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Lexington Jan 17th 1834.

Mr. John M. Swope

Dear Sir: Your esteemed favor of the 19th ult. to John Brand Esq. came duly to hand as he has declined business in our favour, at his request, we take the liberty of answering it. We will deliver you bagging traps of the same quality as manufactured by J Brand & Son in Tusculum (damages of the ruin & fire excepted) at 22 cts per lb say twenty two nine cents, payable by a satisfactory bill of exchange on New Orleans at six months from 1st May next, adding Bank charges for collecting one per cent. Should you accept of our proposition, you will please advise us immediately upon what terms you will give us an acceptance & also of the quantity of each article you will require, the time of delivery will depend upon the quantity you may want we expect to make about one hundred pieces per month say between six thousand five hundred yards & seven thousand.

If we approve of the bill, we will instruct our agent at Tusculum to hand over the bagging traps upon the receipt of the bill - We make but one quality of bagging traps, which we know is superior to most made in the state & equal to any we have ever seen any of the Baileys he has a small establishment in the country, ten miles from here, & works two or three looms - The press of business is our apology for not answering you letter sooner, we have been constantly engaged in getting under way the Factory, since its receipt which has been closed since the Cholera last summer. Our William M. Brand is the same person who has managed the concern of J. Brand & Son for the last six years, we have the same establishment & same hands, consequently the articles are the same. Resp. yr. obt. Svc. Brand & Son

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Lyngton 3rd March 1834

Messrs. P. Dudley & Co.
Lutterworth

Your esteemed favour of the 24th & 28th inst
is duly received & content, observed. You will please
ship on bag, rope, of which we have sent you to this date
inclusive, 241 pieces of bag & 138 coils of 1" Pale Rope
in three parcels, to the care of Wm. G. Patwell
Leicester per first good Steam Boat, - or, if any
of the boat, will pay the Insurance on the two things left
you may ship the whole per one boat -
The cargo is too load, on hand which shall be sent
per first waggon offering - Hoping soon to receive
bills of Lading of it, shipment. We are
Very Respectfully Yours Obedt. Stuart

P.S. Our Mr. B. requests, that you will have the care
of property belonging to Mr. Colley which could not
be found to have the left, looked up & forwarded, if
in the Warehouse. J. B. Stuart

Lyngton May 20th 1834

Wm. G. Patwell Esq.
Lutterworth. Dear Sir

We with thank you to ship
by the first good Boat, what Bagging rope you
have on hand belonging to us, to John Kennedy. Just im-
agine it is not the same at 20 cts per yd. & yet per lb. - The
Boat that takes our bagging rope must deliver it
(in case of re-shipment) at their own expense, we
would prefer giving 75 cts per 100 lb to 62 1/2 or 67 1/2
if necessary to re-ship - your last shipment of what
we was at 62 1/2 or 67 1/2 if re-shipped, we would rather
have had it at 75 cts without saying any thing about
re-shipment, as the Boats are seldom able to get up
the river after the last of April - if you cannot get it

off on our terms, do the best you can for us.

Very truly, yr

Wm. L. Macaulay & Co.

Wm. L. Macaulay & Co.

Lexington Ky. May. 28th 1834.

Sir. We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant addressed to our Wm. L. Macaulay & Co. inquiring at what price we will deliver 800 yds of our best bagging & 800^{lbs} of Rope on or before 1st of October next in Florence & also 1200 yds bagging & 1200^{lbs} of Rope in Memphis & Vicksburg payable by a Bill of Exchange on Mr. White. New Orleans due 1st May next - We will deliver you in Florence or give you an order on our Agent for 800 yds bag & 800^{lbs} of Rope the quality of which you can see in the hands of our friends J. Simpson. Co. Florence @ 22 1/2 cts burlap for a half cent for bag & 8 cts for rope & a half cent for 1st of Rope, also we will deliver to your Agent in Vicksburg 1200 yds bagging & 1200^{lbs} of Rope at twenty two pence per yard & eight cents per lb for rope & the same quantity of the last say 1200 yds bagging & 1200^{lbs} of Rope to your Agent in Memphis at the same terms 22 cts & 8 cts & will take your Bill of Exchange on Mr. White for the amt of the whole on shipping the articles or bearing of their arrival to become due the first of April 1835.

Should you accept of our proposition please write us immediately so that we can make our arrangements not to disappoint you in the met of the articles at Vicksburg or Memphis - Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible. We remain Respy
Wm. L. Macaulay & Co.

Wm. L. Macaulay & Co.

P.S. We are in doubt whether you wish 1200 yds bagging & 1200^{lbs} of Rope delivered at Memphis & Vicksburg or

600 yds. I took at each place - Please direct us what
amount you wish shipped to each place (should you
accept of our offers) & to whom to ship the article.
Should you wish any friends we will furnish
it at 25 cts. pr. lb. B. & M.

Livingston May 28th 1834

Messrs John Simpson & Co.

Gentlemen We had shipped per steamer
Signal to you on the 2^d instant, 334 pieces bag & 284
Chil. Bad Rope which we hope you have on this account
in good order. This is rather more than you wished
to be sent you when our Wm M. B. saw you on his
way but it was directed by him to be shipped to you on
his way to Florence with the expectation of selling what
you did not want to J. Brand & Son's old customers
in Athens. But owing to the Tusculum Rail Road
going into operation they wish what we do not send
them to be left at Tusculum. If you think you can
dispose of the whole sent you & pay us by bill on
New Orleans next May we shall be pleased to let
it stay in your hands otherwise we shall be pleased
if you will let us know so that we may take means
to dispose of it. With regard to the prices we think
bag & rope should not be less than 23 cts per yard
& 9 cts pr lb in your place. Sales are now making at
20 cts for the best brand in Louisville & 6 months
& the freight, difference of currency, insurance & difference
in time will make it cost us at least 22 cts in your
place. We have no objections to your selling @ 23 cts
& 9 cts on articles payable 1st next May. Less than
these prices we should be unwilling to sell for at the
time. The prices at New Orleans & Athens are
at 22 cts & 8 & 8 1/2 cts for bagging rope & a prospect
of an advance. These prices are better than 23 cts
& 9 cts with you, owing to the great difference in

in freight which is now 35 cts to New Orleans & may be to be about 1.50 to Florence, & the difference in time their sales being at 4 & 6 months - We are far from wishing an exorbitant price for our articles we wish a fair market price, & should desire that our friends make sales of all we send them - We should be pleased if you will give us your views as to the prices & ~~prices~~ prospects, & in relation to the quantity of bagging sent you.

We are Dear Sirs

Very Respectful

Yours

Signed

Signature of Wm Brand Brand Managers
Signature of C. Brand Brand Managers

Lexington June 3. 1834.

Wm Phillips Adams & Co.

That We have heard Humphreys was in your place at 350 for 112th you will oblige us by letting us know if this is the case, if it is we may probably want 30 or 40 tons, what commission will you charge us for buying & forwarding it & what will be the Carriage to this place. Please let us know by return mail what it is selling for Cash.

Respectfully
Yours
Wm Brand Brand Managers

Mr W. G. B. Kewell

Lexington June 5th 1834

Dear Sir. Mr Stark's returned favour of the 4th is at hand, it was our wish to have had 100 Coils Hoop Bagging shipped to J. Kennedy Tusculum at present, & 100 coils Hoop Bagging in a short time - You will now please ship, as it arrives, 100 ps Bagging Hoop coils, up to the Agent of the Rail Road Company at Tusculum for dep^o Greene & Estes of Decatur to effect insurance on same - The boxes of twine I want forwarded according to the mark.

Respy. Y^{rs} Obedt Servants

Brand. & M. A. L. T. W.

Livingston, Ky, June 7th 1834

Mr John Kennedy

Dear Sir

We are in rec^t of Bill of Lading of 113 ps of 84 coils of Bale Rope shipped per our advice to you on the 1st Inst - I expect to ship you the balance to make 200 ps of coils, after we fill a bale of 100 ps bag of 100 coils to Messrs Greene & Estes of Decatur - You will oblige us, if you will pay the freight on the above 100 ps bag of 100 coils, 11 ps on its arrival.

It is shipped, or to be shipped to the Agent of the Rail Road Co at Tusculum. From prospects for bag rope we should not be surprised to see it 25 & 10 in your market. Last advices from Orleans represent 23 as refused, & 8 1/2 - 9 for Hoop. These prices are equal to 25 & 10 in your market. You may sell ours at 23 & 9 at present we are unwilling to take less than these prices.

Should any change take place in prices of prospects we will advise you & shall be glad to have your views on this subject. The prospect for the new crop. We are Respectfully
Y^{rs} Obedt Servants

P.S. The above 113 ps (84 coils were) Brand & M. A. L. T. W. shipped per Bill of Lading

Livingston, Ky, June 7th 1834

Mr John Kennedy

Dear Sir We are in receipt of Bill of Lading of 100
bags of coils of White Rope, shipped from our friends
- Respect

Livingston, Ky, June 7th 1834

Messrs Green & Estes

Gentlemen We yesterday ordered Mr Wm G Bates to
to ship 100 bags of our bag of 100 coils of White Rope, as it arrives
to the Agent of the Rail Road Co at Tusculum for you
We shall for this days mail request our friend Mr John
Kennedy of Tusculum to pay the freight on it - Please
advise the Agent of the Rail Road Co to forward it, as
you may desire - Should you think you can dispose
of more than you bought of us, advise us in time we
think it probable we can supply you - Our last account
from N Orleans represents bag & 24 ft Rope 8 to 9^{cts}
If these prices continue, they are better than 25 & 10 in
your market - We are Respectfully
Your Obedt Servts

Brand & Macalister

Livingston June 27. 1834

Mr J. L. S. Smith

Dear Sir. Your favour of the 24th inst, from
Louisville was received last evening we will furnish
the Bagging, rope & twine at the prices & on the terms
you mention in that letter, say twenty two cents
for bagging, eight cents for rope, and twenty five
cents for twine, payable by your bill on Messrs
White or some other good house at New Orleans, on
the 1st of May next. We will mark & send the article
to Sawma & Davis, Memphis as you direct in the
course of a few weeks, perhaps by the middle to
first of August. Respy y^{rs}.
Brand & Macalister

Mr. John Kennedy

Lexington July 1st 1834

Dear Sir. We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 7th inst. to which we beg to refer you since which we are without any reply from you - We have now to advise that from ^{last} accounts from New Orleans there has been a considerable advance on bag & trope - The last prices current quotes bagging at 24 cts, rope 8 & 8 1/2 cts, we have private letters received last night state bag & at 26 cts in New Orleans - We were offered to day 20 cts for all we have in Louisville.

We confidently anticipate a rise & write to request you to sell our articles at the current prices in your place 1st Oct. to any of your friends that wish to lay in their supplies early - We shall forward you the balance of the supply promised you very shortly, as we have the Ant sold Green Testa in Louisville awaiting a boat & shall be glad if you will advise us the prospects for the Cotton Crop & for bag & trope & are

Respectfully W. D. D. Servt.

Board Manchester.

Messrs John Simpson & Co.

Lexington July 1st 1834

Gentl. We are in receipt of your esteemed letter of the 6th inst. & observe its contents - In relation to the deficiency of bag & trope per H. B. Signal you will please to hold the Boat responsible for the Ant. - We are anxious you to advise of an advance on bag & trope in New Orleans - The last prices current quotes bag & at 24 trope 8 & 8 1/2 cts in New Orleans - & we have that private letters received per last mail state bag & at 26 cts - We were this day offered 20 cts for what we have in Louisville & expecting a rise we write to request that you will sell our bag & trope to any of your planters that wish to lay in supplies early, at the current prices in Florence on 1st Oct. inst. - The promising Crops in Mississippi & the advance on Hemp here are the cause of the rise - We have the increase in the Cotton Crop is so great a deficiency in bag & is anticipated.

Hoping to hear from you occasionally - We are Gentlemen
Respectfully, Yr. Obedt. Servants
Brand. Manaster.

W. S. BeRue Esq

Lexington July 4th 1834

Dear Sir. Since your last shipment to Tusculum.
We have sent you (including a load you for day) 128 pieces of
bagging, and 131 coils rope, of this, we want you to send by the
next opportunity to the Rail Road Co. Tusculum, 100 pds
100 coils, and insure same. We then wish 15 pds & 100 lbs
rope (with a small bundle of twine sent by the wagon
yesterday, sent to Sawner & Davis, Memphis for Smith
& Kirkman, this we also want insured at 22 & 8 cts. After
you have forwarded the above, please file our contract
with John Kennedy, which will take (with that already
sent) 87 pds & 116 coils rope - we want it insured also.

Respy & Truly yrs

Brand & Manaster.

P.S. Send to John Kennedy, as it arrives, until the 87 pds & 116
coils are received by you -

Wm. Keyes Richardson Esq Lexington July 8th 1834.

Gent. You promised me Wm. M. Brand when in
your place in May to write us whether you would take your
supply of bagging rope & twine of us. ^(we have as yet not had any advice on this subject) Should you desire to sup-
ply us we will do so on the following terms - we will give an order
on our agent at Florence, or will send you by wagon what bagg-
ing rope & twine you may require for your house & take your bill
on your agent at Orleans to fall due 1st May next payable for
the above articles, the prices to be the current rates, for articles
of a similar quality in Florence & Tusculum on the 1st Oc-
tober next - There is considerable stir in the market &
some speculation going on, the articles are scarce and
sales at 21 & 22 at Louisville & 7 1/2 & 6 for rope. Please write
to us immediately what is your intention as we shall make
other arrangements & shall not send any more to your state
this season. What are your prospects for a cotton crop.

Respy & Truly yrs
Brand & Manaster

P.S. Should we have to send the articles by land to Athens we shall charge you the usual rate of hauling, from Florence to Athens in addition to the Florence price, B. & Macintosh
Messrs Coleman Vaper & Co. Lexington July 8th 1834

Gent^l - Being anxious to know how much bag & rope to send to your market, & wishing to send no more than for luggage, we write to you to know how much you will probably want - We will furnish you your supply of bag & rope & take your bill on your merchant to fall due 1st May next payable for the above articles at the prices those articles or articles of a similar quality as ours are selling for at Florence & Tusculum on the 1st Oct. next.

Please to let us hear from you as soon as possible as there is considerable activity in the market & it is our wish to dispose of all we have not partially engaged, Bag & 21 & 22, rope 7 & 8 at Louisville

We are Respy. & Obedt Servants Broom & Macintosh

P.S. The above articles we will deliver in Florence, or should we have to send by land, we shall charge the usual price of hauling from Florence to Athens in addition
Messrs Murrell & Gamble. Lexington July 8th 1834

Gent^l - Your Mr Murrell promised to write to us on the 1st of Mr Gamble from Philad^a in relation to bag & rope and twine, Being desirous to send no more to Alabama than our friends want & to sell the balance at Louisville, we write to know how much you will probably want, We will furnish you with what bag & rope your house wants at the current prices articles of as good a quality as ours are selling for in Florence on the 1st next October, & take your bill on your merchant to fall due 1st next May, in St. Orleans in payment - The above articles to be delivered in Florence or if sent by wagons from here to Athens, the usual price of carriage from Florence to Athens to be added to the above prices - Please to write us soon

dearly so that we may not disappoint you - Bag²
rope @ 21-22 cts + $4\frac{1}{2}$ cts and scarer in Louisville
25 cts in N. Orleans - In hopes of hearing from you
soon We are Rsfy. Your Obt Servants.
Brand & Macalester.

Livingston July 17th 1834.

Messrs. Andrews & Brothers.

Gentlemen -

As the successors of John Brand we
take pleasure in replying to your letter of the 10th Inst^l addressed
to him on the subject of bag² & rope - We will deliver you in
Huntsville 150 pieces of bag² & 150 coils of Bale Rope, the bag²
measuring 70 yards to the bolt, & the Rope from 85 to 100 lbs per coil
at twenty six cents per yard for bag² & ten cents per lb for the Rope
deliverable by the 25th October, provided wagons can be had (the
burning of our factory or the Cholera excepted) & take an under-
-ed bill of Exchange on N. Orleans to become due 1st May next
in payment, or the 1st of June by adding the interest after 1st
May @ eight per cent - We will commence sending off a pro-
portionate quantity of each by the 10th of August, & continue
till all is forwarded - Our bag² is 48 inches in the bolt when
calendared, weighs upwards of a pound & a half per yard, &
has the preference generally in your market - These are about
the Louisville prices (less the carriage) & the carriage from here
added, which we expect will not be less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ cts per lb to
Huntsville - We will furnish you a box of twine for the
above bag² & rope @ 22 cts per lb if wanted on same terms -

Please to write us immediately whether you accept our
proposition so that we may not disappoint you, or be deterred
making other arrangements - Expecting a reply from you by
the 5th August - We are, Gentlemen Respectfully

Your Obedt Servts
Brand & Macalester.

Luxington July 23rd 1834

Messrs John Simpson & Co

Gentlemen Your esteemed favour of the 14th inst is received & contents observed - In relation to the prices for bagging & rope we are willing, that you may sell ours at 26^{cts} per yard for bagging & 10^{cts} per lb for Rope - We will merely remark that all we want is the fair market prices for what articles of as good a quality as ours are selling for at the time sold, but if ours are the only articles on hand for sale, we want a fair profit on the articles taking freight, risk &c from Louisville in consideration - We are Gentlemen Respectfully
Brands & Macalister

Messrs John Simpson & Co

Luxington July 31st 1834

Gent. We had this pleasure on the 23rd inst, since which we have none of your fav^r to reply to - There is a great stir in the Southern, as well as, in this & the Louisville market about Bagging & rope, which fully justifies us in the belief that these articles will must yet rise considerably - We will therefore thank you to hold ours at thirty cents for bagging & eleven cents for rope.

We shall be pleased to hear from you from time to time how you are progressing with Sales.

Respy. Truly yrs. Brands & Macalister

Mr John Kennedy

Luxington July 31st 1834

Dear Sir Your esteemed fav^r of the 5th inst came duly to hand, We regret you having sold part of our articles so soon, but have no doubt you did what you thought best for our interest - We have had the balance of the bagging & rope promised you laying in Louis^{ky} for some time but our Agent gives no reason for not forwarding it on. We have written him a few days since to do so at once if practicable - We are fully of the opinion that bagging & rope must yet

use considerably, the demand in Louis. New Orleans
& this place justifies us in this belief - We will
therefore thank you to hold what we have in
your hands, & that which is to be forwarded
at thirty cents for bagging & brown cents for rope
Bagging is scarce every where that we hear
from & the crops of Cotton in Louisiana this year
unusually promising - Respy. yr Obedt. Servt
Brandtman.

Mr. Keyes Richardson Esq.

Lexington Aug. 2^d 1834

Your favor of the — July is received, and in reply we
have only to say, that your offer of 20 cts for bagging
delivered in Athens is not accepted - We can get 22 cents
cash here for it, but are not disposed to sell corn at that

Respy. yr Obedt. Servt

Brandtman.

Mr. Andrews Beatham Lexington Aug. 2^d 1834

Huntsville Coun^{ty}. Yours of the 26th ult. came duly to hand
You offer to take 150 lbs bagging, and as many pounds of
rope as there are yards of bagging and no more, for a bill
on your house at New Orleans payable 1st Aug. 1835. adding
interest after 1st May next - Our offer to you was to deliver you
in Huntsville 150 lbs bagging & 150 coils rope to weigh from
85 to 100^{lb} at twenty six cents per yard, & ten cents per lb.
for an undoubted Bill of Exchange on New Orleans to become
due 1st May next, or 1st June by adding interest - We there-
fore do not consider our proposition accepted, & decline sending
the articles on the terms you propose. Respy. yr Obedt. Servt

Brandtman.

Mr. Crockett & Park

Lexington Aug. 5th 1834

Huntsville Coun^{ty}. At the instance of Mr. Brandt
as superiors of St. Brandt & Son we take pleasure in
replying to your letter of the 30th ult. - It would be out
of our power to supply you with the same quantity
of Bagging of our make this year, as other arrangements

for the article pursuant to - ~~the~~ ^{order} ~~will~~ sell you Two Hundred
pieces of Four Hundred Coils rope, the rope to weigh from
Eighty five to one hundred pounds to the coil, & the Bag-
ging Seventy yards to the piece, for an undoubted
Bills of Exchange on New Orleans at Four months
or Six adding the interest after 4 months, at Twenty
Five Cents for the Bagging, and Seven & a half
cents for the rope delivered here, which we will for-
ward for you at as low a rate of Carriage as can
be had, and as soon as we can do so, by the time
we get an answer to this letter we will have ready
one half of the above quantity & by the middle of
September all ready, of course if the Cholera should
appear to stop our hands, or an accident happen
by fire to our factory, we shall consider ourselves
released from any contract with you - If we do
not hear from you by the Seventeenth of this month
we shall consider ourselves at liberty to sell the
within bagging rope. Respy. yr Ovt. Servants

Brand & Marshall

Our bagging is 43 ^{inches} in the bolt when calendered, weighs up-
wards of one pound & a half per yard & has always the
preference in the Alabama Market, Our agent at
Louisville says it would bring 24¢ there now & expects
it will be 25 in a few days.

Livingstone Aug 13th
1834

Messrs. Kirkman, Hester

Columbia Centre Your esteemed favour of the 1st
inst to J Brand & Son, is just received, & pleasure to those
Gentlemen we take pleasure in ~~receiving~~ ^{receiving} it - Our articles
are the same as made by them, samples of which you will
see in the hands of Mr John Kennedy of your place -
We have made a House an offer to deliver them all the bag-
ging we make between now & 1st October next, if they
accept, we cannot furnish you with either of those articles
if they do not we will deliver to your agent in Louisville

Two hundred fifty pieces of bag & the proportion of Rope
you require, say one pound to the yard for your bill on
Nashville, payable 1st May next, at twenty four cents
for the bag, & one half cent, for the rope. We must
reserve the privilege of selling our articles as the mails
are uncertain. In case we have an offer before we
hear from you, we shall also consider ourselves at
liberty from fulfilling the contract in case of Cholera
or any accident to our factory, We think it probable
the House to whom we allude will not accept our offer, in
case they do not we will have ready by the 1st of May
of One Hundred pieces. Please reply as early as possible

Respy Your Obedt Servt
Brands Hatchester

P. S. I Brand & Son have made arrangements
which will prevent their taking a bill on N. Orleans at the
date you mention, in place of your notes due at Union
Bank Nashville having waited for some time
for a reply to their letter on this subject. M. B. B.

Wm. Green Tester

Lexington Aug. 14. 1834

Genl^l - Above the hand you a bill bagging rope
I have sold you per article of 1st May last, which we hope
will give you satisfaction - The first shipment of 1000 lbs bag
77 coils rope & box of twine left Louisville on the 4th July & the
balance 23 coils on the 3rd Augst - We presume will be in Junc-
Cumbia prior to the recd of this - We are pleased there is a
prospect of your making a handsome speculation - We have no
doubt bagging will be 2 1/2 in Alab^a - I should not be surprised
if the scarcity caused it to rise to 40 cts as there is a pros-
pect of a deficiency, if the Cotton Crop turns out as is ex-
pected - you will oblige us if you will forward in your
bill of exchange for the above bagging &c. on recd of
this - Should you want any more bagging rope in pos-
sibility can supply you but not on the same terms

the articles are worth 24 to 25 in Louisville & 7 to 8 for
rope & 4 months, Should you want any more or by R.
Burnett. We should prefer delivering it in Louisville
as the river is down & boats uncertain. Please let
us hear from you as soon as possible & give us the
prices of bagging, rope & the prospects of Cotton.
We are Resp^y. W. V. T. S. Co.
Grand Manufacturer.

Lexington Aug. 14. 1834

Mr. J. L. S. Smith. dear Sir. We annex a bill of
bagging, rope & twine to order, for which, please send
us your bill on M. White or some good house at
New Orleans on acct of this, payable 1st May next.

These articles are in demand at Louisville at
24 to 25 & 7 1/2 to 8. Resp^y. W. V. T. S. Co.
Grand Manufacturer.

Lexington Aug 21st 1834

Messrs. Kirkman & Roper

Sir. We addressed you on the 13th inst
in relation to a sale of bagging, rope, reserving the privilege
of selling in the meantime. We now address you to
advise that having an opportunity of selling @ higher
rates than we offered it to you, we shall be unable to
supply you. I hope you will be able to get a supply
from some other quarter. We are Gentlemen

Respectfully Yours
W. V. T. S. Co.
Grand Manufacturer

Messrs. B. Merrill & Co.

Lexington Aug 23. 1834

Sir. Your order for the 21st inst came duly to hand
the great demand for bagging, rope will prevent our making
a consignment of those articles to you this season, we find
we shall be able to dispose of all ourselves - We have on
hand here & at Louisville 135. ps & can have by the 1st
Oct. from 100 to 100 or 140. ps. more ready and 200

cries rope to weigh from 85 to 100^{lbs} each which we
will sell & deliver to your Agent at Louisville at
26cts for bagging & 73/4 cts for rope for a
satisfactory ~~bill~~ Alabama bill of Exchange
on New Orleans indorsed by Messrs Forsyth & Co. of Louisville
or any other good house that we like at 6 mos from
1st Oct. next - We must reserve the privilege of selling
our bagging & rope if we do not hear from you by
the 27th inst. - We shall also consider ourselves in case
of accidents by fire or cholera not bound to fulfil
the Contract - In case you accept our proposition
we will require a Bill of Exchange placed in the
hands of some disinterested person for the amount of
our bill, or as near as we can come to it at the
time we commence delivering the articles - We will
commence delivering at once if you accept -

Respectfully
Yours

Pro and Marshall & Co.

Lexington August 25th 1834

Mr James A. McAlister
Nashville, Dear Sir

Your returned favour of the 19th inst addressed
to John Brand & Co. was received & in reply thereof
is the success of that firm - The mutual demand for bag-
ging is ready sale at Louisville the present season enables us to sell
it ourselves ^{freely} & at a commission, we must decline sending it
on consignment - We have however shown your letter to Bruce
Gratz, D. A. Sayre, & H. J. Duncan of Paris now here, but they
decline ~~receiving~~ on consignment for the same reason -

We will however sell you from 7000 to 25000 yds of bag & 10000 of
rope to the yard of bag - deliverable here @ 24^{cts} for bag & 73/4^{cts} for the
rope & forward it by wagons for you direct, & take your bill of
Exchange on your agent N. Orleans to fall due 1st April next
to be indorsed by H. R. W. Hill & Co, or we will deliver the ar-
ticles to your agent at Louisville @ 25^{cts} per yard & 80^{cts} for lb,
payable as above - We have now on hand 27000 yds

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disposal, which we shall continue sending to Louisville, we
make about 180 bbls per week. We must reserve the privilege
of selling till we hear from you, we must consider ourselves
free from fulfilling the contract in case of the breaking of
our factory or the Cholera among our hands. Our articles
stand higher, than 4/5th of that sent to Tennessee & Ala.

Please let us hear from you, as once, oblige

Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

Wm. B. Macalister

Lexington Aug 29th 1834

Mr J. L. Smith

Dear Sir Your esteemed fav^r of the 18th Inst
came duly to hand. We regret having promised to make
our friend Messrs J. Simpson & Co an additional consign-
-ment, this with what we have to furnish some other firms
will take all we can make by 1st October, the demand for
our articles is increasing & the price advancing daily at
Louisville, nothing but the loss of the River pre-
-vents it going up to 28^{cts} we should not be surprised
if it gets up to 30^{cts} before two weeks. We addressed
you on 4th Inst. Let our bill for the articles we delivered
your agent at Memphis. Hoping to receive an answer

We are Resp^{ly} Your Obedt Servt

Wm. B. Macalister

Mrs J. Simpson Co

Lexington Aug 30th 1834

Ent^{ly} your est^d fav^r of the 14th Inst was duly rec^d
& constantly noted. From the prospects of your Cotton
Crop the scarcity of bagging & rope in all the markets
we have been induced to believe that you can probably
do more and have ordered our agent at Louisville
to ship you a further supply per packet boat.

Should your regular customers not require it
we hope you will be able to sell to the merchants
of the night moving towns. We have this day declined
purchasing in J. L. Smith, H. Smith, H. D. Smith

J. Smith & P. F. Armstrong with the amt of this
order, say about 7,000 yds bag & 7,000 ^{to rope} rope, belie-
ving it would take the sale out of your hands
and feeling bound to ^{supply} you all you could ask
they wished us to supply them at the Lexington
prices adding carriage, Com^{rs} &c. - From the great
scarcity & demand for bag & every where we
think we should be justified in advancing the
price of it with you. We hope you will do the
best for us you can, leaving it discretionary
with you entirely to do so. We hope you push
off the rope with the bag & would not sell
the bag alone, please advise us on act of this
if you think it advisable to send you the
above bag & rope & your ability to sell
it on our terms, as we may not have an
opportunity to ship before we could
hear from you, in which case we might make
some other disposition of it. - Also how you
are progressing, with sales &c. &c. - Respy
Robt. S. Brand & Macalester.

P.S. We open our letter to acknowledge the rec^d of yours of
the 23rd Aug. We say we have 135 yds now in Louisville
ordered to be shipped to you & 2 yds to leave this coming for
Louisville, Bag & is now 26 at Louisville & it cannot
be bought taken to Florence to make a profit un-
der 31 or 32 cts, I should you not have sold all ours
we hope you will be able to get 32 or 33 for it. - Let
us hear from you as often as possible with a state-
ment of the quantity of these articles on hand &
the prices. - Respy
Brand & Macalester.

Lexington Sept 1st 1864

Mr John Kennedy

Dear Sir We addressed you on the
31st July last requesting you to hold our bag & rope

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Hope @ 11^{cts} since then we have none of your favour
to supply to — On the 3^d Ult^o our agent a Louisville for
waded you 85 py of bag of 36 coils of Rope which we
presume you have received some time since, if not
sold we wish you to hold it @ 32 to 33^{cts} of the Rope
@ 11^{cts} as before advised — We shall be glad to hear
from you how much you have sold of the piece, also
the quantity of the demand for those articles in your
market as we may probably be able to send
you some more

Yours Obedt^s
J Brand & Macatist^r
Lexington Sept 3^d 1834

Messrs J & C Macatist^r & Co

Gentlemen Enclosed we take the liberty of sending you
for acceptance Greene & Co's first of Exchange on Messrs
Maddux & Wood, N. Orleans, payable to our order, for \$247⁰⁰
@ eight months, date from 1st Sept 1834 — You will oblige
us if you will have it presented for acceptance & protested, if
not accepted, & returned to us by mail at your earliest
leisure — Hoping to hear from you soon We are
Very Respectfully Yours Obedt^s
J Brand & Macatist^r

Messrs J. J. Martin & Sons. Lexington Sep. 5. 1834

Ent^l Your esteemed fav^r of the 27th ult^o, to J Brand & Co. was
received this day, as their successors we take pleasure in
answering it. — We will send you as soon as practicable
two wagon loads of bagging & rope at the same price
Messrs Grady & Bruce of this city sold to Mr. Erwin for, on the
1st inst, for account of Messrs James Woods & Co. of Nashville
which was 24 & 7¹/₂ cts. 6 mos. adding the Bank Exchange
for your Bill on New Orleans, the sale was 500 py & a
pound of rope to the yard of bagging — Or we will
consign it to your house it to your house at Hunts
ville by their giving us their Bill on New Orleans
payable 1st March next adding the exchange & our

limiting it to 33cts & 13cts which we presume will be
the price as we hear it is very scarce there as well as
every where else - Sales at Louisville at 26 & 8. We
would have preferred sending but one load, but
know it will be impossible to get one wagon to go.
We shall write your house at Huntsville to day that
we intend sending the bagging, & hope, with thanks
you to write us (if you take it, or prefer it on con-
signment) just mail - Rsp. yr. O. V. Sol's
Bran & Manalst.

Mrs. F. J. Martin & Sons Lexington Sep. 5. 1834

Genl: At the request of your partner in Philad^a
we shall send you as early as practicable two wag-
on loads of bagging & rope, which we have written
him you can have at 24 & 7 1/2 cts here, for your
Bill on New Orleans (adding the Exchange) at 6 mos.
this is the market price, & what Mr. P. Gratz Bruce
sold on the 1st inst 500 ps. & a pound of rope to the
yard of bagging for to Mr. Brown for amount of
ship "James Woods" Co. of Nashville - Or we have of-
fered it on Consignment to you at 33 cts & 13 cts for
your Bill on New Orleans adding the Bank Ex-
change payable 1st March next - Bagging & rope
continues scarce & the demand greater than we
ever knew it, last sales at Louisville were at 26
& 8. We have written your partner to day - &
on receipt of his reply will advise you.

Rsp. yr. O. V. Sol's Bran & Manalst.

Mr. James A. de Ales. Lexington Sep. 8. 1834

Your est^d par. of the 2^d inst in reply to ours
of the 25th Aug^t was rec^d on yesterday, stating that you
would take two hundred pieces of bagging & some hundred &
fifty coils of rope on the terms we mentioned, viz. thirty
four cents per yard for the bagging & seven for half ct.

200 = 1000 delivered at ...

In the rope payable by a bill of Exchange on your Agents
at Orleans, endorsed by H. R. W. Hilo. Co. to fall due 1st of
April next. We accept your offer & have in pursuance this
day forwarded you in R. Waller's wagon 21. ps 1470 yds bag^s.
18 coils rope 1.045.⁰⁰ of bale rope & 55.⁰⁰ twine @ 2.25/100
in 100th for carriage - The carriage is a little higher than
usual, but we consider it to your interest to have the
bag & rope to commence with, & we will endeavour
if possible to forward the balance on better terms &
we know that Bruce & Gratz have been for 10 days offering
to give 2¢ in 100th but are unable to get wagons to take
out a purchase of 500 ps of bag & a proportion
of rope made by Mr. Andrew Erwin for use of James
Wood's of your place - They have not purchased on
quite as good terms as you have, & we have found it impos-
sible to fill an order we had to day on the same terms
we sell to you - We shall continue forwarding it to
you weekly if wagons can be had, & should like to
know your limits as to carriage, at the same time
we will assure you of our efforts to forward the
article on the best terms we can - We shall charge you
twenty (20 cts) in 100th for the ^{300⁰⁰} twine - The article we shall
forward to yourself, & have only to ask that you will hand
over to our friend Mrs. M. Bap Esq. your bill as per Contract
for \$4,432.⁵⁰/100 to hold for us till we have complied with
our part of the Contract - This is about the amt of
the bill of article, but under it, & when we have fulfilled
it we can get a bill for the exact amt. & return
the above bill - We shall be glad to hear from you
on acct. of this & are Very Respc.

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Brant & Macalister.

Lexington Sep. 10. 1834

Mr. W. S. Barlow

Dear Sir. We write to thank you to send us (if they
can be had) one bale Buffalo cobs of good quality

We are exceedingly anxious to get our bagging, traps to Flo-
rence & in great hopes you had shipped & departed in
surrender by the Conway, do not stand at the price
of freight, 25¢ is a minor consideration just now

We suppose when you arrive to Florence, if the Boat
picks out the Cargo at Waterloo, & it is sent up in keels
it is not at our risk, if it is, we should wish you to
insure with the privilege of re-shipping, in case
the Boat cannot reach Florence, we have sold out at
bagging traps we make by 1st Nov. at 24 & 7 1/2

Very truly yrs

Wm. D. Mandelstam

Sup^r. Commor. & A. S. S. Lexington Sept 18 - 1834
at Ashville. Contⁿ. We annex wagons net! for Forty
Four pieces bagging & twenty three coils rope, also
one box twine, which we wish safe to hand - We
shall continue to forward the balance of your
order as we can procure wagons & get the
articles ready - One of the pieces bagging sent to
day we cut two yards off for our own use
it is marked 68 yds.

Respectfully

Wm. D. Mandelstam

Mr. John Kennedy

Lexington Sep. 22. 1834

Dear Sir We addressed you on the 31st July 4th of Sep.
Instant, have still without any reply from you, or any of
your favours since the 8th July - You will oblige us if
you will write us on just of this what quantity of our
bagging traps you have sold & on what terms, whether
according to our instructions of the 1st July, or 31st July,
or 1st Sept. Also what quantity is in your market
the demand & present prices - We have sold all we
shall make till the 1st of Nov. but after that time
could probably furnish you more - Please let us
hear from you without delay & oblige

Respectfully

Wm. D. Mandelstam

Wm. D. Mandelstam

200th Copy delivered at Lexington & Ashville

Mr. J. Simpson & Co.

Lexington Sep. 22^d 1834

Ent. We had this pleasure on the 30th Aug. to which
we beg your inform - we had shipped on the 13th
inst per W. St. Minor 101 ps of bag & bags coils 6.438⁰⁰
of bale rope to your care & hope you have received
it ere this - You will please hold Eighteen pieces of the
above shipment of fourteen coils of bale rope subject
to our order, as we have promised to send J. J. Mas-
ter's Sons of Huntsville some & have been unable
to get wagons to go from here - Please to let us know
from you on acct of this in reply to ours of the
30th Aug. also the prices for bag & traps with you
now & the demand & the prospect for its continuance
Yours truly
Wm. B. Macalister

Wm. B. Macalister. Esq. Sir.

Lexington Sep. 23^d 1834

We are in acct. of your esteemed letter of the 19th inst enclosing
Sunday acct. balance against us 45869/100. John Brand
11.27/100 - E. Macalister 3855/100 & acct with balance in fav.
of John Brand & Son 298.22/100. & observe its contents

You may draw on us at ten days date for the above
balances say 508.57/100 & John Brand & Son request us
to say you may draw on them for 129.34/100 & the amt.
of balance in your fav. taking into acf. Pat^r Maxcups
aft on Wm E. Silford for 115.58/100. & Thom^r R. Hughes ac-
ceptance which was dict^d according to your request
on 3^d Sep. proceeds 311.98/100. - We should have sent you
the money for the above balances, but our bank pay-
ments have drained us, & we expect some money in
4 or 5 days - We see G. & J. Buchanan have some Bal-
fleur Robt & should be glad if you will select us a good
pack. Please present our best respects to Mrs B. Mrs Pitt
Mrs. Matthews & believe us with great respect.

Yours truly

Wm. B. Macalister

Sup^r. John Simpson & Co. Lexington Oct. 1st 1834

Genl^r. We beg your reference to our letter of the 22nd ulto when we addressed you last & since which we are still without any of your favours - We write to request you will send Sup^r. F. J. Martin Sons of Huntsville, if an opportunity offers 18 pieces of bag & 14 coils of ^{our} Rope, or deliver it to any one they may send for it, & write us the quantity of pounds by way of each, & the price of the hauling of the same to Huntsville - Since writing you we heard verbally from Mr Gist that bag & was selling @ 35. Cents 12 1/2 to 13 in your market - Please push off soon the balance of ours on the best terms you can that we hear how you progress in sales, prices &c. &c. - We are, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours &c. &c.
Brand & Martin.

Sup^r. F. J. Martin Sons Lexington Oct. 1st 1834

Genl^r. We wrote you on the 5th Sep. advising of our intention to forward you some bag & rope at the request of your Mr F. J. Martin, We have without success tried to get wagons to go to your place for some time & as the season is at hand when you are in want of the articles we have determined to give an order to you for a load of bag & rope to our agents Sup^r. J. Simpson & Co. Florence to whom we have per this day mail written to hold 18 pieces of bag & 14 coils rope subject to your order - You will therefore please write them to forward it to you, or send for it as soon as convenient - You may sell the above bag & rope to whom you see fit at the prices such articles are selling for in Huntsville when sold, payment to be made on 1st May by placing the net proceeds to our credit the 1st of May in the Branch of the Planters Bank at Decatur, or if you take them at the prices ^{here} viz 24 & 7 1/2 cts we must have your bill on your Agent at Decatur to fall due 1st of March & we will deduct the price of carriage paid by you on the same from Florence

To Huntsville & charge you the Carriage & the present ex-
-con from here to Huntsville & the Bank of Exchange. - We
make you the offer of the articles on cons^t. again because
from a letter from you Mr. F. S. Cleasby received last coming
he seems doubtful whether you would draw on St. Orleans
the 1st of March, as we offered the articles for a bill on St. O. to
fall due at that time. - If you conclude to take the articles
on consignment please advise us on what of this sell
them on the best terms you can, or if you prefer taking
them @ 24 & 7 1/2 please write us on receiving them, the
quantity of bagg. in yards & the weight of the rope & the
Carriage which you pay from Florence to Huntsville
that we may credit you the amt in making out a
bill of them - Wagons cannot be got to go to your place
under 3⁵⁰/100 for 1000^{lbs} Please let us hear from you as
soon as convenient & oblige. Respy. W. M. Smith.

Brands & Marshall.

Sup^r Connor & Co. Huntsville Lexington Oct. 7. 1834

Genl^l. We annex C. Medcalfs receipt for 30 coils
of bale rope & 40 pieces bagging, Also Rich^d. Watters
receipt for 20 coils & 19 pieces, which we wish safe
to hand, we are obliged to insert in the receipt
(in order to get the waggoners to go) deliver, the Cur-
rency of your State being at a considerable disctⁿ
in this State, Sup^r. Gratz & Bona have extended
their Contract with Mr. J. A. Woods to until the
middle of Dec^r. at same prices as the first 500. p.
& 250 Coils sold them - We have no objections to
selling you all the bagging & rope we make (after
we fill our Contract with you) upon same terms
as that already sold, up to the 1st Jan^y. 1835, it
will not exceed 200. pieces & 150 Coils - Expecting
an answer by the 1st of inst. We are Respy.

W. M. Smith

Brands & Marshall.

Mr. Hanson Roland

Sept. Oct. 8 - 1834

Sir, When you applied to us to employ you as a foreman we thought we would prefer trying to employ an experienced free man - but have since changed our minds, If on next of this you will come up & see us & can bring some evidence from your citizens whom we know of your character for steady & industry, then can agree as to the terms, we think it probable we can employ you - Please drop us a few lines saying what day we may expect you so that we may be at home when you come. Yrs M. B. O. M.

Messrs. Connor & McAlister Lexington Oct. 20th 1834

Gent. We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 13th inst. to learn its contents - We regret to learn that Parley Woods' two loads had not arrived & reached you, but hope you have received one load of his & that he has explained the reason of the delay. On enquiry of some of the wagoners who have just returned from Nashville we learn that the negro man whose cart Parley Woods signed for broke down 2 1/2 miles beyond Lebanon & that he the negro had left his load at Henry Purdys, but understood that Woods had gone on & was to return for the load left at Purdys, Woods had 12 coils rope, box twine & 20 ps bagging & the negro had 11 coils rope & 24 ps. bagging - Woods is the son in law of ^{Thos} Williams to whom the negro man & team belong & they live 15 miles south of Elizabethtown, Ky. We would advise you if Woods has not arrived to procure some wagoner & send for the load at Purdys as it would cost less & wagons are very scarce here now. We have two more loads ready & only want wagons to forward them - The balance of your contract will be finished by the 28th inst. - Please to advise us if Woods has arrived how you like our bagging & rope. Mr. Wiseman a neighbour of ours forwarded

ed by a wagon named de'Clure a load of bag & traps
of which he has not yet heard to Sam^l Seay by your
place, he is a man from the same country, that now
lives in Othy left here at the same time (Hardin
Co. Ky). We are gent^l - very Resp^y Wm^l Macaster.

Brand Macaster.

Lexington Oct 25th 1834

Miss John Simpson & Co

Gentlemen We received yours of the 13th inst in due course &
obey it content - We have this day advised Mess^{rs} J. J. Martin
Sons of Huntsville to send for one or two loads more of bag & traps
if they think they can dispose of so much with thank you
to send them whatever they send for & ours. We have agreed
to do this believing you will have as much as you can
dispose of without the two loads - We are Gentlemen

Very Respectfully Yours Obedt Serv^t
Brand Macaster

Mess^{rs} J. J. Martin Sons Lex^y. Oct 25th - 1834

Gent^l. Above we hand you a bill of bag & traps sent
you by Mess^{rs} J. Simpson & Co on our a/c. with the Carriage from
Florence to Huntsville credited & the hauling from here to
Huntsville charged at the usual rate, asked this year
& the Bank Exchange added - you will oblige us by send-
ing us a Bill on your agents N. Orleans for the amt.
Six months from 5th September - We have this day ad-
vised Mess^{rs} J. Simpson & Co. to let you have two or one
load more as you choose & you will therefore send
for it or write them to forward it, & sell it on com-
mission for us pay^l the 1st May next. We shall be glad
to learn from you how much you send for & to
receive a bill of Exchange for that sold you at your
earliest convenience. We are G^l to very Resp^y

Brand Macaster.

Messrs. Connor & McAlister.

Lexington Oct. 31st 1834

Gent. We have endeavoured (and without success) to get off the balance of your bagging traps which has been ready for a week past, wagons can be had by giving them back loads to this place or Louisville, but they ^{are} scarce even then you may rest assured we will use every exertion to forward your articles, not only because we are anxious you should have them, but they are in our way - Our object in writing was to advise you of the difficulty in getting wagons, thinking it might be to your advantage to have the loading sent to Louisville, if the Cumberland was navigable we shall be glad to hear from you on the subject, what you wish done, in case we should not be able to meet with an opportunity before we hear from you - There will be more bag & traps than three wagons can carry that quite enough for four, shall we make up the balance of the load with bagging, or rope, or a proportion of each; - We hope you have rec^d before now the loads by Parley Wood, we have not been able to get any further information than that advised in ours of the 20th inst.

Respy. y^r o^bat^sts.

Wm. Macalister.

Lexington Nov. 3rd 1834

Messrs. Connor & McAlister.

Gentlemen

Now we hand you Edmund Martin's Amstead, put for 18 coils Rope, 23 pieces of bag, also Wm. Enham's put for 18 coils of 2.3 pieces, on which we had to pay a little higher carriage than the last sent you - Wishing it safely to hand - We are Respectfully Y^r Obedt. Serv^t
Wm. Macalister

P.S. We expect to be able to get the balance of yours off in two or three days. W. M.

Mr. Connor & McAlister to Lexington Nov 7. 1834

Just above on hand you Thornton Watts net for 18 coils of
bale rope & 19 pieces of bag & 10th Whitts net for 14 coils, & 24
pieces, making in all sent you to this date 213 pieces, 14.908th yds. bag &
& 159 coils rope 14.841th bale rope & 298th twine - We were
obliged to send you 13 pieces bag & 9 coils rope more than
you bought in order to make out the balance of the load
as we could not get a wagon to go without giving a full
load - We presume it will make no difference & have accord-
ingly made out a bill for the whole amt, which you will
find annexed for 4751.⁰⁹/100th - you will oblige us if
you will give our friend John Ch. Bap to whom we shall
write per this mail to return you the former bill of Exchange
two bills, one say for 2000th & the other for 2751.⁰⁹/100th as per
Contract - Wishing the article safely handed, we beg to assure
that we shall be pleased to supply you hereafter, or to do any
thing by which we can aid you here & we are very Resly
Yours &c. Wm. M. Brand & Mercantile.

Dear Bap.

Lexington Nov 7. 1834

Brand & Mercantile have just finished & forwarded
per Contract the lot of bag & rope & twine they sold Mr.
Connor & McAlister amounting in all to 4751.⁰⁹/100th &
have per this days mail advised them & furnished a bill
of the same. You will oblige me if you will receive
from them two bills, say one for 2000th & one for 2751.⁰⁹
to fall due 1st next April endorsed by H. R. W. Hill & Co.
on H & J. Dick & Co. New Orleans (between the one handed
you some time since) made payable to Brand & Mercantile
or order. Please forward the above bill of Exchange
at your earliest leisure to me & oblige, Truly yr friend
John Ch. Bap. Esq.

Wm. M. Brand.

P.S. Brand & Mercantile prefer two bills on acct of the con-
venience of selling them more readily in small amts
we presume Connor & McAlister will have no objection
if they do object do not urge it - Wm. M. B.

Messrs. F. J. Martin & Sons

Livingston Nov. 10-1834

Dear Sir - We a^dressed you on the 25th ulto to which we beg
to refer you - We yesterday received a^dvice from Messrs. J. Simp-
son & Co. that they had sent you in addition to the load
sent you by us pieces of bag & rope & coils of
bark rope - We hope you will be able soon to dispose of
it & as there is not a proportion of rope, if you
think you cannot dispose of it without, we will try
to send you some rope to assist it, if you will advise
us immediately on receipt of this - Wagons are very scarce
however, but hope you will be able to dispose of it
as it is - Hoping soon to hear from you with a
Bill of Exchange for that sent you - We are

Yours &c

Wm. M. Mearns & Co.

You will oblige us by sending the weight of the
coils sent you that we may credit Messrs. Simpson & Co.
B. M.

Messrs. F. J. Martin & Sons

Lex. Nov. 20th 1834

Dear Sir. Perceiving from the Price Current of
Louisville that the demand for bag & rope is abating
& the articles falling & fearing that you will be unable
to sell ours, we have concluded to ship ours in your
hands if not sold - You will therefore oblige us by
shipping what bag & rope you may have on hand
per first Steam Boat to Mr John Kennedy, Incumbent
of Howard Bills of Lading as usual - We have forwarded
you since the 31st Oct. 58. lbs. bag & 56 coils of Rope, the last
load of which was per Sam. Middleton yesterday containing
19. lbs. bagging & 17 coils rope - We shall be glad to know on
receipt of this how much, if any, of our articles are sold
to receive a bill of the Buffalo cables as we wish to
sell some of them - Hoping to hear from you soon

We beg you will present our kind regards to the mem-
bers of your family & ampt for yourself & assurances

1200 - Rope delivered at Livingston Nov. 10-1834

of our best wishes for your health & every boon you
can wish.

Yours Truly

Brand & Manaster

Shepherd King English

Dec^r 20. 1834.

Gent. We are in act of your estimate for the 8th inst
addressed to John Brand by mistake the Father of our W^m
M. Brand who visited Alab^a in April last, we observe
its contents. We have this day ordered the shipment of
58 ps. piece bag & 50 coils rope to Mr. John Kennedy of
Tusculum to be forwarded as it is on ad-
for the same destination - We are unwilling to increase
the number of our agents in Alab^a but we will make
this proposition to you. We will sell you what bag &
rope Mr. Kennedy can spare at the Tusculum
prices pay^d 1st of May & deduct 5 p. c. from those
prices for your commissions & make you note satis-
factorily indorsed, negotiable & payable at the Dea-
ter Bank. Its become due 1st of May next. - Mr. J. Ken-
nedy to be judge of the paper - By this arrangement you
will make your commissions & probably more by the dif-
ference between the prices of Deatur & Tusculum &
we only have our sales guaranteed - Please write
us by return mail if you accept our proposition
that we may advise Mr. Kennedy & know what to do.
If you accept & should want the bag & before
we could advise him, please show him this letter
he will make the arrangement. We are Respy.

