrs. A Buchan & Co Florence D.o first safe conveyance — You will I hope have received of D.o John Talbot, waggon — 42 piece of bagging which I wish sent on to Nashville — I shall leave here tomorrow for Columbus Ohio, via, Maysville & Chilicothe & shall return by Cincinatti — On my return I shall (most likely) forward you some more bagging for Nashville if it can be forwarded — which please advise me & oblige D.r Sir

Very Respectfully,

Your Obed.t Serv.t

Jno Bland

Lexington Ky 5 August 1824

Mr Henry Vonphill Merit St Louis

Dr Sir I wish to procure two bales of bufaloe rugs for bed clothes for my negroes I had the promise of Captn P. Bain to bring them for me but his wife has lately died & consequence he has put of going to your country this season & has lately received advice of some beaver being shipped for him should you be able to procure them pleas to value on me at sight which shall be duly honor'd should you not be able to get them please advis me by first mail that I may look for them at New Orleans should you be able to procure them please to forward them to Mr N Berthoud Shippingport Ky who will pay freight — I have taken the liberty of adressing you on this subject as an old acquaintance not knowing whither you do in the comission business or not which I hope you will accept as my apology Dr. Warfield & Myself are the owners of the powder works Distilery in Jessamine County formely the property of morgan Brown & Lately of Robert Crocket we carry on our business under the firm Brand & Warfield Will you be so good advise us when you write of the state of your market for these articles as we have a considerable quantity of each on hand & oblige Dr Sir very respectfully your Obt servt John Brand

Lexington 6 augt 1824

Messrs Gordon & Forstall

New Orleans

Dr Sirs I have been expecting this some time of advise from you of the payment and Transfer (to R J Todd Esqr) of the proceeds of sales in bagging in last December at six months which fell due early in June. I advised you to inform me at what time my funds were collected and transfered to Mr Todd as he is to pay me interest from the time of the transfer. The money for the negroe fellow will be due before this reaches you — Please advise me of the whole of my funds transfered to Mr Todd that I may have a settlement with him I hope you will be able to close sales of rope, should you think it advisable I will forward you some bagging to dispose of alongwith it — please advise me by mail the prospects for Bagging & Sales of my rope on hand & oblige Dr Sirs

very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt
John Brand

N.B. any proceeds of sales after rect of this you will please hold subject to my order or remit unless otherwise advised — & forward me a statement of what has been transfered to Mr Todd with the dates

of transfer to enable me to have a settlement B

Dr Sirs Messrs Morgans & Turner

Above you have B wilgus Bill for forty piece of bagging which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time — I shall be glad you can dispose of this load for me as soon as possible — please advise me the prospects for the article with you this season — I have accidentily met with this waggon, that wants no back load, so soon as you will be able to furnish some back loads, I shall be able to send you some more bagging & Co rope — please advise me what prospects is in collecting the specie debt from Gabriel Moore, for Barnets debt as I should like you to invest it in good cotton for return & loads — I should like you also to invest the small ballance in your hands due from Beerne and Patton & the proceeds from Col A. G. Morgans note in cotton first pick at a fair price — please advise me at what time I may depend upon your having the cotton, & I will forward you waggons with bagging & rope — who will bring it up as return & loads — I am Dr Sirs very respectfully your obedt servt — John Brand

Lexington Ky August 10 18

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the
14 June was received some time ago,
& contents noted I am sorry Mr Berthoud
made the mistake in the shipment
of rope by the steam Boat N States,
however he ought to pay me for what I
shall loose — I hope you will be able to
dispose of what bagging & rope you have
of mine (this season) as I should
dislike verry much to have it laying
over another year upon expenses Should
your prospects of getting clear of the
article this season be flattering please
to advise me & I will forward you
some more, but I do not wish to send
any more, unless there is a prospect
of disposeing of it —
I am Dr Sirs very respectfully
your obt Servt John Brand

Lexington 14 August 18

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingsport

Dr Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 7th
Inst is at hand & contents noted
covering bill of lading of 30 Coils
of Tarr rope 3806 lb Consigned to
Messrs Andw Buchanan & Co — —
I have this day received orders

to forward two hundred piece of Bagging & a sufficient q uantity of rope & twine to a house in Lawrence County alaba which I should be pleased to day if you can forward it to Southport for me, through the hands of Messrs Findlay Buchanon & Co — I have 120 piece on hand & can soon have the balance, please advise me, if there will be any oportunity soon of a Steam Boat for florence or Southport —

& Oblige Dr Sir

very Respectfully

your Obedt sevt

John Brand

Lexington Ky 21st Augt 1824

Messrs Mason & Banks

Courtland alaba

Dr Sirs our mutual friend Mr Andw Gist of Bainbridge Alaba, has shewed me a letter which he received from you a few days ago expressing a wish to receive a consignment of Bagging from me —

I am afraid the water is too low, to send any of the article that route with any certainty of its reaching you in season — we have no alternative but sending it by land — the difficulty in this sending — way is in procuring waggons to get indeed it is almost impossible without supplying them with return loads

in cotton — You mention that you would be willing to make the usual advances, all the advance I should expect would be you to furnish each waggon with from 25 to 2700 lb of Baled cotton on my a/c & pay yourselves out of the first proceeds of sales — If you will do this I will forward you a few loads as soon as posible after the rect of your order, in answer to this

I have this day received advice from my Correspondent in Natchez, who informs me they have not a sufficient supply in that market for this season, & that the best quality is selling at 25 cents specie I have shewed the letter to Mr Gist — I shall forward 160 piece I have on hand to that market imediately — but make from 2 to 300 yards pr day & can soon have some ready for you should your answer be favourable I have 300 piece in the hands of Messrs Findlay Bucharon & co Southport & in Florence & also some rope — Should they have more than they can dispose of (or unapropriated) I should have no objections of their giving you a small supply out of their stock to do you until I can forward you some from here, I shall write them by next mail on this subject, Please write them & & they will inform you —

I see by your letter that you have sold a good deal of bagging this season please to write me the prices of the article of the different qualities — Scotch & Fly & on what credits you sell

your answer by first mail will oblige Dr Sirs very respectfully

your obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington Ky 21 august 1824

Messrs Andw Buchanon & Co
Florence Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 22d Ulto is recd & contents noted There was shipped to your adress, on the Eliza Steam boat on the 6 Inst 30 coils of rope 3805 lbs — this (including the 75 coils) is the four loads mentioned, in my letter to you of the 10 July — I wrote Messrs Keys & Duncan of athens, & Messrs Keys & Looney of moresville on the 10 ulto — to apply to you for a small supply of Bagging to sell for me, untill I could furnish them from here but have received no answer — Please to advise me whither either of these houses have coresponded with you on that subject — — I was aplied to the other day to make a consignment of Bagging & rope to Messrs Mason & Banks of courtland — & have this day wrote them on the subject Should Messrs

Keys & Duncan & Messrs Keys & Looney decline taking any of the article on consignment, I would be pleased that you should give Messrs Mason & Banks a small supply out of your stock, to do them until I can furnish them from here, — Should they write you on this business please to let them have any that you can spare — the Rivers is now too low to venture any more by water this season to your place, we shall therefore be obliged to forward any more we may send to your state by land — please advise me whither Col H A Anderson has received any Bagging & rope from you on my ap as I have not heard from that Gentm on the subject, since I wrote him advising him to call on you for a load or two I shall be glad to hear from you soon I am Dr Sirs

very Respectfully your obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 26 August

Mr N Berthoud

Shippingport

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 22nd Inst is duly received & contents noted — I have this day loaded James Spears & Spencer Holloway's waggons with seventy four piece of bagging to your address as Pr rects — I wish this forwarded to Messrs S & H P Postlethwait of Natchez on my ap — first safe conveyance —

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If the forty two piece has not been forwarded to Nashville, you will please to send them to the Messrs Pottlethwaits also — as I can get waggons to Nashville from this place in a short time, who will be going for cotton Tam Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lex Lex 1 Septr 1824

Friend Voris

Dr Sir your esteemed favour of 17 & 26 ult: is duly received & contens noted — I have marked under, my farm hands measures, of the length of their feet — I beg of you to have them made full large

Mime 10 inch
Lewis 10 Do
Jerry 10 Do
Daniel 11¼ ¾ Do
Isaac 11½ Do
Jackson 11½ Do
Dave 10½ Do
Sollomon 11½ Do
Tam 12¼ Do
The above Jurish to le monroes

Under you have a few of the largest size of my factory hands

Nace 11½
Jess 11¼
Joe ~~12¼~~ 12 3/8
Charles 11 3/4

over

In taking the measures, I put their feet on a door cill, & have marked the exact length of the foot — of course you will make the alowance for the thickness of such a size

foot – but I must advise you again that I would prefer them being full large ——
As negroes who are constantly on their foot cannot feel easy if their shoes pinches them – & then shoes will not wear as well

I am Dr Sir
Very Respectfully
Your friend
John Brand

Lexington, Ky 15 Sept

Messrs Malone & Metcalf
Huntsville Ala

Dr Sirs Enclosed you will receive six hundred dollars in Tennessee Bank notes, I wish to send you two loads of bagging & one of rope with a little twine, provided I can think you can dispose of these articles this season but do not wish to send them without there is a prospect of getting clear of them this season at a fair price – Should you think it advisable to forward the above property you will please advise me as soon as possible after the arrival at home of your Mr Malone –
After you advise me to forward the bagging & rope you will please to invest the enclosed money in good cotton, with this & what you have in hands of Posthethwait Brand & Co I hope you will be able to make up eight Bales of cotton for each waggon as a return load – Should you be a few Bales short I hope it will not incommode you to finish the three loads as it is impossible to get waggons to go to your place at fair price without return loads – of

this you will please advise me — you will also find inclosed Willm. Alexander's Draft for eight hundred & thirty dollars in good money on John W Tilford Esqr. of your place payable the first of March next which you will please to have accepted as soon as possible & collected when due & hold subject to my order hoping to hear from you soon I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully.

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington (Ky) 15 Septr. 1824

Messrs S & H F Posthwait

Natchez Dr Sirs Some time ago I sent on to a Mr N Berthoud one hundred & fifteen piece of Bagging with orders to forward to your address to sell for me on Commission — I have now before me a Mr Berthouds favor of the 11th Inst. covering Bill of lading for fifty piece pr. Keel boat Henry Clay, John Brown master bill dated the 10th The ballance he informs me will be forwarded in a few days — You will oblige by keeping me advised of the state of your market, for articles the produce of this Country & should it be advisable I will forward you some more during the season

I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 17 Sept 1824

Mr H Findlay
Tyrone Whi Your esteemed favors of the 11 June & 2 Inst is to hand & contents noted, I have also received Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co's favor of 6 Inst, to which I have replyed this day & refer you to it as to the prices I hold my bagging at — I should you see cause to establish yourself in the Commission business it will give me great pleasure to be of ~~any~~ service to you — I have learned from some of my friends just returned from Philiadelphia that Mr David Arrot will be here in a few days — Indeed I have received two letters to my care for him from his partner in New Orleans — so I shall look for him daily — whether he intends visiting your place in his route to Orleans I have not learned —

I am sorry your planters have taken the tariff in such dudgeon, but as to their resolutions I look upon them as all Balderdash I am well aware that the planters in your State will consult their own interest in laying in their supply of bagging — the additional tariff is only about 3/4 of a cent over what it formerly was & it is hardly worth while of making such a fuss about — but I look upon the great outcry against it to be a political manoeuver against those who voted for it & are candidates for the presidency, as for myself I am only sorry I have sent so much of the article to your market, & it will depend upon the markets whether I send any more — The Manufacturers of Kentucky do not entirely depend upon

the planters of Alabama for their means of subsistence — You will oblige by occasionally advising me of the state of your markets — & how you proceed in sales — & when any of the Gentn. formerly mentioned sends for any of my Bagging — I am afraid Col H A Anderson is sick or I should have heard from him — I have not received any of his favors for this some time — I am Dr Sir

Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

Lexington, Ky. 17 Septr 1824

Mr George Crocket
Nashville Dr Sirs Your

esteemed favor of the 17 Ulto is to hand some ags & contents noted — I have no objections in furnishing your friends in Athens a supply if the market will justify it — I have promised to send some to Messrs Keys & Duncan, but that will make no difference as I can supply them both — You will oblige me by keeping me regularly advised of the state of your market for the article, & as the season advances should the prospects for sales in your place be bad I should have no objection to your forwarding their part of what you have on hand — As the state of your currency has very much improved, perhaps you can make sales better by selling for silver or United States notes — I am perfectly willing to sell for either according to their value — In the meantime you may sell at thirty cents pr. yard in your

currency or twenty five cents in good funds should you want a further supply please advise me Tam Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

N.B. Brand & Warfield hope the last parcel of gun powder gave satisfaction, & shall be glad to have your orders to forward you a further supply —

Lexington 17 Septr 1824

Messrs A Buchanan & Co
Florence Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 6th Mst is just to hand & contents noted Tam willing to take thirty cents pr yard in Tennessee currency, a should any of your customers prefer it, you may dispose of it at twenty cents pr yard in silver or United States notes, indeed I would prefer the latter price, as the rate of exchange in the spring is so very uncertain — I have Messrs Morgans & Turners favor of the 21 Ulto they inform me there is no other price spoken of in Huntsville but 33⅓d & from late advices from Natches & New Orleans there is not near a supply in their markets to supply them for the season, the principal part of what is sending off from this place is destined for these markets & in my opinion, there will be very little more sent from here to your State this season, under these prospects I have very little doubt that good buyging will bring twenty five cents in ~~spring~~ or thirty in currency

in your place & about 33/3 in Huntsville
And if it does not bring either of the two former
prices in your place I shall send what you have
up to Huntsville or some other place up the
Country — In the meantime you will oblige
me by writing me at least once in two weeks
advising the State of your market that I may
regulate my operations accordingly
Your Mr Peage Buchanan left here for
Cincinatti in good health a few days ago, I
expect he will be here again in a few days —
I am Dr Sir
Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
John Bland

Lexington Ky 26 Sept 1824

Messrs Loudon & Forestall
New Orleans Dr Sirs Your esteemed
favors of the 11th August & 3d inst is to hand &
contents noted, I am glad to learn the Kentucky
Bagging is taking the place of the Scotch Bag-
ging will continue to do so until the article
comes to a fair steady price which will ultimate-
ly be better for the Consumer & Manufacturer
also — The quantity of bagging made in Lexi-
gton will be about 10 to 12000 pieces this year
averaging about 52 yards to the piece — the quantity
made in the balance of this State will be from 6
to 8000 pieces about the same average in length
as the above — The quantity that will be made
next twelve months commencing on the 1st January
next will exceed the above very considerably

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as the old manufacturers are enlarging their establishments, & there is several new ones going into operation — My Son William finished his education last Commencement of our college in July, — & he has preferred taking an interest in my bagging factory, in consequence I am increasing my business in that establishment one half — I formerly made a little upwards of sixty thousand yards pr annum, when I get my other hands fairly under operation I shall make from ninety to one hundred thousand yards pr annum — I have only had about twenty tons of hemp made into Bale rope this season which will all go to Alabama along with my bagging, I have sent there — I have not sent any to your city this season, but expect to forward you some in a short time — I have now something upwards of 120 piece on the way to Messrs S & H P Posthethwait of Natches — I was unfortunate in having nearly 400 piece in the hands of Messrs John Henderson & Sons while the epidemic was in Natches last year & lost the sale of it by their not living in the City or sending in for it — As the planters were supplied from below before they got to town, while the other mercts sent into the city for their & generally closed sales — they have lately sold the whole to one man on Speculation, payable next March, this will be a lesson to me, not to forward so much to one point in future —

this is been considerably altered before forwarded JB

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully Your Obedt
Servt
John Brand

Lexington 27 Sept. 1824

Messrs. Andw. Buchanan & Co,
Florence

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 17th Inst. since which I am without any of your favors, On looking over my letter book I discover that you are advised to dispose of my bagging at thirty cents in currency of your state or twenty cents in silver — I expect that this is a mistake in the copying, for if it is so, I did not intend it to be — My intention was to authorise you to sell for me at thirty cents in Tennessee currency or twenty five cents in silver, on the usual credits

but I must beg of you to be careful in taking the notes of whoever you sell to, & not to sell to any person you have the least doubt of being punctual in complying with their engagement —

It is always best to settle by note when the property is delivered, it avoids any misunderstanding when it comes to maturity & if not paid it will bear interest — I beg of you to be particular in paying due attention to this advice — & I wish you to advise your Mr Findlay at Tyrone of the same immediately — I have seen nothing to alter my opinion as to prices since I last wrote you, although I have advices both from Natchez & New Orleans, Bagging is getting scarce at both places — & is now selling at a price that will nett the Manufacturer more than twenty five cents at your market —

I am Dr Sirs

Respectfully Yours &c.

John Brand.

P.S. Your Mr George Buchanan has just left me & will

& will leave here for Louisville tomorrow

J.B.

N.B. You will oblige me by advising me whether my letter to you of the 15th authorised you to sell my bagging at twenty or twenty five cents — As I expect the letter must have been copied wrong — if at the former price J.B.

Lexington Ky 29 Sept 1824

Col A Anderson Courtland

Dr Sir I wrote you the 15 June and 10 July last, To which please refer since which I am without any of your favors — in both I advised you of three hundred peice of my bagging having been consigned to Messrs Andrew Buchanon & Co of Florence & Messrs Findlay & Buchanon of southport or Tyrone & also a quantity of bale rope — I therein requested yo to send for two waggon loads of Bagging & one of rope to make a beginning upon & to keep you supplied until I could forward you some from this place which I intended to do — if advisable so soon as you could furnish backs loads of cotton — I cannot account for your not writing me, unless my letters have miscarried — It is now absolutely necessary for me to know whether you intend sending for some of the above property as in case of your not doing so I may be able to make some other disposition

of it, which I must do if I do not receive a letter from you soon — Please to advise me by return mail & oblige — very respectfully your obedt Sert

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 1 Octr. 1824

Messrs L & A Gist

Bainbridge

Dr Sirs

Your esteemed favor of the 18th Ulto was received yesterday & contents noted — I cannot think of taking your price (twenty cents specie) for my bagging in the hands of Messrs Findlay & Buchanan at Southport — I have ~~sold~~ here at that price, delivered at my factory, & I can get from tenty two & a half to 25 cents pr yard, for it in Natches or in New Orleans, which will nett me as much as twenty five cents will do in your market taking into view the difference of transportation & the difference in Commissions — I have authorised Messrs Andw Buchanan & Co of Florence & Messrs Findlay & Buchanan in Southport to dispose of any of my bagging in their hands at twenty five cents pr yard in specie, at the usual credits or thirty cents in Tennessee Bank note —

This is the lowest that I can take for it at present, should you think proper to take two thousand yards at either of these prices you may do so, giving your note to them for the amt — & upon my arrival in your country in next April, should you find it not convenient to pay, I shall have no objections to indulge you some time further by your allowing the interest

of your State until paid — Should you think proper to take it on these terms please to write me — A sight of this letter to these Gentlemen will answer the same as an order —

I Am D.r Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
John Brand

N.B. The hemp is rising in price & is now selling at 85 p.r to 6 at these prices the Manufacturer cannot afford to sell Bagging in your State at the price you offer, as the carriage costs us double what it does to New Orleans & Natches — & the commissions is double also

I am satisfied my bagging is actually better than Scotch bagging, it is wider, heavier & stronger & will carry the cotton as safe to Market — and I know the importers cannot deliver it in your market at what I offer

J.B

Lexington October 2.d 1824

Messrs Morgans & Tunno

D.r Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 20.th August has been received & contents noted — I have succeeded in procuring two more waggons to go on to you without the necessity of furnishing return loads — Above you have the rest.t of Solomon Myers for 41 Coils hemp 3152lb & one Box of twine 216 nett — & Peter Alleys rest for 35 pieces of bagging 1802 yards which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time —

over

I engaged to furnish Col Pope with 2000 yds bagging & obtained of 2000 lbs of rope, I have delivered him his bagging & requested him to call on you for what rope you had on hand to supply him until I could furnish the Balldce —

My wish is that his contract should be finished on the arrival of Myers waggon, will you pleade to advise Col Pope that you are ready to deliva him the balldce of his contract —

I flatter myself, the quality of all the articles now sent will be found to be of the very first quality — The principle part of the bagging is now going to Natchez & New Orleans, the price is now 23 cents & looking up & not near a supply for these markets — Please write me when the waggons arrives & let me know the state of your market & oblige Respectfully

Yours &c

John Brand

P.S. The present waggoners loaded are not of this state it may be an accommodation to them to receive the ballance due them on the delivery of the loads if it is entirely convenient to you, I have no objections to your obliging them, There is $38 dollars in silver due Solomon Myers & $28.50/100 due Peter Alley or its equivalent in Ky notes, —

Lexington Ky 6 Octbr 1824

Mr James Elliot Tuscumbia

Dr Sir I am without any of your favors since you reached home please to advise me on rect— of this how you proceed in sales of my rope Bagging and twine— from late advice Bagging is selling at Huntsville a 33⅓ Currency— in Courtland a 31¼ ℔ in florence a 28 ℔ to 30— I have limited what I have in Florence at thirty, ℔ Rope at 10, which I hope you will be able to get for what you have— When you sell any— you you will please to take the purchasers notes, as in case it is not puntually paid it may bear interest— I am informed, there will be great difficulty this year in Collecting, as it is feared the planters will embarras themselves by purchasing land at the sales Bagging has advanced in New Orleans from 18 to 19 to 22 to 23 ℔ it is doubtful whither there is a sufficient supply there for the season— There is not near a supply for the season either in Tenesee or Alabama, ℔ as the price has advanced in orleans ℔ the expense much less taking it to that market, it is my opinion you will be very scarce of Bagging in you market before the cotton is all packed——

your answer giving me the prospects of your market & how you proceed in sales will oblige Dr Sir very respectfully your obedt Sert

John Brand

Lexington 7 octobr 1824

Mr William Bain Columbus

D Sir your favor of the 31 august was received a short time ago & contents noted — I have shewed it to the gentleman who had in contemplation to have a hemp Break erected under your management — their answer is, that as their object is frustrated by the sale of the rights to Mr Smeads (so immediately under their nose) & at present they decline having any thing to do in it — as for myself — after due reflection, I think it would be improper for me to enter into it alone, having already more business than I can well attend to — Should you see cause to come over here & erect one in this neighbourhood, I may enter into some arangement with you to advance money on the raw material & take the hemp in payment so as to supply my factory — if your confidence is still the same in your machinary, an arrangement of this kind might be mutually advantageous — I should have answered your letter earlier but have had one of my sons confined by an inflamatory Rheumatic fever that has taken a great deal of my time I am D Sir very respectfully your obedt Sert

John Brand

Mr James Kenncir D Sir in the year 1819 I wove some Bagging for Mr Higgins (7 piece) the chain was very much cut & so was the filling, by rats, my opinion is that it took about five days to do a piece you know at that time my measures tasks was

7 dressing each day for their task, & that I alowed them 11/9d each dressing when they did over work - that was one dollar eighty seven & ½ cent for a piece Mr Higgins & Myself has never settled, & our memory are not very clear upon the subject as you was my overseer at the time & may recollect all about it - I wish you to give me answers to the following questions - Viz - How much I allowed for weaving a piece? What my hands tasks were at that time? The time it took the weavers to weave one of his pieces -

And if they were not very troublesome to do being so much cut by the rats - Your complyance will oblige D. Sir

Respectfully
Yours
John Brand

Lexington 7th October 1824 -

Lexington Ky, 8 October 1824

Messrs Malone & Metcalf
Huntsville

D. Sirs Above you have Messrs rects for bagging rope & twine, which I hope will reach you in good order & in due time, you will please to dispose of it for me on Commission on such terms as your neighbours do for articles of such quality - And I flatter myself you will find the whole of such a quality as will give general satisfaction

I must request that when you dispose of any on credit that you take notes so that if they are not punctually paid they may bear interest & it is

always easiest done when the property is laid of —

You will see by the rect. that I have engaged to give them return loads of cotton which I hope you will procure for me on the best terms & of the first quality —

There is three waggons, which will require 24 bales for the usual sized loads & they are to take it in at any of the gins in your county or with in twenty miles of your city — & to wait four days in Huntsville to give you time to procure them — Bagging is getting more in demand & from all the advice from New Orleans, it is getting scarce in that market, & is expected there will not be a full supply & has already considerably advanced in price & is still looking up — There is also not near enough in Tennessee to supply that market & I am well assured you have not a full supply for Alabama — Please to keep me regularly advised of the state of your market & oblige Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brand

P.S. The money I handed over to your Mr. Malone will not be sufficient to lay in the 24 Bales, but I hope it will not incommode you to finish the loads, as you will not have any thing to advance on the carriage J. B.

