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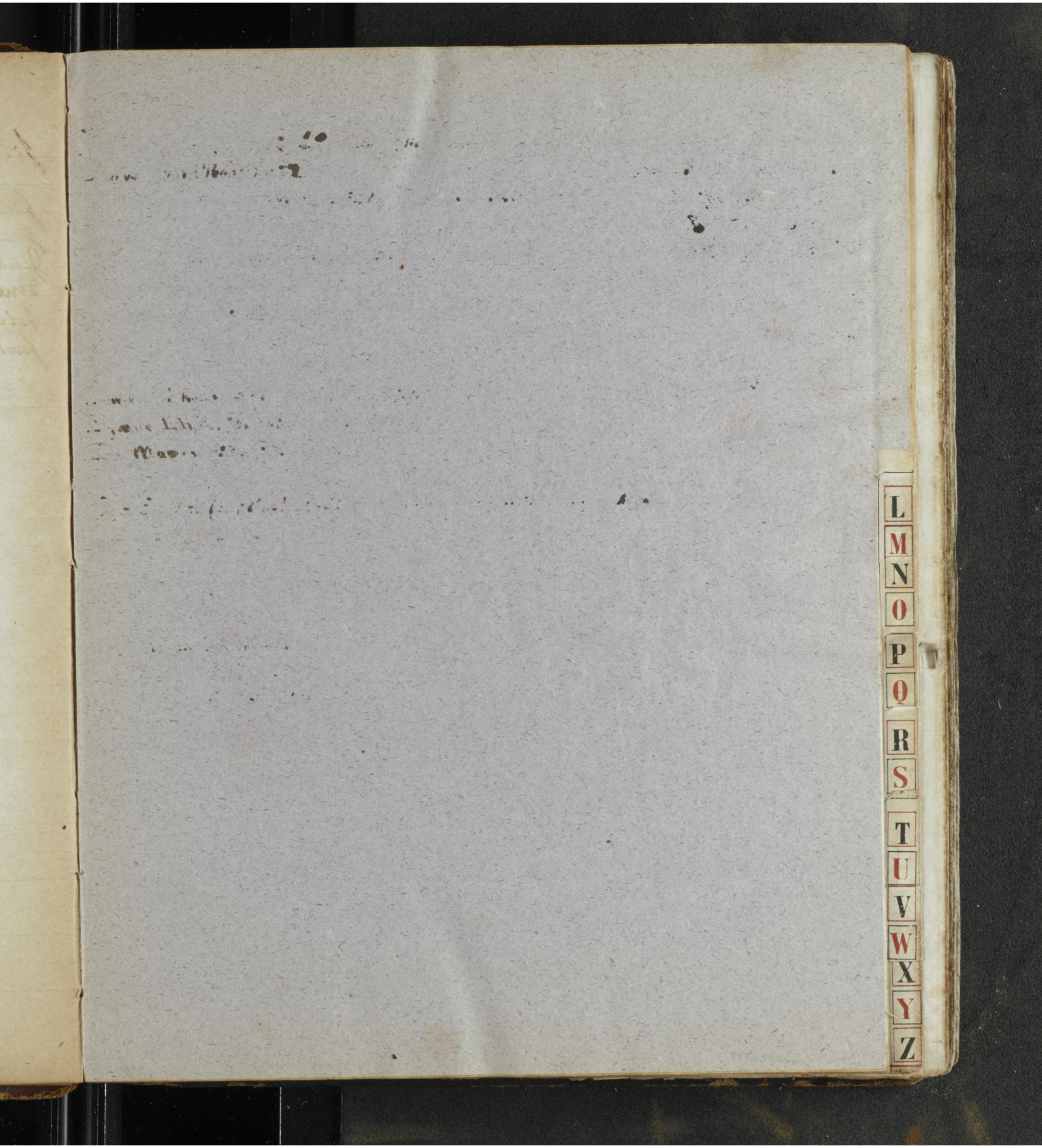
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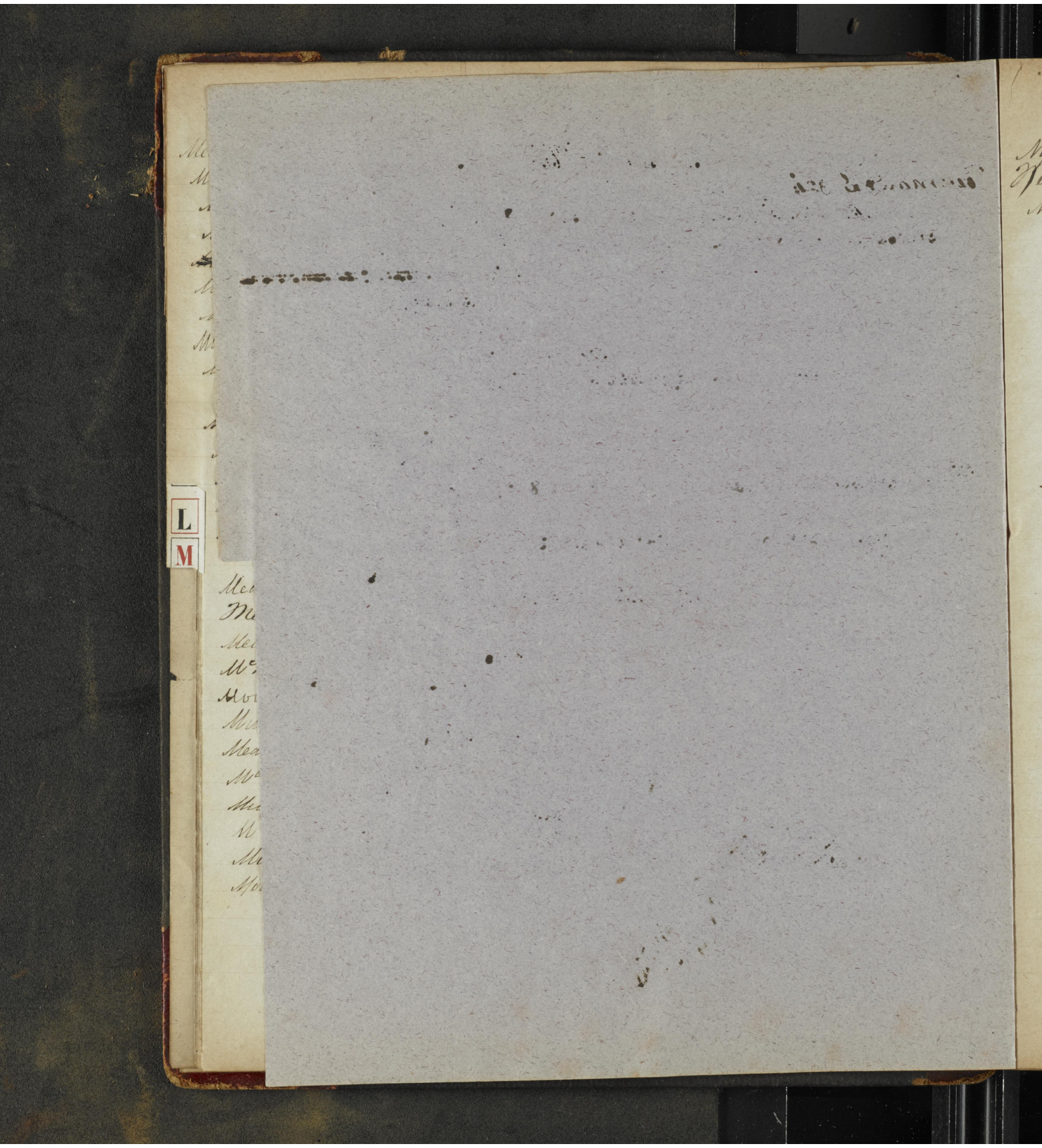

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Ashland Ky. 7th Oct 1818

Dear Rose

Yours of 3rd inst, is just received and as you may need, the money you write for, I will answer at once, and send herewith Ashland Nat Bank, draft for Three hundred ($300.00) dollars. You did not say how much you needed. While I don't want you to be extravagant, I do wish you to have plenty, and what you do buy, have it good; good as you schoolmates. Tom Adams had a low hand, an abscess or catarrh, but is about well again. Uncle writes that Will is better. Will has some cough and fever every day, and that they will stay in the mountains a while longer.

Mr. Mack came in on at last evening & sent and hours or two. Cook and Henry intended to go to Trenton to day to [illegible] Mr. Clean do some work on

[illegible] Ky. [illegible] 1852.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] please find

my check on for [illegible]

[illegible] fifty ($250.00) dollars

my first installment on new book

Please acknowledge [illegible]

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

Ashland Ky 16th Oct 1858

A.L. Winton Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your of 14th inst is at hand,
I have heard nothing from N.Y. since you left here. Should hear any day, if they are prompt to reply - I named $1,650.00 per month as a price - and left, blank, the amount to be advanced to us. Do not think it would be best for me to go, until I have heard from there.

The Star Line diggers are on a strike, ours are working. The Norton F. will probably stop and if so, until there is an advance in Pig Iron or Nails.

Yours &c
John Means

Ashland Ky. 18th Oct 1898
Received of J. A. Wellman
One hundred ($100.00) dollars a
payment on his note —
John Meany

Ashland Ky 21st Oct 1898
Miss M. C. Nye Librarian
Marietta O.

Dear Miss

Herewith please find
P.O. order No. 7019 — Two 50/100 ($2.50) dollars, which
I think are amount of dues as advised
by you — Here mislaid your notice.

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 21st Oct 1878

John G. Peebles Esqr

Dear Sir

Messrs Loomis & Collord advise us that they will make us a loan on the Pig Iron in their yard, interest at seven (7) per cent time to suit ourselves - Acceptances are up to about 90 ~~dos~~, and I do not like so much on them. Had we not better take say $15.000 or $20.000 from L & Co on the Co's paper, with the Iron as collateral. Don't know how soon it will be prudent to urge Lewke for payment of part due from G. R. M. Co - but our Co - should begin to receive something before long, Our debt is far ahead of our contract when we took the Bonds.

All well

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky, 22nd Oct 1898
C. C. Magann Esq Com &c
Greyson Ky.
Dear Sir
herewith please
find four bonds, executed
by D. A. Leffingwell as principal
and myself as surety – in
amount $4,900 – for the
Jas Killgen property sold by
you – Please acknowledge
very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 21st Oct 1878
Received of Mrs M. V. Young
Eighteen ($18⁰⁰) dollars payment
on her note due 24th March last.
John Means

Ashland Ky. 24th October 1878

N. Derby Esqr,

789 Broad St, Newark N.J.

Dear Sir

herewith find sampler, of cloth — Want Suit for Hildrette off the $22.00 peice — I suppose you will have to make it.

Suit each for Harry and Cooke off the $12.00 peice or about such goods.

My respectfully

Yours

John Meany

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Ashland Ky. 4th Novem 1878

John G. Peckler Esq

Portsmouth O. Dear Sir

Wm Laylord has shown me two letters, of different dates from Tenks, in which, he stated that he had almost reached the limit of his guaranty, and that when he did so, he would shut down &c &c. And he seems to want a guaranty without limit, and to think that our Co, has some surety unknown to him, I take it for granted that he knows of the trust deed and bonds, So far he seems to have only secured others, and we have nothing for coal or iron sent since he has been there. You can judge of the matter better than I can, but if the limit must be raised of have him stop, before we are benefited, I think that to say he might go firethousand dollars, more should be sufficient. If you think so and are willing to join, I suppose the others will not object, and I will agree to go to that extent further. I clear to night for Cinti, and may go to Virginia for a week before am at home again.

Y. &c John Meaux

Copy of C. G. Kimmel

Statement of W. Horsfells A. & O. Turnpike debt

Amount due 23rd Aug 1875			$794.00
Interest @ 7 per ¢ to 2nd July 1878			158.85
			$952,85
1877 Oct 25th	Paid C. N. Brown	$64.00	
78 July 2	" " "	100.00	164.00
" " "	Balance		$788,85
Interest to 25th Oct 78			17.32
			$806.17
1878 Oct 25	Payment to John Meany		323,52
" "	Balance due W.H.		$482,65

4th Nov 8)

Hon L. T. Morse
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

herewith we send two summons. We suppose the Raccoon M & M Co relates to one of two lots sold for taxes and bought by this Ky. I. C & M. Co. delinquent in the name of Thomas Riley. That James S. Evans bought of Riley one of these lots, we do not know which: viz

Lot 98 Range 4 West Sold for tax, 25 March 1878 – $7.20
" 71 " 4 " " " " 26 " 77 5.87

These have not been redeemed.

Tom Riley has paid purchase money for 71 R. 4 West. but we have not yet relinquished that lien,

Kahne & Douglass have not paid for lot 98, and we hold their notes.

Kissinger has not paid purchase money

I leave to night for Cinti, may be away a week

very respectfully John Meaux Pmt

Ashland Ky. 11th Novem 1878

T. N. Johnson Jr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

~~[illegible]~~ your of 8th inst is at hand covering check seventeen hundred and thirty five ($1735.00) dollars dividend, also for Mrs M. A. Adams Two hundred & fifty ($250.00) dollars, her dividend.

Very respectfully
John Meard

Ashland Ky 11th Novem 1878

Mrs. M. A. Adams
Hanging Rock Ohio.

Dear Mary

herewith find check of T. N. Johnson Jr, $350.00/100) for your indorsement; the same being a ten per ¢ dividend of Big Sandy Packet Co.

All well

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky 18th Nov 1878

Thomas W. Means Esq

Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

herewith find check of T. N. Johnson & in favor of W. T. Gaylord — amount two hundred and sixty ($260) dollars; which Mr Gaylord sends in part payment on his note held by you.

Yours &c

John Means

Your entry will be

Bank To Sundries

Bills Receivable To Balance of W. T. Gaylords note dated 1874 Aug 1st @ 1 year $ 10.00

Interest To part of interest on same 250.00

260.00

I take for granted that previous partial payments have been credited to Bills Receivable.

1874 July 1	W. F. Gaylord Note bearing interest		$1240 00	Interest
76 Dec 2	Interest	2 yrs 5 Mos 1 Ds	179 92	$179 92
	Amount		$1,419 92	
		Payment	320 00	
	Balance		$1,099 92	
77 Nov 14	Interest	11 Mos 12 Ds	62 69	62 69
	Amount		$1,162 61	
		Payment	260 00	
	Balance		$902 61	
78 April 8	Interest	4 Mos 24 Ds	23 47	23 47
	Amount		$926 08	
		Payment	390 00	
	Balance		$536 08	
July 15	Interest	3 Mos 7 Ds	8 63	8 63
	Amount		$544 71	
		Payment	260 00	
	Balance		$284 71	
Nov 11	Interest	3 Mos 26 Ds	5 50	5 50
	Amount		$290 21	
		Payment	260 00	
78 Nov 11	Balance due T. W. M.		$30 21	

Ashland Hy. 12th Novem 1878

Herman Williams Esqr

Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

herewith please find check from W. F. Gaylord interest to you, being in payment of balance, due on interest and in full of his note of 1874 July 1st belonging to you, amount $30.21

Yours &c

John Mann

Your entry will be

Bank Dr

Interest To balance paid on Gaylords note $30.21

J. A. Wellman Esqr, below find list of payments on your note, since 28th Oct 1875 when interest was paid

1876	August 16th	—	$100.00
1877	June [illegible]	—	200.00
	Oct 17th	—	100.00
1878	April 8th	—	100.00
	Oct 18th	—	100.00

very respectfully John Meaux

Ashland Ky 13th Novem 1878

I have deposited to your credit in Ashland Natl Bank in payment of your

Bill of	Octobr 24th	$6.25	
" "	Novem 7th	9.00	
" "	Novem 8th	16.30	$32.55

for G. [illegible] Co
Catlettsburg Ky

very respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 14th November 1878.

Dear Mary

Your of 12th instant came duly to hand, with T. N. Johnson Fir check for twelve hundred and fifty ($250 x) dollars. I have bought for you one thousand ($1000 x) dollars, and for Maggie one thousand ($1,000 x) dollars, W.S., 4 per ct Bonds. All will set home. Will is not much if any better. Hope you will soon be well of your cold.

Your &c

John Mears

Ashland Ky 15th Nov 1878

David Sinton Esqr

Cinti O.

Dear Sir

Your of 15th inst at hand, Will see father tomorrow and then advise you, whether I shall go.

Very respectfully

John Mears

1877 Sept 1

Inventory		$55.227 46	
Cash	42.25 / 277.75	320 00	
Bills Rec		12.606 16	
Assets		5.036 73	$73.190 35
Perp & Gov			21.153 01
			$94.343 36

Metcons	11.974 04	
J. F. W.	16.320 00	
A. S. W	11.840 00	
O. B. & O.	20.000 00	
A. A. L & Bro	20.000 00	
Assets	11.761 00	
Bills P.	2.448 32	$94.343 36

1878 Oct 31.

Cash, A.A.L. Trea, Augusta N. Bank & Bills Recd		$7.020 04	
~~[illegible]~~, Buildings, Off Furn &, Smith Tools	+ 563.287.78		
Teams, Tools, Supplies	− 523.634.05	39.653 73	
Real Estate		23.634 05	
Recy		11.470 07	
W. Lands 187 A.		166 38	
Ore		20.500 00	
Assets		346 92	$102.791 09
P. & Gov			35.903 40
			$138.694 59

Land & Ore	B. P.	$37.000 00	
" "	A. A. L & Bro	3.000 00	
Cert Indebt		77.780 00	
Acc Int		19.767 66	
H. Assets & Scrip		72 86	
Assets		1.074 07	$138.694 59

1877 Sept 1st Bal to Prof & Loss		$31.153 01
1878 Oct 31 " " "	35.903 40	
deduct Accrued Interest not reckoned 1877	19.767 66	16.135 74
Net gain on business for 14 mos		$ 5.017 27

My reckoning varies from yours in this

Salaries, Expense, Engineering, Feed	$1.605 29	
Mines 1. 8. 9.	75 26	$1.680 55
~~Scrip & Handcap~~	~~72 55~~	~~[illegible]~~
Interest, Rent	311 97	311 97
Which are written assets nor liabilities		$ 1.368 58

Ashland Ky, 16th Novem 1878

Gen T. Wicker Esq
Covington Va

Dear Sir

Herewith I send statement which I can make, after examining your statement of 31st ult, since I came home from Lexington, which I think is correct. I had not time to examine Mr J. F. Winston's calculations in the paper he submitted, please send me a copy of it. We expect to start the Ashland Furnace about 20th or 21st

I may have to go to California this Fall and if so shall leave about Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Shall not probably remain longer than a week or two then — All well

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky. 18th Nov 1878
Messrs Culbertson Meany & Culbertson Kev
Princess Furnace Ky
Gentlemen
herewith please find
Thos W. Meany check to your order
twenty five hundred ($2.500) dollars
for credit to his account —
He will pay your note fine
of Joe Sandy —
Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 18th Nov 1878
Kev M. Adamsky
Princess Furnace Ky.
Dear Tom
I have left the
Davis Insurance policy at
Ashland Nat Bank for your
Father told me that there
was necessary some entry
on the books of the insurance
agent — to make
it good to your mother
You can get it on calling
for same and take to have
the proper entry made —
Yours &c
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 19th Novem 1878

Messrs Harper & Bros

Franklin Square New York city,

Gentlemen

herewith please find P. O. order Seven ($7.00) dollars, for the Monthly beginning December 1878 and Weekly " renewal, coming at present marked 384 Means J. 1148-

very respectfully

John Means.

Address

John Means,
Ashland,
Kentucky.

Ashland Ky. 19th November 1878

R. Mattox Esq. Cashr, Second National Bank,

Ironton Ohio,

Dear Sir

please credit my

dividends for May 1878 ——

" " Nov 1878 ——

to Ashland National Bank, and oblige

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 19th November 1878

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio
Gentlemen

please send me by Big Sandy
Packet leave Steamer —

1	Life John Adams	by J. Daniel C. F. Adams		12 mo
1	Memoirs of J. D. Adams	" C. F. A.	12th Vol	8vo.
1	Life Sir Isaac Newton	" David Brewster		18 mo
1	" Israel Putnam	" J. N. Tarbox		8vo.
1	Richard Cœur De Leon	" G. R. P. James	2 Vols	
1	Washington and his Generals	" J. S. C. Abbott	12 mo.	
1	Life Washington	" E. Everett	12 mo	
1	" do.	" J. K. Paulding	2 Vols,	18 mo
1	" do. pictorial	" John Frost	8vo	
1	" Daniel Webster	" Geo. T. Curtis	2 Vols	8vo
1	Memoirs Napoleon 1.	" Las Cases	4 Vols	12 mo
1	Life do "	" P. C. Headly		12 mo
1	Democracy in America	" A. De Tocqueville	2 Vols	12 "
1	American Institutions	" "	1 "	"
1	Caxtons	" Bulwer	Library Ed	
1	Dodge Club	" De Mille		8vo Ed
1	Dombey & Son	" Dickens	Peterson's Ed	12 mo

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1 Little Women by Louis Allcott 2 Vols 16 mo
1 Rose in Bloom " " "
1 Under the Lilacs " "
1 Alhambra " Irving Riverside (or Parsons Ed) 16 mo
1 Sam Slick the Clockmaker 12 mo
1 Sut Lovingood Yarns 12 "

Send at one time — and oblige

very respectfully

John Means

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Ashland Ky. 19th Novem 1898

E. E. Tracy Esq

Dear Sir

I may not be present at next meeting of Council — Please accommodate on part of Kinnon Leon to draw order in favor of School "Board of Education" for say about fifteen hundred ($1.500+) dollars. Then it split up into 50$ and no$ orders — We (the City) are a long ways behind to the School board and they to their teachers. I have asked Mr Hilton to see about it too —

Very respectfully

John Mead,

Ashland Ky. 19th Novem 1898

Mayor Robert Belcher Esq

Lincolnshire O.

Sir

Please send me bill of sick order about 30 Rs Vouchers, of our [illegible] [illegible] it has been [illegible], drawing any above [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully

John Mead

Memorandum of Expenses of trip to California

1878 Nov.	20.	R. R. tickets to San Francisco	$123.85
	21	Burnet House tickets	2.25
		Sleeping Car do to Chicago	2.00
	22	Breakfast @ "	.80
		Dinner 75¢ Lunch .20¢ in Dining Car	.95
		Sleeping Car Chicago to Omaha	3.00
	23	Breakfast 75 in Dining Car, Lunch 20¢ Omaha	.95
		Supper at Grand Island	1.00
		Sleeping Car Omaha to Ogden	8.00
	24	Breakfast at Sidney	1.00
		Dinner " Cheyenne	1.00
		Supper " Rock Creek	.35
	25	Breakfast Green River	1.00
		Lunch " Evanston	.50
		" " Ogden	.50
		Sleeping Car Ogden to San Francisco	6.00
	26	Breakfast at Elko	1.00
		Lunch " Battle Mountain	.35
		Supper " Humbolt	1.00
	27	Breakfast " Colfax	.75
	28	R. R. Sacramento to Marysville	2.50
		Forwarded	$158.55

1878	Forwarded		$ 158.55
Nov 28th	Arcade Hotel	Sacramento	4.00
30	Livery	@ Marysville	5.00
Decem 1	Western Hotel	"	7.50
	Omnibus	"	.25
	R. R. Marysville to Sacramento		2.50
2	Arcade Hotel at	"	3.25
5	R. R. San Francisco to Cinti		123.85
	Sleeper to " to Ogden		6.00
6	Grand Hotel	"	13.25
	Dinner @ Latrop 50¢ Supper @ Colfax .75		1.25
	Hack Twice at San Frisco		1.00
7	Breakfast at Winnemucca 1$ Supper Elko 1$		2.00
8	Sleeper Ogden to Omaha		8.00
	Breakfast " 1$ Dine Ovanston 1$ Supper Green River 1$		3.00
9	Do. Rock Creek 1$ " Cheyenne 1$ Supper Sidney .60		2.60
10	Do Grand Island 1$ Supper Dining Car .75		1.75
	Sleeper Omaha to Chicago		3.00
11	Breakfast, Lunch & Supper		2.00
	Sleeper to Cinti		2.00
12	Bertina	Home	3.00
		Total Expenses	$ 353.75

Memo -

Information obtained by David Sinton and John Meany about Reclamation District No 5 Sutter County California.

We were given, the following list, of Bonds issued, by Jose G. Estudillo Treas of State of California, viz

1872	July 1st	No 31 to 425	inclusive	$500 each	$212.500.00
1874	July 11th	Nos 426 to 433	"	500$ "	4.000.00
72	July 1st	No 434 to 1032	"	500$ "	299.500.00
76	June 14th	No 1033 to 1161.	"	500$ "	64.500.
77	March 5	No 1162 to 1176	"	500$ "	7.500.
		Total			$588,000

There are 98.000 Acres in the District subject to assessment, to pay interest and principal of these Bonds

The owners of the lands so far as we learned are -

Morton C. Fisher of Stockton Cal about 55.000 A.
W. H. Parks or Parks Brothers, Marysville " 15.000
Middleton of New York City "

There are not many other owners, but we did not get their names.

None of the owners live on the lands so far as we could learn

The owners of the bonds refer as we learned are —

David Sinton	— — — —	$200.000
Van W. Mecum	— — — —	50.000
Andrew J. Binney	Engineer Marysville	35.000
Belcher Bros	Attorneys Marysville Cal	22.000
M. C. Fisher	Stockton Cal	153.000
Middleton	New York	22.000
Mrs Schreckell		15.000

Fisher also owns warrants issued by District No 5 to amount of $155.287, as we were informed by his Attorney Vincent Neal; W. H. Parks said there were but $122.000 of these warrants, and that he supposed Fisher reckoned interest to make up the above named sum.

The warrants bear interest at rate of 10 p. c. Fishers Bonds and Warrants are pledged to the Oddfellows Savings Bank of San Francisco, to secure indebtedness incurred by him in the purchase from Maurice Dore of lands. W. H. Parks said Fisher had bought from him 15.000 Acres @ 15$ per Ac, and had paid him $100.000 on same and that he parks held the land as security for the remainder.

We saw — W. H. Parks of Marysville Cal
John W. Ferris " Stockton " Civil Engineer

Andrew J. Binney " Marysville Co Engr
Vincent Neall " San Francisco Atty at law

Ashland Ky 17th December 1878

Messrs Scribner & Co.

743 Broadway New York City.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find P. O. order Seven ($7.00) dollars, renewal for Monthly and St Nicholas beginning January 1879

Very respectfully
John Means

Address
John Means
Ashland
Kentucky.

Ashland Ky. 18th December 1878.

A. A. Low Esq.,
31 Burling Slip New York City,

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th ult was received here, during absence of myself in California. I will subscribe fifty thousand ($5,000) dollars to the Lowrence enterprise, how sorry that I cannot make it more, but do not now see how I can prudently do so. Shall use my influence with A. S. Winslow, to try and induce him to subscribe at least as much. Will you send the paper to which yourself and others have subscribed or shall prepare ~~most~~ a copy for use here? Unless Mr W. can obtain additions in Cinti, I fear we will not secure more in the West.

Very respectfully
Yours
John Mearis

Ashland Ky 18th June 1878

A. S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th ult, and 14th inst, are both before me, and contents noted. I had a very pleasant and entertaining trip to the West, and my friends say that I had gained in flesh, so I suppose if had made a longer visit, should have been a "heavy weight." I have written Mr. A. A. Low that I will now agree to take five thousand ($5000) dollars, in Low mon, "new," if I can see my way clear hereafter will increase them but do not see how can now prudently do so. The furnace is doing finely, and Col P, & Houghton are in fine spirits, having no one to attend to my own matters, when away, am greatly hurried to get things up. Uncle Hugh buried his oldest son yesterday.

All well at home

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky, 18th Decem 1878

Capt W. Hornbuckle

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check on Jos F. Larkin Esq, Cinti O, for Two hundred and fifty ($250.00/100) dolls, on account of new boat—

Please acknowledge

Very respectfully

Johnson Camp

Ashland Ky 18th December 1878

J. C. Merrill Esq. Treas
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

I have received for interest on bond of your town as follows
due 20th May 1878 fifty ($50.00) paid about 5th June last
due 20th Nov " fifty ($50.00) paid " 9th inst.
Which Mr W. C. Richardson thinks I have failed to acknowledge

Very respectfully
M. A. Meaux By
John Meaux Atty in fact.

Ashland Ky. 20th December 1878

James M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst, to John G. Peebler Esqr, has been forwarded to me for reply. Have just returned from a trip to California, made with Mr Sinton, and have been very busy since my return. Having no one to attend to my own business, when absent, matters accumulate on my hands. And last Sunday Uncle Hugh lost his oldest son, who was buried Tuesday. I give you on sheet inclosed herewith, such opinion as I have in the matter of value, thinking it may not be best to give it over my own name. Please remember me to Mrs B. and family

Very respectfully
John Mcaf

There has been no sale of L & B S. RR. Ld. shares for several years of which I have any knowledge as to prices paid. Say in 1873 @ 80 per ¢ or $40.5 per share.
That of Capt Coles Ld, was appraised about $30 per share in 1871 — of John W. Mead Ld in 1876 @ $40.
The shares in other iron Co's hereabouts are selling now at about 1/3 of what they brought there; for instance Belfont Nail Co Sunten, sold at $150 to $160 per $100 and has been sold not long since @ $50 per $100,
So that L & B S. RR, if sold here, would not probably bring more than $10 to $12 per share, (these shares are $50 each) and probably hard to find purchasers here at any price.