Yours Truly

Brand & Manaster
Pittsington Dec^r 15 1834

Messrs. P. Dudley & Co

Gentlemen We forwarded for John Watt, to you on
the 11th inst to your care 35 pieces of bag containing 2450 yds

You will please to ship the above 35 pieces bag for first
good steam boat & any more of our articles as they arrive
till further advice to the care of Mr. G. P. Parker & Co. in
on the best terms you can. Yours Truly

Sading as usual — We are Gentlemen
Very Respectfully

Thos D Macaster
Saginaw Dec 15 1834

Mr John Kennedy

Dear Sir We are in part of your esteemed favour
of the 11th Oct last, since which we have not written you
being at that time engaged in filling a contract —
We have now to advise of the shipment of 5 Spica
bag & 56 coils, bale rope for ft Boat. Which on the
29th Nov^r which the produce you have received
long in this reaches you — You will please
flush it off as early as possible on the best terms
you can as we may possibly send you more —

You will oblige us on this if you will
render an acct. balance of what we have sent heretofore
to you send us a bill of Exchange on New Orleans
for the amt. procured, as we presume from the great
demand that it is all sold — Hoping to hear
from you soon, We shall be pleased to know
prices & prospects for a continuance of the demand
for our article & are Very Respectfully Yours Obedt Servts
Thos D Macaster

P.S. We wrote King & English in relation to supplying
them some bag & rope on the 20th Nov^r Should they apply
to you we refer you to our letter to them of that date & you
can tell them how on the terms of our letter what you can
spare R D M

Saginaw Mich Dec 26th
1834

Miss John Simpson & Co

Gentlemen

We received in due course of mail your
esteemed favour of the 3rd Nov^r since which we have not
had the pleasure of addressing you — We hope you
have by this time disposed of the balance of bag & rope on
hand & it that time will be pleased in our affairs,

if you will make out our apt sales of bag^s. &c & present us at
the same time a bill or bills of Exchange for the net
proceeds, on New Orleans to fall due the 1st May.

Hoping to hear from you soon. With the Compliments
of the Season We remain Respectfully Your Obedt Serv^t

Wm. M. Brand

Messrs J. Simpson & Co.

Lexington January 19th 1834.

Gent^l Your fav^r of the 17th inst in reply to one of the
26th Dec^r was duly received in the absence of the writer, at
Frankfort. We had expected to have received at the
same time your Bill of Exchange, & it is a disappointment
to us that we have not. The understanding between you
& Mr Simpson & Mr Wm M. Brand & our expectations based
upon letters of advice to you was that you were to
give us a bill of Exchange on New Orleans to fall
due 1st of May next for the net proceeds of our
articles sold by you. We hope you will be enabled
to send us your bills for a good proportion of the
Sales on receipt of this, or an early period thereafter.
Hoping to hear from you with an apt Sales & safe
Current at your earliest convenience, We are Respy.

Yr Obedt Servants Wm M. Brand & Manly, Jr.

P.S. The arrangement made with you^{as} above is the same
we have made with Mr John Kennedy of Tusculum
& with all our other Agents in Alabama. Our Ca-
pital would not have allowed us to make any other
as was stated to you Mr Simpson by the writer when
in Florence.

B. M.

Wm M. Brand

Lexington Jan. 26. 1835

Dear Sir. Your esteemed favours of the 6th & 13th inst
have been received, contents noted, Mr Higgins will pay
his up in a day or two, Mr Sayer proposed paying
his when in Louisville, where he now is, & we will
send you with Mr Higgins as soon as we can find
an opportunity. We wish you to send us as soon as
convenient 35000 of the new for our own use.

you will please to pick out that of the best quality, you
are aware that it is sometimes very inferior, we hope you
will be able to get it at the Louisville quotation 13.6/14
cts. - Our Wm. Brand wishes you to send him One bbl
of your crushed Soap Sugar, such as sent him last
year at 12 1/2 cts. Reply prompt. Wm. Brand Manchester

Lex^y Feb. 3. 1834

Mr. John Kennedy. Dear Sir. We had this pleasure
on the 15th Dec. last since which we have not received
any letter from you, you will oblige us by forward-
ing our A/c Sales & current, as soon as possible, with
your Bills on et woodhams for the amt due us 1st of
May next, you will also oblige us by stating the
quantity of our articles on hand & if the sales of
the season are over

Wm. Brand Manchester

Wm. Brand Manchester

Mr. W. G. Baker

Lexington Feb. 10. 1834

Dear Sir. Your returns fav. of the 13th letter enclosing
A/c current came duly to hand, balance in your favor
of 116³⁸/₁₀₀, we have also collected of Mr. Higgins
for you 43¹²/₁₀₀, in all 159⁵⁰/₁₀₀ \$ to your credit.

We enclose one Hundred Sixty Dollars to your
debit. Reply prompt. Wm. Brand Manchester

Lexington Ky. March 10th 1835

Messrs. McKasky Hagan & Co

Gent^l

We have this day ordered our friend
Mr. Edward York of New Orleans to ship to you on our
A/c 200. pieces of bagging say 14.000 yds, to sell for
us on Commission. This is the first shipment we have
made to Mobile, although we have made many shipments
to your house prior to Mr. Hagan's leaving New Orleans
For the result of the sales of this depends our future
consignments to Mobile. Our bagging is superior
to most made now, a great many of the manufacturers

having reduced the quantity of the warp which we
have not done it costs us on that acct about
a cent a yard more - We understand Mr J. A. Wells
has made you a consignment, this is reduced down
Comparing the quality of the two articles when opened
you will find considerable difference, his we
learn from him is limited at 30 cts. It is not our
wish to limit ours, we wish you to do the best for
us you can we can sell ours a cent a yard
higher than his - we shall be glad to hear from
you on acct of this the prospects & prices of our
articles show you progress in sales occasionally.

We are Rmly Yrs. Oth. Smith Brand & Manaster to
Signatures of E. Manaster to Wm M. Brand for the
firm of Brand & Manaster both sent to M. H. Co.

Exington March 10th 1834

Mr. Edward York

Dear Sir Mr. Wm G. B. Rundle by mistake shipped
twenty six coils of our bale rope with a lot of John
Brand. Done last May of which I told you advised
you in one of their letters - We shall be glad to hear
from you with an acct sales of it if sold & a check
or bill for net proceeds on the Eastward - We wish
now to advise you that we have this day ordered
Mr. B. Rundle to ship all our bag I on hand at this
time to you than to request you to ship the 1st 200
pds that may arrive on our acct to M. Klossy Hagan
Co. Mobile & effect insurance on it for 3.50 off.
The balance we wish you to sell for us on Com-
mission on the best terms you can & although
we dislike limiting our articles we do not wish
it sold under twenty five cents per yard - Our
bag I is superior to most made now, the manufac-
turers many of them having reduced the quantity
of warp in it from 320 threads to 240 threads

which we have not done, owing to which it costs
you about a cent per yard up to make it than it
does us, but we doubt whether the planters will
like it, & ours is as heavy as theirs - Mr. Jas. Weir
has ordered his loom of which we expect you have
several like you to compare the two articles inside
& out - We know ours is worth a cent per yard more
than his, having examined his - If you have not closed
John Brown & Sons sales of rope, we hope you will
be able to get it off with our bag - If their
asset sales is closed they wish you to forward them
a statement of their asset at your leisure. earli-
est convenient. We are Very Respy.

Wm. B. Brown & Sons, Manchester.

Ex^h. Mar. 10. 1835.

M^{rs}. John Simpson & Co. Dear Sirs, your esteemed fav^r
of the 25th Feb. with your Bill of Exchange for 5000^{rs}
@ 90. days date from 2^o Feb. on A. & F. Dick. & Co. New Orleans
payable to our order in part sales of bag & rope
enclosed, was received per last mail & we are its
content - We were misled by that part of your letter
of the 7th Jan. & where you say you will be prepared
to settle at the time you have always been in the habit
of doing so from which we inferred you expected to
settle by bill at 12 mos as formerly with J. B. Hon.

It is the impression of the writer he mentioned to Mr
Simpson that we would like to have Bills on N. Orleans
in Feb or March for part of the proceeds of sales, & we
thought it would suit you best to pay by bill on
your Cotton in that place - It will suit us quite
as well to have a remittance on the East from
you either by your bill, or by investing proceeds
in a check or checks of 1000^{rs} at one of your
Branches of the Alabama Bank, when the sales
become due according to your usual selling

And we shall be willing to allow you for the trouble in
getting the proceeds of our sales invested in checks on
the Eastward. We shall be pleased to hear from you when
convenient with an apt sales & to know your wishes
with regard to future consignments & are with great resp^t
Yours truly, Brand & Moreau & Co.

P.S. The Coils 1417 lb. Rope shipped to you on the Skinner
by W. S. Barker on the 18th October were on acct of
J. Brand & Son for which please render them a separate
acct if sold. B. M.

Lexington Mar. 13. 1835

Sup^r P. Dudley & Co. - Gent^l: We have forwarded to you per Rail
Road Co. at various times to this date 194 ps bagging, & shall
continue forwarding as we make it. We have your B^l of
107 ps. shipped without our advice to Mr W. S. Barker of
Louisville & although it is according to our wish we prefer
you awaiting our advice hereafter. You will please to
ship what you receive of our till further advice to Mr
W. S. Barker. We send by the Car some bagging
Reeds which we wish reset at the Penitentiary & which
you will confer a favor on us by having reset &
returned to us as soon as they are done. We wish
them reset for (26 tens) twenty six tens & to be 44
inches wide, with 7 splits for selrage on ea. side.

Hoping soon to hear from you. We are very Respy.

Yours truly, Brand & Moreau & Co.

Mr. Edward York

Lexⁿ Mar. 16. 1835

Dear Sir We wrote you on the 16th inst since which
we have concluded not to sell our bagg. in your hands
till further advice, unless you can obtain 28[¢] twenty
eight cents per yard for it. We were yesterday offered
24[¢] for 500 ps. here by Mr. Sam. Bell of Louisville

Enclosed we send you John Simpson's bill of Ex-
change on A. & F. Dick & Co. St. Louis for 5000 \$ in

our favour at 90 days from Feb. 2^d which we will thank
you to invest in checks or undouble bills of Exchange
on Philad^a or N. York, the former we would prefer, at a
short date as possible transmit them to us per S. Boat to
Mr. Wm G. Barrell's care - We procure Exchange on Philad^a
N. York is at 1 1/2 p.c. direct. Hoping to hear from you
soon, we are Dear Sir Very Respy Wm. Brand
Brand & Co.

P.S. Please to ship any rope you may receive with our
bags to McKlosky Hagan & Co. Mobile with the lot ordered
in our letter of the 10th inst. B. Brand

On receipt of our bagging please ship to McKlosky
Hagan & Co. Two Hundred pieces of all the rope with
it, please insure it to Mobile at 25¢ & 8¢ - We men-
tion this thinking you will be in possession of our
article before our letter of advice of the 10th inst
which went by mail. Brand & Co.

Lexington March 16. 1835

Mr Wm G. Barrell - Dear Sir Since the rec^t of your
at some letter to our Wm M. Brand the contents
of which are observed, we have determined to
ship the balances of our bagging & rope in
your hands there to Mr Edward Yorkle - This
being a large shipment we hope you will be enabled
to get it taken at low rates - You should have
on hand 307 pieces of bag & 17 coils rope we expect
to forward to Frankfort via Rail Road 60 or 70 coils
rope & about the same quantity of bag (which is
ordered to be shipped to you as it arrives on to-
morrow morning - Please insure the bag & rope
25¢ & 8¢ & forward the enclosed letters per S. Boat
to Cow York - It is impossible to buy bag here
at the prices you mention in your letter to the order
Sam Bell yesterday offered the Louisville prices with
Commissions off & we have no doubt would have

give us 24cts for 500 lbs. he has gone to Nicholasville
to purchase, not being able to buy here - you would
oblige by sending our Wm B. a bbl of crushed loaf
sugar as soon as convenient. With our best respects
to Mrs B. whom we hope is recovered to the family
we are truly your friends Brand & Marshall.
P.S. In the letter to Edw. York enclosed we have
put a bill of Exchange in our favor for 5,000 \$
I hope you will get some safe prompt conveyance
B. & M.

Messrs McKlosky Hagan & Co Lexington Ky March 16. 1835
Gentlemen. We wrote you on the 10th inst to which
please refer - We have since determined to send
you all the rope we have on hand & have also
concluded to limit our bagging - you will therefore
please hold our bags at thirty cents per yard & rope
at ten cents per lb till further advice - We shall
be pleased to hear from you on acct of this with
the prices & prospects for our articles by your views
I am very Respy.
Yr Obedt Servants
Brand & Marshall.

P.S. Please to sell our rope with our bagging
B. & M.

Messrs B & A Keweenaw

Lexington Mar. 20 - 1835

Dear Sir Within day sent you per Rail Road the
balance of our Bag & Rope intended for St. Orleans
& Mobile the rope which you had on hand say 17 coils 1687
& the 68 coils sent to day 687th is all intended for Mobile
with 200 lbs of the bagging - the balance of the bagging
say 178 lbs (including 83 lbs sent you previously) is intended
for E. York - Please mention to Mr. Y. that all the rope
is for Mobile, he has his instructions with regard to
shipping it &c. but perhaps it may be well for you
to mention it again in case our letters should mis-
carry.
Very truly yrs Brand & Marshall.

Mr J. J. Martin Knox Sat^h Mar. 20 1835

Genl. Assuming you have closed sales of our bagging
bales before this, we will thank you to send us an
account at your earliest convenience with a Bill
for etc. Pro' on et. Orleans payable 1st May next, or any
other way (that best suits you) equal to that - Mr Simpson
states the amt sent you (exclusive of that sold you) was
61 ps. & 33 cts. - We shall be glad to know if you desire
consignment of our article this year, as we may pro-
bably wish to send some to Huntsville - Hoping
to hear from you soon. We are Genl. Trustees
Brand & Murales in

Syrington Ky March 23 1835

Mr Edward Toker

Dear Sir We addressed you on the 10th of 16th inst to which
please to refer - We now hand you John Simpson & Co^s
of Exchange in our favour on N York Dick & Co 9 days
from 2^d Feb, which you will oblige by investing in checks
as per advice of the 16th when matured, remit us -

We would prefer the check, in sums of \$1000. ea - Since
our last letter hemp has advanced to \$7 per cwt we have
had several applications to purchase bag. We are that
Abijah Fisk of N Orleans & McCloster Hagan & Co
have named their agents in Louisville & Frankfort to
purchase largely - the former 10,000 pieces - but the manu-
facturers have been speculating on last year refuse to sell
under a great advance - some ask 26 1/2¢ per lb, there have
been sales made in the neighbourhood @ 24 1/2¢ cash
at Louisville - We have concluded to raise the limit
of ours, in your hand, to 30¢ per yard till 15th May (or such
time as we may advise) - At which time you may
sell ours at the current rates for articles of as good quality
There is none better made here, & 9/10th worse than ours
We shall be pleased if you will give us your prices of
our articles & advise us occasionally prices of prospects

Oblige Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

Wm. B. Macintosh

P.S. The total amt of bag & rope ordered to be shipped
you is 378 pieces 2 1/2 bags & 85 Coils Rope - 200 lbs
of 85 Coils for h. M. & S. & 100 lbs for the balance
for yourself. W.B.M.

Mr. John Kennedy

Lexington Mass. 31. 1835

Dear Sir We had the pleasure to receive your
esteemed favor of the 16th ulto in due course as neither
of us intend visiting at that place this Spring we write thank
you to send us as early as convenient an "Ap. Sales
& Current of our bag & rope & twine with a statement
for the "Net proceeds". We can any of our bag articles are
on hand please hold them at 30 cts for bag & 11¢
for rope - Hoping to hear from you soon We are.

Respy. W.B.M. Wm. B. Macintosh

P.S. As our Grocers have done buying Bills on N. Orleans,
we would have difficulty in selling them now, we
will therefore thank you to send us Checks or Bills
at short date on Philad. equal to par (as in our
understanding) 1st May next. W.B.M.

Lex. " Mar. 31st 1835

Messrs J. Simpson & Co.

Gent. We had this pleasure on the 10th inst, acknowl-
edging receipt of your esteemed fav^r of the 25th Feb.
covering Bill of Exchange on N. York for
5000⁰⁰ - Since that time hemp has advanced con-
siderably. If you have any of our bag & rope
on hand (an amount worth holding) we wish it
held at 30 cts for bag & 11¢ for rope - Hoping to hear
from you soon with our ap sales & current. We
are

Respy. W.B.M. Wm. B. Macintosh

Wm. B. Macintosh

26. is as per for bag & rope.

Mr. Eder? York

Lexⁿ Mar. 30th 1835

Dear Sir If you have not sold our bag at the
limit of 30 cts please hold it at 32 cts, as we have
no doubt it will be that price in your market in
a short time, hemp has advanced with us to 8¹/₂
per cent. It will yet go higher we think, consequently
1 Bag. 8 to pay a fair profit must bring us the above
price, 25¹/₂ cts has been refused for bag 8 here, we
would not sell ours for less than 28 cts. here now -
Hoping to hear from you occasionally. - We are

Very Truly yrs

^{10 as Recd.}
Goffried & Co. for Messrs. Brand & Maraden to.

Lexⁿ Mar. 30th 1835

Messrs. McKlosky & Wagon Co.

Gent^l. We addressed you on the 16th inst, limit-
ing our bag 8 at thirty cents & rope at ten cents
if you have not disposed of them at those prices
you will please hold them at thirty ^{two} cents & twelve
cents - Hemp has advanced to 8¹/₂ per cent & will
yet go higher we think in consequence of the
supposed deficiency in the crop of last year.

Hoping to hear from you soon we are

Respy. W. Ott. Salt.

Brand & Maraden to

Lexington, Ky, April 7th 1835

Messrs. John Simpson & Co.

Gentlemen

We are in rec^d of your esteemed
favour of the 29th ult & observe its contents - We have
looked hastily over your apt sales, & have no sale of our twine
which if not sold you will please to hold @ 30¹/₂ cts per lb.
of our bag of rope please hold till further advice @ 35¹/₂
thirty five cents for the bag of 11¹/₂ cts, fourteen cents per
lb. - The price of hemp has advanced & is expected to
rise higher & we therefore prefer holding our articles
till we know what our hemp will cost us

Hoping to hear from you on the 1st May
We are Respectfully Your Obedt. Servants
Wm & Macalister

Sup^r. Mr. Loring Hagan Esq.

Luxⁿ. April 11th 1835

Genl. We addressed you on the 10th 16th & 30th ultimo to which please to refer. Since writing you last hump has gone up to 10th per cent & bag & drops seem to be advancing with it.

We therefore now wish you to advance our bag & drops to 35 cents for the former & 12 1/2 for the latter - We this morning recd Geo. Buchanan Esq^r letter of the 29th ulto, recommending in high terms your House who thinks bag & will be worth 33 to 35 this month. We hope you will be able to under us an apt sale which will induce us to continue our consignments to your House in Mobile, & we shall certainly be mortified if our articles which are far superior to our neighbours weirs do not bring us more than this. We shall be pleased to receive an apt sale, as soon as you effect the same & are Very Resp^y. Wm & Macalister.

Wm & Macalister.

Mr Edw^d. York

Luxⁿ. Ky. April 11th 1835.

Dear Sir. We addressed you on the 10th 16th 23rd & 30th ulto to which we beg to refer you. On one of the 16th we enclosed you John Simpson Esq^r 1st bill of exchange on it of J. Dick Esq^r at 90 days date from Feb. 2nd & in one of the 23rd we enclosed you the 2nd of the same bill for collection - We hope shortly to receive a reply to some of our former dates than now to request you to hold our bag & c 35th per yd. Hump has advanced & is sold as high as 10th per cent. in our Sails & there is no telling whether it will not go higher owing to a deficiency in the crop of last year - As soon as you have made sale of ours, we would be glad to receive an apt sale & a remittance, as we may send you a further consignment if we are pleased with the apt. We are truly. Wm & Macalister.

Wm & Macalister.

Mr John Kennedy

Lex^a. Apr. 11th 1835

Dear Sir, We advised you on the 31st ulto & are
since without any of your favours - By the time you
receive this the sales will probably be over for bag & V
Rope but have to request that you will hold ours in your
hands on receipt of this & thirty five cents for bag & V
& a half for rope - Hoping soon to receive our Aft sales
& Current & a remittance for the net proceeds thereof
We are Very Resp^{ly} Yours Truly, Board & Masters
Hemp has been sold @ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. cwt. & been 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ g.

Lex^a. Apr. 17. 1835

Mr. Edw^d York

Dear Sir. We are in net of your esteemed favour
of the 3^d. Just informing us of the net of one bag & the
shipment of 200 p. in advice also the sale of the balancer
at 32 cts p. yd. - For which please accept of our thanks -
Mr B & Runk has delayed shipping the balancer say 71 p.
& 65 coils of Rope but wrote him a day or two since
urging its shipment - the bag & is for you & the rope
for Mr. Loskey Hagan & Co. Mobile - The price of bag &
must still advance, as also Rope owing to the high price
of Hemp which is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. cwt but we have little
doubt will get to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ at which the large crops are
now held, some sales at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Vreuilley - In our
letter of the 11th we limited our bag to 35 cents p. yard
which we hope you will get (if not more) for the
balancer

We are Truly Yours Truly

Board, & Masters

P.S. We also acknowledge the net of Check for Proceeds of
J. Simpson & Co. file.

B. & M.

Lex^a. Ky. Apr. 17. 1835

Messrs Connor & McAlister

Dear Sirs - Your favour of the 11th April was rec^d -
per last mail & observed its contents - We will send you

what bag & rope we make from the 20th inst (up to which time
we have engaged what we have on hand & making) e thirty cents
per yard for the bag & eleven cents per lb for the rope, deliver-
able here & take your Bill indorsed by B. R. W. Hill & Co.
on your Agent at Orleans & 6 mos from the average
delivery in payment, up to the 1st June or July as you wish.

Be the meantime reserving the privilege of selling
till we hear from you, as we are almost daily receiving
orders for our article - we make now about 2000 yds
& 2000 lbs per week - The rate of freight we are now
paying to Louisville is about 40 to 50 cts per 100th at
which we have no doubt of being able to send - Please
to advise us on receipt of this of your determination
to oblige
Yrs truly, Brand & Manaster.

Lx^y Apl. 22^d 1835

Mr. Jno. Kennedy

Dear Sir We are in Rec^d of your esteemed favor
of the 10th inst covering the contents. The first
covering Original check for 3000⁰⁰ @ 45. date on
Phoenix Bank at York & the latter covering duplicate of
the same being in part payt of Sales of bag. rope and
twine - We wish you to send us the Aget Sales & when
due send us a check @ 45 days date for the balance
We wrote you on the 11th inst requesting you to hold
our bag @ thirty five cents per yard from Rope at
twelve & a half cents & now have to request you to
hold the rope at fourteen cents per lb. Hoping to
hear from you on the 1st May with Aget. Sales &
Current & a check for proceeds. We are Respec^t

Yrs^t Servants

Brand & Manaster.

P.S. We only rec^d your last letter on yesterday
with by same mail. B. M.

Mr. John Simpson & Co. Lex^a. Apr 22^d 1835

Gent^l We are in Rec^t of your letter of the
7th inst comming check to our order for 3000^g
from Branch N. S. Bank at Orleans on N. S. Bk
Philad^a - to secure its contents, - for the balance of
out proceeds will thank you when due to send us a
45 days from date check, & D. Brand & Son would
to receive the amt due^d of Mr. A. Scott in the same
way - We intend ordering our Agent to ship you
in a few days about 1000^g. Expect to be able to
send you more in the course of the summer,
having sold all we have now here, except about
the above quantity. We are Gent^l

Respy. Thos. Servant
Brand. Macalister.

Lex^a. Apr 22^d 1835

Mr. John M. Sweep

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 7th inst
is rec^d, contents noted. It will be out of our power
to make you a consignment of bag. rope this season
having already sold a considerable quantity & made
arrangements for what we have on hand, previous
to the receipt of your letter - We hope at some
future period to be able to send you some -

Bagging rope are quite low in Louisiana
at 30 & 12 1/2 cts. 6. mos. Respy Thos. Servant
Brand. Macalister.

Mr. W. G. Bakewell

Lex^a. April 30th 1835

Dear Sir. We wrote you on the 20th March since which
we are in rec^t of your esteemed favour with Bill of Lading
of the 23^d April - We have now to request you to ship 83^{ps}
of bag^g 70 yds each half of the rope on hand (of which we
have forwarded you from here 74 cts) to John Simpson & Co.
Florence for first good Steam Boat on the best terms you
can also please ship the balance of the bag^g in your

hands for the way, viz 450 by d, & the balance of the rope
 say 37 coils to John Kennedy, Incumbent at same time
 insure the whole at 30 cts & 12 1/2 cts. In shipping you will
 oblige us if you will engage with the freighter to take
 Alabama Currumay for freight in all future shipments, as
 we were charged compelled to pay 2 p.c. on all freight bills
 last year, but are told they (our agents) generally pay in
 Currumay charged in the prime - Our Wm M. B. expects to come
 down to you on the 6th proximo - In the mean time remem-
 ber us affectionately to all your family. Truly, Yr friends
 For and Macabers.

You should have on hand if the last lots sent to Frankfort
 has arrived.

83 ps.	70 yds.	5810 yds	for J. Simpson & Co
101	43 -	4343	"
1	86 -	86	" J. Kennedy
1	42 -	42	"
1	35 -	35	"

To. To. 74 coils rope. 6838th Rope. 3 yds for J. Simpson
 3 yds " J. Kennedy.

Sixth April 30th 1835.

Wm M. B. & Co.

Gent^l We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd
 April in relation to the purchase of 3000 lbs. bag^s - We
 regret that our present engagements will prevent our
 making you an offer as we shall be unable to
 furnish the quantity wanted - We may possibly be able
 to supply you a part of your order towards the fall
 but would prefer selling it here at our door - We were
 offered 30 cts & 12 1/2 for all the bag^s & rope we make
 till 1st June deliverable in Louis^{is} C. O. M. & 33 cts & 12 1/2
 are asked for the greater part in Louisville.

We are very Resp.

For and Macabers.

that you had not received the other 100 pieces bag
of 85 Coils Hope, as we are advised by Mr. C. C. of
it, shipment we fear he has based his advice
on an engagement to ship in which he has been disap-
pointed - his advice of it, shipment is dated 3
April - We shall write him by this days mail in
reputation thereto - We shall be glad to hear from you
on its price, & sale, & occasionally in relation to the
state of your market for what is the result of
the orders sent out for Scotch bags. We are
Gentlemen Respectfully Yours

J. Brand & Macatze
J. P. The author, successor of John Brand & Co.
who as this is led to the put of divers of your favour
John Brand has quit business. W. B. M.

N. T. B. In relation to a remittance for proceeds of
sales, of our bags, you will oblige us by purchasing
as an undoubted bill of Exchange @ 60 or 90 days
from date on Philadelphia & also for the proceeds of
the 100 pieces of 85 Coils Hope to the sold. W. B. M.

Sup^d J. Simpson & Co. Lex^y May 16th 1835

Genl^l: We wrote you on the 22nd ulto advising of our
intention to ship you about 100. ps of bag. since which
we have learned that Mr. Mason of Tusculum has
gone from Mobile with 1000 bales of Cotton, to Scot-
land for bag. for the Florence & Birmingham markets - In
consequence of which we fear our bag. may lay over
till Sept. or October & we be subjected to the price at
that time - We therefore fearing lower prices in the
fall must decline for the present to send you that
we expected & advise you to prevent a disappointment.

We think we ought to embrace the present prices
I hope it will not be a disappointment - We have
also to request you to have our bagging at Forty three
Cents per yd. & Rope at fifteen Cents per lb. - Hoping

soon to receive nett proceeds, of the balance last year.
Yours for are

Very Resp^y. Yrs

Br and Macalister

P.S. If there are not heavy importations of Scotch
bag, the price will justify in the Summer & fall
we hope still to be able to send you a supply &
would be pleased to hear from you. B.T.M.

Lexington Ky. May 18th 1835

Mr John Kennedy

Dear Sir We beg to refer you to our letter of
the 22^d April to which we are still without any reply. &
have now to request you to hold our bag at a forty three cents
per yard, your Rope at fifteen cents per lb to sell the
two articles to gether - We had ordered our friend
H. G. Paton to ship you about 5000 yds bag & a propor-
tion of Rope, but learning that Mr. Mason of your place
had gone out for Scotch bag & about 1000 bales cotton
to enable him to purchase for your neighbourhood, we
have countermanded the order - being unwilling to
subject ourselves to the prices in the fall, being anxious
to embrace the present rates - We advise you to prevent
any disappointment, & if there are not heavy importa-
tions may send you some during the summer & fall
I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally - We
hope soon to receive our 1st sales balance of
nett proceeds, & am Very Truly Yours

Br and Macalister

Lexington Ky. May 27. 1835

Sup^r J. J. Martin Sons

Gent^l - We rec^d per last night's mail your
esteemed favour of the 20th inst & to serve its con-
tents - We had been expecting a remittance of the proceeds
of sales, according to our advice of the 20th March
for some time & were intending to write you to day
You will oblige us by sending us a check or bank

90 day bill of the Dime Bank on Philad^a which you
can buy on the best terms - In looking over
your acct lately we see you charge $7\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. Commission
& guarantee - we have never paid a guarantee in Mass^a
& your father's charge for selling for us has never
been more than 5 p.c. We mention it that you
may credit us if you think it right with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.

The balance of our bag say 5.00 you may take
to acct at 40¢ if you will include the amt in your
remittance to us, otherwise please hold it at 45¢
per yard. Hoping to hear from you without delay
We are Respectfully
Br and P. Marshall & Co.

Messrs P. Dudley & Co

Lexington Ky. June 15th 1835

Gent^l We yesterday forwarded you per Rail Road ninety
seven pieces of bag 14 17 1 yd, twenty four coils ^{late} Rope weighing
2658^{lbs} We understand you are making arrangements
to forward by wagons we hope you will be able to get
this off either by wagon or S. Boat - we shall be glad
to hear from you on rect of this what the carriage will
be on our articles from Frankfort & what you charge
so we may know what course to adopt before we send
any more off

We are truly, Yrs &c. Geo. H. Smith.

Br and P. Marshall & Co.

Messrs John Simpson & Co. Lexington Ky. June 2nd 1835

Gent^l We wrote you on the 7th April, 22nd do
& 16th ult^o & are in acct of your letters of the 19th
22nd & 27th May. & observe their contents - we are
surprised that you take no notice of our letters
of the 7th & 22nd April & of their limits - we beg to
call your attention to them to say that we have
generally had an understanding with our Commission
in Merchants that they were to pay us for all
our articles sold previous to 1st May & also after

1st May on the 1st May thereafter - If you have sold our
bag & rope prior to 1st May, we shall be pleased to receive
proceeds of Sales. If since the 1st May we are surprised
that you take no notice of our limits of the 7th
April which was 35 cts per yard for our bag &
14 cts per lb. for our rope - we shall be pleased to
hear from you on rectⁿ of this in reply & are
Rsfy. Yr. Obedt. Servants, Brand & Macalister.

Livingston N.Y. June 7th
1835

Mr Charles Macalister

Dear Sir Enclosed we have taken the
liberty of sending you Mr Loring Nagant's draft in
our favour a thirty days after sight on Messrs Jackson
Riddle & Co Philadelphia for \$5000³⁵, five thousand
sixty dollars & thirty five cents, which you will oblige us
by having presented for acceptance & holding for our further
advice - Our C. Macalister left here for Louisville
on the 5th Inst. for the purpose of disposing of some
of our manufactures, we expect him home in a day or
two - Mrs Lathrop desires us to say, it is doubtful whether
our Mr C. Macalister will accompany them to Philad^a

Our family are all well they are remembered to you,
Sincerely truly Your friend, Brand & Macalister

P.S. Please advise us of the rec^t & acceptance of
the above P.S. & M.C.
Livingston June 8th 1835

Mr J. H. Miller

Sir Your letter of the 30th May is received
& I observe its contents - I am sorry to say that I do not
recollect any condition having been made as to your
getting enough hemp to bring to Livingston to make it an
object - Further I do not recollect your saying that
I could not get your ~~hemp~~ you came to deliver Marmah
& Jacob - According to my recollection you said in
answer to my question when I might expect your hemp

"that your brother had sold his before ~~you~~ saw him. If your
own you said not a word - I would be glad if I
could believe the difference in price is not the cause of
your not delivering your hump, but the delivery of the hump
or not will govern my opinion as to the cause. If
Mr Clay will say there was any condition about your
getting enough hump to make it an object to bring it
to Lexington I shall be perfectly satisfied to let you
off - but if he says there was no condition I shall
expect the two tons of hump I have learned stat-
tally you have engaged your hump to a Gentlemen in
this County would ask if there was any condition
to him that provided you could get enough hump
to make it an object you would bring it. I regret
to hear your father has had a difficulty about his
crop of hump - I shall be glad to know what I
am to expect in relation to your hump so I may
take my course accordingly & am Respectfully
Yours M. Brand

Messrs. McLokey, Hagan, & Co Lexington June 10th 1835

Gent: We look you on the 6th ulto & have since in-
rect of your letter of the 16th & 20th April & 4 & 23rd May & shown
them contently - The latter containing your draft of \$90 do it
on Jackson Riddle & Co. Philad^a - for net proceeds of sales
of 200 pieces of bag. 8 & 17 coils of Rope minus one half per-
cent which we lose in interest - We had expected you
would be able to purchase us a bill at par at least
to fall due at the same time as the sales - instead of which
you have sent us a bill which we cannot realize until
one month after the sales are due - We mention it that
you may think of it if choose you may or not
credit us with it - We hope you will soon render
us sales of our Rope at your current rates & are

Very Resp^y

Wm. Brand

Brand on account

Lexington June 10th 1835

Messrs Phillips, Mox & Co

Gentl^{es} - The forwarded you per A. J. Johnson
24 coils Rope & 30 pieces bag on the 9th inst, which you
will please ship on its arrival per first good ^{sham} boat
to care of W. E. Baker & Co, Louisville on the best terms
you can. We shall be glad to hear from you when
you send us a bill of Lading your rates per 100^{lbs}
for receiving & forwarding our articles that we
may know what the carriage will cost us by
Marysville. If we are justified in sending by
Marysville we will continue forwarding as soon
as we hear from you - We are very truly, yr

Wm. D. Mearns & Co

M. C. Mearns & Co

Lex^{ing} June 11th 1835.

Dear Sir. Enclosed we have taken the liberty of
sending you (not having any acquaintance, that we
correspond with in N. York) Messrs Martineau Conger
& Co. first of Exchange on Ogden Ferguson & Co. N. York
in fav. of W. E. Baker & Co. at 135 days date
from the 26th May for sixty six hundred & fifty
two $33\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars which you will much oblige us
by having accepted & holding subject to our order.

We wrote you on the 7th inst. Enclosed Messrs
Loring & Haynes & Co. draft at 90 days for our
favor on Messrs Jackson Riddle & Co. for Five Thousand
& sixty $35\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars for acceptance, which we hope
will be safe to hand. Very truly yr

Wm. D. Mearns & Co

Messrs W. E. Baker & Co

Lex^{ing} June 13th 1835

Dear Sir Your returned letter of the 9th inst. con-
firming A/c Sales of 232 pieces of bag & 86 coils of Rope
with Martineau Conger & Co's bill of Exchange @ 135 days date
from 26th May for \$6652. $33\frac{1}{2}$ per on Messrs Ogden Ferguson & Co
N. York in payment of sales is rec^d & contently noted.
You may draw in at 135 days date from 26th May

for your part of the above bill say \$936.⁰²/100 subject
to the condition that if the above bill is not paid, you
will pay in the same - We have forwarded to you via
Grant & Fort 494 pieces of bag. & 67 coils rope the Mary-
ville 62 pieces of bag. & 42 coils of Rope of which we
have only bills of Lading for 97 ps. & 35 coils by
Grant & Fort since 16th May - If you can sell our
bag & Rope on acct of this, so as to nett us 35
Cents per yard & 12 1/2 cents per lb. you may do so
otherwise please to ship the above quantity to
25 b. pieces & 109 coils at it arrives per good Steam
Boats to New York or St. Orleans, & insure the same
Please write us that we know so we may advise
Mr. York & Co. Yours truly
Brand. & M. A. L. S.

Lexington Ky. June 16th 1835

Mr. John Kennedy. Dear Sir. We wrote you on the 8th
May & 22nd April & are surprised that we do not hear
from you in reply thereto - You will oblige us if you
will have our acct. Sales & Current made out on acct
of this & forward to us by mail as proceeds of Sales
for the balance due either in checks or bills at
short date on the Eastward - We are surprised
& at a loss for a reason to account for your long
silence. Hoping to hear from you on acct
of this. We are Truly. Yours O. B. Loomis.
Brand. & M. A. L. S.

Alfred J. Dillman Esq. Lexington Ky. 23rd June 1835

Friend - We are in acct of your esteemed favor
of the 9th inst concerning Alabama Bank, Check on Phoenix
Bank at York for 1536.²⁵/100 Dollars, being the balance
due us for Sales bag & rope - We have referred to
the acct of James J. Dillman for 1829. 30 & 1830 & 31 &
find his charges in the latter acct for Commissions, State
County Tax 5 1/2 per cent in the former 5 per cent & 30 cts. per

100 for taxes &c. We have never paid in Huntsville
speaking from memory more than 5. p. c. which has
been the usual charge in doing our business in that
town charges for hand hire, tax &c. added. It is a
small matter but have it entirely with you, merely
by remarking that we expected to do our business on
the same terms with you as with your father - We
shall be glad to send you a further supply on Com-
mission or to sell it to you at the Louisville
prices deliverable here the Carriage deducted, if
you wish it would like to hear from you on
next of this.

We are Very Respectfully
Your Servants.

Br and Mearns & Co.

Mr W. B. Barlow. Lexington June 23^d 1835

Dear Sir.

Your esteemed fav. of the 21st inst per the
Cock Partridge, we are in debt of to regret to hear
of your illness, but hope this will find you all
alive & a Ricking - your dft in fav. of Smith &
Keats shall be duly honoured on presentation - We
would prefer you not selling our Rope without the
bag. you wish it if you can sell them together @ 35.00
& 14 we shall be pleased that you would do so &
not ship them as advised - There is very little
Rope making in our neighbourhood & at the
present price of hemp the manufacturers cannot
afford to make it - We have been confidently ex-
pecting an advance for two or three weeks in
that article - With kind regards to all your
family - We are Very Truly Yr friends,
Br and Mearns & Co.

Lex^a June 25th 1835

Mrs. P. Dudley & Co.

Genl^l We received you on the 1st & are since in
fact of your letter of the 4th inst & observe contents

Our friend W. G. Baskin wrote a short time since
saying that he had rec^d eight coils of bale rope up from
your Bill of Lading promising to the 20th May called for
it was marked in Bld. as not sent - Having heard
that the Argo was up yesterday & took freight we hope
you have shipped the above 8 coils & 32 coils & 97 pieces
bag. Subsequently sent you - or that you have forward
ed it by wagons - We have a large lot of bag rope
on hand & should be glad to forward it to you if
there is a prospect of getting it off on reasonable
terms - Please write us what rates you are giving wagons
if there is a prospect of getting enough of them - &
oblige

Respy. Fr. Mt. Servants.

Wm & Mearns & Co.

Mrs. Phillips Mooklar

Lex^a June 30th 1835

Genl^l We are in rec^d of your letter of the 26th inst in
relation to hemp & observe its contents - We have been out of the
Market for hemp for some time having laid in our supply
but have inquired of several manufacturers since the rec^d
of your letter & find that 11¢ is the highest cash price
for first rate hemp - If you feel disposed to send
it here we will endeavor to dispose of it on the
best terms we can for you free of charge - We
forwarded to you per John Rankin wagon on the 27th
18 coils 1921th bale rope & 31 p. 1333 yds bag⁹ which
we hope you have received & will be enabled to ship
soon - We have never paid more than 15¢ per 100 lbs
freight from Mayville to Louisville than for
we had it shipped @ 12 1/2¢ by January & then
you to whom we have sent several years
prior to 1834 - We are Dear Sirs Truly

Wm & Mearns & Co.

Sup^r Andrew H. Dutton, Esq^r. June 30th 1835

Gent^l - We are in rec^t of your letter of the 23^d.
In relation to Bagging & Rope & otherwise,
Contract - We cannot offer to sell you the quan-
tity of bag & rope you mention on the terms
you wish, at such rates as would be an induce-
ment to you to purchase, believing that without
heavy importations of Scotch the price will advance
& feeling certain that rope must rise from the
small quantity making here, owing to the high
prices of hemp which is worth 12 per cent.

Very Resp^{ly}, Wm^l Dutton
Grand Marais to

Mr. Wm^l B. B. B. B.

Esq^r. July 6th 1835

Dear Sir, We had this pleasure on the 23^d ulto, since
which we are in rec^t of your esteemed favour of the
30th Inst. Cont^l, & our bag & rope are fast
accumulating in your hands, we will thank you
if you have not disposed of them, to forward by
first good Boat about 10,000 lbs of rope
& 10,000 yds of bag & to Mr Edw^d York
New Orleans, effect insurance on same &
advise us of the shipment that we may
give him our instructions accordingly.

With kind remembrances to your
family We are. Very truly yr
Grand Marais to.

P.S. Our Wm^l Brand wants us to say if you
have not paid his installment on the Kentucky
Bank Stock you had not do so as he can
pay it to Mr Todd who is now authorized
to receive them.

For Mr

B. D. M.

Sydney 13th July 1835

Mr Edmund Yorky

Dear Sir Your letter of the 2^d & 23^d of May
was received in due course & contents noted - We have now to
advise you of the shipment of 2000 lbs of 10.33rd & 93 coils 10.31st & all paper
for Steamer Claiborne to you to sell for us on commission
on the 8th July - You will please to sell it on the best
terms you can for us & hope you will soon be able to render
us an acct. sales for it, & the balance of our last shipment
which we have been expecting some time

We wish both articles sold together, & not one with-
out the other, at the current rates, so soon as you have
an offer - We declined selling a 35th & 13th in consequence
believing they would bring 39 or 40th & 16 for 10.31

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible
We are Very Respectfully Yours

Wm Macalister
Sydney 13th July 1835

Mr Wm Macalister, Glasgow

Dear Sir We send you on the 10th of 11 to
which we beg to refer your signature without any of your having
to reply to - We will oblige us if you will on receipt of this remit
us the duplicate or triplicate of your billow. These 2000
lids for 30th 1835 & we shall at same time be
glad to receive an acct. sales of the balance of our 10.31
which we hope you have sold ere this - We know had
the above bill accepted, but neglected to endorse it when
we sent it to our friend in Philadelphia - Hoping to
hear from you at your earliest leisure - We are Truly
Yours Wm Macalister

Mr W E Rourke

Sat^y July 15th 1835

Dear Sir. You may see what Bagging & Rope
we have in ^{your} hands at 35cts for the former & 13d for
the latter but we are in hopes you will get in 35 &
13½ as in former sale at that, 13½ is too low for
rope but we are surprised it does not rise, we can
sell our hump to it as more than rope at that
price, hump will bring 12 to 12.50¢. Our rope
is all hump, but if it will not bring over 13 sell
it, but the Bag must go with it. Dudley has
not advised of the last shipment we sent him of
57 ps & 24 coils. We have about 100 ps & 70 coils on
hand, but cannot get wagons. B. Bonnell

Livingston July 22nd 1835

Messrs. P. Dudley & Co

Gentlemen We addressed you on the 25th June of
an invoice of your favour of 27th June with bills of
Lading annexed. We have forwarded you since those
shipments 79 pieces 33 9th yds, bag^s & 54 coils 57.33th Rope
I have been sometimes expecting to hear of it being forward-
ed in wagons. We shall be glad to be advised if it has
been, & as soon as you may forward it, & also in regard
to future shipments, as they are made, & what prospects
there are for an increase of wagons &c. Respectfully Yours
B. Bonnell

Messrs. P. Dudley & Co

Sat^y Aug 6th 1835

Dear Sirs. Your young man informed us a
few days since that nearly all our bag. rope had
been forwarded from Frankfurt by wagons. Our
agent Mr B. Rourke is now to say he has rec^d. none from
you since the Boats stopped running. We are exceedingly
anxious to have it in Louis to fill an order by the middle of
this month. Will take it as a great favour if you will use every
effort in your power to get it there. We do not limit the carriage
to Louis, get it on the best terms you can. P. Dudley & Co
B. Bonnell

Mr Geo Kennedy

Lexington Aug. 8th 1835

Dear Sir. We last addressed you on the 16th June
since which we have rec^d your letter of 26th same month,
stating your intention ^{of visiting the Springs in Ky.} of bringing with you our wife & children
& the bal. due us in cash if you done so. As you have not come,
we were surprised you have not sent us the amt with
a remittance, we have been in daily expectation of receiving
it ever since the rec^t of your ~~letter~~ ^{in the letter of the} ~~26th June~~. We now require all money due us to meet
our engagements - than have been much disappointed at not
receiving the amt ^{you owe} ~~due~~ us ~~from you~~ - We shall be glad
to hear from you by first mail - Respy Wm. W. S. S.
Grand Manassas, Va.

Messrs Simpson & Co.

Lex. Ky. Aug. 23rd 1835.

Gentlemen Your letter of the 10th June was rec^d in due
course of mail & should have been sooner replied to, but from
its contents seemed to require no immediate answer, being
written evidently under feelings of irritation, which we re-
gretted as we thought they were without cause from us -
Notwithstanding you say several of our letters appear to have
been written under feelings of irritation, we assure you we
were not aware of being under such feelings & on re-perus-
ing our letters, think the language will not bear such an
interpretation - With a wish to do ourselves justice in
your opinion & to show you that we have been our "under-
standing" of payments on letters of advice we now address
you - In your letter of 10th June you say "we come out as on a
former occasion with understandings & suppositions
that you have nothing to do with, not having any
instructions or understandings with us different from
the usual manner you have done business with us". We
will refer you 1st to an extract of our letter of 28th May
1834 viz. "If you think you can dispose of the whole
sent you & pay us by Bill on it or Cash next May
we shall be pleased to let it lay in your hands"

Otherwise we shall be pleased if you will let us know
so we may take means to dispose of it. Again in
the same letter we say "We have no objections to your
selling c 234 qts our article, payable next May. &
Again in a postscript to St. Brands Sons letter of 19th Aug.
34. "St. Brands & Marable two desire us to say they could if
advised in time send you some more, but they would
not have them sold at a longer credit than ^{1st} next May.
With regard to the payment of Sales we thought we
had explained in our letter of 10th March 1835 to which
you are again referred, the Cause of the misunderstanding
to which you allude in your letter of the 10th June.
"as on a former occasion" & in addition to which the
writer now reiterates that he W.M.B. mentioned to your
Mr Simpson when in Florence last, that we would
like to get a Bill on St. Orleans for a part of the pro-
ceeds before the 1st May, but to fall due 1st & Mr. S.
said he had no doubt he could give it - but we sh^d
never have contended for a bill on St. Orleans, to fall due
1st May, except for the expression in your letter of the
7th Jan^y. that you would be prepared to settle at
the usual time from which we were misled, thinking
you expected 12 mos credit. Again you say in your
letter of the 10th June, "We would think our letter of the
22nd May was sufficient to let you know we had not only
noticed, but acted on these letters having informed you of
our disposing of what bag & trope of yours on hand at
the prices directed" - In reply we say you will find in
our letter 7th April our bag & trope limited to 35 & 14 cts.
not 35 & 11 cts the prices sold at for your letter of the
22nd May - As to the misunderstanding about a settlement
on 1st May, we would only ask were you not in the
doubt when one of our firms visited you about 1st
May of paying us by bill (for all sold to that day)
at 12 mos with interest, such has been the habit of
our other friends in Alabama - As the successors

of John Brand & Son who though we say they acknowledge
themselves under many obligations to your house for
various services in the transaction of their business
that no house has done their business more to their
satisfaction than yours. We regret there should be any
misunderstanding between us, or that our intercourse
should terminate with any other than the most friendly
feelings to our mutual satisfaction - We have again
to assure you that our letter of the 2^d June was written
under feelings of surprise at your not noticing
our letters rather than irritation. We regret that
you should have taken such offence at it, as we
think without cause. We are Respectfully

Yours obedient servants
Brand & Marshall.

Ch^r. Marshall to Esq^r - Lex^r. Ky Aug. 24th 1835.

Dear Sir.

We rec^d in due course of Mail your letter
of the 15th Inst. & have observed the contents - We now
have your Duplicate of McLokey Hagan & Co. bill in our
favor on J. & K. on Riddle & Co. Philad^a at 90 days, after
sight for \$5000⁰⁰ per. dollars which we have made
payable to you. You will oblige by advising
us of its payment & holding it subject to our
draft as we intend to draw for it as soon as
advised of its payment. Hoping to hear from you
soon we are

Very truly

Yr. fr^d.

Brand & Marshall.

Messrs. P. Dudley & Co

Lex^r. Aug. 25th 1835

Gent^l It appears from Mr. Batewells statement
of Bag. & Rope on hand belonging to us that Eight
Coils of Rope are deficient in a shipment from you
of the 12th May last. per Hogs. the B/L called for 20 coils
& 45 pieces, only 12 coils was delivered as a note in

in the B/L stated 8 coils had not been sent, the wt.
of them is 773 lbs - Please forward us an amount of
the number of pieces of bag & coils rope you have
forwarded for us by wagons. Also the weight of
the rope that we may charge it to Mr. B. Kewer.

Respy. J. J. J. J. J.

Brand. M. M. M. M. M.

P.S. We ought to have had in your hands to go by
wagons 79 pieces & 54 coils if you had the 8 coils
missing on hand - perhaps you will find stored
behind other goods in the warehouse B. J. M.

Lexington Aug²⁷ 1835

Mr. W. S. B. Kewer

Dear Sir. We rec^d your letter of the 25th inst. per
Mr. Swift this morning & observed its contents - You will
please to ship per first good Steam Boat fifteen
pieces bag 8. 645 yards & 645 lbs ^{value} of Rope for acct of
James Jackson Esq. of Florence to the care of Messrs
Kirkman & Andrews Florence. Forward bill of lading
as usual - We have sold the above rope you will
be able by selecting the coils to get the exact quantity
or very near it. We have no doubt but bag. will decline
a little from the great expectations of the Southern Merchants
to put it down & the planters holding back but do not
think it will fall much, as we observe it is held at 30 to 31
for many American & 23-24 cts Scotch in N. York - We would
therefore urge you to push off ours as fast as possible, not
losing an opportunity to sell if possible & our bag. being
a very fine article & good rope with it, we expect you
will find less difficulty on that acct to sell them.

Happy to hear you arrived safe & all well, we are
with kind regards to all your family - Yrs truly

Brand. M. M. M. M. M.

Mr Edward York

Lexington Aug. 27. 1835

Dear Sir. I am extremely glad of the 29th July and
duly rec^d, & believe its contents - We were in hopes you had
sold all the shipment for the H. Clay before the arrival
of the ship for Claiborne - We would only say in addi-
tion to a reference to our of the 13th July, we fear a decline
in the price of bag. but not of rope & would urge you to push
off ours at the current rates as speedily as possible, & should
be glad to learn what prospect there is of selling another
shipment if made immediately after hearing from you

You will oblige us by remitting us either checks
or bills at 60, 90 or 120 days on the Eastward for the
Proceeds of Sales due about 1st Oct. as you find it most
to our interest, say in sums of 1,000 \$.