Lexington 10 October 1824

Messrs Meagans & Turner

Dr Sirs On the other side you have John Mills rect. for bagging & rope which I hope will reach you safe & in good order — And I flatter myself you will find both of the first quality I have engaged to furnish Mills with a return load

of cotton which I hope you will procure of the best quality, he is to wait four days if necessary & to go & take it in at any place not exceeding 20 miles from Huntsville, but the sooner you can dispatch him the better — I wrote you on the 2nd Inst. enclosing Solomon Myers rect. for 41 Coils rope 3152 lbs. & one box twine 218 lbs. — netting twine, & Peter Alleys rect. for 35 piece of Bagging which I hope you have received — I shall not send you any more this season unless you advise me — The article is getting scarce in Natchez & New Orleans, & the price looking up — The manufacturers generally are forwarding their bagging to these markets — I have had no advice from you of the arrival of Wilgus load — Please forward a bill of the cotton by mail that you send by Mills — with the rate of exchange, as I am to let F B & Co have it at what it costs me in Huntsville they paying the carriage, or in other words let me know what it ~~will~~ costs me in Silver & oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John F. Brand

Lexington Ky 12 Octobr 1824

Mr George Crockel Nashville Dr Sir

your esteemed favor of the 2d Inst is duly received & contents noted, I have no objection to your giveing a liberal credit on any article of mine, provided the paper is perfectly good, I have not had any advice from your friends at athens as yet — I have just

finished the eighth load of bagging & rope to Huntsville which I expect will be the last I shall send on there this season — & Should have had you your full supply for this season, had you advised me what quantity you wanted however I shall be able to keep you supplied, in four or five days I expect to forward you 40 piece, when I will advise you — My reason of giving Mr Walker an order on you, was, that I was afraid the large quantity of scotch Bagging imported into your market would prevent the sale of Ky, & haveing no advice from you to the contrary but rather discouraging — Brand & warfield have just sent on frederick Bell on a trading trip with a load of gunpowder & to bring back a load of cotton — his orders are to dispose of it for cash or cotton, he is requested to leave with you any he should have unsold — should he not be able to dispose of as much as purchase his return load of cotton, they ask the favour of you to aid him with a few Bales to fill his Back load — on hearing on the result of his trip, we shall be able to know what you want for your supply, which will be attended to — — — —

My advices from Orleans & Natchez is that Ky Bagging is very scarce & looking up, it is now from 22 to 23 & little in market, the planters there are not so sticklish for the scotch as they appear to be in your country & are now convinced

the cotton is not important — I am satisfied your people will soon quit importing it from New Orleans — I am D.r Sir very respectfully your obed.t Servt

John Brand

Lexington 20th October 1824

Mr George Crockett
Nashville

D.r Sir I had this pleasure the 12th Inst. to which please refer —

I now wait on you with Perry Waters rec.t for forty piece of bagging (2059 yards) two thousand & fifty nine yards, which I flatter myself you will find of as good a quality as any made in this country — I hope this will reach you in good order & in due time for the market — I do not wish to forward any that you think you cannot dispose of this season — But I can send you a further supply if you advise me, but would wish you to furnish a back load of cotton as it is very difficult to procure waggons without giving them a return load — Should be glad to hear from you on rec.t of this bagging — Perry Waters lives seven miles on the Clarksville road from Russellville Ky — I am D.r Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Ob.d Serv.t
John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 23d Octr 1824

Messrs Morgans & Turner
Huntsville

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 10 Inst covering John Mills rect for Bagging & Rope — And on the 2nd Inst I forwarded you Solomon Myers rect for 48 coils Rope & Peter Alleys rect for 35 piece of Bagging & one box of twine — to both of which please refer — I have by last mail received your esteemed favor of the 4 Inst & note the contents — I have the utmost confidence in your doing the best for me in your power in the disposal of any of my goods in your hands, & always consider that you will sell my articles at such prices as is generally given in your market (for as good an article) & on same terms of credit, — I have very little doubt, that the Gentleman mentioned in yours will sell at a lower price than the general price given to procure cash down — but I have no idea that Mr T or Mr P, either can sell bagging on better terms than I can —

And would not suffer it if I was in the market unless they were sacrificing their articles for cash

I would not be antwitted or undersold by Mr Tilford or Mr Fike's agent but would sell my articles, on as good terms as they will, (&) I would let them know so —

You have my authority to do the same as if the property were your own — I have sent Messrs Malone & Metcalf a few loads of rope & bagging, I would wish you to show them this letter & have an understanding with them as to the prices you both sell for, (of my property) & I authorise them to do the same as above advised — both doing the best for me you can as if the property were your own — But there

is one thing I would recommend to both of you, to take notes for whatever you sell on credit, so that if the debt is not punctually paid, it may bear interest — Mr John W Tilford has sent Mr Alexander here with authority to purchase 15,000 yards of bagging @ 23 cents silver on long credit, offering to give Mr Joshua Cox as security — but I do not think he will succeed — I have limited my friends in Lauderdale, Franklin, Lawrence & Limestone Countys to dispose of my bagging at 30 cents currency or 25 in silver on the usual credits, Rope & twine as their neighbours does — I hope you will be able to get as much, you will of course be regulated by the prospects of your market for my own part I do not think there will much more go to your market this season, as the Natches & Orleans market has very much improved of late I shall be regulated by advice I may receive from you & my other friends, whether I shall send any more to Alabama this season or not, If I do, I shall require return loads of cotton

I am Dr Sirs
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt
John Brand

Lexington Ky 25 Octbr 1824

Messrs Malone & Metcalfe Huntsville
Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 8 Inst covering rects for two loads of Bagging one Coa of rope, & one box of twine, since which I have received your esteemed favor of the 4 Inst — &

contents noted — you will perceive by the rects. that I had loaded the waggons before I was aware that your market was supplied with rope & twine — I received advice from Messrs Morgans & Turner dated the 4 Inst that some Houses in your place were selling at 30 cents & denying that they sold lower than the market price, I wrote to them upon the subject the 23 Inst & requested them to show you the letter I have since reflected upon the subject & have thought, that these houses are selling perhaps for cash down, this would make a great difference, from selling on a credit until March or april — the rate of exchange at this season of the year, & if the present year should turn out the same it would actually nett the Manufacturers more, to sell at 30 cents cash, & invest the money in Eastern funds immediately, than to sell at 33⅓ & wait until March or April for the money, when the exchange was 15 to 20 pr ct worse, I expect you will view this subject the same as I do, & govern yourselves accordingly — I am satisfied that I can sell my articles on as good terms either for cash or credit, as any Manufacturer in this County & would not suffer myself to be undersold by them — & I expect if they know this determination, they will not enter into a competition who shall sell on the lowest terms as this would only injure themselves without benefiting themselves — I should think the man a very unfit agent who would act on such a principle — I hope you will find all the

sent you of the first quality & wish you to concider this as your general instructions from me — allways when you are in the Market, to sell on as good terms as your Neighbours, if the quality is equal, whither for cash or on credit — But if you could get your Neighbours to act honorable, it would be best, to have an Understanding & sell the articles at a uniform fair prin

I am Dr Sirs Respectfully yours
John Brand

P S I can send you some more if you advise me, provided you can furnish return loads of cotton from proceeds of sales JB

Lexington 31 octbr 1824

Mr Samuel Pike Paris Dr Sr your esteemed favor of the 26 Inst is duly received, & note the contents — I met with Mr Kinear shortly after I had received a letter from Messrs Morgans & Turner & mentioned to him the substance of the advice with a request that he would mention it to you, for I always wish to act condidly with every person who I am on a friendly footing with Messrs Morgans & Turner letter is dated the 11 Septr & I shall here with give you an extract from it relating to that business viz we are sorry to have to inform you that we shall have to put Bagging à 30 cents this season by all the holders, as we understood, that

the article was to bring 33⅓ cents at which price we held what we had but we find that in consequence of our asking that price we have been prevented from making sales as we discover that Tilford & Dorsey (Pikes partners) have made considerable sales at 30 & Pope as low as nine, & we are informed, that Forcey offered some Bagging as low as 28 we have called on Messrs Malone & Metcalfe to know their determination, & learn from them that they will ask 30 but will fall with others selling off the article- this is what we have been afraid of & is generaly the case when dry good Merchants have the article as they can not sell, they say, when comission Merchants are asking the same prices we shall ask 30 cts for all the Bagging we have until otherwise advised by the owners or find that we cannot get that price- but it is our opinion when it is known that we are selling at 30 that these other persons (Forcey & Tilford will reduce to 28) although Mr Tilford asents to us that he has not sold at less than 31- yet we have it from unquestionable authority that he has made considerable sales at 30 Immediately on rect of the above, I wrote to Morgans & Turner & to Malone & Metcalf not to be undersold by any person, as I had no Idea that any manufactorer in this country could afford to sell his article on better terms

than I could — & I would not stop, let them go as low as they pleased — Now in my humble opinion, this conduct of Mr Posey & Telford is actually injureing their friends for they must be aware that whenever they fall in price, the other in Market must fall also, or make no sales — & will ultimately result in who will do the other the most injury, this is not the way to do business in a neibourly way — & It is not my wish to do so, but I will sell my article on as good term as my neighbours if I am in the market But if any person is compelled to sell at a sacrafice to obtain the money I will not follow them — neither do I espect that you will I would recomend that there should be an understanding between the merit in huntsville — to ask a fair price & not to divide from it — there certainly ought to be a difference in price from cash in hands to a credit until March as the difference in the exchange at this present time, & in april or may will likely be equal to 3 to 4 cents pr yard, if it turns out this years, as it has this several years back — I shall be glad to hear from you, & if the thing could be entered into generally, to have an understanding to have a regulator established price it would ultimately be an advantage to the holden & consumer I am Dr Sir Respectfully your obedt Servt John B Grant

PS It may be supposed that it is the with of all the Manufacturers, to make a profit upon their articles they make — I do assure you it is mine, & if it is very far from my practice to go into the market & sell at a lower price than my neighbours & it is my general instruction to my agents to sell on the same terms as their neighbours & not lower

JTB

Lexington 12 Novr 1824

Mr James Charles

Louisville

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 4 Instt is duly received & contents noted — I am sorry to learn of your indisposition, but hope, it will only be temporary when I shall be glad to see you again in this place — If the Mr John Hogan mentioned in yours be the Gentleman who was of the firm of Hogan & Nelson Bowers New Orleans, I had some partial acquaintance with him while there in 1818 [redacted] and have a very exalted opinion of him, & am better acquainted with his character than I am personally & should be glad to have him for a correspondent which you will oblige by mentioning to him perhaps we may be of mutual advantage

It is too late now to ship Bagging for this season, as the purchasers are generally all supplied before this time, but in another year I may trouble Mr Hogan with a consignment — I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 29 Novr 1824

M. N. Buckman

Dr Sir On your arrival in Philadelphia you will oblige me by seeing Col Miller as early as convenient, & close the contract for me on the best terms you can — In my former proposition to you I offered you $1000 for the property payable in bagging at twenty three cents pr yard — deliverable at your pleasure by getting a short notice or $1000 in silver payable in May 1826 without interest — Your proposition was, one thousand dollars in silver for the property in 90 or 120 days — As I am afraid some person may get hold of the property who may be a disagreeable neighbour — I must beg the favor of you to act for me as my friend in this purchase — and I hereby authorise you to conclude the contract with Col Miller, on either of the following terms that he may prefer — I will deliver to you in this place, one thousand dollars worth bagging at a fair cash price in silver, or I will give you my note for $1000 payable in July 1826 without interest — Should Col Miller refuse to accede to either of the above propositions, you may agree to pay interest on the note for one year which will be up to the proposition you offer to accept — If equally agreeable to Col Miller I would prefer paying the money in New Orleans and if you accede to the latter terms — I would prefer to have an article introduced in the note that the interest shall cease when the money is paid, as I expect to pay the money before the note would come to maturity — Your compliance will oblige Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt John Brand

P.S. Should Col Miller require security he may have a mortgage on the property untill the debt is paid — J.B.