Ashland Ky 20th Decem 1898

Capt John Kyle

Dear Sir

The Lord came duly to hand, seems greasy, and as have heard no complaint I take it for granted give satisfaction. Have received no bill for same. Please forward and accept thanks

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky. 26th December 1818

N. K. Moxley M. D.
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Your note of our Mr Adams of 1876 Sept 19th @ 2 years, is past due, and intent @ 10 p.c. 1877 Dec 19 @ 2 years has one years intent @ 8 p.c. due. If not convenient to pay note, please remit for the intent on both notes, and oblige

My respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 28th December 1878)
Messrs Clark Henry & Co,
51 & 53 West Pearl St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my draft on Jos F. Larkin & Co, Eight ($8 00/100) dollars, for Bill 12th inst — The skates give great satisfaction to the boys — With compliments of reason

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 28th December 1898
The Safe Deposit Co of Cincinnati
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my draft on Jas F. Larkin & Co Twenty ($20.00) dollars, renewal for safe

Very respectfully
John Means

Miss Margaret A. Means
in a/c with
John Means

				Interest	
1878			Dr.		
Jany	11	To	Check by Mail	23 25	300 00
July	2	"	Cash at Hanging Rock	3 95	100 00
August	12	"	Check by Mail to New York	" "	250 00
		"	W. S., 4 per ct Bond and prem	38 64	1.010 00
Sept	17	"	Expenses from N.Y. City to Cinti	" 64	27 95
Oct	5	"	L. T. Morse for Fee in suit vs Killgore	1 84	100 00
	22	"	Cash " man to Grayson	" "	1 00
Novem	12	"	W. S., 4 per ct Bond and prem	10 82	1.015 00
Decem	14	"	Draft pd A. N. Bank	70	200 00
				$79 84	$3.003 95
	31	"	Balance		10.356 97
					$13.360 92

			Cr.		
1878 Jany	1	By	Balance per a/c rendered	873 55	$10.919 40
	12	"	Ashland Nat Bank Div	30 93	400 00
Feby	13	"	Interest on R.R. Co. Notes	33 86	480 00
June	5	"	do. " Catlettsburg Bond	2 27	50 00
Sept	13	"	do. " R.R. Co Notes	13 94	586 66
Dec	9	"	do " Catlettsburg Bond	20	50 00
		"		954 76	$12.486 06
	30	"	By difference in interest @ 8 per ct		894 86
					$13.360 92
1878 Dec	31	By	Balance due M.A.M.		$10.356 97

Mrs Mary Ann Adams
in a/c with
John Means

				Interest	
1878 Jany	11	To Check	by Mail	7 75	100 00
Feb	5	" do	" John W. Means	14 40	200 00
April	11	" U.S. 4 per ct	Bonds and premium	116 83	2.03000
	26	" Check		10 84	200 00
August	12	" U.S. 4 per ct	Bond and premium	30 97	1.01000
Sept	17	" Cash	paid expenses N.Y. & Cincin	64	27 95
Sept	24	" Check	by Mail	1 28	60 00
Nov	12	" U.S. 4 per ct	Bonds and prem	10 82	1.01500
Decm	31	" Balance		193 53	11.918 74
					$16.561 69

Cr.

1878 Jany	1	By Balance	per a/c last	930 48	$11.631 01
	11	" Wm Means	Draft on Cincin.	17 55	226 50
	12	" Ashland	Bank Dividend No 11	43 80	560 00
Feby	11	" Interest	on RR. Bonds	29 95	420 00
	13	" do	" " Note	11 26	160 00
April	8	" do	" U.S. Bonds & gold prem	35 04	22697
		" Dividend	of Big Sandy packet Co.		375 00
May	30	" Interest	on Norton Iron W. Bonds	9 33	200 00
July	15	" Dividend	Big Sandy Pkt Co.	9 16	250 00
Aug	12	" Interest	on R.R. Bonds	12 88	420 00
Sept	11	" Cash	in New York	2 41	100 00
	19	" Interest	on U.S. Bonds, gold prem	5 05	225 29
	21	" do.	" RR. Note	4 34	195 54
	30	" Wm Means	Draft on Cincin	7 47	373 90
	23	" Interest	on U.S. 4 per ct	43	20 00
Nov	13	" Dividend	Big Sandy Pkt Co	2 60	250 00
Decm	31	" Difference	in Interest on a/c @ 6 per ct		92 48
				$ 1.121 01	$16.561 69

1879 Jany 1 By Balance due Mrs M. A. 11.418 74

Ashland Ky 4th Jany 1879

Capt V. Shinkle

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my proxy to yourself or Capt H. A. Jones. Please send me statement of condition of the company.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 4th January 1879

I John Means of Ashland Ky. hereby constitute and appoint V. Shinkle and Henry A. Jones or either of them proxy for and in my name, to vote my stock in the Champion Coal and Iron Boat Company at the meeting of stockholders to be held Monday 13th of January 1879, for the election of five directors for the ensuing year and hereby revoke all former proxies.

John Means

Ashland Ky 4th Jany 1879
N. K. Mosley M. D.
Ironton O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd instant, is at hand inclosing check for One hundred and eighty — ($180.00/100) dollars to pay interest on your notes in favor of Mrs Mary A. Adams. Which I credit as follows —

On Note of 1876 Sept 19 @ 2 years $1.000+
Interest from 1877 Decm 10th @ 10 p.c. — $106.38 Credited
On Note of 1877 Decm 10th @ 2 years $1.000+
Interest from date @ 8 p.c. (is $85.10) 73.62 Credited
This leaves $11.48 interest due to 3rd instant unpaid.

Will renew the note due 1878 Sept 19th for one year, interest at 8 p.c.,

Very respectfully
John Means
for Mary A. Adams

1879 Jany 1st - Mary Aime Adams - Balance [illegible]

			Dr.	Cr.
1	1	Capital Stock		97,392 66
2	2	W. S. Bondy	13.000 00	
3	3	R. R. "	10.500 00	
4	8	Norton J. W. Bondy	5.000 00	
5	30	Bills Receivable — R.R. $4.000, O.B. Plan 5.000, N.Y. Mex 2.00	11.000 00	
7	4	National Bank Stock — Second Invt $12.000.00		
"	"	" " " — Manchester 2.500.—		
"	"	" " " — Ashland 14.000	28.500 00	
8	5	Pine Grove Stock	10.000 00	
9	6	Steamboat "	2.500 00	
10	7	Norton Iron Work "	16.000 00	
[illegible]	12	John Meany	11.918 74	
13	24	Wm Meany	5.000 00	
14	27	Hon W. Meany		17.889 88
15	34	Sec N. Bank Invt	39 65	
16	40	Hon Mr Adams	6.250 00	
[illegible]	26	J. L. Anderson Atty (J. T. Davis [illegible])	4.400 00	
[illegible]	25	Covington Real Estate	1.500 00	
21	51	Prof & Loss	4.040	4.160 00
20	61	Interest		6.695 85
[illegible]	70	Expenses	212 30	
18	80	Taxes	392 90	
19	90	Rents		75 00
			126.213 39	126.213 39

1877 Jany 1 Balances in Margaret A. Meany Books.

Page		Dr	Cr.
1	Capital Stock		95.144 12
2	Covington Real Estate	3.000 00	
10	Bills Receivable	22869 46	
20	W. S. Bonds	2.000 00	
15	National Bank Stock Ashland	10.000 00	
16	" " " Second Investor	11.000 00	
17	Norton Iron Works "	16.000 00	
18	Pine Grove " ($10.000 x)	80.000 00	
19	L. & B. R.R. "	20.000 00	
30	John Meany	10.356 97	
36	Wm Meany	5.414 57	
38	See Nat Bank of Investors	144 90	
40	Thos W. Meany		12.081 35
100	Prof & Con		1395 00
110	Expenses	2338 95	
130	Interest		4635 49
126	Taxes	61 11	
		$113.185 96	$113.185 96

Ashland Ky 10th Jany 1879

Thos W. Means Esq
Hanging Rock Ohio.

Dear Father

Your letter of 9th by Mary Jones is at hand, inclosing letter of Scroggin Sawyer Bankers Mt Pulaski Ill. No such draft for $847.15 as they mention has ever been received by me. The draft for $754.80 which you have received will apply to payment as follows, Geo Mantlo

Note due 1878 March 1st $666.50
Interest from 1877 March 1st to 1879 Jany 4th 58.21
" " 1877 March 1st On Note due 1 March 79 30.09
Total $754.80

And will advise him Mantlo to send new remittance to pay note due 1 March 1879

All well

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky, 10th Jany 1879

Mr George Mantle

Mt Pulaski Ill -

Dear Sir

the letter of Messrs Scroggin & Sawyer Bankers of 4th instant is at hand to my father Thos W. Means Hanging Rock Ohio - in which they sent for your draft for $754.80 which has been applied as follows viz -

in payment your note due 1 March 1878	$666.50
Interest on same from 1877 March 1st to Jany 4/79	58.21
Interest on your note due 1 March 1879 - - -	30.09
Total	$754.80

I herewith enclose the paid note - No draft as mentioned by them of Oct the last has been received, and if sent to Maysville Ky as they write it is not probable that it can will be. You can procure new draft, or a duplicate and send to pay note due next March -

Very respectfully

John Means for Thos W. Means

See a memorandum of the [illegible] the credit for payment [illegible] 1879 March 1st 666.50 58.21 Interest on [illegible] due 1 March 78 30.09 754.80

Ashland Ky. 10th Jany 1899

George Mantle Esq
Mt Pulaski Ill.

Dear Sir

the letter of Scroggin & Sawyer Bankers of 4th inst inclosing draft for $754.80 to my father Thomas W. Meany was duly received, and applied to payments on your notes as follows viz,

in payment of your note due 1879 March 1st	$666.50
" " interest from 1879 March 1st to 4th inst on same	58.21
" " " " " " 1st " on note due 1878 March 1st	30.09
Amount of remittance	$754.80

I herewith inclose note due 1st March 1879 paid. No draft as mentioned by them of October last has been received, and if sent to Maysville as they say it is not probable that it ever will be - You can procure a new draft and send to pay the note due 1st March last,

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 10th Jany 1899

N. K. Moxley M. D.
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th inst is at hand inclosing note from of Mary A. Adams dated 3rd inst @ 1 year interest @ 8 p.c. $1.000 & and check balance of interest due — 11.48 in renewal of your note of same amount dated 1876 Sept 19 @ 2 years held by me for her. I shall not be able to get your note from the Bank Vault this evening, and may be from home Monday and for a few days

Very respectfully
John Mears

Ashland Ky. 13th Jany 1879

Robt Clarke Esq

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find Ashland Nat Bank on First Nat Cinti — fifty nine 55/100 ($59.55) dollars, in payment my a/c —

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 13th Jany 1879

John G. Peden Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst, came Saturday P.M. too late to get away, a gorge of ice from above was passing before I could be ready. Had intended to go this morning but the ice is too thick to cross the river — I desire to certify that you do the best that can be done under the circumstances, but sorry that it is, so that I cannot come, but all I could do would only be to confirm now what M & H, advise —

very respectfully
John McCarty

Ashland Ky 18th Jany 1879

N. K. Mosley M. D.
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

herewith please find your note of 19th Sept 1876 - $1.000 @ 2 years paid by renewal from M. A. Adams dated 3rd instant

Very respectfully
John Meany

Patrick McHugh
In a/c with
John Meanf

1897					
Jany	15	To	Cash on a/c	$ 60 00	
March	10	"	Ashland Nat Bank in check	200 00	
April	3	"	Cash on a/c	60 00	
May	22	"	Cash	60 00	
July	31	"	Cash	150 00	
Nov	16	"	Cash	80 00	
Dec	20	"	Cash	30 00	
1898 March	6	"	Cash	80 00	
May	13	"	"	100 00	
Oct	5	"	"	140 00	
Nov	11	"	1 Cow	30 00	
Dec	14	"	Cash of Mrs Meanf	15 00	$1,095 00
	31	"	Balance		184 10
					1,279 10
1899 Jany			By Balance on Settlement		319 10
Dec	31	"	12 Mrs Eunice		480 00
1898 Dec	31	"	12 " "		480 00
					1,279 10
1899 Jany	1		By Balance due P. McH.		$184 10

Ashland Ky. 18th Jany 1899

James Killgore Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th instant is at hand. Your debt to my sister, added to the Amount she must pay to redeem the land is in all some $7.300. or more. If you will be so kind as to pay her this debt, I don't think she will care who owns the land.

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 18th Jany 1879

Capt W. Hamble
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours favor of 15th inst is at hand. Herewith please find N.N. Bank or Merchants Nat'l Cinti — Seventy three hundred and three 65/100 ($ 7.303.65) dollars as requested. If you think best to keep one quarter of the stock I will join you, or if you think best to sell the whole I dont care. So as you think best —

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 20th Jany 1879
Messrs Tweed & Andrews
Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
please send me
by Big Sandy Pkt Co. Steamer
1 Bbl Bro Sugar
and oblige
very respectfully
John Williams

Ashland Ky. 28th Jany 1879

Thos W. Means Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

herewith please find Draft of Wm Dustin Banker Amount Outhundred and four ($104x) dollars, to pay the interest of Ind Dittes two notes due 1 March /79 and 1 March 1880 — He writes that he would like if you would wait on him for the principal of the note due 1 March next, amount ($650.00), until August next. You can answer him or advise me, what to say to him. His Post Office is Mt Pulaski Ill.

All well

Yours &c

John Means

Astl and Ky 29th Jany 79
Fred Dittus Esqr
Mt Pulaski Ill—
Dear Sir
Yours of 18th inst
is at hand inclosing
draft on N.Y. for
One hundred and four—
($104+) dollars in
favor of Thomas W. Means
very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 28th Jany 1879

A. S. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your of 21st is only now before me — Have been at Portsmouth for a week and must return to night The other letter you mention has not come to hand. Have bought all the Iron stock, notes, Ace, &c of the Gaylord Bell, Co — to save our debt, and had to agree to pay some things, so that could get what we did. We shall make a loss, can't tell how much yet. Find letter from Prest Huntington, offers $1.00, per month and we to keep up repairs — Repairs would take all the rent. Have written that we cant entertain any prop without provision for dividing cost of repairs and to hear further from him —

[illegible]

Ashland Ky, 3rd Feby 1879

A. M. Spalding Esq

Greenup Ky,

Dear Sir

Yours of 15th Jany is before me — I have been from home presented my seeing sooner — and paying as requested. On the 27th July 1875 Your father requested me to remit to George (in New York) fifty ($50.00) dollars which I did, on that day. This would leave unpaid on a/c left by you; Forty ($40.00) dollars, for which I herewith inclose my check on Ashland Nat Bank, Which I hope will be satisfactory, Please acknowledge

very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 3rd Feby 1879

S. T. Moore Esq

Dear Sir

Can you say when or what can be gotten out of the note of A. C. Hanley for $1155 &, Business is so poor that this would be very convenient if it can be collected. Am afraid our friend Ferguson is letting the matter go easy —

Yours &c

John Meang

Ashland Ky. 3rd July 1899

Herald & Presbyter

178 Elm St, Cincinnati Ohio-

herewith please find

P.O. order #7230 Two 50/100 ($2.50) dollars for

paper one year - to my address.

03 Stop when time paid for expires.

very respectfully

John Means

Address

John Means

Ashland

Kentucky

Ashland Ky. 3rd July 1899

Dear Father

Please send me statement of amount received in payment for Mantler note — and advise me what you did with it. That is what ago to charge on your books. Have entered the credits on Dittus notes for interest paid. If you want your A.V. Bank Dividend to go to Culbertson M & C — send check for the amount —

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky. 4th Feby 1879

John G. Peebles Esqr
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Tonight I leave for Cinti and expect to be there at least Wednesday and Thursday at the Burnet House. Uncle Hugh and Mr Russell will go with me. Most of the Norton I. W. folks away from here are anxious to run the works, and do not comprehend the situation as to their striking miners; to yield to whose demands as now stated would be to submit the whole business to a union of unknown men. We expect to meet the other directors and such stockholders as may be convenient Thursday. Our miners are working and not showing any signs of striking, but they are assisting to support the Star strikers and we have no doubt that some of them joined in preventing those who wanted to go to work at Star last week. All well,

Yours H

The Sayford Barge of Ore is here and Russell takes it at $5.90 —

Ashland Ky, 4th Nov 1879

James M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa -

Dear Sir

You have no doubt seen that statement in the newspapers that we have bought the Gaylord Rolling Mill &c, — That Company owed us about $30.000 for which we had no security, and to save as much as might be saved, we bought, Iron finished and unfinished, Pig Metal Oil, Mdse in store &c &c - all the personalty we could see - also all Notes and accounts that seemed to be worth anything, We had to assume to pay certain other debts for them to get them - which will ~~leave~~ nearly $8.000 of our own unsettled, provided we can get cost for what we bought and this is more than I hope for -. Sometime since we wrote you of Prof Huntington and the use of our RR track for his Co - At the meeting of our directors held [illegible]

after, it was determined to offer to allow their is the use of our track from Ashland to Nature boundary of our land (about 18 3/10 miles) at $1.500 per month, and prorate for repairs, according to use. Supposing we should have to dicker with Pratt H. — I proposed for this Co. to rent at $1650 00/100 per month, dividing cost repairs. On the 18th ult he writes offering $1.000 per month, and we to keep up repairs; to this we replied 28th ult that our Company could entertain no proposition for a less price than we had named ($1.650 per mo) which did not provide for a division of the cost for repairs, since which have heard nothing. —

Peetler is anxious, if they can arrange with Mr Lewis of your city to go to Portsmouth, to organize a Company to rent and run the Gaylord Mill and thinks if a new organization could start soon, it could hold the trade which is good, and that the new organization could take to advantage of themselves and also for us the unsold stock we have there

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and make a good customer for Coal and Iron. He mentioned good parties that were willing to join him, and wished me to go into it. I do not feel sure that he would go into to it unless I do. In the event of anything of this kind I must call a meeting of our directors as I won't undertake to be both a buyer and seller, I wish you could come to Portsmouth any way and give you advice as to ~~the~~ best clean out our purchasetherm, We are keeping the Store open to close out that stock and to do so had to buy a few groceries and provisions with a few other things. What do you think of the prospect for iron, pig and bar? I go to Cinti to night, will see Winslow and it may be best yet to have a meeting on the R.R.'d lean. If thought advisable could you not go with to New York to see Huntington All well — Remember me to Mrs B —

Very respectfully

Ashland Ky. 4th July 1899

Dr, E. C. Ploen

Inter O.

Dear Sir

I find to day, your bill for work in November last, among some papers in bottom of a drawer — Whether it came in Nov, or lately I cannot tell. Have been from home most of the time since that date — Herewith please find My check on A. N. Bank Six $\frac{50}{100}$ ($6.50) dollars in payment — I suppose either bank in your place will credit without charge to you for collection —

My respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 8th Feby 1879

Thos W. Means
Hanging Rock Ohio,

Dear Father

Your of 5th inst, inclosing
Means Kyle & Co bfcs are at hand —
I have this day deposited to credit of your c/c
in Ashland Nat Bank Sixteen (16)
Interest Coupons of Norton Iron Works each $40x making
Six hundred and forty — ($640x) dollars and
L&PS-RR 2d each Twenty ($20) making
One hundred — ($100x) dollars
The N.I.W. were due 1 Novem last, but were for-
gotten by me, by reason of my California trip.
I saw Maggie yesterday who was very well
also Mr Sinton and family —

Yours &c
John Means

Ashland Ky. 10th Nov 1899

Miss E. J. Smith

160 Jovalemon St, Brooklyn N. Y.

Dear Madam

Yours of 4th inst is at hand, inclosing bill, for which herewith please find Ashland N. Bank ok — Bank of America N. Y. = Four hundred — and eighty seven ($487+) dollars.

We are highly pleased to hear your good report of our daughter.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 10th Feby 1899.

Mrs. S. C. Hildreth

Dresden O.

Dear Sister

Herewith find draft A. N. Bank on First Nat Bank of Cinti O — One hundred and twenty four ($124) dollars — being from Int R R bonds $120.00 and from W.C. 4 per ct 2 ct due 1 October last 2 ct due 1 Jany — 4.00 Please sign and send me receipt. The Rail Road bonds will be due and payable next August, it may be that the Co, will issue new bonds bearing 8 per ct or possibly only 7 per ct, Do you wish to collect the cash for yours or would you like some of the new bonds? I think the security amply good.

We are all well, & hear two or three times a week from our girls, who enjoy their winter at school.

Remember us to Frances and your daughters

Very respectfully

John Meang

Ashland Ky. 10th February 1879.

George Mantle Esq.
Mt Pulaski Ill.

Dear Sir

herewith please find your note in favor of Thos W. Meany $666.50 due 1st March 1878 canceled, paid. I find that I made an error in my calculation of interest in my letter of 10th January last. The statement should be and I now correct as below.

Note due 1 March 1879	Dr.	$ 666.50
Interest from 1 March 1877 to Jany 4th 1879 @ 8 p.c.		101.78
Note due 1 March 1878		666.50
Interest from 1 March 1877 to 4th Jany 79		101.78
		$ 1,536.56
Your credits By drafts remitted	$ 754.80	
" " "	837.15	$ 1,591.95
Balance		$ 55.39

which will be credited on your note coming due 1st March 1880 —

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 12th May 1879

John G. Prather Esq

Dear Sir

Your of 10th inst, is at hand This morning; having been at Hanging Rock yesterday did not see it then. I talked with father about the Bath interprise and he is very averse to my going into it. A considerable part of his business as well as that of my sisters is being run out more than on to me, This and knowing that it would be so, has been my reason in the past for refusing to take greater part in the conduct of the business of this concern. So that I cannot see my way clear to engage in anything further. I shall hold myself in readiness to, meet Bailey and Sims when they come. I must be here Sunday & Wednesday night 18th & 19th Putnam has been sick but now

Ashland Ky. 12th Feby 79

J. G. Patton Esqr—

I have this day deposited to your credit in Ashland Nat Bank amount of your 3 Bills viz

Bill 15th Janry 79 $ 7.80

" 17th " " " 4.00

" 10th Feby " 4.20

Total $16.00

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky, 12th July 1879

A. S. Winslow Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst is at hand and contents noted, I saw and talked with Mr Gaylord as soon as I came home, He left yesterday would stop at Portsmouth to see, men about the finished iron there belonging to us, that he might possibly be able to dispose of some of it while gone - He will go then to Cinti to talk up the coal matter. Putnam has been very sick, but we think is better now —

Yours &c

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 13th Feby 1899

Capt Hinshell

Cinti O. Dear Sir

Yours of 11th at hand addressed to Col Putnam who is sick in bed and has been for some days — We will want to load the boat for the two furnaces here — Mr Russell will be down Sunday night if nothing prevents and go from Cinti to St Louis Monday night. Did you not the last time you was here say to Putnam that you would freight his on this season at 1.90 per ton? I so understood you and him then.

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky. 14th May 1849.

John C. Peebles Esq

Portsmouth O—

Dear Sir

Before the Scioto had gone out of sight, I began to think, that I had done a foolish thing in adding the last $2.500 to the paper memo, handed you; and after sleeping over it am fully of the opinion. I hope you have not shown or told any one, as I think now that while it is doubtful if I should take any stock, and that I should not take more than $5.000 - All the others are interested in Portsmouth enough to warrant them; but with me it is a looking after spilled milk, which is usually time lost. Mills in four or five years business well managed, then may be money, I do not believe the coming year will be much, if any profit. I dont know anything about the business, cannot look after it, and shall not attempt to, and the hope of profit is the only inducement it offers to me, but to all the others it is different. Please inform this more fully on the others —

Putnam still better

Yours &c John Means

Ashland Ky. 15th Nov. 1819

Capt W. Houshell

Dear Sir

Yours of 13th at hand, and I was very glad to receive it, feeling sure that the prime name was your own proposal, and so understanding Col P. had told me he had not looked to any other parties, Fearing you had forgotten I was afraid of a difference when I anxious there should be none. Pat is improving but will not be able to leave home for a week or [illegible] Mr. Russell will arrange for both, and now expects to go down Sunday night - go to St Louis Monday night, See him Monday morning when the boat gets in - Please settle with L. Smith & Stephen as soon as you can and report.

Very respectfully

John Meany

L. T. Morn Reckoning on

1893 July 22	Note at 1 year	bearing interest from date		$ 4000 00
74 April 21	Interest	@ 8 per ct	8 Mos 29 dr	290 00
	Amount			$ 4290 00
		Payment Cash		400 00
	Balance			$ 3,840 00
1895 April 2	Interest	@ 8 per ct	18 Mos 10 days	291 84
	Amount			$ 4,131 84
		Payment Cash		200 00
	Balance			3,931 84
July 8	Interest @ 8		3 Mos 6 dr	83 85
	Amount			4,015 69
		Payment Cash		200 00
	Amount			$ 3,815 69
Nov 10	Interest @ 8		4 Mos 2 ds	101 73
	Amount			$ 3,917 42
		Payment (Wheeler & Bowley Inc)		36 00
	Balance			$ 3,881 42
1896 July 26	Interest @ 8		3 Mos 16 dr	90 06
	Amount			3,971 48
		Payment R. R. order		100 00
	Balance			3,871 48
April 1	Interest @ 8		1 Mo 5 ds	30 96
	Amount			$ 3,902 44
		Payment Cash		300 00
	Balance			$ 3,602 44
Oct 25	Interest @ 8		6 Mos 24 dr	163 28
	Amount			$ 3,765 72
		Payment (B. Fee)		100 00
	Balance			$ 3,665 72
Nov 29	Interest @ 8		1 Mo 4 dr	24 92
	Amount			$ 3,690 44
		Payment Cash		200 00
	Balance			$ 3,490 44
1897 May 1	Interest @ 8 per ct		5 Mos	116 33
	Amount			$ 3,606 77
		Payment (Brittany)		65 00
	Balance	over		$ 3,541 77

1897 May	1	Morrow Note reckoning boot over		$3,541 77
1898 Oct	5	Interest @ 8	1 year 5 Mos 4 dr	404 13
		Amount		$3,945 90
			Payment	255 00
		Balance		$3,690 90
1899 July	15	Interest @ 8		106 26
		Amount	due J. M. – C. & O. B.	3,797 16

Ashland Ky. 17th July 1879.

John G. Peebler Esqr
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your letter of 15th inst are at hand, and I herewith return the form of Attorney expected, for you to settle with Brown, as but you may be able to do. My great object in taking the stock in new organization to be had, will be to encourage others, although it appears to me that, they of your city, should not be too much influenced by my action which might be supposed to look to a good customer for our products here. Kind regards to your family, and would be glad to hear, that Johnie wife had improved in health, but from what I have heard, am much afraid she cannot be permanently

Yours &c

John Mcaard

Rumble has gone to St Louis, will let you both know. Col. Patram is much better, and [illegible] able to get out as soon as we have favorable weather.

Ashland Ky. 17th Feby 1879

Messrs Lincoln Smith & Stephens

Cincinnati Ohio,

Gentlemen

Your favor of 13th inst, is at hand, inclosing account Balance $731.80. I had instructed Capt Hunsell to make settlement with you, and write him to day again to that Effect. You have made more from the claim than I had hoped for, and if legal service is needed again, shall be pleased to place what I have in your hands

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 17th Feby 1899

Capt W. Horsfall

Cinti O-

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst, is at hand Received this morning account from Lincoln S&S- showing Balance due them $731.80 which amount you will please settle with them out of fund in your hands-

All well at home, Putnam still better. I suppose you have seen Russell by this time-

Yours &c

John Meany

Ashland Ky 19th May 1899

Messrs Tweed & Andrews
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

herewith please find my
check for Jos T. Larkin Esq. Nineteen 16/100
($19.16) dollars, in payment of my account.

very respectfully
John Means

Statement of proceeds of Collection by Lincoln Smith & Stephens of C. G. Pearce 3 Notes each $5.000 = $15.000 all dated 1874 August 4th — and belonging one each to Mary A. Adams Margaret A. Means — all secured by — Collaterals viz

15 Shares Champion Coal & Tow Boat Co each $1000 = 15.000

(45 Shares old) = 22½ (new) Cinti. Boats, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Pkts 2.250

Lincoln — Smith & Stephens Dr —

For 3 Notes of C. G. Pearce	$15.000 00	
" Check to pay Costs 7 August 75	286 30	
" Interest	1.995 38	
" W. Horsfall balance in full	731 80	$18,013.48

Cr —

By purchase at public sale, Aug 75		
" 15 Shares, Champion Coal & Tow Boat Co @ 700	$10.500	
" 22½ " Cinti, Portsmouth, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Packet Co. (45 of old) @ 50	1.125 00	
" Costs per Ac (p 299.35 less $10.25)	193 10	
" Fees charged for services Collecting.	825 00	
" W. Horsfall for proceeds of sale of U.S. Mail line Shares 29th Dec 1878	5,370 38	$18,013.48

During the progress of suit in Hamilton County Ohio, these notes were entered and attended to as mine although owned as above stated.

And the entries on my books are made in accordance to this

John Means

Ashland Ky. 30th May 1899.

Capt W. Hourihan
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th instant is at hand with inclosure as stated. I herewith send Certificates of Stock in Cents, Ports, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Pkt Co No 57 ~~transfer~~ assigned by me to Mary A. Means 7½ Shares No 58 assigned by me to Margaret A Means 7½ Shares which please hand to Mr Johnson for transfer on the books of the Company.

Also - Certificate No 34 - Champion Coal & Tow Boat Co - for transfer to Mrs Adams 5 Shares No 35 - C. C & T. B. Co for transfer to Mrs A. Means 5 Shs and authority to you to make transfer on the Books of the Champion Co.

When done send all the new certificates to me here & as I will look after these matters for them -

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 5th March 1879 –

Form of 27th ult came duly to hand –
Have credited – intent payment on notes
favor Thos W. Meant as follows

Note due	1st	March	1879 –	$21.33
do	"	1 "	" 1880 –	21.34
do	"	1 –	– 1881 –	21.34
Totals Sixty four 01/100 dollars				$64.01

John Meant

Peter Amfelt –
Mt Pulaski Ill –

Ashland Ky. 5th March 1879

Capt W. Horsfield
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 1st received yesterday. Herewith please find A. N. Bank draft for two hundred & fifty ($250 ¼) dollars on a/c on new boat. Please acknowledge. Sorry to hear you have been ill. Hope to hear that you are all well again. This is first day I have been to office this week. Also M., has been quite ill for ten days past. We think she is mending now.

Very respectfully
John Mearf

Ashland Ky. 11th March 1879

John A. Pebbles Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 8th inst received yesterday. The first day that I have spent in office for two (2) weeks. I think Allen Means must better now, has been in bed now two (2) weeks, is only able to sit up two or three hours in a day at present Times. I may be able to come down Thursday or Friday. The organization of a new Company must be gotten up in Pond by Portsmouth people. All that they may expect of me is to take stock in it.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky, 12th March 1899

Capt W. Horshell
Cinti O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th inst, came to hand yesterday inclosing Certificate of Stock in name of my sister — Please accept thanks —

Mrs Meane improving slowly.

Hope your family is well again

Very respectfully
John Meane

17 March 9

P. O. Butler Esq

Dear Pierce

Yours of 13th is at hand advising me of your engagement, or rather offer of a position in the West, Am glad to hear that you have found satisfactory situation for yourself. Yet am sorry to think that we cannot now ask you to await the recent near improvement in business, when we had hoped to have you here again, where you and our interests are one - believing that with your attention to business, and capacity to grow up with the increase until you might some day take the position I now hold. With my best wishes am

Yours Truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 18th March 1897

Miss Lily Meany
160 Jerusalem St Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Lily

Yours of 14th instant is at hand. Herewith find draft of A.M. Clark on Bank of America N.Y. city for Two hundred ($200) dollars. Please acknowledge.—

Your mother is much better, sits up and walks about the room a little. I did not wish to alarm you as to her condition, when she was so ill, as I did not think there was any immediate danger, and it would only have caused you concern for her, when it could have done no good.