Hoping soon to hear from you, We are very truly

Yr friends

Brand & Macalister.

Mr Phillips Munklan Lexington Aug 29th 1835

Yours of the 26th inst, containing bill
of lading of 33 coils 3458 lbs. but rope & 76 pieces 3268 yds
bag. for Flat Boat - James C Baird master is received
& contents noted - There is no Insurance Office here in
which we can insure - We will therefore thank you to
insure the above 33 coils & 76 pieces & any future ship-
ments made in flat boats for our acct. & advise us
what the terms are - Please insure our bag^s @ 35 cts.
per yard & Rope at 13 cts per lb. We are Gentlemen

Very truly yrs

Brand & Macalister.

Confidential, Lex^g Ky 30th Aug. 1835

Mr James Elliott - Dear Sir. At the request of Brand & Macalister I address you confidentially in relation to our
friend Mr John Kennedy of Suscumbia - They B. & M.
sent a consignment of 20,718 lbs Rope & 17,920 yds

bag. of 478 lbs. worth last year to Mr Kennedy all of which
they learn from him has been sold except 35. for 24.50 of
bag. 48 coils rope - the Rope. & they have only rec'd an
check for 3000 \$ in payt. of the above consignment.

They have addressed Mr. K. frequently & his last letter of
the 26th June states his intention owing to bad health to
visit the Springs in Kenty. & bring with him our apt
Sales & the balance nett proceeds - not hearing any thing
from him since 26th June, they addressed him on the
8th inst. & are still without a reply, urging him
to forward the apt Sales & balance nett proceeds due
1st last May. I will be greatly obliged to you, if you
will advise me on rest of this in relation to his Mr
Kennedy's health. Or if there is any other cause for his
silence & neglect of Brand & Macalister's letters, as we
feel some uneasiness, knowing his usual punctuality.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as your con-
venience will permit I am, Very truly, Yr friend
Wm M Brand.

Mr. Wm G Bakewell

Leys. Sep^r 5. 1835

Dear Sir The wrote you on the 24th ult and an-
nued without any advice from you - we have been ex-
pecting to hear from you, hoping to be advised of the sale
of some of our bag. & rope for several days, & as it is
accumulating in your hands, we have determined
to advise you to ship 200 lbs. bag & 90 coils rope per
first good Steam Boat to Buchanan & Agans. N. Bham

Please to insure it & forward the inclosed letter
with the shipment & bills of lading as usual - We
would prefer you selling the whole if you can, or a
part of it & hope you will continue to sell till an op-
portunity offers for shipping. We shall be glad to hear
from you on rest of this with a statement of what
you have sold lately & an apt Sales of that sold
some time since - Hoping to hear from you soon. With
but wish to all our friends & am truly, Yr friend
Wm M Brand.

Mr. Buchanan Hagers Lexington Ky. Sep^r 5 1835

From a long acquaintance with you Mr
Geo Buchanan we have been induced to send to your
house a small consignment of Bag & Rope which
we wish you to sell for us in Commission - We do
not limit it, believing you will do the best for us
you can than only to say, we hope you will sell it
as soon as possible, at the ruling rate, as it is not
our wish to have any of our articles lay over this
season - Hoping to hear from you on its sale.

We are gentlemen, Very Respectfully, Yrs.

Brand & Marable & Co.

by Wm M. Brand.
Signature of E. Marable & Co.

Mr. W. S. Buchanan, Dear Sir.

Lexington Sep. 7. 1835.

We wrote you on the 5th inst & are since in net of you
a bill of lading of the 4th inst with bill of lading annexed &
observed its contents - We are sorry to learn bag. rope are
so dull with you than determined to ship the balance in
your hands - You will therefore please to ship in first
good Steam Boat the balance of our bag rope in your
hands to Messrs Shipp Ferriday & Co. Statching & insuring it.

Should you have an opportunity of selling ours before
you ship it & can get 33 & 1/3 cts you may do so, other-
wise ship it & forward bills of lading as usual - Should
you not sell it please forward the enclosed letter with
the Boat when shipped & oblige Wm Truly. Brand & Marable & Co.
P.S. We have 97 ps bag & 44 coils rope at Marysville
or on the way to you which we wish you to sell at
the ruling rate in your city. B. & M.

Messrs Shipp Ferriday & Co. Lexington Ky. Sep 7. 1835

Ketchum Gentlemen We have this day advised our ^{friend} agent
Mr W. S. Buchanan of Louisville to ship you on our acct.

A small consignment of bag. traps to sell for us on
Commission, the articles we think you will find good
& equal to most sent to your market. We have not
sent any to your market for some years & our
old friend, John Henderson Sons having quit business
we have been recommended to your house. - We wish
you to sell our bag traps on the best terms you
can for us & believing you will do the best, ^{we} do not
limit them, but only say we wish you to sell at
the ruling rates for articles of as good quality as ours.

We shall be pleased to hear from you on receipt
of the consignment. I hope you will push them off as early
as possible as we do not wish any of it to lay over
till next season year. Hoping to hear from you at
your earliest leisure, we are Respy Yours.

Wm Brand & Co.

By Wm Brand.

Signature of E. M. Brand

Sept 10 1835

Messrs. H. Lusk & Co. Agents

Gentlemen

We are in receipt of your esteemed
letter of 1st July, of 1835, with the duplicate of
your bill of Exchange for \$5000.³⁵ enclosed in yours
of 1st August, & observe their contents. - We have been
for some time hoping to receive an order for sale of the
small lot of ^{our} Rope in your hands - say 18 coils @ \$71¹¹/₂

Now will oblige us if you will endeavour to close the
sale of the above Rope as soon as possible at the current
rates of your market. - We do not wish our Rope sacrificed
but we fear a reduction of the article & wish it sold
before it falls, or so soon as you can effect a sale
on fair terms. - Expecting to hear from you so soon as
you can furnish us sales report. - We are Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servts

Wm Brand & Co.

Mr. W. G. Bakewell

Lexington Sep. 14th 1835

Dear Sir We have been expecting to receive from you Bills of Lading for the Bag. Rope we ordered shipped to Hatchery New Orleans as we understand Boats are leaving Louisville daily, we write thank you to forward it as early as possible, it is very important to us to get it into market as soon as practicable - We want the Aft Sales for the 122 ps bag. & 68 coils rope as soon as convenient - Very truly yrs

Mr. W. G. Bakewell

Sept. 17th 1835

Dear Sir. Your letter of the 14th inst was received per last night's mail & contents noted - We were quite disappointed in not receiving bills of Lading of our bag. Rope, as we were in hopes it was nearly to Hatchery before the receipt of your letter, but we still hope it will be able to go down without laying on a Sand Bar for a month - We are advised that Shipps Ferry day Co. are still going on, by you will please ship it to them for our advice - If Capt. Stankin can sell our bag at 35 cts & 14 cts for Rope by you will please authorize him to do so, otherwise hand it over to Shipps Ferry day Co.

With best regards to all our friends - We are
Very truly your friends

Brant & Macalester

Lexington Ky. Sep. 17th 1835

Mr. Edward York - Dear Sir - We wrote you on the 27th ulto, to which we beg you referred, & am since without any of your favours to reply to - We would be glad to have an aft sale of all in your hands, & hope you will remit us for proceeds of former sales on receipt of this - Should you not have sold all of ours in your hands on receipt of this, we would urge you to close sales of ours as soon as possible, at the ruling rates & as the season is getting advanced we hope you will make an effort to get off ours every opportunity.

Hoping to hear from you on receipt of this

We are very Resp^{ly} M^{rs}.

Brant & Macalester

Mr John De Loope Lexington Sep 14-1835

Dear Sir. Having finished our contracts to the 15th inst, we now address you to know what quantity of bag^g traps you could safely rely upon selling this season, payable 1st May, in ordering its shipment to whomsoever you might advise it. I am sure, on receipt of advice from you - should you not have made other arrangements I think you can sell a small consignment for us, please advise us immediately - should you advise a consignment we shall expect proceeds of all sold from you on 1st May next. If you are not then in funds we are willing to take your bill of exchange on your agent at Orleans @ 60 or 120 days adding interest from 1st May till the maturity of the Bill & are willing to allow you the usual Commission, say five per cent for selling, guaranty &c & other usual charges.

Hoping to hear from you on rec^t of this - we are
Respectfully
Wm Ootlot Brand Marabutu.

Messrs Phillips Monkland Lexington Sep 18-1835

Marysville Gent^l We have been looking every mail for some days past, for bills of lading of the shipment of our bag. traps, we presume as the Ohio is in good beating order you have sent it off & forgot to send us a B/L if you have not, we have to request of you to do so as soon as practicable, as one of our firm expects to start for Alabama, via Louisville on Monday or Tuesday next, wishes to take it there with him. You will please to advise us of the cause of the detention, if it is likely to continue, if it is, we would prefer sending it by waggon to Louisville, if it is not, we will commence sending again to you, in case we do not sell here.

Very truly yrs

Wm Ootlot Brand Marabutu

Ship "The Lucky Hagan" Co. Lexington Sept. 24th 1835

Mobile, Ala. You returned favor of the 5th of Sept^r in
Came duly to hand, the latter covering July A/c for the
balance of our article in your hands, which is another
~~proof~~ proof of your promptness & attention to our business
for which please accept our thanks - We only regret we
had not longer consignments with you, next season we
hope to be able to send more to Mobile & shall be glad
to be advised of the best time to have it there - There
is an error of 100 \$ in your last bill, in place of
1097. ³³/₁₀₀ \$ you only owe us 997. ³³/₁₀₀ \$. We would
be glad proper your remitting us a Bill on Philad^a.
for the amt. due us 6th March next if agreeable to
you, as soon as convenient. Resp^d Sept 24th 1835. Sols:
Branford & Macalester.

Mr. W. B. Baruch

Lex^a Sept 29th 1835

Dear Sir. We sent you yesterday per this Mattingly two
loads of Bag & Rope 72 ps & 26 coils 2 bags to. we had
made the carriage payable at the Louisville to get him
to take it. And on the 25th we sent you via Mayfield
15 coils 1504 lb & 44 ps bag. all of which you may sell
at 30 1/2 or 13. if it can be done before you can for-
ward it, but do not let a Boat go without taking it
to the Rail Road Co. at Tusculum, insure it on the
best terms you can for us - We expect to hear from
our W. M. B. on Thursday if he should direct us
not to send it on, we will advise you but do not
let an opportunity escape before you hear from us.

Very truly yrs

Branford & Macalester

Mr. E. W. York

Lexington Oct. 5th 1835

Dear Sir. We addressed you on the 27th Aug. & 17th
Sept^r and are surprised at not having heard from you
in reply to the former, your silence has compelled us
to make shipments to other houses in N. Orleans, con-
trary to our wishes, supposing by your not writing

you had as much on hand as you could dispose of - Our
neighbours are receiving rates for shipments made after
ours at 37c 38. for bag & 15c 16 for rope, and we shall be
much disappointed if ours is not all sold before now
on as good terms - Please write us (if you have not already)
what prospect there is for selling bag. & rope in stor. & sold
as we may be able to send you some there - Referring
you to ~~our~~ the above letter - We are. Very truly yrs

Brant & Co. merchants.

Mr. B. Buchanan & Hagan

Lex. Oct. 6. 1835

Gent. We had the pleasure on the 5th ulto since which
we have been advised of a shipment of 100 ps bag. & 45
coils rope by our mutual friend Mr. W. B. Atwell of
Louis! forwarded for our advice, to be sold for our account
at the ruling rates in your market, we hope it went safe
to hand & is sold ere now, we allude to the ship. for
S.B. Liberia - Mr. B. Atwell also forwarded 100 ps & 45
coils rope for Washington to you, but owing to the low
stage of the Ohio this boat was compelled to return
wishing to avoid delay we sent it to Alabama - We
have this day requested Mr. B. to send you what we
have in his hands, say 44 ps. & 15 coils, which please dis-
pose of for us at the best price you can get - If the
prices you get for us are satisfactory, we may prob-
ably be able to send you larger shipments in future - Our
articles are as good as any made in the State & better
than most - Hoping to hear from you soon we are

Respy opponents
Brant & Co. merchants

Ellip. Bagg & Patton, Gent. Lex. Oct. 12 - 1835.

The write on his arrival at home last night from
bill of loading of 244 ps bag. 10.492 yds & 102 coils rope.
10.246 1/2 ps. Wm Penn. & 44 ps. 1892 yds bag. & 15 coils 150.4.15
rope for Whaling all shipped to the Rail Road Co. - We expect

that Mr Bakewell did not get the letter of our Wm Brand
 written from Tuscumbia in time to have shipped it to your
 house, But we hereby authorize you if it has not arrived
 at Tuscumbia to have it taken on to Florence, or so
 much as you can dispose of, or any part that you think
 you can dispose of soon, we shall be glad if you will have
 it taken over on the best terms you can - We should like
 Messrs Walker, Wallis & Reese to have 100 lbs bag. & 45 coils
 rope to dispose of, of the above shipment, if you think
 you cannot dispose of the whole of it in a very short
 time we can send you more, if you can sell more
 this season, I shall write to them that they can sell 100 lbs
 & 45 coils, if you can spare it - We wish you to sell
 the first shipment in the wholesaling on the best terms you
 can for us on Commission & any more that we may send
 you. I shall expect you to sell on the same terms as
 our friends Messrs J. Simpson & Co, viz for all sold prior
 to 1st next May you are to pay us at that time, we
 allowing the usual Commission say 5 per cent. for selling
 & the other usual charges, land hire, advancing freight
 &c. We shall be glad to hear from you frequently how
 you progress with Sales & the prices & also prospects for a
 continuation of the demand & the prospects of your
 crop & on receipt of this as to the quantity you get
 of the Rail Road Co. & are. Very Respy. Groot. Wm.

See Postscript to the above at the end
 of letter below

Brand & Macalester by
 Wm Brand.

Signature of.

E. Macalester Brand & Macalester

Messrs Walker, Wallis & Reese

Lexington Oct. 12th 1835.

Gent^l - We have this day written our friends Messrs Boggs &
 Patton of Florence if they can spare you 100 lbs bag. & 45
 coils of our rope to let you have it of that sent to the
 care of the Rail Road Co. to sell on Commission for us -

We shall expect you to do our business on the terms which

When our friends usually charge in your country, viz
for all sold prior to the 1st of next May we shall
expect you to pay us at that time, & we allow you
five per cent for selling & other usual charges for advances
on freight, hand hire &c. - If you are willing to do our
business on these terms, you may sell 100 lbs & 45 cents
of rope provided Mr. B. Patton can show
that much & you paying freight on it and we ex-
pect they can show it - If you take the above
we wish you to push it off as fast as possible
on the best terms you can. - As our articles
are known to hold out weight & measure we have
no doubt they will sell readily, wish you not to
sell the rope without the bag? - please advise us
on receipt of this, when in citation thereto, & occa-
sionally how you progress in sales, & as we may be
able to send you more, also prices for our articles
& prospects for your Cotton Crop &c. oblige.

Respy. Yrs.

Brand & Maranatha
Wm. Brand

By

Signature of E. Maranatha. Brand & Maranatha
Postscript to B. Patton

Yours oblige us if you will give us your opinion of the
standing of Messrs. W. W. & Co. which we shall regard entirely confi-
dential. W. W. & Co.

Lexington, 15th Oct. 1835

Connor & Co. Calicut.
Messrs. C. & Co. Bankhead. Gent^l - Above we have you Wm. Chas.
lands net for 18 coils 1 7/8 yds. bale rope & 30 pieces 1 2/3 yds. bag, which
we hope will reach you in due time & in good order - We hope you
will push the above articles off as soon as possible & as we expect
to send you more, we shall be glad to know how you progress
in sales, that we may be regulated thereby - Hoping to hear
from you on receipt of the articles that you will do the best
for us you can. We are very Respy. Yrs. W. W. & Co.

Brand & Maranatha

P.S. For the above bag. drop & any further consignments from us
it is our understanding you are to sell for us on Commission
at the usual rates & to pay us for all sold on the 1st next
May. B. O. M.

Mp.^r Cockett & ~~Bankhead~~ Bankhead. Lex^r: Oct. 14. 1835.

Gent^l - Above we have your John Wmams net for 11 coils
of bale rope 1090. th & thirty four pieces of bag. containing 1462
yds which we have charged to your acc^t @ 29.cts for the bag.
& 12 1/2 cts for the rope @ 8. mos. from 28th Sep. - We advanced
ten dolls on the above hauling with which you will please
credit our acc^t. We made an effort to buy 75th of twine
for you, but there was none to be had here - Sam. Seay
of your place has 300 or 400 lbs on sale for a manufactu-
rer here, whom you can get it - Wishing your articles
safely to hand, & that they may give satisfaction - We are
Very Respy^t yrs. B. O. M. & Macalister.

P.S. We open our letter to inform the wayoner by whom the with-
in load was sent has just returned, his horses having run off
a few miles from here & two of them crippled so as to prevent
his going - We sent another load in company with the above
wayoner to Mp.^r Connor & Macalister & have by this mail
requested them to transfer the bag & the rope to you, or if you
prefer it, you can take ten coils only, tho' we would prefer
your taking the whole as it is - Hoping to hear soon of
its arrival - We are truly B. O. M. & Macalister.

P.S. to Connor & Macalister's letter of the 15th Dec^r - We open
our letter to request you to hand over the within bag & rope
or so much of the rope as Mp.^r Cockett & Bankhead wish, to them
We will endeavour to send you some more, as soon as wagon
can be had - We have sent the quantity sold to the above Gent^l
in a wagon in company with Cleaveland's, but his horses got
crippled a few miles from town & he returned, which is the
cause of our wishing the transfer, as we were to send the
first load to them. B. O. M.

Lexington, Ky 19th Oct. 1835

Messrs. Common & McAlister

Gentlemen We had this pleasure on the 15th Inst. to
now hand you on the within Nelson Kidds, Wm G Davis &
A.C. Wilson's acct^s for 10⁴ pieces 4401 yds of bag^g & flaty three
coils 14225¹⁵ of flat rope, which we hope you will receive in good
order & in due time - You will please endeavor to push off the
above bag^g rope as soon as possible at the current rates for
articles of similar quality in your market, let us hear from
you frequently, how you progress in sale, the quantity sold,
how much more you could dispose of certainly this season

We shall be pleased to hear from you frequently & are Yours

Respectfully Yours Wm G Davis
Wm G Davis

Messrs. J.C. & A. Barton Lexington Kentucky Oct 24th 1835

Gent^l - We are sending some bag^g & flat rope to Louis-
ville to be shipped to the care of the Rail Road Co. Tuscum-
bia, should be pleased to make a consignment to your house
if agreeable to you, & you will do our business on the usual
terms upon which we have had it done in your Country
Our agents have usually charged us five per cent Comⁿ for selling
& handling, storage for the articles sent only once, no storage
on any article charged on once, which lay over from one
season to another, & such other charges as are customary

And they pay us on the 1st May every year for all
sold at that time - We have been solicited to consign
to two or three houses in your place, but would prefer
sending to your house, having the recommendation of our
mutual friend Geo Buchanan of St. Orleans - Should you be
willing to receive a consignment on the above terms, you paying
us for all sold on 1st May, we should be pleased to
make you a Consig^t & hope this will be only the Commencement
of a future business - Please advise us by return
mail & oblige

Respectfully - W. G. Davis

Wm G Davis

Livingston N.Y. Oct 28th 1835

Mr Charles Macalister

Dear Sir We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 18th ultimo, since which we are without any further advice from you - Presuming that you are in funds from proceeds of Martineau Brierley Ho's Bill of Exchange in our favour, but you, we have to advise that we have this day drawn on you for \$1000 in favour of Mr Stephen Swift which we hope you will honour - With best regards, to all your family We are Very truly Your friend,
Fraud & Macalister

Livingston N.Y., 29th Oct 1835

Mr Wm G. Babbitt

Dear Sir We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 20th Inst. with a p/c enclosed to cover its contents - We now have to advise that we forwarded ^{you} a few days since, via Mayville 22 coils bale rope & 12 pieces of bag^g - & put to forward you now of each in a day or two - We will oblige as by shipping the above bag^g ropes & any more that arrives till further advice, by the first good steam boat to the care of the Rail Road Agent, Salamanca -

We had a letter from Mr. P. Brand from Philadelphia a few days since & look for him home about the 2^d of Nov^r.

With our best regards to all the members of your family

We are very truly Your friend,

Fraud & Macalister

Livingston N.Y., Nov^r 2^d 1835

Miss Boggess Patton

Gentlemen We had the pleasure on the 12th Oct, advising of the Shipment of 288 pieces bag^g 434 B each & 117 coils bale rope 117 80 lbs per M. Rm. Whiting, & authorising you to take the whole or any part thereof & sell on commission for us - We are without any advice from you, a little to our surprise, but have received a letter from Mess^{rs} Wallis & Reese who are anxious to get a part of the above shipment & who say the greater part of our bag^g is yet in the Rail Road

Way for S

We hope you have or this received the greater part of
the above bag. I have let Messrs Wallis Reese & Co have
100 pieces of 45 Coils bale rope. I have hereby authorized Mr
Simons to deliver you all the bag belonging to us in the
Warehouse of the Rail Road Co. I hope you will let
Messrs Wallis Reese & Co have 100 pieces of 45 Coils provided
you cannot sell it very soon. Hoping to hear from
you on out of this. We are Respectfully

Your Obedt Servts

Brand & Macintosh

Mr. Horan Green, Dear Sir

Lexington Nov. 9th 1835

We had shipped on the 3rd Nov. per Steam Boat Dove from
Louisville 62 pieces 200 yards bag. 100 coils 22 1/2th bale
rope to the care of the Rail Road Co. Tusculum for agents
there having more than they can dispose of this season
we shall be pleased if you can sell it on Commission for us
if you will send for it - If you do not wish to take it
we will thank you to mail the enclosed letter to Messrs
Wallis Reese & Co. Tusculum, which contains directions about
it but which you will please destroy, if you send for it -

Hoping that you will take it, we shall be glad to hear
from you in case you do, I have below given you an order
for it. We are

Dear Sir. Respy. Yours

Brand. Macintosh

Mr. Simons R.R. Agent. - Please let Mr. Horan Green
have the 62 pieces bag. & 22 coils bale rope shipped per
Dove on our acct on the 3rd Nov. he paying charges
freight.

Respy. Brand. Macintosh

Lex. Nov. 9th 1835

Messrs Wallis Reese & Co. Gent. - We had shipped on the 3rd
Nov. per Dove 62 pieces bag. & 22 coils bale rope, which you will
please you will please receive & pay charges to Mr. Simons
& sell for us on Commission. We hope you have received
the 100 pieces & 45 coils I have to urge you to push it off at
the best prices you can, as it is our wish to sell all in

your hands this season - Hoping you will do the best for our
interest.

We are.

Respy. yrs

Br and. Mearns & Co

Lexington Kentucky Dec 18th
1835

Mr Aaron Greene

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 5th Inst
was received a day or two since & its contents

We are glad you have taken the 62 pieces of bag^g 22 coils
bale rope to sell for us on commission & hope you will be able to
dispose of the whole lot this season - If you are willing to take
the above bag^g rope & send us your bill of Exchange on New York
to fall due 1st May, at twenty two cents for the bag^g per yard
& ten cents per lb for the rope, you paying all the charges on it
you may do so on part of this, or you may sell it on the best terms
you can & remit us on the 1st May next you charging the
usual commission - Should you take it to sell we
shall expect to hear from you on part of this & am very truly
Yours Obedt Servt

P.S. I want of the above bag^g rope
would be of 808.42 @ 22^{cts} 10^{cts} 1st May 1836
B. & M.

Messrs Shipp Denney & Co

Lexington Jan 4th 1836

Genl^l - Your letter of the 2nd & 12th Oct 23rd Nov 7th
9th Dec^r are received & observed their contents - We have de-
termined to insure what bag^g rope of ours may be on
hand on the 1st of this for six months & then to re-
quest you will have it insured - You will oblige
us by rendering an a/c sale, of what you have sold
of our article, & hold the balance till you receive fur-
ther advice from us - We have not been in the ha-
bit of drawing on our articles till they were sold
& hope to be able to continue that course, but we
propose when the articles are sold & due, receiving the
money at maturity, & letting the proceeds lay & having interest
added after maturity as is sometimes done with your merchants. Hoping
to make an a/c sale soon from us & am, Very Respy. Yrs Obedt Servants
Br and Mearns & Co

Messrs. McKim, Hagan & Co. Lexington Jan 7. 4th 1836.

Gentlemen, We wrote you on the 24th Sep^r than to ac-
knowledge the receipt since then of your esteemed favours
of 28th Sep^r. 410th & 23rd Nov^r. to observe their contents - If you
can send us a bill on Philad^a or New York at 30 days
date from 3rd March for 997.³³/₁₀₀ balance due on acct.
Sales of bale rope you may do so on the maturity of
our Sales, otherwise please buy us a check on Philad^a
with the above pounds to remit us when due - It was
our intention some time since to have made you a
Consignment about 15th Feb. but now are at a loss
what to do, on acct of the large stock in your market
We do not wish to send our articles off & hold them
up in market, where we can do so more cheaply at
home, but pay storage, insurance & interest on advances
We shall be glad to hear from you on rect of this
to have your opinion of the probable price of bag¹ &
rope in your market next season, & whether you would
advise a consignment & are very Respy. Fr. Oct. 4th
Brand. Manchester.

Lexington Jan 7. 4th 1836-

Messrs. Buchanan & Hagan. - Gent^l - Your fav^r of the 23rd
Sep^r. & 31st Oct. & 21st Nov^r. are rec^d. to observe their con-
tents - You will oblige by sending us an acct Sales
of what bag¹ & rope of ours you may have sold
on acct of us, & state the balance on hand - The bal-
you will please hold at 22 cts for bag¹ & 9 cts for our
rope till further advised - It is not our wish to
have our articles sacrificed but put such a price
on them as be live reasonable - & that they will
cost the manufacturer at present prices of hemp
& hands to make them - We are Respy. Fr. Oct. 4th
Brand. Manchester.

Mr Com^r York

Lexington Jan. 4th 1836

Dear Sir. Your esteemed fav^r of the 5th 19th & 23rd Oct.
are duly rec^d. & contently noted - You will oblige us
by remitting us proceeds, of sales of 71 ps. bag^s for
your acc^t of 17th Oct. 1789.80 on rec^t of this in a check
or bill at not longer than 60 days, date as you may
find it most to our interest on Philad^a - We hope
you have sold the greater part if not all our bag^s
troops since yours of 23rd Oct. We will be pleased to receive
an acct sales of any sold & a statement of balance
on hand on rec^t of this - If you have any on hand
we wish you not to sell for less than 22^{cts} for
bag. & 8¹/₂ for rope till further advice.

We are Respy. Y^r Obedt. Servts.
Brand. & Marshall

Mrs^s Connor McArthur.

Lexington Ky Jan 7 12th 1836

Yours^r - Your esteemed letter of the 31st Oct. in reply to
ours of the 15th 19th same was duly rec^d. & contently noted & we
since without any further advice from you - We shall be pleased
to hear from you on rec^t of this how much bag. troops you
trans^r for^d to Mrs^s Grocott & Bankhead & whether they or
you paid the carriage on it & what amount - We hope you
have closed the sales of the bag. troops sent you, & shall be pleased
that you would advise us at the same time whether you have
done so, or how much is unsold - Hoping to hear from you on
rec^t of this

We are Dear Sirs. Very Respy. Y.

Y^r Obedt. Servants.

Brand & Marshall

Mrs^s Wallis River. C.

Lexington Ky Jan. 12th 1836

Yours^r - We beg to refer you to our letter of the 9th Nov.
& are since without any advice from you - You will oblige
us on rec^t of this by informing us how much bag^s troops
you rec^d of Mr. Simmick on our acc^t, & what progress you have
made in sales, & what are the present prices for those articles

The prospect of closing sales of all in your hands - Hoping
to receive an early reply - We are Gent^l Very Resp^t Truost Serv^{ts}.

Br and. T. Marshall.

Mr. Boggs & Patton Lexington. Ky. Jan. 12th 1836.

Gent^l Your esteemed letter of the 19th Nov. was duly rec^d.
Contents noted & are since without any of your fav^r to
reply to - We shall be pleased to hear from you on acct.
of this, how much bag^g rope you have rec^d from Mr. Lin-
coln's Wald, also whether Mr. Wallis has rec^d any more
than the 100 ps & 45 coils - We should also be glad to learn
your present rates for bag^g. Rope & the prospect of closing
the sales of the whole you have rec^d. & are very Resp^t.

Tr. Obit. Serv^{ts}.

Br and. T. Marshall.

Mr. W. B. B. Kunkle, Dear Sir. Lex^g Jan. 22nd 1836

We observe by your ap sales of 122 ps bag & 58 coils
rope that you owe us this day the amt of those sales
say 2681.⁰³ / 100 of which we shall draw for at sight
in a day or two, as we shall want all our funds
now to buy hemp. We thought it best to advise you
beforehand, as Mr B. is absent in order that it might
not inconvenience you. Resp^t Truly yrs
Have you but the lines for us yet. Br and T Marshall.

Mr C. Marshall.

Lexington Feb. 16 - 1836.

Philad^a. Dear Sir. We enclose Mr. M. Locky Hagan &
part of exchange on favor at 90. Dps. et. for 997.³³ / 100
which please have accepted, we will draw upon you
for the same after the Bill is at maturity. Resp^t Truly
Br and Marshall.

Lexington. Ky. Feb. 16. 1836.

Mr Horace Green. Dear Sir. We wrote you on the
8th Dec^r last, to which we beg your excuse, & are since

without any of your favor to apply to. We have 100 ps
bag. 4300 yds & 45 coils bale rope in the Rail Road
warehouse at Tusculum for which we gave Messrs. Walker
Rosen & Co. an order & they were to sell it on Commission
for us, but are advised by them they have not sold a
piece, or pound, owing to having a large stock on hand
(of their own no doubt) & we expect they have never offered it
for sale. We think they have treated us badly, & are not
disposed to let our articles lay in their hands. We do not
know whether they or the Rail Road agent paid
the freight, but are willing to give you an order for the
above if you desire it to sell on Commission for us
you paying the charges on the articles. Should you desire
it, please write us on rect of this, & we will send you
an order, should you determine to receive our articles
please to hold our bag. rope both that & any of the
former but not sold at twenty five cents for the
bag. & ten and a half cents per lb for the rope. We
shall be glad to hear from you on rect of this what
progress you have made in sales of our former
Consignment & are Dear Sir. Very Respy.

Yours Truly

Brant Mandelstam

Lexington Feb. 22^d 1836.

Messrs. P. Dudley & Co. - Gent. We requested Mr. McCon-
nally the Clerk of the Rail Road Co. to forward
by Tuesday Cars, Four Hundred & fifty two pieces
bagging, which you will please ship to Mr. W. S. Baker
with Louisville by first boat, as we are anxious
to get it off from there as soon as possible.

We wish it to be divided into two lots
say 250 pieces by each boat, as it is more than
we like to ship by one boat. Respy. Yr. Obedt. Servt.
Brant Mandelstam.

Mr. W. B. Baker

Lexington Feb. 23^d 1836

Dear Sir. We have requested Messrs P. Dudley & Co. to forward
you 551 or 552 lbs bag? which is intended for ~~Mobila~~
Messrs McLarty Hagan & Mobila, if there is a Boat going
direct from Louisville to Mobila, please ship it on her upon
the best terms you can, insure it at 23 cts per yard, if there
should not be a Boat for Mobila, we do not want it
delayed, but wish you to ship on the first good boat
of for St. Orleans to Edw^d York. As the waters are so high
we do not wish it insured if it goes to St. Orleans
but will write Mr. York to insure from there to Mobila
Mr. Hugh Bell the Agent of Messrs J. & S. Bell offered to
take this lot of bagging & deliver it in Mobila at 62 1/2 cts
per water. from Louisville, but as we are quite certain you
can do as well for us as any house, we declined his offer
he offered us 50 cts for this bag? our price was 21 cts cash
Considerable sales have been made here @ 20 cts within
a week, from sale at 20 1/2 cts. Ship also with this lot of
bag? the 50 coils rope we have in your hands - Hoping
to hear of the arrival of the Men B. very soon we are

Very truly yr

Brant Macalister

Lexington Feb 23^d 1836

Messrs Corns & McHester

Nashville Gentlemen

Your esteemed favour of the 23^d
Ulls came duly to hand, contents noted - We shall be glad to
hear from you what amount of our consignment you have
disposed of? it is our wish that you should not sell the bal-
ance of our bag? for less than twenty-five cts & the rope for
eleven cts - We sent Messrs Crockett & Bankhead
the load of bagging & rope by the first wagon we could
get to take it & we are surprised they would not receive
it - Hoping soon to hear from you We are

Respectfully Yours

Brant Macalister

Lexington Feb 23^d 1836

Messrs J. J. Martin & Sons

Mountsville Dear Sirs In reference to your last letter
of the 1st, we observe of five pieces of our bag 280 yds remained
unsold the 9th time last, if sold please render us an
account with a check for the money & oblige Resp^y
Y^r friend & Co^s

Wm. D. Macalister
Lexington Feb 23^d 1836

Messrs Baagst Patton

Mountsville Gent^l We addressed you on the 12th ulto to
which please refer, & ever since without any advice from
you, we should be glad to hear from you what quantity of
bag & rope you have sold for us & how much you received
thereof. We enclose - The balance of our consignment
you will oblige us by holding a twenty five cents for
the bag, & ten cents for the rope Resp^y Y^r Obed^t Serv^t
Wm. D. Macalister

Lexington Feb 24th 1836

Messrs Buchanan & Magan

New Orleans Gent^l We had this pleasure on the 11th ulto
since which we have none of your favours to reply - If you have
not sold our bag & rope you will please to hold it at twenty five
cents for the former & ten cents for the latter - You will oblige us
by letting us know, how low the Domestic bag^s can be imported &
sold for in your market, & what difference in price the planters
are willing to give between it & that of Kentz manufacture
P.S. Your esteemed favour of 14th & 21st have been received & contented
this moment been received & contented

Wm. D. Macalister
Lexington Feb 24 1836

Mr Edward Porter

New Orleans Dear Sir We addressed you on the 11th ulto
since which we have none of your favours to reply - We
have this day instructed Mr Wm. G. Baker to forward you
upwards of five hundred pieces bag & 50 coils rope

which you will oblige us by shipping as early as practicable to
Messrs. McKisby, Hagan & Co. Mobile & effecting insurance
on the same for fifty five hundred dollars. We are daily
looking for a letter from you with a check for the balance of
the last sales. If you have not sold the last consignment
we made you, please hold our bag^s at twenty five cents, &
the Rope at ten cents, which prices we have no doubt will
be obtained. Now how can Dundee bag^s be sold in
your market. Resp^y Your friend & Serv^t
Wm. McKisby

Messrs. Shipp, F. & Co. Lexington. Feb. 23rd 1836.
Gent^l. We had the pleasure on the 4th ult., since
which we have rec^d. your estimate for^y of the 20th ult. & 5th
inst, the latter covering Sales of A. P. Merrill's Check for
same, say Three Hundred Sixty five 66/100 Dollars, which is
to your credit with thanks. The balance of our bag trope
you will please not to sell for less than twenty five cents
for the bag^s and ten cents for the rope. Hoping you will
be able to get us some higher prices than our limits before
long. We are. Resp^y Yr. obt. Serv^t Wm. McKisby

Messrs. McKisby, Hagan & Co. Lexington Feb. 24th 1836
Gent^l. We had the pleasure on the 4th ult., since
which we have rec^d. your return of the 20th ult. 17th & 26th Jan^y
and 7th inst, that of the 26th Jan. enclosing your Bill on
Messrs. Jackson & Riddle & Co. for at in Hundred Ninety seven
32/100 Dollars which is to your credit with thanks. We have
instructed our agent at Louisville to forward Edw^d York
as early as practicable upwards of 550 lbs. bag & 50
coils rope, which he will ship you & which we wish
you to sell for us when you think it most to our advantage
25¢ & 10¢ are the very lowest prices we wish you to sell
for. It has been rumored here that you were buying
largely of bag^s & rope in Louisville, whether it is so or

Mr Charles Mearns

Lexington March 1st 1836

Dear Sir. We acknowledge you on the 16th ult. for our
Jumbolater enclosing Mr. Loring Hagan Co. first of Ex-
on Imp? Larkson Riddle Co. at 90 cts st for 997.33
We now enclose Bro. J. R. i bill at 60 days at
our fav. on yourself for.

1.611.70
2.609.03

Pay Twenty Six Hundred Nine ⁰³/₁₀₀ Dollars, which we
shall draw for at maturity, we are all with kindest
our love to all of the family.

Very truly yours
Brand Mearns

Messrs. Shipps, Feinday & Co.

Lexington March 9th 1836

Atchey, Gent. We acknowledge you on the 23rd ult.
limiting our bag at 25 troops at 10. if you have
not sold our articles at these prices you will
oblige us by holding them at thirty cents for the
bag & twelve cents for the rope payable in
six months.

Respy. W. Dot. Smith.

Brand Mearns

Mr W. G. Baker

Lexington March 10-1836

Dear Sir Yrs of the 7th inst came duly to hand, contents
noted. We have Bills of Lading for 50 coils rope, which
if you have not shipped sold for us, ought to be
on hand, you say you have shipped all on hand 19 coils
which was received 18th Nov. last. - Our bills of lading
are as follows, shipped by Phillips & Co. for
St. Bt. Hunter 16 Nov. 1835. 20 coils rope 1876⁴.

247. for bag 9. (which you sold)

On the 28th Nov. 1835 Shipped by P. Dally for Argo
30 coils rope weighing

3032.
4908

which is 31 coils short. & the 19 coils which you
have shipped weigh 41th more than the 20 coils for Hunter
please attend to this matter.

Yours truly
Brand Mearns

Mr. Horace Green

Lexington Ky. March 18th 1836

Dear Sir We beg to refer you to our letter of the 18th Dec^r 18th 527th Dec. and are without any advice from you since the 5th Dec^r. We shall be pleased to hear from you fully in reply to our favour of the 18th Dec^r with an apt. Sales of so much as you have sold - Hoping to hear from you on rec^d of this - We are R^{ly} Y^{rs} &c.

Brandsman & Co.

Thos^r Smirick Esq^r Lexington Ky. March 18th 1836

Dear Sir. You will oblige us on rec^d of this by advising us the quantity of bag^s & rope got by Mr^r Boggs Patton & also Mr Horace Green if you have any on hand please to hold it subject to our order - We have had 450 ps bag. & 184 coils rope shipped to Rail Road Co. & gave to Mr^r Boggs Patton an order for 388 ps. bag. & 162 coils rope & to Horace Green an order for 62 ps. & 22 coils requested Mr^r Boggs Patton to let Wallis Rees & Co. have 100. ps. & 45 coils, which we have a few days since was still in the warehouse. Hoping to hear from you on rec^d of this. We are R^{ly} Y^{rs} &c.

Brandsman & Co.

Mr^r P. Dudley & Co Lexington Mar. 22nd 1836

Cont^d. We have requested the Agent of the Rail Road Co. to forward you as early as possible 143 pieces bag^s, which please ship by first boat to W.

G. B. Kunkle Esq^r! and we wish you to continue to ship all of our bag^s & rope to him until we direct otherwise.

R^{ly} Y^{rs} &c.
Brandsman & Co.

Lex^r March 29th 1836.

Mr. W. G. B. Kunkle. Dear Sir. We have B^{ld} from Frank. fort for 143 ps bag^s for Clinton which we wish you to dispose of for us at 30 ct ps ap^d - You have said

nothing about the 31 coils rope missing, if you have
found it in any of your warehouses, we wish it sold
at 12 cts per lb. They are giving 12 cts here for rope 4 mms
delivered in Louisville, a large quantity could be sold for
that we understand - Hoping soon to hear from you
we are - Sell the above at 4 mms very truly yrs.

Brand Marabuto.

Mr. W. E. B. Kunkle. dear Sir Lexington Mar 30th 1836

We wrote you on yesterday to which we beg your
reponse than since ~~seen~~ your letter to B. Macabuto
in which you state that 30 coils of our Rope was sold
& an acct. rendered of it with the 47 ps bag. & that one
coil was afterwards received of the Dayton - making
up the 31 coils deficient - We have since examined your
letter & acct & can find nothing said on the subject
indeed this is the first intelligence we have had of
the sale - Your acct sales of the 47 ps is dated 19th
Nov. Hoping to receive an answer early, reply after your
reexamination of your books. We are Dear Sir

Very truly, yrs

Brand Marabuto

P.S. We have determined at present to make Louisville our
market wishing to make quick sales have promised
a consignment to Barr Pinkard & Co. also hope to
keep you supplied will be obliged if you will
advise us as soon as you make sales. B.M.

Sup: P. Dudley & Co

Lexington. Mar. 30th 1836

Govt: Please forward by first Boat to
Sup: Barr Pinkard & Co. Twenty one pieces bagging
and Thirty light coils blue rope 3.962. to which
is ordered to be shipped to you via Rail Road
tomorrow

Respy truly yrs

Brand Marabuto.

Sup^r Barr Pinkard & Co Lexington Mar 30th 1836
Gent^l. We have this day ordered the Shipment
of 71 ps bag 43 yds, each & 38 coils, 3.962 lbs
of rope to your house from Frankfort wish
you to sell it on Commission for us at 30 cts
for the bag? & 12 1/2 cts for the rope at 4 mos
12 cts has been paid for rope delivered in
Louisville. free of Commission by Montross &
Hornum which is equal to 12 60/100, we
should be glad to hear from you occasionally
with your views as to price & prospect of our
articles I am very Respy^{ly} yr Friend & Associate

Sup^r P. Duddy & Co Lexington April 12th 1836
Gent^l. We have sent per Rail R^d to day 72
ps bag & 45 coils rope 4675th which please
ship first boat to W B Baker's - We have
not rec^d B/L for the last bag. Rope sent you
day 71 ps & 38 coils which we requested you
to ship to Sup^r Barr Pinkard & Co. - Respy^{ly}
To all lots
Friend & Associate

Mr. Horan Green. Lexington April 14th 1836
Dear Sir. Your esteemed favor of the 29th March
was received a few days since, & should have been replied to
immediately but we had written to Mr. Somerick, the Rail
Road Agent on the 16th March requesting him to hold our
bag? Rope subject to our order & expected to have had
his reply - The 100 ps & 45 coils we wrote you about on
the 18th Feb^y. we presume is still in the warehouse & we
give you below an order for it - Since we last wrote
you bag. Rope have both risen, the latter to 12 1/2 cts
former to 30 c Louisville & of course we must advance
our price for it in Alabama - You will therefore

please to hold this bag & rope at $33\frac{1}{3}$ cents & 14 cents, which we hope you will easily get - You will oblige us by sending us a check, or undoubted bill as you find it most to our interest for the proceeds of sales of what you have sold of our first lot with the acct on acct of this & hope you will send for the bag & rope at Tusculum immediately on rec^t of this & pay the charges on the articles -

Please let us hear from you soon how much of each of our articles you receive & oblige J. S. Brand
My Resps. Truly Yrs.
Brand & Marquette.

The Thom's Lumber. Rail Road Agent at Tusculum
Please let Mr. Horace Gorn have what bag & rope ^{of ours} is in your warehouse on his paying the charges. Truly Yrs. B. & Marquette

Mr. W. G. Bakewell. Dear Sir. Lexington April 19th 1836

You returned part of the 15th inst. Cash duly to hand. We enclose Mr. J. Scott. Cashier's Check on Jas^l. No 753 for 558.42 to your debit - You will observe there is included in this remittance 15⁰⁰ for your 3 Shares North Bank Stock which Mr. Brand requested us to send you there is also enclosed a Certificate which please endorse (and return) payable to Mr. John Brand & amt of ap. 543.42 due you Truly Yrs
3 Shares Stock $\frac{15}{558.42}$ Brand & Marquette

Sup^r P. Dudley To Genl.

Lex^g Apr^l 27. 1836

Please forward first boat 65 coils rope 6581th & 82^{ps} bag? which you by the Rail Road tomorrow to W. G. Bakewell. Yours with feelings
Yrs. to
Brand & Marquette

Mr. W. S. B. & Co. Rev. Dr. in Lexington April 29th 1836

It is turned far of the 24th came to hand yesterday advising of the sale of all our bag. rope on hand at that time which is very satisfactory, we only regret you had not all we have in Louisville in your hands - You are aware that our object in disposing our Consignments was done with a view of effecting quick sales, by consigning to two houses we stood a double chance of selling. By the Cars to day we sent you 82 ps bag. & 65 coils 6581 lbs rope which please dispose of for us at 30 & 12 1/2. 4. mo. - You have our consent to give the purchaser of the above enough rope to make up a proportion with his 215 ps bag? - We have only 71 ps. bag & 38 coils rope in Louisville (in B. P. & Co. hands) and also that 45 packages & 20 coils on hand here, which shall be sent you next week. To your B. P. & Co.

Messrs. B. P. & Co. To Lexington April 29th 1836

Esq. It is turned far of the 19th - but came duly to hand, as we were unwilling to alter our limits on the bag. rope in your hands, we did not think an immediate answer necessary - We think hemp & Scotch Bag. in Philad^a & New York are both too high to effect the sales of Kentucky articles @ 30. & 12 1/2 in Louisville - Hemp is quoted @ 205 ps & Bag. at 24 & 25 brisk - We have been advised of a sale of 215 ps. & 46 coils of our manufacture in Louisville on the 23rd inst at 30 & 12 1/2 - Hoping soon to hear of the sale of that in your hands. We are very truly yrs. Robert M. Mendenhall

Messrs. Combs & Co. to.

Lex^a April 30th 1836.

Dear Sirs - We had this pleasure on the 27th Feb. last since which we have none of your favor to reply to.

We shall be pleased to hear from you on receipt of
this whether our bag. traps still remain unsold
if it does, please hold it at 33. cts per yard & 15 cts per ft.
which is now the price it is held at in New Orleans,
& at which price our correspondents write us large
sales are making. Respy. Wm. B. Lott.

Brand & Macalister.

Messrs Shipp & Fendy Co. Lexington Apr. 30 - 1836
Noticing from your esteemed gas. of the 14th & 28th
ult. have been recd. and contents noted - By recent
advices from our correspondents at N. Orleans, we
observe bag. traps are in demand at 33. & 14 cts
at which prices you will please hold ours if not
sold.

Respy. Wm. B. Lott. Brand & Macalister.

Lexington April 30th 1836

Messrs W. G. B. & Co. Dear Sir. By a letter from Mr
Yorke we observe bag. traps are in demand at 33
& 14 - We do not limit our articles any higher than
in our last letter, knowing that you will do ~~the~~
you best for us - Please forward ^{per Shipp & Fendy Co} the enclosed
by first boat & oblige

Wm. B. Lott. Brand & Macalister.

Lexington, N.Y. May 6 1836

Mr Charles Macalister

Dear Sir We have to advise you that we
have this day drawn a bill of Exchange for \$1500. - on
you, at one days sight, in favour of Messrs Collins & Imbort
dated & being for the proceeds of Edward York's bill, in part,
for \$1611.00 which we have no doubt you will duly honour
& charge to our acct. - We are all well & desire to
be kindly remembered to all your family. I am Very truly
Yours friend,

Brand & Macalister

P.S. We are without any letters from our Messrs John &
Wm. Brand since they left Pitts^{burg} & are anxiously expect-
ing to hear of their safe arrival in Phila^{del} 130th No

Messrs. McKim, Messrs. Hayan & Co. Lexington May 7-1836
Gent. We wrote you last on 27th Feb. have since
in act of your esteemed favors of 25th Feb. 13. 27. 30th March
+ 2nd 9th + 16th April. Liberate their contract. - The last covering
apt Sales of 511 ps bag. 19.820 yds, which on examination
we find falls short, the quantity should be 21.973 yds, which
we hope you will correct, send an apt sales for. We
presume all the charges for the sales of the deficiency
are in your apt of 16th April except the 5. p. c. for
selling & guaranteeing. If you are drawing on the North
we would prefer your sending us your bill to fall
due at the maturity of this sale to drawing on
you (at par) Should you send your bill on those
terms, we would ask a bill from you at date in
performance to a sight bill as the last bill you sent
us for 999.32 for. for sales due 9th March will not be
matured till 9th June so we lose beyond gain 1 1/2
p. c. Please advise us on act of this whether
you will send us your bill so that we may
know what other arrangement to make, if you do not
We shall be pleased to hear on act of this from
you with apt sales for the balance of the 511 ps
of the 19 coils Rope. & of the sale of the 40 ps.
wrote at your last date, & are very Resp^r
Yrs Br and F. Mearns & Co.

Messrs. J. S. Austin & Sons Lexington May 14th 1836.

Gent. Your esteemed favor of the 7th inst is rec^d enclosing
Check for 92.15 for balance of sales of, for which we thank
you - Buy^r of the best quality such as ours, can be had at
24 1/2 ds & Rope @ 11 1/2 ds & mos. If you want a few thousand
yards say from 1 to 5000 yds & a proportion of Rope, say
one pound to the yard, we will furnish it at the above
prices & time, but if you take it, we must have your
payment once, by the 1st of June at farthest.
Respy Truly Yrs. Br and F. Mearns & Co.

Messrs. Shepp & Son, Co. Lexington May 19-1836
Satisfactory. Genl. I have writing to you on the 30th ult, we
have none of your estimate yet to reply to - When we last
wrote you we were in possession of a letter from Messrs
E. & J. of New Orleans, stating that Bag. Rope were in
demand at 33 & 1/4. upon the strength of this letter we
limited ours in your hands at those prices, we presume
we made an error in the quotation of Bag. as we have
not heard of any one here receiving sales higher than
32 & 1/4 and we are anxious to have all of our article
sold we will thank you to sell at the first limit
of 30 & 12 1/2 - We are of the opinion that Bag. Rope
will not be lower than this in Louisiana & Mississippi
this season.

Respectfully Yours

Brands & Manchester

Messrs. Rogers & Patton Lexington May 28th 1836
Genl. Your estimate favours of the 15th March
were received in due course, & contents noted - We have
been ever since ~~receiving~~ expecting daily to receive
our Aft Sales, for remittance, On referring to your
letter for the purpose of letting you, we observe you
say in yours of the 15th March, you had closed sales of our
bag. rope @ 25 & 11 & 1/2 (6 mos) agreeable to our instructions

We have referred to all our letters to you, & find in
none of them, that we have varied our instructions
in regard to time from that of ours of the 12th Oct.
to which we beg to refer you, in which we distinctly
state that we expect you to pay us for all sales
prior to 1st May, at that time - We hope you will
write us immediately enclosing Aft Sales & Aft Cur-
rent & a Remittance, for the amt due us in a check
on Philad^a. or New York, or if checks cannot be
had deposit the amount to our credit in the
Branch of the Alabama Bank at Decatur
and advise us - We are Dear Sirs Very Respectfully

Brands & Manchester

Mr. W. S. Barrell.

Livingston May 28th 1836.