Lexington 1 Decr 1824

Messrs Malone & Metcalf

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 25 October to which please refer, since which I have received your esteemed favor of the 9 Novr — & note the contents — the three loads of cotton has been received & the amount you ordered placed to your credit on Postlethwait Brand & Co's Books — but in your rect to Stone you have not mentioned a box of twine they ought to have delivered to you, the nett weight of which was lbs in consequence I have retained a small ballance in my hands untill I hear from you which I hope will be by return mail — I hope you will be able to close sales of what you have on hand the credit given to the purchaser is not material if the party is undoubted & the notes bears interest after the 1st April next — Please advise me occasionally how you progress in sales & oblige

Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington 1 Decr 1824

Messrs S. D. Morgan & Co,
Huntsville Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 23d October, to which please refer, since which I have received your esteemed favors of the 26 Octr & 5 Novr & note contents, — I am astonished Dr Rhodes has not called for his bagging, for which I gave him an order on you — I have nearly two hundred pieces of bagging on hand but in consequence

of the season being so far advanced shall not send any more from home untill next Spring — In your rect. to John Mills for his load, you have not mentioned any thing of a box of twine which he had — Please advise me if you received it the nett twine delivered him was lbs. — I hope you will be able to close sales of what you have on hand — The credit may be given to suit the purchaser provided the parties are undoubted & the notes will bear interest after the first April — Please advise me occasionally how you progress in sales & oblige Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

P.S. The load of cotton pr. Your Obedt Servt.
Mills has been received in good order J. B. John Brand

Lexington 4 Decr. 1824

Messrs Gordon & Forestall

Dr Sirs I have this day sent on to our mutual friend Mr N Berthoud my negro fellow George with orders that he be sent on to you by the first Steam Boat — on his arrival at your city you will please to dispose of him for me on the best terms you can; — George is a smart active sensible & healthy fellow between 18 & 19 years of age, a slave for life, I have had him since he was a little boy & it is with reluctance I part with him but he has got troublesome & I am compelled to make this example for the good of my other hands — I hope you have closed sales of my small parcel of Rope, & will be glad to receive any small remittances, as funds comes into your hands either for the rope or the negro — I would have sent you on some bagging but I had large engage-

ments in Tennessee & Alabama & made some sales here untill it was too late for the season — I have about 200 piece now on hand & expect to have a considerable quantity in addition by spring, when I will forward it to the market most adviseable — In the mean time I will be glad to be kept regularly advised of the state & prospects for the article in your market & oblige

Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 4 Decr 1824

Mr N Berthoud

Dr Sir I have sent on to Louisville, by the bearer Mr Renney, my boy George with orders to lodge him in your county Jail, for safe keeping — I have wrote the Jailor to deliver him to your order — You will oblige me by forwarding him to my friends Messrs Gordon & Forestall in New Orleans first steam boat on my a/c & risk & take such precautions when taken out of Jail & on board of the boat so he cannot escape & oblige — Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

P.S. I have requested Mr Renney to deliver you a letter addressed to Messrs Gordon & Forestall — You will please to send it on by the same Boat as the negro goes with — it is a letter of advice with regard to the negro J. B.

Lexington Ky. 6 Decr 1824

Mr Wm McRobt

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 29 May was received some time ago & note the contents I would have wrote you before this but had nothing interesting to communicate — I was glad you had the good fortune to escape the disaster in the Steam Boat, from the circumstances it is evident that Providence had a hand in preventing your being there, for which you cannot be too thankful to your Maker — I have shewn Captn Postlethwait your letter, & he says, positively that what the person states, of being offered a situation in our employ is entirely without foundation — he recollects seeing such a person, but assures me that he had no such conversation with any person during his whole journey — I can assure you from myself, & upon my honour that Captn Postlethwait had no authority from the company to offer such an engagement, & further, the company had no idea of parting with you & was sorry when they received your notice that you was to leave them, for I assure you they had the most unlimited confidence in your integrity & fidelity to their interests — We have thrown away our old boiler & put in two new ones, of a smaller size & attend the power very much for the better — We have now more power perfectly steady as water power, & burn less fuel —

We have reorganised the factory & the manager has the entire control of the whole business about the factory, The Co has a regular meeting every week & makes their communications from their minutes to the Manager, in writing

I am requested by the Co to ask you the lowest terms you would take to resume your old situation as manager, & to have the entire control of the factory, subject only to the orders of the Co by written instructions

from their private Books — And in case we could agree on the terms could you bring with you a good carder & a good machinist — & what is the lowest terms they could be got for — & your answer as early as convenient will oblige — Mrs Brand & my family joins me in our best respects — and I assure you we all have your welfare very much at heart, I am Dr Sir

Yours Sincerely

John Brand

P.S. I am warranted in saying, I should you be disengaged & your terms such that the Co feel justified in acceding to, that there is no man in the United States that they would not give you the preference to, & if so, I expect to have to write you to come on as soon as possible & bring a good carder & machinist with you, if their terms are such that they can comply with —

confidential

N.B. Please write by first Mail & if you are not already in a permanent situation I wish you not to engage yourself untill I hear from & have time to answer it, as I am very anxious for your return N.B. —

Lexington, Ky, 8 Decr 1824

Messrs Andw Buchanan & Co

Florence

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favors of the 6 October & 29 Novr is duly received & contents noted — I have forwarded as much Bagging to Huntsville as I wish to do this season, but I must request the favor of you to write to Messrs Mason & Banks & Col Hugh A Anderson, both addressed to Courtland & advise them how much you can spare from both sides of the river, & whatever quantity either may order you will oblige me by forwarding them — I received a letter from Messrs

Mason & Banks of 22d Sept. where they advise me they had wrote Mr. Findlay & Buchan on that subject — whether they have already received any, I am not advised, should you meet with an opportunity of a waggon you will oblige by sending on immediately what you may think you cannot dispose of this season, giving each a part, but give Messrs Mason & Banks the most part — & advise them you have forwarded it at my request — as to the ballance, or settlement of the debt, for sales already made for me on the South side of the River, I think it would be as well to allow Mr Findlay to collect & settle, as he has made the sales he will know best the understanding with the purchasers — I hope you will not retain more on either side than you can dispose of I am Dr Sir —

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 10 Decr 1824

Col K A Anderson
Courtland Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of 18 October was duly received & note the contents — I have not had it in my power to forward you any more bagging as I expected — but on the 8 Inst. I advised Messrs Addm Buchanan & Co of Florence to furnish you some from their house as I expect they have more than they can dispose of this season — Should you have sold all you have on hand, you will please to write them on the subject, should they not have enough to supply you

a small quantity may be got from Mr James Elliot of Tuscumbia as it is more than probable he has more than he can dispose of this season also — I have not wrote Mr Elliot, but I have no doubt he will supply you, if you will write to him — Any how a sight of this letter will justify him in giving you what he can spare — I hope you will do what you can in selling as much as possible, the price & credit you will of course be regulated by what your neighbours in Courtland are selling at, for an article of a similar quality —

Any man of undoubted responsibility you may sell to — at a credit of twelve months after the first April next — to bear interest for the twelve months & the terms to be mentioned in the note, on the delivery of the property I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

P.S. Would it be adviseable to put an advertisement in the Courtland News paper — to furnish Bagging, Rope, & twine at twelve months credit from the first April next at the current price adding the interest for the twelve months — by giving satisfactory security — if you think so you may put one in, such as under, — provided you cannot dispose of what you have without doing so — J.B.

Bagging, Rope, & twine for sale — by application to H A Anderson — six miles east of Courtland — twelve months credit will be given after first April next by giving satisfactory security H A A — N B — But be sure to take notes on delivery of property, & add the security in the body of the note, & add the 12 months interest also

Lexington, Ky, 10 Decr 1824

Messrs Mason & Banks
Courtland D Sirs Your

esteemed favor of the 22d Septr was duly received & note the contents — I have not had it in my power to send you any bagging as I expected when your favor was received — the water has been so low that no boats could go from Louisville — Another year I hope to furnish you with a sufficient supply — In the mean time I have advised Messrs Andw Buchan & Co of Florence to forward you & Col H A Anderson all they can spare from both sides of the River — My friend Mr James Elliot of Tuscumbia may have more than he can dispose of this season, should that be the case, I should have no objections to your receiving a small supply from them, if he can spare it — By shewing him this letter it will justify him in delivering you what he may think he cannot dispose of this season — I have understood that it will be difficult to make collections this season on a/c of the land sales — I shall have no objections to your giving twelve months credit after the first day of April next by the purchaser allowing interest for the twelve months — & making the debt perfectly secure By note on the delivery of the property — But I would not wish you to sell on credit at all where you have the least doubt of the parties being perfectly good — & always close the transaction by note on the delivery of the property

I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 11 Decr 1824

Leroy Pope Esqr
President Huntsville

Dr Sir

Seeing in the Huntsville papers lately, that your Bank will pay silver for their notes, out, dated previous to a certain date, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject — There is no opportunity (but by mail which is very hasardous, of forwarding the notes in my hand, but presume the board of Directors will consider a list, so they can identify them, equally as good as if they were deposited in Bank — I shall hold the notes in my hands untill my arrival in Huntsville in April next, when I hope to receive the silver for them — I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

one of $3 No 806 letter A dated 4 Jany 1818
one of 5 No 707 letter A — June 15 1818
one of 10 No 777 — A — 8 October 1817
one of 20 No 597 — A — 8 Octobr 1817
one of 1 No 767 — A — April 8 1823
one of 1 No 905 — B — 14 May 1822
one of 1 No 2469 — A — 25 January 1819
one of 1 No 522 — C — 14 Novr 1822
Total $42 —

N B — No 806 is payable to J Brahan
No 707 — to H Green
No 777 — to John Read
No 597 — to John Read
No 767 — to J St Clair
No 905 — to Wm Sry Watkins
No 2469 — to John Read
No 522 — to Wm Patton

Lexington, Ky, 14 Decr 1824

Mr U Berryman

Dr Sir On calling the other day at the clerks office, to enquire if you had taken the deed with you, I was informed that the power of attorney & deed was not according to the law of this State & of course of no effect, In consequence I have had another deed filled up, which is herewith ~~filled~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ You will please to have the deed executed by W. Miller Esqr & wife according to law; to enable you to do so I herewith give you the law of this State passed in 1798 — on deeds of real estate, Powers of attorney &ccc &cc —

An act passed Feby 10-1798 — Be it enacted by the general assembly, that all such deeds, if acknowledged by the party making the same, or proved by the number of witnesses before any court of law, or the Mayor or other chief magistrate of any city, town or corporation, of the town or county in which the party shall dwell, certified by such court or Mayor or chief magistrate in the manner such acts are usually authenticated by them, having annexed thereto the attestation of the clerk, & the seal of the court, if there be a seal, together with a certificate of the Judge, Chief ~~Justice~~ or presiding magistrate as the case may be, that the said attestation is in due form — — And all Policies of insurance, charter parties, Powers of attorney &cc &cc &cc

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By the above you will see the Power of attorney under which you act from Willm Miller Esqr is not according to the law of this State, as to make it legal it ought to have been acknowledged before the Mayor of the city, & certified by the clerk of the court that he is Mayor & sealed with the county seal — Should

Mr Miller not be in the city, the deed may be left untill his return, a month or two delay is not of much importance — so as to have the deed properly executed according to law — Your attention to the above will oblige Dr Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John T Brand