You did not say how much money to send you—

Affectionately,

Ashland Ky. 18th March 1899

Capt. W. Houshell
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 15th inst came duly to hand. Herewith please find draft for Five hundred ($500.00) dolls as requested. Please acknowledge. The Turnpike lies promise something for you soon. Don't know how far you can depend on getting it. Mrs M improving very slowly.

Most respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 19th March 1899.

John Peters Esq.
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

I hold for my sister, your note dated 1892 Oct 12th at 2 years executed in favor of W. B. S. Hatcher, Amount $969.46 — It would be an accommodation to her if you will pay the interest due on same — Since money matters have been so close we feel disposed to be as easy as ~~[illegible]~~ affairs will permit.

Very respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 19th March 1879
David Williams Esqr
83 Reade St New York City.
Dear Sir
herewith please find.
P.O. order 7323= four 50/100 ($4.50) dollars, for
Iron Age Weekly from 16 March 79 to 12 March 80
very respectfully
John Means

Address
John Means
Ashland
Kentucky

Ashland Ky 19th March 1879
Richard Reed Esqr
Dont know of any
Saler by which could
fix price, ker who
would buy until
better times here.
John Means

Capt John Kyle in a/c with John Meaney

1874 Sept	11	To pd	State & County Tax	for 1874		$ 3 60	
75 Feby	2	"	Town Ashland "	"		4 50	
Novr	30	"	do " & School "	1875		12 60	
Decr	10	"	State & County "	"		3 66	
76 July	10	"	Filling lots of Kyle & Johnson			125 00	
Oct	31	"	State & County Tax	1876	$8.65 / 4.32	12 97	
Novr	7	"	Paving side Walk Kyle & John			40 00	
77 Jany	1	"	Town of Ashland Tax	1876	$8.40 / 4.20	12 60	
Oct	1	"	State & County "	1877	$7.80 / 3.90	11 70	
Decr	31	"	Town Ashland "	"	$4.50 / 2.25	6 75	
78 April	30	"	County pauper "	"	$3.00 / 1.50	4 50	
Decr	31	"	State & County "	1878	$9.00 / 4.50	13 50	
		"	Ashland "	"	3.00 / 4.50	4 50	$255 88

1875		Cr.			
Decr	9	By	Check	$100 00	
77 June	4	"	Jas Morrison & Co's Bill Land 26 May	31 63	
78 Decr	31	"	Charles Davis & Co " " 23 Nov	24 03	$155 66
			To Balance due Jno Kyle		$100 22

Ashland Ky. 24th March 1849

Gen T. Wickes Esq

Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir

Your of — came duly to hand I have been from home quite a time this winter and at home, have been nursing my wife who has been ill for past four (4) weeks, and is not now able to leave her room. Have heard so little that I don't know what is being done at Lewisburg. If you get your freighting done by the R.R. Co, at satisfactory prices, I can not see what difference to you, whether they call a given amount, one ton or one bushel. I do not think though, that there is need to begin to mine and work again until you have nearly exhausted the stock of ore on hand, nor how you can afford to pay interest to carry stock, You have capacity to mine and wash any amount you can profitably sell, as fast as it may be needed

without carrying the stock, with the one $(000) dole per ton borrowed on it at 3 p ct interest.
And if you were to pay to some of those who lent to you [illegible] borrowed it again, it might seem ~~more~~ like more business and cure some of the grumbling. Have you sold any on and how much and at what price? I hear that Sherman & Iron, does not give as good satisfaction as formerly. Do they buy any one of you now? I notice in your ofc "Expense at Furnace", "Build at F" and "Fa formulation", but as I am not heard do not know what they all mean. Mr. Russell proposes to go this week into Va, to find customers along the C & O. RR for nails. He may reach Con about Fri or Sat, and visit Lowmon with you. Give him help to sell nails, and sell him some one, I dont think you had better give him any of the finer "jigger" ore. Show him all, and get him to take only what is sure to do well at the first, and afterwards you may sell anything. I'll go to Cinti this week, to Portsmouth & Frontier next so that I cannot come to see you now. Remember me to Mrs W. and children

Yours &c

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 24th March 1879
John Peters Esq
Ironton O.

Dear Sir

herewith find description of note belonging to my sister Margaret.

Very respectfully
John Meanes

Date 1872 October 12th in favor of W. B. G. Hatcher payable (2) two year after date with interest amount Nine hundred and sixty nine 46/100 ($969.46) dollars.

Payments as follows

1875 March 15th	By interest agreed, paid to	J. W. Meanes	$	145.27
1876 July 12th	By payment	" J. Meanes		100.00

Ashland Ky. 24th March 1879

M. P. Tenkesbury Esq
Portsmouth Ohio,

Dear Sir

Please give me list and values of Lots in your city belonging to my father. You gave me such a list a few years since, but his accounts do not show whether any or what have been sold since.

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 24th March 1879

J. A. Wellman Esq

Please send me One hundred ($100 X) dollars on Note and oblig
Very respectfully
John Means

24th March 9

Hon Samuel McKee

157 West Jefferson St Louisville Ky —

Dear Sir

Your of 20th inst at hand

The stockholders who have attended the meetings, have seen full and complete statements, of the condition of its affairs, Any stockholder can do so at any time. The officers have been ordered at the meetings to send out no statements, Certain suits in the Courts, have made it important for the interest of the Co, (a private Co.) that its affairs be private. We know no reason why exceptions should be made in favor of Mr, Hadens, whose action here to fore has been unfriendly to the Co — and unjust to the writer.

Very respectfully

John Meany Pres

Ashland Ky 26th March 1899

J. A. Wellman Esqr
Cattletsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 25th inst inclosing check on Witten & Davidson for One hundred ($100.00) dollars, in part payment of your note, is at hand Accept thanks.

Very respectfully
John Mann

Ashland Ky. 27th March 1899

Capt W. Horsfield

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check on Jos F. Larkin & Co. One hundred and fifty 00/100 ($150 00/100) dollars; amount which I have collected from A. & B. Turnpike Co. on bonds due to you. The matter you spoke of with Campbell will be forthcoming when you desire. Mrs M. improving slowly.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 37th March 1899

S. G. Kinner Esq Sect

Cattlesburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th instant is at hand, inclosing check for One hundred and fifty ($150.00) dollars, as payment on A. & C. Turnpike Co bonds due Capt W. Horsfall.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 26th. June 1879.

Prof. Edward Orton

Columbus Ohio.

Dear Sir

I have just learned that a Volume of the Ohio Geological Survey has been published containing your conclusions as to that part of your State nearest us. May I ask you to favor me with a copy? If you

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 28th March 1879

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

please send me by Big Sandy

Packet Co Steamer

Alaska and its Resources	by W.H. Dall	8vo
The Great Rebellion, Its secret History	" J.M. Botts	
Two Years in California	" Mary Cone	12mo
Gay Sermons, Addresses and Reviews	" J.H. Hurley	12mo
Bret Hartes Poems		16mo
Father Tom and the Pope, or a night in the Vatican		12mo
Potiphar Papers	by G.W. Curtis	12mo Bd
Esmond	" Thackeray	12mo
Mysteries of Udolpho	" Anne Radcliff	12mo
Tom Jones	" H. Fielding	
Man and Wife	" Wilkie Collins	1st Ed 12mo.

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 31st March 1879

C. P. Huntington Esqr Pres't &c,
Nos 9 Nassau St, New York City.

Dear Sir

in proposal for use of track of 8th Oct last, we did not mention length, supposing you would get that from your own engineers. From some inquiries by Genl St John of our engineer we suppose there may be some uncertainty from the fact that our Western terminus as named was not on but near our lands. The length on which proposal is based, is about eighteen and two tenth (18.2) miles. But what I wish now to call your attention to is, that Mr Carlisle et al of Cinti O. are about putting under contract a line of road from Ashland to and up the Big Sandy River. Are procuring rights of way to and

2/

through the town of Catlettsburg; and unless you have or make, some arrangement with them, or with the owners of property it may be both troublesome and expensive hereafter to obtain separate right.

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 9th April 1879.

George Rentschler

Mt Pulaski Ills.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd instant at hand inclosing draft of New York City for One hundred and twenty nine 10/100 ($129.10) dollars payable to Thomas W. Means, on account of interest due on your notes in his favor. The interest on these notes for one year and one months amounts to One hundred and Thirty eight 33/100 ($138.33) dollars. We have credited as follows, On note dated 1 March 1879 $ 46.07

On note " 1 " 1880 46.08

On " " 1 " 1881 36.95

Total Amount of remittance credited $ 129.10

Very respectfully

John Means for

Thomas W. Means

Ashland Ky, 10th April 1879

J. Pre Ellison Cash

Manchester O.

Dear Pres

herewith please find Certificate of Stock in Manchester Natl Bank No 52 for twenty five shares in name of M. A. Adams for transfer of fifteen (15) shares to Thos M. Adams.

Send Certificate to Thos M. Adams p 15 shares to him at Hanging Rock O.

And for Mary 10 shares to me here.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 10th April 1899

Recevd of Thomas M. Adams one note of the Lexington and Big Sandy Rail Road Eastern Division dated 20th March 1899 payable (6) Six Months after date with interest at eight per ct to the order of Mary S. Adams and indorsed by her to Thos M. Adams, this note for collection; also receive for safe keeping and collection of interest, Fourteen (14) United States Bonds known as (10/40) "Ten forty" Bonds numbered as follows 4439 + 12362 + 14618 + 15800 + 16104 + 16165 + 17839 — 21077 + 22880 + 24905 + 28255 + 29604 + 29806 + 30582 each Five hundred ($500+) dollars; also five (5) Norton Iron Works Bonds of issue 1879, numbered 41 + 42 + 43 + 44 + 46 each One Thousand ($1000+) dollars, also Six (6) Lexington and Big Sandy Rail Road Eastern Division Bonds of issue 1889, numbered 227 + 228 + 229 + 230 + 231 + 232 each five hundred ($500+) dollars, these bonds are now in my box in Safe Deposit Co of Ashland this.

John Means

Ashland Ky 10th April 1889

Thos W. Means

Hanging Rock Ohio.

Dear Father

Herewith find Norton J. W. check for four hundred ($4004) dollars in payment of interest on note, which I surrendered to them this day and have received a new note in your favor dated 1st instant for twenty five hundred ($2500+) dollars. Advise me of how this check is disposed that I may make entries on your books

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky 11th April 1899-
Smith Mitchell & Co-

Gentlemen I have this day deposited to your credit, in Ashland Nat Bank form 10/100 ($4.10) dollars, amount of your bill of 31st ult-

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 11th April 1899-
J. G. Patton & Co
Gentlemen

I this day deposited to your credit in Ashland Nat Bank - for
your Bill of 18th March $7.00
" " " 5th inst 15.18 $22.18

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 12th April 1899

T. N. Johnson Sect
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst came duly to hand inclosing checks viz

favor myself	$1.585.00
" M. A. Adams	325.00
" M. A. Means	75.00

The book for P. & St L. P. Co came to hand last evening, was signed and returned at once to Wharfboat in time for Fleetwood.

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 12th April 1879

E. K. Johnson Esq
Cincinnati O,

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th inst at hand, inclosing check for four hundred and eighty seven $\frac{87}{100}$ ($487 $\frac{87}{100}$) dollars part of Mrs Collings Note.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 12th April 1879
Miss M. A. Means
Hanging Rock O.

Dear May

I have bought for you two (2) Overturned ($1.000+) dollars U.S. 4 per ct bonds —

Hattie Ellis inspiring
Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky. 12th April 1879

Thos M. Adams Esq
Hanging Rock O

Dear Sir

Yours of 11th inst is at hand. I had transfer made and sent by Father this afternoon Certificate No 183 of this date for Seventy (70) Shares in Ashland Nat Bank - And have placed Certificate No 182 this date for Seventy (70) Shares in name of your Brother, in my box in Bank -

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 14th April 1879

Miss E. J. Smith,
166 Joralemon St, Brooklyn N.Y.

Madame

Yours of 10th inst, is at hand with bill inclosed. Herewith please find draft on Bank of America New York City, for Four hundred and Seventy 89/100 ($470 89/100) dollars.

We are pleased to learn your account of our daughters, and hope you have regained your health again.

Very respectfully
John Kean

Ashland Ky. 14th April 1899

Dear Father

Yours of 12th instant is at hand inclosing checks for Eighthundred and fifty ($850 00/100) dollars. Have entered same and also account of the note to J. M. S. Lane.

Hattie still improving

Yours &c

John Means

Ashland Ky 14th April 1879

Messrs Culbertson Meany & Culbertson
Princess Furnace Ky
Gentlemen

please credit account of Thomas W. Meany for payments as follows

Your note favor Hiram Ferguson dated

1876 June 1st @ 1 year		$707.18	
Interest 2 years 10 mos 12 days		121.63	$828.81
Your notes favor S. A. Calvin			
1 dated 1877 Feby 26th @ 1 year		$1.000.00	
Interest @ 8 per ¢	$170.13		
Less payment May 78	80.00	90.13	$1.090.13
1 dated 1877 Sept 1st @ 1 year		$1.100.00	
Interest @ 8 per ¢	$142.27		
Less payment 1 Nov 78	102.66	39.61	$1.139.61
Total payments made 12th April 1879			$3,058.55

Please send me statement of your account and oblige

very respectfully

John Meany for
Thomas W. Meany

Ashland Ky 14th April 1899

A. Aug Low Esqr

31 Burling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

My wife, three daughters and two of my sisters, making six ladies in all, propose a summer trip across the Atlantic, and to spend a few months in Europe, I wish to trouble you to secure passage for them in good steamers. They desire to leave your city on the closing of the Packer School term, which is on or about the Seventeenth (17th) of June next. Advise me what the price for passage will be, and when paid?

I saw A.E. Winslow a few weeks ago and think if your father can get John F. W. to increase his subscription to Lowhurst say fifty or one hundred per cent, that I can prevail on A.S.W. to do the same, and so will I.

A. L. W., rather promised me to write his brother that he and I would increase our if John T. would but as John T. really control the other in this matter I think it might be well for your father to see him, Also Mr John Carlisle of Cinti. O. with others is now contracting for building a narrow gauge Railroad from here to and up the Big Sandy River. And unless the C. & O. people have made or do make some arrangement with him or the owners of property for right of way through Catlettsburg and to this, it may be expensive, and trouble some to get, way hereafter. This is the part of road the C. & O. will need to reach Ashland and Ironton with Iron Ore and coke. Remember me to Mrs Low and Mr Lyman

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 14th April 1879

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd inst came duly to hand; also the vol of Geology of Ohio is now received. Please accept thanks. Hoping that you may sometime visit us again in your

Very respectfully

John Meany

Edward Orton Esq
Columbus O.

Ashland Ky. 18th April 1899

Thomas A. Mack Esq
27 West Third St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

The paper boxes, came to hand Saturday, ie, I saw them then, don't know how long they might have been at Wharfboat.

They are what I wanted, you have not sent me bill of cost.

Mrs M. improving and the boys well,

Col P. and wife go down to night.

Yours &c
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 15th April 1879

J. P. Elkins Cash

Manchester Ohio—

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th instant at hand inclosing Certificate No 69 in name of Mary A. Adams for ten (10) shares in your Bank, My request

John Means for

M. A. Adams

I am not well enough acquainted with the business of your location to advise as to a change in your bank, cannot see where any benefit can be from a change to a private Bank—

J. M.

Ashland Ky. 10th April 1879

D.S. Doggett,

Dear Sir

You have been in my house quite a time without paying much rent and get more and more behind,

I must have the house or the rent, which will you give? Please let me know this week and oblige

Yours &c

John Means.

Ashland Ky. 16th April 1879

Capt W. Hornbell

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I have not heard whether you made any settlement with the Etna Co. or the Iron & Steel Co of Ironton.

If you have made none with Etna, you can now most probably get the full amount or near that from them as they have or are about taking their business out of the Assignees hands. The Iron Steel Co. Col Moore thinks it best to take steps as in foreclosure of a mortgage. Judge Johnson and Anderson are about the only Attorneys in Ironton who are not stockholders or mixed up in some interest with them.

We have seen Col O. F. Moore of Portsmouth, and Johnson & Anderson and engaged them to take charge of our claim (L&BS-RR-Co) and if you have not employed others, think you cannot find better counsel, with whom to place your claim

Very respectfully

John Maang

Ashland Ky, 18th April 1899

Capt W Hornbull.

Dear Sir

I think it would be well for you to stop and see Mr Russell, at your earliest convenience, He is shipping Nails by Wheeling & Pittsburg boats to points below Cinti at better rates than by our boats. Russell can give you points and rates — I have not talked with him, for the reason that I do not know enough about the matter. But I know from Hughes — that at some rates he would give all to our boats. And I think would prefer that his St Louis one should come through you. See Russell yourself and ~~if [illegible]~~ not ~~[illegible]~~ any of the others there. The Clifton passed up about 10 A.M. to day.

Some time ago when I wrote you, about Jack Bailey moving loaded barges of iron and nails before signing bills of lading, Capt T. V. Johnson replied pretty sharply denying and authority to Bailey to sign, yet I notice he continues to do so —

Yours &c

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 19th April 1899.

Mrs Culbertson Meany & Culbertson
Princess Furnace
Gentlemen

I have some trouble in reconciling my a/c with yours and shall be obliged to ask you to render further copies of your a/c, and to save unnecessary copying will go backwards on it. And ask you to send a/c from your last balance ~~[illegible]~~ previous to March 1/1895 $9,162.16 and I may be able to find differ

Yours &c

J.W. Meany
By John Meany

Ashland Ky. 19th April 1899.

John G. Peebles Esqr
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your letter informing me that an agreement had been made as to terms for a lease came duly to hand, since that time I have been daily expecting to be called to stop at your "Hotel", but no call as yet. I hope there has been no hitch in Mr Lewis movements, Next week 23rd and 24th I must spend at Hanging Rock at meeting of Meany Kyle & Co.

Mrs M. still improving, Hope you family are well

Yours &c

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 19th April 1899
John A. McFarland Esqr
Scioteville O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 20 at all came duly to hand, offering to sell me the lots on which the Methodist Church stands, Your lots are at corner of Sixth (6th) Street and Winchester Ave, Do you want Cash down or will you give Time on part?

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky, 23rd April 1899

Acting Low Esq

31 Burling Slip N.Y. city,

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th inst, at hand with plans of steamers — Please engage rooms in the Abyssinia for 18th June in good location, Will not take excursion Tickets as may not return together,

I received letter from A. S. Wenche next day after writing you, He was leaving Cinti for New Orleans and I think on his return, will double his Low Moor subscription.

Very respectfully

John Mead

Ashland Ky. 28th April 1899.

Messrs Culbertson Mears & Culbertson

Yours of 2nd came to hand while I was from home. I herewith sent you check for fifteen hundred ($1.5004) dollars for settlement of the case you mentioned, Will see fitten in a day or ten about the R.R. matter.

Very respectfully

Thos W. Mears

By John Mears.

Ashland Ky. 28th April 1899

Messrs

Messrs [illegible]

Hanging Rock O.

[illegible]

Yours of 25th inst

came duly to hand [illegible] your check

for twenty four hundred ($34.00) dollars,

Dividend note —

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 28th April 1899
Messrs Culbertson Meany & Culbertson
Gentlemen

Sent for landing lot here due by you to Ky. I. C. & M. Co. is unpaid since 1 March 1868
11 Years to 1st March 1899 @ 5 p.m. year $55.00
I have you credited on my on books $170.46 —
The Ky. I. C. & M. Co and the R.R. Co are both owing me. Shall I pay the above sent and balance to R.R. and thus close out that much?

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 29th April 1899
Aug. Lon Esq
31 Burling Slip New York City.
Dear Sir

Your of 25th inst is at hand. Am not familiar enough with steamer cabin to venture to change and will keep the rooms you have chosen. With thanks for your kindness,
Hoping to meet you next week in Va—

Very respectfully
John Kearns

Ashland Ky. 30th April 1819
Dear Will

Can you tell whether you got from father 1870 April 9th Check of Big Sandy Pkt Co. for a Dividend $4 = $4.725.00? It was charged to you, then to James — and from our entry in Meaux & Co's, a/c, I am left in doubt where it should stand — Am trying to get the Primer F. matters in hand and have bothered on this.

All well

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 1st May 1899
Smith Mitchell & Co
Gentlemen
please send the
900 feet Poplar Fencing (20 feet lengths)
150 " 1 x 12"
300 " Small 2 x 4 Rails Poplar —
Leave the Alley by House where Doggett
lived — And Oblige
Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 2nd May 1899

Messrs

Means Kyle & Co

Hanging Rock O.

Gentlemen

please send ~~you~~

statement of your a/c with Wm W. Means

beginning with Bal Feby 8/1899 $ 1.889.39

to " Means 2.226.99

and oblige

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 2nd May 1899

Dear Maggie

I send herewith your list for taxation for this year as of date the 12th of April. To file No 13.

You must take Cash you had on hand that day $

" in Second N. Bank 6.31

add and fill in the total $.

The others I have estimated as follows

for 14 Notes & Bills Receivable $17.869.46

Mr John Means due from 9.826.98

" Wm Means " " 5.414.57 $33,110.80

15 Norton I. Works Stock Watt $5.000,

L&RL RR " " 7.000

Champion Coal & Tow Boat " 2.500 $14.500.00

These values are I think fair estimates

Yours

John Means.

Miss Margaret A. Meany, Books Face of Ledger Wed Balance Sheet Combined

1879 April 12th

Covington Real Estate		3.000 00	
Bills & Notes Receivable			
" J. D. & B. R.R. Ed	$12.000.00		
" Jas Killgore	4.000.00		
" Cattletsburg Bond	1.000.00		
" John Peters	869.46	17.869 46	
U. S. Bonds 4 per Cs		6.000 00	
Ashland National Bank Stock		10.000 00	
Second Ironton " " "		11.000 00	
Norton Iron Works Stock		16.000 00	
Pine Grove "		10.000 00	
Lex & B. R.R. Ed "		20.000 00	
Champion Coal & Sow Boat "		5.000 00	
Big Sandy Packet Co "		750 00	
John Meany		9.826 78	
Wm Meany		5.414 57	
See Nat Bank of Ironton		6 31	
Thomas W. Meany			12.001 35
Capital Stock			102.[illegible] 77
		$114.867 12	$114.[illegible] 12

Margaret A. Meany.
Income from 6th April 1878
to 12th April 1879

Interest

On Cattlesburg Bond	May & Nov	$ 100 00	
" L.&B.S.R.R. Notes		1,074 66	
" Wm Meany a/c		400 00	
" John Meany "		894 86	
" U.S. Bonds		60 00	$2,509 52

Dividends

Ashland Nat Bank	79 Jany & July 78	800 00	
Second " "	78 May & Nov	660 00	
Big Sandy Packet Co.	79 April	75 00	1,535 00
	Total		$4,044 52

Expenses.

To Cash of Wm Meany	78 April 10	200 00	
" of John Meany	July 2	100 00	
" " "	Aug 13	250 00	
" Wm Meany	Sept 13	100 00	
" John Meany	Dec 6	200 00	
" " "	Sept 17	27 95	
" " "	79 March 29	100 00	
" Ashland N. Bank	78 July	400 00	
" Horse	June	150 00	
L. T. Moore	Suit vs Kilgore	101 00	$1,628 95
premium on U.S. Bonds			32 50
Taxes			713 26
	Total		$2,374 71

Ashland Ky. 2nd May 1879

N. Derby Esq
789 Broad St Newark N.J.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th ult is at hand. Herewith please find sample enclosed for clothing for the boys. Harry is 16 and Archie 14 years. Have both grown rapidly since you saw them.

Yrs respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 3rd May 1879

Mrs Mary A. Adams
Hanging Rock Ohio.

Dear Mary

below I send you necessary memo to fill in your Tax duplicate, or assessors list. as of the date of 12th April last—

13—	Cash on hand that day	$	
	" in See Nat Bank " "	29.22	$
14.	Value of all Credits &c		11,699.70
15.	Amount of Money invested in Bonds, stocks		12,500.00

These are I think fair estimates

Yours

John Means

I have estimated as follows—

14. Notes	N. K. Morley	2.000 00	
"	J. T. Davis in suit	4.250 00	
	John Means a/c	5.449 70	$11,699 70
15	Rail Road Bonds	7.500 00	
	Norton Iron Works Stock	2.500 00	
	Cleanspire Coal & Low Boat "	2.500 00	$12.500 00

Mary A. Adams Books
1879 April 17th Balance Sheet

W. S. Bonds			7.000 00
Rail Road Bonds			7.500 00
Notes & Bills Receivable	N. H. Mozley	2.000.00	
	J. S. Andrews Sent J. T. Davis	4.250.00	6.250 00
National Bank Stock	A Shland	7.000.00	
	See Inventory	8.000 +	
	Manchester	1.000 +	16.000 00
Rice Grove	Stock		5.000 00
Steamboat	"		3.250 00
Norton Iron Works	"		8.000 00
Champion	"		5.000 00
Covington Real Estate			1.500 00
John Mears			5.449 70
See Nat Bank Inventory			29 22
Lawsuit			50 00
Thomas M. Adams			65.525 00
Thomas W. Mears			18.207 48
Capital Stock			112.346 44
		$130.553 92	$130.553 92

Mary A. Adams income from 1878 April 6th to 1879 April 6th.

Interest

On U.S. Bonds	$ 817 26	
" Nation Iron Works Bonds	400 00	
" Rail Road "	840 00	
" On Notes & Loss	1,877 17	$ 3,934 43

Dividends

Big Sandy Packet Co. 1878 April, Aug. Nov 875	$ 875 00	
79 April	325 00	
Ashland Nat Bank 78 July, 79 Jany	1,120 00	
Sect " " Trustee 78 May, Nov	720 00	3,040 00
Total		$ 6,974 43

Expenses.

Taxes		$ 744 41
Prem on U.S. Bonds		57 50
Cash of John Means 1878 April 26		200 00
" " Sept 17		27 95
" " " 24		60 00
" " 1879 Jany 10		350 00
" " March 29		200 00
Cash of Ashland N. Bank 1879 July		560 00
" Sec Nat Bank variant date		245 00
" J. L. Anderson Fee vs Davis		50 00
Total		$ 2,494 86

Here not reckoned the interest from the Peana Nat nor the expenses for collecting —

Ashland Ky. 5th May 1899

Dear Bessie

Yours of 1st is at hand. Asking for "some money. It might be important sometimes to say, how much. Herewith I ~~[illegible]~~ send you Three hundred ($300+) dollars C Raisin and bride left Saturday (3rd inst), and Sam Savage 4 arrived Sunday (4th inst), so we are even. We were pleased with Mrs Raisin. Don't know any of the ladies but Nannie H, in the travelling party.

Affectionately

John Means

Ashland Ky. 5th May 1879

A.S. S. Winslow Esqr
Cinti O.

Dear Sir

Your of 12th ult came duly to hand, I was glad to hear that you, would take the trip and hope you have returned greatly improved in condition. I had letters from Aug Low, in which he said he expected to leave N.Y. City 12th inst for Lowmoor, with a party of gentlemen, I suppose some of them who think of joining in the enterprise, Unless something happens to prevent I think to go on and meet them. Can you come up and go with me, the trip always does us both some good, and it is well to look where we are interested. The C. & O. RR. connection will always gain by cultivation as guarantee in this way. I am strongly of opinion that at $15 M rental Hunt Huntington is inclined to take hold of our line. Remember to Mrs. W.

Respectfully, John Mead

Ashland Ky 5th May 1879.

Messrs

Culbertson Mess & Culbertson

Gentlemen

I can arrange to pay you a/c to R.R. for this week — Please send me statement of your indebtedness day to 1st inst, and oblige

Very respectfully

John Means for

F.W. Means

Ashland Ky, 5th May 1879

Geo T. Wickersham

Dear Geo

Yours of 28th ult, came duly to hand. Have not seen the Sugar yet suppose it will be along in a day or two. I now expect to come over next week to meet the N.Y. party. Have not heard from A.P.W. as to whether he will go along.

I must be at home for two weeks after, and hope there may be no postponement. Remember me to Mrs W.

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 5th May 1879

C. E. Potts & Co

Cor 4th & Main Sts Cincinnati O-

Gentlemen

herewith find dollar

with prescription by Dr Bartholow No 20188

17. V. 76- with sixty five (65) cents

for same. Send by Steamer Fleetwood

and oblige you

very respectfully

John Means

Mark-

John Means.

Ashland

Ky.

Ashland Ky. 6th May 1899

John R. Procter Esq

Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

will you be so kind as to send me by express three (3) sets of the publications of the Geological Report of this State; and also two (2) extra copies of Part F. Vol II Second Series on the Geology of Trumbull Carter & Boyle Counties. When in your city I bought with me a few parts of the report, would like to have it in full and to place the others where they may serve the purpose of publication.

I did not forget your request for a "Photo" of the Ashland Furnace, but could find none. Should we have any taken will send you one.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 7th May 1899
Mess Boyd & Hubbert
Louisville Ky
Gentlemen

Yours of 5th inst at hand, and we have forwarded same to the Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co — which has no connection with our Co here —

Very respectfully
John Meanley

Ashland Ky. 9th May 1899

Messrs Culbertson Meany & Culbertson
Gentlemen

herewith please find receipt for One thousand ($2,000 +) dollars paid to the Bk. Ed. on your account. Your statement to 1st inst differing from your letter of 7th ult and their a/c. Have paid this own sum and asked them to render your statement. Or my a/c as above. I wished statement of all your indebt edness to whom and when due and payable —

Very respectfully
Thomas W. Meany
for John Meany

Ashland Ky. 14th May 1864

Genl J. M. St John
Richmond Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of
came duly to hand. and was
given to our engineer Mr.
Hilton for reply. He is
assisting the engineer of
the Lexington Big Sandy
Road and their may
delay his reply for
a time. Said he would
attend to it as soon he
could finish the work he
was engaged in —

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 10th May 1899

Dear Maggie

I bought the Killgore land to day for you at forty seven hundred & Nine twenty ($4.920/-) dollars —

Sign the bonds herewith inclosed, sign your name above mine, and address them to John F. Hager Esq Ashland —

I leave for Southern Monday morning to be gone all week —

Yours &c

John Meanly

Ashland Ky. 3rd May 1879

Genl

J. M. St John

Richmond Va

Dear Sir

I sent you yesterday parts of the published report of Geological Survey of this State: All I could obtain. Had hoped to send you the complete report, but only have these pamphlets from Mr Proctor.

Very respectfully

John Means.

Ashland Ky, 24th May 1899

Jas C. Lewis Pres
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check as requested for One thousand ($2.0004) dolls.

Expect to come down Monday next —

very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 24th May 1839
Homer A. Mack Esq.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find Mem from Missas L Pauge and O Wilson, for orders; so you can make yourself useful according to promise made Miss Sue.