Dear Sir, Since the return of our Wm. Brand, we have determined to reduce the limit on our bag. Rope is your hands, wishing to dispose of all of ours as fast as we can get it to Louisville - You will therefore please to sell our bag. 1 c 28 some Rope c. 12 c as fast as arriving, believing that the prices have become established that we can hardly expect it to rise, tho' some of our manufacturers are still holding on for 30 c. - We have just heard that Mr. Canby sold his at 26 or 27 which is said to be very indifferent & says the Commission which is equal to 28. The Sale amounts to 15,000.

You will oblige us if you will send us an Apt Sales of that first lot & advise us also if you have put in any more rope. If you took that of Barr Pinkard & Co. so we may know what to advise them in relation to prices. Please let us hear from you as soon as possible to oblige. Very truly

Wm. Brand & Macatister.

New Orleans

Livingston May 28th 1836

Mr. Edward Tinker

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 7th inst. of 15th ult. have been received & content, noted - You will oblige us by charging us the interest on the balance of our acct due the 8th inst. by investing the same in a bill on Philadelphia @ 60 days date at the New Orleans rate of Exchange, upon receipt of this - Yours own bill upon C. Macatister will answer as well as any other.

We have not yet made any shipments of bag rope to New Orleans, but will thank you to advise us of the state of your market occasionally in case we should wish to do so - Resp^y & Truly Yours Wm. Brand & Macatister

P.S. John Brand has desired us to call your attention to a small note of Cash P. D. Dodge, sent you for collection. He asks if you have been able to collect it. P.S.

Mr. J. Phillips, Mark Lane

Lexington May 31st 1836

Dear Sir We have this day sent you per Wm. Mason
21 coils, bale rope 2241.th and 39. ps. bag 11677 yds,
which please forward by first boat to Mr. W. S. Baker with
Louisville - We will thank you to let us know what
rate of freight the Boats are getting from your place
to Louisville. There is a balance of Sixty Seven ⁵⁰/₁₀₀
Dollars to your credit on our books, if you wish we
will deposit it to your credit in the Branch Bank
of the State Bank, or will send it to you as you
may direct. Respy & truly yr. Friend & Macalister.

Lexington Ky, 3rd June 1836

Mr Charles Macalister

Dear Sir We have to advise you that we
have this day drawn a bill of Exchange @ three days sight
on you for the sum of (\$1150.) eleven hundred & fifty dollars,
payable to the order of Mr. W. S. Brand, being for the
pounds of Mr. Sostey. A gain Mr. S. bill on Jackson Middle
Co. & in part of the balance due us from Edw. A. Carter
bill on yourself which we hope you will honour -

The family are all well & with kind regards, to all the
members of your family are Very truly Your friend,

Wm. S. Brand & Macalister

Lexington June 7th 1836

Mr. Isaac Green

Dear Sir We beg leave to refer you to our letter of the 11th April last,
since which we are surprised at not having heard from you,
We send you an order on Mr. Simrick the Rail Road Agent at
Columbia for 100 ps. bag 11677 yds coils Rope, & are very anxious
to know whether you have received it, if you have please sell it
at such prices as your market bears are willing to pay & advise us
at your earliest leisure

Respy & truly Your Obedt Servt

Wm. S. Brand & Macalister

Lexington June 7th 1836

Miss Connor, M. Stitts & Co

Gent^l Since we last wrote you, we have concluded to take the limit off of our bag, & hope I have to request you will sell it at ^{the} same price, your neighbours are selling articles of this same quality for, & at the usual credit which we understand is 6 mo^s. Hoping soon to hear from you.

We are, Sir,

Yours Obed^t Serv^t

Wm. B. MacArthur

Lexington June 7th 1836

Mr Wm. G. Bakewell

Dear Sir

Since writing to you last we have concluded to take the limit of 28^{cts} off of our bag. Let you sell it at 27^{cts} & our Rope at 12 cts, which we hope you will easily get; as Rope has advanced to 16^{cts} in New Orleans, we think you can sell ours, at perhaps an advance on this price.

Respy^l Yours Obed^t Serv^t

Wm. B. MacArthur

P.S. We have in your hands & on the way, 314 lbs bag of 19 2 Coils, Rope, which we hope you will push off as fast as it arrives.

Mr. Barr Penland & Co

Lexington June 7th 1836.

Gent^l Since writing to you last we have concluded to have our bag, in your hands, sold at 27^{cts} which price we hope can be readily obtained, we also wish you to sell the rope with or without the bag, @ 12 1/2 cts.

Hoping soon to receive sales from you. We are

Very truly yours

Wm. B. MacArthur

Lex^g June 10 - 1836.

Mr. Phillips, Mooklin. Please forward all our bag of rope to W. B. Bakewell, Louisville by first good boat, & any other for my son & you, unless otherwise directed.

Very truly yours

Wm. B. MacArthur

Luxington, Ky June 15 1836

Messrs M. L. S. & Co. Hagan & Co.

Mobile Cottons. We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 24th & 30th April & 21st May to observe their contents -

We have this day drawn on you three bills of Exchange to fall due at the same time with our sales bag & rope, in favor of William S. Waller, as follows \$15.32 Dollars payable on 24th July \$5425.48 Dollars payable on the 4th August & \$745.68 Dollars payable on 25th August - Hoping they will be duly honored - We are Dear Sirs

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servts

Wm. S. Waller

Messrs Buchanan & Hagan

Luxington June 20 - 1836

Com^{rs}. Your esteemed favor of the 21st & 29th Jan & 6th Feb. & 1st & 21st March & 12th April has been rec^d & contents noted. As we have made no consignments of bag & rope to your market for sale since their receipt, we have thought it unnecessary to reply to them sooner. We observe the sales of our bag & rope made on the 12 & 18 Jan 7 last by you at 6 mos, fall due on the 16th July next, at which time we will thank you to invest the amount, say 1216.74/100 in a check on Philad^a & remit us by mail - Hoping soon to have the pleasure of seeing you Mr Buchanan. We are Very truly yrs

Wm. S. Waller

Messrs Phillips, Moskell & Co.

Luxington June 23rd 1836.

Com^{rs}. We have this day sent you by 45th bag & 32 coils rope which we wish you to ship by first boat to Messrs Barr, Pinkard & Co. Louisville, if it goes on a flat boat please to insure it for us but we much prefer your shipping on Steam Boats when it can be done. Some favor of the 9th inst came duly to hand, we were pleased at your insuring the 109th bag & 45 coils per flat boat.

Very truly yrs Wm. S. Waller

Mr. Barr Kirkland Co. Lexington June 27th 1836.

Genl^l We forward you via Mayville on the 23rd inst. 45 ft bag. 1935 yds, & 32 coil, wps 3432th which we wish you to dispose of for us at 27 + 12 1/2. Please send us Subs of the last lot you sell for us. Rely truly yrs. Boardman

Mr. Boggs Patton Lexington Ky. June 28th 1836

Genl^l We beg leave to refer you to your letter of the 15th 16th March last promising to forward our apt. Subs in a few days, also to our letter of 28th May. a reply to which we have been expecting some time - We have nothing further to desire except promptness in reply to our letters. We are Rely. Trst Servants.
Boardman

Mr. Horace Green Lexington Ky June 28-1836

Dear Sir. We beg to refer you to our letter of the 14th April & 7th inst. to neither of which have we had any reply - We shall be pleased to hear from you on acct of this, fully in relation to them so that we may know what to do in relation to our bag. traps - Hoping this may receive your earliest attention We are. Very Rely.
Trst Servants.

Boardman

Mr. Phillips Moselle Lexington July 4-1836

Genl^l We have sent you by Candy's wagon 61 ft bag. & 24 coils rope which please forward to Mr. Barr. Kirkland Co. Louisville and oblige
Yrs
Boardman

Mr. Barr Pickens & Co. Lexington July 9th 1836.

Gent. Your esteemed favor of the 29th ult. came duly to hand, we sent you via Mayville on the 2^d inst 60 lbs bag. & 24 coils rope which we wish thank you to acknowledge for us & 27 & 12 etc. - we will thank you to advise us as fast as you dispose of our articles, as it is our wish to keep you supplied. Recd 7th inst. Branch Branch to P.S. In your sales you do not state whether the 5 per cent Commission includes guarantee, of course we expect it is an omission, as the usual charge in Louisville is 5 per cent for Commission & Guarantee, please let us know in your next.

Mr. Phillips Mooklan

Lexington July 13-1836

Gent. We sent you yesterday by John Anstath 15 lbs bag. and today by John Candys wagon 45 lbs bag. & 33 coils rope which please forward to Barr Pickens & Co. Louisville. Today

Respy Dr Sir

Branch Branch to

Lexington July 14th 1836

Mr. Wm G. Baker

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 1st ult. was duly received & contents noted. - We had hoped to have had the apt sales enclosed, but were disappointed; previously & subsequently to its receipt we have been daily expecting to receive apt sales of that sold, if not of the whole lot. - We hope you will forward our apt sales of all sold (not more than four hundred) you recd of this, as we wish to know the amt. unsold, believing bag is to rise we expect to raise our terms. - With our best regards, to all the members of your family we are Truly Dear friends,

Branch Branch to

Mr. Barr Pickens & Co.

Lexington July 19th 1836

Gent. We beg to refer you to our letter of the 9th inst. Since which we have recd your esteemed favor of the 11th inst. We have requested our agents at Mayville to forward you 60 lbs bag. & 24 coils rope which left here on the 12th inst. please receipt.

2y 142 the price that we have limited all in your hands of our
Advised us as fast as you sell our article, we have now a lot
ready to send off, but are afraid to consign it to you until
we hear whether you are in want of it - Hoping soon to receive
sales of all of our bag rope. We are R. & P. Truly yrs. Brand & Macalister

Mr. Phillips, Newell & Co. Lexington July 28th 1836.

Gent^l On the 20th we sent you 15 coils, but rope
for John Newell & Co. for the 21st for John Cady's wagon
54 ps bag & 24 coils, rope which please forward as
soon as practicable to Bass Pinckard & Co. Louis-
ville. Truly
R. & P. yrs. Brand & Macalister

Mr. Bass Pinckard & Co. Lexington July 28th 1836

Gent^l Your esteemed favor of the 21st inst
is rec^d. Contents noted, we have now in your hands
122 ps bag & 84 coils rope (exclusive of 54 ps bag
& 34 coils rope on the way) which we wish you to
sell for us together at 27. & 12 cts. Hoping soon to
receive sales, we are
R. & P. Truly yrs.

Brand & Macalister

Mr. John Simpson

Lexington July 29th 1836

Dear Sir. It is with reluctance that we address you
but considering the circumstances under which we made a
consignment to Messrs. Boggs & Patton, viz. the relationship
between Mr. Patton & yourself & your offer to Mr. B. & M. Brand
to guarantee the payment of any consignment made them &
believing you a mutual friend to them & us we deem it a duty
to do so. We made a consignment to Messrs. B. & P. in our last
day 288 ps bag. 12384. yards bag. & 114. coils, but rope were
advised of the same of about 30 ps each on the 19th Nov. and
subsequently of the whole on the 15th & 16th March (contrary to
instructions) & at 8 mos. credit from the date instead of 1st
last day for the sales to have fallen due - When they last
were on 16 March we were promised the spot sales in a few
days. We have written them twice since 28th May & 26th June

than requested our appt sales as urgently as we could,
without any answer being given designed, requesting
the balance due us to be admitted at same time.

We have understood from our mutual friend Mr
Samuel Ansell of Philad^a who passed through here a few
days since, that the partnership between Messrs Bagg
& Patton had been dissolved, & that Mr Bagg had gone
up the Country to Huntsville or its neighborhood &
Mr Patton had taken the Warehouse at the Florence
landing - Not knowing who has the conducting up
of their business we have determined to put ourselves
under further obligations to you by troubling you
to call for our appt sales, & we beg your information to
our letters to them from which you will see they
had no authority to sell at longer than 1st May last.

We will be greatly obliged to you if you will for-
ward them to us & close the appt by taking a bill
on New Orleans, or a negotiable note payable at
the Branch Bank of Alabama at Decatur for
cash. Remain &c &c &c friends Brand & Manaster to
P.S. We presume you have in this rec^d the amount
of your debt against Wilson & Quamers of Mr Hunt
which has been paid, & I Brand & Sons Check on the
Decatur Bank given in part. to Mr C. Hunt. B. Co.

Livingston, N.Y. Aug 8th
1836

Mr Horace Greig

Dear Sir We wrote you on the 11th April of 2^d time
past & have deferred from time to time addressing you again
in the hope that you would write us - We now almost
despair of receiving a reply to our letter, but from a sense
of duty we determine to try once more. You will oblige
us in part of this by sending the appt sales promised in
your letter of 2^d inst. & if your Bank is cashing on the
East I would be glad to have it at once & if not
I will be glad to have it at once & if not

N. Orleans on the best terms you can —
a doilous which you received the 100 ps bag the 14th
on our order of the 14th April, what progress you have
made in sales. Hoping this will bring an
early reply to your neglected correspondents
We are Respectfully

Your Obedt Serv
Wm Brand & Macalister

Mr Wm. Kuyper. Dear Sir

Confidential

Lexington Aug. 8th 1836

We made a consignment of 62 ps bag & 22 coils, up to Mr. Ho-
racer Green DeCATur last fall and sent him an order for about
100 ps & 45 coils on the 14th April & have had only one
letter from him of 29th March, although we have frequently
written him & requested him to write us. We are at a loss
to account for his not writing & I have concluded to
address you this will be obliged to you. Knowing that
there is a good deal of intercourse between Athens &
DeCATur if you will write me on receipt of this &
inform me if Mr. H. Green is at home or sick, or if
any thing has occurred to his injury in business. I
hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken of
writing you on this subject, not knowing any one
to whom I could write confidentially. I should have
written to the Col. on the subject, but was not cer-
tain whom to address him. I hope you will consider
this entirely confidential & write me as soon as you
can. Since writing the above I have determined to
address to Col. Kuyper for fear of your absence.

I am very truly, Yours Wm. Brand

Mr James Elliott

Lexington Ky Sept 6th 1836

Dear Sir. I haven't yet heard of you for the first time (from
me) & I had just no letter from you, with a
change of address, which you had papered thro'
the East & I thought you would write me
at the new address.

with this letter - I hope you will excuse the
apology I have taken when I say there is no one in Tus-
cumbia whom I would willingly address save yourself
Brand & Marshall made shipments amounting to 450
ps bag. & 184 coils up to the care of the Rail Road Agent
Tuscumbia last fall & gave orders to Boggs & Patton
of Florence for 388 ps bag. & 162 coils of Rope with a
request that they should let Wallis Rice & Co have 100 ps
& 45 coils (which they left in the warehouse for them)
R. Co. & to Horace Green of Decatur 62 ps & 32 coils ma-
king the whole 450 ps & 184 coils - Wallis Rice & Co
having a large lot of their own on hand, as we believe
held up ours that they might sell their own, tho'
we had urged them to push it off. & after the season
for selling was over advised us they had not sold
any, but would sell it this fall - We feeling they
had treated us badly never answered their letter, but
wrote to Horace Green, if he wished it he might sell
it on Commission for us - He desired the consignment
we gave him an order for the balance of our bag & rope
(supposed 100 ps & 45 coils) on the 14th April - Since that
time we have been unable to get any reply from Mr Green
don't know whether he got the last lot 100 ps & 45
coils, or whether it is still in the Rail Road warehouse
we wrote to Thom^s Timmerick R. R. Agent also on
the 18 March requesting him to advise us the
quantity got by Boggs & Patton & H Green & to hold
the balance subject to our order, but have received no
answer - You will oblige us very much if you will
call on the Rail Road Agent for a statement of
the quantity of bag & rope got by Boggs & Patton &
H Green & enclose it to us by mail, the quantity of
spools & pounds - If there is any on hand in the
warehouse we will thank you to take charge
of it & it can be sold when you please

elect to sell for us on Commission payable 1st Sept & on
New Orleans by a Bill of Exchange - We will also
you to advise us whether Mr Horan is at home. If you
are in Decatur please call upon him for the Asst Sales of
that part of the 62 pt + 22 cwt also last full furnish
us - If there is any doubt of the former circumstances
please advise us & take all steps you may consider necessary
to settle our acct with him for which purpose we
give you a power of attorney on the other side - I can
only say in addition I shall be glad if I can be of any
service to you here & hope you will return our personal
Command my services, hoping to hear from you at
your earliest leisure I am Very truly Yrs Wm B. Beane

We the undersigned do hereby constitute & appoint
James Elliott of Tusculum "Att'y" on Agent & atty
in fact with full power & authority for us & in our
name to settle our acct for bag traps with the
Tusculum & Decatur Rail Road Co. or Agent &
with Horace Green of Decatur & to take & sell
any bag? or Rps remaining unsold in the Rail Road
warehouses, hereby ratifying & confirming all that
the said attorney may do therein, by virtue of
these presents - Witness our hand & seal this 6th
day of Sep. 1836 at Lexington Kentucky

Beane & Beane
Wm B. Beane
Lexington Sep. 16th 1836

Dear Sir. We have concluded to take the limit
of 27 off of our bag, as we wish to sell all we can
this season - believing you will do just the same for
us as if it were your own, we will only say, if you
cannot get 27, take 26. (If you think it to our in-
terest that cannot be had take 25 but no
less than 11 to 12 for the traps - If you think

to Shipp. Henry Co. Hatchery & advise
if it cannot be done on fair terms, with a
fair prospect of the Boats getting out in profit
its being in Louisville. Let us hear from you

Respy Yr frd. Brand, Manchester
Lexington Sept 16 - 1836.

Messrs. Ben Pinckard & Co. - Gentl. We shall be pleased
to hear from you with an apt sale of our bag
traps, or any part that may be sold, you advised
us of a sale of 45. p, some time since, but never
sent the sale, - we have had our bag traps all
sold twice in Louisville, since we made you this
consignment, we shall be disappointed if you have
not made sale of at least some part of it.

Respy Truly yrs

Brand, Manchester

Messrs. Ben Pinckard & Co. Lexington Sept 20th 1836.

Gentl. For fear of the 16th inst, came duly to
hand - with regard to our bag traps, we can
only sell, we are not willing to sell for less
than 25. p. for the former. & 11. for the latter Hoping
you will endeavor to make quick sale, we are

Respy Truly yrs

Brand, Manchester

Lexington Sept 25th 1836

Messrs. Shipp. Henry Co.

Natchez, Gentl. We have 1200 lbs of rope for
100 p. bag & 50 coils of rope which we wish you to sell for us on the best
terms you can, we place no limit on our sales as we believe you
will do everything to make our shipment profitable
We can send you another shipment if you desire it by your advice
as immediately as it can be disposed of.

There was a loss of sight of the 55 coils that you had for sale the
quantity of 25. p. which we wish you to sell for us on the best
terms you can.

Mr. James Elliott

Lexington Oct 5th 1836

Dear Sir Your esteemed favor of the 23rd ult. in reply to
one of the 4th was duly received & promptly notes - We are obliged
to you for your "attention" & promptness to the business
- we entirely place with the selection of King & Bogg
as the Agents the sale the balance of the baggage in the
hands of Mr. H. Green - You will oblige us by directing
them to sell our articles on the same terms, articles of
similar quality are selling for in that market &
to push them off as soon as possible - We find our
examination the freight on the 100 ps bag. 100 coils of
Rope sold from Boston has not been paid altho we had
instructed Mr. Kimball to pay it of course we owe to
Mr. Green for it (19.610th & 87th cts p. 100 lbs. We shall
be pleased to hear from you when you have closed
the act with Mr. Green & to allow "Boggs" & "Patton"
be obliged to you to remit us the amt as you can
find it most to our interest either by check
on the Eastern or the purchase of a bill at
short date on Louisville or it is Orleans, or if that
cannot be done you may deposit the amount to
our credit in the Br. Bank of America at New York
We are Dear Sir Yours Truly
J. H. H. Servants.
Behind the scenes to

Lexington, Ky, Oct 19th 1836

Mr John Simpson

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 11th August
in reply to ours of 29th July was received, in due course of mail & we deferred
answering it till we received the apt & also of Messrs Boggs &
Patton which you promised to forward therein which we have been
daily expecting since - The time of the maturity of the sales of
Boggs & Patton having passed some time since, we beg to call
your attention to it, fearing it has escaped your memory -
If checks can be had of your Lexington Branch Bank
it not you doing me a half per cent. prem. - we would prefer

the amount of proceeds, invested in a clerk on the East, otherwise we would prefer a good undoubted bill on N Orleans, at 30, or not to exceed 120 days date, if you can get one, with the interest, & the usual Bank exchange which is two per cent with us, added to the Bill — We shall rely on your making the arrangement most to our interest, as it is very difficult to get money collected by our Bankers in your State having no arrangement with them — Hoping soon to receive our acct sales & the proceeds thereof, with our thanks for your numerous acts of kindness. We are Truly Yours

Obliged Friends
Brand & Haralster
Livingston, Ky, Oct 19 1836

Miss Cornelia McAlister

Dear Sirs We wrote you on the 7th June last since which we are without any of your favours to reply to — The season for selling bag ^{Chesapeake} Hope having arrived we hope you have been able to close our consignment, being without any advice from you for a long time we shall be pleased to hear from you on receipt of this, with the prices of our articles & an acct sales if you have disposed of them Hoping to receive an early reply We are Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servts

Brand & Haralster
Livingston October 24 1836

Dear Baskinell

Since our letter of the 16th Ultimo we are in receipt of your esteemed favours of the 27th Ultimo & 14th & 17th Instant — I am in hopes to hear in your next of some part (if not the whole) of our articles — We should be glad to know & how much you can probably sell this season — as we wish to work it off as nearly as possible, & if the freight to New Orleans & down to a reasonable price we will make N E York a consignment, of part that you cannot get there with — We may want some money in a few days, & were expecting to draw on you at sight for the proceeds of the first sale of our

I hope made this spring deducting the five per cent - which the Bank here will give us the money for - But if more agreeable to you to pay interest of half per cent after the maturity of the sales we will draw to suit you at 60, or 90 or 120 days which latter paper they charge 1/2 per cent on, when they will take their customers chutes on Louisville at par -

Edward & Eliza left us for Philad^a on yesterday morning week, & I have no doubt they have both by this time made the Oysters suffer, I wish only I was along side of them or had time to come down & help you to kill the Blue wings & mallards - as it is, I am very much confined at home by business & the sickness of our youngest child which was going along improving till about Sunday last, since which it has been quite unwell

I frequently think of you & regret being better off, you have nothing to annoy you, if you & your wife are well whereas we have such a number we can make no arrangement a week ahead, or the sickness of some of them annoy us - We have had more sickness in our family this summer than almost all the late summer since our marriage - I hope after Edward gets home, perhaps about the middle of January or February to come down, & if I can get enough fresh oysters then for ^{five} ~~a day~~ ^{for} ~~for~~ Harriette's & her loaf sugar is nearly out, if you can send us a good article from 16 to 18^{cts}, please send me a barrel for first opportunity - With our best love to Mrs D. Russell & Wife, & all the members of your family,

I am Very Truly, Dear friend
To himself & W^m M^r Brand
& Grand & Harriette

Livingston, Ky, Oct 30th 1836

Mr W^m G. Russell

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 27th Inst to our W^m M^r Brand was received on his return from a cattle hunting excursion last night, & we avail ourselves of the opportunity of writing you by W^m M^r Brand & it will suit you to send us an acceptance or

good negotiable notes payable here for about \$
We presume it will be a desirable arrangement for you
as it will save you the collection of them, you will oblige
us by remitting us the same by. Wm. W. Brand on
his return from Louisville. We feel rather unwilling to
pay 2 1/2 per cent to the Banks for money on Bills on New
Orleans, as we can have them collected for 3/4 per cent
we will be obliged to you, if for same opportunity you
will remit us bills on New Orleans (if convenient
not otherwise) for the sales of our bag & Rope to fall due
at the same time the sales do separately, or the average
sales, so that we may make arrangements for their collec-
tion at the time the sales become due. Harvett joins
me in love to Mr. B. & Mr. Matthew, & I am in haste
Your friend

P.S. If convenient we would prefer Wm. W. Brand & Macatister
bills of Exchange to fall due at the
sales do. W. B. M.

Livingston Ky. Novth 11 1836

Mess^{rs} York & Brothers

Dear Sirs We have this day advised our mutual friend
Mr. Wm. B. Baskin of Louisville to ship you per first good Steam
Boat ^{on our apt} two hundred pieces of bag & one hundred twenty coils of
bale rope which we may hope you may soon receive.

You will oblige us by selling on the best terms you can, at
at not less than twenty five cents per yard for the bag & eleven
cents per lb for the Rope. Hoping to hear from you at an
early date with an apt sale if possible. I am Very Truly
Your friend

Wm. W. Brand & Macatister
Livingston Ky. Novth 11 1836

Mr. Wm. B. Baskin

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 5th Inst
with its contents were received a day or two since & are entirely
satisfactory. We have now to advise you that we have

determined to ship two hundred pieces of bag & one hundred & twenty
coils of bale Rope to W. Edwards & Porter's concern (the style
of which is not now recollected) to New Orleans & have to request
you will effect the shipment on the best terms you can (the insurance
also) not exceeding 75^{cts} per 100 lbs freight. We have enclosed
a letter of advice to them on the subject & will be obliged to you to
forward it to them by first boat. Should it not be convenient
for you to forward us bills of Exchange on New Orleans for
proceeds, our a/c, sales, please advise us, as we should like to have
the 1/4 term at least, & we can probably sell them to the Grocers
at par. Mr. Brand bought a two horse wagon for the
winter, & directed it to be forwarded to you from Cincinnati which
he will be greatly obliged to you if you will forward by some
wagon to care of P. Dudley of Frankfort, as soon as
possible, two barrels of Molasses at same time.

The wagon can be fastened behind another wagon
& hauled up in that way. With the best love of the sub-
-scriber & his sleeping partner to Mrs. P. & all your friends,
We are Truly Your friends

Wm Brand & Macalister
Syrington Ky Dec 3^d 1836

Miss Wm Barr Pinkard & Co
Syrington

Referring your reference to our letter of the 20th
Sept, since which we are in posⁿ of ~~several~~ of your favours, we now have
to advise you that we have this day drawn on you for bill of exchange
of sales of 71 pieces of bag - as per your a/c & for one hundred & sixty
one dollars & forty eight cents in favour of Mr. Wm G. Baskin
of Louisville, payable on the 12th Inst, which not doubting
you will duly honour. We are Very Respectfully
Your friends
Wm Brand & Macalister

Lynchburg, Va. Dec. 3 1836

Mr J. G. Baskin

Dear Sir Your esteemed letter of 19th ult with bill of Lading of 200 pieces bag & 120 coils of Bah Rope shipped per advice is duly received & contents noted. Amused you will find our only bill of Exchange on Barr Pinckard & Co of your City for \$461.⁴⁸/₁₀₀ payable on 12th inst, by your order which we will thank you to collect, & deposit to our credit in the Bank of Kentucky as we shall draw for it when matured. Wanting some fund, to pay our negro hire to Wm Not Brand, who has promised to loan the same on the 1st January to a friend. We will be obliged to you to forward us per first opportunity, your acceptances for the several sales of our bag & rope to fall due at the earliest period that will suit you after their maturity & our apt current ~~account~~ ^{with you}, deducting the amt of your apt against us, from the sale due on the 12th inst. We would draw on you but our Br Bank takes no bills on Louisville that are not accepted of course we should have to send them for your acceptance. Hoping to hear from you as soon as your convenience will permit. We are

Very truly Yours friends,

Wm Not Brand requested S. Candy's Brand Molasses & your to call on you & get his wagon & molasses which he has been disappointed in not receiving sooner but presumes the scarcity of wagons is the cause. If he does not take the two barrels of molasses, you need not send it, without you can do it immediately as we are compelled to have it for our hand & must buy it here. Charlton Hunt desired us when we first wrote you to request you to send him a half barrel of the same cracker, Mrs Volley has been receiving, if convenient to charge him.

With the best regards of the writer who is again all alive & a kicking to all your family. We are Truly Yrs
A. B. We should prefer the acceptances to be in amt corresponding with the several sales as we may not wish to use the whole of them at once.

Exchange for \$100.00

Lexington Ky Dec 3rd 1836

On the 19th of Dec^r please pay this our only bill of Exchange
for seven hundred twenty one dollars & forty eight cents to Mr
G. Watkiss or order, & charge the same to a/ct as advised
Yours Respectfully
Wm B Macalister

Lexington 16th Dec 1836

Mr Wm G Watkiss

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 10th Inst is duly received, containing your acceptance for \$2551. Dollars, at four months, date from 25th Inst & so we will, content, & in reference to the bill on the South, which you say you thought we had determined to take we will refer you to our letter of 30th Oct, in which we desired you to forward us the bills to fall due at the same time with the a/ct sales, if convenient, & again in our letter of 10th Nov^r we requested if it was not convenient, that you would advise us as we wished to know what an arrangement, to make. From your silence on this subject in your letter in reply we presumed it was not convenient to forward us the bills, & we therefore wrote you for your acceptance. If it is your wish still to give us bills of Exchange on New Orleans or Natchez, for the amt^e of our sales payable in the South, you will please send them to us immediately, & we wish them to fall due by the time of the last sales a period when we can sell them to our Grocers to our advantage than if they fall due at a later period. Please send us our a/ct current with the bill, & oblige
Very truly Yours
Wm B Macalister
Lexington, Ky, Dec 19 1836

Mr John Simpson

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 5th Inst with a/ct Sales, & a/ct current from Messrs Boggs & Patton for 288 pieces of bag^g & 95 coils of bale Rope, was duly received & contents noted. On examination of their a/ct we find from a statement from the Rail Road (that they (Boggs & Patton) got 117 coils of bale Rope which we believe we mentioned in our first letter on this

subject to you, but they render a set sales for 95 Coils only.

The mistake may have occurred with the Rail Road Agent, but we mention it that if it occurred with Boggs & Patton they may correct it. You will oblige us by calling their attention to it & having an examination of their books.

We hope if you have not already, that you will shortly be enabled to invest the proceed, in bills on New Orleans in bills on N. Orleans on good terms, & as our friend Mr James Elliott we expect has some fund, of ours, in his hand, we have written to him, if he can buy a bill or bills, as we would prefer them in two bills, to do so, & call on you for the money. We would prefer that the bills should become due by the 1st May at farthest. Sooner than that if they can be had but not later.

Please accept our sincere thanks, for your kindness, & in any other act, of your politeness to us & our predecessors, & if we can at any time be of service to you here, it will give us great pleasure if you will command. Very truly Your friend

Wm D Macalister
Lexington Ky Dec 19 1836

Mr James Elliott

Dear Sir We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 5th Oct last, from which we have been expecting to receive a notice of your having closed our business with Wallis Rice & Co, & also with McHorn Greener. We hope shortly to hear from you with a final statement of Messrs Greener, Wallis Rice & Co's a/c. We have within a day or two received our a/c with Boggs & Patton from our friend Mr John Simpson, in which they render us a set sales of the quantity of bag received per your statement of the Rail Road Co, but fall short in the Rope 22 coils, their a/c to us being for 95 coils, instead of 117 coils, per statement from you. Mr Simpson has the proceed of the a/c viz \$3877.¹³/₁₀₀ in his hand, & we have requested him to buy us a bill on N. Orleans a 60 or 90 days on the best terms charging the bank discount which with us is now 2 1/2 per cent & interest, but he writes that bills on N. Orleans are not to be had at this time owing to the low state of the River &

the cotton not being shipped — You would confer an
additional favour on us, if you can get us undoubted
bills, & will include any fund, of our, from Nathl. Russell
or Aaron Green in the above firm in the hands of W.
John Simpson to whom the showing of this letter will be
authority to you to get the money if he has not invested it
in a bill — We would prefer two bills for about two thousand
each if convenient — In relation to the deficiency of 22 coils of
Rope we should like to hear from you as soon as convenient &
if Boggs & Patten received ^{it} we hope to have the proceeds of
it also included in the bills — We would prefer that the bills
should fall due at least by the 1st May next as we cannot
use them to the same advantage, if after that time — Hoping
soon to have the pleasure of hearing from you — With ever sincere
thanks, to you — We are, Very Truly, Your friends
J. Brand & J. Macalister

Mrs. Thipp. Friday "C" — Tex. Jan 7 7. 1837.

Genl. We have this day drawn on you in favor of
Mrs. S. & S. Swift for At pro Sales of bag ropes for
2408⁴²/₁₀₀ of pay on the 1st of Feb^y next which please
honour — We do not wish our bag. ropes ^{in your hands} sold for less
than 25 cts for bag. & ten cents for rope.

Respy Truly Yr Obedt Scts

J. Brand & J. Macalister

Livingston Ky Aug 7th 1837

Mr James Kenney

Dear Sir We have been expecting to hear from you in relation to your two notes of \$70 Dollars ea, the first with a credit of thirty two dollars due 30th June last. & the latter due 31st Vito. Please let us know by return mail what we are to expect as we want the money. Hoping to receive a reply with the money. We are Respectfully

Yours Truly
Brand & Haralster

Livingston, Ky, Aug 17th 1837

Mr Wm G. Ba Kendall

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 9th Inst came duly to hand, with statement of a pct to 31st Dec last. We beg to call your attention to the charge of Exchange in your a/ct dated July 20th you ~~charge~~ us \$57. for Exchange on 5099.⁵³/₁₀₀ - 1 per cent the rate at that time, in your last a/ct you charge us on the same sales 2 per cent more \$101.97. In your letter of the 21st July last you say part of these sales are payable at Grand Gulph, Ketchov & Pickestburgh & no Exchange would be allowed, consequently you have charged it to us. "the other sales are due in S. Alaba. Memphis & Bayou Patah, but I intend making them pay me either in N. Orleans, this place, or allow the exchange which is 2 per cent &c &c. Under all circumstances we think the 31st is quite enough for you to charge. We have not heard of exchange being charged by any of your merchants. Sales made for us by Barr, Burkard &c have all been paid at Louisville, without it. The balance of the a/c 4097.¹²/₁₀₀ & the 101.⁷⁷/₁₀₀ pay 4199.⁷⁰/₁₀₀ we will draw upon you for in a day or two. Res^{ly} Y^{rs} friend

Brand & Haralster

Livingston Aug 17th 1837

Messrs King & Cowings

Qmtr Mr James Elliott under date of the 22^d Sept last advises us that he would hand over to you the balance of a lot of bag drops then in the hands of Mr. Horan Greene

belonging to us, which it did not suit him to sell - Mr Elliott
we understand has gone to Cuba (for his health) without advising
us whether he had handed it to you - Our object for writing is
to know whether you have received it & how much of each article

If you did receive it, we shall be pleased to hear from you
with a set sales for the whole or any part of it as soon as con-
-venient

Respy

Your Obedt Servts

J Brand & Macalister

Lexington Jan 17th 1837

Miss Wallis Russell Co

Gent^l Mr Elliott under date of the 22^d Sept
last advises us that you had sold for us 38 pkts bag mtt proc^d
sales \$338.⁴⁷/₁₀₀ - Mr Ewe understand has gone to Cuba
for his health without advising us whether you had paid
the amt to him, if you have not, please hand it over
to our friend Mr John Simpson Flourm^g & advise

Respy Your Obedt Servts

J Brand & Macalister

Lexington January 17th 1837

Miss Connor & McAlister Co

Gent^l Your esteemed favour of the 31st Oct last came
duly to hand, since which we have been looking for your set sales
of our bag rope every day - We shall be pleased to receive them
as early as convenient with a check on Philad^a Louisville or Cincinnati
= matter or this place for the proceeds, at not exceeding 1 1/2 per cent
premium on the former & 1/2 per cent on the latter cities Respy Truly
Yours

J Brand & Macalister

Messrs John Simpson Co

Lexington Jan 7 1837

Gent^l Your esteemed fav^r of the 10th Inst with Messrs
Pearson & Coffey's dft. at 4 mos from 14th Jan^y inst is duly rec^d,
& contents noted - Your letter is the first intimation we had
of the absence and ill health of our friend Mr J^r Elliott

We sent him a power of attorney on the 6th Sept last
to close up an ac^t with Wallis Russ Co: & Horace Green

and enclose his reply with a copy of a statement by Wallis Rees & Co
a statement from the Rail Road Co. of the quantity of
bag^g rope got by those Gents. Messrs. Boggs & Patton of the date
22^d Sep^r. Since which we have not heard from him & supposed
he had gone to Mississippi - We doubt whether he received the
amount due from Messrs. Wallis Rees & Co. which from the copy
of statement is as follows - nett amount due 14th Aug^r - Commission
& charge off is 266.57 - net proceeds due 14th Aug^r is 71.90 =
338.47. - Presuming they have not paid the above we
give you an order on the other side for the amt. which
with the interest you will oblige us by collecting & bringing
with the balance of our funds in a bill on New Orleans.

We are Very Respy. To friends.

Brands & Manaster.

Messrs. Wallis Rees & Co. Gents. Please pay the balance due us
from sales of bag. to Messrs. John Simpson & Co. order, if the same
has not been collected by Mr. James Elliott & charge. Respy you.
Brands & Manaster -

Mr. Thom^s Lemmon. Lexington Jan 7 19th 1837
The Rail Road Agent Tusculum - Dear Sir - The forwarded
to the Rail Road Co the fall of 1835 - 450 ps of bag^g & 184
Coils rope have advised by Mr. James Elliott on 22^d last Sep^r
that Boggs & Patton of Florence has got 288 ps. & 117 coils
Haraa & Green of Seecatur " got 124 " " 67 "
& Wallis Rees & Co. of Tusculum " got 38 " " - -
making the amt correspond with the 450 184 -
above, but on receiving Boggs & Patton a/c they say they
have only rec^d 95 coils & refuse to account for the 22
coils deficient - Presuming that Mr. Elliott or the Rail
Road Agent have made a mistake, we beg to call your
attention to the subject & have to request you will advise
us if the mistake is with them, write us & send a statement
that we can send to our agent at Florence - Please advise
us as soon as convenient & oblige. Respy. Wm. B. Smith.

Brands & Manaster.

Mr^r "Phillips Reynolds Co

Lex^y. Feb. 20th 1837

Gent^l We have requested Mess^{rs} P. Dudley & Co to ship you 234 pr bag 10.062 yds. which please sell for us at not less than 25 cts pr yd. At the usual credit - We presume you charge for selling & guarantee is the same as other houses in Louisville say 5 p ct, if it is not please advise us - We hope you will be able to sell this lot of bag^s in a short time at our price, if so, we shall be happy to make you further consignments - We were charged in one instance last year Exchange in your city, on a sale of 5000 yds 2 p ct, in order to avoid such a charge in future we have to request you will sell payable in Louisville by making the purchaser add the Exchange

Respy^{ly} Truly yrs

Brant & Manaster

Mr^r P. Dudley & Co

Lex^y Feb. 20th 1837.

Gent^l We have requested the Rail Road Co to forward you 234 pr bag. to J. B. 3rd class 14.742th which please ship by first boat to Mr^r "Phillips Reynolds Co Louisville & oblige Respy^{ly} Brant & Manaster

Mess^{rs} "Connor McHute & Co. Lexington Feb. 28. 1837

Gent^l Your esteemed fav^r of the 22nd inst came duly to hand in reply we will accept your proposition to take your bill at 4 mos date from the 1st March at 3 p ct. discount endorsed by H. R. W. Hill & Co. on it & J. Dick & Co. New Orleans for amount of our a/c due tomorrow which will be Eighteen Hundred & Seventy three \$8700 Dollars - Please let the Bill be at 4 mos date as we may not wish to dispose of it for some time.

Respy^{ly} Truly yrs

Brant & Manaster

Miss Cornelia M. Weston Co

Lexington Mar. 7th 1837

Gent^l: We wrote you on the 28th ulto in reply to your esteemed favour of the 22nd ulto accepting your proposition - We now have taken the liberty of enclosing to you the Bank of Pittsburg check N^o. payable to the order of the Rev^d. Avery endorsed by him to John Simpson Esq & by them endorsed to us, & by us to yourselves & drawn on the Planters Bank at Ashville - It was sent to us from Florence supposing it would suit us on account of being nearer home - It will confer a favour on us if you will invest it in an undoubted bill on New Orleans at not longer than four months date & remit us - Such a bill as you proposed giving in yours of the 22nd ulto will be very acceptable to us, if it suits you to take it - We lose one half per cent com in this operation, but it is the best we can do - If we can serve you here at any time, we shall be pleased to do so & are respectfully,
Yr Obedt. Servt. B. Brand & Co Merchants.

Lexington, Ky, March 7th 1837

Miss Cornelia M. Weston Co

Gentlemen We wrote you on the 28th ulto in reply to your esteemed favour of the 22nd Feb accepting of our proposition - We have now taken the liberty of enclosing to you the Bank of Pittsburghs check dated Feb 1st 1837 for one thousand dollars, on the Planters Bank of Tenn^y Nashville, payable to the order of Rev^d Charles Avery, endorsed by him to John Simpson Esq, & by them to us & by us to yourselves - It was sent us from Florence supposing it would suit on account of being nearer home - It will confer a favour upon us, if you will invest it in an undoubted bill of Exchange on New Orleans at not longer than four months date, on the best terms you can or it will be utterly equivalent to us if you will take it on the same terms you offered to give us a bill for proceeds of our sales at et - We lose 1/2 of our per cent by this operation, but it is the best we can do if we can serve you at any time here it will give us pleasure to do so - We are Very Respectfully Yours Obedt Servt
(The above check signed John Simpson Cashier) Frank H. Macalister

Miss J. Simpson to Genl. Lexington Mar. 11th 1837

Your esteemed favor of the 8th & 28th ulto the latter covering the Bank of Pittsburg check on the Planters Bank of Tenn. Nashville for One thousand dollars was duly rec^d & contents noted, Until the moment we began writing you, we had thought we had sent you our check on the Bk. Bank at Decatur for the amt deposited to our credit by Messrs. Wallis Ruse & Co. I was on refusing to our letter, convinced to the contrary - We now give you our check for the amt. of deposit in the Decatur Branch & hope soon to receive the balance due us in a bill on N. Orleans or Louisville or Cincinnati. Nashville funds are no more available than Florence. We are Dear Sirs

Very Resp^y. To Oct. Lett. Brand & Associates

\$338.47/100. Cashier of the Branch of the Alabama Bank at Decatur pay John Simpson Esq. or order Three hundred thirty eight dollars & forty seven cents. Lex^y. Mar. 11th 1837. B. P. M.

Messrs. King & Son Lex^y. Mar. 11th 1837

Genl. Your esteemed favor of the 28th Jan. ulto was duly rec^d & contents noted - It being of importance to us to know how much rope the Horan firm got of the Rail Road Co you will confer a favor on us if you will call on him & ascertain the number of coils & also request of him our appt sales, that we may be enabled to balance our books & if we owe him to discharge the debt. In the statement we got from Mr Elliott taken from the Rail Road Co. books the firm has received 87 coils & Bozys & Patton 117 coils, but Bozys & Patton say they only received 95 coils & we presume the H firm received the balance say 22 coils, in all 89 coils - Hoping soon to receive appt sales & appt current from you

We are Very Resp^y. To Oct. Lett. Bozys & Patton

I should be

My dear Brother, Lexⁿ Mar. 27. 1837

First. We addressed you on the 11th Nov. last since which we have none of your fav^r to reply to. We have rec^d B/L from our friend W. B. Bakewell for a shipment of 200 ps bag^s for W. B. Henry Clay which we wish you to sell for us (with any that you may have on hand of the 200 ps sent you last Nov.) at 20 cts. We shall be glad to hear from you on receipt of this, how much bag^s drop you have on hand of ours & the prospect for selling more. There is a great reduction this year in the manufacture of bag^s in Kentucky in this & the adjoining countries (where the principle part is made) at least one half.

Respy & truly yrs

Brand. P. M. seals to

P.S. We enclose Messrs Pearson & Co's Bill on Messrs Kirkman & Roper Co at 4 m date in fav^r Messrs J. Simpson Co for 2500 \$ dated Jan 7 14th 1837 due 14/17 May next which is made pay^e to your order by us - We will thank you to ~~rem~~ remit us a check on Philad^a for the amt. of this Bill at maturity on the best terms you can.

To the B. & N.

per J. Bostwell Esq^r

Livingston N.Y. April 17/1837

Messrs John Simpson & Co

Flourish We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 11th Nov. last without any of your fav^r to reply to. Having an opportunity of getting our funds from N. York & since we last wrote you, we will be glad, if you can permit the balance due us, as well as Wm. Field & Brand & Co to that point & deposit in one of the Banks there subject to our order & advices, if a check cannot be had on the Eastern Cities which we would prefer. Owing to the pecuniary difficulties in New Orleans we would prefer not investing in a bill there at this time. We should be glad to hear from you when you write whether our friend W. B. Bakewell has

returned from Nassau at this health - Hoping soon to hear from you
We are Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servts
Wm & J Macalister
Lexington N.Y. April 12th
1837

Messrs John & Brother
New Orleans Gentlemen

We addressed on the 27th ultimo
our friend Thos C Roswell enclosing you for acceptance
Pearson & Coffas first of a bill of Exchange on Messrs
Stirkman & Roswell of New Orleans for \$2500 payable to
John Simpson & Co, by them endorsed to us, & by us to you with
instructions to remit us a check when it matures

Having an opportunity to sell it to W. B. S. Todd of
the firm of Oldham Todd & Co of this place, who visits your
city on business & may probably buy some cotton, we will thank
you to endorse it to him order & hand it over to him

Respect your attention to W. Todd who may make
some business with your house. We are Very truly
(per R. S. Todd Esq) Yours sincerely
Wm & J Macalister

Messrs John Simpson & Co Lexington May 19-1837
Gent^l - Your esteemed letter of the 10th inst in reply
to our letter of the 17th April was duly rec^d & promptly
noted - For your attention in not following our advice
in relation to depositing our funds in Nashville
we are truly obliged to you - You will confer an ad-
ditional favour upon us, if you will employ some
one for us & immediately send a check on the Se-
cater Bank for the amt due us & Wm & J Macalister
to have it drawn, hold it in your own safety chest
for us & we will pay the expenses - It may be necessary
for one of us to visit your state in the course of
a month or two to close some unsettled accounts
Our Banks in concert have have resolved to

to suspend specie payments for the present, no run being
made here, altho' at Covington & Louisville there was
a run yesterday, We hope this will reach you
before the Decatur Branch receives advice from
the Parent Bank, or necessarily comply with suspen-
sion - Hoping soon to hear from you - We are truly
Yr frds. Brand & Co.

Lexington May 30 - 1837.

Messrs. Commodore & Co. - Gent. The bill of 1880²¹/100 we
received of you for proceeds of sales of bag. Haul rope on
Messrs. A. & J. Dick Co. New Orleans, also H. R. W. Hill Co. bill
for 10309²¹/100 on the same, the first maturing on the 15/18
July, the last on the 13/16. We sold to Messrs. Oloham Todd &
of this place, about the 1st April, & Mr. Todd of that firm
went to New Orleans to buy their supply of Cotton
& when there proposed to take cotton for the same -
From Mr. Todd we understood that no funds had
been placed in the hands of Messrs. A. & J. Dick, or that
he could probably have got Cotton for them, tho' not
matured. You will oblige us if you will inform us
what is the prospect of these bills being met & what
information you have of the firm at New Orleans &
New Orleans resuming payment - We hope to believe
that their suspension will be very short - You will
also confer a favour on us if you will advise the
Messrs. Dicks of the nature of your bill, if you think
it proper to get from Messrs. H. R. W. Hill Co. a letter in
relation to their bill, & forward the same to us that we
may send it to our friend in New Orleans to lay
before Messrs. A. & J. Dick Co. & on the same you will
please advise them of the circumstances of your
1880.21. bill - We ask this for the reason that their
Circular states that they will meet all bills, where
the funds have been sent forward to them in good
faith, & that if you have not, already, that you.

will, have funds provided to meet these bills. Requesting
an early reply. We are Gentlemen. Very Respectfully

Jr. Off. Servants.

Beard. On a a h, to.

Albany, Yorks. Road Lexington Ky June 5th 1837

Gent^l Your esteemed favor of the 11th April was duly
rec^d & contently noted. Since our letter of the 11th April - viz.
to 27th March last, limiting our bag traps in your hands
there has been so great a change in the Commercial bus-
iness of the Country, we have determined to take off
the limits on our articles as the season for selling is ap-
proaching & there seems to be some inquiry for them - we
now authorize you to sell at the usual rates for
similar articles. We hope you will endeavor soon
to close sales of all of ours in your hands - The
pressure is only beginning to be felt here since the
suspension of specie pay^t. the Banks drawing it
but to make no loans or purchase of bills except
in the usual of old transactions, & we expect our
half at least of the factories now in operation will
be compelled from want of funds to shut up their es-
tablishments - in the course of 60 or 90 days, there will
be in that case a deficiency of bag traps as there
has been ascertained to be a falling off of one half
of the number of looms in operation, since last
year (by a convention of Manufacturers of the State
held here) - We have two bills of exchange amt^g.
to 2911 1/2 for on Imp^t of Dick Co. maturing the
14th July, and will be obliged if you will give us
your opinion about their resuming pay^t & the probability
of their meeting these bills, one of them is drawn by them
parton H. R. W. Hill Co. Nashville & the other by Connor
McAlister Co. & endorsed by H. R. W. Hill Co. Please let us
hear from you as soon as convenient & oblige very truly &c. &c.

Beard. On a a h, to.

Wm. John Simpson & Co. Lexington June 12th 1837.
Dear Sir - Your esteemed favour of the 27th ulto came duly to
hand for which we thank you - If you can purchase
for us Kentucky State Bank of Indiana or Cincinnati
Bank notes for the balance due us, (say Seven Hundred
Seventy eight 7⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars) at from 2 to 5 per cent premium
and remit by Mr Francis Hunt who is now in Florida
you will confer an additional favour on us - The
amount rec^d of J. I. Ormond ^{transferring} belongs to Warfield Bead & Co
who will advise you what disposition to make of it.
Respy. Your friend, H. C. to
Beard. Manchester

Mr W. G. Bakenell Lexington June 26th 1837
Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 23^d to Bell. is
rec^d and contents noted - We are willing for you to sell our
bag. drops at 22 and get payable at Louisville (provided
you guarantee the sale) upon a credit of not longer than
6 months - We think good bag. will get scarcer about Sept.
There has been a great reduction this year in the business
and factories stopping every now & then. Respy Truly yr
Beard. Manchester.