Lexington 17 Janry 1825

Mr David Ballingall Dr Sir your favor of the 6 Inst was received a few days ago, & note the contents — I have not been able to get any thing for you, from Grinstead, when I settled with him I urgen him to settle your account, or at least to pay me part of it, but his reply was, that he was not then able, & you must wait, — I had of couse to settle with him, & have his receipt But I assure you I was very much disappointed in his in his conduct in not leaving a cent for you, after the promise he made your son David as he refused to pay any thing on your account I thought it hardly worth while to urge him on a/c of your son Neil I am told he has gone to bardstown on Business, & will not be home again untill next summer — I still had your order & will either remit it to you, or hand it over to any person you may desire —

If I can be of any service to you, command me & it will give me pleasure to

to oblige you Mrs Brand Joins me in ~~your~~ our Best respects to yourself & family & Beleive me Drsir sincerely yours

John Brand

Lexington 17 Janry 1825

Messrs Buchanon & Starkey Louisville

Drsirs your esteemed your esteemed favor of the 23d Ulto was duly received some time ago, & contents noted the sales for Bagging & Rope being closed for this season, & the carrage raised, I have thought it adviseable not to send any more of these articles from home this season — more especially as I had put there away in a saf warehouse where I consider the risk but trifling I do not expect to export any more until my return from alaba which will be some time in next may, when I shall be governed by the prospect in different markets

I am Drsirs very Respectfully your ofedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 18 January 1825

Messrs John Henderson & Sons Natches

Drsirs your esteemed favor of the 23d July & 6 august last was duly received & note the contents, I hope you have been able to close sales of the small ballance of Rope on hand I would have wrote you before but had nothing interesting to comunicate — Please to forward a/c current & proceeds of sales in small checks as they are colected, with your remarks as to prospects in your market

for next season — I hope Mr Cox has closed sales of the small parcel sent to him in 1823 I have not sent any Bagging or Rope from home this some month, & shall not untill my return from my annual Tour through Tennesee & alaba which will be about the first of may next when I will forward what I may have on hand to the market where I may think it will sell to the best advantage I am Dr Sirs very respectfully your obedt sert John Brand

Lexington 17 January 1825

Messrs S & T P Postlethwait Natchez

Dr Sirs your esteemed favor of the 15th & 29 ultr & 7 ulto has been duly received & contents noted — I hope by this time you have been able to close sales of the small lot of bagging sent you, I would thank you to forward me a/c of sales with your remark as to the prospects of your market for these articles next season Please to remit me the proceeds of sales in small checks from your Bank, or some eastern Bank as soon as convenient after collection & oblige Dr Sirs very respectfully your obedt sert John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 24 January 1825

Dear Brotha & Sister

I have not had the pleasure of receiving any of your favours this long time, & I have not had the pleasure of addressing you since the one by Mr. David Arnott who was here on his way to Montrose to see his aunt Mrs Burnett, formerly Miss Arnott, as I had nothing very interesting to communicate—

I have now the pleasure to announce the marriage of my son William, your name son, who was married on the evening of the eighth Inst. to Harriett Williman, daughter of Horace Holley President of the college in this place; William was twenty one years of age on the 29th day of last November, his wife is in her 17th year since last fall, both very young, but both of very steady deportment, & highly respectable as any in the place & have both got the best Education the country could furnish them, William finished his Education at the College last July with great credit to himself & received his degree of Bachelor of Art,— he has not yet turned into business since his wedding but will in a few weeks, he will attend to my business in my bagging factory for this year & I intend afterwards to take him into partnership in that department & give him one third of the nett profits for his support during the partnership I allow him six hundred dollars per annum, which is equal to one hundred & thirty five pounds sterling— in other words I have conducted to give him ten thousand dollars as his patrimony but do not put it into his hands, while he is in partnership with me, but only allow him legal interest for it while it is in my hands, which at six per cent is the amount mentioned above—

I am happy to be able to inform you that I have great pleasure in my family; they are all obedient & affectionate and I hope will do well, the only dread I have is that they will not use that industry that I have used; not to say, that I have any reason at present to say they have less industry than my neighbours children, but it is only because I am reputed wealthy, & it is generally a failing of young people whose parents are reputed wealthy to trust too much to it, of this I am frequently telling them & I hope they will guard against it.

The rest of my family are all well, my fourth son Samuel Brown, has had a very long & severe indisposition, by an abcess forming in the inside of his back which confined him in his room for five months, he had to be opened through between the ribs near the back bone where it discharged a great deal of matter, he is now entirely recovered as to his health, but has not altogether ~~recovered~~ got the strength of his side on which the abcess was formed — he will not go to school again untill next April — My own & my wifes health are generally good, only I feel my memory is not as good as it has been & I have to use spectacles when I read any small print or make a pen — Riding is my greatest labour & I feel myself as able to ride 40 or 50 miles in a day, which I frequently do, as ever I was, of this I shall have a trial in about the last of March when I take my annual tour through the States of Tennessee & Alabama, when I shall have to ride 800 or 1000 miles before I return home again — I have been frequently asked by William if I have wrote you lately, & he has requested me as often to be sure to give his love to both of you, he has taken up his residence at his wifes fathers for this year as we have concluded her too young to take the charge of a house untill she gets a little more experience in that

way from her mother, who is considered a most accomplished & respectable lady, & of first rate education, their present residence is about half a mile from ours, when they take up house they will be a good deal nearer — I have three houses of my own in town on rent but neither of them as near ours as we wish I expect he will have to rent one, please to write on rect. of this & let us know how you keep your health & what news you have & how old you are I am in my 51th since Novr. Your Affectionate Brother

John Brand

Lexington Ky 7 Febuary 1825

Messrs Gorder & Forstall New Orleans

Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 28 Decr is duly received, covering check on the eastward for four hundred dollars which is placed to your credit — the boy George sent you to dispose of, may be made a valuable servant, if put upon a plantation out of the reach of spirits, he is a sensible & healthy fellow, but his disposition to Get Drunk, lately, put it out of my power to keep him, I shall be pleased to hear of his sale on fair terms — I have not sent any Rope or Bagging to your city this last year & it will depend up on the prospects, whether I send any this present one, of that I shall be better able to judge after I make my annual tour in Tenesee & North alaba I think I can go into these markets, better able to compete with scotch Bagging than in your city as they have to be at ~~our~~ an additional expense

in taking it there, & I can get it taken to some of these market nearly on the same terms as I can to Orleans— I shall return from alaba early in may & shall then conclude where to ship what I may have on hand in the mean time should be glad to be kept advised of the prospects of your market— I have had a good deal of bale rope made last year which I have sent altogether to the above named markets— the quantity I shall make this year will be but small, only to furnish a proportion of the article to the planters who takes their Bagging from me the present price in your market will not pay cost I shall not send any more there untill the article advances— I shall be pleased to hear of the sale of the small parcel in your hands I am Dr Sir

very respectfully your obedt servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 14 Feby 1825

Messrs Eudon & Forstall

New Orleans

Dr Sirs I had this pleasure the 7th Inst. to which please refer, since which I have received your esteemed favor of the 21st Ulto & note the contents— I am very well satisfied with the sale you have made of Geoge, & must request the favour of you to send up the sugar as early as you can get freight on fair terms — please to get it of as good a quality as possible & send it to our mutual friend Mr N Berthoud Shippingport —, to him to forward it to me & oblige Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 14 Febr. 1825

Messrs Walker & Harris
Columbia

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 3d Inst. is duly recived and note the contents

You mention that the proceeds of sales will probably be collected by the 1st May, I generally make my tour through your State & Alabama early in April and expect the proceeds of sales collected by that time, as it would be very inconvenient for me to come so far & not recive the money — When I make any sales payable on credit & authorise my friends to do so, I take the note to fall due the first April which will generally be a few days before I reach the place — You will oblige me if you can get the money by the time I reach your plat which I hope will be the first week in April —

Should you want a further supply of Lini powder, please to call on Mr Geo. Crockett of Nashville for what you may want — As to Rope, Bagging or twine you may make any engagements to supply your customers — at the Nashville prices payable the first April 1826 but as there is no probability of their doing so at present I shall have a talk with you on that subject when we meet —

I am Dr Sirs very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
John Brandt

Lexington 20th Febry 1825
Dr E Warfield - Dr Jr
we had a large & very respectable meeting on monday, of the old & worthy farmers of this county the meeting was held in the new metho dist meeting house, which was full to the door Genl McCalla was the only speaker on the releif, very little said by the antirelief in answer, the resolution, which I presume you will see in the papers, passed by an overwhelming majority - some say they are rather too tough, & bear rather hard on a certain chief justice when the resolution was read, that bears so hard on that individual, Mr McCalla got up & requested of the chairman, to know before this resolution passed, if ther was any personal alusion, Major Winter ~~was~~ rose, & said, the chairman was not able to answer that question as he was not on the comitte, but he winter would answer him as he had that honor - ziz if you know any person it fits it has an alusion if you do not know any person that it fits it has no alusion, the genl held his head down, & never opened his mouth again the resolution passed with a few disenting votes, Tilford will say he likes that - I expect there is another Gentleman not far from his elbow who likes it too - I do not know where I was so tickled - on last wednesday morning after breakfast our Dick came to me, Just as I was mounting my horse to go to my farm I went down to see Mrs Warfield, what we should do with him we concluded to put him in jail untill we heard what was the matter

I went to the mills next morning, & find that Dick has been repeatedly saying he would not live there, he had been very saucey to Mr Muir & when Muir attempted to chastise him he took up a large Clubb they have for stirring the fire with — Muir desisted & went & told Crozier & Crozier told Dick he must whip him, & went to the office for something, but before he returned Dick was gone — upon enquiring of his general character, I find he is a spoiled fellow he has been alowed to go about & do what he pleased, & every body appears to have been afraid of him, I have consulted with your Brother Benjamin & Mrs Warfield & they both say do the same as he was my own — In consequense, I have concluded to sell him here if possible it can be done shortly, if I fail to ship him to New Orleans — I shall hold him at $450 silver but if a merchant offers $400 we will not part any how, I have determined he shall not leave the jail untill he is sold, or comes out with a pair of hand cuffs to go down the river — I hope this will meet your approbation — the Capt is confined to his bed in going through town to my farm yesterday, I found nobody at the store but his little son John, & several orders for yarn, & the waggons expected to call every moment I had to give up my ride to my farm & take off my coat & go to packing yarns — we had a meeting of the Co. a 4 P.M. present I W H & self — our factory is much neglected & if Wick is to be belewed, every thing going to the Devil

I understand the Capt has been at the factory once in three weeks, he says he is unable to keep a horse to ride to the factory & proposes the to be to find him a horse & keep him at livery for him I told him I was satisfied the Co would would not agree to keep a horse at livery for him - the Capt does not appear to have that Zeal he formely had, or he could not have staid in town 3 weeks without going to the factory in the afternoon, when little if any thing to do I wish to god you could get some person who is master of the business & of good character to come & take charge of the business - if you can get such a person we may make money, if we go on as formerly, we will never make a cent & the sooner we quit the better, Mr Wicks says we will not get the Maulds for the drums from Barlow in six months, & that he is either very indolent, or lazy, however it is, I am satisfied Business goes on there very badly - & that we will never do better, until we have a superintendant who has an interest in the business and lives at the factory, your family is all well, unless Miss Barr who I am told is very poorly, Major Tiffords family is well - we have heard of Jno Adams election & something has been said of burning clay in effigy I hope not, there would be some bloody noses perhaps that thought may deter them, your sincerely John Brand

Lexington Ky 10 March 1825

Messrs John Henderson & Sons

Natchez

Dr Sirs

Your much esteemed favor of the 9th ulto was duly received a short time ago & note the contents, covering a check for six hundred dollars & one pr cent premium which is $606 to your credit

I expect to forward you a lot of bagging about May which I hope you will find of superior quality, I have just been making up some which weighs heavier than any I think, I have made this some time – the weight generally of what I use to make was 76 lb for 52 yards – that I just made up generally weighs from 86 to 90 lb pr yard which is upwards of 94 lbs pr yard – I hope you will be able to collect the whole of the proceeds of sales when due & remit in small checks of about $5 or $600 each as early as convenient