Herewith I send clipping from Frontier Register in which you see he proves this we can't make Iron with our Coal. All well

Yours

John Meany

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Ashland Ky. 24th May 1879
Messrs Meaux Kyle & Co
Hanging Rock O.
Gentlemen
Your favor
of 23rd inst is at hand,
inclosing check on Cinti for
four hundred ($400.00) dollars
for Thos M., and M. A. Adams.
also statement of your a/c
with Thos W. Meaux.
Very respectfully
John Meaux

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Ashland Ky. 29th May 1889
Hon E. C. Pinster
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

after thanking you for your courtesy in sending speeches of yourself Carlisle, and Conkling, I wish to ask still more from.

My wife three daughters and two sisters propose to make a short trip to Europe, sailing about the middle of June and I believe it is required by some countries they may visit to have passports. And I must ask you to procure them for me. I suppose there will be some charges or clerks fee. Please pay and advise me and I will remit. The names for which passports are as follows —

Mrs Harriet E. Meany
Miss Eliza J. Meany
" Lilian "
" Rosalie "
Mrs Mary A. Adams
Miss Margaret A. Meany

We expect to leave here about the 8th prox, so send them to me, to

No 160 Joralemon St
Brooklyn
N. Y.

my respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 29th May 1879

Dear George

Your of 25th inst at hand. I am under that Mrs M. may be near our daughter we shall stop at the Pierrepoint House in Brooklyn. Aug how recommends it as a good Hotel. Expect to leave here on 8th first and can remain until about 20th - don't fix your meeting for either 17th or 18th as we shall be engaged for both days - Regards to Mrs W -

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 29th May 1879
J. Stoddard Johnson Esq Pres
Dear Sir

Your esteemed
favor of 22nd is at hand.
We should be much
pleased to have the
Ky Press Association hold
their meeting of 1880 in
this place, and will try
to give you hearty welcome.
I must be in N.Y. City at
the time of your meeting in
Bowling Green, or it would
be very agreeable to me,
to accept your polite invita-
tion to be present.

Most respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 2nd June 1879

A. S. Winslow Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 29th ult came duly to hand. I am glad to hear you are feeling so well after the trip to Va. and hope you may repeat it again this Summer. I do not think we need meeting of our directors now. I expect to leave here, Monday 9th inst for Brooklyn via Cinti, with Mrs Meaux and to stay until about 19th or 20th. Shall be engaged 17th & 18th with Mrs M and daughters. Have written Geo Wick who will meet me in N.Y. City

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 2nd June 1829.

R. Matthews Esqr

Inventor O-

Dear Sir

herewith please find Mr Mr Signature.

We expect to leave here on Monday 9th instant.

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky, 2nd June 1839
T. C. Baylen Esqr
Grayson Ky
Dear Sir
Yours of 29th ult
is at hand, Herewith
please find two (2 ff) dollars
to pay for Canvass —
Much obliged for your
kindness, did not know
that the Canvass had been
lost
Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 3rd June 1879
E. McMillan Esq Supt
Ironton O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 2 inst
is at hand - I cannot now say
when will bid on Mr. Carlisle
Rail contract - nor whether
any arrangements or reasons
by you can be made -
Shall be glad to turn
any work to your mills.
The subscriptions are payable
when road is completed.

Very respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 3rd June 1899.

Dear Sister

I have received from Hon E. O. Phinton four for presents If you could come up tomorrow Wednesday could have them all fitted up here. They need to be sworn to before a Notary Public and we could do for you and Hattie - Are very busy hope father is still better

Yours

John Mead

To Mary Mallagyre

Ashland Ky. 5th June 1879.

Hon E. C. Phister

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favors of 31st ult. are at hand, also the blanks, from State Dept. After thanking you for your promptness, and complimenting you for your skill in deciphering my writing (the address is No 160 Joralemon St. Brooklyn N.Y. as you have it) I herewith inclose Affidavits by Mrs Meang our daughters are under age; also affidavits of My Sisters. Have seen Mr. Riggs and said to her that we did not desire to inconvenience her and the heirs, but were anxious to close up our matters with them, that we would not move press sales of Lands until the Court of Appeals has acted finally in the matter, but that she must hurry up her side of the case. Delay is expensive for her, the interest is accumulating & there is no income or appreciation to the estate. I feel very sorry for her and her daughter, that the condition of the estate is so bad.

With Thanks for your kindness am

most respectfully yours

John Meang

I leave here on the 9th inst, and expect to reach Brooklyn by the 12th or 13th inst.

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As our daughters are under age and can be included under passport for their Mother I do not send description of them, and moreover they can if necessary get passports from representative of this County abroad. If the names are needed they are as follows
Eliza J. Meany
Lilian "
Rosalie "
my wife Harriet E.

Address
No 160 Joralemon St
Brooklyn
N. Y.

Ashland Ky 6th June 1819

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 31st ult came duly to hand, with statement of a/c Cinti House, and your check for three hundred and seventy six 88/100 ($376 88/100) dollars. I expect to leave home next week for N. Y. city, to return in about two (2) weeks. On my return would be pleased to have you visit me, and we can go to see the W. Va. Lands, Jack Oaks, Carter Caves, and other natural curiosities in this region. For some ten or twelve days past I have been engaged in maturing a Carbuncle on one of my shoulders; I have taken a decided interest in the matter, and gave it my whole mind, so that I cannot now see that I shall desire to investigate the same subject another time. Hoping to hear of Mrs. continued improvement in health, with my kindest wishes to yourself and family am

most truly

Your Thomas W. Meaux
By John Meaux

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Ashland Ky. 6th June 1899

Dear George

Yours of 4th inst is at hand. Hattie has entirely recovered her health again, and we propose Monday night 9th inst, to leave for N.Y. city. To be present at the closing of the girls school; After which, with my sisters, she and our girls sail for Europe to spend the summer. Much obliged for your kind invitation, but we will not have time, now to take Marietta in our way East. The boys remain with me. Cooke and myself go to N.Y. to see them off.

Very truly yours

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 6th June 79
Dear Sir
when writing yesterday
I was so intent on getting
off the the papers, at the
earliest moment that I
entirely forgot the best part.
and herewith inclose
Ash Bank on N.Y. City
fifteen (15K) dollars
my respectfully
John Meany

To E. C. Phister

Ashland Ky 30th June 1879
Miss E. J. Smith,
160 Joralemon St, Brooklyn N.Y.
Madam

Herewith please find draft of A. N. Bank on Bank of America N.Y. City Twenty six 60/100 ($26.60/100) dollars in payment your bill of 17th inst.

Received telegram to day of safe arrival of my family in Liverpool.

Very respectfully
John McCarty

Ashland Ky, 3rd July 1879.
Douglas Putnam Esq Sect of
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 26th ult, is at hand, informing me that your Board have elected me as one of their number.

I feel honored thereby and will accept the appointment.

Very respectfully
Yours
John Meany

Ashland Ky 5th July, 1899
A. S. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult came duly to hand, As I kept no copy of the Lowmoor Subscription Cert handed you, please recall it to me. The new bonds are to bear 7 per ct. Do you mean that Sinton will exchange at par? Mr. Gaylord will be down next week say Tuesday or Wednesday and see you about the bonds I think if we can sell at par that it would be well to see 15 or 20 m, now, which could be used to pay some notes on which we pay 8 per ct. Then 4th war new hot,

Have telegram from Liverpool 28th
"Unread Safely" —
I think when we were
here in April and ordered
the new bonds, that we thought
to issue them to old holders
(Old and Eastern Stockholders) Ed
as to pay 8 per ct which would
be about 90 or 92 per ct
If the Eastern will take at
new and you can sell 20 m at par
I suppose all the stockholders
would do I cause under it may
be Brother Evers —
I would for what I control if
all others do — Spen and other
Sr, can determine what is but
to do when the you down —

Very respectfully
John Mckeen

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Ashland Ky 7th July 1879
Thomas M. Adams Esq
Twin Lakes P.O. Fla.

Dear Tom

Yours of 25th ult came duly to hand, soon after our return from New York city. We saw the party sail from the Cunard Dock in Steamer Abyssinia Wednesday 18th ult, they were all in good spirits and anticipating a pleasant trip. Your mother looked a little paler than usual I suppose from loss of blood in the operation on her neck by Dr. Hammond but she was not much weaker, and seemed

quite as cheerful as any of the party. After she determined to have the tumor removed I think she felt less concerned about it than the rest of us did. Dr H. assured all of us, that there would be no danger, and that she might make the trip without inconvenience. I must say though that I felt right glad to hear they were all well when the telegram came.

Next week we should have letters from them. The wind had been off the shore for two or three days before they sailed, which my friends said would insure them a good offing or test

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or three days smooth sailing at the start so they might get a little used to the situation, before danger from Seasickness. Father, Cooke, and myself remained in Brooklyn until the 24th and then came by way of Lincoln, where he had a day to spend with Mr Linton and Capt Kyle. The Scarbunda on his shoulder was about well when we left N.Y. He went to see Dr H. about the deafness which has been coming on him for a year or more. After examination the Dr pulled a wad of cotton from one ear. This had gotten in quite out of sight and unknown to

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father and Dr said was all the trouble — He laughed considerably at father for going all the way from Ohio to N.Y. to get the cotton out of his ears.

Father will spend most of his time with me this summer. He is at Hancock now having the roof of his house repaired and painted, and then will come up here. Uncle Hugh and Charly had gone before your letter came. Amanda, Lizzie & Eva to Excelsior Springs in Lewis Co; and Uncle expected to leave there to day with Charly and go to St Paul via the Lakes to Duluth; and thought they might be gone one or two months. There has not been much change in Quincy matters since you left

5.

Pig Iron remains about the same. The Nail men have established an advance of .10¢ per Keg, and I think will be able to hold it. If they do I think the Norton Iron, can show a small profit. The steamboats are doing a fair business, the Packet Co. have contracted for a new boat for the Rostonai machinery. The Ashland N. Bank made no July dividend, the premium lost on N.B. Bonds taking nearly all the profit for the 6 months past. We expect to issue a new seven (7) per cent bond, and sell to take up our 8 per ¢ bonds by the R.R. Co. The new mortgage will be for only $300.000 ¢ while the present is for $500.000 ¢ and the Co. has purchased considerable property since the first war made, which will be included in the new. So that the new

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will be doubly as safe as the old. All now out (only $145.000) are in the hands of stock holders, excepting Mr. Sinton your Mother and yourself. There seems to be a good prospect that the C & O. R.R. people will build to Ashland and use our track as far as it goes, This rental will be like so much found or clear gain to our Co. The work on Carlisle road up the Big Sandy is going along, The Ohio River has been very low all sidewheelers laid up. Cooke & Harry will go out into the Rowan Co. Mountains this week, with Mr Richeson. Campbell is at home - Patterson & wife go to Michigan in a day or [illegible] - Yours

John Means

ors to complete the Road; that his interest in the O.&D. R.R. necessitates the completion of the Big Sandy. There are some strong ones in the enterprize with him.

I think it would be better to have the Groom shares sold here; that there would be competition for same.

Very respectfully
John Kennedy

Ashland Ky 8th July 1879

W. M. Beckner Esqr
Winchester Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th ult is found after an absence from home. I will give 35 p.c. for the Groom stock. Owing to absence of some of the directors in Eng. I C.&M. Co. have had no meeting. As soon as we do I think they will authorize me to send the release, and that there will be no reference to a Commissioner. I lean good paper for the Big Sandy R.R. and more faith in Mr Kennedy ington than some of your neighbors have. Believe he is in earnest in [illegible]

Ashland Ky. 8th July 1899
Robert Clarke & Co,
65 West Fourth St. Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find check on Jos F. Larkin & Co
Eighteen 23/100 ($18.23) Dollars
in payment of my account
very respectfully
John Mears

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Ashland Ky 12th July 1899

Geo T. Wicker Esqr

Covington Va

Dear George

Yours of 11th at hand this morning, and answered "Can't come" I do not now think I can leave here until after about the first of August. There are some public sales time fixed, and other matters which I must attend to at stated times, that prevent my leaving. It will be necessary to have the interest reckoned and amount due to each person shown on the loans of 16 $ per share as A. S. W. has not paid by 3 $ — old much as the others, and the payments made by the others were not all made at same time. I think you have a statement of the certificates of indebtedness which show dates and amounts of payments.

I don't think it best to make any entries on the old or new books of their until there be a meeting of directors, to order it; but it will be well to have the reckoning, for each account made. The weather is very warm. Mercury @ 95° yesterday. I would like very much to be where it is cooler than here.

Remember me to Mrs W—

My respectfully

Yours

John Mears

My family Arrived safely in Liverpool 28th ulto

Ashland Ky 12th July 1899
T. N. Johnson Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst at hand; inclosing your check for four hundred and ninety $\frac{35}{100}$ ($495 $\frac{35}{100}$) dollars, on age of McCullough Chas note. Unless Capt Howell has promised Capt otherwise I would prefer payment of his note

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 19th July 1879

Hon L. T. Moore

Dear Sir

I learn that the Hardy Farm is to be sold the 19th inst. Please see that it is made to bring amount of my debt. I don't know where it is to be sold now, whether I can attend the sale.

I joined on security on two sale bonds with Margaret Friend 25th March 78

at 6 mos $344.24

" 12 " 344.25 $688.47

payable to R. L. Callihan. I understood there was some objection to confirming the sale, and did not pay the bonds when due. See if it is all right as the bonds bear 10 per cent which I don't wish to pay long

Yours &c

John Meaux

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Ashland Ky. 12th July 1879 –

A. S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O –

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand, and contents noted. Last Thursday I met Mr P. Huntington on his way to California. He first wanted to know if we would build our road to Thirty Mt Savage line; to this I answered that Sir he had asked us to bid on building to our Watson Limits of land owned by us, that our bid had not considered any other project, and would hardly now like to undertake more. He then came back to his offer of One thousand per month and argued that it was as much as he could pay, and would be like that much found to us, and would pay us well &c, &c, I answered that I thought our offer of $1,500 per month low enough, and a good one to him, and would be equitable for both Companies. He urged his case and insisted that I have the matter before our directors again, I sometime during this month and to let him hear their conclusion. That he will return from California about 1st Sept next, and then expects to push his work so as to have his road ready for business by winter 1880 & 81 –
I will write Bailey to day – Peebler has gone to St Louis, and I would like to have a meeting as soon as may be convenient to all either here, at Portsmouth or Cincinnati – as we may agree

Very respectfully John Mellen

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Ashland Ky 12th July 1879

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

On 9th inst at his request I met C. P. Huntington on steamer and went part way down river with him. At first he wished to know if our Co would build, to his line at a near Mt Savage Tunnel, and rent them use of our track thence to Ashland, his Co, to build from Ashland to Castlebury. Then this we answered that since he had asked us to build to our mutual limit on Williams creek, we had not considered anything else, and that now I thought our Co would hardly undertake more. Then he came back to his offer of $1.000 per month (of which I wrote you 4 Feb last) and argued that it was as much as he could afford to pay, that it would be like that much found to us, would pay us well, and [illegible] for quantity. We answered that our offer was low, but would say $1.500 per month, which would be very low to him, as we thought and equitable for both Cos. He argued his case strongly and insisted that I bring the matter before our Co again, during this month and advise him of their conclusion. He expects to put his forces to work about 1st Sept next, and have his road ready for work winter of 1880 & 81. — Would it suit you to come here — to Portsmouth or Cin'ti say between 15th and 25th inst — name place and which days — so that I may call by wire if and suit the others have written Winslow to day. Regards to Mrs B.

Yours truly John Mahon

my respectfully [illegible]
Pres Co [illegible]

more miles, unless they could sell it to us. And I think it would be better for us to own it; and that it would insure our renting to his Co until he did build. If we dont do this [illegible], and he dont use our track [illegible] purposed. We would [illegible] build to his line hereafter and have nothing as rents to compensate us. That therefore it is greatly to our interest to contract with him now. I would be glad to have you come for I think all of our people do not appreciate the importance as you do. Putnam is in Michigan and cant meet us Ice Cinti. My family were in Scotland 4 [illegible] and will [illegible]

Yours truly John Meaux

Ashland Ky 18th July 1879

James M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Your fare of 16th at hand and I appoint Wednesday next 23rd inst at Burnet House Cinti as day for meeting. I think if possible for you to come that it is best. That Huntington will hardly come to the exact price I am authorized to offer. I believe if we would make him a proposal to meet him near Mt Sauge Furnace that we can do much better than if he has to build part, as in the event, which is probable, that his Co builds in 10 or 12 years, on their other line, not less than 8.32 Miles shorter than via Our road and Ashland his Co would abandon some 4 or

Ashland Ky. 18th July 1839

A. L. Winslow Esq.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th is just at hand, also one from Mr Bailey; saw Peebles yesterday. You he (P.) and myself control nearly all our bonds about $95.00 — He and I agreed yesterday that if you would do so, we would take the new ones at par in exchange, same as Mr Sinton, And if the few remaining holders wont do so we will pay them and have no trouble to place them at par when we desire. Mr Bailey names Wednesday next 2nd inst, at "Burnet House" for meeting and I so advise the other Directors. I saw Carl Echols yesterday on the subject, and am afraid Mr Huntington cannot be brought to our terms as proposed. I believe we should make two propositions, one as the last, on such terms as we may think best; and another to build to his Mt Savage line, and that we can get better Contract for this. We would have to build about 4 to 4¼ miles more than as we proposed to him, If his Co builds as is probable in 10 or 12 years on the shorter line, not less than 8.32 miles than bin Ashland, He would have this 4± miles of road to abandon or sell or leave to us. If he did not build to us but takes his shorter line, it is probable that before the ten years is out we would build to his line, for our own benefit, and have nothing as rental to compensate us

and in the 10 or 12 years we might get back from him in rent the whole cost of our new road. Hewigh named a term for lease say of not less than 10 or 12 years and then if either Co desired to terminate the arrangement they to give one year notice. I think you appreciate fully the importance of this connection to our Co — and want you to weigh it over by the time we must. Least you learn from some of your RR — friends what prices they think we can afford to pay and what we can afford to take. I feel that it will be good for us to contract even if there be little or no profit at first or only cover cost — Putnam will not be with us

Yours truly

John Meant

Ashland Ky 18th July 1899

John C. Peebler Esq

Portsmouth Ohio

Dear Sir

I have letters to day from Winslow & Bailey, B. name Wednesday 23rd inst Burnet Hr Circle for meeting and I will call meeting for that day & place. The more I think of it, the more I believe we should build to the Net Earnings line. I believe that we can get more than cost of the addition in rents in 10 or 12 years; and that if we do not contract now that before the 10 years are out we should find it to our interest to build, and that besides we would have another coal interest on the other line then to contend with — Yours &c John Mears

Ashland Ky 18th July 1879

Genl John Echols

Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

I have given notice for meeting of directors of our Co, at Burnet House Cinti O. Wednesday 23rd inst. If convenient for you to be there at that time, it might be of some advantage to your company.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 18th July 1899

Mess Damain & Co

Portsmouth O

Gentlemen

Herewith please find check on N. N. Bank Fivehundred and twenty 25/100 ($520.25/100) dollars, which Culbertson Means & Culbertson have requested me to pay you.

Very respectfully

John Means for

Thos W. Means

Ashland Ky 18th July 1899
Hon W. H. Wadsworth
Maysville Ky.
Dear Sir
at request of
Colbertson Meany & Colbertson as
hereinafter send you check
on A. N. Bank - Twohundred
and fifty ($250.00) dollars
for their credit -
Very respectfully
Thos W. Meany
By John Meany

Ashland Ky 18th July 1899

Messrs Lambert & Gordon

Ironton O—

Gentlemen

we are requested by

Colbertson Means & Colbertson

to remit to you Sixty seven 28/100

($67.28) dollars, herewith find

on check A. N. Bank—

very respectfully

Thos W. Means

By John Means

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Ashland Ky, 18th July 1879.

A. Aug Low Esqr
31 Burling Slip. New York City

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 11th instant is at hand. The kind offer of your father to charge on account for advance for one, I shall be glad to accept for the installment of 10 p.c. on new stock. In accordance with the order of the Board of Directors at meeting 24th June last. I herewith inclose certificate of stock No 3 — for seven hundred and forty (740) shares; also Certificates of indebtedness due me by Yourself from Co of Va

No 1	1873	August 7th		$3.700
" 6	"	Oct 30th	Interest at 8 p.c.	740
" 7	"	Nov 6th		740
" 11	"	Decem 8		740
" 14	1874	Jany 10		740
" 16		Feby 4		740
" 20		April 13th		740
" 25		Oct 22nd		740

No 31	1875	August 30th	Interest at 6 p.c.	$740
" 33	"	Sept 15 "		1.740
" 36	"	Nov 22 "		740

Total 11 Certs Ind — Amounting to $11.840.00 I find after thinking over the matter, that it will be necessary to reckon the interest on All Certificates.

of indebtedness and make it enter into the calculation for prorating the share of stock, and that the reckoning which we made when in your city must be revised. All the old stockholders did not advance equally on their indebtedness and that makes a reckoning of this intent necessary.

My family are well and in Scotland 4th inst —

My respectfully

John Meant

25 Oct 22nd 1840

Ashland Ky 13th July 1899
Cultivation Means & Cultivation
Princess Furnace
Gentlemen

please credit my a/c
for amounts paid for you viz

July 1st	Plummer & Gray	draft of 6th May	$1.000 x
3	Damaine & Co	" " 1 March	979.45
	Check for John Blanche (to W.W.C)		1.200.00
7	Discount on $500 draft @ 4 mos		136.66
18	Damaine & Co	A/c	520.97
	W. H. Wadsworth	"	250.00
	Lambert & Gordon	"	67.28

Will send you check for
Joseph Mack in a few days
very respectfully
Hfor W. Means
By John Means

Ashland Ky 22 July 1839
George St. Jones
Sir
this is to notify
you that I want possession
of my house occupied
by you. I have been trying
to see you for sometime
and left word with your
wife; but you seem to
avoid me. You have not
paid and dont try to
pay; leave word with your
wife or come and tell
me how soon you will
leave
Yours &c
John Meaux

Ashland Ky 26th July 1899

James Kilgore Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 24th inst
rec'd to day, (have been from home)
I suppose of course my sister
will lean to pay the Tax —
Can't say until I hear from
her about renting the place
Please ask the Collector to
send me word what the
Amount of the R.R. Tax is —

Very respectfully
John Leany

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has been some little stir in the Corn market, and
an advance of 1$ to $1.00 per ton has been established
which we think will hold. The bar men had a
meeting and fixed their selling rate a 1.90 card
which equal to 3$ to 4$ advance. Some pretty large
sales have been made, but we have held off
only filling order to regular customers. There are
inquiries made everyday of us and continued
pressure to sell at present prices for future delivery
which we most respectfully decline to do. Platnam
and wife have been from home up about Machinac
for some weeks. My family were in London 11th inst, and
I suppose are now in Holland; were all very well.
Mr Adams had quite recovered from the operation on
her throat and was enjoying the trip as much
as any of the party. Harry and Cooke are out
in the mountains of Rowan County, and write me
they are well and enjoying themselves. Fern and
myself are the home part of the family. I hope
you and Mr W. are not suffering so much from
hot weather as we do — Mer at 95° & 96 several times

Very respectfully
John Means

1 1st August 79

Check for two hundred and fifty $(250 x) dollars
Received in account of Hunsbill debt
Frankfort Bonds — I was promised
this much 8 or 9 months ago —
You are authorized by myself to pay
as fast as you may. Hope to hear
from you again soon
Very respectfully
John Meant

S. G. Kenner Sect
Catlettsburg Ky.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 29 ult is a
hand; too late for answer as requested
I give you herewith my views
for what they are worth,

very respectfully

John Mearns

There was been in the month
of June an advance in prices
of pig iron of one and one
half to two dollars, July is
usually a dull month; and
it is probable that this advance
will be maintained; but I
can see no reason to expect
that much greater advance can
be made. Higher prices will
bring in foreign iron, as well
as put ~~them~~ idle furnaces at work
in this country. In European
market iron is declining in
prices. The advance made
only corresponds to the general
improvement in business.
Large exports of grain and
other productions, and expor-
ted economy have made our
country [illegible]

Ashland Ky 1st Aug 1829
James C. Lewis Esq Pres't
Portsmouth O—

Dear Sir
Summitte please
find my check on A. N. Bank
fifteen hundred ($1.500) dolls
to payment second instant
20 p.c. for John Meaux $1.000—
" J. C. Lewis 500—
my respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 2nd August 1819

Samuel Hazlett Esq

Washington Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th ult is at hand — Am not advised as to value of the land nor probabilities of sale. I think it will be well for us to join in buying, if it does not sell for more than will pay our claims. If I do not attend at the sale — L. T. Moore will be there to represent me. Will advise him what I have written to you

very respectfully

John Meaux

Ts (Aug 7

C. P. Huntington Esqr
San Francisco Cal
Dear Sir
Herewith find offer of Ag. I. C. & Pr. Co
as to right of way and depot grounds.
We mailed to you on 29th ult, proposal
of L. & B. I. RR. CO. I forward that the directors
of the RR Co would still prefer to build to
Grayson on the Stinson line.
Very respectfully
John Meany

2nd Aug 9

Chas Mitchell Esqr
No 96 Diamond St Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of 31st at hand.

The last sale that I know of was about six (6) years ago at .80 p.c. of par value.

Very respectfully
John Means

Vd Aug 9

Wm Meand Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Will

Your favor of 31st inst is at hand. The sale leaves all partners bound for the debts of the Co and of course father will have them to pay. The purchase of the Rankin and Shepard lots, [illegible] to save liens for cash loaned some years since, and takes no money. The Ashland drilling is in the name of our sister, and cannot be sold by her husband. On the 31st, father bought all the personal property and now has all that pertains to "the Princess". My family left London 15th, for Holland, and were all well. Harry and Cooke are home again after a trip of some weeks to Rowan Co. both quite well.

Very truly yours

John Meand

Ashland Ky, 8 Aug 1899

Capt Wm. Culbertson
Paris Tennessee Ky

Dear Sir

please send me statement of indebtedness at Fair liabilities and assets.
Rent pts should be taken in my name for all payments after 31st ult. So that can be exhibited in satisfaction for the bonds I have executed for the purchase — 28th & 31st ult. —

My respectfully
Thos W. Meacham
By John

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Ashland Ky. 5th August 1879

Mrs. S. C. Hildreth
Dresden Ohio.

Dear Sister

Herewith please find Ashland Nat Bank draft No 13034 on First Nat Bank Cincinnati O. Oil hundred and twenty four ($124.00) dollars — being for 6 Coupons L&B.S. RR. Co. due 1 inst ea 20 $ $120.00
" 4 " W.S. 4 pcs due 1 April & July 1 ea 4.00

The Six (6) RR. bonds in my hands for you were due and payable 1st inst each $50.00 — and I have taken for you and now hold three (3) L.&B.S. RR. Co. Bonds dated 1st August 1879 payable 1 August 1889 with interest at seven (7) per ct, payable 1st Feby and August each year Nos 109 & 110 & 111 — according to your letter of 15th Feby last — All of which I hope will prove satisfactory to you.

See new letter this date

Have letters to day dated 23rd ult from Hattie and daughters, written at Amsterdam. Were all well and enjoying their trip. Expect them to leave Europe about the 1st of October next and to arrive at home about the 15th of same mo.

With kind regards to Turner Minnie and Bird am

very truly

Your John Meant

Ashland Ky 5th August 1879

Mrs S. C. Hildreth
Dresden Ohio

Dear Sister

Herewith I send Ashland N. Bank draft No 13034 on First Nat Bank Cinti, One hundred and twenty four ($124 00/100) dollars; being for 6 Coupons L. & B. S. R.R. E.D. Bonds due 1 inst each $20.00 — $120.00
" 4 Coupons W. S. 4 pr ¢ " due 1 April & July ea $1.00 4.00

The six R.R. bonds in my hands for you were due and payable 1st inst each $500 x and in exchange I have taken and now hold for you, three (3) L. & B. S. R.R. E.D. bonds dated 1st August 1879, payable 1st August 1889, interest at seven (7) per ¢ payable 1 Feby & August each year, Nos 109 x 110 x 111 each One thousand ($1.000 00/100) dollars. All in accordance with your letter of 15th Feby last, and I hope will prove satisfactory to you.

We have letters of 23rd ult from Hattie and daughters at Amsterdam. Were all in good health and enjoying their travels. Expect them to sail for this country about the first of October next. All well here —

With kind regards to Turner, Minnie and Birdie am

very truly your

John Meaux

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Ashland Ky 5th August 1899

Thompson M. Adams

Twin Lakes, Orange Co Fla.

Dear Tom

I have exchanged your 6 B&R.L. R.R. E.D. bonds ea. $500.00/100 of issue of 1869 — for three (3) bonds — — — Lex & Big Sand R.R. Eastern Division, dated 1st August 1899 payable 1 Aug (8) secured by Mortgage of 5th July 1899 to John G. Peebler and A. C. Campbell Trustees, interest at seven (7) per ct payable 1st Febry and 1 August Nos 106 & 107 & 108 each ($1,000.00/100) Orthousand dollars;

Have letters dated 23rd ult from Hattie and daughters at Amsterdam, all in good health and enjoying their travels, Expect them to sail for this country about first of October next, The boys are very well — and fatten — Uncle has not returned but may return this week — Father head carried Bernie "Old Bonnet" story away in his pocket so, that I forgot it when writing before — I send it now —

Very truly

John Meaux

Ky, 6th August 1879

Hon. L. T. Mercer

Dear Sir

On or about the 22 July 1874 as Atty for John B. Smith & Son you assigned to me a judgment against Mrs Rebecca C. Willson. On which she has paid nothing and is not likely to pay. In her suit for divorce from John M. Willson, there was some order made, in her or her daughters interest, as to one or two lots, which he owned in Geiger Addition to Cattlebury, situate near Pattons. Can she dispose of them to me for the debt - Please see how it is -

Very respectfully

John Mcand

Oct. August 9

Capt. R. H. Catlett
Staunton Va

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 2nd inst is at hand, also the pieces of ore.
It is certainly of importance to Lowthorn Co to have these ores near us, The specimens are a nice one, if you have an analysis, I should be glad to have it, and knowing what there is in combination could better judge as to value. Send J. F. Winston sample I think that by the eye he is one of the best judges that I am acquainted with. And if he desires to engage has the money to develope this.
Saw Genl E last week. Please do what you can to turn the Ky connection of the C. & O. R.R. this was as this opens easy and cheap access to the markets of Ironton and Ashland

I suppose you have learned that the additional $250 M, to Lowhern Stock has been made and ten (10) per ct call made on the subscribers. There has been an advance of two (2$)± made in the price of Pig Iron, I think this will be maintained, and hope that there may be no further, or not much, more advance this season. If Lowhern Furnace No. 1 can be put in blast next Summer or Fall, she should now clear her cost. Remember me to Major Bell and family,

very respectfully,

John Means

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Ashland Ky. 6th August 1899.