Mr. James Elliott Lexington, Ky. June 27th 1837.
Dear Sir. We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 5th Dec^r. last
(in reply to your esteemed letter of the 22^d Sep^r. / & also on the 19th
Dec^r. to both of which beg to refer you & are since without
any of your favours, to which to reply - It was with surprise
and regret we heard through our mutual friend Mr John
Simpson of your bad health & departure for Cuba in
January last - We are pleased to learn now from Mr
A. D. Hunt of your improved health and expectation
to be at home in June, when we hope this will find
you entirely restored - We again address you in relation
to our business with Mess^{rs}. King & Co. & Mess^{rs}. A. Green.

which is still in an unsettled state and must impose on
your kindness the trouble of arranging it for us - Our
last advice from Messrs King & Dwyer was their letter of
the 5th May, with an appt sales of 54 ps bag. & 56 coils
rope showing a balance in our favour to 1st May
of 1.281.74/100. after charging 5. ps ct. for selling &
2 1/2 for guaranteeing (say 34.65) and complaining
of being disappointed by their customers and asking
further indulgence, their appt also shows on hand 53.
ps 2.279 for bag. - We shall be glad to have the appt.
closed either by a good negotiable note payable
at the Decatur Bank, with interest included and good
security or in such a way as you may think
best and as they have not paid their appt, we think
they should deduct the charge for guarantee, they
state also that they had applied to Mr Horace
Green for our appt, and he said he had rendered the
appt to you which we will thank you to send as
soon as convenient, in the statement got from
the Rail Road Co of bag. rope delivered to the different
houses, you say Boggs & Patton received 117 coils, we have
since received their appt sales and a letter from them
saying they had only got 95 coils, being 22 coils lft.
which either Wallace Run Co or H. Green must
have received, or it is still in the Rail Road Warehouse.

We have written to the Rail Road agent and the
above gentlemen, but can get no replies to our letters
which must be our apology for troubling you to
ascertain when the deficiency is. - If you have
lost confidence in K. & Dwyer, owing to the great
change in the commercial world, we would ask you
to transfer or store our bag. on hand to some other
house, and as we may make some other shipments
to Alabama, we shall be glad to have your opinions
of them - We hope soon to hear from you, and are with our
best wishes for your health. Very truly yours
B. D. Dwyer

Mr. W. B. Bakewell

Lex. June 30. 1837

Dear Sir. Your esteemed fav. of the 27th with bill charge
annexed has been rec^d and your draft for amount of
same has been duly honoured, you charge 13.98. p^t
on 72 p^t & 45 coils rope April 15. 1836. We have paid
you that in a former account in our books you are
credited with it April 18. 1836. you will therefore
please credit us that amt in yr books - We are at
a loss what to say to you about our bag. and rope
it is an unprofitable business to sell payable in
New Orleans at 22 and 9 and must wind up our
manufactures after awhile, but we know you
will do for us as for yourself, and therefore we are
willing to let you sell pay^{ble} in N. O. by your guar.
anticipating the punctual payment of sales on as short
a credit as you can, but not over 6 mos - Advise from
time to time the prospects of selling with you.

Respy Truly Yrs

Ben^d Marshall

Messrs. York Brothers

Lex. July 28-1837.

New Orleans. Gent^l. Your esteemed fav. of the 28th ultimo
came duly to hand and contently rec^d. As the planters
will have to depend this season on New Orleans
for their supplies of bag. and rope, and mat on
Kentucky is heretofore (for they cannot obtain
them without cash) we must ask you to keep
us advised of the state of your market - We saw
a statement from your city of the quantity on
hand, which is put down at 200000 p^s and that
held by a few houses, who were not disposed to sell
at present prices - In allable the quantity is very
small only 8000 p^s, they will require at least 17000.
p^s besides that, which will reduce the stock in
your market to a very trifling one - We are

ago.

firmly of the opinion that bag. and rope will advance by the middle of August, the quantity manufactured this year is about one half as much as made last season, and a number of the factories stopped within two months, and some closing every few days.

We shall not put any limit on our articles, but will merely remark that less than 28 and 10 in your currency will be a losing business to us - We had a letter of late date from Stanton Backus & Co. their opinion coincides with ours, they had just sold made w. sale at 24 and 11. I say it will advance - We refused 22 for 600 ps. (payable in St. Orleans) at 6 mos a few days ago, bag. to be delivered here.

If we find it to our interest, after we hear from you, we will make you another shipment, if you desire it by the 1st Sept. Very truly yours
 Brand & Munroe & Co.

Mrs. W. R. Feniday Co. Lexington Aug. 3rd 1837

Atchafalaya. Gent. In Feb'y last we rec^d a letter from Mrs. W. R. Feniday Co. advising us of sales of all of our bag. Rope in their hands except 600 ps, which is limited at 25 cts per yard - We presume all consignments have been transferred to your house by Mrs. J. F. Co. to be disposed of according to the instructions given them -

We shall not place a higher limit on our bagging than but hope you may be able to get a higher price than 25 cts for it, the present price 23 cts in your market in the depreciated currency of Mississippi is common to the manufacturers, and unless it advances to 28 & 30, no shipments will be made (for sale) from Louisville.

We are firmly of the opinion that the supply of bagging of Kentucky manufacture will be short this season not more than one half the quantity has been made this year that was last, and our factories are stopping every few days & have closed for the year and the 10th days

and most of us doing but little work - We shall
be pleased to send you a few hundred pieces of bag?
to sell when the price will justify. We shall be glad
to be advised of the state of your market occasionally.
Respy. Fr. Obbs. & Co.

Brand Manchester

Mr. R. W. Hill Co. Lexington Aug. 8th 1837

Gent. A few days since we received protest for the nonpay-
ment of your draft in favour of Messrs. Connor & Alister Co. upon
Messrs. H. F. Dick Co., dated Ashville March 13th 1837 at 4 m. date
for 1030.92⁰⁰ff. We understand one of your Banks is
drawing upon Louisville, if you will send a check
to us on that place, adding the interest from the 13th
July (the day the draft fell due) for the amount of
your draft, we will not charge the damages, this is
the only arrangement we can think of that will suit
us - We shall be glad to hear from you by return mail.

Respy. Fr. Obbs. & Co. Brand Manchester

Messrs. Connor & Alister Co. Lexington Aug. 28th 1837.

Gent. We have rec^d advice of the payment of your draft
on Messrs. H. F. Dick Co. for 1880⁰⁰ff also a protest for the
nonpayment of Messrs. H. R. W. Hill Co. draft on same firm
for 1030.92⁰⁰ff. We have this day written Messrs. H. R. W.
Hill Co. that we should not charge the damages on the bill
if they would remit us a check for the amount of the same
(with interest from the 13th July, the day it was due) on
Louisville, this is the only arrangement that will suit
us that we can think of, and as the endorsers of
the bill you will confer a favour on us by having
it attended to at once.

Respy. Fr. Obbs. & Co.

Brand Manchester

Messrs. A. R. W. Hill & Co.

Lexington, Ky., August 29th 1837

Gentl: Your esteemed favour of the 16th inst. is received & contents noted - We have determined to return your bill on Wm. J. Dick & Co. to New Orleans where we hope it will be paid & according to your request we advise you it goes by the same mail that takes this. We are

Very Respectfully Yours
Wm. B. Macalister

Messrs. York Brothers

Lex: Aug. 29-1837

St. Orleans. Gentl: Your esteemed favour of the 9th inst came duly to hand & contents noted - Our observer bagging is quoted selling at 25 and 10¢ at 10 to 11 cts in St. Orleans, which prices we shall be pleased to have ours sold at - We can make you another shipment when you desire it.

Respy truly yr

P.S. Do not consider the above as a limit. Wm. B. Macalister

Lexington Augth 29th 1837

Messrs. Phillips, Rogers & Co.

Gentl: Your esteemed favour of the 5th inst came duly to hand and contents noted - We shall be pleased to have our bagging in your hands sold at 23 cts payable in St. Orleans by adding 2 p. c. exchange, six months credit please advise us the prospects for selling it - Our advisers from all quarters are very favourable for the manufacture. If nothing happens to the cotton crop we hope to see bagging at 25 cts with you before long.

Respy truly yr

Wm. B. Macalister

Lexington Aug. 29th 1837.

Messrs. Ben. Pinkard & Co.

Gentl: Your esteemed favour of the 30th

Yours has not been answered sooner in consequence
of our unwillingness to accept the propositions in
that letter. We are disposed to have our bagging
and rope in your hands sold at 23 cts & 8 1/2 to 9 cts
payable in N. Orleans by adding 2 p. c. exchange
six months credit, with your guarantee for the punct-
tual payment of sales at maturity. If you are
opposed to sell upon these terms, please ship our
articles by the first boat to Messrs. Bennett & Fendays
& Co. N. Orleans upon the best terms you can and advise
us, we will thank you to effect insurance when
you ship at 23 1/4 cts and draw upon us for any
balance we may owe you. Resp. truly yr
Grand Marabout.

Messrs. Bennett & Fendays Co. Livingston Sep. 2^d 1837
New Orleans. Com^{rs}. Messrs. Ban Pinckard & Co. by our instruc-
tions have shipped you ^{about} Robt. Morris, One Hundred & thirty
six pieces bagging & thirty five coils rope, which we wish you to
sell for us - We shall not limit your articles, but merely
remark, that our bagging is considered as good as any
made in the state, and we hope you will be able to get us
the same price that such (of a similar quality) commands.

Bagging is improving at Louisville, large sales at 22
payable in N. Orleans, by adding 2 p. c. exchange. We are of
the opinion from the great reduction in the manufacture
this year & so many factories having stopped lately
that there will be a deficiency this season, notwithstanding
we shall be pleased to sell ours at a moderate profit
which the present price quotation 25 in your market
will afford - We have been doing business with your
house at Natchez for two years, and from the satisfac-
tory manner which they have always done it, we have been induced
to make you this shipment. Hoping soon to hear from you
We are Resp. Yr. Obedt. Serv^t Grand Marabout.

Mr. Phillips, Reynolds & Co

Lexington Sep. 9th 1837.

Genl. Your esteemed favour of the 5th inst came duly to hand & contents noted - We have conferred with you Mr Reynolds on the subject of bag rope and have concluded to take off the limit on ours. Let you sell it for the price bag^s of the same quality will command in your market, we think you can get 22 cents for it - please to open it for us until you will find it equal in quality to any made in the State - We have 5 or 6000 some rope on hand here - which we will send you if we find it to our interest after you have made sale of that on hand.

Very truly yrs Beaud & Manaster

Mr W B A Runkle

Lexington Sep. 12th 1837

Dear Sir Please ship upon the best terms you can to Messrs York Brothers 30000 bag & 13 1/2 coils rope, which is intended for Mobile, attend to it at once - Ship also to W H. Fenwick Hatchery 10000 bag & advise us - We shall then have a small quantity in your hands, but we have 5000 here which we shall send you if you can sell it.

Yours &c Beaud & Manaster

Mr. York Brothers

Lexington Sep. 12th 1837

Genl. We have directed Mr B A Runkle to ship to you 30000 bagging and 13 1/2 coils rope which please forward to Messrs W L S Key Hagan & Co Mobile as soon as practicable - Hoping soon to hear from you with sales of our bag^s & rope We are.

Very truly yrs

Beaud. & Manaster

Mr. W L S Key Hagan & Co

Lexington Sep. 12th 1837

Genl. We have ordered Mr B A Runkle to ship to Messrs York Brothers as soon as practicable 30000 bag & 13 1/2 coils rope which they are instructed to forward from St. Orleans to you - We wish you to sell it for us upon a credit of 4 months if you will guarantee the punctual payment of sales; if not, sell it for cash.

If you should not wish to receive this consignment (as we have heard you did not wish any bag? traps to sell) please to hand it over to Mr Westfield or Rivers & Battle if you have full confidence in them, with this letter as our instructions - Mr Westfield is an entire stranger to us, but if you recommend him in person for his having the consignment and becoming our agent at Mobile.

Please let us know in your first letter the rate of Exchange on Philad. & New York. Very truly yrs

Brands & Marable

Sup: W. R. Flindley & Co. Lexington Sep: 12th 1837

Gent: We have entrusted Mr B. Rivers to forward you by first opportunity 100 lbs trapping, which please sell for us at the price trapping of the best quality, commands in your market, for such one is considered.

We have made a shipment to your house at St Orleans, & hope we may find it to our interest to make them larger consignments in future - Hoping to hear soon from you with sales of this shipment. We are,

Very truly yrs

Brands & Marable

Lexington N.Y. Sept. 14th 1837

Messrs John Simpson & Co

Gentlemen We addressed you on the 15th of June last, since which we are without any of your favours to reply to - It being extremely doubtful whether we shall either of us visit your State this fall we have determined to take a bill on St. Orleans if one undoubted & that ^{you believe} will be promptly met at maturity can be purchased, at not longer than four months time at the rate the Creator Bank is buying. Should you be able to buy us such a bill on part of this you will confer a favour on us by remitting it or a Discharge or advising us so that we may make some other arrangement as we expect a friend to pass through your place in about a month who will probably want to have friends

Please advise us by return mail, & whether our funds
are in your hands, or whether you deposited them to our
credit in the Deceator Bank, if the latter by you can invest
them as above We will send you a check immediate-
ly on hearing from you We are Very Truly Yours Chas. Smith
Brand & Macalister

Mr. W. S. Baker & Co. Livingston Sep: 17. 1837

Dear Sir. Yours of the 14th is rec^d contents noted
We have insured the 300 lb bag from Louisville to
Mobile at our office here at 5/8th. The 100 lb for
atching will be insured also here, when we hear
what boat takes it - It will not be necessary to
send the letter to Messrs York Brothers as the boat
goes direct to Mobile - We were offered 20 1/2 for
150 lb bag delivered in your city - payable in
N. W. Bank Stock - The package for Mrs M is
rec^d with thanks & gives satisfaction - Messrs Phillips
R. Co. have been selling for us at 22. pay in N. W.
as Mr Barr told us to day. bag was advancing
at N. W.atching we hope you will be able to
sell ours at a better price before long W. S. M.
Brand & Macalister

Mr. W. S. Baker & Co. Lex: Sep 22. 1837.

Dear Sir. The bag rope for Mobile we intended
for McLocky & Hagan Co. please fill up the B/L to them & if
the Boat has left Louisville, please advise them by the
first boat or mail - the letter to Messrs York Brothers
contained instructions about the bag rope, as we had
no idea you would be fortunate enough to ship it
direct - We shall depend on your forwarding the annexed
in case the Boat has gone. W. S. M.
Brand & Macalister

The owners of the St. R. Jefferson will please deliver the three hundred pieces bagging
and one hundred & thirty six coils rope to Messrs McLocky & Hagan Co or order
shipped by W. S. Baker & Co. of Louisville to his order.
BRAND.
B. V. M.

Mr. W. L. Hagan & Co.

Lexington Sep^r 23^d 1837

Gent^l: We have had shipped to you by Mr. Bakewell 300 ps bag
#136 cils, cap^s & St. Bt. Jefferson from Louisville to Mobile direct. We
advised you some time since our wishes with regard to it - We omitted
in writing to Mr. Bakewell to tell him to whom we wished it con-
signed at Mobile, thinking it would have to be reshipped at New
Orleans. He writes us the Boat will be off from Louisville before
he can hear from us. We have accordingly sent an order to him
to forward to you on the owners of the Jefferson for the articles.

In case the Boat should arrive before that order has
not consigned it to you, please present this letter as our order
for the articles - Hoping soon to hear from you. We are at St. Louis

Very truly yrs

Brant Macalister.

Mr. P. Dudley & Co. Gent^l:

Lexington Sep^r 26th 1837

We have 84 ps bag. in your hands which please forward
to W. F. Bakewell Esq^r Louisville as soon as practicable
upon the best terms you can. Resp^d to Brant Macalister
Mr. W. F. Bakewell.

Lex^r Sep^r 26-1837

Dear Sir Please ship by first good boat to Mr. P.
York Brathers New Orleans, the balance of our bag.
in your hands say 174 ps & advise us - forward the en-
closed with the bag.

Very truly yrs

Brant Macalister.

Mr. York Brathers.

Lex^r Sep^r 26-1837

Dear Sir. Your estimate for of the 8th inst is rec^d
the sales of our bag traps are entirely satisfactory
We have this day requested Mr. Bakewell to send you
174 ps bag (if not sold) by first boat, this is all the
bag we have in Louisville at this time, or we should
send you a larger consignment, we have about 600
ps more, but cannot procure wagons to carry it to
Louisville just now - We shall not limit our bag^s
but only ask you to do your best with it - Resp^d

Yr fr^d & co's

Brant Macalister

Slap: York Brothers.

Lexington Oct. 7. 1837

Gent: Your estimate from of the 5th ult. is rec^d & contents noted. Mr Bakewell shipped on the 28th ult. for "Roda" 124 ps bagging 5.332 yds which please for us - We have also 144 ps bag & 10 coils rope on board the Sultanah (which boat is aground at I think Island) consigned to you & which was intended for Mobile. We have ordered it to be reshipped, and wish ^{you} to stop it at St. Orleans & dispose of it for us - Bag & Rope are both getting at Louisville, stock estimated at 5000 ps & 3000 coils, there -

Hoping soon to hear from you with safe sales - We are

Respy & truly yr. Brand & associates

Slap: King & Dwinns

Lexington Oct. 7-1837.

Gent: Bagging & Rope are both advancing at St. Orleans. Last sales are at 27 & 12 - The quantity at Louisville is very small for the season say 5000 ps and 3000 coils with a brisk demand.

We hope you will be able to dispose of the 53. ps of ours at a good price, payable by the 1st May next; and as much sooner as possible - We should like to hear from you the prospect for these articles this season with you, as we may wish to send some to you if the prices will justify it ought to be a good price in Alabama as the difficulty of getting money from there, and the Exchange are both difficult & oppressive - We shall expect to hear from you as soon as possible. Respy. Fr. Oct. 7. Brand & Associates

Slap: Phillips Reynolds & Co.

Lexington Oct. 7th 1837

Gent: Your estimate from of the 13th ult. advising of sales of 100 ps bag^g is rec^d & contents noted - We understand and bag & rope are both advancing at St. Orleans and are selling at 27 & 12. We think there ought to be a corresponding advance with you, & hope you will be able to get us a better price for the balance in your hands - We shall not insist on it, but only ask you to do your best - We should think the quantity of bag here does not exceed 15000 ps & much smaller quantity of Rope say 500 coils. Respy & truly. B & Co.

Mr. John Simpson Co. Lexington Oct 6th 1837
Dear Sir: Your esteemed fav^r of the 24th Sep^r: Ulto, was rec^d
in due course & contents noted - Having made a disposition
of our funds in your hands, to Messrs. Oldham Todd & Co.
we have to request you to hold them subject to our
order, as we expect to draw at sight in favour of
Messrs. R. S. Todd in three or four weeks - With many
thanks for your kind attention to our business -

Very truly yr friend, Brand & March, to

Mr James Elliott Lexington Oct. 6th 1837
Dear Sir We rec^d in due course of mail your esteemed
fav^r of the 1st Aug. ultimo and note its contents, We hope
this may find you in better health than when you wrote
us last. Messrs. R. S. Todd of the firm of Oldham Todd & Co.
expecting to leave here about the 15. next month and to
take your place in his route, we write to ascertain
whether the two notes taken on our account of King &
Swings are negotiable at Bank of Va so to ask of you
the favour to have them discounted for us immediately
on receipt of this & advise us if they are discounted as
there is great difficulty of getting funds from your
State we wish to embrace the opportunity of Messrs. Todd
We will also be obliged to you if you will inform
us if you have settled the account with Aaron Green
and with Mr Limerick about the 22 coils rope &
direct us whether to draw upon you for the amount
and how to draw for the proceeds of King & Swings two
Notes - Mr brother of the firm of Gigg Elliott was here
about two weeks since & stated it was probable he
would be in Alabama for a short time during his
collecting tour - Hoping soon to hear from you
we are

Very truly yrs fr^d

Brand & March, to

If the notes can be discounted, they are made payable to us
we will send you a power of atty to receive them -
on bearing from the bank

Rep. M. S. & Hagan Co.

Lexington Oct 9th 1837

Genl. We advised you on the 23rd ult. of a shipment of 300
ps bag & 13 coils rope for Jefferson - We have since learned only
160 ps bag & 100 coils rope went by that boat, which we hope
has been sold for us - The Sultana took the balance
but we have heard she is aground in the Ohio, fearing it might
be too late for your market we have ordered it to be reshipped
and stopped at St. Orleans. Bag & Rope are both looking
up, and not much at Louisville or this place. Rope

To W. G. B. Brand & Menard, Jr. might
We have insured the lot for Jefferson at this place from Louisville.

W. G. Bakewell. Dear Sir.

Lexington Oct. 18 - 1837

Your fav. of the 14th (post marked 16) was recd. yesterday - you are
apprized of our ~~being~~ insured on the shipment of bag rope
by the Sultana at the Lexington office but we have to request you
to be particular in doing nothing that will invalidate our
claim - We applied to the Company to let us stop the bag rope
at St. Orleans, than it sold there as soon as possible but
they object to doing any thing until they get a protest
to know all the particulars - We have written York & Brothers
to let it go on to Mobile as they receive it. Please advise
them when you ship that it is the bag rope from
the Sultana. Hoping to hear from you particulars
as soon as possible practicable. We are very truly yrs.

Brand & Menard, Jr.

Rep. York Brothers.

Lexington Oct. 18 - 1837

Genl. We wrote you some time ago to stop the 140 ps
bag & 10 coils rope for the Sultana at St. Orleans & sell it for
our use - We have just heard she has damaged her cargo and
sunk in a flat boat part of this shipment, put
part of it in a log Kitchen man when she is aground
sent part back to Louisville to be dried - We are
fully insured on the bag rope to Mobile, & as it
would invalidate our claim upon the office to have

it sold at St. Orleans, we must request you to have it
forwarded to McDougall & Co. as it arrives on good
Steam Boat or Boats - The Shipment to you for Roddey
is not insured, we hope it has arrived, and may find
a good market. Very truly yrs Brand & Macalister

Sup: McDougall & Co. Lex^a. Oct. 18-1837
We had requested Sup: York Brothers to stop
the 140 pr bag 40 coils rope for the Sultana at St. Orleans
till it for us - We have just heard she has damaged
part of her cargo, and part, stored part when she is
aground sent part back to Louisville to be dried, as
it would invalidate our claim on the office here, to have
it sold at St. Orleans - We have requested York Brothers to
forward it to you as it arrives - it is insured to Mobile
Please have it done the best you can with it for the
interest of the office holding. Very truly yrs
Brand & Macalister.

Mr W. S. Bakewell Lex^a. Oct. 24th 1837.
Dear Sir. Please forward to the agent of the Rail
Road Co. Tusculum 2300 lbs of our bar rope & advise us
We are waiting patiently to hear of our loss by the Sulta-
na - We are fully insured and ~~are waiting~~ will be paid
if nothing has been done to vitiate our policy, please
let us hear as soon as you can. Respy. Truly yrs
Brand & Macalister.

Mr W. S. Bakewell Lexington Oct. 30-1837.
Dear Sir. Your fav^r of the 27th is rec^d & constantly noted
Please ship as soon as you can to York Brothers (or to
Mobile direct) what bag rope we have in your hands
say 211 pr & 120 coils, as we presume you have shipped
23 coils to Tusculum - Any from Maryville that you
may receive, we will advise you what to do with it
hereafter - We will be glad to have a protest
from the Sultana, we can do nothing until

we have ~~from you~~ the particulars, how much of our lot is
at Louisville, how much at Flint Island & Smithland
How much sunk in the Waterloo & how much dam-
aged - Is any one watching that at Flint Island
If the Boat shipped without order, then she is accom-
table to the office - The bag Rope we want shipped
is for Disha & Bradford, Mobile - if you ship to York
Brothers, please advise them to forward it as soon
as possible for want you to send it off at once
if it can be done Hoping soon to hear from you
We are Very truly yrs. Brand. Manchester.

Messrs. W. H. R. Farinaday & Co. Lex^r. Nov^r. 1st 1837

Genl^r. Your esteemed fav^r of the 25th Sep^r came
duly to hand & note its contents. We have forwarded
you for D. Crockett 114 coils rope which sell for us
part of it is very good, the balance not so much
so - We have not drawn upon Messrs Farinaday & Co
for the balance due us in June last, as we have
not wanted the money, but presume they will
allow us interest from the time it was due, please
advise us in your next - Would it suit you to pay
(when we want it) in N. Orleans, by our advising
you sometime before we draw. Very truly yrs
Brand Manchester.

Messrs. King & Womps

Lex^r. Nov 4. 1837

Genl^r. We have had shipped to you for J. B. Brighton
23 coils, bal rope wgt. 2192 lbs to sell with the 53 for bag 9.
which please send for to the Rail Road Co Tusculum &
oblye. Res^t Wm. Brand Manchester.

The agent of the Rail Road Co Tusculum will please
deliver to King & Womps or order, 23 coils bal rope 2192^{lbs}
shipped for Brighton by W. S. B. Rivett of Louisville on the 3rd inst
marked B & Co. Brand Manchester.

Lex. Nov. 4 - 1837.

Messrs. York & Brothers - Gentl. - Mr. B. & R. Welch has shipped to you for "Gov. Clarke" 211 lb bag. & 120 coils rope which please forward as soon as practicable to Messrs. Desha & Bradford Mobile - The estimated fair of the 17th ulto has been rec^d & contents noted - Please insure 3.20 off on the above shipment from St. Orleans to Mobile - We shall be happy to receive a Sale & Current from you when convenient.

Respy. Truly yrs.

Brands & Marshall & Co.

Messrs. Desha & Bradford Lex. Nov. 4th 1837.

Gentl. When you Mr. Bradford was here we promised him to make you have a consignment of bag. Rope We have just rec^d. B/L from an agent Mr. W. S. Baker. well, of Louisville of 211 lb bag. & 120 coils rope w^g 11390 lbs. shipped to York & Brothers, St. Orleans to forward without delay to you - Please sell it for us at the best price you can, We seldom limit our articles but will merely remark that the bag is as good as any made here, & some of the rope is good, part of it not so much so - Our friends Mr. Loctay Hagan & Co. have just advised us of a Sale of some of ours by them at 14 - Hoping soon to hear from you

We are

Respy. Tr. Vlt. Serv^t Brands & Marshall & Co.

Messrs. Phillips, Rogers & Co.

Lexington Nov 6 - 1837

Gentl. Your esteemed favor of the 1st inst. came duly to hand and note its contents - We shall be happy to have the 134 lb bagging in your hands sold, as it is the only lot left unsold of ours in your city - and all we shall send to Louisville this year. Please give it your attention and oblige.

Tr. friends

Brands & Marshall & Co.

P.S. Do not sell for less than 20¢ and advise us the propriety.

Mp^r M Lusk & Hagan Co

Lexington Nov 6 1837

Gent^l Contrary to our expectations the Sallama got off with this view of water, and will take on to N. Orleans all of the bag. rope we had on her - she only damaged 3 or 4 pr & 3 coils rope of our lot, that which was sunk & damaged belonged to others, it is ordered to be sent to you by first opportunity from Mp^r York Brothers, please sell it for us at the best price you can obtain.

Your estimate favours of the 15 & 21st bulto have been rec^d. the sales are satisfactory - we are sorry we did not know that larger pieces were proposed with you, if the prices in your market will justify, and you can make an arrangement to pay us by Bills on N York or Philad^a for our sales, we will send you some in the winter or spring of 86 you each, the present rates of Exchange are ruinous to the manufacturer - what do you think exchange on those cities will be in two or three months? we have ordered shipped to you, in addition to that for Sallama, as soon as it can be done 118 pr bag. & 50 coils rope to be sold at the best price. Respy & truly yrs. Brand & Manchester

Mp^r York Brothers

Lexington Nov. 19 1837

Gent^l Please forward the 118 pr bag. & 50 coils rope to J. B. Columbus to Mp^r M Lusk & Hagan Co Mobile & insure 1.500 \$ on it. Yrs frds

Brand & Manchester

Mr. R. Buchanan

Lexington Nov. 20th 1837

Dear Sir. We have just heard that the Columbus had been burned at Cincinnati, without knowing any of the particulars, we have thought it best to advise to write you to employ some one to attend to 118 pr bag. & 50 coils rope which we had on her, if it has been saved, it may be lost & will require drying, if it is lost, we must make the best of it as we had no insurance on it. Your attention to this matter will greatly oblige us. Yrs frds

Brand & Manchester

Statement of Bagging rope forwarded by Brand & Man-
 abster of Lexington for their Agent W. S. B. Bunker of Louisville
 to the care of the Rail Road Company of Tennessee
 1835. Sep. 15th 12th 1/2. Handling 100 ft bag. 45 coils rope 47.16th.

Oct 2 " " " Wm Penn 244 " 102 " " 10,276-

7 " " " Handling 44 " 15 " " 1,504.

Nov 3 " " " Dove 62 " 22 " " 2,219.

1835 Total 457 ft bag 184 coils rope 18,715.

Nov. 13y delivered Boggs Station 288 ft bag & 95 coils rope

" " do Walter Buss 38 " " 9624th

" " do Horan Farm 124 " " 67,6727.

By amt delivered 457 ft bag 184 coils rope 18,715.

Balance not accounted for 22 coils rope 2,364th

Tennessee, Courtland & Decatur Rail Road Comp
 Dr to Brand & Manabster.

1836. May 1st to 22 coils bal rope 2,364th lost or not accounted for
 at 12 1/2 cts ft \$295.50

To interest from 1st May 1836 to 1st Dec. 1837

say 19 mos at 8. per ct

37.42.

332.92

The Rail Road Co. Agent will please pay the above
 to Mr. C. & A. J. Barton. Lexington. Dec. 1st 1837.

Brand & Manabster.

Mr. C. & A. J. Barton

Lexington Dec 1st 1837

Sir. At the request of our friend Mr James Elliott of
 your place, we have made out a statement of bag. rope
 shipped by us to the Rail Road Agent Tennessee, which
 you will find annexed, to which you will please enforce
 the collection of by law if necessary - We wrote repeatedly to
 to send us a statement of our debt from time to time to get
 it until Mr Elliott applied & then the rope lost was said to
 have been delivered Mr. Boggs & Patton of Florence & owned
 by them - We have made out our debt charging the price
 our rope was sold for by Boggs & Patton & have charged

interest from 1st May 1836 when those gentlemen settled their
debit. we should have received if the rope had been delivered
Boggs / Patton - Mr Elliott writes us that Mr Simerio has told
him he would advise Mr Decker to settle the matter for
hope they will do so peacefully - Mr Elliott informs us he
had left in your hands King Downings notes the 1st due 1st Jan^y 1838
the last due 1st March 1838 which you will oblige by having
deposited for collection for us in the Decatur Branch Bank
and also the proceeds of the Rail Road apt if you get it
instructing the Cashier to advise us of their payment
to send us a certificate of deposit as the amts are paid
should the Bank be unwilling to give certificates of
Deposit we should be glad to know it - Hoping soon
to hear from you We are Very Respectfully Yrs Wm. Lott.
Brand. Ocala.

Mr. York Brothers

Lexington Dec^r 9th 1837

Gent^l. Having none of your favours to reply to since
yours of the 17th Oct. we now address you for the purpose
of requesting an apt Sales & apt current of our bag
ropes sold by you up to the 8th Sept & also of the last
shipment. It is our wish to draw on you ~~when~~ to full due
when the Sales mature & we will be obliged if you will
have it made out & remit as speedily as convenient - we
shall be glad to hear from you the state of your market
occasionally & the prospect for the Mobile Sales in Feby.
by which time we could give you a considerable con-
signment if the prospects would justify - Hoping to
hear from you soon We are Relyg. Yrs friends

Brand. Ocala.

Mr. W. H. Fernday Co. Lexington Dec^r 9-1837

Gent^l. We wrote you on the 1st Nov. ultimo and
in since in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 16th
we now address you for the purpose of advising
that we shall in a few days draw upon you for

the balance due us for sales of bag. traps by Messrs
Shipp & Ferriday & Co. on the 10th June last & include the
interest for six months say balance \$1115.57, interest six
months, 33.46. making in all 1149.03. the balance of in-
terest you will please credit us by - We shall be glad to
hear from you on receipt of this, with an acct sales &
acct current of as much of our bag traps as you have
sold and the prospect of closing the consignment if
not all all sold, We are Gent^l Very Resp^{ly} Truly
J^r Brand. Manchester.

Messrs York & Brathwaite

Lexington Jan^y 5th 1838

Gent^l We returned fav^r of the 24th Decem^r ulto was rec^d
in due course, covering apes sales, with proceeds \$2725.⁰⁴ pro due 3rd Feb.
also 1896.¹³ pro due 8th March - In your acct you charge us 5. per cent.
commission, which we presume embraces the 2 1/2 per cent guarantee, as
we have not been advised by you of any change in your charges
We have seen several apes in which the 5. per cent embraces both
sales & guarantee commission - We have to advise you that we
draw on sett of Exchange on you, in favour of Ben. D. Gutchy for
2725.⁰⁴ pro to fall due on the 3rd Feb^r next & on all pay^{mt}
to our own order for 1896.¹³ pro to mature 8th March -

Hoping the above will be duly honoured We are Very truly
Yours, Brand Manchester.

P.S. We have a very heavy lot of bag traps on hand & should be
pleased to hear from you if there is a prospect of your being able
speedily to sell what you have, & some more of this lot B & M.

Lexington Jan^y 5th 1838.

Messrs Bennett Ferriday & Co. - Gent^l We wrote you on
the 2nd Sept^r ulto. to which we beg your answer and are since in
receipt of your esteemed favours of the 15th & 27th Sept^r & 14th Oct^r
last: and at our then content, - We hope you have now this dis-
posed of our small consignment of bag traps & shall be
pleased to hear from you on receipt thereof with an
account sales both the whole or so much as you
may have been enabled to dispose of - We have

a heavy stock of bag on hand, and shall be pleased to hear
from you the prospects in your market of disposing of
it. We are gentlemen Very Resp. Friend Macintosh

Lexington January 15 1838

Mass^{rs} C. & A. Boston

Gentlemen We addressed you on the 7th Dec^r with
to which we beg to refer you, & have since been expecting by
every mail for some time to receive a reply thereto—

We have deferred addressing you again under the
expectation that you might be delaying a reply till you
could advise us of the payment of Miss^s King & Coving
note due 1st Jan^y— but sufficient time having elapsed
without any advice from you, we again take the liberty
of calling your attention to requesting an early reply
to our letter of 7th Dec^r. Yours gentlemen

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Serv^t
Wm^d Macintosh

Mess^{rs} to W. R. Feniday Co Lexington Jan^y 22^d 1838

Gent^l In enclosed part of the 1st & 30th ulto have
been rec^d & content, noted. We shall be pleased to receive
of sales & amount of the consignment of bag traps sent you

We shall not exact of you 25 cts for the 34th per bag
which you sold for us at 22 as we put up with you
did you best for us. We are confident until you
annoy improve, that there will be no shipments
of bag traps to Mississippi, unless there should be
a corresponding difference in price between Louisville
and your State. We should like to know what
quantity of bag traps is on hand in your city, if
convenient, in your next, let us know

Res^p

Wm^d Macintosh

Lexington Jan 24th 1838

Mr C. Macalister. Dear Sir, We enclose Messrs C. J. & A. Barton's Check on favour dated Tusculum 13th Jan 1838 for 675⁰⁰/₁₀₀ which we will thank you to dispose of for us upon the best terms you can, and will draw for it after we hear of its sale - We expect to receive some more funds from Alabama shortly, which we hope you will be able to dispose of for us, as we find it impossible to get our money in any other way from there

Hoping you will sell it. We are Very truly yrs

Brnad. Macalister.

Lexington Jan 24-1838

Messrs John Simpson & Co - Gent^l. We were disappointed in selling our Alabama funds, to Mr Jadd as we had expected, and will thank you to send us your check on the Branch at Decatur payable to our order for the amount due us in your hands, say Seven Hundred & Seventy ^{eight} ~~70~~ ⁷⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars, as soon as practicable. With many thanks for the trouble we have given you.

Yrs. Brnad Macalister

P.S. The balance in your hands (belong to Messrs Brnad & Co, besides the 778⁷⁰/₁₀₀.

B. M.

Lexington Jan 31 1838

Messrs McCorkay Hagan & Co

Mobile. Gent^l. Your extensive favours of the 28th Oct. 11th 18th & 27th Nov^r and 31st Dec^r have been rec^d & contents noted. We must ask the favour of you to send us sales of what bay troops you have sold and at what time they are due, in order that we may make some arrangement for disposing of the proceeds

Bagging is selling too low in the South, but there will be an improvement we think ere long, however we do not limit ourselves, as we know you will do as you have always done. We are best for us

We should like to know the quantity of bag traps on hand
in Mobile, we have about 1000 ps on hand which we in-
tended to send you most of, but the prices at present
are not so good as at home, we were offered 16 ct
cash yesterday for it here, but declined - We shall be
glad to hear your opinion of these articles ~~with~~
yours.
Res^{ts} On Feb 13th 1838

Messrs Deane & Bradford Lexington Feb. 15th 1838

Gent^l. In return for fav^r of the 20th Nov 9 & 28th Dec^r
came duly to hand & contents noted - We hope you have been able
to sell some part of our bag traps in this, if you have not
we will merely remark that it yet remains unlimited, but hope
you will not suffer it to go for too low a price, as we are
confident no shipments will be made to Mobile until it
advances to 24 & 25 cts. Your market is bare of the article
there is some constraint in the manufacture this year
and no importation, of foreign bagging likely to take
place & many of the manufacturers storing it away
for better times - Hoping soon to hear from you more
favourable amounts we are Res^{ts} Yrs. Obedt Serv^{ts}
Deane & Bradford

Messrs York & Brothers Lexington Feb. 15th 1838

Gent^l. In return for fav^r of the 13th & 18th ult^o have been
rec^d & contents noted - the charges on the bag traps forwarded
to Mobile were rec^d after we had drawn upon you, or we
should have deducted them, as the amt is small, we hope
it may make no difference, but if it does, we will remit
you - The Sultanah had 140 ps & 10 coils, & 10 ps B/L. We
observed you only forwarded 136. ps & 6 coils, if the Boat
lost it we hope you made them amount for it, we sh^d
like to know in your next. - We have had forwarded by Mr
Baker to you 200 ps bag. which please sell
for us at not less than 20 cts per yd - Very truly yrs
Deane & Bradford

Lexington July 15th 1838

Miss M. Bennett Ferriday & Co

Gent^l Your esteemed favour of the 16th Ult^o came duly to hand contents noted - There has been many rumors in circulation here about your houses, which we were happy to find by a letter from Mess^{rs} N H C Ferriday & Co of Natchez (about the time they commenced) were without foundation & as a proof of our confidence in you we have shipped per Gent Brown from Louisville 200 pieces of bag^g which we wish you to sell for us at not less than 20^{cts} per yard - Please send us sales of the first lot of bag rope sent, or any part sold in case we may find it necessary to draw for proceeds - We expect you to guarantee all sales made for us as heretofore, I shall be glad to be advised of any changes, if you make them, in your charges

Respectfully

Your Obed^t Serv^t
Brandt & Macalister

Lexington Feb^y 16 1838

Mess^{rs} King & Coings

Gent^l We shall be pleased to receive an apt of sales of the small consignment of bag rope in your hands, as early as possible - We should like also to know, if there is much on hand in your part of the Country, as we may wish to send you some in the Spring -

Yours Obed^t Serv^t
Brandt & Macalister

Mess^{rs} M. S. Long & Hagan Tex

Lexington Mar. 5th 1838

Y^e est^d for 15th ult^o with ap sales of bag rope, nt pro to our credit 2524 ¹/₁₀₀ den 7th ult^o has put & turn me^o, please credit us the interest up to the time you unit send us as soon as practicable a check on N York, or Treasury Notes, which we you think to our interest upon the best terms you can - We shall request Mr Barwell to send you 200 ps bag & 45 coils rope, which is all the rope we have on hand at present, the price will improve the low price of our articles & the exchange is improving, so we have

Very truly, Y^r Obed^t Serv^t

Mr W. B. A. Runkle, Dear Sir

Lexington March 8th 1838

Please forward to Mr. Losky Haysan Co. Mobile 200 lbs bag. To what
hope you have of one on hand, if you can send it direct we
would much prefer it - Advise us when you ship that we
may insure that we know what your officers ask to Mobile
and at the lowest freight you can. Yours &c. Beaud Maudslott.

Mr. W. R. Flinn, Jr. To

Lexington March 9th 1838

Gent. I enclose for you of the 14th ult. with a balance & a/c current
enclosed, not pro to our credit 1167.¹²/100 is ac? - Prior to its
receipt Mr. R. J. Todd of this place had arrived & informed us
of the state of your money market - We should be glad
to realize the funds in your hands as soon as possible & will
thank you to make some exertions to procure us a check on
the East for the amt of possible if checks are not to be had
we are willing to take the acceptance of your house in New
Orleans payable there at the shortest date you are willing
to give it say 8 or 10 mos. from the maturity of the sales
bearing (or rather) 9 per cent interest included - We would prefer
realizing the money at once by a check if to be had, as we
are in want of funds & are informed Mr. David Hunt
forwarded a check to Mr. Thom^s Hunt of this place from
Hutchings of the Rodney Bank at five per cent, which was
this day recd - We are informed by Mr. Todd that you have
settled the balances of some of your Kentucky friends by gi-
ving the acceptance of your New Orleans house payable in
New Orleans at 9 or 12 mos - We had shipped 200 lbs bagging
to your house about 3 weeks since & should be glad to make
you a consignment, but are detained by the rates of exchange.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible & oblige

Respy W. B. A. Runkle & Beaud Maudslott

Mr. C. J. & A. Barton.

Lexington March 9th 1838.

Gent. Your estimate for 5 of the 13th Jan'y & 5th Feb'y
ult. the former covering your check on the Branch 13 mks
of a balance at Lexington for 675.³/100 was duly received.

and contents notes - We hope you have before this rec^d the amt
of the other note of King & Swings say 683.57/100 due 1st inst
and if so we will thank you to send us a check on the East
if possible, or a check of the Bk Bank at Decatur on the Middle
Bank on the best terms you can not exceeding 2. p^{ct} prem -

With regard to the 22 coils lost by the Rail Road Co we
have settled with Boggs & Patton than allowed them the freight
on the bag rope. If the Rail Road Co chose to let Boggs
& Patton have the articles without paying the freight, it
must have been at their own risk, for cannot look to
Boggs & Patton now, though we presume them good -

We believe the Rail Road Co are disposed to shuffle
or put off the payment with us, for hope you will have
the matter settled, or take steps to have it closed by legal
means, and we particularly request you will not allow
a court to pass without seeing - If we had not settled
with Boggs & Patton it would make no difference as
you say, but we have settled with them nearly two years
since, for do hope they will allow us, to seek the amount
from Boggs & Patton for freight &c. Please let us hear
from you at your earliest convenience & oblige.

Respy. Y^{rs} most serv^t. Brand & Marshall.

Messrs "Decha & Bradford" Lexington Mar. 22^d 1838

Sir: We wrote you on the 15th ulto, since which we have none
of your esteemed favours to reply to - We shall be glad to
hear what progress you are making in sales of our consignment.

We found, Messrs McLokey Hagan too have sold for us
296 p^{rs} bag & 106 coils rope, since you received our lot, and
at very good prices.

Respy Y^{rs} most serv^t.

Brand & Marshall.

P.S. What would your Bank take, undoubtedly individual checks
on the Branch at Decatur & that? It say about 200 off

Messrs King & Co.

Lexington March 22^d 1838.

Dear Sir We wrote you on the 16th ult, since which we have
none of your returned favours to reply to. We shall be glad to
hear from you, with a sale of the balance of our bagging &
rope, and the prospect for selling another lot - We think the Ex-
change will prompt consignments to your market this season
unless the prices will be in proportion. Resps Wm T. Edwards

Grand Marais, Mich.

Lexington March 29th 1838

Messrs McLachlan & Co

Mobile Gentlemen We are in receipt of your esteemed favour
of the 17th 23rd ult. of 17th inst the latter covering chute at five
days sight on Messrs Chen Stevens & Co New York for \$2500 -
at a price of 15 per cent off that of the 23rd ult. containing a
sale of six coils of Rope & 130 pieces of bagging will prompt to our
credit 22 March 1838 - We were truly astounded at the
price on the former sale, especially after having observed
the rates of our door Exchange in your price current of 17th
Feb to be 7 to 80. We wish you to remit us the net proceeds of
the 6 coils & 130 pcs bag on the best terms you can, & hope you
will be able to get Exchange on better terms, we leave the matter
to your discretion - The rates of Exchange is prostrating &
ruinous to our business, we fear we shall be compelled without
an improvement in your market to quit it - We have
ordered the shipment of 500 pcs bag to your house, & are sur-
prised at not receiving a bill of Lading on this - We
wish you to sell it on the best terms you can, if sold on
a credit we expect you to guarantee as formerly

We are Respectfully Yours &c &c

Grand Marais, Mich.

P.S. Please advise us in your next at what rate your Banks collect
money in Detroit or Ann Arbor

Wm T. Edwards

Mr. W. H. Feriday & Co

Lex. Mar. 31-1838

Gent^l Your esteemed fav^r of the 19th inst is before us - We thank you for your promise of a Bill on N. Orleans, which we should like to have as soon as possible - The balances of our bag. traps in your hands, we wish you to sell for us at such prices as will net us 20 cts for bagging & 8 cts for rope in Kentucky currency - We think unless the Mississippi funds improve there will be no bag. traps sent there this season to sell - If prospects should improve we will of course send you a consignment.

Very truly yrs

Brant M. Maister

P.S. There has been some 3 or 4 failures among the manufacturers in this vicinity lately, they have stopped work and a number talking of doing so, besides a considerable curtailment in the business this year. B. M.

Mr. York Brothers

Lex. Mar. 31st 1838

Gent^l We have now of your esteemed favours to reply to. As we think (I hope) the time for selling bag. traps is approaching, it may be necessary for us to advise you in case of your making sales for us, that we shall expect you to guarantee all that you sell ^{of ours} ~~for us~~ on time.

We dislike to limit any consignment we make you as we think you are the best judge of what ought to be done, I have only named 20 cts for bag. as a saving price at the present rate of exchange &c. We know however articles have been & are very dull with you, but an improvement must take place in Exchange, before much will be sent to the South, unless there should be large importations of the foreign articles, which we do not fear.

Hoping you may get such prices, as will justify further consignments we are.

Respy & truly yrs

Brant M. Maister

Mr. Bennett Ferriday & Co. Ex. Mon. 31-1838.

Genl. You esteemed fav^r of the 12th inst is before us - We are disappointed that you have not guaranteed the sale, as we certainly expected it - although we admit we overlooked it in your letter last Sep^r, but we hope you will yet be willing to do it, as you say you apprehend no loss ultimately, most of the sales will be done by the time you receive this letter - We shall expect all sales in future guaranteed - We absorb a sale of 5638 to Beaudin McNamee & Co., did that house not fail long before that sale, also Hagan & Wm. Co., of 20. & the sales are not paid, we shall think hard of you - As the Exchange on N Orleans is getting worse here, we think there will be but few shipments of bag rope to N. Orleans unless the price advances.

Respectfully yours
Beaudin & McNamee & Co.

Mr. W. S. Bakewell

Lexington April 3^d 1838

Dear Sir. Yours of the 1st inst is rec^d & shall have our attention, but I fear Hawkins cannot pay any part of Morrisons debt but we will push him to do so - Morrison is behind, but will be eventually good we think - Send the enclosed just opportunity.

Our bag. rope is limited at 19 and 8. payable at London with, but hope to get 20¢ before long, 4 to 6 mos - We are making the best of rope now - We expect you to guarantee all sales made for us on time - We shall insure the 200 ps here when we hear from you - Do you Rep insure on consignments, we should like to know, as we have a large lot of bag. with you some times - All well.

Yours &c. Beaudin & McNamee & Co.

+Enclosed letters to Mr. Loring Hagan & Co. & Starkey, H. Whittingham.

Mr. Starkey Whittingham

Lexington April 3^d 1838.

Genl. Please forward the 300 ps bag. & 45 coils rope for Ambassadors to Mr. Loring Hagan & Co. as early as practicable, our friends go. Boats or Bibles - Also 200 ps which Mr. Bakewell

will send in a day or two to the same house, and in the same
way - We have insured it here from Louisville to Mobile to be
re-shipped at St. Orleans, on board Steam Boat or Boats or barge.

Respy. Truly yrs Brand & Macalister.

Lexington April 3^d 1838.

Mrs. M. S. Ray Hagan. To

Genl. We have requested Mrs. S. Ray Hattlingham of St. Orleans
to forward you without delay, 300 lbs bag. & 45 coils rope, which
left St. Orleans Louisville on the 1st inst. for Ambassador - We
shall not limit this consignment, but only ask you to be govern-
ed by the rate of exchange in the disposition of it - Any sale
made on time for us we shall expect you to guarantee - We
expect 200 lbs more will be sent you by the Brown for St. Orleans
in a day or two to be governed by the instructions above in the
sale of it.

Respy. Truly yrs Brand & Macalister.

Mrs. J. B. Bradford To

Lexington April 9th 1838.

Genl. - (in Express Mail) Your return favor of the 2^d instant
in Express Mail was rec^d yesterday (Sunday) in reply we
have to say your proposition to take the balance of our
lot of bagging rope in the hands of Susha Bradford
by your giving them your acceptance to their draft at 23cts
for the bag. & 11cts for the rope is accepted at eight months
credit, which is a longer time than it can be purchased for
here, ten months is a longer time than we are willing to
take - Indeed we do not hear of any one willing to sell
for drafts on Mobile, as the exchange on Alabama paper
is 25 per cent. it is sold sometimes payable in St. Orleans by
drafts on that city - We annex a letter for Susha Bradford
for which please hand them thanks. Respy

Tr. Obt. Sincerely

Brand & Macalister.

Mrs. Susha Bradford

Lexington April 9th 1838.

Genl. Mrs. J. B. Bradford To proposition to take

the balance of our bagging traps in your hands, at the time
you receive this letter, at 23cts for bag. & 11cts for rope at
Eight months credit, by their acceptance to your draft is
accepted - please hand it over to them & remit us the draft
with the sales of the whale. We shall ^{be glad} to hear the prospects
for selling another consignment - If Exchange does not
get better than 20 to 25. the price of bag. traps ought
to advance very considerably with you. Respy. Broth. Sells
Board Managers to.

P.S. Please send us a ~~check~~ ^{check} on N. York or Philad^a for the
sales that may be due - This is the only way we have
been able to get our funds for sales from Messrs. McLaughlin
& again Co.
B. M.

Messrs. J. C. & A. Barton

Lexington April 12th 1838.

Fruit^a. Your estimate for^t of the 3rd inst, was duly rec^d. & continuing
notes, we will thank you if you will send us a certificate of deposit
in your favor & endorsed to us, if you can procure it, for the \$53⁵⁰/₁₀₀
and if that cannot be procured, we will thank you for your
check on the Branch Bank at Leicester, we would prefer the
certificate as we had great difficulty in disposing of your first
check - In relation to the 22 coils deficit, we shall be govern-
ed by your advice and are willing to let the matter rest for
the present with a hope that the Rail Road Agent will in-
deavour to settle the matter with Boggs & Patton, but we will
thank you to get of them a statement showing the amt of
the freight paid by Boggs & Patton, Horace Green & Wallis, Reed, Co.
and the balance (if any) due by us - We regret extremely that
we have had to give you and our other friends so much trouble
in the settlement of this business, but hope we shall be enabled
to unprocure your kindred - Hoping soon to hear from you
we are your obliged friends Board Managers to -

P.S. Has our friend J. L. Elliott returned, or have you
heard how his health is -

Mr. J. A. Bradford Lexington April 25th 1838
Gent. Your esteemed favour of the 7th inst is received &
Contently noted. We wrote you on the 9th inst to hand over
to Mr. J. A. Bradford Co. any of our bag rope that might
be on hand when you rec^d our letter, but we are pleased to
perceive you had sold it prior to its receipt, and in support
at better prices, judging from the quotations in your "prices current".
With regard to the 36 coil rope which you say is indifferent
we shall be pleased to have it sold at what you think it is
worth. If you have not remitted in checks for sales
we would prefer Certificate of deposit from your Banks.
Respy. Truost. Servants
B. and M. Manchester.