I am Dr Sirs very Respectfully your John Brand

Lexington 10 March 1825

Messrs Saml D Morgan & Co

Huntsville

Dr Sirs

Your much esteemed favor of the 19 ult to is duly received & note the contents covering one from Mr Jno Lawrence of the 29 January which enclosed a rect of Mr Samuel Tibbs of this place to Mr William Durell

for some watches amount of value Sixty one Dollars— I have called on Mr Pike & Shewed him his rect some of the watches he has sold & some of them he has yet on hand, I have seen some of them & they are of the most inferior quality ever I have seen— Mr Pike has promised me to examine the a/c of Mr Durell & whatever ballance is in his favor to hand it over to me with the watches— I expect to be in your city early after the first of next month when I will be able to inform you the situation of the Business— Please to make my respects to Messrs Yeatman & Kent & say I am willing to take an undoubted bill on new york for the amt due for Bagging— at whatever may be considered fair in Huntsville— when I get there—

I hope you will get the money for sales all collected, or in good notes, & if you can make a lumping sale on fair term at twelve months for the balance I shall be satisfied— J W Hunt Esq leaves here next tuesday morning for your place & expects to be there in about twelves days

I am Dr Sirs very Respectfully
your obed^t Servt John Brand

PS I expect to leave here about the 25 inst & expect to be there in about 20 days JB

Lexington Ky 10 March 1825

Mr George Crockett
Nashville
Dr Sir

your much esteemed favor of the 12th ulto was received a short time ago & contents noted, I am very sorry our powder do not sell equal to any, we have (now) Just started our works again (having postponed making any all winter untill we had any weather so it should be of the first quality—

we have concluded to divide (between Dr Warfield & myself) the powder in Nashville, of cource the ten kegs sent walker & Harris will be part of my proportion— If you have an oportunity, I wish you would send on to Walker & Harris ten or fifteen Kegs, more, about the same quantity to Athens alaba either to your friends there or to Messrs Keys & Duncan, & about the same quantity to Messrs Keys & Looney in Moresville, taking care not to exceed the half of the whole on hand, including the 10 Kegs formely sent to Messrs Walker & Harris— when you send any on, you will please advise them it is at my request a I have no advice to do so— I am pleased you have got through the sales of the Bagging— I hope to be in your city on the first next month or very shortly after when I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you, & shall be pleased if you have got all the moneys colected Until that time I shal not look for any a/c sales, I am much obliged to you for fulfilling my engagement with Mr Willm L Brown

I am Dr Sir very Respectfully

Yours obedt Servt J H Brown

Lexington Ky 14 March 1825

Leroy Pope Esqr
Huntsville

D^r sir your much esteemed favor of the 28 ulto is received & contents noted—

I expect to be in huntsville about the 10th to the 20th of april, when I will receive your bill on new yorke, at what ever may be considered fair terms (for what you owe me) or make any other arangement that will be perfectly satisfactory to you—

I am D^r sir very respectfully
your obed. Sert
John Brand

Lexington Ky 14 March 1825

Messrs Malone & Metcalf
Huntsville
D^r sirs

I shall leave here about the 25 inst for your country, & expect to reach your city about the 10 april— I should be glad you would have my business in as forward a state as possible (for settlement) should any debts be outstanding please to have them noted & you would very much oblige

D^r sir very respectfully—
your obedt sert
John Brand

Lexington Ky 14 March 1825

Messrs Jno Haggin & Co

New Orleans

Dear Sirs

your esteemed favor of the 6th Decr & 19 Feby have both been received & note the contents, the price mentioned in the latter is below what I would be willing to take for my Bagging at present viz 17 cents 6 mo— I intend sending you a small shipment this season merely as an experiment— I have this few years sent the greater part of my Bagging to North alaba & Tenesee— & have generally taken a ride there every spring to select & take in orders— & shall leave here next week for these states— & shall be regulated in my shipments to your city by what arrangements I may make there— the only objection to my sending the article into market as early as this is— that at this time the sales are very limited unless on speculation, & the sales generally are much later, say after July & the storage charged in your city for that article is very heavy & of considerable importance to the Manufacturers—

I expect to return from my tour through North alaba & Tenesee about the first may & will immediately after, send of what I may have on hand to the markets where I think it will meet the best sales, provided the prospects at the markets are such as

to nett a small profit to the manufacturers— & expect to send you 100 to 150 piece

Sam Dr Sir very respectfully
your obedt sert
John Brand

Lexington 21 March 1825

Mr N Berthaud
Shippingsport
Dr Sir

I have ordered a lot of sugar that was purchased for me by our mutual friends Messrs Gorden & Forstal to your address— since which I have sold the whole lot to Robert Todd esqr of this place, any expenses for freight &c which may be incurred, you will please to Debit the a/c of Mr Todd, & hold the sugar subject to his order & oblige Dr Sir yrs

very respectfully your obedt sert
John Brand

Lexington Ky 21 March 1825

Messrs John Henderson & Sons
Natchez Dr Sir

I had this pleasure the 10th Inst to which please refer, since which I have received your much esteemed favor of the 1st inst covering four checks of five hundred dollars each, & one of three hundred & seventy nine, at a premium of 1 pr cent which makes ($2402 79/100) twenty four hundred & two Dollars seventy nine cents which is placed to your credit & Ballance your a/c I am Dr Sir very respectfully your
Obdt sert John Brand

Lexington 26. March 1825

James Trimble Esqr.
Mountsterling

Dr Sir I have been dissappointed at not receiving the money from you, which you collected from Col Scruggs, for me, some years ago. Justice to my family compels me to collect the money if practicable — I am just starting on a journey to the South and shall be absent five or six weeks — You will oblige me if you will have the money paid to my son Wm. H. Brand before my return, otherwise I shall take such means as the law allows me to compell payment immediately on my return, which I shall be very sorry to be compelled to do —

I am Dr Sir
Respectfully
Yrs
John Brand

Lexington 18th April 1825

Wm N Berthoud
Shipping port Dr Sir

I have this day forwarded you four loads of bagging, being in all one hundred and twenty five pieces and expect in a few days to be able to forward you as much more — You will please forward it, as it arrives, in parcels of about 50 pieces to the address of Colo Geo. Crockett of Nashville unless otherwise advised —

I wish you to be carefull to examine that the bagging is not damaged when it arrives and also if it does not arrive in a proper time after leaving here, as we are frequently compelled to take waggons the owners of whom

we know little or nothing and by being advised we might take measures to recover it if they should attempt to run off with it

Open you have the number of pieces forwarded by each, the yards and the weight

Yours Respectfully
John O Brand
by William M Brand

Forwarded by

	pcs	yds	lbs
Isaac Dye	134	1734.	2768
Joseph Hannes	30	1573	2460
William Jacobs	25	1273	2050
Moritt Cleveland	36	1839	2932
Total	pcs 125	6374 yds	10250 lbs

Lexington April 22nd 1825

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport

Dr Sir I have again to advise you of having forwarded 33 pieces of Bagging by Peter McAlister containing sixteen hundred and eighty one and a half yards 1681½ yds weighing 2706 lbs, and one load by Thomas Quarry containing 33 pieces measuring 1685½ yards weighing 2706 lbs in both loads 66 pieces of the rest of which you will please advise me and forward it as advised in mine of the 18th Inst I shall take the first opportunity of forwarding the three more loads and remain Respectfully

Your Obed Servt
John O Brand
by William M Brand

Lexington 30th April — 1825

Mr N Bathoud

Shipping post

Dr Sir I arrived yesterday evening before last, & received your esteemed favor of the 25 Inst., & note the contents —

I am anxious to get forwarded about 300 to 350 pieces of Bagging to Genl Crockett of Nashville and about the same quantity to Southport Alabama to the address of Messrs Banks & Mason — As you are upon the spot, I would wish you to exercise your own judgement as to the manner of sending it — only observing that it was my wish, to divide the risk as much as possible — and to select good boats if to be had — there has been 227 pieces sent you which I hope you will receive all safe and I shall load several more waggons to day —

Should a good opportunity offer for shipping, for either Nashville or Southport you will please embrace it sending part to each place to the former place to the address of Mr Genl Crockett — and to the latter place to the address of Banks & Mason — Please to advise me what the prospects is for procuring boats for both places — The mistake by Merritt Cleaveland has been rectified —

I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

John Brand

Lexington 30 april 1825

Mrs W Alexander
Near Paris
Madam

I arrived at home evening before last, from Huntsville, where I left on the morning of the 20th Mr Alexander reached there the evening before I started, & rode a mile out of town after me to hand me some money, which is now in my hands, He requested me to convert five hundred dollars of it into Commonwealth notes & deliver it your order. I have not been able to exchange it for Comonth notes, but should your order appear, I will either deliver the $500 in good funds or endeavour to exchange it for you, if in my power—

I have adressed you on this subject at the request of Mr Alexander I am Madam respectfully

your obedt servt John Brand

Lexington 10 May 1825—

Mr N Berthoud
Shippingport
Dr Sir I had this pleasure the 30 Ulto.

Since which I am without any of your favours.

I have this day forwarded to you the last of the Bagging I have made up— amounting to six hundred & eighty three pieces, 683, & containing thirty four thousand, eight hundred & seventy seven yards & 1/2 — which I wish to be forwarded to the address of the following named Gentlemen, the number of pieces to each name— To Messrs A Buchanan & Co Florence 80 pcs— To Mr Hugh Findlay Southport 80 pcs— to Messrs Banks & Mason Southport

200 pieces and to Mr George Crockett Nashville
323 pieces Total 683 —

I have also forwarded to you sixty four coils of Bale Rope, (according to the rect.s taken by my son) containing 4632 lbs — I am afraid he has made a mistake, It was delivered to me by the manufacturer for 4790 lbs which would make a difference of 158 lbs — You will oblige me if you will weigh it over correctly, & examine whether or not the weights corresponds with the marks on the tickets — if not have it all re-weighed & fresh tickets put upon each coil so there may be no mistake — My son tells me some of the tickets had marks on both sides, of different amounts, if so, I would destroy those marks which does not correspond with the real weight,

I am sorry to give you this trouble I was not present when the waggons were loaded & my son who attended to it is but young in such business — I hope the late rains has put the River in good order, which will enable you to select good Boats to forward the property as early as possible — The whole of the rope you will please to forward to Mr George Crocket Nashville Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Dr Sir Very Respectfully

Yours

John Brand

P.S. Please advise me the best terms I could procure 4 or 5000 dollars in Commonwealth Bank notes, & if you could pass Bank checks on Philiad.a or New York in your place at parr or a small advance, provided the exchange would suit — J. B —

Lexington 12 May 1825

Messrs Buchanan & Starkey

Louisville

Dr Sirs I received your esteemed favor of the 5 Inst a day or two after my arrival from my annual tour through Tennessee & Alabama, I have just finished sending off all the bagging I had on hand to supply my friends in their States, and am now under considerable engagements to supply my friends in Natchez & New Orleans, as fast as it is made — I have now in the hands of our friend Mr N Berthoud nearly seven hundred pieces of bagging besides a small lot of rope, the whole of which goes up the Cumberland & Tennessee Rivers — I have just received a letter from New Orleans of 24 Inst that Kentucky Bagging is selling at 25 cents

I am Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
John J Bland

Lexington 12 May 1825 —

Col Hugh A Anderson
Courtland Alabama

Dr Sir I arrived at home about ten days ago in tolerable health only, but am now beginning to recover — The present is to advise you that a great rise has taken place in the articles of bagging & Bale Rope and every article made of hemp — from advices received this day from New Orleans of the 24 Ulto, Bagging has raised eight cents per yard in two or three weeks —

My wish is that you make no sales to Speculators on the article at any price— but to hold on to the article at present, unless you can sell at 33⅓ cents per yard— It is not my wish to extort upon the planters but to get a price for my article such as my neighbours gets or I am not able to go into market to purchase the raw material on the same terms— I, therefore have no objection to your supplying any of your customers at the market price in Huntsville the first November next— payable at any time befor the first April next—