Sir T. Wicker Esq
Covington Va

Dear George

Yours of 1st instant, is at hands I have to attend a meeting at Hanging Rock on Friday next 8th inst. There are several matters here that I wish to see about and as I could meet none of the Committee, at Lowmoor I do not see that much could be accomplished by my going. You are not of it and I at the tail, we cannot call it together. I wish you had contracted with Mackintosh Humphrill & Co for the engines. Have no doubt Mr Lyman would have been satisfied. Fred Gordon has left Ironton (Lambert & Gordon) and I do not think it would be well now to get anything done there, other than plain castings. I would get contracts as fast as J.F. is agreeable and when we hold a meeting of his committee, we can out vote him, if he offers to be "obstructive".

My family were in Holland 23rd alt, and in good health

Rewgoying their travels — Regards to Mrs W. and children

Yours truly

John Meant

Mack wants to come when I do.)

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Ashland Ky. 7th August 1899

James Barbour Esq
Maysville Ky

Dear Sir

Have just seen your letter about asking President Hayes to appoint the Hon W. H. Wadsworth to fill the vacancy caused by death of Judge Ballard. Believing that no man in our State is better fitted for the place, I most cheerfully join in petitioning and herewith send signed by each member of the bar of this County and a few others, convenient to be seen — Hugh Means not at home

Very respectfully
Yours
John Means

Ashland Ky 7th August 1839
Mrs H. Fields
Madam
I have conclu-
ded not to sent you the
the Academy property.
very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 7th August 1879

Hon Saml McKee
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 5th inst, is at hand. I have already written recommending the Hon W. H. Wadsworth for the appointment, I think you will agree with me that we have no better man for the place. Am sorry that I cannot recommend both. Remember me to Mrs McK and family.

Very respectfully
John Means

7th August 9

Mrs Mary Brodess

Madam

I am sorry to say, that your Rent
funds for house and lots where you live, are
long since due and unpaid. Nothing has
been paid for nine (9) years and the
debt is larger than it in 1867 when you
bought. Unless payment is made
soon, I must take steps to enforce
collection.

very respectfully
John Means Pat.

8 Aug 9

Hon L. T. Moore

Dear Sir

please examine our charter and that of the E. L. & B. S. R.R. Co, to see if there be doubt as to our right to build from our old line, beyond where we have built, and diverging from line first adopted, to or near Mt Savage Furnace. See especially Sect 10. 13. 17. 18 Charter and Sect 3 Amendment of 1 March 1861. We may contract for building the whole or part (say ⅔ of) of the diverging line.

Very respectfully

John Means

9th August 1879.

John Carlisle Esq.
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

if the willowne hermitte explains itself to you, it is more than it does to me—

You have it for what it is—

Very respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 9th Aug 79.

T. Boggess
Louisa Ky

Dear

The letter of yourself and others ~~of~~ 5th inst, came to hand yesterday I do not know anything of what you write; and forward you to Mr Calide that he may communicate with you.

Very respectfully
John Mears

11th August 79

J. G. Patton & Co.
I have deposited to your credit in
Ashland N. L. Bank
for Balance Sec. 12th April — 1.26
" Bill — — — 24 July — — — 6.90 $8.16

Very respectfully
John Kearns

Richmond Ky 11th August 1819

J. Breckenridge Johnson Esq
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

Can you give me any information as to the Ky Institution for feebleminded or idiotic persons? What requirements for admission, is the establishment well attended to, and who is the principal in charge, and what character of person?

Very respectfully
John Allen

8 10th August 99

M. B. Cobb Esqr, Cattleburg,

Please remit Sixty six ($46.00) dollars for Cemetery lawn due since Sept 1896 and oblige

Very respectfully

John Alexander

Ashland Ky 11th August 1879

A. S. Winslow Esq

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 26th alt came duly to hand. I will give Onehundred and fifty ($150x) per share for the N. I. W. Stock. This is the market price.

Very respectfully

John Meant

Please let me know when to will be sold.

Ashland Ky 11th August 1899

A. S. Winslow Esq

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 26th alt came duly to hand. I will give Onehundred and fifty ($150x) per share for the N. I. W. Stock. This is the market price.

Very respectfully

John Meant

Please let me know when it will be sold.

Ashland Ky 11th August 1899

Messrs Coulburn Means & Coulburn

Princeton Furnace Ky

Gentlemen

Please credit my account for payments viz

July 19th Discount on your draft on me @ 4 mos (60 days) $136.66

August 11th paid your draft on me of 8th inst @ 4 mos 7.900.00

Interest to this day 5.25

Total $8,041.91

Very respectfully

Jno W. Means

per Johnson

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Ashland Ky. 12th August 1899

Messrs Means Kyle & Co.

Hanging Rock O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find

receipts for Dividend 17 viz

John Means forty eight hundred ($4.800.00) dollars

Mary A. Adams ——— 400.00

Ben M. Adams ——— 400.00

M. A. Means ——— 800.00

do. amt on account ——— 450.00 $6.850.00

What have you done with $1.600 to cash Mary A. Adams and M. A. Means yet remaining on their Shares?

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 12th August, 1879.
Received of Means Kyle & Co— Four hundred
($400.00/100) dollars, part of Dividend No 17—
M. A. Adams By
John Means Atty in fact.

Ashland Ky, 10th August 1879.
Received of Means Kyle & Co— Four hundred
($400.00/100) dollars, pr Dividend No 17—
Mrs M. Adams By
John Means Atty in fact

Ashland Ky, 12th August 1879.
Received of Means Kyle & Co— ———
Eight hundred ($800.00) dollars, pr part of Dividend No 17
Four hundred and fifty ($450.00/100) dollars on a/c ———
M. A. Means By
John Means Atty in fact.

Ashland Ky 12th August 1899

Messrs Frahm & Aubrey
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Can you give me any information as to this fee of N. C. Butler Clerk U. S. Court Indianapolis & Capt Lockbourne Think it some claim you had in hand — for collection

very respectfully
Thos W. Means
By John Means

Ashland Ky 19th August 79

Robert Bartholow M.D.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Will you be
at home this month? I
should like to bring Hildreth
to see you before you leave
City. Dont think I can
come until after 19th.
He has been sick since
Spring of 1878

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 14th August 1879
J. C. Lewis Pres
Portsmouth Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith find
L. & B.S. R.R. Co. check on
Ashland N. Bank, fifteen hund
red ($1,500.00) dollars
for third 20 p.c. Myself $1,000.00
" " " J. C. Lewis 500.00
Will remit for next as advised.
We think you do well to buy
now. Here we are refusing
to sell other than to old
customers for immediately
delivery

Very respectfully
John Means

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Ashland Ky. 14th August 1879.

Uriah Evans Esqr
Cottageville, Jackson Co. W. Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th instant is at hand. It has been so long since I saw or heard from you that I supposed you had gone or we all must go. We could not buy Mr Fugates on at any price which would not be worse for him than it would be to let it lay where it is. That is it would cost him more to bring on here than we could pay for it. I have lived here ever since I last saw you, and expect to remain here while I live. We contest the matter every election with "rebel Democrats", and shall continue to do so. Our town is Republican with majority enough to make the precinct so too. 15 years ago the Democrats were 3 to 1 Republican in the precinct. On the first Monday of this month we elected a Republican, Union Soldier to the Legislature. This and Lawrence Co. make the District. We have carried this district more than half the elections since the war.

While Kentucky is loyal "democratic and rebel" as you say I don't see that citizen of the Virginia is much better in that respect. Do what you can to get your State right and will do what we can here. The mass of the people mean well but are often misled by the politicians. My Sister Mary st, is very well and enjoying life now, compensating in part for the miserable time she had while she lived with "Satan". Belle is now in Europe, with my youngest sister, my wife and daughter. They were in Holland 20th of July— Her son is grown and a fine young man. Well educated, graduated at Yale College, and I am happy to say that in character he resembles his mother and not the father. He is planting Orange trees N.W. in Florida, where he expects to make his home. "Satan" the fraud lives somewhere in lower part of this State, near Tennessee line. Ran away with some girl from and married her— Dont know anything more of him. My father is well, quite active for his age 76 years, spends about half of this Summer with me which very often are from home— Will be glad to see your friendly little chum he comes up— Capt W. W. Culbertson, just in, and read your letter asks to be remembered to you. With kindest wishes, am Yours truly John Mosby

18th August 9

C. P. Huntington Esq

Cor 4th & Townsend Sts, San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

Yours pass of 7th inst is at hand, and contents noted. You offer too little. What would you be, do if one build to your line on Strait Creek, in near Mt Savage Furnace; on say seventy five (75) or eighty (80) feet grade in crossing the hills?

Very respectfully

John Meany P.

Ashland Ky 18th August 1879
Thorn Wire Hedge Co.
34 & 36 Canal St, Chicago Ill.
Gentlemen
What will you
deliver to me here, or
to care of Cinti & Big Sandy Packet
Co. at Cincinnati O.
One half (½) ton Kelly Steel
Barb Wire Fencing?
Very respectfully
John Meany

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Ashland Ky 18th August 1899

A. S. Winslow Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th and 15th inst. are at hand. When in N.Y. city in June last, a committee consisting of Mr Lyman your brother and myself was appointed, to whom all matters of contracts for furnace were to be submitted - I suppose Mr Aug Low sent you copies of the minutes. Your brother said he could not give the matter attention before the first of August, and I agreed to meet him after that time, he to fix time and place. I came home and arranged my business accordingly. Since that time have heard nothing from John F - directly, only thro' yourself or Geo W - Wickes wired me 12th July to meet him at Covington next day, to go to Pennsylvania - which I could not do - What is contracted for a who with, I dont know - Have paid my 10 per ¢, which seems to be all that is desired from me - I have no one in view, and would hardly ~~venture~~ to send a man now, under the circumstances. Putnam sold 200 tons Forge Iron Friday 13th at 20$ cash at our landing. Belfont, Alice (Etna) and Sarah sold 500 ea at $19.50 - I may be down Thursday 21st can't say yet. We have contracted for 300 to 400 (Make of Cambria) in Aug & Sept, Steel Rails at 41$ cash delivered at Pittsburgh. Mr Huntington declines proposition

made him. Have asked him what he would do, if our leo would meet him on Strait Cerly crossing hill on 75 or 80 feet grade. Last Friday with Mr Hilton and Russell I rode over to their line on the line surveyed by Hilton. By increasing the grades to 75 or 80 ft, will shorten distance some 3/4 of mile in the expensive portion and Hilton thinks will reduce the cost $60 or about. Have asked him to make estimate before we hear from Huntington. My family were in Berlin and well 4th inst. I think Irvin will go to 25 ft, would be glad to know that it would go no higher. The newspapers mean ought to be suppressed for "booming" so.

All well at home; with kind regard to you and

Yours

John Meany

Ashland Ky 20th August 1899

Messrs

Tweed & Andrews

Gentlemen

please send me

by Big Sandy Packet Co Steam

1 Bbl Cut Loaf Sugar

1 Bag Prime Rio Coffee

and oblige yours

very respectfully

John Mears

Ashland Ky. 20th August 1879

Wm A. Mack Esqr

Dear Sir

Please buy for me

V Bbls Pure Raw Linseed Oils,

Then boiled oils is so much

adulterated that I prefer Raw,

and oblige

very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 22 August 1899

Messrs

Carden Brothers

Buena Vista Furnace Co-

Gentlemen

Please send me Sand Stone for Flues 41 Feet by 8 Feet 6 in and 8 in thickness Ship by Steam Telegraph. Advise me when I may expect to receive and oblige yours

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 27 ond August 1879
James C. Lewis Prest
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith
please find check for fourth
installment on stock —
One thousand ($1.000) dollar for myself
five hundred ($500+) " for J. C. Lewis.

My respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 23rd August 1889

Halley Burr & Co [illegible]

Ishnton O. [illegible]

Gentlemen

Yours of 19th & 20th

are at hand. What will you

sell say 3 to 10 Shares

Norton Iron Works at?

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky.
August 22nd 1899
Hon L. T. Moore
Catlettsburg Ky
Dear Sir
Yours of 20th
was handed me, just as was
stepping on to Steamer to leave.
If Haglett is willing to join
you may go on with
Board suit as proposed in
your letter.
Very respectfully
John Meaux

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Ashland Ky 23rd August 1879

Dear Henry,

The written is returned to me from Covington Ky having been carelessly misdirected. And that you may see I had not lost interest in you I send it on. Your list of bids came both just as I was leaving for Cinti, and Dr I suppose you had contracted for most of your work I have not given it much attention, Pig Iron has advanced about $4 to 5$ per ton — which helps us —

We are all well and hope you are "as well as can be expected" —

John Meany

23rd August 9

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

On the 16th we received letter from Mr. Huntington, declining our proposition; and yesterday had a call from Neal Echols, to whom Huntington had sent copy of his letter to us, and asking Echols to call again and see if we would take 1 Mr per month and we be at all expenses for repairs and maintenance to which we answered that these expenses must be borne jointly in proportion to all. Hants instruction to Echols were to go on and locate on the thin other line, if we would not do as he asked. On the receipt of his letter (16th) we wrote him, that his offer was too little, and asked what he would do if we would build to Strait Creek on a 75 or 80 feet grade on West side of hill. We told this to Echols who said he would wait until he had heard from H, as

to our last inquiry. Unless Hs letters to Eschole were written to be read to us for effect, it begins to look like a bad in cheaper. Ee only read to me did not give to me to read. I feel pretty sure that Hunts engineers are in favor of his new line and against ours.

I may wish meeting of directors when near as to my last inquiry.

My family are in Berlin on 1st instant and well. Remember me to Mills and Ruth. Pub war sold some 200 tons Gray [illegible] Neutral @ 20 ℔ Cash on our landing

My respectfully

John Meany

23rd Aug 1

Dear Sir

On the 16th inst we received letter from Mr Huntington, declining our proposition, and informing us that Genl Echols would see us again. On receipt of his letter we wrote asking him what he would do if we would build to his line on a 75 or 80 feet grade which would remain, being nearly one mile and cost ⅓ to ½, from estimate on 45 feet grade. Yesterday we had call from Echols to whom H. had sent copy of his letter to us: and asked him to call on us again and offer $ M per Month we to keep up all repairs. We assumed that we would make no contract that did not provide for bearing repairs. E. says he is in from H's letter to him, instructing him to go on locating on the other line, in case we did not agree to his proposal. Echols told us

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that we would wait until he had heard from Stuart as to our last inquiry.
My family were in Berlin on the first instant and well — Pat has sold 300 tons Mutual Giving Forge Pig @ 20$ each on our landing. I hope Mr Lewis is well stocked — Remember me to your family

Very respectfully
John Means

23rd August 9

Thomas M. Adams
Twin Lake, Orange Co, Fla.

Dear Tom

Your entertaining letter of 13th inst. came to hand last night, with Berries "Old Bonnet". On the 24th July I left your 10/40 Bonds with First Nat Bank Conti to forward for collection and to be placed to credit of Ashland N. Bank: today we received statement of returns viz – 10/40 Bonds $7.000.00

Interest to 18th July (called then) 133.29 $7.133.29

Costs of Collection 10.70

Net Balance $7.122.59

Which I have placed to your credit until our Bank exchanges her bonds, which may be done next week. We have thought it better to wait until the 48 come down in price than to pay a premium of more than the interest while waiting would be. The Bank will buy 4 or $500.00 and we hope to buy

Ashland Ky. 3rd Aug 1819

Thomas Williams Esqr

Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

I have to day received statement of proceeds of 24 Mo 10/40 Bonds and interest, and deposited to your credit in Ashland Nat Bank $24,419.07.

I think you had better come up and see about Princess Furnace business; reducing expenses and taking care of cred selling personally.

Yours truly

John Means

J. Stoddard Johnston
Frankfort
Ky

26th August 79

Your esteemed favor of 13th inst came duly to hand; also letter from Dr Stewart with copy of Law etc. Accept thanks —
Will be pleased to hear from you in time on the Press meeting
Very respectfully John Meaux

J. Q. A. Stewart
Frankfort
Ky.

26th August 79

Your favor of 14th inst with copy of law came duly to hand —
The restriction as to age of pupils will permit my friends sending to your institution —
Very respectfully John Meaux

Ashland Ky 26th August 1879

John S. Jenkins Esq
Lincoln Ill

Dear Sir

Is there in your place an institute for feeble minded persons? If so what are the conditions upon which the inmates are received? Please give me the name of the Principal —

And oblige
very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 26th August 1899

Geo T. Wicker Esq

Selma Va —

Dear Sir

Yours of 21st & 22nd instants at hand, Please ask Maj Bell to fix his own Time. I may or may not go — I cannot see any good of keeping your accounts in N.Y. If I did the business, would want my books where the business was done — Remember me to your family.

Very respectfully

John Kearns

27th August 9

James M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Yesterday had a call from Genl Estabs, who brought telegrams, copies herewith, I suppose the "Junction" in (25th) means Strait Creek, and if so is more than he asked before — And as to building one to his line on 45 feet grade ("now in operation") I would not think of it. The cost would exceed by far the figures we had at Cinti last month which were estimated on a 60 feet grade. If H. will pay $1.000 per month for 18 20/100 Miles, I would favor accepting, but first try hard for at least some part of cost of new material. I shall send H. our proposition for $1000 per mo be to pay proportionate cost for repairs including everything for the 18 2/10 Miles. I think when he gets back from Cal which will be about 4 or 5th prox — That if you and I could meet him here or in New York, we might come to terms —

Yours truly John Means

27th Aug 9

A. S. Winslow Esq.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yesterday I had call from Lewis Eckels who gave me 2 telegrams, copies herewith. I suppose the "Junction" in (25th) means to Strait Creek; and is more than he asked of us before. As to building to his line on 45 feet grade (now in operation) I would not think of it. The estimates we had at Cincinnati were on 60 feet grade, and will cost far less than on 45 feet. If H. will pay $1.000 per month for the 18 2/10 Miles, as he proposes in (25th) I would favor accepting, after hard trial for some part of cost of New Material.

Hunt expects to leave Cal 28th for New York

Am sick with cold

Yours truly

John Meany

27th August 9

John S. Peebler Esq
Portsmouth Ohio. Dear Sir

Last evening we had visit from Mr. Lecher, who gave me telegrams copy herewith. The "Junction" probably means Strait Creek, and is more than "Hunt," asked before.

If he will pay $1000 per Mo for the 18 2/10 Miles, even as he proposes I would favor accepting after hard Trial for some part of cost of New Material.

Hamlinson expects to leave Leal 28th inst for New York

Her pretty sick with cold

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky 27th August 1869

Col Forbes

Dear Sir

please lay down line of Chesterman R R on plot herewith, at your earliest convenience. Or if you prefer to make new plan please let it show the stocks surrounded — And oblige

Very respectfully

John Means

27th August 79

Yours of 26th inst at hand —
The Stock is worth Fifty (50) if anything.
I think I could make a little
in buying at twenty five (25) —
Much obliged —
Yr respectfully
John Mears

H. C. Burr & Co.

Ashland Ky, 27th August 1899
Messrs Means Kyle & Co
Hanging Rock O.
Gentlemen
Your of 25th, also
yearly Statement came to hand
Yesterday –
Order for me sent here
1 Ton Kelly Steel Bart Wire
galvanized –
With Stapler sufficient,
and Tackle Block for Stretcher,
A few years ago you had some
Tarpaulin to cover Coal – I
want to put new roof on my house
and would like to borrow
about 25 feet by 50 feet. Can
you spare for week or two
Yours
John Means

Send Statement of age with Thos W. Mason to 1st Sept 1899

[illegible] 29th August 19

J. C. Patton & Co. – Cattleboro,

I deposit to your credit in Ashland Natl Bank Six $\frac{06}{100}$ ($6.06) dollars, amount of Bill of 28th inst –

very respectfully

John Adams

29th August 9

Genl John Carlisle, Augusta Staunton Va

Dear Sir

Herewith please note from Col Forbes and plat of Chatm RR, thro' Catlettsburg.

I saw Mr Carlisle yesterday, who says he hardly "construes Pres Hunting diplomatic letter as a refusal" of his proposition. "That he is ready to receive a proposal from Mr H, that he Carlisle does not feel inclined to make all the proposals simply to be declined &c &c" — Suggested to him that an agreement based upon value (cost) of his Road and division of cost of repairs would be equitable; He will be in New York in ten days, when his address will be — "John Carlisle care of James C. Holden & Son, 218 Fulton St" I don't think there need difficulty in negotiating with him.

It is barely possible that I may attend the Lowhouse meeting in N.Y. City.

Very respectfully

John Mearns

Ashland Ky. 29 Aug 79

Means Ky. 79

Given if their day
at hand —
Ports 8 feet apart (eight feet)
I shall not need Tarpaulin
before Wednesday or Thursday
possibly not until week
after next — Shall probably
need them about one
week or ten days —
Will advise you where
very respectfully
John Algang

Ashland Ky 1 Sept 1899
H. M. Bell Esqr Secy &
Gen B. W. S. S. W. Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th ult is at hand. Please call meeting for Thursday 11th Sept 99 at 3 Bushing Elis N. Y. City. If I go will advise you in time to join me. The advance in iron is comforting, but the newspapers and politicians are disposed to magnify the "boom".

Regards to your family
Very respectfully
John Mears Jr

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Ashland Ky. 1 Sept 1879

Geo T. Wicker Esqr
Selma Va

Dear George

Yours of 26th ult is at hand also one of 27th from Mayfield. I wrote you this morning for 10 days Mail to call meeting Thursday 11th inst. Also wrote Mr Bell as fast to give notice. I am having repairs and alterations made to my house, winding up the business of Princess Furnace for my father, in addition to usual business. And it will be very inconvenient if it is possible for me to go to New York city. Have not heard from A. S. Winslow, I would like very much to spend a week or so at Lookout, and do not think it would try my patience near so much as to go to the city. If it was not so soon after closing the new subscriptions for stock I should send resignation as Prest for I am tired of dancing attendance to Lob Moor — I think there should be a full meeting of stockholders this fall and an election of directors which might bring some of the new stockholders in the board, to advantage

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When last heard from 8 ult my family were at Prague would go there to Vienna — Milan — and then into Switzerland were all well. My sister was entirely recovered from the effects of operation on her neck by Dr Hammond —

Kind regards to Mrs W — Ned & Annie — hope the new baby is good looking as his mother

Yours truly

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 1 Sept 1899
Thos A. Mack Esq
27 West 3rd St Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir
Permitt
please find my check
A. N. Bank Sixty seven 17/100
($67.17) dollars in payment
Whitstone Hos Bill
Linned Oil. Expected to
see and hand this to you
this morning, but went
up town with fallen
before you came in.

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 1 Sept 79

Messrs Means Kyle & Co
Gentlemen
Please send
the Tarpaulin this
week when you are
done with them,
If weather is fair next
week will uncover
my house
My respectfully
John Means

3rd Sept 9

Genl John Echols

Staunton Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th ult came to hand yesterday. That fixed the time for Southern Meeting in N.Y. City the Eleventh (11th) instant. I may not be able to go there but expect to go — Mr. Huntington has now in our proposal as made through you (1 Pd per Month inserted in written offer in place of first Amount named), about what he must expect from this Co. If he will make a reasonable proposition to our Co for building to this Strait Co line we will give it consideration. The plat of Chatawa RR I suppose has reached you.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 3rd Sept 1899
Thos A. Mack, Esq
27 West 3rd St Cinti O
Dear Sir
I find I need
2 more Bbls Linseed Oil
Raw — Please send
and oblige
Very respectfully
John Meaney

Ashland Ky. 4th Sept 1879
James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult, is at hands. Have heard that the Huntington expects to be in Huntington W.Va. about the 10th - but as I expect to be in N.Y. city on 11th inst will hardly meet him there.

We dont think Iron is as high as it may be and have put us price on Iron with L & C in your city - Putnam is gone to St Louis will advise with him on his return and if he thinks best fix price there - Regards to your family -

Yours truly
John McCaul

Ashland Ky. 4th Sept 1899

Messrs

A. A. Low & Brother

31 Burling Slip, N. Y. city.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find Ashland N. Bank on Bank of America, your city Twenty seven hundred and eighty five ($2785 $\frac{00}{100}$) dollars for credit to my account, I may not be able to attend meeting of Low Mon Ice to be held 11th instant.

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 4th Sept 79
Buena Vista Freestone Co—
Freestone O—
Gentlemen

Herewith please find
draft on Cinti O— fiftytwo 28/100
($52 28/100) dollars in payment of
your bill of 30th ult—
What will you charge for
5 Steps 12" tread 7" Rise 8 feet long
5 " 12 " 7" " 6 " "
About 100 feet length by 4 feet wide flagging for walks.
Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 4th Sept 1879
Thomas A. Mack Esq
27 West 3rd St, Cinti, O.
Dear Sir
please buy for me
300 Lbs White Lead.
75 " French Ochre Grd in oil
5 " Coach Black " " "
50 " Marseiller Green " " "
Have you seen Iron fencing
people?
Very respectfully
John Meanf

Ashland Ky 5th Sept 1899
Messrs Freed & Andrews
Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find my check on Jos F. Larkin & Co
forty five 82/100 ($45 82/100) dollars
in payment of bill 22 [illegible]
[illegible] 1893
ult.
Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 5th Sept 1899

Hon L. T. Moore

Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th inst is at hand inclosing your check for five hundred ($500.00) dollars which I have credited on your note to me of 22 July 1893.

Accept thanks

Yours truly

John Means

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Ashland Ky, 6th Sept, 1879.

A. A. Low Esq.
31 Burling Slip, New York, City.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 1st instant is at hand. Having been forwarded to me without the blank filled and as I have not all the data before me I cannot answer as to the amounts. Your statement of agreement as to payments for Kanawha land purchase is correct. It will be an accommodation to me, and I very gladly accept your offer to advance for me as stated. On the 4th inst. I forwarded to A.A.B.&Bro $2,785+ which added to amounts previously paid by me will make $10,000+; without reckoning interest or 10 per ¢ installment due Oct ult. I cannot now say whether can attend the meeting set for 11th instant, in your city.

Most respectfully

Yours

John Mccamy

Ashland Ky. 6th Sept 1879.

A. Aug Low Esqr
31 Burling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 2nd inst is at hand covering that of your father of 1st. I feel very much obliged by his kind offer, and herewith send my reply to his letter. Are very busy now our furnace manager is away, am making some changes about my house, and not feeling as well as I would like to. My family were in Milan 19th alt and well

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 8th Sept 77

Dear George

Your telegrams come duly to hand, I cannot now go to N.Y. City Nor to Va — Cat Putnam was away last week, Are making some changes and soaping at my house; and have not been as well as might be — To day must go to Cinti then I don't know but that the meeting may fall thro' if you are not there, A.S.W. will be ready to go, when the time is past, unless there something else intervenes, And then I don't think that with J.F.W in Poughkeepsie, I here, and you in Va, that we would succeed in building a furnace, would suit me one, or be worth much

Va when completed, especially if built according to views expressed by W. when we met in N.Y. in June —

The inclosed, just handed me should have been seen a week ago — They do not expect to buy other than for cash, and I would not sell them otherwise, I think it would be well to learn some of them go on and see the Ore before shipping, as it is finer than they expect or have used — They can't buy I. Mtn of ore in St Louis and must buy or stop —

We are getting 25 ¢ for our iron in Cinti —

Yours truly

John Meant

Possibly I may come over last of this week or first of next for a few days

Ashland Ky. 8th Sept 1899

Spencer Edgington

Sir

Yours of 28th August and one before came duly to hand, It neither suited my convenience nor inclination to send the money. When I assisted you before, you said you could get along if you had help to buy a piece of land — and I do not propose to respect whenever you may be inclined to ask — As your father was never known to me, it would be impossible to give the address you ask — Do not know the person referred to for your character, and it is not important to me to inquire. My father is from home this summer —

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 11th Sept 1879
Thomas W. Means Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

herewith find draft of Wm Van Dusten on Metropolitan Bank N.Y. Six hundred and seventy seven ($677.00) dollars paid on Fred Ditters note due 1 March last. Have letters from Hattie at Geneva and from Mary Mag at Paris. All well

Yours

John Means

Ashland Ky. 12th Sept 1899

Hon Samuel McKee

157 West Jefferson St Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your of 3rd inst is found, having just returned from Cuba after absence of several days. The newspapers have informed us that an appointment of Mr Hays renders unnecessary, the letter you asked.

Hoping better success in your next effort am

Your truly

John Mcaus

12th Sept 9

F. P. Schmitt Esq
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 4th is found on return home. The N. I. W. are doing well now. All working satisfactorily, and prospects for business first rate. In the endeavor to keep in market, both they and the Belfast (at Irvington) are sold ahead so that are not getting all the benefit of advance, but I think about one months work of Nestor will clear all up. The death of eldest son of Mr. Russell I am afraid ~~[illegible]~~ compel us to release him from his Presidency, and if so we have no one here that can fill the place. As they expect to make up their semi annual statement 1st prox. I will not now undertake to guess for you what actual condition is. Cannot you come up in Oct. with Mr. Bo[illegible]mann?

Hoping you may am

Yours truly J. [illegible]

Ashland Ky. 12th Sept 1899

H. W. Bates Esq

Prestonsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th is found on return after absence from home. Capt H. showed me a letter from you to him and said, he was expecting a visit from you and that your purpose was to urge upon him the [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] with you to [illegible] and [illegible] with you to [illegible] and [illegible] with you

Ashland Ky. 19th Sept 1899
Fred Dittus Esq
Mt. Pulaski Ill.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand with draft $677.00. Herewith I send your note due 8 March last canceled

Very respectfully
John Meanes
for Thos W. Meanes

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Ashland Ky. 12th Sept 1899
Wm Cullerton Meant Heulbertson
Princess Furnace Ky

Gentlemen

Please credit my account for payments for your viz

1899 August	14	Paid your draft of this day	$10.000.00
Sept	1	" amount over checked at Ashland N. Bank	919.53
"		" Your draft of 29th April @ 4 Mos	5.000.00
	3	" Your note of 10th May Fam of " Remittee Hatcher $592.49 Interest $10.89	583.36
	12	" Amount over checked at A. N. Bank	262.39
		" Your note of 12th May @ 120 days	18.000.00
			$34.765.28

Very respectfully
Yours
Thomas W. Meant
By John Meant

13th Sept 9

Mr Clements Esqr
Cincinnati O

Dear Sir

Herewith please find plan of Wall & Gateway for Iron Railing. I think you will have no difficulty in working from this. Have given centre line of Gates for location, They are 64 feet apart.