Lexington April 25th 1838.

Mr. J. A. Bradford & Agam Co. - Gent. Your esteemed favour of
the 9th inst is rec^d. We are pleased you did not remit at the
high rate of Exchange, and hope you may be able to
send us a check or draft, at short sight upon much
better terms in long. We have our 500 lbs bag. 45 coils
rope have been in your store sometimes, as we have B/L for
part of it from N Orleans dated the day after you wrote us.
We should be very well pleased to get the prices you
quote 24@25 & 11@12 for our articles, but we do not mean
to limit you, as you have always done our business
entirely to our satisfaction. We shall be glad to hear
from you how you progress with sales, in case we may
wish to send you some more bag. - We have now
upwards of 100 coils ^{of superior} rope to send you, as soon as we
can get it off from Frankfurt. Respy. Truost. Servants
B. and M. Manchester.

P.S. We have just rec^d your esteemed fav of the 11th inst with Certificate of
Deposit for Eleven Hundred & Sixty eight \$600 Dollars for which we
thank you. Also a letter from Stanley Whittingham advising the ship
mint of 200 lbs bag for mail line which we hope will find ready sale.

Messrs. Bennett, Ferriday & Co

Lexington April 27th 1838.

Genl^l Your esteemed favour of the 11th inst is received. Your offer to guarantee the sales of bagging Rope due 24/27 May next is accepted, which we shall draw for as want the money, in case we do not draw do you allow us interest from the time they are due, up to the time you pay them? Bagging & Rope we think will advance in long with you, we have heard of sales at Louisville at 19 & 8. which is equal to 22 & 10 at St. Orleans. We put as low a limit on ours in your hands, as we could afford to sell it at, with a hope of getting more. We shall be glad to hear from you after you begin to sell ours, that we may be ready to send you more, before the price gets too low & freight advances. Resp^d Yr Obed^t Servants. Brand & Macalester

Messrs. W. & R. Ferriday & Co

Lexington April 27th 1838.

Genl^l Your esteemed favour of the 10th inst enclosing your draft payable on the 1st Feb. next on Messrs. Bennett, Ferriday & Co. St. Orleans, is received, and the same to your credit, with thanks. Bagging & Rope have advanced here, and at Louisville, sales have been made at 19 & 8. Hoping to hear from you occasionally the prospect for selling with you. We are Resp^d Yr Obed^t Servants, Brand & Macalester.

Lexington Ky, May 4th 1838

Messrs. Bennett, Ferriday & Co

Gentlemen We addressed you last on the 27th ult.

and since without any of your favour to reply to. Having accepted of your offer to guarantee our apt sales, we have now to advise you that we have this day drawn on your house for \$1657.50 sixteen hundred & fifty seven dollars & twenty cents, at twenty days after date in favour of William S. Waller, Cashier, having deducted fifty one dollars & twenty cents for guarantee commission from the net proceeds of sales, which we hope you will find correct & duly honour. We shall be glad to hear from you occasionally of the state of your market & should you give us making sales as we may send you a further shipment if prospects improve. We are Gentlemen Very Respectfully Your Obed^t Servants Brand & Macalester

Mr J. M. Loring Hagan Co Lexington May 12th 1838.

Gent^l Yours of the 11th ulto is received, and contents noted. We have 13 1/2 from Louisville for 139 coils rope for Games, shipped to Messrs Starkey & Whittingham to forward you which we think you will find a first rate article, please sell it for us. Your acceptance of the draft for freight from Louisville to St. Orleans was correct, please honor this draft for freight of this 139 coils also - We are looking for letters from you every day with advice of how you are progressing in sales, and hope to hear soon, or we fear all of our bag^s will be sold at Louisville, as there is quite an active demand for bagging there, and we wish to keep you supplied, as long as prices will justify - 14 cents was offered for all we had (1000 lbs) at Louisville - we hold it at 20, which is equal to 25 with you - Remittance certificates of deposit for sales, checks are too high. Resp^t truly. Brand & Manaster.

Very cordially and respectfully

W E B A Rwell, Sen. & Co. Lexington May 14 - 1838.

Your esteemed favor of the 9th inst came duly to hand we should not like to have our bag. sold without your guaranty, & then rest upon such a long credit, we sh^d think a purchaser to suit you will be found in long and at perhaps better prices, most of our manufacturers will not take less than 20, next month it will be in better demand we think, it is said there is very little in S. Alab^a. & none in N. Alab^a. We enclose ^{your} draft on H. H. Rowden due 4th inst for 437⁵⁰/100, please ^{pay} ^{the} draft to your debit, please send us the amt, with the interest up to the time you send, in your check on one of our Banks payable to our order - Did you request Starkey & Whittingham to forward the 139 coils rope for Games to Messrs Loring Hagan Co. we did not, be assured it here, if you did not please do so in your next letter to them.

Respy truly

Brand & Manaster

let it go to the same house - Your aft we will attend
to shortly - We are Resp^y Your Obed^t Serv^t
Frank Marshall

Mr. William Mooklan,

Lexington May 26-1838

Dear Sir, We have forwarded this day per L. Gorham
50 coils rope, which please ship as soon as you can
to Starkey & Whittingham, New Orleans and send us B/L
that we may insure - If a boat should be going from
to Mobile from your port, we would prefer its being ship-
ped to that place to W. Loring Hagan Co. - We hope
you will be able to ship on good terms, we have sent
this lot to try the difference between Mayville &
Louisville - We owe you an aft which has always
been ready for you. Resp^y To Obed^t Serv^t
Frank Marshall.

Messrs King & Owings. Gent^l

Lexington Ky May 30-1838

Your estimate favor of the 20th April with af. Sale of bag.
Rope enclosed, balance to our credit 643.⁶⁶/₁₀₀, N^y Hundred &
forty three & 66/100 dollars & contents noted - You will oblige us if
you will deposit the above balance to our credit on acct of
this & advise us as we are much in want of funds & will also
thank you to inform us whether Washington Kearsy Esq^r is
still the Cashier of that Bank, or who is - We shall be glad
to hear of you closing the sale of the balance of our small
lot - Bagging is more brisk at N. Orleans than for a year
past & we look for a considerable advance, owing to the
great reduction in Kent^y of the quantity made - Hoping
soon to hear from you. We are Very Resp^y To Obed^t Serv^t
Frank Marshall.

Messrs R. Henday Co

Lexington Ky May 30th-1838

Gent^l Your estimate favor of the 7th inst is rec^d & con-
tents noted - As the limit on our bag^y ? Rope is rather indefinite

Most dear of Maryville to ship you 90 coils, bal rope -
which you will please to forward to the same house.
We are Gent^l. Very Resp^y. Frost & Co. Beaud March, & Co.

Mr. Phillips Payson & Co. Lexington June 3^d - 1838.
Gent^l. When you can sell our bag at 20 cts per yd. 4 to 6.
mos payable in Louisville (or New Orleans by adding 3. p. at
exchange) please do so. Resp^y & truly yrs. Beaud March, & Co.

Mr. Buntz & Faindays Co. Lexington June 3^d 1838.
Gent^l. Your estimate of the 9. 12 & 19th ult. have
been rec^d, & contently noted - We are pleased you did not sell
our bag at our limit, as we are confident it will advance
the stock at Louisville is estimated at 12000 ps, which
we do not believe is as much, and a good part of it, not
for sale yet - Mississippi will have to get her supply
from New Orleans, as we hear the Louisville people will
not sell to them for their currency, and the manufacturers
will not consign ^{any} to them, until they can make satisfactory
arrangements to pay for it in good funds - The principal
part of Kentucky bag^{rope} is now in New Orleans, Mobile, all other parts
of the country that we hear from, have little or none.

We leave it to your judgement when to sell ours, and shall
be glad to hear the prospect for selling another lot - At
present our stock is reduced very low. Resp^y Frost & Co.
Beaud March, & Co.

Mr. W. E. Baker & Co. Lexington June 3^d - 1838.

Dear Sir. Please forward the enclosed by first Boat
If you can sell our bag at our limit payable in New
Orleans, by adding 3. p. at exchange, it will suit as well
as payable in Louisville - We sent the 90 coils rope via
Maryville, had it shipped direct to New Orleans.

Resp^y & truly yrs
Beaud March, & Co.

Lexington June 22^d 1838

Mr & Yoke

Dear Sir Your returned favour of the 6th Inst is rec^d
& contents noted - Since we last wrote you we have received sales
of 136 per bag 5.848 yds of 4 coils rope 550^{lb} from Mess^{rs} McKelvey
Hagant & Co which was shipped by Mess^{rs} Yoke & Brother's per
 Schooner Charles in Nov^r last making a deficiency of 444^{lb}
bag 172 yds of four coils rope 444^{lb} from what our 43^d per
Suttana called for, as the Boat is accountable to Mess^{rs} Yoke
& Brother's fail, we have to look to them for the payment of it & hope
you may be able to recover it from the owners of the boat -

Stump is advancing & we think bag rope must advance
with you, the quantity at Louisville is much reduced, their prices
cannot estimate the stock at 12000 per & 13000 coils, which we
think is nearly double the quantity they have - We sold all we
had there at 20 c per lb last week, - We shall not limit any
in your hands above 22 but hope you will not be in too
great a hurry selling if you think it will advance with you
you will be the best judge of this - We are confident it
will advance to 22 & more, Hoping soon to hear from you
We are

Very truly yrs

Beard & Pomeroy

Mess^{rs} Phillips, Reynolds & Co Lexington June 21st 1838.

Gent^l. Yrs of the 19th inst is just rec^d - We think your
bill of charges too high, we understand the usual charge
for storage is 5 cts per per for the 1st month & 2 1/2 cts after that

On referring to your letter of the 25th Feb. 1837 you
say "Our charges of Com^{rs} shall be in conformity with other
houses in the City" of course we do not want any thing
else, as soon as we hear from you the amount what ever
it may be, shall be paid as you request - Our object in
giving the Bankers an order for the bag was to file a
sale made by our Wm B. when in Louisville last week.

Respy truly yrs

Beard & Pomeroy

Messrs. York & Brothers. Lexington July 3^d 1838.

Gent. Your esteemed fav^r of the 22nd ult. with sale of 200
p^r bag is rec^d. In May last you advised us of having
closed all of our bag at 20 cts, except some damaged, by
the amended amount you will observe you have not
under & all the sales, we hope you may not have sold
it, and that our limit of 22 cts will be had, we are
sanguine of an advance in our article, good brands
sell readily at 20 in Louisville, at which price we have
sold all we had there - Please let us hear from you soon
Respy truly yr. Friend & Manufacturer

On hand p^r statement sent 249 p^r bag 10707 yds. 54 coils 5296.

Messrs. McLostay Hagan & Co. Lexington July 10 - 1838.

Gent. Your esteemed fav^r of the 16th & 24th ult., the first
inclosing sales slip & certificate of deposit, came duly to hand.
for which we thank you. We will try to send you larger
pieces of bag. in future, we will also try to make smaller.
although we think the last 25 q coils sent you, could
not be found much fault with - Bag. & Rope continues
to sell busily at Louisville at 20 & 8 for good brands
and some unwilling to take less than 22 & 9. - the stock
there is lighter than for many years past and now, com-
paratively speaking yet from to Mississippi, they have
about 10000 p^r & 12000 coils on hand according to
their Prices Current, we doubt if it is as much as that.

We feel sanguine that our articles will advance in
Louisville & New Orleans, but feel quite willing to leave
the disposition of ours to your own judgment. At
present we have none on hand but what you have
and a small lot at New Orleans - Hoping to hear from
you as usual We are Very Respy yr

Friend & Manufacturer

Lexington, Ky August 2 1838

Stephen O. Wilson Esq

Cashier of Bank of Alabama at Decatur

Dear Sir Enclosed we hand you Messrs C. & J. A. Barton's check (of Tusculum Co) for \$183.57^{cts} payable to our order on your Bank, which we have indorsed & made payable to you for the purpose of having the amount of the same placed to our credit in your Bank which we will check for when we want it - You will oblige us by advising us of its receipt & placing the same to our credit - Below we give you the signatures of both of our firm that you may know them when presented - We are Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servts
Brand & Macalister
Brand. & Macalister

Messrs W. R. Friday Co Lexington Aug 2 1838.

Gent - Your estimate for of the 6th Jan last, came duly to hand, we shall be glad to receive sale of the 61. per bag. & 50 coils rope in your hands, which we limited at 28 + 12. payable in State bank paper, if you have not sold it, please do so at 25. + 10. and as much more as you can get. at 4 or 6. mrs payable in State bank note we dislike to limit it too high, than therefore put it at low rates, believing you will get us as high as article of a similar quality command - We have been selling so much at Louisville this season, that we have not been able to ship much to the South yet - Hoping soon to hear favourable accounts from your market, we are. Respy. Wm & L.

Brand. & Macalister.

Lexington Augst 7th 1838.

Messrs. Coleman Ward & Co. - Gent^l. We promised you Mr. Robert J. Ward yesterday, to forward to you 8000 yds bagging, and one coil rope to each 50 yards bagging, within 3 weeks, to be put in an order which you had, at six months payable in New Orleans with 3 per cent exchange added, at 20 cts for bagging per yard and 8 cts for rope per lb. with your guarantee for the punctual payment of the same - We sent you to day by John M. Dev. our 21 per bag. 1806 yds. & 21 coils rope 1829th and shall send the balance as fast as wagons can be had.

Respy. Wm. H. Dev. Brand Manager to.

Messrs. Coleman Ward & Co

Lexington Aug 21st 1838

Gent^l. It is^d for of the 18th inst only came to hand to day - We have left nothing undone to get ~~off~~ bag. rope to you, the scarcity of wagons makes it almost impossible to get any thing off. We will do all we can to get^{send} the quantity promised, sooner if we can - We have sent in all 77 per 6622 yds & 90 coils rope 7.869th the last load went on the 17th We have in Mr. Bakewell's hands (if not sold) 27 per 86 each & 84 coils rope 7.531th which you can call upon him for, in case you have an opportunity of shipping, before we can get it to you. We have written him about it to day - Respy

Wm. H. Dev. Brand Manager to.

P.S. If you get from Mr. Bakewell the above, you can send the two first loads, after this date to him, which we will enter on the wagons, receipt - B. M.

Lexington Augst 21st 1838.

Mr. W. E. Bakewell. Dear Sir. At top we have you our check for 130³⁶/100. which pays to the credit of Starky Whittingham by their request, their ap. is payable at New Orleans, but as we could not get a draft for the amount here concluded to pay it as they wish, by which we lose.

the exchange 5 per cent. if they will not allow it. We have not been able to get wagons to take Coleman and Ward to the quantity of bag. Rope we promised them, and have written to day, if they had an opportunity to ship, before we could send it, you would deliver them (if not sold) 27 lbs 86 yds each & 84 coils, 7531th which is the quantity of rope in your hands, after deducting the 10 coils marked L.T. please hand it to them, for we will send on what we have to them, with a request to hand the wagons receipt over to you, in case they get the 27 lbs & 84 coils from you - Advise to the 12th from N.O. quote bag @ 23 & 24 rope 9 1/2 to 10. Sales for the week 1,900 lbs & coils -

Respy truly, yrs

Boardman & Co.

Mr. E. York, Dear Sir. Lexington Aug. 29-1838.

Since the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 26th ulto, our neighbours have been receiving sales of their bagging @ 23 & 24 cts. And late letters state some persons are asking 25 cts. We shall be very glad to have our sales as soon as you can do so, as much above the limit as possible. - The River is too low to ship by Steam Boats, on that account we think you will find no difficulty in selling it - We shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible. Respy truly yrs
Boardman & Co.

Mr Philip M. Loring. Lexington Aug. 30-1838.

Dear Sir. I enclose for you of the 15 & 21st inst. duly to hand, the latter covering your draft on Bachman & Gray, which we will place to your credit when paid at Six per cent premium, say \$29.29/100 - We shall be glad to receive sales of the bag. rope sold last, & hope you will do your best to get us good prices for that on hand. It is

impossible to ship any thing by Ste^r Bt^s from Louisville now
the river is very low & will probably continue so for some
time, we think on that account bag. fees will advance
to 25cts in St. Orleans, they are asking 1.25/100 for 100th for
Flats & Kals, the Sales are large & demand action there
in Louisville - Hoping soon to hear from you we are

Respy. to Brand & Manaster.

Mr. King & Owing.

Lexington Sep: 4th - 1838.

Gent^l. Yrs of the 2^d July last came duly to hand and
contents noted - We must ask the favour of you to deposit
in the Branch Bank at your place (to our credit) the
amount of your account (643.⁸⁶/100) with the interest from
1st June last, and advise us as soon as possible - We should
like also to have the Sales of the 18 ps & coil if sold -

When Mr Elliott settled with Mr Horace Green
there was a balance due us of 319.⁸⁴/100 on the 1st June
1837, we will be very much obliged to you, if you would
call upon him for the same, with the interest, and deposit
it also to our credit with yours. Hoping soon to hear
from you. We are Respy. Robt. Lor^d Brand. Manaster.

Mr. Coleman Ward & Co

Lexington Sep. 15 - 1838

Gent^l. Your estimate favour of the 8th inst is rec^d & contents
noted - We shall be glad to receive Sales of the 89 ps & 125
coil, as soon as convenient with a Bill for the proceeds

We have sent you on the 12 & 13th 54 ps bag 4644 yds &
33 coils, rope 2909th and shall send you next week 46 ps
& 18 coils more, we would like you to sell the rope, with
the usual proportion of bag, & the balance of the bagging
by itself, as we understand it will command a higher
price, we shall not send any more rope after the 18 coils,
as we have stopped making it - We understand Mr Payne
sold a lot of bag yesterday here at 18 cts, which at present
rate of hauling & com^o is equal to 21. with you. Respy

Robt. Servants. Brand & Manaster.

Mr. Coleman & Sons Co

Lexington Sep 19-1838.

Genl^l Your esteemed favor of the 17th enclosing draft, & safe sale, came duly to hand, all correct & satisfactory.

You can sell the 54 lb bag, & 33 coils rope at the prices you name, and as much higher as you can get - We will send you more as we can get wagons, they are still scarce.

Respy Wm H. Bland & Co.

Mr. E. Yorks. (per express mail) Lexington Sep: 25th 1838.

Dear Sir. We had this pleasure on the 29th ulto and have none of your esteemed favors since the 26th July last - We are waiting anxiously to hear from you with sales of the bag rope in your hands, these articles have been sold for some time past considerably above our limit in your market, and we shall be much disappointed if ours remains unsold, dates to the 15th inst quote it at 23 & 24 with a brisk demand, at the present stage of the Ohio no shipments can be made, we hope on that account you will be able to close ours to advantage - One object in writing now, is to urge you to sell ours before the river rises & the demand ceases - the stock at Louisville is nearly all sold, & persons are only waiting an opportunity to ship it below the price there is 20 & 8. payable in St. Orleans, with 3. per cent exchange added, at which prices we sell ours as fast as we can make it - Orders have been filled at those prices for Lambeth & Thompson & other citizens of your place - Begging to hear from you soon we are

Very truly yrs. Wm H. Bland & Co.

Lexington Sep: 30th 1838

Mr. W. R. Herdoy Co

Genl^l Your esteemed favor of the 24th ulto came duly to hand & is duly noted - We hope bag rope has improved since the date of your letter, and that we may be able to dispose of it the limit - It is

Mr Philip C. Sorky, Dear Sir.

Sat. Nov. 2^d 1838

Your esteemed fav^r of the 8th Sep. & 3^d Oct. has been rec^d. & contently noted - On the 17th Sep. we placed to your credit the amount of Buchanan & Grays acceptance 499.³⁵/₁₀₀ with the exchange 29.⁹⁴/₁₀₀ say 529.29 - We are in hope you will be able to get us good prices for the balance of our Consignment, as (judging from present appearances) we are not likely to have a rise in the Ohio for some time, it is still very low, although we had favorable amount from Pittsburg but, & worst, to day they are gloomy, the river after rising 20 in. there, was falling & too low for the smallest boats to get out - We wish you to use your own discretion in the disposition of our bag traps - We are now than have for some months past, putting 86 yds in our prices, which we find to sell at all points much faster in the course of a few weeks, if prices will justify, we shall send you some, in the meantime shall be glad to hear the prospects of sales with you - Rely. Wm. B. Brown & Brand. T. Macaulay.

Messrs King & Oving

Lexington Dec. 18-1838.

Dear Sir - We addressed you on the 4th last Septen^r to which we beg your reference & are without any of your favours to reply to since 2^d July. We have deferred from day to day for some time to write to you, hoping still to have an answer to one of the 4th Sep^r but are at a loss to account for your silence - Fearing that you have not received our letter we have again to request that you will deposit the amount of your acc^t to us with the interest due since 1st June last to our credit in the Bk Bank of Lexington & to be advised thereof - We should also be pleased to receive an acc^t sale of the 18 ps bag & 1 coil rope on hand at the last amount from you - When Mr Jas^d Elliott settled with Mr. Horace Green there was a balance due us of 319.⁸⁴/₁₀₀ on the 1st June 1837. We will be very much obliged to you if you will call upon him for the same with the interest due & deposit that amount to us.

in credit in the Bk Bank Location - Hoping that this may
receive your early attention - We are Gent^l Very Respr.

Wm. T. Servant, Beaud & Marable & Co.

^{Philip}
Messrs. McKim, L.

Lexington Dec. 18-1838.

Dear Sir. We are in receipt of your esteemed favours
of the 3. 17. & 24th Nov. advising of sundry small sales of
our articles & hope in this manner you that the balance
on hand is disposed of - We beg now to advise you of
the payment on the 17th Sept. of the draft on Messrs. Bn.
Chambers & Co. Louisville, forwarded by you to us for 499.²⁶/₁₀₀
Dollars. The same is placed to your credit with the 6. per
cent. Remain - You will oblige us by remitting the amount of the
balance due us on the 26th January, in a check on N. York
or Philad^a. on its maturity, and as it is hoped your Bank,
will resume specie payments on 1st Jan^y, we hope you will
be able to do so at about par. Our losses on exchange
from the South this last year have been very heavy &
enough to break down any business, We will thank
you at the same time to send us an account sales of
the balance sold - The Ohio river is again very low &
it is feared it will be closed by ice entirely, though
business is suspended above the mouth of the Ohio to
all but the very smallest class of paper and boats.

We are Very Respr^t Wm. T. Servant,
Beaud & Marable & Co.

Messrs. Edwards & Torker, Dear Sir. Lexington Jan^y 2^d 1839.

Your esteemed favour of the 30th Nov. ultimo, enclosing
Adams' Whittell's dft on J. V. S. Wilder, N. York for 3,690.⁰⁰/₁₀₀
thirty six hundred ninety⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars. was received in
due course of mail & contents noted - We have deferred
acknowledging its receipt, that we might at the same
time advise you of the receipt of proceeds of our draft
in your favour on Bennett & Son's Co. for 1,567.⁵¹/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we have been looking for this some time, & which we have
not having received no previous you have sent by a Steamer
Bent. If you have done so, you will oblige us if you will
send us by Express Mail a duplicate of the Bill or check
from a safe Sales & safe current - We now take the liberty to
enclose you for collection W. H. Friday & Co. 1st bill of
Exchange on Bennett Friday, Co. St. Orleans for 1167.12 Dols.
also Coleman & Ward Co. bill on J. M. Fulton for 677.95 per pay.
St. Orleans, also Coleman & Ward Co. bill on Wm Lambeth &
Thompson for 1029 7/100 - all of which we have made
payable to you & will be obliged to you, if when paid, you
will remit us in check, or bill, not to exceed 60 days
as you may find it most to our interest - Hoping soon
to hear from you. We are dear Sir, Very respectfully
Yrs. J. B. Brand & Co. Merchants, &c.

Lexington Ky. Jan 7 2^d 1839.

Messrs W. H. Friday & Co - Genl. & Co.

Your esteemed favour of the 9th October with spec
Sales of 8 per bag. & 50 cwt, paper sold for our a/c, at po-
to our credit the 1st Feb. 1839. 97/100 Dollars. was received
in due course, & contently noted - You will oblige us
by remitting us a check on the Eastern, say Philad^a or
N York on the best terms you can, on the maturity of the
above Sales & as by our letter of the 6th August, we requested
you to sell for us at a 10 per Bank paper we hope you will
be enabled to do so at fair rates - As there is a prospect
of your currency again becoming sound & healthy we
are in hopes if it continues so to make you larger
shipments in future, & shall be pleased occasionally
to hear from you, the prospect of our rates - We are gent.
Very Resp. J. B. Brand & Co. Merchants, &c.

if you have we have now rec^d it and shall be glad to
hear from you as soon as possible, with sales of the
last ~~lot of goods and a duplicate check or draft.~~ We re-
quested you in our letter of the 2^d Jan^y to send us
a check or ~~undoubted bill~~ bill, on Philad^a or N. York
for the above named bills, as you thought best to
our interest. We are sorry to trouble you so much
but will at all times be happy to reciprocate the
favour.

Respy. To Messrs. Bradburn &
Simpson N.Y. Feb 3^d 1839

W^m Edward Norton

Dear Sir We had this pleasure on the 2^d Ultimo acknowledging
the rec^d of your esteemed favour of the 30th Nov^r last, enclosing Adams & Whitall's
draft for \$3696.⁰⁰, since which we are without any of your letters to which
to reply. - Fearful from not hearing from you that our letter of the
2^d Ult^o has miscarried, we now enclose you the 2^d of Exchange
of the bills sent you in that letter, viz, W^m L. Ferriday & Co on Bennett
Ferriday & Co in our favour for \$1167.⁰⁰ dollars due 1st 4th Mo^t,
J. C. Davis on W^m Lambuth & Thompson in favour of Coleman & Co
for \$1029.⁰⁰ due the 2^d March, also Coleman & Co on De Mott & Co
Canton Miss. - accepted payable 2^d March at the Office of Adams &
Whitall & Co N. Orleans, all of which we have indorsed to you we will be
obliged to you if you will remit us checks, or undoubted bills for
them as you find it most to our interest (as paid) one N York or
Philad^a. We are also afraid that you have permitted us a
check or bill for the amount, of our draft on Bennett Ferriday & Co
due the 1st 4th Mo^t in your favour which we have not received
- if you have sent us either we will thank you immediately to
send us a duplicate, & our apt sales of the last lot of Paper.

We are sorry to trouble you so much, but will at all times
be happy to reciprocate the favour. Hoping that you
will avail yourself of the most speedy mode of letting
us hear from you.

We are Respectfully

Your Obedt Serv^t

Wm Edward Norton

Lexington Ky Feb 3rd 1839

Mr Wm G. Batwell

Dear Sir We enclose a letter from Mr Edw Fortie which we are very anxious we should get as soon as possible as we fear he has sent us a check which has not been received the day here a month since - Will you be kind enough to send it by the first boat likely to get out, if there are any going at this time, or otherwise put it in the Mail & let us know in your next how you sent it - We sent you today per Sam Hall 34 per bag, per Joshua Ford 28 per bag, per Peter Man 28 per bag, which we intended for the Mobile market, when we can get it off at fair freight will be obliged to you to let us know the price of freight to N. Orleans, & Mobile, as we have here a considerable lot for that market

Owing to the demand for hemp for the N York Mkt & some purchasers here, it is now on the rise by 7. off and for it deliverable at Mayville - It is much beyond what we can give at present rates of bag & rope & we must hope for an advance on them, tho the stock is too heavy to calculate on it with any certainty - Bagging & Rope tho We think would be a good speculation to hold on to them - Hoping soon to hear from you We are Very truly Yours Wm G. Batwell
P.S. Mr E. Macalister requests us to return you his thanks for your present of fine salmon

Lexington Ky Feb 7th 1839

Miss W. H. Furriday

Dear Sir Your esteemed favor of the 24th ultimo containing Cashier of the Commercial Bank of New York's check on the Merchants Bank N York for \$340.⁰⁰ dollars, was received per last mail & content, noted - We are in want of our fund, & shall be pleased to receive a sixty or ninety days bill on N York or Philad^a for the balance due us say \$746.⁶⁸ dollars if you can get one on reasonable terms of undoubted character, tho we would prefer a check wishing to make our funds available as soon as possible - Leaving it discretionary with you to send as one or other of the above - We are in hopes of soon hearing from you - Very Respectfully Yours Wm G. Batwell

Mr. W. G. Baker. Dear Sir. Lexington. Feb. 13 - 1839

We sent you to day the last of our bag & rope which is intended for Mobile. We will thank you to send it to Messrs. Sturkey & Whittingham, when it can be done at 50 cts. pr 100th & request them to send it to P. M. Larkay, or if you can ship it direct to Mobile at 75 cts. pr 100th please do so, & insure it on the best terms you can (and advise us) at 20 cts. per bag & 8 cts. for rope pr yard & forward to Mobile. We will thank you to insure 5000th on our bag & rope which you have in store for one month, as we are fearful in case of fire you might not be insured on articles consigned to you.

We paid J Ford for the piece of bag, as we found after sending off what we had hauled to the warehouse 147th in place of 146. - We annex a statement of bag & rope which you ought to have on hand when it all reaches you.

We think you mentioned having received a coil of rope in place of a piece of bag. 43 yds last fall, which would make 27th bag & 6 coils on hand 1st Jan^y last. in place of 28th & 5 coils. - Hoping soon to hear from you we are.

Very truly yrs. Friend & associate.

1839.

Jan ^y 1 st -	1. pr 43 -	43.			
	27" 86 each.	2322.			5 coils. 420 th
Feb. 2.	J. Hale. 34 -	2924.			
	" P. Ham. 28 -	2408			
	" J Ford. 28 -	2408.			
	4. S. Cook 40 -	3440.			
	" S. Johnson. 17 -	1462.	- . . -	26 -	2372.
	9. J. Ryan. 31 -	2666.			
	" J Hutchings 31 -	2666.			
	12. L. Lamm. 15 -	1290.	- . . -	17 -	1535.
	" J Brown. 10 -	860.	- . . -	30 -	2642.
				56 -	5060.
13. L. Foley.	~			12 -	1063.
" J. Ford.	~				
	262.	22489.		146.	13092 th
By J. Ford.	1.	86.			
	261.	22403			

all to be shipped as directed within -

Mr. King & Co., Genl^l Lexington Feb. 14th 1839.

Your estimate for one of the 2^d Jan^y ultimo, was rec^d.
In due course of mail, & contents noted - We hope by
the time this reaches you, you will be able to close up our
business, & to remit us the balance due with an asc^d Sales of
the 18 ps bag^g. & one coil rope. - Should your Bank be
checking on N. York. Philad^a. or N. Orleans, we will thank
you to remit us a check on the former place, & not ex-
ceeding two per cent, & if on N. Orleans at not over one per
cent prem^{um}. - Should you not be able to get us a check
as above, we will thank you to deposit the balance due
by you, and the amount due by Mr. Horan Green, after
deducting the amount of his advances for freight from
our asc^d to our credit in the Bk. Bank of Decatur &
request the Cashier to advise us of the same that we
may check for it - Requesting your early attention
We are Genl^l. Very Resp^y. J. H. L. L. B. & Co. Merchants

Mr. P. M. Lusk, Genl^l Sir

Lexington Ky Feb. 14th 1839.

We wrote you last on the 18 Dec^r ulto, requesting you
to remit us the amount of the asc^d due us on the 25th Jan^y
in a check on N. York or Philad^a. - and are since in rec^t
of your estimate for one of the 1st Jan^y. with asc^d Sales
of 118 coils rope & 230 ps bag^g. with proceeds to our credit
26 Feb. 3056.96/100 Dollars. We are expecting daily
to receive the above mentioned check & will thank you
on the maturity of the Sales for 3056.96/100 Dollars
to remit us a check on Philad^a. or N. York for the
amount on the best terms, you can - We yesterday
ordered Mr. W. E. Bakewell to ship to you 260 ps
bag. averaging 86 lbs each & 147 coils rope, as soon
as he could get the freight on reasonable terms -
Requesting you will avail yourself of the most
expedient mode of remitting the above. We are Dear Sir
Very Resp^y. J. H. L. L. B. & Co. Merchants

Mr Philip M'Loskey, Dear Sir Lexington Feb. 25th 1839

Your esteemed favor of the 12th inst enclosing Check for 3151.99 has been rec^d, & placed to your credit. Mr Bakewell has shipped to Messrs Storking & Whittingham, New Orleans 259 lbs bagging & 149 coils rope, which they are requested to send to you as soon as practicable - In consequence of the rise in hemp, and the demand here, for the Eastern markets, we think bagging & rope must advance considerably with you it is now held at 24 & 9 in Louisville - We dislike to limit our article, as your sales, & manner of doing business has always been entirely satisfactory to us, but we feel so confident of an advance, we will merely remark, that 26 & 10.4 mos are as low as we are willing to sell for at this time, but hope you may get us 28 to 30 & 12 - We shall send you in the course of a month more rope and perhaps bagging, if you encourage us to do so - Some of our largest establishments, have stopped manufacturing for this year, among them, James Hamilton, James Weir, or Weir & Berry, Swift & Neat, Connett, Spurr & many minor ones - If you have not sent us the amount of sales due 26th inst, we would prefer a certificate of deposit, from one of your banks, that has not suspended, if Exchange on Philad^a or N York is over 1. p. c. prem - Hoping to hear from you shortly, we are, Very truly yr. In Express Mail. Friend & associate -

Messrs King & Owings.

Lexington March 14 - 1839

Genl. We addressed you in the 14th ulto, to which we beg you to refer. We are much disappointed at not hearing from you before this time, and have now to ask as a particular favour that you will comply with your promise of the 2^d Jan last -

We must request an answer to this by return mail as we shall wait with impatience to know what we have to expect. We think we have waited as long as you could reasonably expect. And we will be candid with you in saying we think you have treated us badly, after our willingness to accommodate you.

Ry. W. Abbott Friend & associate

E. York Esq.

Lexington March 14-1839.

New Orleans. Dear Sir. Your esteemed favour of the 12th ulto enclosing Geo. S. Blakins bill for 3000⁰⁰ & 4 p. dict has been received, for which we thank you, and 2880⁰⁰ to your credit, you have it 2980⁰⁰ - We wrote you on the 3^d ulto requesting a check or C. d. bill as you thought most to our interest, for J. E. Davis bill due 2^d inst on Lambeth & Thompson for 1029.17/100, and S. M. Fullons Amptance due 3^d inst for 677.75/100. If paid, please send it, with the A/c Sales of the last lot of bagging, which we presume to be nearly due, for which we will be greatly obliged for a similar remittance - We write hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you & Mrs. V. in Philad^a next summer.

Very truly yrs. Brand Manabes to.

Messrs. Coleman Ward & Co.

Lexington March 20th 1839

Gent^l Yours of the 18th is just rec^d. & contents noted - We sent S. M. Fullons Amptance to Mr. E. York to collect and remit us in a check on Philad^a, he has not returned it to us yet & fearful he may keep it until he hears from us, we have you below an order on him for it, which you can send Mr. Moffitt - If it should come, we will send it to you, and draw as you request for the same, we have not rec^d the cost of protest &c.

Very truly yrs. Brand Manabes to

Mr. E. York. Dear Sir.

Lexington March 20-1839.

Please hand over to the order of Messrs. Coleman Ward & Co. S. M. Fullons Amptance, protested on the 2^d inst, for 677.75/100 if it has not ^{since} been paid Remitted to us. Very truly yrs. Brand Manabes to

Mr. P. M. Lockey

Lexington March 21st 1839

Dear Sir. We had this pleasure on the 25th ulto, to which please refer, since then we have rec^d your esteemed favours of the 13. 23^d & 27th ulto, with their enclosures - Messrs. Little & Spurr, have not sent the amount of your claim against Mr. M. Taylor, when they do you shall be advised - We are firmly of the opinion that Bagging & Rope will advance, we shall not resist ours, which improve

you have rec^d on this, higher than advised in letter of the 25th to you, but must request you not to be in too great a hurry selling, unless you can get 30 & 12. - We have 100 coils rope & some bagging to send you, and are waiting to hear the prospects in your market - The bagging rope at Louisville is generally limited at 24 & 9. which prices will be obtained we think in 80 days. Res^{ts} Y^r Obedt. Servant. Brand & Macalester
per Expre. p Mail

Lexington April 10th 1839

Messrs. Wm B. Workman & Co. - Gent^l We sent you per Wm Ropes 42 coils rope 3 1/2 y^d & 17 y^d bagging 14 1/2 yds which please ship to Messrs. Sturkey & Whittingham, at Orleans. if you cannot do so soon, ship it to W. G. Baker, Louisville upon the best terms you can, & advise us that we may insure it. Res^{ts} Y^r Brand & Macalester.

Messrs. King & Owings

Lexington April 10th 1839

Gent^l As requested we have drawn upon you at 60 days date from 1st inst for the amt due us as above which please honor. Res^{ts} Y^r Obedt. Servant. Brand & Macalester.

Signe glou, Ky, April 11th 1839

John Simpson Esq

Dear Sir, How we have taken the liberty to enclose to you for collection our bill of exchange on Messrs. King & Owings, Decatur, Alabama for \$554.²⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars - We hope you will pardon us the trouble it will give you, as you are the only friend to whom we could confide its collection, & if we can at any time or in any way it will afford us great pleasure to do so - King & Owings pledge themselves under all circumstances to meet this bill, but will be obliged to you for your opinion confidentially about the standing of the house & its payment -

If the bill is paid we will thank you to deposit in a check over the East if it can be done at 5% per cent premium, otherwise to endorse your check payable to our order on the Branch of the State Bank of Alabama at Decatur or Huntsville. Hoping soon to hear from you. We are truly Yours

Brand & Macalester

Starky Whittingham

Lexington April 13-1839

Genl^l Mr Bakewell shipped you in Feb. last in Genl. James
160 lb bag & 43 coils rope. In Superior 99 lb bag & 104 coils rope, say
259 lb bag. 86 yds each. & 147 coils rope, which we requested to be sent
to P. M. Looky Mobile. - We have received sales of 251 lb & 147 coils,
which he received for Schooner Regent Perseverance - Will you
be good enough to advise us what has become of the other 8 lbs.
bag 888 yds. - We have requested Mr Bakewell Wm B. Mooklar &
of Mayville to forward you more of our bag rope, & will
thank you to forward all that you receive to P. M. Looky
Mobile - unless otherwise advised by us - Your charges we will
pay to Mr Bakewell, if agreeable to you, for all that you
forward, or if you desire it we will send it to you -

Respy & truly yr

Be and Maudslows

P. M. Looky Esq.

Lexington April 13th 1839

Dear Sir. Your estimate for 5 of the 20th ulto, & 4 which
have been rec^d, & contents noted - Mr Bakewell has shipped
in 113 Sacks to Starky Whittingham 88 lb bag 86 yds each
& 83 coils rope 7418th & he is instructed to send you 17 lb
& 42 coils more, which we wish you to call for as we
30. & 11 to 12. 4 mos. - We regret to hear by your letter that
Exchange has an upward tendency, it ruined our business
last year, if it happens again, we must depend upon
Louisville entirely for sales, but we hope it will not be so
bad again - If you can send us a check on Philad^a at
1 to 2 p.m. for the amt due 26/29 May, at maturity, please do so

If you could send us your bill at 60 to 90 days date
on Philad^a or N. York at 1 p.m. for the last sale due
2^d/24 July next \$6250.27. or a bill endorsed by you, it
would be an accommodation to us, it would be paying
you 1 p.m. for paying the money in Philad^a, in place of
Mobile, at the same time it falls due in Mobile, is what
we mean, we have never asked any favour of you before, & never
not now, but for our heavy purchases of hemp. Respy & truly
P. S. Starky & W. ought to have sent you 259 lb bag, in place of 251 by the Regent Perseverance, we have written them to know, where the other 8 lbs.
are. Mr Bakewell shipped them 251

Mr. E. York.

Lexington April 13th 1839

Dear Sir. We had this pleasure on the 14th ulto to
which please refer. We have been looking for a check
or today bill for the amount of Lambeth & Thompsons ac-
count due 2. ulto, Also an ap. bill of the 575 fr bag: last
sent, which we presume is due, you will oblige us by sending
it in a check or today bill on Philad^a, or N. York as soon
as you can - We favor Coleman Ward & Co an order on you
for J. M. Fallons protested bill, if it has not been
presented, please return it to us the bill, with the
amount of costs - Your early attention will much
oblige.
Yrs &c B. Brand. Treasurer.

Mr. Geo. B. McElvain

Lexington April 25th 1839

Dear Sir. We have rec^d your letter & shall be pleased
to send you our bump - If you have not shipped the
bag, ^{which we} sent with Wm B. Workman & Co please ship it
with all you have on hand to Messrs Franklin Henderson
N. Orleans on the best terms you can advise us that we
may insure it here - If there is no prospect of getting
it off soon, we will thank you to send it to W. G. Bakewell
Louisville.
Ry py. Dr 500 Loco.
Brand. Treasurer.

Mr. Geo. B. McElvain

Lexington April 30-1839

Dear Sir. We have sent you this day, 70 coils
rope & expect to send you another load tomorrow of
bag rope which please forward to Messrs Franklin
& Henderson, New Orleans, with the 51 fr bag on hand

If there is no prospect of getting it off in a short
time, you may send it to W. G. Bakewell, Louisville
& advise us that we may insure. Ry py ry

Brand. Treasurer

Mr. Franklin Henderson Lexington April May 1st 1839
Gent^l We have requested Mr. Inc. B. M. Straine of Nashville
to forward you 69 p. bagging 5.934 yds. & 101 coils rope 9210th
which please dispose of for us @ 25. & 10 cts. 4 to 6 mos, we should
not like to have the bag. sold without the ~~usual~~ usual pro-
portion of rope, and we shall also expect you to guarantee
the punctual payment of sales - He had the pleasure of
becoming acquainted with you Mr. Franklin when here, &
we think he takes in your charge for selling, & guarantee would
be 5. p. st. We shall be pleased to hear from you soon, the
prospects for sales in your market, that we may be able
to determine whether to send you more - We are of opinion
the quantity of Kentucky bagging that will be made this year
will fall short one fourth of that made last year - If the
crop of Cotton should be large it must advance considerably
Rnfy. Wm. B. Brand Maasster.
Lexington May 1st 1839

Mr. Inc. B. M. Straine

Dear Sir We forwarded on the 9th Inst per S. A. Intero
50 pieces of bagging on that per. S. Taylor 16 pieces of 10 coils rope
3796th - The bag averaging 83 yard, ea piece, which we ex-
mation for fear you make your shipments according to our
note in the latter of which there was an error, say 1344 yard,
instead of 1376 yard, - You will please to ship this lot on
the best terms you can to Mess^{rs} Franklin Henderson New
Orleans if you can do so on good terms, otherwise ship
it to Louisville to Mr. Wm. G. B. B. - Freight, were at
40 cents at Louisville last week to N. Orleans, at which rate
Montmollin & Cornwall shipped a lot of hemp, & we hope you
will be able to ship at corresponding rates. We are respectfully
Yours &c
Franklin Maasster

Lexington, Ky, May 16th 1839

Mr Edward Vata

New Orleans Dear Sir We have none of your favour
to which to reply since yours of the 12th February, to which by
your letters of the 12th March & 13th April we beg your pardon
- sufficient time having elapsed since ours of the 13th
Uto, to have received a reply & getting none, we again beg that
you will remit of this remit us the proceeds of Lambeth's
Thompsons acceptance of J. E. Davis' bill due 2^d March
last - We have also to ask that you will at the same
time send us now a pt sales of the 500 pieces of bag last sent
you, of the sale of which you advised us on the 31st Nov^r
last, & a check on the East for the proceeds, as we presume
it will be due by the time you receive this, if it has not been
due sometime - It is not only mortifying to us to have
so frequently to ask you for our a pt sales & our funds, but
it is embarrassing, besides the disappointment & to hope
it will not be again necessary to jog your memory in
relation to the above - Hoping that you will avail your-
self of the most speedy mode of placing us in funds,

We are Dear Sir Very Respectfully
Your friend
Frank M. Macalester
Lexington, Ky, May 23^d 1839

John Simpson Esq

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 18th Uto was received
in due course of mail & contents noted - Hoping that shortly after the
rec^t of this you will be in funds, from our bill on King & Wingo for \$854.
70c Dollars, we have to request that, if paid, ~~you~~ you cannot
procure a check on N. York, Philad^a or Baltimore on our terms
say 3 or 4 per cent prem for the amount, you will send us your
check on N. York of the State Bank of Ala^a at Huntsville, as we
can dispose of the fund, in Huntsville to a gentleman who
runs a stage line in Ala^a running thro^o Huntsville.

Hoping that it will not be inconvenient to send the above

We are Dear Sir Very Respectfully Your friend,
Frank M. Macalester
S. L. Simpson Esq
relation to the above

Livingston, Ky, May 23rd 1839

Wm G. Packard

Louisville Dear Sir We have to day received 1 Bill of Lading of 40 pieces of bag 39 coils of rope 37 9/16 lb shipped by J. B. McShain of Mayville for our advice to you on the N. B. Philada.

You will please to ship the same for good steam Boat first opportunity to Messrs Franklin & Henderson N. Orleans on the best terms you can. We have insured from Mayville to N. Orleans. With the best regards of the writer to all your family. We are truly Your friend,

Wm G. Packard
Livingston Ky May 24th 1839

Mr J. B. McShain

Dear Sir We forwarded per A. B. Cades wagon on the 26th inst 29 pieces of bag 39 coils 35 1/2 lb. I hope to you, & shall send your first opportunity ten pieces of bag 39 coils, which Cades was to have taken for which the note was made out & left with our driver, but being unable to get them in his wagon our driver enclosed on the back of the note, that ten pieces were left here. You will please to ship this lot per 39 coils on the best terms you can to Wm G. Packard Louisville, without you should have an opportunity of shipping at low rates to New Orleans, in which case please send it to Messrs Franklin & Henderson N. Orleans. We acknowledge the rec^d of your favour 21st inst with bill Lading of 40 pieces bag 39 coils 37 9/16 lb. are Respectfully Your Obedt Serv^t

Wm G. Packard
Livingston June 8th 1839

Messrs Franklin & Henderson

N. Orleans Gentlemen We are inpe^d to observe the content, of your returned favours of the 13th & 24th inst the latter announcing the sale of our bag 39 coils in your hand, at 25^{cts} for the former & 18^{cts} for the latter payable 1st Jan^y next. We are entirely pleased with the sale & are also gratified that our articles give satisfaction. We now have to advise of the shipment to your houses of 40 pieces bag 39 coils 37 9/16 lb. of rope for which we hope you will be able to obtain the same prices.

Livingston, Ky. ~~18~~ June 1839

John Simpson Esqr

Dear Sir

We wrote you on the ^{29th} ult & on yesterday we received, contrary to our expectations, a protest for non payment of our d^{ts} on King & Owings in your favour for \$854.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars due at Decatur 1st Inst. Having an opportunity by Mr Thos Kirkman of your place we avail ourselves of it, to send you the letters of Mess^{rs} King & Owings in relation to our business, the 1st dated 20th April 1838 with an a/ct sales of 35¹/₂ p^{er} bag & 22 coils of bale rope due June 1838 mt^l pround, to our credit \$643.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, the 2^d dated March 23^d 1839 with an a/ct sales of 13¹/₂ p^{er} of bag & 1 coil of Rope due June 1839 mt^l pround, \$157.⁴²/₁₀₀ Stating a balance of 5 p^{er} of bag on hand (say 43 y^ds @ 2/5 y^ds) -

After the indulgence which we had given Mess^{rs} King & Owings, we had expected different treatment - Knowing no one at Decatur to whom to entrust the settlement of this business, we must take the liberty of taxing your kindness still further, by requesting that you will employ some one to try & arrange it for us, if it is not convenient for yourself to attend to it - And we will be greatly obliged if you will act for us, as if you were acting for yourself in the same case -

We authorize you to do whatever you may consider best for our interest & shall be pleased to hear from you what you have done & your opinion of the claims, so soon as you are able to inform us

We are Very Respectfully Your Obligated friends,
J Brand & Hucatt

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
Franklin Pierce

Wm. F. Baskin

We are in possⁿ of bill of lading from St. M^r Steamer Mayville
of 39 p^{rs} bag^s & 39 coils of Rope shipped per W. S. do to you, forwarded
yesterday per John Lewis, Wagon 39 p^{rs} bag^s & 8 coils Rope & expect
in a few days to forward you forty or fifty coils more of Rope—

Hoping to hear from you soon in reply to the above with
our best respects to all your family. We are Very truly Yours friends
H.B. 1841

Franklin

Lexington June 13th 1839

Mr Edward Yaker

We are unable to account for your silence especially after our letter of the 16th ultimo, which we had hoped would have called forth a reply from our old sales & friend, — In the absence of your former partner C. Macaster in Philad^a the writer regrets that it should become necessary for him to have to act in the business as well on your account as his own.

I But being unable to do longer without the funds in your hands,
upon which we have been relying we have taken the liberty this day
to write to our friend, Messrs Frankfort & Anderson to call upon
you in our behalf for a settlement of our A/c Sales of 500 per
bag sold by you in Nov^r last & for payment of a Lambeth & Thomp-
son's acceptance of J. E. Davis bill for \$1029.⁷⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars due
I think last. We assure you it is exceedingly painful
to us to have to call in any ~~one~~ in the settlement of the business
between us & hope you will make allowance for the necessity of
the case. With many thanks for your former acts of politeness
We are Very Respectfully
Yours & Promtly Obedient
Livingston, Ky, June 13th 1839

Messrs Frankfort & Anderson

New Orleans Extra We had the pleasure of addressing you
on the 8th Inst, since which we are without any advice from you.
We advised you on the 8th of the shipment of 66 per bag & 4 coils
Rope per Express, & have since ordered the shipment of 72 per
bag & 9 coils of bale rope which we hope you will receive in due time.
We address you at this time to solicit your services in the closing
of our business with Mr Edw. Burke of your city. — We consigned
500 per bag 21500 yards, to Mr Burke last spring & were advised of
its sale on the 30th Nov^r last in these words "I have just closed your bag?
@ 22⁰⁰ 24⁰⁰ & will send the sales as soon as it is delivered." We have
written him frequently, generally requesting our a/c sales & have received
letters from him since promising to forward the a/c sales; but also forward-
ed to him for collection some bills on 2^d Jan^y last among which was Mr
Lambeth & Thompson's acceptance of Coleman & Ward's bill for
\$1029.⁷⁷/₁₀₀ due I think last. — Our last letter from him was dated
12th Feb^y enclosing a remittance for collections, made & apologiz-
ing for having neglected to remit us \$1500 which he had overlook-
ed more than one month. — We have written him twice, since
the last letter on the 16th Wt^{ch} him so urgent a response that we
had confidently expected a reply & to be placed in funds for sales
of our bag & pounds, of the above bill of Coleman & Ward on
Lambeth & Thompson, but are unable to account for his silence.