I have been endeavouring to purchase hemp to make up some Bale Rope for you & other of my friends, but a considerable rise has taken place in that article which has alarmed the farmers so that they will not sell at any price which I am afraid will put it out of my power to forward what I wanted of that article by water, & the land carriage is so high that the present price will not justify it— You would be very safe in making a speculation in purchasing all the Bale Rope in Courtland if it has not raised since I was there

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 12 May 1825

Messrs Buchanan & Co

Florence Dr Sirs the present is to advise you that a considerable rise has taken place on the articles of Bagging & Rope & to advise you not to make any sales to

speculators — I have no objection to your supplying any of your customers at such prices the article may be worth during the season of selling (say for instance the first october next) — hemp has taken a considerable rise lately & of course articles made of it — I gave Mayor Keys an order on you for Bagging & Rope while at Athens & in purpose to give yourselves a small supply I have forwarded some more to Mr Berthoud to be sent on to you the disposition of which I wish made of & I will advise you on the Rect of Bills of lading Sam Dyer very respectfully your obedt sert John Brand

Lexington 12 May 1825

Mr Hugh Findlay South Florence

Dr Sir the present is to advise you of a considerable rise having taken place in the articles of rope & Bagging & to caution you not to suffer yourself to be imposed on by speculators — any of the above named articles of mine in your hands you will please to suspend sales for the present, unless any of the planters wish a supply for their own use, in that case I have no objection to your letting them have it either at a third of a dollar Tennessee notes or at such price as may be current the first october next I should be glad to hear from you on the rect of this if this report has made any stir in your section of country — I have sent on to your

adres eighty piece of Bagging, to be forwarded to Messrs G W Martin & Co of courtland, of which you will please to advise them on its arrival & have it forwarded as early as possible hoping to hear from you soon I am D Sir very respectfully your obedt sert John Brand

Lexington Ky 12 May 18[illegible]

Messrs Banks Mason & Co
Florence
Ala

your much esteemed favor of the 2 ult to hand found at my house on my return home from your country I was in florence on the Thursday & Friday after the date thereof — Since my return I have forwarded about 700 piece of Bagging to louisville, to be sent on to my different friends in Alaba & Tenessee; 200 of which I have ordered to Messrs Mason & Banks of courtland, as a beginning or rather to try an experiment, them & myself being strangers to each other — I shall make from 80 to 86 piece of Bagging pr week, according to the health of my hands, & shall be glad to send you further supply if the prospects in your market are favorable & the stage of the water will permit of it — of which I shall be pleased to be kept regularly advised — as for Bale Rope I am afraid your supply will be short this season, the hemp has taken a suden rise 60 pr cent in this place

to what it was last season) & very little making in this part of the county) I would recommend you to secure what Rope you can) that is already in your market, it (must rise)

I shall likely forward you some twine there is already made up about 200 ℔ which I shall send on to Messrs Mason & Banks of Courtland, along with some Rope, but to what amount I am unable to say, the sudden rise in every article lately) & the late rise on hemp) have alarmed our farmers so) that they will hardly part with their hemp at any price - & I am afraid they will not get over their panic untill it is too late to send it on to your market by water this season) & the late price will not justify land carriage - from the present prospects on the article of Bagging, I should not be willing to sell at any stipulated price at present, as there is no knowing to what price it will settle down to, at the season of selling I am far from wishing to take any means to extort upon the planters for any article of my manufacture, nevertheless I should like to get the current price given for articles of a similar quality & I flatter myself upon examination, the lot sent to Messrs Mason & Banks will not be surpassed in quality by any in your country - & in my humble opinion is far superior to any scotch Bagging I saw in a late - the prejudice in favor of the latter article to the contrary notwithstanding) & I am satisfied

the planters in your section of country will be equally satisfied of this fact in a few years (if not sooner) I am credibly informed the planters in Mississippi (state) bales entire with Hy Bagging — the lot rented is to the adress of your house in southport, I shall be glad to hear from you on its arival as to its quality &c Sam D'fer very respectfully your obedt sert

John Brand

P S I have this day received advice from New orleans that Hy Bagging is Brisk at 25 cents & looking up — this is a rise of 7 or 8 cents in a few weeks J B

Lexington 12 May 1825

Mr James Elliot

Tuscumbia

D'fer

The present is to advise you of the sudden rise of all kinds of Bagging in New orleans (within these few weeks) from 17 cents dull to 25 brisk & looking up — & consequence I need not hardly sugest to you, the necessity of being aware of speculators — any Bagging or Rope of mine in your hands I wish sales to be suspended for the present, until we see what it settles down to, when the season of selling arives, before which time I hope to hear from you the prospect of your market — I expect your supply

of Rope will be very limited this season the article of hemp has taken a sudden rise & very little Rope making in this part of the country, indeed the present price will not justify the Manufacturers of the article at the late prices— If you could purchase Rope in your place at the price sell[ing] when I was in your place, in my opinion it would be a good speculation— from the present price of hemp the article must rise very considerable— the article is 60 pr cent higer this season than last year at the same time & the sudden rise of all articles of domestick growth has been so sudden & so great that they are afraid to sell at any prices & hold on to it, so there is no knowing to what it will go it— —

Hoping to hear from you soon
I am D[ea]r Sir very respectfully
your obed[t] serv[t] John Brand

Lexington 12th May 1825

Messrs S. D. Morgans & Co
Huntsville
D[ea]r Sirs

The present is to advise you of the suden rise of Bagging in Natches & New Orleans & of course every where that the article is, in the western country
By late arival the article has rose from 17 dolls to 25 cents Brisk & looking up

22 Cents Cash was offered yesterday & refused in this place — I wish sales of that article suspended for the present, of the small lot in your hands, if you have not already sold it — Bale Rope will be scarce this year, & must rise, Hemp is 60 pr Cent higher than last year at this time —

I have sent on about [redacted] piece Bagging to Louisville since my return, part of which will be forwarded to you on its arival at Nashville, & part to Messrs Malone & Co — please to advise Mr Malone [redacted] of the conten[redacted] of this & oblige Yr respectfully your obedt Servt John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 21 May 1825

Messrs Banks & Mason

Southport Indiana Received Bill of lading dated the 8th Inst. at Louisville, of 158 pieces of Bagging being shipped on board the Highland Laddie containing 7640 yards, to be delivered to your house here my a/c & risk, also one bill of lading dated the 9th at same place for 150 pieces Bagging 7657 yds, shipped on board the Lawrence, Both Steam Boats, also on my a/c & risk and to your address — I hope before this reaches you it will have been delivered to you in good order — As early as you can procure good waggons on reasonable terms I wish you to forward two waggon loads to Messrs D. & P. Martin & Co. Cumberland and the Ballance to Messrs Mason & Banks of same place — You will oblige by advising me the rect. of this or when you receive the Bagging

and let me know the State of your market for Bagging, Rope & twine) I am Dr Sirs

Very Respectfully Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 21 May 1825

Messrs John Henderson & Sons.

Natches

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favor of the 29 Ulto was received during my absence in Tennessee & North Alabama — on my arrival at home I had sent on to Mr Berthoud about 700 pieces of bagging to be forwarded to my friends in those States, when I received advice of the sudden & great rise in your market — I then determined to change its destination, but the next mail brought me the Bills of lading of its being shipped to its original destination — I shall be regulated in my shipments for the Ballance of the season by the prices the article bears in the different markets and will be obliged to you to keep me regularly advised of the State of yours — If you have not sold the small lot of Bale rope before this reaches you, please to ship it to Mr Hugh Findlay Merchant in Southport North Alabama opposite Florence, As I presume it is now to small for your market I am Dr Sirs

Respectfully Your Obedt. Servt.

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 21 May 1825

Messrs Gordon & Forstall

New Orleans Dr Sirs Your much esteemed favours of the 3rd & 14th March & 16 April were duly received during my absence in Tennessee & North

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Alabama and note the contents, that of the 14 March covering Bill of sugar $582.69/100 (including commission & charges, which is placed to your credit —

On my arrival at home from the above named States I forwarded about 700 pieces of Bagging to our friend Mr Berthoud to be sent to my friends in Alaba & Tennessee, when I received advice of a great rise having taken place on the article in your city & Natches, I had made up my mind to change its destination but the next mail brought me advice of its being shipped as originally ordered —

I shall be much obliged by your keeping me regularly advised of the State of your market for Rope & Bagging as my shipments for the Ballance of the season must be regulated by the price the article bears in the different markets — If you have not sold the small lot of Bale Rope (still on hand) you will please ship it to Messrs Andrew Buchanan & Co. of Florence, as I presume the size is now too small for your market, where I expect they will have a short supply this season as there is not much making here & very little going to that market

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
John Brand

Lexington 21 May 1825

Mr George Crockett
Nashville Dr Sir Your esteemed favor of the 15th Inst is this day received & contents noted

I have no objections to your supplying your friend in Pulaski with one hundred pieces of bagging at the market price, when the season for selling in the fall, commences, but at present I would be unwilling to fix the

price so low as twenty five cents — Bagging has taken a great rise lately at Natchez & New Orleans I have received advice lately that the article was sold there at from 30 to 35 cents — I was offered twenty two cents cash for about 700 pieces that I had in Louisville that I had sent on there, to be forwarded to you & my other friends in Tennessee & Alabama — I had advised Mr Berthoud on the 10 Inst. to forward to you 323 or 324 pieces Bagging & sixty four coils of Rope, (which was there), his favor of the 15 Inst. informs, a boat would pass the falls on the 15th or 16 which would proceed to Nashville & I expect by the time this reaches you, you will have received part, if not all, of the Bagging — As soon as you can get waggons on good terms, You will please to forward to Leroy Pope Esqr. Huntsville 40 pieces Bagging and as near as you can, at least, 2000 lbs Rope — two waggon loads Bagging & the Ballance of the Rope to Walker & Harris Columbia — Two waggon loads Bagging to S. D. Morgan & Co Huntsville Two waggon loads Bagging to G M Malone & Co Huntsville — & the Ballance of the Bagging reserve for yourself to commence the season with, you can have a further supply in the fall when you want it — There is very little rope making here this season, indeed the prices lately given will not justify the manufacturer to give the present prices given for hemp — Hemp at this time last year was two dollars silver to two fifty per cwt. & dull — at this time it is brisk at four dollars silver & looking up — Bagging or Rope cannot be afforded at the prices given last year and both articles must bring a better price or the manufacturer

will lose money by it — I'm hopes to hear from you soon I am D'r Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
John Bland

P.S. You will oblige me if you will call on Mr Irwin Editor of the Whig Newspaper, pay him one years subscription in advance & request him to forward me the paper J.B.

Lexington 21 May 1825

Mess'rs Saml D Morgan & Co
Huntsville

D'r Sir Your esteemed favor of the 7th Inst was received to day & note the contents — I am sorry you had not received my advice of the 13 Inst. before you had sold what rope you have on hand of mine you will please suspend the sales of at present — Hemp last year at this time was dull at two dollars to two fifty at present it is brisk at four & none of the farmers will part with it even at the price — there is at present as great an excitement in the Hemp market here as there was in the cotton market when I was in Huntsville — I do not think there is much rope making here this season & very little will go to your place unless the prices considerably indeed the present price of hemp will not justify the manufacturer to sell it at the last years prices — I have this day ordered Geo Crockett to forward you two waggon loads of Bagging to begin the season with two loads to Pickens & Co & forty pieces to fill my engagement with Col Pope & 2000 lbs Rope for him also — Should your market justify it I will send on a further supply in the fall — at present all manufacturers are turning their attention to the

Natches & Orleans markets as a better one than yours — I received advice from Natches of the 29 Ults that Bagging was held there at 30 to 35 cents — If this should turn out to be the fact and the price maintained untill fall, the price with you must rise, or there will no more go to you from here this season, as for myself I shall be regulated by circumstances — & will be glad to be kept regularly advised of the state of your markets — I wish you to suspend sales at present both of Bagging & Rope, you may sell your regular customers at the price it may be at in the season of selling say the 15th day of November or any time, as you may think most adviseable from the 1st September untill the first December, payable in currency at usual credits Hoping to hear from you soon I am Dr Sir

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt.