Very respectfully
John Keary

13th Sept 9

Buena Vista Freestone Co.
Freestone - Scioto Co. Ohio -

Gentlemen

please send me by Big Sandy Packet Co
Steamer 2 pr Flagging 8" 6" X 4° X 3" two (2) of these
sent before wore broken
2 Steps 8° 9" X 1° 3" X 9"
2 " 6° 9" X " "
2 " 6° — X " "
2 " 5° 6" X 2° X 9"
} Box these

Advise me when I may expect these -
Will send you specifications for others of which
I wrote, as soon as can determine same -

very respectfully
John Means

15th Sept 9

A. S. Winslow Esq., Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

At request of Mr Huntington, Gaylord and myself met him and Eschole Saturday. H. offered as below — Our Co, to build to his line on Strait Creek and keep up road. H. will pay for use $1,000 per mo for 6 Mos, $1,250 for 6 Mos, and $1,500 per mo for 25 years. Rental to begin when road are finished and trains put on. During the building they to furnish their own engine and cars, and pay us nothing for use of our road transporting material. We said to him, that 25 years was too long, but at end of 10 years either Co, might give 1 years notice of desire to end contract; and that we thought our Co would insist on dividing of cost of repairs.

H. rental too low

I think we might get more on the second 5 years or say 5 to 7 years @ $1,500 and 5 to 7 @ $1,800 per Mo. Have written Bailey and Cobbler. Hope you can attend meeting.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

15th Sept 9

James M. Bailey Esqr Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

At request of Mr Huntington, Crayford and I met Schole & H. Saturday. H offers as below—

If our Co build to the Strait Creek line, and keep up road: this Co will pay per Mo, $1.000 + for 6 Mos, $1.250 + for 6 Mos and $1.500 for 25 years, rental to begin when roads are finished and trains put on. While building they may furnish engine and cars for transporting material and pay us nothing for use of track. We said to them that rental was too low, time (25 years) too long, and we thought our Co, would insist on dividing cost of repairs. That at end of 10 or 12 years either Co might give 1 year notice of desire to end contract. He did not seem to stand on this, but did on repairs. I think we might get say 5 to 7 years @ $1.500 and 5 to 7 @ $1.800 ± per month. Hope you can attend meeting. I think both Bigs and Peebles are opposed to making any contract, and [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully [illegible]

15th Sept 9

John S. Peebles Esqr. Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Mr Gaylord & myself at request of Mr Huntington met him & Genl Eckel Saturday, they offer as follows, if our Co. build to their Strait Cr. line, their Co will pay per month — $1.000 — for 6 months, $1350 for 6 months, and $1.500 for 25 years; rental to begin when roads are finished and trains put on; during building that they may furnish engine and cars for transporting material. We said to them, that rental offered too low, 25 years too long, and that our Co, we thought would insist on division of cost of repairs, that say at the end of 10 or 12 years either Co might give 1 years notice of desire to end contract. This did not seem objectionable, and I think we might get say 5 to 7 years @ $1.500 and 5 to 7 years @ $1.800 more or less. Have written [illegible] and Winslow —

[illegible]

15th Sept 9

E. H. R. Lyman Esq
31 Bowling Slip - N.Y. City -

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 11th inst is at hand, and I feel much obliged for kind courtesy shown therein. I have an engagement at Pittsburgh on the first of October and would prefer the 8th. Should have been at Lowmoor now, but have waited here to see Mr Huntington and Genl Echols, on a matter that I think Lowmoor is almost as much interested in as this Company. Met them Saturday (12.) and now a death in one family delays getting meeting of our directors this week. Have sold Iron at 27¢ that we took in stock at 40¢ in April - My family were in Geneva when and probably in Paris now - Were my wife -

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Ashland Ky, 16th Sept 1879

Theo. A. Mack Esq

27 W. 3rd St, Cincinnati O

Dear Mack

herewith please find my check Sixty 26/100 ($60.26) dollars in payment for bill of Whitten [illegible]

Accept thanks

my truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 22 Sept 1899

Mr L. T. Moore

Catlettsburg Ky –

Dear Sir herewith

please find my check

Amount " $1.433.06

Receipt J. F. Hager Comm 10.00

$1.443.06

Being in payment of Mrs M. A. Meant

bonds of date 10th May 79 – payable to

Grayson Banking Co. $1.392.00

Int @ 10 pr ¢ to this day 51.06

$1.443.06

E. B. Wilhoit Esq Atty for Jas Osenton writes

me that this has been assigned by the G.B.C.

to Jas Osenton – and requests me to

send him, or pay to him as Atty for Osenton

Please see Wilhoit –

Yours truly

John Meant

Please see that the bonds first given by Jeffingwell & Myself and those by my sister and my self are cancelled & extend satisfied, C

Ashland Ky 22 Sept 1879

E.B. Wilbert Esqr
Grayson Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th inst, is found after return home. Have this moving in reply to Hon L. S. Moore at your place sent him check and receipt of Hager Comr for Amt due Grayson Banking Co viz $1443.06 and asked Moore to see you

Very respectfully
John Meaux

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Ashland Ky. 22 and Sept 1879.

C. H. R. Lyman Esqr
30 Bunding Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favors of 15th and 18th instant are before me — Have just returned from Lowhurst — A. S. Winslow having come here last week, he and I ran over and spent Friday & Saturday with Wickes — Mayor Bell came down from White S.S. and met us. There being no provision in our charter for meeting of stockholders out of the State and away from the principal office Mr Bell thought our meeting should be at Lowhurst, and we agreed to have Mr. Wicker call meeting for 8th of October next. I was quite ill Friday, but looked over the worked so far as was able, and things seemed to be getting on pretty well. Contracts have been made for about all the important work — some of the later ones at greater prices than if had been made a few weeks sooner. I dont know what kind of bookkeeping Mr Winslow desires done in New York — The [illegible] is at Lowhurst, and accounts must be kept there, or we will soon have [illegible] mess of it. Mr Winslow had directed Wicker to stop making entries on this book and to keep memoranda, and prepare to open new books &c &c — Wicker was trying to make statements from these memos and of course neither [illegible] old or new as it should be

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I can go to New York from Pittsburgh or to Lowmoor. Am expecting daily to hear when my family will be in N.Y. and will meet them; probably 10th to 15th of Oct. as soon as I hear will advise you. I think we should visit Lowmoor often, and that is the place to see and determine what is best. While there Wicker told us he had contracted for a locomotive, and we advised him at once to buy Steel Rails, enough to relay track to mines, before inquiring the engine and cars on old track.

We advised Wicker to sell off the ore in stock and close up that business as fast as possible. Sold 2000 tons while we were there at $2.25 f.o.b. cars. 1 M goes to the Ohio at Ironton. If satisfactory we can probably sell them 10 M and get $2.50 next time or more. We did not think the price of this lot important, as only need to prove the ore valuable to them, and to others.

Am feeling much better to day but have a cough that troubles me.

Very truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 24th Sept 1839

Thomas W. Meaux Esq.
Hanging Rock Ohio

Dear father

Herewith please find Draft of Wm Dustin Banker on Metropolitan Natl Bank N.Y. City Fourhundred and seventy 10/100 ($470 10/100) dollars, from Fred Dittus to apply on his note due 1 March 1880

One of the Culbertson Meaux & Culbertson notes $10.00 was due yesterday I think you had better give your own note and take it up using your Norton I. W. bonds as collateral for the Bank

I go to Portsmouth Tomorrow and do not expect to get home before Saturday P.M. Have letters from Paris of 6th & 8th All well

Yours
John Meaux

1 24th Sept 79

Yours of 20th instant with draft on New York City Metropolitan N. Bank — four hundred and seventy $\frac{10}{100}$ (470\frac{10}{100}$) dollars for Thomas W. Meard is at hand for credit on your note due 1 March 1880 — Respectfully

John Meard

Fred Dittus
Lincoln Tel.

Ashland Ky. 24th Sept 1879

Miss Nannie S. Horsfall
Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Nannie

I am to day in receipt of cards for 8th prox, as your letter to Mrs M, and daughters may have had some reference to this occasion, I write to say that not having had their letters forwarded to them while traveling, they had seen no letters from here, yours included, at the date of their last to me, and that yours may, unseen be yet without answer — Wishing you the greatest share of joy and happiness am

Yours truly,

[illegible]

Ashland Ky. 24th Sept 1899

Messrs

Clark Widdifield Hs.

51 + 53 Pearl St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

When in your city 9th instant — Mr Dickson & myself tried to find, a Mortier Sick with Night hatch, left hand, white [illegible] 2nd door — not finding in your store, Mr D. said he would give them and have you get me one as it has not come to hand I suppose he has forgotten Will you please send and oblige —

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 24th Sept 1899

Thos A. Mack
27 West 3rd St Cinti O.

Dear Mack

I am in receipt to day of Cards for marriage of our mutual friend Miss Hannie Hornbeller On the 8th prox. Please get for me 1 Dozen Dining Forks Silver and have them marked It. And send to me as soon as clear — I expect to leave home before the 1st prox. Hamber were in Paris 8th had not fixed day for sailing but early in October — If you can get forks to suit your fancy at Dubmer — They know "as".

Yours Truly

John Mears

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Ashland Ky. 29th Sept 1819

Geo T. Wicker Esqr
Lowhurn Va.

Dear Sir

Your telegram of 27th is now at hand. I dont think it polite to put up the price of ore so that purchase will hesitate to buy — Or that they will seek other ores —
I saw Mr Ellison of the Etna Co and he told me that you had wired them, "that unless they sent burger at once their offer for 1000 tons was off" — Now the Ohio River is so low this virtually withdraws the offer — Mr Fred Norton of Belfont Fa Iron told me last week that he would watch the trial at Etna and if it was satisfactory Belfont would want to buy — Now, if you can get up a trade with these, it is the best thing to do — as Ironton & And Ashland [illegible]

Summit the second and best gasteiner you can have — and I dont think either the price or time of delivery should interfere with the trade with Etna. I leave here this P.M. for Pittsburgh will be there on the 1st & 2nd at Monongahela House if you want to communicate with me — by wire — I can go to N. Y. to be there 18th but would rather not do so, if I go to Lake on 8th —

Yours respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 29th Sept 1879

Thos A. Mack Esq

Dear Mack

Spirit of 22 and is at hand — I leave tonight for Pittsburgh and will attend meeting of Co at Lowmon on 8th prox and will see about the stock then

Yours truly

John Means

29th Sept 9

C. P. Huntington Esq
New York City

Dear Sir

unavoidable delays have prevented earlier reply to your proposal of 13th instant, Our directors think your offer lower than we can afford to accept.
We herewith submit proposal for 18 miles of our line. Expect to be at Monongahela House Pittsburgh on 1st & 2nd prox, and at Lowhead on 8th prox.

Very respectfully
John Meade Pres.

Ashland Ky. 4th Oct 1879.
James C. Lewis Pres
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir
Herewith find
L.&R.L. R.R. E.D. R.R. Check for
My own of ——— $1.000.—
J.C. Lewis ——— 500.—
Fifteen hundred ——— $1.500 dollars
It is not received notice of
the last call — learned of it
from Mr. Peebles —

Very respectfully
John Meard

6th Oct 9

C. P. Huntington Esq
No 9 Nassau St New York City

Dear Sir

Lieut Eschole was here yesterday. I will win you from Southern in a few days, naming time when will be in N.Y. — (probably about 13th inst) and ask you to appoint hour and place for meeting. Mr Bailey one of our directors will come with me —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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Ashland Ky. 21 Oct 1899
Hon W. H. Wadsworth
Maysville Ky –

Dear Sir

Your esteemed fame of 7th inst, is found on return after absence from home since the 6th – My family has been abroad this summer and I went via Southwest to meet them in N.Y. – and only got home this morning and only write to you to day leaving all other letter for a later day – I think our State, the whole country "Nat in with a big N", owe our friend Tom Green for his efforts to clean the Court [illegible]

2

I send you my check for Eighteen hundred ($ 100) dollars for my share in the [illegible] I have considered whether to send only half of the Amount – but believing that we dont often err in giving too much send this. Persons are waiting and much to attend to – Remember me kindly to your family –

Very truly yours
John Mearns

Oct 9

Chas B. Francklyn Esq Agent Canard Steamship Co
No 99 State Street Boston Mass.

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst is at hand. Please send Shawl By Express C.O.D. to me at this place. Thanking you for your carefulness am

my respectfully
yours.

John Means

Address

John Means
Ashland
Kentucky.

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Ashland Ky. 22 Oct 18[illegible]

W. L. Caden Esqr Sec

Freestone P.O. Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th is found on returning after absence from home. Please send me by Big Sandy Packet Cor Steaming resumption of navigation

6 pcs — 7° 6" by 1° 3" X 7"

4 " — 4° 2" " 1° 0" " 6"

70" by 4" flagging —

I have not received bill for last lot of Stone —

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 22nd Oct 1877

Capt T. N. Johnson

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th
is found on steamboat
inclosing check Five hundred
and two 27/100 ($502.27) dollars
on account of McCullough
vote -

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 22nd Oct 1899
Messrs Meaux Kyle & Co.
Hanging Rock O.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 9th inst
are found on return after absence
from home — with inclosures viz
Check for myself $ 800.00
" " Mrs M. A. Adams 2,000.00
" " Miss M. A. Meaux 2,400.00
" " Thos M. Adams 400.00
in payment of Dividend
No 18 — 8 per ¢ —

Very respectfully
John Meaux

Suppose too late for letter
as requested in your of 14th —

Ashland Ky. 24th Oct 1879

Fred Dittus Esq

Mount Pulaski Ill.

Dear Sir

Yours of 30th Sept and 18th inst came duly to this place but absence from home prevented my replying to your inquiry. The deed from Geo Richards dated 15th June 1842 filed 18th July 1842 is written to David Sinton and Thomas W. Meant: and I suppose you will so find if the whole deed is copied in the County Records — After the burning of your County records this deed was sent again to be recorded and is indorsed "Re Recorded July 21st 1858 in "Book 5 of deeds pages 244 & 245. J. C. Webster Clk & Recorder "Logan Co Ill." — There is an error in the indorsement on the outside of this deed, where it is written "No 135 Geo Richards Deed to David Sinton & Geo W. Meant" — but the deed is written conveying to D. S. & Thomas W. Meant — Please examine and see if you do not find so. Mr Jenkins will understand. — These news were so far as we know any Geo W. Meant — You have your records to refer to and do not send the deeds; not having access to the records, it is necessary for my father to keep them to show by what right he

owe

2 For it would have been out of his memory, and he could have given no explanation — Please advise me how you find the record and if deed has not been copied correctly we will send it that the correction may be made on record

Very respectfully

J. Hunt Leavitt

Ashland Ky. 24th Oct 1899
Messrs A. A. Low & Brother
31 Burling Slip New York City
Gentlemen
Herewith please
find draft Ashland N. Bank.
No. 13471 on Bank of America
fifthousand ($5000.00) dollars
for credit to my a/c —
very respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 28th Oct 1879
Messrs Newman & Spanner
Ironton Ohio
Gentlemen
herewith please
find my check on A. N. Bank
fourteen 76/100 ($14.76) dollars,
in payment of your bill of
10th inst. Have been from
home some weeks —
Very respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 25th Oct 1899
Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
65 West 4th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find my check on Jos F. Larkin & Co
Nine 75/100 ($9.75) dollars on
account.
Please send me by Big Sandy
Packet Cin Steamer
1 Poors Rail Road Manual
for (1899-) latest Vol.
I am not sure this is the title
Mr Whelpley will know the book
very respectfully
John Meaney

Ashland Ky. 25th Oct 1879
W. G. Caden Esq. Sec
Freeman Seitz Co Ohio
Dear Sir
I forget to say, to
box the $10 pr ordered for
Step 22 on Wind —
Very respectfully
John Meanes

Ashland Ky. 25 Oct 1879
Mr Clements Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

my wall is ready for your iron work but I do not care to have it shipped at low water rates and hope that we may have a better rise in work or two —

Very respectfully
John Meanes

Ashland Ky. 27th Oct. 1879.

Miss M. A. Meeks

Park Avenue Hotel, New York City

Dear Sister

Your esteemed favor of 21st came to hand Saturday too late to get draft which I inclose herewith viz. A.N. Bank No. 13482 on Bank of America N.Y. City One thousand ($1000+) dollars which I shall charge to Mary's Ass. We are very sorry to hear that she had to suffer under such a dangerous operation, but hope that she is now safe from further danger. Hattie says to be sure and stay in N.Y. until she can travel without pain or danger. And now the time is so low that you cannot get up from Lincoln without delay. We came home

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by way of Columbus and Pittsburgh on the Penna Rd. (Parkland) the 5° 55' P.M. train from N.Y. [illegible] Columbus in the afternoon but the 8° 30' P.M. train does not reach Col. until midnight; we were on the latter train and obliged to lay over Sunday at Col. Sister was up Thursday and took very well. He took home with him a young McMeans from the [illegible] had come to see [illegible] and they have not returned yet. Mrs Putnam gave us a reception Wednesday evening and the Misses Colm Friday. at which we expected to meet Mr Lindsay Kelly and wife but they did not come, so we were the honored guests.

All very well and hoping to see you soon affectionately

Yours

John Meeks

Ashland Ky. 27th Oct 1899.

Sir T. Wickersham
Lowhorn Va.

Dear Sir

After consultation with Mr Lyman we thought it best for the present, not to provide rails for locomotive tracks to washers, and amend your telegram accordingly. That the number you will need to buy for hauling to washers, will be needed to haul out from mines, where you mine for furnace and for sale as we hope will be needed soon. Had all directors pt meeting in N.Y. saw yourself - J.F.W. was not in his best run, would have - After passage a resolution to fix your salary on which he demanded you and my vote - He offered one to charge [illegible] on cost of house above $3,500+, amended at suggestion of A.S.W. to $4000+. I think it would be well to have made to show to Mr [illegible] & any one - a statement which will show, cost of house, cost of [illegible] and outbuildings, Ice machine, Water &c &c, [illegible] separately. I suppose your statement now shows all these as included in cost of house, and give, J.F. the opportunity to argue to Mr Low that your estimates for furnace may be as much too low, and that you disregarded the order of the board in fixing $3.500 as [illegible] for house - - J.F. was very angry about the sale of one, and went for A.S.W. and [illegible]

therefore, in such a style that A.S. (who seemed to feel that he should accept the challenge) got his temper up so as to talk quite plainly as to the propriety of one man undertaking to run the whole thing, and yet avoiding an acceptance of the responsibility; thereby relieving me of the quarrel. I told J.F. that notwithstanding his opinion to the contrary, I still thought it a good sale and would if to be done [illegible] advise the sale to Etna at same price if necessary to make it — &c. He said that if he could be would sell out, and we thought the enterprise would not die if he did. I return his letter herewith.

The good place is at hand to day —

My family are my well and about rested after the trip from N.Y. home — Started Ashland Tuesday last week, is doing well — Mark is here and leaves to night — Kind regards to your family

Yours truly

John Alleaus

Ashland Ky. 24th Oct 1899
J. Crowder Esqr
Mount Pulaski, Illinois
Administrator estate of Scullantee
Dear Sir
Your favor of
22nd inst is at hand. My
father holds note of Geo Mantle
Amount $666.50 due 1 March 1880 having
interest at 8 p.c. part of the interest
has been paid, and there will
be due the first of November next
Note $666.50
Interest 138.50 of 805.00
There seems to have been an
error in indexing the records of
deeds in Logan County; the deed
is correct. I wrote your neighbor
Fred Sitters in explanation last
week. On the 10th Jany 1899 and
10th Feby 79 indorsed to Geo Mantle
his notes due 1 March 1878 & 1879
paid and cancelled.

As we had no inquiry from
him about them we suppose
he received both. We sent by
Mail and have no further
knowledge of them. The trouble
you refer to about draft sent
was that he or his banker
sent draft to Maysville and
in course it went to the
Dead letter office, and was
returned thence to him.
Very respectfully
John Mary

Ashland Ky. 27th Oct 1899

J. A. Wellman Esq

Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Inclosed find
one Hundred dollars
on account of your note due
me - and oblige

Very respectfully
John Kearney

Ashland Ky. 29th Oct 1879

Robt Thompson Esq Manager

Ironton, Vinton Co, Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th inst is at hand. We have about

22 Tons 12# T Rails

17 " 25# "

with Splice bars and castings for parting.

Will sell delivered to boat here

Rails @ 2½ ₵

Splice Bars 3 ₵

Castings 2 ₵

Cash

Very respectfully

John Means

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Ashland 30th Oct 1899

Messrs Cubbeton Meane & Cubbeton

Prince Frederick Ky

I have paid on your account

as follows —

1899	Sept 22nd	Note face of Fred Hartung dated 1 Jany 1899	$462.50
		Interest on same	100.81
	24	John Rhoder &c	1345.86
	Oct 24	Draft of 19th May @ 4 mos	10.000.00
		Order face of John Calder	23.13
		J. L. Patton & Co	165.57
		J. W. Hughes	70.00
		Jos Barrett	491.02
		Chas Tompart	15.00
			$12.673.91

Please credit my account

very respectfully

Hen W. Meane

By John Meane

3rd Norm 9

A. S. Winslow Esqr,
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 29th came to hand Saturday (1st) and was acknowledged by postal — We were disappointed not to meet you at Portsmouth, having delayed calling our meeting until we supposed you could be present; as those who will advise as against our wishes are generally safest counsellors. All the directors were present save you. After a full and lengthy discussion of the matter we agreed to make proposals ~~and~~ as per draft herewith inclosed for a beginning: the terms if need be, so far as to time and amounts of yearly payments are concerned to be modified, provided they shall yield to our Co. not less than an average annual rental of $21.000 and not to exceed twenty (20) years — The aim to be to get up to 24 or $25.000 in the last year. We shall not expect to put our line under contract until, the Ed & Bk Co do theirs.

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and as here fixed the date at which rental shall begin. If we can get this rental I think it will be a good operation for us, and if they take the other line we can build to them or not as we may see to our interest hereafter — I think that their paying one half cent for repairs will a profit to us or additional rental of 4 or $500 per year.

Should we enter into agreement with them our board thought it would be best to take up our bonds now out and make one mortgage for enough to cover the expense — ie increase $150.00 — We would not expect to sell all but be prepared, so that we should not as in the past carry so large a proportion of debt due — or due in short time. Yourself — Mr. Biggs Mr. Peebler and myself, control all the bonds issued — We have not delivered the new issue to Mr Sinton yet — and if he will not agree to take under the increase we would pay him for the old he holds. Peebler, Biggs and myself will exchange for what we have and be glad to take more — This is why I wrote you not to sell until you had heard from me —

The Foreman made an excellent start without the aid of Cake, and Putnam is now as great in confidence in our New Coal, as he had doubts 13 mos. ago. Hope you were benefited by your trip and will go to Wa. on 19th —

Yours &c. John Mearns.

(Fri Nov 79

Received of James A. Wellman
Orchardist ($100) dollars
part payment on Nine Note
belonging to me

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 4th Novem 1899
Buena Vista Freestone Co.
Freestone P.O. Scioto Co. Ohio.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find Ashland N. Bank on
First N.B. Cincinnati Ohio —
Sixty two 76/100 ($62.76) dollars in
payment your statement of Mar
28th ult —

Very respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 4th Novm 1899
Messrs Meanf Kyle & Co
Hanging Rock Ohio.
Gentlemen
herewith
please find my check
Two hundred and sixteen 34/100
($216.34) dollars to added
2.66 " fret to Ashland
$224.94 " Bill wire & R 29th Sept
Delay in presenting fret Bills
presented remitting earlier —
My respectfully
John Meanf

Ashland Ky 4th Novem 1899
Geo. D. Richardson Esq
Princess Furnace Ky

Dear Sir

We have sold to Norton Iron Works (Star Fee) the Bank Wagons at your place. See said 26 in number — @ 20¢ each and agreed to throw in some old wheels not more than 5 or 6 and the checks or tickets — delivered on cars at your Station. Please notify us of no and when delivered —

Very respectfully
Thos W. Meany
By John

Ashland Pty 4th Nov 98
Mr T. Wicker Esq
Lowborne Va.

Copy of your telegram of 30th was shown me at Portsmouth 30 ult; it being repeated by that office to the one here after I left here — and the operator at P. being aware of that — I think it does not matter to you, how or how much bookkeeping is done in N.Y. What you must do is to insist [illegible] your books at 2 mo — as they have done heretofore shall be kept so as to show you the whole business and to do this, you will be obliged to keep your about as you have been doing in the past. Except that you do not need to keep the Stock Books. It does not matter to you or your clerks who owns the stock shares — Your books should show at beginning of now — that there

2) was $250.00 — paid up Capital Stock represented by Real Estate, Teams, Store &c. &c. — taking last items at value and the balance realty — As the calls are made and paid up, you will charge Treasurer and Credit Cap. Stk for amounts paid as shown by his account (it matters not by whom paid on your books) thus when all is paid, your books will as they should show the amount of Capital — As they have books in N.Y. and you at L.M., they should and will agree in the accounts common to both — The trouble has arisen from Mr Winslow confounding mere statements, with bookkeeping — Statements must always come from accounts — Books, which show everything — All will Furnace doing first rate
Regards to your family & Foster
Yours Truly John Mercer

Ashland Ky, 5th Novem 1879
American Manufacturer
97 Wood Street, Pittsburgh Pa.
Gentlemen.
herewith please
find P. O. order No
Eight 50/100 ($8.00) dollars for
the Manufacturer from
1 Jany 1879 to 1 Jany 1881 —
It had escaped notice that this
had not been paid for current
year and I remit for two
years to get nearly even
very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 5th Novem 1899

Wm A. Mack Esq

27 West 3rd St Cincinnati O.

Dear Mac

Yours of 1st inst at hand. I did not offer Mr Sinton Lim, for the reason I found he might suppose I wished him to be needed to help me out of my load. Would have been glad to let him have the 50 M which I joined with him to assume to complete increase of capital. He might buy out J. F. Winston but hardly at par 105 or 110. Probably A. S. W. could get offer from his brother. The best thing for Mr Sinton is to buy up odd lots of Norton I. W.

Am in a terrible fix with my thermometers. I thought the one Prince we bought equal with my old one

2) but find since putting them up again, the "Prince" runs 2° above the other and consequently I don't know how cold to feel this weather. Do you suppose the Iron 'boom', or late elections have anything to do with it?

There is another call of ten 10 p.c. on Lowker due 10th inst.

We have no new babies yet, but there was a wedding in town last night.

All well as usual.

Yours [illegible]

John Meany

Ashland Ky 5th Novem 1879

A.C. Winslow Esq

Cincinnati O

Dear Winslow

herewith I send you a which explains itself Mr A. A. Tow sends it as explanation why he needed 3rd Cell, 10 per p. due 10th inst. Mack writes me that Mr Sinton is in mood to invest some money say 50 to 75 M in Lorsham. Could he not accommodate J. F. and then get us out of scrape in selling our Furnace being well

Yours truly

John Means

Ashland Ky 5th Novr 1879

Messrs A. A. Low & Bro

31 Burling Slip New York City.

Gentlemen

Yours of Oct 27th came duly to hand, inclosing a cum-ed which agrees with my ofcr-

Also yours of 31st ult, inclosing a/c with A. A. Low Bro Treas, which have examined and forwarded for inspection of A. S. Winslow as requested.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 6th Novem 1839
James Killgore Esqr
Geigenville Ky

Dear Sir

I have heard from my sister and as she prefers another arrangement I cannot rent to you. So you had best look out another place, as soon as you can conveniently. Please advise me when you can give possession, and oblige you

my respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. Oct. Nov. 77

Alex Stefanski

Ashland

Dear Sir

please come to see
me if you still desire
rent the "Riverview" house.
Or advise me if you do not
as others have applied for it.

very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 6th Novm 1871

James Peden Esq

Dear Sir

I can rent the house you occupy to tenants that will pay the rent promptly. If you have not done so you had better get another lease - and oblige

Yours very respectfully

Johnston Means

Ashland Ky 1879 Novr 7th —

John Combs Esq

Administrator Geo Mauther Estate

Mt Pulaski Ill —

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd

inst at hand. We have Geo Mauther

Note dear 1 March 1880 $666.50 Credit as follows

payment 1876 June 10th $ 53.32

1877 March 6th 53.34

1879 Jany 4 55.39

and in our of 24th October last

we reckoned as follows

1879 March 1st to 1879 Nov 1st = 2 years 8 Mos

Interest on $666.50 - 2 years 8 Mos $142.21

Less 10 Mos interest on $55.39 a 8 p ct 3.69

Balance 1879 Nov 1st ($138.22

We should have deducted also the 55.39

True Balance due 1879 Nov 1 ($83.13

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 6th Nov 1879

Morris Lee Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of 1st
inst at hand. Have written
Killgore to day that I will
not sent to him. Did not
say to him what had been
done - but asked him to give
possession soon.
Will prepare lease and
send as soon as can
tell when we get possession
very respectfully
John Alleaux

Ashland Ky. 7th Nov 1870

N. Derby Esqr

789 Broad St Newark N.J.

Dear Sir

Your favor of contract is at hand. I send Samples of

Cook 1 Suit and

1 pr pants off same

1 Ven Coat

Breast 31 – Waist 29 Inseam 28½

Harry 1 Suit

1 V. Coat

1 pr pants same or similar goods

Breast 33 – Waist 30 – Inseam 31

Hildrith 1 Suit

he has not changed since last suit which fits him my well –

You will [illegible] Cook & Harry need each suit with an extra pr pants –

Very respectfully

John Mcaul

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Ashland Ky. 7th Nov 1889
Fred Bitters Esq
Mt Palatine Illinois.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd instant is at hand enclosing draft on Metropolitan Bank of N.Y. City - Two hundred and ten [illegible] dollars in payment of balance due on your note due 1st March 1880 in favor Thos W. Means.

I herewith send the note cancelled and will send relinquishment on Mortgage in a few days, as soon as I see my father.

As he has only one deed you can see that when he sold to several persons he could not give one to each. Neither could we have made the explanation in our

2)

24th October, had we not kept the deed and had it to refer to - Will send the deed [illegible] to John C. Jenkins to have record corrected if in error -

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky, 7th Novem 1889
Thomas W. Meany
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

herewith please find Draft on Metropolitan Nat. Bank New York City, Two hundred and ten 75/100 ($210.75) dollars, from Fred Dittus balance on his note due 1st March 1880. Also blank form of release of Mortgage for execution by you. Deposit draft with Second Nat Bank Trenton as I have charged that Bank on your books and return release to me. All well

Yours
John Meany

Ashland Ky 7th Nov 1878
Mrs V. P. Meant
Baterville Va -
Dear Madame
Your favor of Inst
is at hand, and shown to your
son, who has just left my office.
Have arranged to have him help
me for a month or two, hoping
by that time some permanent
situation may offer. We
cannot take him to board with us,
but shall look to his welfare,
and make ours a home to
him, while from you.
I hope that on this you have
received one or more of the
several letters he tells me, he
has written you, and removed
your anxiety
My truly yours
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 7th Novem 1899

Geo O. Richardson
Princess Furnace

Dear Sir

We have paid this day to Walter Welch - note dated Oct 76 at twelve years, bearing Ten (10) per ct interest from date $1.400.00

Interest 144.66

Total due $1.544.66

This note is set down on memos furnished as 1 Jany 99 & 15 May 98 as bearing 6 per ct interest only.