We have written by the same mail that takes this advising him of our intention to get you to call on him for a settlement of our a/c & the proceeds, of the above bill, say \$1029.⁷⁰ It is extremely unpleasant to have to take such a course in the settlement of business & particularly so in the present case. Mr York has transacted our business entirely to our satisfaction, except in this case & was a friend & partner in business of our C. Macalister who is now in Philad^a or I should throw the burthen of this on him. ~~We~~ You will much oblige us if you will call immediately on Mr C. York, to request our a/c & rates for the 500 lbs bag which we expect has been due some time & remit us the proceeds, as also the proceeds, of Lambeth & Thompson's acceptance for \$1029.⁷⁰ dollars, due on settlement. A check on Philad^a or N York would be preferred. Hoping to hear from you by the most speedy conveyance. We are

Yours respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Wm & Macalister

Lexington Ky June 18th 1839

Mr Philip. H. Lusk

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 7th ultimo was received in due time & contents observed. We are obliged to you for the offer of your acceptance payable in N York for proceeds, of sales of our bag & the 24th proximo, but must decline it for the present, not knowing what might be the rate of Exchange. We will thank you if you will advise us in respect of this of the rates of Exchange with your banks on Philad^a or N York, & also on what terms you will give us your acceptance payable in Merchants Bank N Orleans at four months. We have been expecting for some time to receive advice from you of the sales of our bag & rope in your hands, at about 28^{cts} which is as little as it ought to sell at considering the present rates in N Orleans. We hope you will be able to get at least 28 1/2 for them.

We have been advised of the sale of ours in N Orleans @ 25^{cts} 10^{cts} which will pay as well as 27 1/2 & 11 1/2^{cts} with you.

Desiring to be occasionally advised of the state of your market We are Sir Yours respectfully
Wm & Macalister

But being unable to do longer without the sum in your hand,
upon which we have been relying we have taken the liberty this day
to write to our friend, Mess^{rs} Franklins & Henderson to call upon
you in our behalf for a settlement of our A/c^t Sales of 500^{lbs}
bag sold by you in Nov^r last & for payment of a Lambeth & Thomp-
son's acceptance of J. E. Davis bill for \$1029.⁷⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars due
I think last. We assure you it is exceedingly painful
to us to have to call in any ~~one~~ in the settlement of the business
between us & hope you will make allowance for the necessity of
the case. With many thanks for your former acts of politeness
We are Very Respectfully
Yours & Friends & Associates
Livingston, Ky, June 13th 1839

Mess^{rs} Franklins & Henderson

New Orleans Gent^l We had the pleasure of addressing you
on the 8th Inst^l since which we are without any advice from you.
We advised you on the 8th of the shipment of 66^{lbs} per bag & 4 coils
Rope per Empress, & have since ordered the shipment of 72^{lbs} per
bag & 91 coils of bale rope which we hope you will receive in due time.
We address you at this time to solicit your services in the closing
of our business with Mr Edw^d Porter of your city. — We consigned
500^{lbs} per bag 21500 yds, to Mr Porter last spring & were advised of
its sale on the 30th Nov^r last in these words "I have just closed your bag-
@ 22^c 24^c & will send the sales as soon as it is delivered." We have
written him frequently, generally requesting over a set sales & have received
letters from him since promising to forward the set sales; We also of-
fered to him for collection some bills on 2 Jan^y last among which was
M. Lambeth & Thompson's acceptance of Coleman & Ward's bill for
\$1029.⁷⁷/₁₀₀ due I think last. — Our last letter from him was dated
12th Feb^y enclosing a permitance for collection, made & apologise-
ing for having neglected to remit us \$1500 which he had overlooked
more than one month. — We have written him twice since
the last letter on the 16th Wth since we sent a statement that we
had confidently expected a reply & to be pleased & surprised for sales
of our bag & pounds, of the above bill of Coleman & Ward on
Lambeth & Thompson, but are unable to account for his silence.

We have written by the same mail that takes this advising him of our intention to get you to call on him for a settlement of our acct & the proceeds of the above bill, say \$1029.⁷⁰ It is extremely unpleasant to have to take such a course in the settlement of business & particularly so in the present case. Mr York has transacted our business entirely to our satisfaction, except in this case & was a friend & partner in business of our E. Macalister who is now in Philad^a & I should throw the burthen of this on him. ~~Now~~ You will much oblige us if you will call immediately on Mr E. York, to request our acct & bills for the 500 lbs bag which we expect has been due some time & remit us the proceeds, as also the proceeds of Lambeth & Thompson's acceptance for \$1029.⁷⁰ dollars, due on settlement. A check on Philad^a or N York would be preferred. Hoping to hear from you by the most speedy conveyance. We are

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servts
E. Macalister
Ligonstown N.Y. June 18th 1839

Mr Philip. H. Lockey

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 7th ultimo was received in due time & content, observed. We are obliged to you for the offer of your acceptance payable in N York for proceeds of sales of our bag 9th 24th proximo, but must decline it for the present, not knowing what might be the rate of Exchange for. We will thank you if you will advise us in respect of this of the rates of Exchange with your banks on Philad^a or N York, & also on what terms you will give us your acceptance payable in Merchants Bank N Orleans at four months. We have been expecting for some time to receive advice from you of the sales of our bag Rope in your hands, at about 28^{cts} which is as little as it ought to sell at considering the present rates in N Orleans. We hope you will be able to get at least 28 1/2 for them.

We have been advised of the sale of ours in N Orleans @ 25^{cts} 1/10th which will pay as well as 27 1/2 1/2^{cts} with you.

Desiring to be occasionally advised of the state of your market We are &c Sir Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servts
E. Macalister

Lexington Ky June 20th 1839

Mr John Simpson

Dear Sir We had the pleasure of writing you last for
Mr Thos Kirkman of your place & since in purs^t of your
estimated favour of the 8th Inst observed its contents.
In relation to your inquiry about bag^g Rope, we will deliver to
you on the Boat at Louisville 50 pieces pay 4300 yds bag^g.
of a proportion of Rope, big on a half horned, per yard, at twenty
two cents per yard for the bag, & eight & a half cents for lb, for the
Rope, payable 1st April next, with interest for three months at
one per cent for exchange added, & take your bill on your house
in New Orleans in payment. We could not pay it what
price we would bill, & take a note payable in October owing
to the uncertainty of the rates of exchange & the difficulty of getting
our funds from there. Should you accept our offer we shall
expect to be advised by you in purs^t of this, as we are constantly
selling, & may not be able to get wagons to Louisville to take
it off for some time afterwards. We have had all ours sold in
N. Orleans 29th May @ 25 & 10^{cts} some sales are making at
Louisville now @ 29^{cts}. We will be obliged if you can send us
your check on the Huntsville Br Bank for any part of
the debt of King & Owings as paid for us. Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Serv^t

P.S. A.D. Hunt offered us 22 & 3^{cts} for 300 yds. Frank Macalister
bag^g Rope in proportion on the above terms for some time in your State
who got Mr Andrews of your town to write Mr Hunt for it.
Mr Hunt had not the articles applied to us, but he declines.
Lexington June 24th 1839

Mr Edw Yorkie

New Orleans Dear Sir

Your estimated favour of the
10th Inst was received yesterday with a set of latest a/c current a/c
ed & enclosing James Owens bill at 60 days sight on Mr J.
D. Penn New York for 5202.00^{cts} payable to our order for
balance of our a/c. We are under obligation to you for
many acts of politeness in the transaction of our business.

for which please accept our thanks & allow us at the same time
to offer our services to you in whom we can be useful to you

We regret that our necessities & our calculating upon getting
our funds from you sooner, compelled us to request our
friend, Franklin Anderson to call upon you for our acct. —

Had we received our acct at an earlier period we intended
to have drawn upon you for the amount. — As it is we are
tutorily satisfied with the acct & the manner in which you have
transacted our business, & are Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
J Brand & Macatester
Livingston June 27th 1839

Mr Philip H Loring

Mobile Dear Sir We had this pleasure on the 18th Inst to which
we beg to refer you & have now to acknowledge the rec^d of your esteemed
favour of the 13th Inst enclosing a certificate of deposit to our credit
for \$555.00 Dollars being proceeds of 53 per bag, due 26th & 29th May
1839 received on our acct from Geo Starker which is satisfactory

Ampr has advanced to \$6. with us & bag & rope are in great demand
at Louisville, the first @ 23^{cts}, but we hope it will be 25^{cts} from the small
supply said to be in New Orleans & the manner in which it is producing
at Louisville. The uput you will shortly be able to get 28^{cts} &
12^{cts} for ours in your hands. — If four months is too short, please to
say at what you will give us your acceptance for our funds due
21st & 24th Inst, payable at Merchants Bank New Orleans

We are Dr Sir Very Respectfully
J Brand & Macatester
Livingston Ky July 5th 1839

Mr Wm G. Bateman

Dear Sir Your esteemed favour of the 2nd Inst to our Wm
M Brand was received on yesterday & the writer takes great pleasure
in reciprocating your expressions of kindness & friendship & regrets
that we cannot see one another more frequently, but hope to have
the pleasure of seeing you in sight or ten days. According to
your wish we forward of the Northern Bank of N.Y. forwarded

to N. P. Northcott Esq. at York a check on the Bank of America
for \$1500 @ 1/2 per cent prem, to your debit \$1522.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ credited
you with your check on the Northern Br Bank Louisville \$1500

This check he had to use, putting up to obtain, as the Banks
are scarce of Eastern funds, had refused to sell to J. W. Hunt
for J. S. Smad who wanted 5 to \$10,000 dollars - Since the
last wrote you we have forwarded per Daniel G. Orr 21 pr bag
& 21 coils of Rope that are now ready 50 or 60 pr coils more which
we have offered to sell to J. Simpson & are daily expecting his reply

If he does not take it we shall authorize you to sell it
We have seen lots of sales of a good deal of bag rope for
Gratz & Co. at 23⁰⁰ for the former & 8⁰⁰ for the latter & 5
per cent comm⁰⁰ & guarantee to our bag is paid by Franklin
Henderson of N. C. terms of the manufacturers who saw ours
there to be better than Gratz's. According to your request we
send you our check on the Br Bank of N. York for \$216.¹⁴/₁₀₀
dollars the balance to our debit on your books to 2 July

With the best wishes of the writer that you may be able to survive
the period of your widowhood I remain truly Yours friend, Friend of Macaster
Lynnington July 10th 1839

W. J. P. McMain

Mayville Dear Sir We forwarded on the 8th inst per
Joseph McEntee 33 pr of bag & 24 coils of Rope & per Taylor & Madden
this day 21 pr of bag & 21 coils of Rope to your care -

Please to ship per first good opportunity on Steam Boat
to Mr Wm. G. Bataillon on the best terms you can oblige

Respectfully Yours Obedt Friend
Friend of Macaster
Lynnington July 17th 1839

Mr Philip H. Loring

Mobile Dear Sir We had this pleasure on the 27th
Ult^o, to which we beg to refer you & are sure in part of
your esteemed favours of the 26th Ult^o per Mr Geo. Thetford
from a conversation with Mr Thetford believing that
it will not find you to give us your acceptance. We are

for our fund, due the 24th Inst we now address you to request that
you will permit the same in Certificates of deposit of your best
Bank in sums of \$1000.— Owing to the scarcity of feed & the
drought our hump crops will be very short, & an advance has taken
place & a further rise is expected. Bag drops of course will rise &
sales have been made @ 25^{cts} at Louisville for the former.

We have therefore to request that you will hold our bag drops
not sold on the put. of this @ 30^{cts} per yard drops 12^{1/2} for 16
till the 1st of Sept, when if not sold please hold it at the
current rates for similar articles. We are Respy Yours

Wm D Macalester

Livingston N.Y. July 17th 1839

Messrs Franklin & Henderson

N. Orleans Gent^{rs}

We had this pleasure last on the 13th
Wm D Macalester in put of your esteemed favours of the 24th & 27th
Wm D Macalester & Co. We received our appt sales see
from Mr. Tolia on the 23rd Inst, regret that his regret of us put
us under the necessity of asking you to call upon him. Since he
last wrote you there has been an advance in the price of hump
with us owing to the drought & the prospect of very short crops
we think it probable it will rise higher, & bag has also advanced
& sales have been made at 25^{cts} at Louisville.—

We address you now not to limit our bag drops in your hands,
but to request that you will hold them up till the 1st of Sept
by which time the prices will be fixed. Hoping to be advised
on the put. of this of the amount of our sold to receive our
appt sales thereof. We are Very Respectfully

Wm D Macalester

Livingston July 23rd 1839

John A Lewis Esq

Louisville

Dear Sir I have taken the liberty to send you annexed
the check of Wm D Macalester & Co. the Louisville Br of the State
Bank of Alabama for \$354,700 Dollars, which was deposited by
John Simpson Esq to their credit & which we expected to have been
able to the credit of them, but failing to do so at any reasonable

rate I will be obliged to you, if you can procure for me a check on Philadelphia, N. York, Baltimore, Boston, or Washington City on the best terms you can, or on Louisville Cincinnati or this place. The former would be worth 1 1/2 per cent more than the latter here. I must Brand & Co have had some acct, in the hands of Geo. Fearn Esq (of N. C. Magazine) since 1832 & there is a balance of \$400 to 500 still unsettled & have written him thru or for letters since Feb 1835 & cannot get any answers. We should be glad to know his situation & will send you a statement of the amt received if you will attend to its settlement for them, tho it is disagreeable to us to have to do so yet we have waited we think with great patience on him.

You will greatly oblige them if you will undertake to close their business in the hands of Mr Fearn. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest leisure I am Very truly Your friend

\$354.78 Cashier of the Pres of the State Bank of Ala { Wm M Brand
at New Orleans pay to the order of Mr L. S. Esq a order there
hundred & fifty four dollars & seven & eight cents 100 & Macintosh }

Livingston Ky, July 29th 1839

Mr J W A Sturgis

Dear Sir We are in receipt of your returned favour of July with bill of Lading of 54 per bag & 66 coils per N B Sandusky & Co. You will be able still to make shipments at about 20 cts at which we have since seen some of your shipments for Mr O. F. Payne.

We forwarded 32 per bag 2752 yds & 22 coils 1973^{lb} / Rope for C. Martins Amstrad on the 23 which please ship to Mr Wm B. Baskin Louisville on the best terms you can oblige

Respectfully Yours

Brand & Macintosh

Livingston Ky August 5 1839

Mr Philip A. Loring

Mobile Dear Sir Your returned favour of the 9th & 15th ults are duly received & contents observed. The former advising of the date of 106 per bag & the latter containing N. B. Swannings bill at five months date from the 23rd June for \$6094.⁵² Dollars on Messrs R. & J. Gaither Richmond.

Having made our arrangements to do without our funds in your hands till Dec or Jan, we have the pleasure to return you the above mentioned bill of Exchange according to your suggestion & will be obliged to you

if you will permit our funds in \$1000 certificates on part of this—

Owing to the late advice from England in relation to the cotton market we fear the cotton purchasers will lose heavily. We consider the risk of doing business with the South greater than any period for twenty years. On this account we ~~would~~ not take any bill unless entirely undoubted and for our funds, tho we should be glad to get New Orleans funds for them in four months losing the interest only. We hope you will be able to push off our paper that amount of our bag shortly at our limit of the 17th July. We are Dear Sir Very Respectfully Yours &c. B. Macalister

P.S. We presume the above bill is drawn on Richmond, Va, tho it would admit of doubt. We could not sell it here for less than 2 per cent interest off. B. Macalister

Richington N.Y. August 14th 1839

Mr J. B. M. Mays

Dear Sir We wrote you last on the 29th Ult. & in pursuance of your esteemed favour of the 4th inst. bill of lading annexed for 22 casks & 32 pms. We forwarded on the 12th Inst. per James O'Connell fifty nine pieces of bag & expect to forward you another load in eight or ten days. Please ship the above & any more of our till further advice be Messrs Coleman & Co. on the best terms you can. Oblige Respectfully Yours &c. B. Macalister

Richington August 26th 1839

Mr Wm. G. Baskin

Dear Sir We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 22nd Inst. advising us of the sale of 107 pms of our bag @ 25^{cts} payable in N. Orleans @ 7 months (without rope) all of which is satisfactory, though the time is longer than any we have known sold. We shall endeavour to send you some more soon, & the rope on hand can lay over till next season when I have no doubt it will pay. The Banks here are doing as little as with you & they take no bills except in payment of debts on any point, which I am sorry to say, in reply to that part of your letter in relation to cashing ^{and} bills on N. Orleans. I showed your letter to my father & he requests me to say that there is no person

whom he would sooner accommodate than yourself, if he had
the money, but he has been anticipating payments on his purchases
of City property due 4 or 5 months hence fearing hard times &
has used up all his spare funds - I hope these times will not
last long, as it is melancholy to see the long faces that some of
our manufacturers have - We are Sir, truly & respectfully,
Wm. B. MacArthur

Livingston N.Y. August 27 1839

Miss^{rs} Coleman Ward & Co

Gentlemen We had shipped ^{to you} by Mr. J. B. H. Main of
Mayville on the 20th Inst per flat boat old Edmond, fifty nine
pieces of bag containing 5874 yards which we hope has arrived
in good order - You will please to sell it for us on the best terms
you can as to time not less than 25^{cts} per yard - We hope you
will be able to sell it at about four months credit - We expect
you to guarantee sell as you did last year at five per cent
for both commissions of which please advise us on its arrival

We have forty six pieces more ready which we shall send you
first opportunity, & shall if sales are satisfactory send you some
more - Desiring to hear from you as soon as you are en-
abled to make sales - We are Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. B. MacArthur
Livingston Sept 11 1839

John B. Main Esq

Dear Sir

We forwarded per Frisco's Sat to day to you
forty six pieces of bag 39,54 yds which we ~~shall be glad if~~ you
will avail yourself of the first good opportunity to ship to Mess^{rs}
Coleman Ward & Co of Louisville - We are in hopes you will have
sufficient water to ship per St Paul & should you not, we would
prefer to insure here as we have always an open policy but believe
we can insure lower - We are Dear Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
Wm. B. MacArthur

Lexington Sept 11th 1839

Miss Coleman Ward &c

Dear Sir Your esteemed letter of the 30th ulto was received in due time, we have been trying daily to send you direct some more bag but failing in this day forwarded per Mayville 4 bps, 39th by which we wish safe to hand - We hope you have been able to sell the 39th sent you by S. Henderson at the same price & time as the last of the lot by the old Edmund say 25th at four months, & on perfect exchange shall be pleased to have an apt sales of the last lot on the same terms. Hoping soon to hear from you "Dear Respectfully" Belcher's
Bland & Macalister

Mr P. M. Loring. Dear Sir

Lexington Sep 16-1839

Your esteemed favor of the 19th ulto has just come to hand, with date of 29th by same mail, we suppose your letter (which we have been anxiously looking for) has been laying in the office

We are much disappointed at not receiving the Anteprecator of deposit, as we have had it in our power to have disposed of them to our satisfaction, if you cannot send them to us upon receipt of this, to accommodate you, we will take New Growthmays bill indorsed by you, payable in cash at four months from the 23rd July last with interest from date at the rate of 6. per cent. which please send us by return mail

We understand the river is up if it keeps so for a month we may probably send you some more bagging - We shall be glad to receive sales for the balances of our articles in your hands and are.

Very Respycgs

Bland & Macalister

Miss Coleman Ward &c

Lexington Sep 17-1839

Dear Sir We had this pleasure on the 11th inst and are since without any of your esteemed favors to reply to - We rec^d - BLS for 46 bps bag 3.95 bps for Kael Ann & you from J. B. McElwain & Mayville shippers on the 14th which we wish you to sell for us with the 39th sent you last month

at 26 cts 4 mos for the bag alone or 25 + 8 1/2 for both together
4 mos, exchange added, if payable in N. Orleans - We have 119
coils rope in W. S. Baker's hands. 9.974th which he will
hand over to you, by showing him this letter, in case you
can sell it with our bag. We understand our articles
are rising in the South likely to be very high -

Very truly yrs. Brand & Macalister
Lexington 27th Sept 1839

John B. Mooney Esq
Dear Sir

We forwarded to you per John Maddens
wagon on the 24th inst forty six pieces of bag containing eighty
six yards each, which you will please to ship per first good
boat on the best terms you can to Mr W. S. Baker at Louis-
ville on our acct & oblige Respectfully
Brand & Macalister

Mr. Franklin Anderson Lexington Oct. 21-1839

Gent. Your esteemed favour of the 27th July. 6th 21st
& 24th Augst & 14th Sep^r. came duly to hand & contents noted - We
have drawn upon you to day, payable 1st Jan^y next, in favour
John Brand Esq: for Five hundred Dollars which please honor

We will thank you to remit us, checks or undoubted
Banks in Philad^a. for the balance of the sales as they mature

We shall also be pleased to receive sales of the remainder
of our bag. Hopu.

Res. p. y. To Obed. Servants
Brand. Macalister

Mr. G. Baker do.

Lexington Oct. 23^d 1839

Dear Sir. We gave Mr B Morrison an order on you
for 46. ps bag. & 6880th rope, or as near that as you could
come, not to exceed 6.909th, he informs me he has sent you
the order, we are waiting to hear the exact number of
pounds & coils of rope you have delivered him, please in-
form us, as it is at his risk since the order was given
We have 43 ps 86.74 each on the Flat. Roman Rope.

and 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ts, sent you from Mayville, she sunk below Augusta, but has been raised sent on unfortunately as we were insured, they say she has not injured the Cargo, please examine closely when it arrives - We will give Mr Morrison an order for 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ ts bagging more, which you can give him when it arrives, we are loading 4 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ ts to day for you, carriage payable here - We should like to have a Bill for the sale you made, we now have but in such need of money as at present - Every body in our wants money & every body that ours is appears unable to pay.

Yours, Friend & Mercator

Mr P. M. Lockey

Lexington Oct. 31st 1839

Dear Sir. Your return of the 5th inst with H. B. Watkinson & the your promise due on the 23rd next month was received yesterday and the note sent via Baltimore for collection this appears to be the quickest way of getting letters to your city now, as you will observe your letter was 25 days out, to have sent it the same way back, would not have given time to get it to Mobile, until the day after it was due - We sincerely hope it may reach there in time and be paid with your usual promptness, we have felt the want of this money badly, and are very much afraid we shall be greatly the losers by your not having sent it to us when due in Certificates as requested, as the exchange appears to get worse - In consequence of your having deviated from our instructions we have to pay the Bank here $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ ts for collecting the note which we think but fair you should pay 32 $\frac{5}{100}$, please credit us that amount. You will oblige us by handing Mr W. F. Pilot any bag rope of ours you have on hand, provided you do not wish to sell it & will send him some bagging when the time is to enable him to sell the rope - We will also thank you for sales of the last sale - We sincerely sympathize with the citizens of your city in their late losses by death, & fire and are

Dear Sir Very truly yrs. Friend & Mercator

$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ ts for collecting & then have to take this check on Mobile after the note is paid -

Mr. G. M. Pilot

Lexington Nov. 1st 1839

Dear Sir. Your estimate for our of Aug. 3rd Sep. 5. & Oct. 6th came duly to hand & contracts noted - We have requested Mr. P. M. Lacey to hand over to you any bag. traps of ours he has on hand, which please keep insured with any in many hereafter send you - Sell the rope if you can at 12 cts, when the time runs we will send you some bagging to enable you to sell the rope, if you cannot sell it alone.

Respectfully Yours

Br and. Mearns & Co.

Mr. W. B. Barlow

Lexington Nov. 5th 1839

Dear Sir. We had the pleasure a few days since, regarding sales of and a bill for same, which you will please send us as soon as practicable, we have some notes to pay in a short time and want to use it, We will also thank you to inform us what number of coils & pounds of rope you have delivered or laid aside for Mr. M. B. Morrison, we are very anxious to settle with him, we gave him two orders on you one for 46.50 bag & 880^{lbs} rope and one for 34.50 bag, the latter he says he has lost or mislaid we sold him 80.50 bag and rope not to exceed 6.90 q^{ts} you can let him have that quantity, and if the order should be proven true after it the 80.50 is delivered you ^{will please} can destroy it - Has the Flat boat Rounds Head arrived with the 43.50 bag - We will have in your hands 52.50 bag, which we are willing you should sell, with the balance of the rope at 25.50 & 8.50 payable at Louisville, or at Orleans by adding exchange at 4 mos - The Branch Bank are only taking Bills on Louisville at 60 days

Yours

Br and Mearns & Co.

Messrs. Coleman Ward & Co

Lexington Nov. 6 1839

Gentl. We will thank you to send us as soon as practicable. the Bills on Orleans for the following sales as advised))
Aug. 30th " 35.50 bag Aug 26. 6 mos. & Aug 27. 24.50 bag 4 mos

at 25, one per cent exchange added - We have some payments to make shortly, and those are the only kind of funds we have that we can use - The Bk Bank are only taking ^{Bill} on your City at 60 days - If you can close our billing at 25cts payable in Louisville, or N. Orleans by adding exchange please do so. Very truly yrs. Brand & Macalister.

Mr. J. B. McSwain

Lexington Nov. 15th 1839

Dear Sir. As we have fair prospects for a rise in the river, we will thank you to ship the last 50 pieces bagging to Messrs George Stuckey & Co. New Orleans, if you can do so at a fair freight, say 50 to 62 1/2 per 100, if you cannot send it to Mr. Bakemill Louisville per Steam Boat, and advise us that we may insure. Resp^y J. B. McSwain, Brand & Macalister.

Mr. W. G. Baker

Lexington Nov. 26 - 1839

Dear Sir. Your esteemed favor of the 20th inst came duly to hand. Mr. Brand weighed the rope and cannot account for the loss in weight, as our scales appear correct - Mr. J. B. McSwain has shipped per Rubicon 50 per bagging which was to be delivered to you, provided she could not get below Louisville, we have no doubt but she will be able to go on - We will thank you to ship what bagging rope we have in your hands, say 52 per and 32 cents to G. Westfield, Mobile, on the best terms you can, and if that cannot be done, to G. Stuckey & Co. N. Orleans as soon as practicable, and also the 50 per if the Rubicon does not proceed and advise us that we may insure. Please let us have our Life Sales & Current, in case we may be obliged to draw upon you for the balance (allowing difference of exchange) to fall due at the maturity of Sales - Very truly yrs.

Brand & Macalister

+ Please forward the enclosed by 1st boat that is known by what Boat it goes -

+ Sent letter for G. Stuckey & Co. & one for G. Westfield

Mr. S. Starkey & Co

Lexington Nov 26-1839

Gent^l Please forward to G. Westfield & Mobile all the bagging
from the B & R. & the McSwain may forward you for us
until otherwise and oblige. Wm. T. Servants

Br and Macalester

Mr. G. Westfield

Lexington Nov. 26-1839

Dear Sir We have requested Mr. S. Starkey & Co. of N. Orleans
to forward you 102 ps bag. & 32 coils rope as soon as they receive
it, which please sell for us with the rope received of Mr. Mc.
Swain at not less than 30 cts for the bagging, cash to 4 mos

We also wish you to keep it insured in Store - If there should
be more than a proportion of rope, we will send you enough
to make it equal, after we hear from you - Hoping to hear
favourable amounts from you in return. We are Respy

Wm. T. Servants

Br and Macalester
Lexington Dec 29th 1839

Mobile

Mr. Philip M. Lusk

Dear Sir

We have none of your esteemed favour to reply to
We have been greatly disappointed at receiving a protest of Mr. H
B. Swain's note in your favour due 1st of Dec^r, it has occasioned
us great inconvenience, but we still have the utmost confidence
in your paying it or seeing it paid, as guaranteed - Mr. E. K.
Sayre of this city will call upon you with the note & beg of
you to be prepared to liquidate it - Our payments during Feb^y
will be very heavy, we must ask the favour of you only know for
the sales of 106 ps bag. as advised in our date of 9th July last @
28^{cts} 6 mos to permit us certificates of deposit for the proceeds
due 9th Jan^y next, we really want the money badly & must
ask your friendly attention to it - Mr. Swain has paid
to us he would be prepared to pay his note by Feb. Mr. Sayre
maybe there a few days before - Hoping soon to hear from
you with a claim due us We are Very truly Yours
Br and Macalester

Mobile.

Lexington Dec: 21st 1839

Mr. N. B. Quathmay

Dear Sir. We received your favour of the 26th ulto, with protest for the nonpayment of your Note to Mr. M. Lockey for our bagging Rope. We were much disappointed as we did not expect it, after our extending the time for Mr. M. Lockey's accommodation.

We however have every confidence in you, or Mr. M. Lockey's meeting it, when Mr. E. K. Sayre of this city shall present it in Jan'y, which will be a short time before you advise us you expect to be ready to pay it. - Hoping we may not be disappointed again. - We are.

Respy. To Wm. T. Searns.

Beard & Manaster, Esq.

Mobile.

Lexington Dec: 21st 1839

Mr. G. Westcott - Dear Sir. I am returned favour of the 16th ulto, came duly to hand, contents noted. We perceive in this you have received our consignment of 102 pk bagging from Messrs. G. Starkey & Co. New Orleans, which we hope arrived at a good time. We suppose your charge for Commission & Guarantee is the same as that of our other friends at Mobile, we shall always expect you to guarantee sales made for our account, and we hope we may find it to our interest to make you considerable consignments of bagging Rope for the next season. - Please advise what your charge for Com^{ss} & guarantee is to be, how you have progressed with sales. - We know to day bagging was worth 40. in Mobile. Our payment in Feb. will be heavy, and we shall be glad to hear from you, as we may be compelled to value on you for any sales.

Respy. To Wm. T. Searns.

Beard & Manaster, Esq.

Messrs. Coleman Ward & Co

Lexington Dec: 21st 1839

Gentl. If you have not sold our 85 pk bagging, please ship it on the best terms you can to Franklin Hendersons (as soon as possible) New Orleans, and advise us that we may insure it.

Respy. To Wm. T. Searns.

Beard & Manaster, Esq.

New Orleans.

Lexington Jan^y 21st 1839

Messrs. Franklin & Henderson

Gent^l. Your esteemed favour of the 30th ult. was received this morning, covering sales for 5 bps bagging & 15 coils rope for which you will please send us a check on Philad^a provided we do not draw upon you before the maturity of the sale. In your first sales of "your charge is S. p. & Com^o" & guarantee, in that of the 23rd Nov^r you have omitted guarantee, & charged S. Com^o, we presume it is an omission as we advised you under date of the 15th May that we wished our sales guaranteed - We shall order another shipment to you from Louisville which please dispose of for us. & we shall always expect you to guarantee any sales made for our account. We are much pleased with your manner of doing business, & hope next season to make consignments larger & more profitable to you - We shall stand in need of all our funds due 1st Jan^y in your hands than to try of you not to forget to remit us checks on Philad^a for the same, if they cannot be had, we should like @ 30. day bank check on New York upon the best terms you can get it.

Respy. Most Sincerely

Brand. Manaster & Co.

Messrs. W. G. Batteville

Lexington Jan^y 20 - 1840

Dear Sir We send you per wagons on the 16th inst 54 bps bag 4.644 yds, & 42 coils rope 3.645th which please ship on the best terms you can to Messrs. Ward & Moffett "C" N. Orleans, & advise us. Send the enclosed by the 1 Boat that takes the bag. rope

Respy & truly yr

Brand. Manaster & Co.

Messrs. Ward & Moffett "C"

Lexington Jan^y 20 - 1840

Gent^l. We have requested Messrs. W. G. Batteville to forward you 54 bps bag 4.644 yds, and 42 coils rope 3.645th which please sell for us on the best terms you can. We desire to remit money

articles, believing you will do your best for us, we wish the rope to
be sold with the bagging, and to be advised of the sales that
we may draw for the same when due - If you should sell for cash
and in a chuck on Philad^a or N. York at short sight as you
think best for our interest - We shall always expect you to guar-
antee sales of any shipments we make you to be insured
on the same - We hope we may find it mutually advantageous
to make you large consignments in future both at Louisville
or N. Orleans - The stock of bagging at Louisville at this time
is estimated at 2000 for but think present prices will be
maintained for some months

Respy Yr Obedt Serv^t
Brad Manaster

Mess^{rs} Franklin Henderson

Lex^{gton} Jan 4th 1840

Gent^l We wrote you a few days since, to which please
refer - By the Chester on the 24th ulto we had shipped to you
85th bagging which please sell for us, we are in hopes that
Boat has got out for the Ohio is now closed but likely
to open for some time, we are in hopes you will be able
to make good sales for us on a short credit or for cash

We hope you have sent us checks on Philad^a for all
of our sales, we are now buying hemp & want money
very much. please attend to this

Respy Yr Obedt Serv^t
Brad Manaster

Mess^{rs} Franklin Henderson

Lexington Jan 27 - 1840

Gent^l Yours of the 4th inst enclosing, Original check at
4357 Commercial Bank of New Orleans on the Girard Bank
Philad^a for Twenty five hundred dollars (\$2500) came duly to
hand for which accept our thanks - We shall be glad to receive
Checks on Philad^a for the balance of our sales as they mature

We are in hopes the Chester with 85th bag^{ging} has arrived at
N. Orleans that you found ready sale for it, she left Louisville
on the 24th Dec^r We ordered Mr McIlwain of Maysville to ship you
some time since a lot of our bag rope say 55 & 20 coils, but the navigation
closed & he will send it as soon as it opens please sell it for us at not
less than 26 & 9 -

Respy Yr Obedt Serv^t

Brad Manaster

Mr. G. Westfildt

Lexington Jan. 27-1840

Dear Sir. Your esteemed favor, advising a Sale of 23 ps bag 4. 32 cots rope came duly to hand - We find it impossible to sell drafts on your city here, must therefore ask the favor of you to send us checks of some of your good banks, on Philad^a for our sales as they mature - Mr. Starkey sold 50 ps bagging at 32 Cash, which was intended for you, he did not receive our letter & took it for granted it was sent him to sell - We shall send you a lot of bagging as soon as we can get it off, a beautiful article.

Will you do us the favor to call upon our friend Mr. Philip W. Starkey, and ask him please to send us "Sales slip" of 106 ps bag. as advised under date of 9th July last, with a certificate of deposit of one of your solvent banks for the net proceeds of the same - We are buying hemp now & want all of our funds that we may dispose of them, while the exchange is favorable.
Respy. Yr Obedt. Servant. Brand Manaster.

Mr. J. Bell Sloan

Lexington 30 Feb. 1840

Dear Sir We sent you on the 1st inst one 'load' bagging which is intended for E. Westfildt Mobile, if you can send it on (at once) direct do so, if you cannot, ship it to G. Starkey To: R. Orleans & please advise them on the bill loading to forward it to Mr. W. - We will thank you to insure it to Mobile with privilege of reshipping on St. RR or Triples, between Maysville Mobile on the best terms you can - We have generally paid 1/4 pr cent than now lost any thing between your city Mobile - Insure 30 cts per yard - Let us know whether you insured for as per Splendid, when you advise of the above Respy Yr
Brand Manaster.

Mess^{rs} Franklin Henderson

Lexington Feb. 11th - 1840

Genl^l - It is understood for 7th Jan, covering duplicate check No. 4357. Com^l Bank N Orleans on Girard Bank Philad^a for 2500 \$ has been rec^d, also the Original of same as advised under date of the 27th ult. - We are expecting a remittance

from you for the balance of the first sale you made for us 1843rd due 9th ulto - the sale of 50 lbs bag & 18 coils rope, 23rd Nov. 14 68. ¹⁰/₁₀₀ is also due by taking the average - We will be glad to receive Chukky on Philad^a for all, & any of the lot of 85 lbs by Chester when due - We had shipped to you on the 29th Jan'y for Splendid 55 lbs bag & 24 coils rope which we wish you to sell for us upon the best terms you can, we shall always expect you to guarantee any sales made for us - Mr. B. Kunkle will send you 20 coils rope which sell with the bag. - As the navigation is now open we hope to hear frequently from you. Rely Y^r obt. Serv^t

P.S. Please forward the enclosed to Mr. Westfelt. Yours &c Manchester

Mr. G. Westfelt

Lexington Feb. 11th 1840

Dear Sir. We had shipped to you on the 5th inst for Steamer Sebastian from J.B. McLean Mayesville to G. Sturkey Co A. Wham 53 lbs bag 4.558 yds which we wish you to dispose of for us upon the same terms as advised under date of 26. Nov. Dec. 21st 1839 & Jan 27th last. We wish you to send us a Chukky on Philad^a for the sale you made due 1st March & also for any other sales you have made - To enable us to keep you supplied with bagging rope while the Ohio is up, we must ask you to be prompt in remitting us, as we do not intend keeping a large amount in the hands of any house not that we are afraid of trusting you, but because we intend to make it a rule this year, this is our reason for wanting sales made on a short credit or for cash, we think we can make our business profitable to you, if you can do so - Bagging is 25 in Louisville & the State about 2000 lbs. all the bagging made in 1839 in Kent'y will be used (for the crop of Cotton of that year) our think part of that made this year - Hoping to hear from you soon - As the navigation is now open we are

Rely Y^r obt. Serv^t

(Sent to J.B. McLean to forward)

Yours &c Manchester

Mr. J. B. McIlwain

Lexington Feb. 17 - 1840

Dear Sir Please ship the 67th bag sent to day^{15th} to G. Starky Co. N. Orleans at as low freight as possible, with instructions to forward it to G. Westfield, Mobile. If you could ship it direct to Mobile, we would prefer it - We wish you to effect insurance to Mobile with privilege of reshipping on Boats or Vessels, between Mayville & Mobile at 30 cts per yard - We think 1 p. ct. premium at the present stage of the river quite high enough, we have insured as low as $\frac{3}{4}$ to Mobile, but we leave it to you to do your best for us.

Respy Wm. B. Sells

67th 5762 yds @ 30 \$ 1.728. ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ per -

Brands Manufacture.

Mr. G. Westfield

Lexington Feb. 19 - 1840

Dear Sir We wrote you to the 11th inst to which please refer Since then we are in receipt of your esteemed favors of the 10th & 11th ult, the latter covering sale of 59th bag & 11 coils rope for which you can send us Bank Checks on Philad^a or New York, if that cannot be ~~done~~ ^{had} - a Certificate of deposit from one of your best Banks - We presume Mr. Starky Co. have sent you 53rd bag, sent them on the 3rd inst per Sebastian, if they have not write them to do so We have also ordered to them 64th bag more for you which we hope you will find a ready sale for. Shipments of bag rope to your City will be small this season, the manufacturers appear to be afraid of your currency & of fires, the stock of bagging at Louisville continuing quite light - Please keep us advised of the state of your market, and as you remit us, we expect to send you more ~~bag~~ consignments while the river is up

Respy Wm. B. Sells

Brands Manufacture.

Lexington Feb. 20th - 1840

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Gentl^e. Your esteemed favors of the 27th & 28th ult. Came duly to hand, enclosing Original & duplicate drafts

of the Com. Bank of your city or Girard Bank Philad^a
N^o. 4559 for Twenty five hundred dollars, say 2500^{ff}
leaving a balance due us of 611.³⁶/₁₀₀ - We thank you
for these remittances, and hope you have been able to dispose
of the last shipments of bag tops, the stock continues light
at Louisville, and sales at 25. & 8 1/2 & 9, we hear South
Alabama & Tennessee is suffering for these articles, One
of our neighbors made a sale of 1000s & 80 coils through
Mr A. of the firm of Messrs Kirkman, Abornathy & Harms of
your city to a house in Florence at 35. & 14. payable in
N. Orleans 4 or 6 mos. We leave it to you to do your best
for us, as we have every confidence in your manner of doing
business -

Respy. Yr^o H^o Servant

Brant. P. M. m. l. t. n.

Richington N.Y. February 20 1840

John Simpson Esq

Dear Sir I thank you on the 12th / 20th of June last that none
of your favour since yours of the 12th June of which to acknowledge
the receipt - We will be obliged to you if you will write us on
receipt of this that we know what you have done in relation to our
claims on Messrs King & Owings of Leicester - If they have
made no arrangement we think it had better be brought on
their acceptance & the balance of the claims, but we are not as
well qualified to judge as you who are in their immediate
vicinity - We should be willing to take cotton for it if you
can make a fair arrangement - There are still five
pieces of bag^s for which they rendered no sales as their
letter of 23rd March enclosed you by Mr Kirkman will
show - Hoping to hear as fully as possible in relation
to the above business -

Wm. H. Barker Very truly

Yours

Brant. P. M. m. l. t. n.

Mr Philip M. Locky

Lexington Feb. 20 - 1840

Dear Sir - Your esteemed favor of the 11th ult. enclosing
Bank of North Carolina of deposit, Twenty one hundred
fifty seven & four dollars, the amount of sales for 10 b. (in bag)
& 1 coil rope arrived, came duly to hand, for which we thank
you. We hope ere this you have been able to make a satis-
factory settlement with Mr S. H. Lays for the Enslawmings
Note. We are Dear Sir Very truly y^r Friend & Merchant

Messrs John Simpson & Co

Lexington March 11th 1840

Gent^l - Your esteemed favor of the 2^d inst, came duly to hand
We feel under many obligations to you for your attention in collecting
the balance of our draft on Messrs King & Burings, and will also thank
you to invest the amount in Cotton of the best quality at 6 1/4 cts
than it shipped to W. G. Barwell Louisville by a Steam Boat
and we will insure it here, if this cannot be done, please send
us an undoubted bill at short sight on it or hand, if you have
received the proceeds for the 5 b. 215 yds you can include it in
the above - We do not expect to make any thing on the Cotton, but we
may probably get cost expenses - An early answer will com-
pense an additional obligation on Y^r friend & Servant
Beard & Merchant

Messrs Ward Moffett & Co

Lexington Mar 21st 1840

Gent^l - Your esteemed favor of the 3^d inst, covering sales buying &
rope, net proceeds (due 16th proximo) 1456. 54/100 cts, came duly to hand
which are entirely satisfactory & for which we have this day
valued upon you in favor of Henry Bell payable on that day
We hope to be able to make you some consignments
in a short time - I am

Very truly y^r

Beard & Merchant

Mr J. D. McSwain

Lexington Mar 25 - 1840

Dear Sir, Please send the 87.5 b. bag & 73 coils rope to Messrs Franklin & Ham-
mond & Messrs Ward Moffett & Co New Orleans, at as low freight as possible & for
the same send 44 b. & 36 coils to J. H. & 43 b. & 37 coils to W. M. Co. Respectfully
Y^r friend & Merchant

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Lexington March 31st 1840

Gent^l - Yours of the 14th inst enclosing Original Check No 84
N. O. C. Canal & Banking Company on Philad^a for 605. ³¹/₁₀₀ had
been received & the same to your credit - We have sent you through
Messrs. Evans & Magawick per St. St. Steam 44 lbs bagging 8 1/2 yds each
& 37 coils rope which please dispose of for us, we shall send you more
ere long - Your quotation of 23cts for bagging is lower than we would
wish ours sold at, twenty five cents on a short credit, is low enough
Several of our manufacturers have refused 23 at Louisville for
large lots - You will oblige us by letting us have sales etc for
what you have sold - Hoping to be advised occasionally of how
you progress with sales, & the prospects for our article, in your
market. We are Very Respy. Y. O. W. Servant. Brand & Macdonald

Mr. Ward Moffitt & Co

Lexington March 31st 1840

Gent^l - We advise you under date of the 21st inst of having
drawn upon you for 1456. ⁵⁴/₁₀₀ payable 16th next month, in favor
of Henry Bell Esq^r which please honor - We have sent you through
Messrs. Evans & Magawick 43 lbs bagging 8 1/2 yds each & 37 coils rope
per St. St. Steam on the 27th inst, which please sell for us at 25 &
8 1/2 on a short credit or for cash, we shall send you more shortly
Hoping to hear from you occasionally the prospects for sales of
our article in your market through the Spring & Summer. We are
Very Respy. Y. O. W. Servant Brand & Macdonald

Mr. J. B. McElwain

Lexington Apr. 27 - 1840

Dear Sir. Please ship what bagging you have in your hands, say
48 lbs to Franklin Henderson & Co. on the best terms you can business
it at 25cts per yd. we prefer always having inserted in B/L^s with per-
mits of our shipping, also in the packing as sometimes Boats ushipe at
the Falls please have it done - We had the misfortune to have our
Cotton in house & part of the rope walk burned down by some villain
a short time since, but we hope to have it rebuilt shortly - We forgot
we had my bag^s in your hands until today or advise have had it sent
off long ago.

Respy yours

Brand & Macdonald

Mr. Franklin Anderson Lexington April May 1st 1840
Gentⁿ Your estimate's favour of the 16th ult, covering
Sales bag & Rope (fr. M. Scott) was received on the 27th same month
which is entirely satisfactory & for which I sent you the amt -

There is an error in your charges, of the freight paid S. B. Chester
85 fr bag & fr. B/S 10.965 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 75.cts fr 100th is 82.24/100, you charge
143.50/100, difference 61.26/100 to your debit we mention it in order
that you may receive the amt from the Boat as you have no doubt
paid your losses it - We have ordered 48 fr bag to be sent you from
Mayville should have sent you more, but had the misfortune to
have part of our establishment burned down a few weeks since
with 50 fr bag & its coils rope, we are still working & hope to have
it rebuilt shortly - We do not feel disposed to have our
bagging sold yet at less than 25cts, we shall be glad to have your
views for our articles during the summer, whether you think
the importations of Scotch Dundee will be large enough to affect
the price materially of Kentucky. Very truly yrs
Bran & Marshall.

Mr. G. Wadsworth

Lexington May 19th 1840

Dear Sir. Your estimate's favour of the 17th Feb. March 10th
23rd April 25th May 2nd 6th inst, have been rec^d, with their enclosures & the
same to your audit - We have the misfortune to have our calendar house
part of the rope walk burned last month, or we should have sent you
more bagging rope, we have now a lot on hand to send you, but
you must do better for us than 25 fr bagging, the exchange is so
much against you, that we think, unless you can make up that
difference, we can do better at Louisville & New Orleans - We have
very wish to keep you supplied, & do not intend our remarks to
imply any censure to your late sales, as we are quite sure you did
your best for us - If you can send us checks on St. York at 8/100
per, or Philad^a at 4c5. for the balance due us we prefer it, Wash.
ville checks on at 9. disct here, St. Orleans 2. disct.

Respy Truly Yrs

Bran & Marshall.

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Lexington May 16th 1840

Genl. We have drawn upon you at 30 days date this day for 1510.²⁰/₁₀₀ \$ at 60 days date from 13th inst for 1570.²⁰/₁₀₀ \$ pay 30 20.⁴⁰/₁₀₀ the amt of the last sales m^o, we think the average of the sales falls due about the time of our bills & perhaps rather sooner, please honor them

We shall send you some baggage in a few days. Very truly yrs
The drafts are drawn in favor of ourselves — Brand & Mearns to

Mr. W. G. Bakewell. Dear Sir.

Lexington Apr. 4-1840

We have drawn upon you at 60 days date from the 18th ult for 1809 \$ on up sales bag due that day & payable at St. Orleans upon which we charge you 9¹/₂ p.c. exchange between this place & Louisville. We have also charged the 23rd to you, the exchange which we were to allow you in case we drew last Jan^y for the money to be paid in Louisville when due 18th March, we lose 2 p.c. as a draft on St. Or^s at sight could be sold at that, or sent to St. Or^s & invested in an East. Check at par. Sold here at 2. & 3 p.c. We have also drawn upon you for the amt of 50 p. bag. sold by G. Starkey & Co. (at 4. mos from 24th Dec. last (900 \$ of which they sent you) for 1197.⁴¹/₁₀₀, the sale amounts to 1168.⁴¹/₁₀₀ interest 4. mos 2 p.c. exchange between this place & Louisville 1/2 p.c. 29.²⁰/₁₀₀, they advised us of having sent you 900 \$ to send us. In August we to draw upon you for the balance, the difference of interest they will have to amount to you for, which will be on 268.⁴¹/₁₀₀ - \$ 6.70 p.c.

It is a great favor to get our banks to take bills on your city indeed at one time they refused positively to take them. Res. &c
Yr fr^d Brand & Mearns to.

Mr W G B Bakewell

Lexington June 4th 1840

Dear Sir. Please forward the first 100 p. bag^s you receive of ours to Franklin Henderson - & the next 100 p. to G. Starkey & Co. that for G. S. & Co. is intended for G. W. F. & Co. Mobile, request them to forward it - You can send it on as it arrives, as there is some uncertainty of getting it all on at once from Frankfort there - Low freight is always desirable.

Yr fr^d Brand & Mearns to

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Lexington June 2^d. 1840

Genl. Yours of the 23^d is rec^d, & contents noted - We shall be
pleased to receive sales of our last consignment, with a check in
Phila^a for the same, for all or what you have sold - We have
requested Mr. Bakewell to send you as he receives it 100 lbs. bag.
which you can sell for us at 28cts, bagging is in demand here
at 22. & at Louisville @ 23. Our thread will command 25cts in a
short time - As soon as we get our rope walk rebuilt, we shall
make better rope - We ought to get a better price for our bagging
than most of the manufacturers get for theirs, it is worth 5cts per
more than some that sells at the same price.

Respy. Y^{rs} Obedt. Servt.

Brands Manufacture.

Mr. J. B. McLean

Lexington June 8th 1840

Dear Sir Mr. A. D. Hunt informed us you had purchased for
him 10 tons hemp @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cwt - If you can try us twenty tons
of good clean hemp not to cost over 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per delivered
here at our branches on the Maysville turnpike please do so &
draw upon us at sight - We shall be glad to hear if you can send
it, how soon we may expect it, we shall make no arrangements
for buying until we have ^{time to get} ~~from you~~ an answer to this.

Respy. Y^{rs} Obedt.

Brands Manufacture.

Mr. J. W. Taylor

Lexington June 9th 1840

Dear Sir Your esteemed favor of the 16th ulto, with its enclosures
came duly to hand & we are to your credit, with thanks - We have
instructed Mr. Bakewell to send Mr. Starkey Co. 100 lbs. bagging to
forward you, we have not been able to make any rope since our factory
was burned, but shall be under way again in 10 days, though your market
will offer inducements to send you further consignments soon - We
are inclined to think your inspectors take rather too good measures, our
bagging that we have measured, contain from 84 to 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds, before going through
the calendar, it ought to stretch by going through at least 2 yds & 1/2.

When we get our new calendar made, we shall measure it

exactly, and let you know when we send another lot - Please sell at 30
cts short credit or for cash, bagging is in much demand at this
time 24 cts can be had at Louisville, and it is rising -

Very truly, yrs.

Wm. A. B. M. A. S. T. C.