John Brand

Lexington 21 May 1825

Mr. Jno Douglass

Nashville Dr Sir

After presenting to you the best respects and good wishes of Mrs Brand, myself & family for your health & prosperity — I have the pleasure to advise you that I received yesterday from Mr James Palmer on your a/c fifty two dollars in United States notes & silver which is at your credit, & will be paid to your order at sight Mr Palmer informs me that Mr Pike refused to pay interest and that he only paid the amount the note called for which was sixty dollars, out of which he paid eight dollars to Mr Brown & fifty two on your a/c to myself — Be pleased to present my best respects to Mr John H Smith & Lady

and believe me Dr Sir Your Sincere Wellwisher
John Brand

Lexington 21st May 1825

Messrs S & H S Postlethwait
Natchez

Dr Sirs Your esteemed favours of the 14th March, 8th & 28th April have been duly received & contents noted that of the 8th covering a/c sales of the lot of Bagging of mine in your hands & draft of four hundred dollars @ one premium making $404 on the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Philad^a, which is placed to your credit, & the Ballance when collected you will please to forward as early as convenient — I perceive in your favor of the 28th & 29th that Bagging has taken a considerable rise in your market — I had 700 pieces in Louisville when I received the advice, which I had forwarded to be sent to my friends in Tennessee & Alab^a I had determined to change its destination on perusal of your favor, but the next mail from Louisville Brought me advice of its being shipped, I shall be pleased to be kept regularly advised of the State of your market — as my shipments must be regulated by the price the article bears in the different markets — Hemp has taken a considerable rise in this market lately, last year it was dull @ $2 to 2 50/100 I sold at present it is brisk @ $4 & looking up Unless the article made of it bears a better price than the last two years, the manufacturers must lose money or quit the manufacture of it — The late advice from Natchez has created a considerable excitement here & it is talked that two other Bagging Factorys are to be established shou'd the late news prove to be

Bubble they will be very apt to get their fingers burnt — I should have wrote you earlier but had just returned from my annual tour through Tennessee & Alabama when Gen La Fayette was daily expected & business generally suspended I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfly

Your Obedt Servt

John Brand

Lexington, Ky, 21 May 1825

Messrs Mason & Banks
Courtland

Dr Sirs I have the pleasure of advising you that I had 300 pieces of Bagging shipped on the 8 & 9 Inst. at Louisville on Board of the Steam Boats Highland Laddie & Lawrence to the address of Messrs Banks & Mason Southport two waggon loads of which I have requested them to send to Messrs G W Martin & Co of your place & the Ballance to your house — should they find any difficulty in forwarding it you will please send for it as early as you can get good waggons on reasonable terms I will endeavour to forward you some rope & twine during the season — The article of hemp has taken a sudden rise here & every article made out of it, I presume, must rise in proportion — Bagging has taken a considerable rise throughout the United States, I have advice from Natches of 29 Ulto — Stating that Bagging was held at 30 to 35 cents — and had all been purchased up by Speculators — I must therefore advise you not to dispose of any for the present as it is presumed no person will purchase at present but on speculation You may engage to supply your customers as farr as mine goes at the current price in your place or in Huntsville

at the season of selling & you may deliver it to them on these terms— But it would be unsafe to sell at present at a fixed price, untill the article settles down at some fixed price when the season for selling commences— I flatter myself you will find my Bagging to be of first quality— in my opinion it is superior to any Scotch I saw in Tennessee or Alabama being both wider stronger & heavier— I shall be pleased to have your opinion of it when you receive it— As to the cotton bringing a better price in Scotch Bagging I do not believe it I am satisfied the Ky Bagging will carry the cotton to market in better order than the Scotch will— and have no doubt the Planters in a short time, will find it their interest to use the Ky Bagging in preference to the Scotch— hoping to hear from you soon the arrival of the Bagging giving your opinion of the prospects of your market with any other observations you may think advisable I am Dr Sirs Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

John P. Brane

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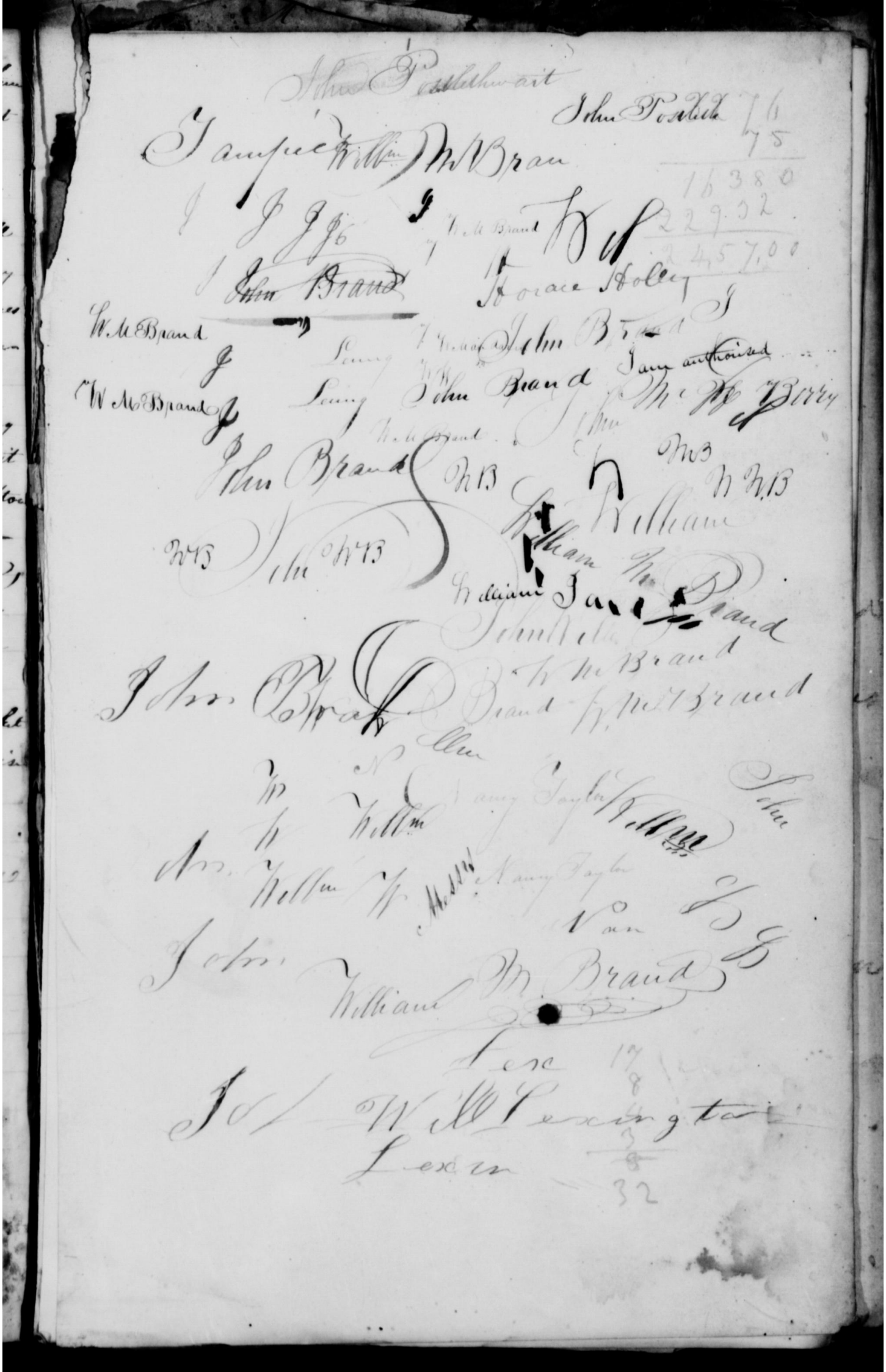

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Messrs L & A

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Mr Rainey quit work the morning of the 7 March & started again the 1 April - (tuesday morning) - he quit on saturday morning the 7th - is 24 days including sundays -

We wished we were thy night around thy neck [illegible] strings [illegible] and [illegible] of Miss [illegible] till there died

John T. Doyle

[illegible] Lexington

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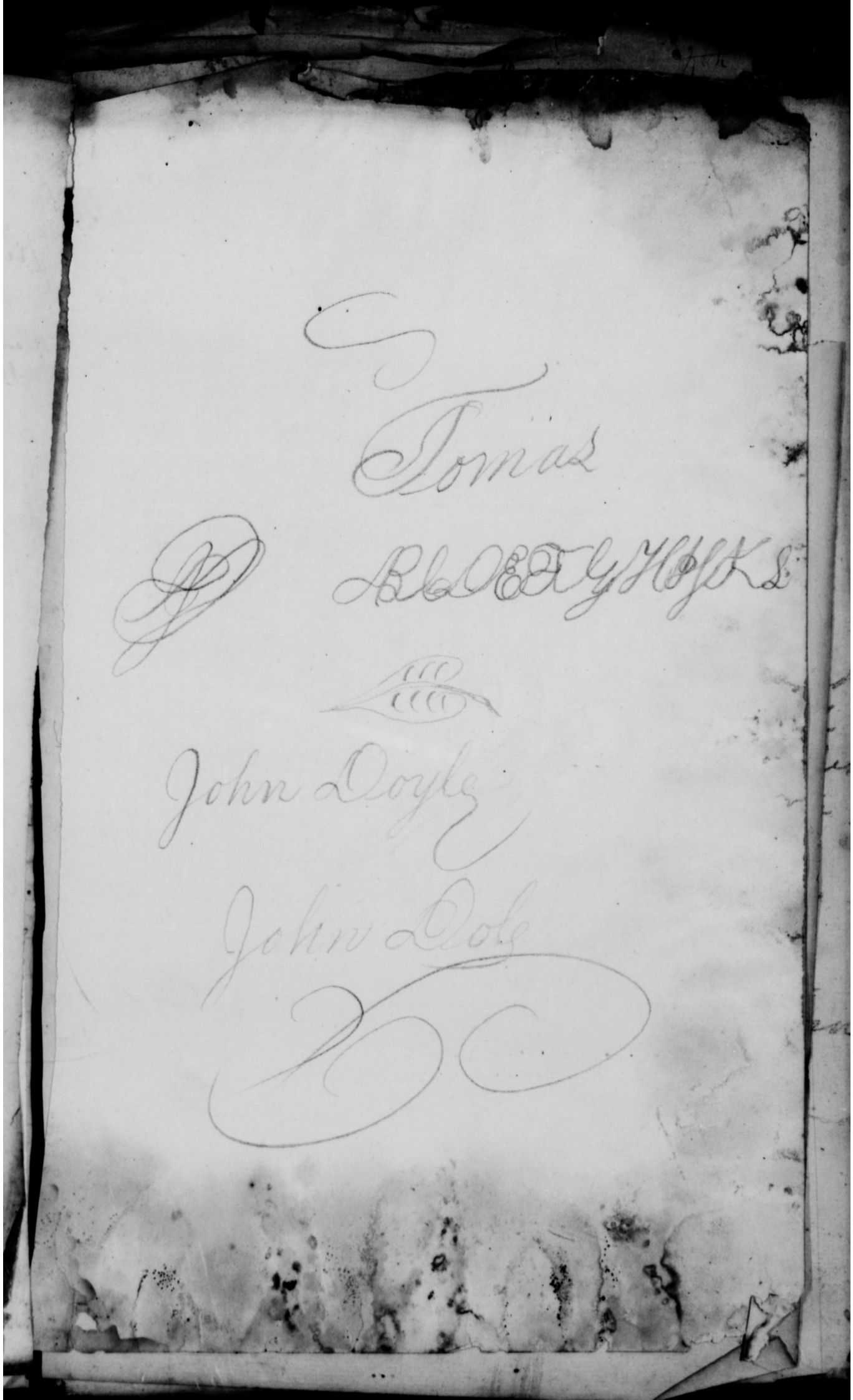

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Lexington January 4th

The formation of the Literary and dramatic Club

The club first originated in February 1883 among some 15 or 20 schoolboys who were at that time were preparing a play entitled Sandy Dandy which was the object at that time of this society was not known as the Literary and Dramatic club until a couple of months after when it was established on the 16th of April of the same year among our small group above mentioned of which at this present time most have gone and other young men of more excellence and ability have taken their places