Do you suppose any other outstanding are bearing over Six per ct interest? Please examine the entries made when Notes were given and advise us

Would like to pay all bearing more than Six per ct

Thomas W. Meant

By John Meant

Ashland Ky. 8th Novem 1879.

A. S. Winslow Esq.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th at hand. Expect to leave here Monday afternoon and leave Hartigts that evening @ 4 P.M. our time to reach L.M. Tuesday Morn. But if you leave Cinti Monday (17th) Morn, M&C. RR., you can reach Portsmouth and come here ~~in~~ to Hartigs that night. By going on to H. can leave there Tuesday Morn and reach L.M. Tuesday evening, our N.Y. friends will probably reach there Tuesday. Telegraph me Sat night, and if you come will wait and meet you at Hartigs or here as you advise.

Yours truly John Meany

Inclose copy of Wicker estimate of Indirect

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Ashland Ky. 8th Novem 1899

Thos A. Mack Esq

27 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mac

Your favors of 4th and 5th insts, are at hand, with your check on Commercial Bank Cinti, One thousand and fourteen $\frac{15}{100}$ ($1.014 $\frac{15}{100}$) dollars, If Mr A. S. Winston furnishes one half of the stock, I am only entitled to one half of this amount, and herewith send you Ashland N. Bank draft for five hundred and seven $\frac{08}{100}$ ($507 $\frac{08}{100}$) dollars.

And I hereby receipt to you for amount paid on twenty five (25) shares in Lowmoor Iron Co, of Va, viz

first installment	10 pr ct	due 1 August 1899	$250.00
Second do	10 pr ct	" 10th Oct "	250.00
interest on above amts to date			7.07 $507 $\frac{08}{100}$

the said shares standing in my name on the books of the Company, and to be transferred when paid in full, and certificates issued therefor.

very truly yours

John Means

Ashland Ky. 8th November 1879.

John T. Jenkins Esq.
Lincoln Logan Co. Illinois.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find Deed from George Richards and wife to David Linton and Thomas Ashland executed 15th June 1872 for 288 Acres of land in your county. Which we send for recording, as it appears there has been some error in recording heretofore — Please pay the fee for recording and deduct from the amount remaining in your hands for collection, and oblige

Very respectfully
John Ashland for
Geo. W. Ashland

Ashland Ky. 8th Novem 1879
John C. Peebler Esqr
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir
herewith I send
Memo for Sylvan P. I. & Co.
I think they will be made
plain by dividing into
more portions, as indicated in
mine - have not copied all
nor have I written out
where I thought yours will
do - only where I think may
be changed to advantage
Remember there is more apt
to be too many than too few -
All well, No word from Huntington
They are taking 30 day options for property and
right of way in and from Catlett
burg. And their enquiries are

assuming line from C to this place
you only John Alexander

Ashland Ky. 8th Novem 1899

Peter Arnfelt Esqr
Mt Pulaski, Logan Co. Ill.

Dear Sir

Your favor (by Fred Dittus) of 5th inst is at hand, inclosing draft of W. M. Dustin on Metropolitan National Bank of New York City. Thereon Two hundred and eighty one 12/100 ($281.12) dollars, for which we return your note favor of Thos W. Meany due 1st March 1899 $266.60/100 canceled and we also credit your note due 1st March 1880 with ten 83/100 ($10.83) dollars as per statement below — Have this day mailed to John T. Jenkins Esqr, Lincoln Ill, deed from Geo. Richards to David Sinton & Thomas W. Meany executed 15th June 1842 to be recorded anew in Logan Co. records of deeds.

Very respectfully
J. Wm Meany

Peter Arnfelt note due 1 March 1899 — interest paid to 1 March 1896 +, 1 March 1897 — 26th August 1898 — note $266.60

Dr. Cr. Interest from 1898 August 26th to 1899 March 3rd $11.02

Cr. 1899 March 1st By payment 21.33 Over paid 10.31

Dr. — — — To Balance Dues $2[illegible]

Dr. 1899 Novem 8 To Interest on 8 pages [illegible] 14.00

Cr. " " 8 By N.Y. draft as above $2[illegible] 281.12

Ashland Ky. 8th Novem 1879
Thomas W. Means Esq
Dianging Rock Ohio.
Dear Father
herewith please
find draft of Wm M. Dustin on
Metropolitan Nat Bank of N.Y. City
Two hundred and eight one 12/100 ($281.12)
dollars from Peter Arnfelt on
his notes Illinois lands —
Deposit with Sec Nat Bank
Trustees — as I have charged
Yours &c
John Means

Ashland Ky. 30th Novem 1879

L. E. Potts & Co

Cor 4th & Main Streets Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

please send bottle

with prescription by Dr Bartholow

No. 30188 - 17 . X . 76.

Send by Adams Express C.O.D.

and oblige your

very respectfully

John Means

Mark

John Means

Ashland

Kentucky.

Ashland Ky. 10th November 1879

Fred Dittus Esq

Mt Pulaski Ill

Dear Sir

Hereinitto please find relinquishment of Mortgage on N.W. 1/2 of N.W 1/4 Sect 25 Tom 19 N.R. 2 West containing 80 Acres executed by you to Thos W. Meaux.

Very respectfully

John Meaux

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Ashland Ky. 10th Novem 1879.
Thomas M. Adams Esq
Sanford Orange Co. Fla
Dear Tom
Your of - - -
came duly to hand inquiring if
I had purchased 4 per ct bonds
for you. I had determined
to let the N. Bank Esq
for themselves and Cities for
you and your mother at
same time. The Bank
has not bought yet, and
a great many other Banks
are waiting believing that
the premium at which the
bonds are held will be
much lower than now.
So far they have recently
premium go up higher

Where they think it best at
the Bank to buy I shall
probably do so too, unless
I think something better
offer — Meanx Kyle & Co made
Dividend No 16 about 9th ult and
I have placed same $400.00
to your credit on of —
Have renewed the Z.B.S. R.R. Co.
Note dole 20th March last — and
received new Note dated —
1879 October 1st — bearing
interest at 7 per ct $4.000.00
Cash for Int from 20 March to 1 Oct 168.89
Hattie and girls landed
in Boston 12th October and
I met them in N.Y. 15th, we
reached home 20th — they are
very well and have enjoyed
the Summer — Your Mother and Maggie
are in N.Y. Father is well
Yours truly John Meanx

Ashland Ky. 10th Nov 1879.

Mayor H. M. Bell

Staunton Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand — Am much obliged for your offer but the increased amount of my interest in Son Moor together with some hereabout prevent further "expansion" on my part — With regards to your family am yours

Very respectfully

John S Kearns

Ashland Ky. 11th Novm 1879.

Wm Meant Esqr

55 Fountain Square, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Will

Your fees of 8th is at hand: and I herewith send check for One thousand oo ($1000+) dollars, which I will charge, to Maggie, on my books and to you on her book – I have received the dividend $18, from Meant Kyle &c, and part of $17 – the remaining part was paid to Father and she has credit on his books for same. Father was here yesterday and well. All well at home, and well pleased with their trip. Expect to send girls back to Brooklyn about Christmas –

With kind regards to your dear yours truly John Meant

Ashland Ky. 11th Novr 1899
Messrs, Duhme & Co,
S. W., Cor. 4 & Walnut Sts Cinti. Ohio.
Gentlemen
Permitte please
find draft, [illegible] N. Bank on at
Thirty three $\frac{05}{100}$ ($33.05) dollars in
payment given of a 1st inst —
very respectfully
John Meaux

11th Nov 9

F. A. Low Esq
31 Burling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th instant is at hand. There is nothing doing looking toward the construction of a railroad on the Guyandotte River. The road which you heard of subscriptions to, is from Ohio place up the Big Sandy River, on this the Ky side. The greater portion of this road is graded for Thirty (30) miles, and it is reported that the rails will be laid by or before July next. Big Sandy and Guyan are about Twelve (12) miles apart at their mouths, and probably nearer at no other portion of their course,

Very respectfully
Johns Means

11th Norm 9

A. A. Low Esq Treas

Dear Sir

I have received from Mr. Winslow fire hundred and ten ($510.00/100) dollars, on sale of some Lowthorn Stock. In says something about drawing on you for same, on future calls &c. I do not understand fully, and you can have nipper credited on a/c with A.A.L. & Bro without remittance to Mr. W. and from him to me. Hoping to meet you in Va on 19th am yours

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 11th Novm 1899

A. S. Winslow Esq

Cincinnati O—

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th inst at hand, The meeting at Lexington, was by adjournment of directors at our N.Y. meeting 17th October. I put Mr A. A. Low and others will attend, Let me know if you intend to go— so that I may wait as it is a lonely trip by myself—

All well

Yours truly

John Mears

Ashland Ky. 11th Novem 1879
Geo. O. Richardson Esqr
Princess Fur Ky
Dear Sir
Your favor
(2) of 10th inst at hand —
I think you did my will
with the Spikes —
Capt Culbertson says you
need some Coffee &c &c
that you might dispose of
to advantage in paying
accounts and help some-
what to reduce expenses
by profit thereon. If you
have not ordered and will advise
we will send for them — Freights
are very high now — Yours &c
John Means
for T. W. M —

Ashland Ky 11th Nov 9

J. H. Bibb Esq
Covington Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst is at hand — I do not know any situation that I can refer you to, yours.

Very respectfully
John Meant

To Robt Thompson Manager

12th Novem 79

Will sell you 12 Tons 12th Rail as requested - Will scan it brought to rim really for shipment as near to amount of 12 tons as can conveniently determine - Shall we ship at once & Low Water rates are high -

John Meant

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Ashland Ky. 13th Novem 1879.

Miss M. A. Means
Park Avenue Hotel New York City.

Dear Sister

Your letter of 9th inst, and telegrams of 9th and 10th, came duly to hand. Not hearing from you for several days, I felt that you did not consider Mary in danger, but still I was not without some anxiety to know her condition. And was very glad to hear from you. Father was here when the telegrams came. I shall leave here Monday or Tuesday (17th or 18th) for Lowmoor expect to be there 19th ~~and~~ 20th ~~and~~ there is a telegraph office at Lowmoor Va - and a post Office - so if you wish to communicate with me - you can do so at Lm 19 & 20th and here before ~~or~~ after - and if I am not here they will know where to reach me - I can go from Lm, to NY, in 24 hours. Had a letter from Will a day or two since, and sent him One thousand ($1.000.00) dollars for you - let me know if you need any money.

Our girl (Anne Donallen) is to be married and Hattie is disconsolate - Love to Mary and Martha - and kind regards to Mr Merrill - All well

Yours truly John Means

Ashland Ky. 13th Novem 1899

John C. Peebles Esq

Dear Sir

I send herewith copy of such by law as suggest themselves for inspection of all laws and yourself. Any modification that may present itself to you please make — I would say as to date in § 2 — The Ashland Nat Bank meets Second Wednesday of Jany — Big Sandy Packet Co the day of Jany — Capt Moore can tell — I would like not to conflict with them —

§ 6 Consult your statutes as to time for legal notice — and manner —

§ 12 — Do you need or want written order to be drawn on the Treas — I think not — but have copied your No 8 — order of direction and you don't need

§ 13 — I like mine better than No 9 in your

§ 15 — May be inconvenient at times

Your No 10 — I think reaches to far — the Stockholders chose and can change directors, but too many Cooks (Managers) spoil the Broth —

Yr No 14 — don't need. They have no authority unless we give it.

" 15 — is covered by 11 & 12 —

" 17. Is provided for by Statute and we cant change nor do we need to do what is provided for —

I expect to clear Monday for Southwest and be gone next week — All well — Gaylord is out a Coalition to day to see what is best to be done — or can be done —

Yours truly

John [illegible]

Ashland Ky. 13th Novr 1879.

John T. Jenkins Esq

Lincoln Logan Co. Illinois

Dear Sir

herewith I send note of George Mantle dated 5th Decmb 1874 due 1st March 1880. bearing interest from 1 March 1875 at 8 per ct payable annually — $666.50/100 on which payments have been made viz 1876 June 10th $53.32 interest

1877 March 1st $53.34

1879 Jany 4th 55.39 ——

Mr Comb writes me that he will pay in full

Please collect and remit and oblige yours

Very respectfully

John Meant

for Thos W. Meant

13th Novr 78

John Thos Comb Esq

Mt Pulaski Ill

Have sent Mantle Note due 1 March next to John T. Jenkins as requested by you —

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 17th Novem 79

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh. Pa

Dear Sir

I shall forward to me
now copies of letter C. P. H. to Eschols
and parts of memo of proposals
which vary from ours — Then
Eschols sent to me — You
will see that Huntzen's offer
averages $1650+ per mo, $19.800 —
per year — The prop we submitted
made 21.375 — per year — Eschols
was here yesterday and said Hutzen
told him he would go no higher.
And we said that we must
have $1750 per mo ~~[illegible]~~ $21. on a per year
~~[illegible]~~ we thought our prop would
not take less Whereupon he
said Hutzen would be here

Hon't Monday 24th inst and
requested me to have our directors
meet Hr. Ray Tuesday, 25th,
and that he would try and
persuade Dr. to concede a
little — that as the difference
was so small he hoped
he might arrange — I
agreed to call meeting and
gave him figures as herewith
to consider — Eccleb is
anxious to arrange with
our Co. outside of his
interest in their RR Co.
Seeds this morn fr
Lowhouse. Our miners
have demanded 10¢ per ton advance
and we have given making price
70¢ from today by the 28th
they may want more —

Yours truly
John Meanley

1 Year	To Town Cos. Ins. $ 12.50 per Ton		
"	@ $1.400	"	$ 73.500
"	" 1.500	"	16.000
"	" 1.600	"	18.000
"	" 1.700	"	50.000
"	" 1.800	"	61.200
"	" 1.900	"	105.000
"	" 2.000	"	83.400
			96.000
			$430.800

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Ashland Ky - 17 Novem 1899

- C. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O -

Dear Sir

I shall forward to you to-morrow - copies of letter C.P.H. - to Echols and parts of memo of proposals which may from one - These Echols sent to me - you will see - Hutchings offer arrange $1650 per mo - $19.800 per year - The proposals we submitted $21.375 per year - Echols was here yesterday and said H. had told him, he would go no higher - And we said that our people, would not take less than $1.750 per mo - $21.[illegible] Thereupon he said H. would be here about Monday 24th inst, and requested me to have our directors meet [illegible] - Nov 25th, and that He Echols would try to have H. concede a little more The difference was so small he hoped we might agree. I consented to call meeting and gave him figures herewith to consider. Echols is anxious, to arrange with our loss outside of his interest in their RR Co -

Our Miners have demanded and we believe to day 15¢ per ton making 70¢ for mining - Leave this memo for Lockwood

Yours Truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 17th November 1877

Wm [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

I'll forward to [illegible] copies of letter from C.P.H. to Echols said parts of proposal that vary from our own. Then Echols sent me your [illegible] offer Arrange $1650 per Mo or $19,000 per year. Echols was here yesterday and told me that H. said he would go no higher. And [illegible] told him I thought our people would not take less than $1750 per Mo, $21,000 yearly. Moreover he said Hanty would be here Sunday 25th and requested me to have our directors meet him and that he [illegible] would try to persuade [illegible] to concede a little more. [illegible] the difference was so small he hoped we might arrange. I gave him the figures herewith to consider. Our minors have demanded and

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we have conceded 15¢ per ton advance to day making 70¢ per ton. I leave this morn for Va.

Yours truly

John [illegible]

6 Mon Cash

1 Year	$1000	+ $1250 per Mo		$12,000
1 "	"	1400	"	16,800
1 "	"	1500	"	18,000
2 "	"	1600	"	32,400
3 "	"	1700	"	61,200
5 "	"	1800	"	102,000
3 "	"	1900	"	68,400
4 "	"	2000	"	96,000
20 yrs				430,300

[illegible] 21 Nov 1879

Geo O. Richardson Esq

Please send
five (5) [illegible] castings
complete, also if there
are (6) six pieces of Rail
six (6) feet long, but [illegible]
Rails to make this [illegible]
I understood you that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] all the spikes
if not, send enough to
lay the 12 tons of rails
Please advise me
weights of each &c

Very respectfully
John Meaney

Ashland by [illegible] 27
[illegible]
27 [illegible] Cincinnati O

Dear Mack,

Yours of 17th inst is before me. I will please find check fifteen 25 ($15.95) dollars per Elec.
Did you receive mine of 8th with check $507.08 inclosed?
Reached home this morning after a pleasant visit at Iowmore.
If Mr Linton wants 20 to $24,000 Iowmore, paid up stock, he can get at par and interest @ 7pct since 1 Jany 99 as a special favor and that he is a young gentleman of large experience in Iron business I shall probably be down in a few days and will explain further — All well

Yours truly
John Means

1 21 Novem 79

Johnstown Cumbr — Mt Pulaski Logan Co Ill

Dear Sir

Mr Jenkins sells Printer draft on N.Y. Seven hundred and fifty five (\$755.50) dollars in payment Mantles Note favor Thos W. Meant received — Will send release of Mortgage in a few days

Very respectfully
John Meant
for T. W. Meant

Ashland Ky, 21 Novem 1879

Thos W. Meant Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear father

Herewith please find draft First Nat'l Bank Lincoln Ill on Hanover Nat'l Bank N.Y. Seven hundred and fifty five 50/100 (\$955 50/100) dollars, in payment Sec Mantles last note due 1 March next — I shall charge on your books to Sec Nat Invest — Please have your Bank Book balanced and bring it and checks up — There are some Entries to be made on that account — All well

Yours truly
John Meant

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Ashland Ky. 22 Novem 1899
John S. Jenkins Esq
Lincoln Logan Co Ill.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th came duly to hand, incloving draft on N.Y. $955.50 being payment of George Mantle note due March next, with interest. We have acknowledged same to Mr Combe. Had we not had the deed in our hands we could not have given explanation to Mr Dittus and others as we have done. As soon as all the notes given for the land are paid and mortgage released, we shall have no use for the deed and can let the purchaser of part have it.

Unless that is done my father prefers to keep it himself.

Very respectfully
John Meand

Ashland Ky. 22 and Novem 1899
Johnathan Combe Esq
Mt Pulaski, Logan Co. Ill.
Dear Sir

herewith please find release by Thos W. Meand for mortgage on, South half (S½) of the Northwest quarter (NW¼) of Section twenty five (25) in Township Nineteen (19) North Range Two (2) West of the 3rd for Mer, by Geo Mantle —

Very respectfully
John Meand,
for Thos W. Meand

Ashland Ky. 29th November 1879.

R. Matthew Carter
Trenton O - S

Dear Sir

Yours of 24th came duly to hand - and I have deposited $222.55 as requested - I return herewith Letter of credit No. 24/[illegible] Mr H. Ballard stating payment viz

1879 June	30	Liverpool	£ 40.	
July	10	London	80.	
"	18	Amsterdam	30.	
"	23	Brussels	60.	
1 August	1	Berlin	20.	
"	5	Dresden	100.	
"	20	Milan	50.	
"	26	Geneva	120.	
Sept	16	Paris	80.	
"	17	"	50.	
"	20	London	170	£ 800 —

very respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 29th Novem 1879

James M. Bailey
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

herewith find mem
for agreement, which Mr Huntington
now offers to accept on
conditions which myself and
others will fill — When we
parted he offered $1700 per mo flat
for 20 years, The bond and be
agreed on the other matters as
herein — splitting on that. Now the
R.R. Co gets everything we asked — I
must be away from here the first of
next week — and wish to be in
Washington on the 15th prox is
my reason for [illegible] meeting 6 or 8th

My truly
John Meaux

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Ashland Ky, 29th November 1879

C. P. Huntington Esq

No 9 Nassau St New York City.

Dear Sir

herewith please find copy of memo for agreement as discussed with Directors of L. M. E. R. R. Co. 26th inst, and between you and myself 28th inst &c.

Very respectfully

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 29th November 1877

C. P. Huntington Esq—

I hereby propose and agree that if the E L & B S - R R Co - shall be completed from Mt Sterling to the Mouth of Big Sandy River on or before the first of July 1882 and shall agree with the S & B S - R R Co - and use its line from near C. F. Stewarts on Straight Creek to Ashland as a part of the line of said E L & B S - R R Co - line - in accordance with mean for agreement between said R R Companies herewith instead that I will convey or cause to be conveyed to said E L & B S - R R - Co two (2) parcels of land situate in Ashland each 200 feet by 142½ feet, viz, one on the Northeast side of Railway Alley between Seventh and Fourth Streets and, one on Northeast side of Railway Alley above (Southeast of) G - Street - In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand this day above written—

John Meany

Ashland Ky, 29th Novem 1879

Hon. John Eckstein
Staunton Va.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find copy of Memo for agreement as discussed with RR directors. The memo for the parcels of land I send to Mr Smith in Ft

Very respectfully
John Meaux

1 1 Decm 79

Received of J. C. Merrill Treas. Town of Cattleborg - fifty ($50.00) dollars on interest on bond in favor Miss M. A. Meant

John Meant

Louisville Ky
Dec 11th 1879

Geo. O. Richardson Esqr
Princess Furnace Ky

Dear Sir

Enclosed find letter from Jaleski A, describing the fastenings &c. Fill bill and enclose me weights of both rails and castings separately. Will see about Nick. Baker and advise you soon. Return the Jaleski A letter to me.

Yours Truly
John Means
(M)

6th Street 9

John C. Peebler Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

I reached home yesterday, and find the citizens of Ashland have secured proposals for the sale of the lots needed, and feeling confident that they will secure the money to pay for them. From my talks with A.E. Winslow I think he will oppose the increase of the mortgage, and have us squeeze through without. Now I believe this may be done, but if done, whenever we need, as no doubt we shall at times in the future need accommodation. It must be done by individual indorsement, and that you know must be without his name. I wish you would write (in view of the fact you are going away soon) your views in favor of an increase in amount and longer time than ten (10) years. Write as your own and not my suggestion. Expect to leave for Washington Tuesday. Yours Truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 6th Dec 1879
Senior Appleton Esq
Mt Sterling Ky

Dear Sir

Yours of 2nd inst is at hand. About a month ago S.H. Hartman was somewhere in the Oil Regions of Penna; and is yet so far as I know. Has no interest in our Co. having been sold out as a bankrupt. Nothing definite as to R.R. matters.

Very respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 6th Decm 1879

C. P. Huntington Esq.

New York City

Dear Sir

The bearer Evan T. Warner Esq. expecting to bid on some work for the E. L. & B. S. R.R. has requested me to write you of him. I have known Mr W. for some years, and believe he will endeavor to comply with any agreement he may make.

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 6th December 1899

Mr Ken St. Jones

Dear Sir

Another month rent is due. You must keep up your part of the agreement to pay ten ($10.00) or twelve ($12.00) dollars each month or give up the house.

Yours &c

John Mead

Ashland Pa. 8th December 1879.

A. A. Low Esq.

Dear Sir

I have seen Mr Sinton and he declines to purchase stock in Low Moor at par and interest from 1 Jany last. Some inquiries made for one I think it advisable for Mr Wickes to put in another worker, he now has two (2) and with three (3) might nearly double his output. If he could promise, without doubt he could now sell more than his annual output has ever reached. And the worker will be needed to avoid carrying an amount in stock for Furnace. Am advised by wire of a meeting 10th inst, in N.Y. which I cannot attend

Very truly yours

John Mecum

Ashland Ky Dec 8th 1879

Zalaski Company
Zalaski Ohio
D. Thomas. W. Means

1200 lbs T Rail @ 2½	32	25		
" 800 " Cast Frogs & plates @ 2¢	16	00	$48	25

Ashland Ky
Dec 8th 1879

Robt Thompson Manager
Zalaski. Ohio.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find bill and bill of lading of T Rails, Frogs & Plates as ordered per your letter of 3rd.

Yours truly
John Means
(M.)

as soon as I return will communicate with you and try to arrange time for meeting to suit you convenience. Hoping that Mr B. is well again am

Yours Truly

John Meaney 8th Decr 7

James M. Barley Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 27th ult came duly to hand. Mr H. as we wrote you 29th, has ~~proposed~~ offered to accept our proposal as sent you. Have seen all our directors but Mr Biggs, and all are agreed to stand by that I think we should make our bonds 450 M as ordered at Instrument but that the time should be made say 15 or 20 years. All we all agree on this, save Winslow, who now wants to try and squeeze through on 300 M, which I think is taking a greater risk for our loss than the larger amount and longer time. Mr Peebles leaves about the 20th inst for Texas, and will be gone several weeks. Will need to change the order as to bonds in this month or early in January and need meeting of directors, and wish you to be present. Winslow is too Arctic to depend on, I leave for Washington to morrow and be you 5 or 10 days

Ashland Ky. 8th December 1879

Messrs Harper & Brothers

Franklin Square, New York City

Gentlemen

herewith please

find P.O. order No 8178 Seven ($7.00) dollars

for Monthly beginning December 1879

" Weekly " several coming at

present market "Means Jr 1200".

very respectfully

John Means

Address

John Means

Ashland

Kentucky.

Ashland Ky 8th December 1879
Messrs Scribner & Co
743 Broadway New York City.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find P.O. order No 8199 - Seven
($7.00/100) dollars, renewal for
Monthly and
St Nicholas
beginning January 1880.
very respectfully
John Meaux

Address
John Meaux
Ashland
Kentucky.

Ashland Ky 8th Dcem 1879

The Tribune

New York City

Gentlemen

herewith please

find P.O. order 8076 Three

($3.00) dollars for the

Semi Weekly Tribune 1 year

very respectfully

John Meanl

Address

John Meanl

Ashland

Kentucky

Ashland Ky. 8th December 1879
Buena Vista Trustees Co
Trustees Ohio –
Gentlemen
herewith please
find my check on Jos F. Larkin
& Co Cinti O. Seventy seven 05/100
($77 05/100) dollars, in payment
your bill 30th ult –
my respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 8th December 1879

Messrs Robt Clarke & Co.

6 West 4th St. Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please

find my check on Jno F. Larkin & Co —

twenty 04/100 ($20 04/100) dollars on account

Please send ... by Big Sandy Packet Co's Steamer

Macaulay's Essays Student Ed. 3 Vol

Lubke's History of Art

Caesar by Froude

Our English Surnames C. W. Bardsley

Improved Dwellings for Saving Classes (pamphlet)

Send oblige

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky
Dec 19th 1879

Robt Thompson Manager
Zaleski, Ohio

Dr Sir,

The frogs, partings &c have been shipped per Scioto on 10th, & I suppose by now you have rec'd them. Please remit

Yours truly
John Meaux
(M)

Ashland Ky - 19th Decr 1879
R Mattern Cash
Trenton O -

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst is before me - Reckon face of bonds and interest on same at Six (6) per ct to date of payment

very respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky
Dec 19th 1879

Robt Thompson Mangr
Zaleski, Ohio

Dr Sir.

The frogs, partings &c have been shipped per Sciota on 10th. & I suppose by now you have rec'd them. Please remit.

Yours Truly
John Means
(M)

Ashland Ky
Dec 19th 1879

Mess Means Kyle & Co
Hanging Rock

Gents.

Your letter of 12th to hand. Do you wish the castings. [partings, turn-outs &c] with the rails. If so let me know at once.

Yours Truly
John Means
(M)

Ashland Ky 19th Decr 1879

Mrs M. H. Walker

H. Rock O.

Dear Madam

Your of 15th is before me only now; having been from home for some time — I am sorry to say that our business has been so bad for several years as to put me in the list of borrowers; and so far we have not had profits sufficient to clear my own debts, much less to have money to lend — I hope your mothers health will soon be better —

Very truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky, 19th Dec 1899

A. A. Low Esq

31 Burling Slip - New York City.

Dear Sir

I find, on returning from Lowhorn Letter of 11th inst, A.A.L. & B. and statement of payments 3rd & 4th installments; also report of Ex Com, meeting 5th inst, in which among other matters was expressed a desire to confer with Mr Wicker "in respect to the policy of suspending work at Lowhorn Junction and confining immediate operations to the mining and sale of ore" &c.

While at L.M. Mr Wicker had an opportunity to accept offers for 15 to 28,000 tons of ore at $5.50 at Huntington, and proposal from C.&O. R.R. for fuel at $2.10 to $2.15 - which after reference to the Chairman of Ex. Com. - was sat down on by him with the statement that we were not in condition to make sales. The lee bar in Timer part sold ore at $1.95 f.o.b. cars at S.M. the price named would give nearly as much for profit, as we have received for ore. I think if we are not in condition to mine and make sales, no time should be lost in getting into condition. Mr Wicker could mine now, 2000 to 2400 tons per month - an expenditure of less than

the Thousand ($3,000) dollars should, prepare lime to mine 4000 tons per month. Contracts for one must be made about the first of the year, when such contracts are made by others, or we shall probably find none to contract with. We should be prepared to put out about 4000 tons per mo before we start our furnace. If other contracts for furnace work which Mr Wicker made under the advice and instruction of the Chairman of Ex Com, are to cost so far in excess of the estimates of others, we shall need all the profit we can get from sales of ore. I also saw at L.M. an order from the Chairman of Ex Com, but in which all did not concur. That if obeyed would nearly stop work for (3) three months; and for the reason that probably more work could be done in good than bad matter. Then possibly might be gained in this 10$ to 25$ in a day. If we build such a furnace as we hope to do. $400 to $500 per day profit might be expected to come this. Mr Wicker expects to be in N.Y. in a day or two and I have written hurriedly hoping this might reach you by the time he does. It may show some impatience but I hope nothing offensive to you.

My truly yours John Meaning

Ashland Ky. 20th Decr 1899
Edward A. Low Esqr Asst Sec
31 Barling Slip N. Y.

Dear Sir

Please send me statement of amounts apportioned to my account – for payments, advancements and interest – A. Aug Low sometime ago sent me gross statement $44.107.64 –
Please give from your (near) account my payment property of
interest thereon
Advancements
interest thereon –
So that I may have entire made on my books agreeing with yours – and oblige
my respectfully
John Meant

Ashland Ky. 20th Decm 1899

Messrs Lowell & Andrews

Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

Herewith please

find my check on J. F. Carlisle

Thirty one 54/100 ($31.54) dollars in

payment for bill of wages of Mind

very respectfully

John Mears

Ashland Ky 22nd Decm 1889

Dear W. W. Johnson

Trenton O—

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th inst at hand— I should have said to face of Bonds $, add Interest at 6 p.c. to date ——— and divide by 4 ——— $

As I had stated that we got 25 p.c. of this did not think necessary to repeat— Would come down tomorrow but hate to attend meeting in our own bank—

Very respectfully

John A Kearns

Ashland Ky 22 nd December 1897

R. Matthew Esq Cashier

Second Natl Bank of Ironton Ohio —

Dear Sir

Please pay to A. C. Campbell Cashier, amount of May and November Dividends due me by your Bank

Very respectfully

John Meanton

Ashland Ky. 23rd Decm 1899.