Mr. J. B. McLean

Lexington June 11th 1840

Dear Sir. Yours of yesterday is rec^d. & contents noted - If
you can deliver us the 12 tons of old hump that you mention
at 5²⁵/100 per cent here, we will take it, but we are not willing
to give more for it - The 20 tons we hope you will be able to get
us, Mr Hunt says what you sent him was good, one object in buying
at Mayville is to keep out of the market here, & to convince the
hump growers that we are not dependent alone on them for our
supply - The Cash price of hump is 5¹⁰/100 here, but few however
will sell at that if we wanted a quantity we could not get
it without advancing the price to 5¹²/100. We heard of a sale to
day at 5¹⁰/100. Mr Bowman's crop - Let us hear from you, as
we shall not buy until we know what to expect from you -

Respy. Trst. L. S.

Wm. A. B. M. A. S. T. C.

Mr. J. B. McLean

Lexington June 17th 1840

Dear Sir. Please remit us in a check on Philad^a the balance
due us on your a/c rendered to day. Respy. Trst. L. S.

Wm. A. B. M. A. S. T. C.

Mr. J. B. McLean

Lexington June 19th 1840

Dear Sir. Your estimate for of the 17th inst with bill of 139
bales hump 1.119. ⁵²/100 has been rec^d. by our draft for same
amount in favor of J. Devens Esq. was paid upon presentation.

The hump has all been rec^d. in good order, with the exception
of a few bales, which were slightly wet, some of it is very good
the rest is different, we opened a bundle of the lot by the first
wagon yesterday, which was mostly rotten, as we use it

in order to be able to judge better of the quality, our opinion is it is
will turn out a fair lot, the loss on the whole lot on our scales
(which are a first rate set) was ^{only 1/13} - We shall be glad to hear
whether you have a prospect of filling the balance of our order
in an not particular about your exceeding it 4 or 5 tons.

Respy you
Brands Maule & Co.

Lexington June 25th 1840.

Mr. J. B. McSwain

Dear Sir. Your esteemed favor of the 19th & 23rd came duly to hand
and contents noted - We deposited to your credit 171¹/₂ for the load of
hemp for John Davis in the Court Bank, and for the two loads on the
way we have deposited 416¹/₁₀₀ to the credit of the Manville Bank Bank
for your use in the Court Bank as requested - You have sent us up to
this time about 19 tons, if you can send us Eleven tons more at our limit
of good clean hemp, please do so, making our order in all 30 tons.

Please see that it is well cleaned, come that we have received
is very far from it, your farmers do not take the same pains with
it that ours do, if they did I have no doubt you would receive
more orders from here - There was quite a stir in hemp last week
but our people soon got supplied by running it up to off on
time, it is dull again but I think will go down to from 5 to 5 1/2

Respy you
Brands Maule & Co.

Mr. J. B. McSwain

Lexington July 9th 1840

Dear Sir We sent you yesterday 51¹/₂ lbs. today 52¹/₂ lbs.
103¹/₂ lbs. weighing 12360¹/₂ which please ship to Franklin Henderson on
New Orleans, and advise us that we may insure it - Please forward
the enclosed with B/L to F. & H. Respy you Brands Maule & Co.

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Lexington July 9th 1840

Gent. Your esteemed favor of the 4th & 17th ulto, the latter with
check on Rhine for 1075¹/₁₀₀ came duly to hand & contents noted.

We have requested Mr. J. B. McElwain of Mayeville to forward this with 103 ps bagging which please send to Messrs. G. Whitfield & Bro. Motile as soon as practicable, with the enclosed letter, we shall insure this shipment from Mayeville to Mobile, to be shipped on Steamer B. Boats or vessels at your city - Hoping you Mr. J. will be at home before this reaches you in an. Very truly &c. Beaud & Co. Agents to Charge us all expenses on the above.

Messrs. G. Whitfield & Bro.

Livingston July 9th 1840

Gent. Yours of the 19th ult. came duly to hand & contented notes - Mr. B. K. will through mistake sent the 100 ps bagging we promised you to Franklin Henderson, at. Or^g, we have this day requested Mr. McElwain of Mayeville to forward to Franklin Henderson 103 ps bagging which they are to send you to which we wish you to hold at 32 ct, cash or a short credit - We look for you Mr. W. to day, having heard he was in Louisville - We wish you to keep insurance on this lot of bagging & all we may send you in future. Respy. G. Whitfield & Bro. Beaud & Co. Agents to

Messrs. Franklin Henderson

Livingston July 28-1840

Gent. We have none of your esteemed favors to reply to. Our last was under date of the 9th inst, advising of a shipment of 103 ps bagging intended for Messrs. G. Whitfield & Bro. Motile, which we hope has reached you & been forwarded - We requested Mr. B. K. will to send you 12 ps bag^s to sell with the lot you already have, he has now sent us a 13 ps but suppose it has been received - To day we sent Mr. McElwain, Mayeville 26 ps bag^s & 45 coils rope to send you which please sell for us for cash or a short credit at not less than 28. Cts, we shall not be able to make a sufficient quantity of rope to export on bag^s & will thank you not to sell it without the usual proportion of bag^s, unless you think it best for our interest. We feel confident of an increase in our articles, and also confident you will not sell at our limit of 28 Cts if you think with us. There is no bag^s or rope of consequence at Louisville, it is in demand at 25 Cts & 8 ps cash & we shall not be surprised if it goes

you to 30 & 12 in your market before many weeks - We shall continue
to send you more as we can get it off - Relying upon you to do
for us, as you would for yourselves we are Very truly yr.
Wm & Manchester

Messrs. Franklin & Henderson

Lexington Augst 19th 1840

Gent^l. "Bagging" traps continue in demand at Louisville
at 30 & 10 with a light stock on hand - We shall not alter our
limit as we know you will get us good prices, our advices of the
5th say holders are asking 32 & 11 in your city, we think if you
get that you will do well, but we have only to ask you not to
hold on too long, unless you are certain of a further advance.

We have sent you since our letter of the 28th ulto, p. Carats
26 pr & 45 cts, by the Athenian 22nd & 14 cts, which we suppose
has been shipped by the Boat to you - We have also on the way
between this & Louisville for you 21 pr & 30 cts between this & Louisville
23 pr & 20 cts, making in all at St. L. 332 pr &
126 cts - Your estimate favor of the 22nd & 25th & 3rd inst are rec^d &
Contents noted - Hemp has advanced to 77 but we think will go to 80
shortly - Carriage to Louisville 1 ct pr lb.

Respy Study yr Wm & Manchester.

Messrs. G. Westfield & Bro

Lexington Aug. 20th 1840

Dear Sirs. Your estimate favor of the 1st inst is received &
Contents noted - Since we had the pleasure of addressing you on
the 9th ulto, bagging traps have advanced at Louisville to 30 & 10
with a light stock & brisk demand - Our letter to the 8th inst
from St. Orleans state that holders are expecting to get 35 & 15
there - We presume as bagging was advancing when ours arrived
at Mobile, that you have not hurried the sale of it, we hope
to receive 35 cts for it, & shall be disappointed at a less price
although we do not intend you to infer from that, that we alter
our limit - If prices keep up we hope to send you some shortly

Respy G. Westfield

Wm & Manchester

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Lexington Aug¹ 31st 1840

Genl. Yours of the 15th inst^{glt} advising sale of 75⁴⁸² p. bag. 32³⁹ lbs. arrived & quite satisfactory. Louisville appears to be rather the best market this season up to this time, our articles are in demand at 30c 10. then with a very light stock - We shall leave the selling of ours to your own judgment, but we think at present rate of freight, insurance & drayage &c. that it ought to advance to 34c 35 with you 42c 13. - The Boats, as ship so often at this stage of the river, that it is impossible for us to know where our articles are until we hear from you of their arrival at St. Orleans, please inform us when you write of the different lots received, we should not be surprised if some lots are in Boats aground - The following has been sent you & as a notice of their arrival - Aug¹ 3rd p. Raritan from Maysville 26 p. bag & 45 coils rope 46 97th freight 62 1/2 p. 100th Aug¹ 9th p. Athenian from Louisville 22 p. bag. & 19 coils 2170th freight 75 p. 100th shipped on the Eliza St. Orleans at the mouth of the Ohio - Aug¹ 18th p. Visitor from Maysville 21 p. bag & 30 coils rope 3.6 68th freight 87 1/2 p. 100th Aug¹ 24th p. Fair Play from Maysville 33 p. bag. & 19 coils rope 2234th freight 87 1/2 p. 100th Aug¹ 25th p. Kecknuck from Louisville 23 p. bag. & 20 coils rope 2401th freight 87 1/2 p. 100th all of which is insured here -

Hoping soon to hear from you, we are.

Very truly yrs

Brant, Manchester.

Mr. Franklin Henderson

Lexington Sep: 5 - 1840

Genl. We address you on the 31st ult, since which we have some of your favors to reply to - We have requested Mr M^r Strain to purchase for you 36 coils rope 4277th which you can sell for us - We are in hopes you have all of the bag & rope we have sent you has been rec^d sold at 32c 12. These articles continue in demand at Louisville at 30c 10 - Please let us hear of the sale of your consignment. If you think it to our advantage we shall continue sending to you through the full month. Hoping soon to hear from you, we are

Very truly yrs
Brant, Manchester.

Mr. A. S. Caldwell

Lexington Sep. 14-1840

Memphis. Dear Sir. We had shipped to you from Memphis
per 2000. Fair Play on the 4th inst to be shipped at Ant.

36 lb bag? 3096 yds & 28 coils rope 3.39 3th at 75 cts per 100th
which we hope has been recd. - To day we have adjusted Mr
McIlwain to send you 40 lb bag. 3440 yds and 26 coils rope
3139th which we think you will be able to dispose of for us
at such a price as will induce us to make your larger
Consignments in future - Last quotations from N. O.
are 35 and 13 for bag rope - Hoping soon to hear
from you. We are
Respy & Co. Agents
76 lb bag 65.36 yds }
54 coils rope 6532th }

Mr. Franklin H. H. H. H.

Lex. Oct 6-1840

Gent. Your esteemed favors of the 22nd & 30th Augst & 14th Sep^r
have been recd. & contents noted - We were sorry to observe by
you had not made larger sales for us, but hope by your next
letter to hear of your having closed our consignments, if it
should be at a high price than you were asking - We have
ordered the following to you which please send G. Westfield
& Brother, Mobile from Mr. Adams & Swift 7 lb bag & 32 coils rope
3838th from Mr. McIlwain 24 lb bag & 31 coils 3800th & from
Mr. B. A. Kewell 19 lb bag & 24 coils 2799th which we have in-
sured here - via Baltimore Very Respy yr

List of bag rope sent up to this time } Brand & Manager, the

Mr. G. Westfield & Bro

Lex. Oct. 6-1840

Gent. Your esteemed favors of the 15th & 29th Augst & 8th Sep^r
have been recd. & contents noted - We hope in your next to be advised
of the sale of the balance of our consignments, which we observe
has gone beyond our limit, if you think it will need you
must sell it for the best price you can at a short notice
or for cash, of course we do not wish it sacrificed, 30 & 10 to
10 1/2 are still the Louisville prices - We have ordered to Frank
lin H. H. H. H. to be sent you from Adams

Swift, Louisville 7.5. bag & 32 coils, from W. G. Backus Louisville
19.5. bag & 24 coils, from J. B. McElwain Maysville 24.5. bag
& 31 coils, which please sell for us. Respy. yrs
We shall insure the above here. Brand Manchester
Via Baltimore -

Messrs. Manuel White & Co Lexington Oct. 27-1840

Gent^l: We have sent you per Steamer Swiftsboro from
Maysville to reship for Amazon at Cincinnati 40.5. bag
& 30 coils rope 37.24th which we think you will
find equal to any made in this State - We will thank
you to sell it for us on the best terms you can, at a credit
not exceeding six or four months - We shall send you
another lot in a few days to dispose of for us upon
the same terms - We expect you to guarantee all sales
made for us &c. Keep this lot with any we may send
in future insured - Hoping to hear from you shortly we are
Respy. Trbbt. Lts Brand Manchester

Messrs. Manuel White & Co Lex^g. Nov. 9th 1840

Gent^l: We had this pleasure on the 27th ulto, arriving
of shipments for Amazon of 40.5. bag & 30 coils rope - We have
now to advise of shipment from Maysville of 35.5. bag & 52 coils
rope to reshipper at Cin^t; for Ohio Bells to you, which please
dispose of for us as advised in our letter of the 27th ulto.

Hoping we may find it to our interest to make you larger con-
signments in future we are Respy. Trbbt. Lts.
Via Louisville Brand Manchester

Messrs. Franklin & Henderson Lex^g. Nov. 9th 1840

Gent^l: Some returned papers of the 19th Sep: 5th & 24th ulto
have been rec^d; by the letter we observe you have still a large
quantity of our bag rope on hand - You must use your own
discretion in affecting sales of it. We expect you did not

sell it when prices are high, but we believe you held it with
an expectation of doing you but for us, & realizing a higher
price than our limit. Hoping you will soon have sales, we are
via Louisville Very truly, yrs Beaud & Manaster

Messrs. A. S. Caldwell & Co

Lexington Nov. 12th 1840

Gent. - Your esteemed favor of the 2^d inst was received
yesterday - We regret as much as you do that you have been
disappointed in not getting what you guaranteed to us, thirty
five cents, for our bagging & fourteen cents for the rope - As
matters have turned out so differently from what you expected
we are willing to share the loss provided you accept a proposition
which we will make, & which under all circumstances we think
very liberal - You recollect that we were induced to make
you the shipments, on your offer of the guarantee at the above
prices - You also remember at the time we could have sold
this bagging rope at Louisville at thirty and ten cents cash

We are willing to take your bill at four mos from the
1st inst on N. Orleans for the seventy six pieces bagging
Sixty five hundred & thirty six yards at twenty eight cents
per yd, & nine cents per lb for the rope, say fifty four
coils, sixty five hundred & thirty two pounds, you paying all
charges from Maysville to Memphis, except the insurance
which we have paid - the difference between what we
offer & what you have guaranteed to us, will be a loss to us
of upwards of five hundred dollars - If you accept our
offer let us hear by return mail with a bill for the
amount & if you desire it, the transaction shall never
be mentioned by. Truly &c Beaud & Manaster

Mr J. B. L. Swan

Lexington Nov. 18. 1840

Dear Sir Please forward the 1000 bag & 39 coils rope
to Esch's Supper Co. Mobile, if that cannot be done to
Franklin Henderson. New Orleans Inquire of them to forward
it, insure it to Mobile, with privilege of reshipping you
knows boat or boats or vessels - etc. Yours truly Beaud & Manaster

some shipped from Louisville to Mobile at 75. Insured at 10. at
Do you but for us Insure at 25. & 10. & advise us.
from the enclosed to J. H. to send with Mr. P. Bland & Manalick
with the bag traps in your B/S.

Lexington Nov. '18-1840

Messrs. Decha Shippard & Co

Gent. We have ordered Mr. J. B. McStrain of May's-
ville, Kent. to forward to you 61 lbs bag & 39 coils rope 4794^{lbs}
which he will send to Messrs. Franklin & Henderson New Orleans
if he cannot meet with a Boat going direct to your city -

We wish you to dispose of it for us upon the best terms
you can, at a credit not exceeding four months, we expect
all sales made by you for us guaranteed, we also expect you
to keep it insured - We have ordered this lot of bag traps
to be insured to Mobile. We hope you will be enabled to
make such sales as will justify our making you larger
consignments in future - Hoping to hear occasionally from
you we are. Respy & obedt Servants. Bland & Manalick

Mr. J. B. McStrain

Lexington Dec. 3^d 1840

Dear Sir. Please forward the 48 lbs bag & 34 coils
rope 4128 yds. & 4190^{lbs} to Franklin & Henderson New Orleans
and request them to forward it to Decha Shippard & Co. Mo-
bile, or if you can ship it direct to Mobile we prefer your
doing so - Insure at 25 & 10. with the privilege of reshipping
on board boat or boats, vessel or vessels.

Yrs &c

Bland & Manalick, Sen.

Messrs. Decha Shippard & Co Lexington Dec. 3^d 1840

Gent. We had the pleasure on the 18th ulto with
consignment of 61 lbs bag & 39 coils rope which we hope you
have received - We have ordered Mr. J. B. McStrain of May's-
ville to send you 48 lbs bag & 34 coils rope, which please dis-
pose of upon the same terms as advised in our letter of
the 18th ulto which may be sold upon the best terms you could

at not longer than four months, you guarantee payment of sales
Keeping our articles insured in Store - We shall probably send
you some more after we hear from you the prospect of prices
of sales - We do not limit our articles, because we are confident
from the high standing of your house you will not sacrifice
them - We have ordered this lot to be insured to elabate.

Respy. Wm. B. Smith

Brand Maasale to

Messrs Franklin & Henderson Lexington Jan 8-1841

Gent^l: Above we have sent you our bill of this date at 5.
days sight on Messrs Wm & Moffett Co of your city for 1087.⁰⁰/₁₀₀
which you will oblige us by collecting & remitting in a check on
Philad^a as soon as practicable upon the best terms you can. We
advise you a few days since requesting our appt with checks
on Philad^a for the balance due us, which please attend to
as we shall want our funds for the purchase of hemp as
soon as we can get them - We hope you have sold all of our
bagging & hope to be ready in long to receive fresh com-
signments from.

Truly Brand Maasale to

Messrs Wm & Moffett Co Lexington Jan 8-1841

Gent^l: We have this day drawn upon you at 5 days sight
in favor of Messrs Franklin & Henderson for 1087.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for sales
bagging & hope due 19th inst as advised, which please honor
& oblige.

Respy. Wm. B. Smith Brand Maasale to

Messrs Franklin & Henderson

Lexington Feb 9th 1841

Gent^l: We have rec^d your estimate favor of the 18th & 20th ult, with their enclosures, say
7045¹³/₁₀₀ for which we thank you, you will find an error in our favor in your sales
b. 57/100 it is for 4 cts per set & I H M addition Sep. 19th 388th 13,500.44 you have it 43.74
please credit it. We sent you per S. A. Sayre a letter from ourselves dated Jan 18th with an draft
at 5 d. St on Wm & Moffett Co for 1087.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for which we fear he has forgotten to hand you, we
wish you to remit it in a check on Philad^a We now enclose J. S. Caldwell's Co's of exchange
dated Memphis Nov 18th 1840. & no date on favor on S. Rogers Co of your city for 2417.⁷⁵/₁₀₀
accepted, which please collect & remit in two checks of equal amounts on Philad^a - The
farmers are holding their hemp at 6¢ per lb we shall have to submit to that price
as nearly all of us are out of it, which would not have happened but for the
rather rather than the last lot of work for breaking it out - We have ordered

judgment to dispose of our bagging Hops, the amount of our note you is less than
your statement, you sent Westfield & Co a lot which you must deduct the quantity
in freight & cannot ascertain without going to the factory, you will discover it by
referring to your books. Reply Truly yrs Brand & Co associates.

Lexington Feb. 10 - 1841

Messrs Franklin Henderson. Gentl. We sent you yesterday 1st of exchange, accepted
on S. Rogers & Co of your city for 2417.96. dated Memphis Nov 1st 1840 at 4 mos date our
favor, in now endorse for fear of delay & misarrangements the 2^d of same bill not accepted
which please insert as directed yesterday in 2 checks on Philad^a. Reply Truly B. & Co.

Messrs Franklin Henderson. Gentl.

Lexington 19th Feb 1841

We have none of your favor to reply to. In consequence of the late speculation in bag. Hops in your city
hemp has advanced & is still rising, the crop will be shorter than was anticipated. We refused 20 & 8 for 250
per bag Hops yesterday, & now credit delivers here, if you have not sold our please hold it at 25 & 10.

Reply Brand & Co associates.

Messrs Mansel White & Co. Gentl.

Lexington Feb 19-1841

Your estimate favor of the 10th & 28th Nov. last came duly to hand & contents noted. Hemp has advanced
& is still rising in consequence of the speculation in your market in bag. Hops & the anticipated short
crop, which has been greatly improved by the ^{constant} rain this winter. We refused 20 & 8 for 250 per bag Hops
yesterday delivers here at 4 mos credit. If you in your hands is not sold please hold it at 25 & 10
4 mos. Hoping soon to hear from you in answer. Reply Truly B. & Co associates.

Messrs Basha Sheppard & Co. Gentl.

Lexington Feb 19-1841

Your estimate favor of the 18th & 30th Dec. came duly to hand & contents noted. If you have not sold our bag.
Hops you will please hold it at 25 & 10 cash or short credit, hemp has advanced & is still rising, the crop
is said to be short but present rates our articles cannot be sold to pay a fair profit in your market
at less than the above prices. We refused 20 & 8 & 4 mos for 250 per delivers here yesterday, which including
carriage & commissions is equal to 25 with you. Reply Truly B. & Co associates.

Messrs Westfield & Co. Gentl.

Lexington Feb 19-1841

Your estimate favor of the 4th Nov. 23rd Dec. 30th Jan 7 & 2 Dec. enclosing Providence check for
\$600 came duly to hand for which we thank you. We should be sorry to have our bag Hops
sold at a less price than 25 & 10 which we feel confident it will command any soon. Hemp
has advanced & is still rising, the crop is said to be much shorter than was anticipated
& the farmers are holding it for a higher price. We refused 20 & 8 & 4 mos for 250 per
yesterday, at present rates of hemp it cannot be sold in your market
to pay a profit at less than 25 & 10. Reply

Truly Yours

Brand & Co associates.

Mr M. M. Elvain

Lexington Mar 8-1841

Dear Sir Please forward to Decha Sheppard Co. Mobile 50 ps bag & 32 coils rope, if you cannot send it direct ship it to Franklin Henderson, N Orleans, request them in your B/L to forward it for our use. We wish you to have it insured to Mobile, insuring in policy, with knowledge of re-shipping on Board or Boats or vessels between Mayville & Mobile. It is very desirable to have our articles shipped insured at the lowest rates you can, if you wish to get the insurance - insure at 25¢ & 10¢. The balance of our bagging you may ship to Franklin Henderson & Manual White Co. N Orleans. say half to each insure it at 25¢ We expect it will all be with you to night - Let us hear from you when you ship

Respy Yr Obedt Servt
Brand & Marshall

Messrs Manual White Co

Lexington Mar 9th 1841

Gent^l: We addressed you on the 19th ulto, since which we have none of your favors to reply to - We are sending to Mr Bakewell 60 ps bag 86 yds each & to Mr M. Elvain Mayville 52 ps same length to forward you, which please dispose of for us at not less than 25¢ - We shall send you some rope as soon as we can make it - Hoping soon to receive sales of the first lot sent you - We are

Very truly yrs
Brand & Marshall

Messrs Franklin Henderson

Lexington Mar 9-1841

Gent^l: We have requested Mr Bakewell to send you 60 ps bag, Mr M. Elvain 52 ps which please sell for us at not less than 25¢ - Mr M. Elvain will forward 50 ps & 32 coils which please send Decha Sheppard to Mobile. It is all ordered to be insured to N Orleans & Mobile. We have none of your favors to reply to & are at a loss to account for your not having acknowledged the receipt of our draft on Ward Moffitt Co. due by Jan 7 last / sent by Mr J. A. Sayer for 1087.50. We are inclined to think you have

has neglected to hand you our letter - We hope you will be
able to make quick sales for us, as we shall want to
finds in a few months, & can send you bag traps as we
make it.

Respy to friends &c

Yr friend & associate

Mr. J. S. Shippard & Co. Lexington Mass 9-1841

Gent. We have none of your favors to reply to
The Mr. Sloan of Mayville wish send you 50 ft bag & 32
coils rope 4385th which he will insure to Mobile
please sell it for us at not less than 25 ¢ 10 - We hope
you will be able to make quick sales for us, as we shall
want to send you more - If you can send the
first lot of 109 ft & 43 coils, please send us sales with
a check on Philad^a for the same Respy to friends &c

Yr friend & associate

Mr. G. Westfield & Co. Lexington Mass 9-1841

Gent. Your favor of the 16th ulto has been rec^d & content
noted - We shall be pleased to have our bag & traps sold
as soon as it can be done on a short credit at not
less than 25 ¢ 10 - We feel confident those prices can
easily be obtained with you & perhaps more, indeed
we have had sales at N. Orleans at that recently

We do not feel afraid of our articles being below
those prices this year, but we shall want more
in a few months - Respy to friends &c

Yr friend & associate

Mr. A. S. Caldwell.

Lex. April 9-1841

Dear Sir Your favor of the 31st is before us. We
will deliver you agent in Louisville by 1st July next.
for your bill amounts payable in N. Orleans, at six
months from 1st July next. Two Hundred pieces bagging
43 yds each at twenty three cents per yard, and one
piece of rope for the year of bagging at nine cents

performed - Our bagging is the same as we made last year &
the rope we will make better than we sent you before - If
we do not hear from you by the twenty eight day of this month
we shall consider ourselves under no obligation to comply with
the above offer.

Yours Truly
Brand & Marshall

Mr White Co

Lexington April 10-1841

Gentl: We have your favor of the 20 & 29 ult, the latter
concerning Sales bag rope, which are quite satisfactory
the price of \$2085.75 due 18th inst please remit in a
Bank check on Philad^a or N York upon the best terms,
you can remit in as soon as practicable - Hemp has advanced
considerably here & the farmers are asking 8¢ for it is scarce
we shall have to submit to it, rope must advance in that
to 12 1/2¢ bagging to 26¢ & 28¢ but we shall not place a higher
limit on ours than that already given of 25¢ & 10¢, do not sell
our rope without a proportion of bagging if you agree with
us in thinking it will command in long 12 1/2¢ you need not
hurry sales - We shall continue to send you more bag rope
which you may consider for sales in the absence of any advice
from us.

Very truly yrs

Brand & Marshall

Mr. J B McIlwain

Lexington Apr. 10th - 1841

Dear Sir. Please forward the 30 lb bag & 24 coils rope
for B. Thomas & 12 lb bag sent you yesterday to G. W. of St
& Bro Mobile Division it with privileges of re shipping
between Mobile Mobile on St. Route or Vepels upon
the best terms you can at 26¢ & 12¢ if you cannot ship direct
send it to Franklin Henderson with a request to forward it
the 5 coils sent with the 12 lb send Mr White Co N York
& arrive in.

Respy

Brand & Marshall

Mr. Mansel White. To

Lexington April 20th 1841

Gent. We have your favor of 7th inst. in re contents
Hemp has advanced to 8¢ very little to be had at that; the
farmers are asking 9¢ 10¢ for their unless some of our
largest manufacturers stop we shall have to pay it, the
crop has fallen far short of our expectations & there is
not enough in Kentucky to supply us all until Jan 7 -

We hope you have not sold our bag rope as we feel con-
fident it will bring 30¢ 12 1/2 in N. Y. very soon, we
do not limit it, as we know you will study our interest
there is very little for sale in Louisville even at 25¢ 10

We expect to be able to send you more in long, we
were fortunate enough to secure hemp sufficient to last
us until November. - P.S. Mr. McElwain will send you
19 coils rope 29¢ 8th & 5 coils 78¢ 4th to sell with our rope.

Very Truly yrs
J. D. and J. Mansel White.

Mr. G. W. F. J. J. J. J. Lexington April 20th 1841

Gent. Your favor covering sales of 153 lbs bag & 85
coils rope, also St John Pown's tile on N. York for 109³⁷/₁₀₀
has been rec^d & entered accordingly - We observe the advance
in bag. Rope in Mobile lately & shall not be surprised if
it goes to 35¢ 15¢ with you, hemp has advanced here to 8¢
very few willing to sell at that; indeed nearly all the hemp
is bought up & the crop is insufficient to supply all the
manufacturers, some of our largest establishments will
have to stop before October for the want of it - We have
ordered Mr. McElwain to send you through Franklin & Him-
dson 42 lbs bag & 24 coils rope 3.73 3/4th which you will
no doubt be able to get us a good price for, we leave
it to your judgment when to sell after it arrives, for
cash or a credit of 4 to 6 mos, the balance due us on sales
we will advise you when we want you to remit it, we think
we shall not report it before it is due. Very truly yrs
J. D. and J. Mansel White.

Mr. Franklin Anderson Lexington April 20th 1841

Genl. Your favors of the 25th Feb. 9th & 23rd March with their enclosures have been rec^d & contents noted - Hemp has advanced to 8th but we expect it will go to 10th before long we should not be surprised if some of our largest establishments have to stop in a few months for the want of it, we are firmly of the opinion that there is not enough hemp in Kent^y to keep us all going until Jan^y. - We mention this to prevent your selling ours to speculators - We leave the disposal of ours to your own judgment, knowing you will do for us as you would for yourself - We understand all in Louisville is limited at 25c 10 many unwilling to sell at that - expecting 30c 12¹/₂ there - We shall be pleased to hear from you. Very truly yrs
Benedict Macomber

Mr. W. White Co. Genl. Lexington May 19 - 1841

Your esteemed favors of the 15th & 24th ult., 2nd, 4th & 5th inst with their enclosures have been rec^d and the Chas^l 2.101.⁶⁸/1000 with prom. 4. per 2.185.⁷⁵/1000 to your credit

We have requested Mr. H. Swan to send you 14 bags 44 coils rope 63.63th which sell for us, as there is an overproportion of rope, we expect a higher price for it, than if sold with bagging - Your quotations are generally a little under the market, or rather under letters of the same date from A. Wham, and your credit, have been longer than some others have sold at, interest after 4 mos has been charged in many instances, please do your best for us - We expect to send you another lot in a few days - If you have closed sales of what has been sent you say 168th & 57 coils we shall be glad to receive the amount. Very truly yrs
Benedict Macomber

P.S. If you receive any bag. ^{of ours} ~~before~~ ^{without} advice from us, sell it for us - B. M.

Lexington June 22^d 1841

Messrs Franklin & Henderson

Gentlemen

Your favour (concerning sales 252 pps bag & 107 coils Rope) of the 8th ulto came duly to hand, all correct with the exception of 1 coil short. We sent you in October last per Kul boat Rova 7 pps bag & 32 coils Rope & per Warden Pope 24 pps bag & 31 coils rope making 13 coils to forward Westfield & Brothers.

They render sales of 31 pps & 62 coils, & charge freight paid on 93 pps & coils, making coil short, which we suppose you may have made one of those boats pay for & forgot to credit it; the average weight of the Rope was 121^{lb} in Westfield's sales of 86 coils rope, 244 of which was forwarded by Mr Patande & the 62 coils by you the loss is 272^{lb} which shows that they did not receive it - please look to it - On the 29th April last W. McLean sent you 37 pps bag & 33 coils Rope

5154^{lb} 12 pps of the bag to be forwarded to Westfield & Brothers

leaving 25 pps bag & 33 coils Rope 5154^{lb}

Now the 28th May 36 " " & 14 " " 1849 "

the has been, & send you 9 " " & 39 " " 5390 "

70 pps, 4020^{lb} 86 " " 12.393^{lb}

which please to fill for us when you think it most convenient as there is an overstock of Rope, we expect you to get us 14 or 15th for it - We expect to be able to send you more in a short time, but you must get us good prices to make up for low sales of 252 pps & 107 coils. A rumour is in demand at 79. I have heard of 10 had been paid today. Respectfully

Yours &c Macalister

Messrs Sessa Shipman & Co

Lexington June 22^d 1841

Gent^l Your letter of the 14th ulto, concerning sales of 159 pps bag & 105 coils rope came duly to hand, which is satisfactory, with the exception of the great loss on the rope, a statement of which we annex for your examination, thinking there is an error by you in rendering sales to some of your other friends of more than they are entitled to - We know a mistake of this kind may occur by the labels breaking off - By looking at the weights of

other lots of rope received by you, you will perhaps observe a gain in some of them. You sent us the inspectors weight of 3 coils, Dec. 11. 1840. 4843th. Our weight was 4794th a gain of 49th which shows that our rope ought to have at least held out, in place of which the average loss on that lot is 5th per coil, exclusive of the 49th gain - 6 1/2th loss nearly.

We shall advise you in time what disposition we want made of the ground, sales, we shall probably not want it until due - We have wanted to send you further supplies of bag. rope, but feared to do so, as we are under the impression sales are over with you for some months.

Respy. Broth. Ser^{ts}.

Brant Mmaler to.

Statement of Bag. Rope sent you

Nov. 3 coils rope w. 9. 4794. Inspectors weight 4843. at Mobile
Dec. 34 " " " 4190.

8.984 weight average loss 5th per coil.

Your weight of 73 coils per sales 8.614. 370th loss on 73 coils from our
1841

April. 32 coils rope weighing 4.385th

Your weight per sales 32 coils. 4330. 55th loss —

Messrs J. Simpson & Co

Lex^{ing}. June 23. 1841

Gent^l. In your letter 17th Apt 1840 you state Messrs King & Clowings had sent you an order on a person residing in your County (for our account) for \$4.45 per, which would leave after deducting balance due you on 21 bales Cotton sent us at that time 25.42 per - 29.03 per. which please remit us in Kentucky Bank Notes, or any other way most convenient to yourselves.

Very truly yrs Brant Mmaler to.

order \$4.45.

bal. due you 25.42.

due Bt M. 29.03

Mr. Franklin & Co. dears

Lexington July 12-1841

First. Your estimate fur of the 21st ult. came duly to hand & contents noted. The price of bag you mention as, short on the 28th May per Tremont was received by Mr White Co. but they only received 11 coils rope in place of 12, if you only rec^d 14 coils rope, there is one deficient, which we have written to Mayville about. We have B/L June 14th for Grain Pay for 41 p. bag. & 18 coils rope weighing 255 g & per Swifts June 29th 33 p. bag. & 4 coils rope 5.828. which was sent from Mayville which we hope you have rec^d? We leave the disposition of our article, to your own judgment, knowing you will do your best for us. We shall be glad to be advised of sales every few days. in order that we may know the quantity in your hands, as we are afraid of sending you more than you can sell. We have great confidence in bag & rope keeping up to present prices & perhaps advancing very truly yr. Friend & Partner

Mr. White Co.

Lexington July 12-1841

First. Your estimate & fur of the 8th May. 5 & 6th June came duly to hand & contents noted. You are wrong in supposing we were not satisfied with the sales you advised of, we merely mentioned your credit was longer than those of other houses who had sold for us, by our quotations a little lower than same date from A Orleans, we are confident you do your best for us, or we should be unwilling to continue sending to you.

We leave the disposition of our article to your own judgment & shall be glad to hear how you progress with sales. Our opinion is bag & rope will maintain present prices & may perhaps go much higher. The price of bag you rec^d per Tremont was of a lot by same boat to Frank. W. Anderson, the coil of rope short we have written to Mayville about. We B/L to J. & H. only called for 35

ps bag. it ought to have been 36. ps but in reshipping
at Cincinnati the alteration was made, the boat ought
to have paid ^{you} for the coil missing & handed the price
over to F. H. as the original B/L was for 36. ps.

Respy Truly &c

Brand. Manchester.

P.S. In sent you July 7. ps Fair Play to reship at Cincinnati
17 ps bag. 611 coils, 1352. th rope. We are anxious to see
Mr. Elvins to send you 59 ps bag & 50 coils rope 6.153.
which please call for us. B. H.

Livingston, Ky., August 10th 41

John B. McIlwain Esq

Dear Sir We forwarded on the 7th Inst per John Wilson's wagon 23 pieces
of bag & twenty two coils of Rope which with the three prior loads
not shipped should make in your hands 94 pieces of bag &
96 coils 11705th of Rope. You will please ship the above
94 pieces of bag & 68 coils of Rope per first good St Boat to
Chapman Coleman Esq Louisville on the best terms
you can insure it & advise us, as usual. Hoping soon
to receive bill Lading. We are Respectfully

Brand. Manchester

Livingston, Ky. 2nd August 1841

Chapman Coleman Esq

Dear Sir We are in receipt for last mail of bill of lading of
94 ps Bag containing 8084 ps & sixty eight coils of Blue Rope weigh-
ing 8279th shipped by John B. McIlwain Mayville on - Boat per our
advice to your care. This is the first shipment we have made to Louisville for
18 months, having shipped all heretofore made to N. Orleans & Mobile.

You will oblige us by selling for us on the best terms you can (leaving
it discretionary with you) as the articles are we believe about equal
to any made here, we hope you will be able to procure the highest selling
rates on the usual credits. You will oblige us by advising us of the state
of your market & your rates for commissions & guarantee of sales whether
you sell for bills payable on N. Orleans, which we would prefer for sales
should your sales & prospects justify it we hope to make you further engagements
hoping soon to hear from you. Very Respectfully Brand. Manchester
P.S. The above bill Lading dated 18th July 1841

Mr. W. G. Bakewell

Lex? Sep. 7th 1841

Dear Sir The 48 lb bag & 32 coils rope we are willing you should sell for us at 25. & 10 1/2 cts. per lb. and as much more as you can get - If our manufacturers are sincere in what they say, nearly all of them will stop work in Oct. & Nov. for the want of hemp, we shall get through ours by 1st Nov. - If you sell pay in Nov. please have the exchange added. Very truly yrs. B. & C. Manufacturers.

Mr. Chapman Coleman

Lex? Sep. 7. 1841

Dear Sir Your estimate for the 4. int came duly to hand & contents noted - We should not be willing to have our bagging rope, in your hands, sold at less than 25 & 10 1/2 usual time, as we think there is a greater probability of its advancing than falling in Nov. as most of our factories will stop in Oct. & Nov. for the want of hemp, if we were not afraid of importations of the foreign article we should not sell at present.

Our manufacturers in order to keep their negroes employed as long as possible towards the end of the year are doing no overwork. Indeed some of us are doing less than our regular tasks. Respe

Yours truly

B. & C. Manufacturers.

Livingston Ky 17th Sept 1841

Mr. M. B. McManis

Dear Sir You will please to ship the Office 5934 yds bag & 76 coils 94 90th ft rope in your hands to Messrs. Franklin & Anderson New Orleans per first good boat insurance. We are anxious to get the shipment off as soon as possible. Hope you will miss no opportunity.

We are Respectfully

F. & C. Manufacturers

Lexington Ky Sep 17. 1841

Messrs. G. Westfield & Brothers

Gent^l: We are this moment in receipt of your favor of the 1st inst & observe its contents. We have in consequence this day ordered the shipment of 6 qrs bag & 76 coils rope to you from Maysville which you will please to sell for us on the best terms you can ~~procure~~ on time (any payable in Jan. or Feb. next) on its arrival. Below we give you an order on Franklin & Henderson on St. Thomas for 50 qrs bag & 50 coils rope which we have advised them of & which you can send for a receipt of this if you are satisfied you can sell them before the arrival of the above mentioned consignment & which they will let you have if they are not sold. We shall be pleased to hear from you how you are progressing in sales & the prospects for our article here. Respy & att^l Serv^t

Brant & Macaulay

Lex^g: Ky Sep. 17. 1841

Messrs. Franklin & Henderson - Please to ship on our
acc^t to Messrs. G. Westfield & Bros. fifty ^{qrs} bag & fifty coils
of our rope, to Mobile & insure it & deliver as advised
Yrs Respy Brant & Macaulay

Messrs. Franklin & Henderson

Lex^g: Sep. 17. 1841

Gent^l: We had the pleasure of addressing you last on the 12th July ultimo, since which we are in receipt of your favors of the 19th & 31st July & observe their contents. We have been hoping to hear from you for some time of the closing our consignment of bag rope & rope by the time you receive them you will be able to advise us of the sale of our lot. We are anxious to send you more this fall but expect to do so, but as our hemp cost us high we are desirous to sell out as closely as possible & did not wish to send more than you could probably get through with this fall.

We have this day advised the shipment of 6 qrs bag & 76 coils to be shipped to you for G. Westfield & Bros. of Mobile & have also sent them an order on you for 50 qrs bag & 50 coils should they require it before the arrival of the bag & rope, by you should not have arrived.

Some of our manufacturers have stopped work for want of hemp & by the middle of Nov. we expect $\frac{4}{5}$ th of the balance will stop from the same cause - Please let us hear from you on receipt of this, if you have closed our consignment, when convenient we shall be pleased to receive an order for balance. We are very respectfully,
Belmont & Co. makers

Messrs. Mansel White & Co.

Lexington Ky Sept. 17th 1841

Gent^l We have none of your favor to which to reply to since ours of the 12th July ultimo - We have been anxiously desiring to hear from you for some time how you are progressing in sale of our articles as we wish to send you more this fall, but as our stock of hemp cost us high we do not wish to send more than you could get through with - Since Mr Bullitt was here a short time since I thought you had sold considerable of our stock but could not inform us how much you had on hand - Our articles being without limit left to your own judgment as to their disposition we hope you will do the best for us & shall be pleased to hear from you as early as convenient the amount of ours so we may regulate our shipments, thereby - Some of our manufacturers have shut up their establishments for want of hemp for which $\frac{4}{5}$ th of the balance will have to do the same between the middle of Oct. & the 15th Nov^r from the same cause - We are
Y^r obt^d Serv^t

Belmont & Co. makers

Messrs. J. B. McLean

Lexington Sep. 20-1841

Dear Sir. We shall be out of hemp in the course of two weeks & have concluded to stop one factory unless we can procure about 15 tons of hemp. If you can purchase that quantity or less at $\frac{7}{8}$ to $\frac{7}{10}$ per 112^{lb} please do so & send it up as soon as low carriage as you can for we will deposit the amt to your credit here. We know you will get it lower than our limit if you can, as it is evident the price of our articles will not justify our loss but we would prefer making nothing to stopping, or hiring out our hands for the balance of the year - I reply by return mail of the prospect of getting the above with oblige
Y^r friend
Belmont & Co. makers

Mr Dasha Shippard Co. Lex.: Oct. 11th 1841

Gent^l. We have none of your esteemed fav^r to reply to - We have sent you for Fair Play (to ship at Cin.) to Franklin & Henderson 63. per bag 5415 yds & 48 coils rope 5872. which please dispose of for us on the best terms you can pay^r in Feb or March as exchanges are to be had on more favorable about that time, but your sales heretofore have been so satisfactory that we leave the disposition entirely to you. selves - We are about closing our factories for the balance of the year for want of hemp, all the factories must close by 1st Nov. for same cause, perhaps a few may contrail to keep some hands at home & run a little longer. Very truly yrs. Brand & Marcellus

Mr Franklin Henderson Lexington Oct. 11-1841

Gent^l. We had this pleasure on the 17th ulto to which please refer, since then we have yours of the 18th which is discouraging enough for our articles, we hope for better times after the yellow fever leaves you, the quantity of bag rope that will be made here from this to Dec^r will be comparatively speaking nothing, we shall stop in a week for the balance of the year for want of hemp, nearly all our factories will do likewise - As we had no limit upon ours in your hands, we hope to have sales from you some, as we heard you had been selling for our neighbours at 25. & 11. - We have 125 for Fair Play (to ship at Cincinnati) for 63. per bag. & 48 coils rope to your address which please send Dasha Shippard Co. Mobile we have insured it here to Mobile. Very truly yrs. Brand & Marcellus
Lexington Nov^r 1841

Chapman Coleman Esq.

Dear Sir We received in due time your esteemed favour of the 18th Sept & 4th ultimo & observed the contents - We regret your inability to dispose of our bag & rope owing to the state of your market & despairing of your being able to effect sales this fall have

concluded now have to request you to ship the 94 lbs 8084 yds bag
168 coils 8279th Rope in your hands by first good steam boat
direct to Mobile to Messrs. Lusha Shippard & Co to the care
of Messrs. Franklin Henderson & Orleans should an opportunity
to ship directly to Mobile not occur insure the same—

We shall be pleased to hear from you with bill of lading &
advice as to its insurance. I remain Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Frank Macalister

Savannah Nov 1st 1841

Mrs Wm G. Baker

Dear Sir Despairing of your selling our 48 lbs bag
32 coils of pale Rope now in your hands this fall we have concluded
to now have to request of you to ship the same directly to Mobile to
Messrs. Bull & Filer or should an opportunity not offer to ship
direct please ship it to Messrs. Franklin Henderson New
Orleans with advice to ship to Bull & Filer We shall be
pleased to hear from you with bill of lading have to request you
to insure it to Mobile & advise at the same time

We are Very Respectfully Yours

Frank Macalister

Savannah Nov 6th 1841

John P. M. Main Esq

Dear Sir We forwarded you John Wilson yesterday
12 lbs bag & 20 coils 2124th Rope I should have in your hands 2 lbs
(8 lbs down) bag 431 coils 3654th Rope, all of which you will please
to ship should an opportunity occur direct to Mobile to Messrs. Mott
& Brother, if no opportunity occurs direct, please ship to them to the
care of Messrs. Franklin & Henderson New Orleans for good steam boat
insure the same— This is the last of our Frank Macalister
Manufacture, over Mr. Macalister having for the present & ensuing year
declined continuing the business, by the winter being undetermined
whether he will continue it We are Dear Sir Very Respectfully

Frank Macalister

P.S. I requested John Wilson to see what first rate Irish potatoes
could be had for by the bushel I will thank you if you will estimate I want about 15 or
20 bushels good ones can be got reasonably, but cost me too high I will order them soon. Wm M. Brand

Lexington Nov 8th 1841

Miss^{rs} Franklin Henderson.

New Orleans Gentlemen We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th ulto & have its contents. We regret very much your inability to sell our articles especially as they have been without limit & we know they are popular to 4/5th of the manufacturing of our State. We directed our agents at Louisville to ship to your care for Mess^{rs} D. & S. Shepherd & Co 94 pk, bag & 32 coils of bale rope, of Mess^{rs} Bull & Files 48 pk, 32 coils of Mess^{rs} Westcott & W. Brothman 39 pk, & 50 coils all of which you will please to forward on its arrival to those Gentlemen at Mobile. Our Edward Macatista will be in New Orleans about the 1st of Jan^y previous to which we are anxious to address you. We are Very Respectfully Yours, Frank & Macatista

Lexington Ky, Nov 17th 1841

Mess^{rs} Bull & Files

Mobile, Gentlemen We advised the shipment of 48 pk, bag & 32 coils of bale rope to your house of which we have bill of lading from Louisville per G. M. Hagan of the 10th Inst shipped to the care of Mess^{rs} Franklin Henderson N. Orleans with instructions to forward to you & have insured ^{had} \$1200. on it to Mobile.

We shall be pleased to have it sold for us this fall on the best terms you can & would prefer having our sales made payable in N. Orleans on a credit of 4 or 6 months. We do not wish our articles found off at a sacrifice, tho' we should be pleased to realise in July or March next, but we leave the consignment to your discretion with the proviso of hearing from you when our sales are made. Our E. Macatista our agent will be in N. Orleans, most probably in Mobile in Jan^y next. We are Very Respectfully Yours, Frank & Macatista

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Livingston N.Y. Nov 26th 1841

Miss^{rs} Oesha Shepherd & Co
Mobile

Gentlemen

In the absence of any of your favours to which to reply, we beg leave to advise of the shipment of 94 pcs of bag of 48 coils of cat rope per Steam Boat Genl W Brown from Louisville on the 4th inst, to the care of Franklin & Henderson New Orleans with instructions to forward to you immediately -

You will oblige us by settling the above lot on the best terms you can for us, if possible payable in New Orleans, for a credit of 6 or 8 months, - We shall be glad to have the consignment closed as early as possible, but do not wish them forced off at a sacrifice leaving the subject to your discretion - We have closed our concern for the year for want of hump, but our Edw^d & Macalister will be in New Orleans to Mobile about the 1st of Jan^y proximo, prior to which we hope again to address you & shall be pleased to hear from you as soon as you make sales, &c. Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt^{ly}

Franklin & Macalister

Lexington Ky

Sept 3rd 1884
John H. - Friend
Lexington Ky

Dear friend

I thought I would write you a few
lines to let you know how
I am getting along well
I am well and I hope
you are the same. let
me see when you can the
last letter I got you
I think it was in July
well I am going to school
and am doing very well
but I don't know how long
I will continue so. Pa is
going to leave Dunbars
pretty soon and is going to
try to get some place in
the country and how are
you getting along pretty
well too I suppose well
good bye - see you again
your friend

John V. Doyle

Lexington Ky Nov 20th 1841

Miss W. M. H. Brother

Continued Your favour of the 9th Oct. has just
arrived & we are surprised to hear you had not yet received the 6th of
bag & 4 coils of rope ordered you, as we have Franklin & Henderson's
letter of the 20th Oct last stating it had arrived & was then going forward.

We hope you have on this arrived it held out, or at least a
portion of it - if not received please write Franklin & Henderson about
it immediately.

We ordered the shipment of 39th bag & 50
coils of rope from Hayesville on the 6th inst but owing to the heavy
water it has not yet gone, but hope it will be shipped soon.

We are anxious to close sales of our bag & rope as near as
possible this fall, this we do not wish them forced off at a
sacrifice, & hope by your selling on 4 or 6 months time you will be
able to close up the sales. We would prefer their being sold
payable in N Orleans if possible, but leave it to your better
judgement, relying on your doing what is most for our interest.

We shall be glad to hear how you progress by and

Yours Very Respectfully
John W. Brown
Franklin & Henderson

Messrs Decha Shoppard & Co. Lexington Dec 17. 1841

Gent^l - Your statement from of the 6th & 27th ult. the latter concern-
ing sales of 63th bag & 48 coils rope have been rec^d & contents noted.

We are much pleased with the prices of those sales, & hope
you will give us as much satisfaction in the disposition of what
we now have in your hands - Your first sale due 2/5 Jan 7 next
for 3252⁹⁶/₁₀₀ we will thank you to send us at maturity in
undoubted checks (such as you will endorse) on N York or
Boston as you think most to our interest in sums of 1084³²/₁₀₀
if convenient - We hope by that time exchange will be
more in our favor than the present quotations - the sales
due 1st Feb. next for 1736⁹³/₁₀₀ & the last due 15/18 Feb.
next for 1903⁸⁵/₁₀₀ you will please remit us at maturity
in the same way - We are very truly yrs

Franklin & Henderson

Lexington Dec 17-1841

Mr. Franklin Hurdson

Gent: Your favors of the 27. Oct & 25 Nov with bill of charges on bagging rope have been received according.

The sales made for us last spring mature on the 1/4 Jan 7 next Amount \$6,051.¹⁰/₁₀₀ which we will thank you to remit us in undoubted checks on N York or Boston, as you think to our interest in sums of 1000 if convenient.

We shall be glad to hear from you how much of our bagging rope you have on hand - We hope by the time the above sales mature, exchange will be more in our favor than present quotations -

Respy Truly yrs

Brand. Mansueti.

Mr. Mansueti White Co Lexington Dec. 17-1841

Gent: Your esteemed favors of the 7th & 16th Oct. and 1st inst have been received, the two former advising sales of 193. per bag. 409 coils rope up to those dates - Presuming the sales fall due about 1st Jan 7 next. we have to request the favor of you to remit us at that time the amt proceeds whatever it may be, in undoubted checks on N York or Boston, as you think most to our interest, in sums of 1000 - or thereabouts - Hoping you have been able to close our consignments we are.

P.S. please send Apr Sales -

Very truly yrs

Brand. Mansueti.

27th June 1837

62 50 27
67 6 11
67 2 6 38

Don't shed this book
you fear your life. for
the owner carries a pocket
knife.

Shipp 346 1113.57 due 10th June 37
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And if you do the Lord
will say where is that book
and you will say you
do not know and the
Lord will say go down
below