Thos A. Mack Esqr

27 West 3rd Street Cincinnati O.

Dear Mac

I want

1 Harry Lorrequer by Lever

1 Con Cregan, "

1 Froude Hist England

and as am not in great hurry probably you may be able to pick them up for me at less prices than Robt Clark & Co charge. Don't know when we shall get to work; nothing doing now.

Yours Truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 2nd December 1839

Capt C. M. Holloway
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I saw Mr Russell next day after seeing you, and he said he would take your Big Sandy Packet Stock at the price $110. But when I came home only stayed a few days, and left for Washington and afterward spent several days in Virginia and forgot entirely about the matter. I saw him to-day and if you still wish to sell he will take it. You can send certificate and draft to A. C. Campbell Cashr, Ashland N. Bank - Certificate to be surrendered on payment of draft - With compliments of the season to you and

Yours

John Meany

Dec 9

John G. Peebler Esq

Texas

Dear Sir

I reached home last week, after a pleasant visit in Washington and at Lowmur, Our Commission had a hearing by to Committee of Commerce, of the House of Representatives and gave us to understand that it is probable they will report their appropriation bill in next month and get it through in time to keep up work on Davis Island dam without interruption. The strike continues, but has weakened. The Labor Association, has withdrawn its order for a general strike, leaving each branch of labor to manage its own affairs. So they say. Our miners have made no offer to go to work. The men at furnace are willing but nothing can be done until we get coal. We have thought best, that as the notice to stop was given by the men, we would wait until they asked for work

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and then try to get an agreement from them to withdraw from the order which brought on the strike. Bound of the ring leaders have been indicted by the grand jury and we have some hope may see the inside of the penitentiary for the actions and threats. We think it of much more importance to break up the organization than to get to work in short time. The Molly Maguire order is at the bottom of the trouble and would soon lead to murder and robbery if encouraged to grow in strength. All outside influence in the community is now with us.

Just before I left home I wrote you asking that you give me your views, on the subject of increasing amount of mortgage for bonds and longer time to run.

Would be glad to have this for presentation to the directors as we shall need meeting soon if we do anything in this matter.

All well with compliments of the season to you and yours

John S. Meant

Ashland Ky 26th December 1879

C. P. Huntington Esq

No 9 Nassau St New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst is before me and contents noted. I did not include the Ord Sch as you had Ky. I. C. & M. Con proposed for same — I will have plat made and make proposal in name of the Ky. I. C. & M. Co (in owner) as requested for two parcels, and in my own name for third parcel of land. I would like to be advised by you or your agents as soon as you are ready to let the arrangement be known, so that my report may agree with yours — Will send copy of ordinance granting right of way.

Very respectfully

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 27th December 1879

Geo. T. Wicker Esq.

Dear George,

Henry F. was in this morn but did not know whether my letter of 19th inst. reached the boy while you was in N.Y. City. In order that you may know what I wrote him I send you copy herewith. I think we should be prepared to mine and sell on, and that contract for coal or coke cannot be made too soon.

All well

Yours Truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 29th December 1839.

Capt. C. M. Holloway
82 Vine St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Charley

Your esteemed favor of 26th inst, is at hand, I was not advised, and am glad to learn that our Pkt Co. has realized so much from our claims on E & O. RR. Co and Etna Iron Works, Am also pleased that you have concluded not to sell your stock at $110 — for I greatly prefer that you should not sell, so long as I am a stockholder in the Co. I shall not see Mr. Russell nor am satisfied he would not deine to buy at $125 and he would also, be glad to have you hold your interest,

I saw my father yesterday, is very well and feels as I do in regard to your selling.

Wishing many a happy New Year to you and your

John Alexander

Ashland Ky. 29th Decm 1899.
A. E. Winslow Esqr.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 26th is at hand inclosing A. Wilson of 24th, I think we should either go on with the work, at Sowhum or call meeting of stockholders and all resign and let a board of directors be chosen who represent views of stock holders. Expect to be at home this week and next, leave Jany 12th in Cinti 15th and then possibly to New York. Wishing happy New Year to you and yours

John Mearns

Ashland Ky. 29th December 1899

Messrs

M Clintock & Smith

Chillicothe O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find statement of Ofcs $649.75 Zaleski Coe which Mr Thompson Manager requests to sent to you for payment. Please remit and oblige

Very respectfully

Thos W. Meany

By John Meany

Ashland Ky. 29th December 1899

Zaleski Coe Company

in account with Thos W. Meany

1899 Nov 25th	Nov 24060	Mr T Paid	@ 2½ pr	$601.50
Dec 10 "	" 1290	"	" 2½	32.25
" "	" 800	" Cash paid	" 2 pr	16.00
				$649.75

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Ashland Ky. 29th December 1899

George T. Wickes Esqr

Lowmoor Va.

Dear George

I have letter from Ad. Cow Esqr. of 24th inst. written in reply to mine of 19th (copy sent you), in which he expresses himself very kindly, but is cautious by reason of J. F. W. — I shall send R. Preston Meaux to assist Henry Foster at his Books, He is young, poor and willing to work, and I think gives some promise to make himself useful. He understands that the work is not lasting. If you can make him useful in any way, he will be glad to stay. Is rebel enough to suit your latitude.

Will leave here to reach you Monday 8th prox. I would push out the ore as fast as economy will permit, and perhaps another washer as soon as may be. It now looks as though we may have much higher prices in iron and corresponding prices for ore —

very truly John Meaux

Ashland Ky, 29th December 1839.

[redacted]

21 Burling Slip, New York, City.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 24th inst is at hand and contents noted. I was pleased to hear that it was thought well for Mr. Wicker to start our mines. We cannot expect profit, but can see that expense will not stop at S.M. even if we do not work. Your circular letter of to Stockholders [illegible] duly to hand. I think all our subscribers to the Stock will appreciate the importance of getting our furnace at work soon as possible. When we stated 15 to 28,000 tons ore asked for, it was only to show what we might do, and not to advise contracting for so large an amount as last named. but sell enough to different parties to introduce it to the market, as must be done to best advantage in such times as we now have. I believe myself ore will go higher than it now is, as soon as the Iron Mtns and Lake Superior ore sellers fix prices, we [illegible] but not sooner for large amounts. I will send you some [illegible] to show [illegible] the difference in [illegible] of ore, is not nearly

Ashland Ky 31st December 1879

C. P. Huntington Esq.

I hereby propose and agree, that if the Elizabethtown Lexington & Big Sandy Railroad Company build its line of road from the mouth of Big Sandy Rim to and through Ashland by or before the first day of July 1881, and connect with and use the Lexington & Big Sandy Railroad Eastern Division as a part of the Mainline, between Lexington & Big Sandy Rim; I will give and convey or cause to be conveyed by deed of general warranty (subject to the conditions as to sale of ardent spirits &c inserted in conveyances by the Ky. I. C & M. Co.) to the said Elizabethtown Lexington & Big Sandy Railroad Co. One tract or parcel of Land Three hundred (300) feet by one hundred and forty two and one half (142½) feet, on the northeast side of Railway Alley and between that and Carter Avenue, below Fourth (4th) Street and above Seventh (7th) Street; I to determine which parcel, and this proposal is made instead of my proposal of 29th November 1879, which is hereby abrogated — In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand

John Means

Ashland Ky 31st December 1879.

C. P. [illegible]ington Esq —

No 9 Nassau Street, New York City

Dear Sir

Herewith I send you plan of part of Ashland Showing position of Railway Alley &c &c

2. Copy of ordinance passed by Council — Did not think it best at present to ask officers to certify —

3. Proposal by Ky. I. C & M. Co — with form of deed — used by said Co —

4. Proposal in my own name.

The last two are instead of proposal made by me 29th November last — Which had better be returned to me —

I think it probable that may be in your city about 16th to 18th prox —

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky - 1st Jany 1880
Izaleski Co -
Izaleski O -
herewith please
find Bills receipted, paid
by check on Ross County Nat
Bank of Chillicothe
Very respectfully
Thos W. Means
By John Means

Ashland Ky 1st Jany 1880
C. C. Clarke Esq
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

please gitte me statement of last two stock dividends to fathers account — also how much stock he has in Iron R.R. Co — so that I can enter same on his books which has not been done — I think two have been made since any entered — With compliments of the season to you and yours

John Meant

Ashland Ky, 2nd Jany 1880.

Arch. Low Esq.
31 Barling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 24th inst also, circular letter to Stockholders in S.M.I. Co came duly to hand, I think all subscribers to the Capital Stock will appreciate the importance of putting, furnace in work as soon as possible; and be willing to pay up, instalments to, hurry matters. We pleased to hear, it was thought well to start ink in mining ore. We can expect no profit, but may be sure expenses do not stop, if all work is suspended, as Mr Weirlow recommends.

When we stated amounts of ore asked for, we did so to show what we might do; not to advise contracting for such large amounts. I believe the price will go higher. Recommended the sales made at the low price, as an advertisement; if we are in mine and sell ore, believe yet it was well, if we mine and sell none, then I admit it was a mistake not to get higher price.

When Mr Jones Mountain Co (Antler Harrison Wells) brought [illegible] to

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notice of the public; they sold it delivered at points on Ohio River for cost of Rim transportation; losing or giving away, cost of mining and transportation to Rim. It may have been a mistake! Mr Winslow so long and successful experience, should add to value of his opinion, and consequent careful consideration we give to them, I acknowledge to having done so largely in the early history of Lookman. Still I even think he may be mistaken sometimes. The monthly time before we start the Low money will have been expended. Mr. Wicker estimates if I recollect aright over $154,000 &c. Mr. Winslow was inclined to make his increased subscription conditional that the cost should not exceed $100 &c for furnace. Notwithstanding the contracts were made, according to Wicker plans. I am afraid that the Coal and Coke supply is what we may fear being short. If contracts are made for this with new numbers, in works yet to be opened, add the time between these and the time the furnace may be started, will be necessary for them to get ready to supply a furnace, with sufficient to [illegible] her will [illegible]. and this bring the case I think that by all means we

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should prepare to mine and sell on, during the time we may have to await supplies of coal or coke. My idea would be to leave one or more furnaces using ore. When we cannot make sales profitably the amount needed to supply furnaces would enable us to keep up the organization, of experienced men, so that whenever we desire to increase we should only need to add the cheapest labour to our force. Our Ashland furnaces have often, and for long time, enabled us to do this in our Coal business here. It is probable that I shall be in your city with my daughters, who return to Packer Institute, about the 13th instant — and will then try to see you —

With compliments of the season to you and your —

John Means

Ashland Ky. 3rd Jany 1880

W. L. Cadern Esqr Sect-

Freestone, Scioto Co-O-

Dear Sir

I wish two (2) Steps

2 Steps Length 5° 6" x Breadth 2° 6" x Height 0° 7"

If you have this size please box and send by Big Sandy Packet Cor Steamer- If you have not in stock (I suppose you are not sending) this size but can give the "Length" and "Height"- you may vary the "Breadth" any size from 1° 3" to 2° 6" and I can make them answer my purpose- Please advise.

Very respectfully

John Alcaus

Mrs Mary A. Adams in account Current

1879				Interest
January	10	To Ashland N. Bank Cash	350 00	
Feby	19	" 5 Shares Champion C.&T.B. Stk @ 700 per share	3,500 00	
		" 7½ " C.P. Big Sandy W. Pub Co " 50 " "	375 00	
		" Costs Suit vs. C.S. Pearce	64 37	
		" Attorneys Fees Collecting "	275 00	
	20	" W.S. 4 per c Bond 1 Mo Spec 2.50	1,002 50	
March	29	" A.N. Bank Cash	200 00	
April	10	" Heir M. Adams per Order	9,675 00	
June	16	" 1 Passage in Abyssinia 80 + Gold Coin p 39.20	119 20	
July	18	" London Draft L.C	100 50	
	29	" " "	25 00	
August	12	" " "	124 20	
	20	" " "	39 89	
Sept	4	" " "	148 93	
	13	" " "	49 75	
	17	" " "	49 75	
Oct	4	" " "	248 35	
	22	" " "	790 85	
	27	" " "	1,000 00	
Nov	29	" " "	222 55	
Decm	19	" Robt Clarke & Co 1 Lutha Hist Art	11 20	
		" London Draft L.C.	183 05	
	31	To Balance due M.A.	7,964 45	
			26,519 54	

1879		Cr.		Interest
Jany	1	By Balance per a/c cert	$10.356 97	724 99
	18	" Ashland N. Bank Divid No 13	400 00	26 64
Feby	2	" 4 W.S. Coupons 2/10 of 2/5	30 00	1 87
	19	" Note C. G. Pearce & accrued interest (By Divid)	5.665 13	...
		" Dividends of C.P., B.S. & P. Pkt Co on 7½ Shares	353 55	...
		" do Champion Coal & Iron Bank Co	750 00	410 63
March	19	" Interest on RR. Notes	488 00	26 75
	26	" 3 W.S. Coupons $10 ea	30 00	1 60
April	30	" Dividend C.P., B.S. & P. Pkt Co	75 00	3 79
May	30	" Interest on Catlettsburg Bond	50 00	2 05
June	17	" W.S. Currency	20 00	" 75
Aug	1	" 3 W.S. Coupons $10 each	30 00	" 87
	5	" 3 " " $10 "	30 00	" 84
	12	" Dividend Meand Kyle & Co No 17	800 00	...
		" Meand Kyle & Co. on a/c	450 00	33 68
Oct	21	" do Dividend No 18	2.400 00	32 48
Nov	4	" Interest on RR. Notes	506 66	5 61
Decem	1	" " Catlettsburg Bond	50 00	" 29
	6	" 6 W.S. Coupons $10 ea due 1 Oct	60 00	" 28
			22.545 31	
	31	" Difference in Interest	706 08	
			$23.251 39	
	"	By Balance due M.A.M. from J.M. Ashland Ky 1 Jany 1880 2 & O.C.	$10.367 66	

Thomas M. Adams in a/c current and interest @ 7 p.c. with John Means

				Interest
1877 April	17	To Cash of Ashland N. Bank	$ 1.000 00	49.38
			18.148 53	
			19.148 53	

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1879				
April	10	By Cash Order Mrs. Adams	$ 9.675 00	491 00
May	24	" Dividend #16 Means Kyle & Co	200 00	8 42
Aug	2	" Interest Coupons R.R. 6 $20 ea.	120 00	3 45
	12	" Dividend #17 Means Kyle & Co	400 00	10 75
	23	" ~~Interest~~ U.S. ~~Bonds~~ 14 ea. $500 + and		...
		" interest $7.133,29 less $10.70 Cost Collection	7.122 59	177 00
Oct	21	" Dividend Means Kyle & Co No 18	400 00	6 20
Nov	4	" Interest on B.R. Note to 1 October	168 89	2 95
		" S.N.I.W. Interest Coupons due 1 May	200 00	9 33
		" do " " 1 Nov	200 00	2 33
Dec	31	" Difference in interest @ 7 p.c.	662 05	
			19.148 53	
		" By Balance due T.M.A. from J.M.	$18.148 53	

Ashland Ky 1880 Jany 1 E.&O.E.

Ashland Ky. 5th Jany 1899
Miss M. A. Meaux
Hanging Rock O—

Dear Maggie

Your form of 2nd instant, came to hand Saturday night— Herewith I send you my check for One hundred ($100+) dollars as requested, also statement of my a/c with you— Please acknowledge— Come up soon— Expect to leave with girls, Monday 12th— All will—

Yours Truly
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 6th Jany 1880

Thos M. Adams Esq

42 East 126th Street New York City.

Dear Tom

Your favor of 31st ult is at hand. Herewith please find Ashland Nat Bank No 13919 on Bank of America N.Y. City for — One hundred ($100 00/100) dollars, indorsed payable to your order as requested — Please acknowledge. I also inclose a/c current and interest to 1st instant. Father and Mr John C. Meant of Ill have gone to Manitou to visit Aunt Burgess. All well at home. Expect to be in Brooklyn about the 15th inst at Pierrepoint House.

Yours truly

John Meant

Ashland Ky 6th Jany 1880

C. C. Clarke Esq
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Carr

Yours of 5th inst and 30th ult came duly to hand — Mr Russell will attend the 2nd N. Bank meeting, and I have given proxy to him.

Accept thanks for Statement RR Stock — Remember me to Mrs C — Cath [illegible]

Yours truly
John Means

Ashland Ky. 8th Jany 1880

I John Means of Ashland Ky- hereby constitute and appoint- Capt S. Shinkle, Henry A. Jones or either of them proxies for and in my name to vote at the meeting of Stockholders in the Champion Coal and Tow Boat Company to be held Monday 12th inst for election of Directors and any business that may come before the meeting —— And hereby revoke all former proxies.

John Means

Capt Shinkle

Dear Sir

herewith please find proxy. Please send me statement of condition of Co at convenience and oblige

very respectfully

John Means

10th Jany 80

W. L. Caden Esqr
Freestone Ohio — } Dear Sir
Your of 8th inst at hand — The size you name will not suit me — You may send when you can — 2 ps — 5° x 6" x 15" x 7"
in place of those ordered 3rd inst — and I will wait for these —
Yours respectfully
John Meanes

Ashland Ky 10th Jany 1850

Wm L. Caden Esqr Sect —
Freestone Ohio.

Dear Sir

I wrote you this A.M. by Postal to send me, when you can saw them, viz
2 Ps 5° 6" x 1° 3" x 7" which was wrong — and should have been —
2 Ps 5° 6" x 2° 6" x 7"
Please box when you send them and oblige your

Very respectfully
John Meanes

[illegible] 1880

Mr John C. Black

Dear Sir

herewith I send
lease which I think is about as we agreed,
if so I send another copy — [illegible]
[illegible] cast — Please examine and
ad[illegible]

John Heard

Ashland Ky 10th Jany 1880
Morris Lee Esq
Star Furnace Ky
Dear Sir
herewith I
send Lease for Secret
if all as agreed let
him signe and return
an copy to me
My respectfully
John Meant
for M. A. Meant

Ashland Ky 10th Jany 1880

Spencer Elgin Esq

Sir

Yours dated 18th Instr, mailed 7th Jany is at hand, I am not sure that I understand your letter, but if you think to scare me to buy your silence, begin now, and you will know better after while. You say you have heard that I am able to help you; you might to have learned, that I am not likely to be scared or fooled into doing or not doing, excepting as pleases myself— The grounds you state for asking help I dont believe are true, and will not help on them, If as the child of our former servant in my fathers family you ask assistance I am willing to consider helping you— but not on any other, as I wrote you before— I expect to be from home some 12 or 15 days, and you can let him know then your intention—

Yours respectfully

John Kinney

Ashland Ky. 12th Jany 1880.

Miss R. M. Hildreth
Dundee Ohio.

Dear Bird

Yours of 8th instant is at hand. Just now I think the Salt Lots are making money and after such has been the case for a while, the stock may be sold for a fair price. U.S. Bonds are at high premiums and I think will be lower before the maturing indebtedness of the Govt is paid or rather arranged by new Loan (bonds). Consequently I would advise against selling the Salt Lots Stock at present. Our Bank made a three (3) per ct dividend first instant, which you mother can draw if she has not received it. We are all well. I leave tonight with the girls for Brooklyn, and wishing you all a happy New Year am

Yours truly

John W. Means

13th Jany 80

Mr. Clements Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst. is at hand. It is so late in the season that bad weather may be expected, And I learn some other ink that I would like finished before the sailing is set up. Consequently would like to defer it until March. If not inconvenient to you, would prefer you hold the sailing in your shop - as I have no good place here to store it. As the ink was to be paid for when set up I herewith send you Six hundred ($600 00/100) dollars, on account -
Hoping this will be satisfactory to you -
Please advise - and oblige -

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 22 Jany 1880

Messrs Meant Kyle & Co

Gentlemen

You will please credit a/c of

Thos W. Meant for

22070 T. Rail (12th) @ 2½¢ $551.75

Shipped by your flat last week

very respectfully

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 23rd Jany 1880

Messrs Clark Widdifield & Co

51 & 53 Pearl St, Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

herewith please find check of Jos F. Larkin & Co. Amount Ten 80/100 ($10.80) dollars, in payment of Bills locks viz

6th inst	$4.25	
18th ult	.80	
3rd "	5.75	$10.80

All of which I hope may be satisfactory, that long expected locks is a prodigy. Like many modern politicians, it has changed sides; a right hand lock for left hand doors; so we put it tails up heads down.

Wishing a Happy New Year

Yours Truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 23rd Jany 1880

A. A. Low Esqr
31 Burling Slip New York City –

Dear Sir

After leaving you I reached Lowmans Saturday evening 17th, A. S. Winslow met me the morning of 18th, and we remained until PM of 20th. The shell iron casing of furnace was up, and platform on top being put on – Boiler masters came the day we left to put up iron work of smoke stack, foundation for which was finished, and the iron circle plate in place and fastened – Brick work in Fire Flues, about half done and working at them rapidly, The foundation walls for engine house, nearly completed also for boilers, and had begun on hoisting house walls. Roof of casting house half on, and will probably be finished this week – The bottom sheets of one hot blast stove were riveted, and work will begin on the rider, at once. The washer was at work and by this time washing at rate of 100 to 120 tons per day; another washer can be started for less than $2000 and would double the output, I think 4 or 8 might be

run by our present engine and boilers, and should not cost over $1000 for each additional workman and that this year at least, we might expect 2$ or more, per ton profit — I have no doubt we could sell to points on the Ohio River above Huntington all we can put out before navigation is suspended by low water say 30.000 to 40.000 tons before 1st July, and that points below could be supplied after that date as much more — And had Mr Wicker put his workers at work in September as I advised and supposed he would, I believe one third more might have been sold — It is not possible nor is it necessary to know the exact cost of a ton of ore before mining, Neither shall we be able to hold until the highest point is reached in price and then sell for it, but we must go into market at prices current. The C&O RR Co are putting up platforms at Huntington to hold 4 or 5000 tons of ore, which will be of great of advantage to us; boats can go and load in a day, and not be obliged to await arrival of ore from mines say 5 to 8 days as now

My truly yours

John Meaul

Ashland Ky 23rd Jany 1884

John F. Winslow Esq.
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

I reached Lowmore Sat, P.M. 17th and was met by your brother Sunday A.M. 18th and we stayed until Tues P.M. 20th. N.S. wrote you as to state of work at Furnace. The washer had started and is turning out 100 to 120 tons per day, I included washed and dump. another washer can be started for less than $3,000 and would double the output. I think 4 or 5 might be run by the engine and boilers now there, and should not cost over $2,000 for each additional washer. and this year at least we may expect not less than 2$ per ton profit. I have no doubt we could sell to points on the Ohio River above Huntington all we could put out before suspension of navigation by low water say 30,000 to 40,000 tons before 1st of July, and that to points below do much more could be sold after that date. Had Mr Wicker put

2 his hands to mining and working in September
as I and your brother advised and supposed he
would do, I believe we might have mined
and sold 100 to 125,000 tons this season.
It is not possible, neither is it necessary to
know the exact cost per ton of ore before
mining; neither may we expect to be able
to delay until the highest point in price is
reached and then sell but we must go into
market at prices current; or we shall neither
have ore to sell, or purchasers therefor. The
C. & O. R.Rles. are putting up platforms at Huntington
to hold 4 or 5000 tons of ore, to be enlarged if needed, and
this will be of great advantage to us; boats can go
and load in a day, and not be obliged as
heretofore to wait 5 to 8 days, for ore to arrive
from the miner.

Very respectfully
Yours
John Meang

Ashland Ky. 26th Jany 1880

Messrs Means Kyle Hen-
Hanging Rock O-
Gentlemen
Yours of 12th inst is at hand
inclosing Checks viz
for Myself for Div No 39 — $4.800.00
" T. M. Means " " — 400.00
Did you sell to the N. Y. parties?
Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 26th Jany 188[illegible]

Thos M. Adams Esq

No 42 East 12th Street New York City.

Dear Tom

I reached home Wednesday P.M. 21st inst, having spent a few days at Towhurst Ta where I found, the work of Furnace building had gotten along finely. They had not lost a working day, since my visit one month before. I found all well at home.

I have this received from Meant Kyle & Co. Fourhundred ($400.00) dollars dividend No 19 Eight (8) per cent which have credited to your account. Both Furnaces and Rolling Mill and Nail Factory are at work. We have as many in coal Mines, as we had before the Strike.

Yours truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 26th Jany 1880.

Messrs A. A. Low & Brothers

34 Barling Slip New York City.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find Ashland Nat Bank, on Bank of America N.Y. five thousand ($5.000 00/100) dollars for credit to my account.

Please acknowledge and oblige, yours

very respectfully

John Means

The Iron Mountain Ore price is No 1 mine fix $15.00

No 2 foundry 12.00

Ashland Ky. 26th Jany 1880

Mr T. Wicker Esq
Lowmore Va

Dear George

We reached home Wednesday at 1 P.M.; and found all well.
Both furnaces; Rolling Mill, and Nail Factory at work, 'pushing things'. Have more men in miner than before the strike: but not all good miners. Think we shall increase out put of coal. The Iron Mountain Co. price at St Louis No 1 Mill fix $15.00 per ton
No 2 Foundry 12.00 " " our freight will probably be $3.50 per ton — which will make Lowmore worth to us here $7.50 to $8.00
Putnam goes to St Louis to night —
Drive the mining and workers —

Yours truly
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 26th January 1880.

Hon M. Green Esq

Maysville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20 not instant is at hand inclosing draft as stated — Believing you are serving the public, I herewith inclose my check for amount of draft viz — Seventy five ($75.00) dollars

very respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 29th Jany 1880

Capt T. N. Johnson

Cont. O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22 and
came duly to hand. I dont think
I understand your calculation —
Will be done in a few days
and see you about it.

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 28th Jany 1880

Capt T. N. Johnson

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 26th inst is at hand inclosing three checks from Champion Coal & Tow Boat Co. $150.00 each. I think seen to be in city Saturday 31st inst

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 28th January 1880

Mrs Mary Ann Adams and
Miss M. A. Means

Hanging Rock O—

Dear Sisters

Herewith I send you checks from V. Shinkle of Champion Coal & Low Boat Co for a three (3) per ct dividend. One check to each of you for Onehundred and fifty ($150+) dollars each— please indorse your names under mine and return them to me for collection — I suppose Hattie will tell you all the news—

Yours truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 28th Jany 1880-

Jos F. Larkin Ho

35 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O-

Gentlemen

herewith please find

V. Shinkle on First Nat Bank Covington Ky —

One hundred and fifty ($160+) dollars for credit,

my accounts.

my respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 30th Jany 1880

R. P. Meand Esqr

Lowmoor Va –

Dear Sir

the inclosed explains itself. I will pay the fine in a few days –

Mr Hager who is entitled to $7.50 of the amount said to me that he, did not wish you to pay him, and as soon as it is paid over to him by the treasurer he will return this part of it – All well

Yours Truly

John Meand

Ashland Ky. 28th Jany 1880.

Meant Kyle & Co.

Hanging Rock Ohio

Gentlemen

Your favor of this date is at hand. The bails were weighed at Rainers Tannery and we suppose allowance enough for dirt was not made there - We credit your a/c 895 lb @ 2½¢ ——— $22.38 which will meet me by your weights -

There is another jump in iron prices expected.

Yours truly

John Meant for

Elm W. Meant

Ashland Ky. [illegible] January 1[illegible]

Mrs Mary A. Adams and
Mr A. Adams } Hanging Rock Co.

Dear Sister

Herewith I send statement of business and condition of C. P. Big Sandy & R. Pkt Co. also Checks of T. N. Johnson Jr. for ten (10) per c dividend — viz

Mr. A. Adams — Seventy five ($75.00) dollars ——

Mr. A. Adams — Three hundred and twenty five ($325.00) dollars which please indorse your names under mine and return to me — also Check for Father twenty two hundred and thirty ($2230.00) dollars

Please advise me what he will do with it, so that I can enter properly on his books — Please sign also and send me receipts herewith — for settlement of the old business of the Company. Dear Will, and Mr Sinton yesterday — both well — did not see Martha and children —

Yours truly

John Meanley

Ashland Ky. 31st Jany 1880.

Geo T. Wilder Esqr

Lowmore Va

Dear George

Your of 28th instant is at hand and contents noted, but get up any fight with C&O until after 1st June next. War in Cinti yesterday saw Mack and A.E.W. I think you should advise Mack at once how soon you can furnish five thousand (5,000) tons, that is an additional five M (5,000) to that he sold. And if he can sell it as the other lot let him sell as soon as he can. It will be much better for us to buy S.Mtn at $12 p.a. than L.M. @ 8$. The Etna people need one now but think 8$ too high. They have sent to Tennessee and Alabama to find what may be done there. All the ore you can get up the Ohio River should go. Hurry up miners and wagons and ask "Dany" to write me just as soon as new wagon is ready for I want to come and see it work. Saw lot of your pipe on steamer yesterday. With kind regards to Dany and the rest of the [illegible]

Yours truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 31 Jany 1888
Morris Lee Esq
Dear Sir
Yours of 28th inst is at hand with Lease - $12.50 Rent and Tax receipt $24.75 for which I send you herewith $24.75 Cash
Accept thanks
Yours Truly
John Meaux for
M. [illegible] Meaux

Ashland Ky. 2nd Febry 1880

Wm. L. Caden Esqr Sect.

Freestone Ohio.

Dear Sir

Please box and send with stone ordered 10th ult—

2 Ps — 5° 6" X [illegible] 1° 3" X 9"

Would like to have all, at your earliest convenience after you begin to saw—

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 2nd Feby 1880

L. P. Junt

Glen's Falls, New York

Dear Sir

Please send me your prices for "The Time Globe" with and without aneroid barometer; also description if of different styles.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 2nd Feby 1880

John F. Winslow Esq

Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

You brother and myself agreed to let Thos A. Mack Esq have five thousand ($5.000) dollars of our Lowmoor Stock, one-half from each. Mr Mack is an educated Scotchman, well up in both science and practice of iron manufacture, and engaged in selling Pig Iron in the city of Cinti O. One great object we had in view was to interest Mr M, in the sale of Lowmoor on and iron. Mr Mack has just returned from a trip to Wheeling W.V. when he made a conditional sale of 5.000 tons of ore @ ($8.00/m) eight dollars, f.o.b. at Huntington. He thinks as much more might be sold at this price if done at once. Four furnaces that he might in December have contracted with for some 25.000 tons have supplied (ordered)

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them plus from other places, Your brother and myself have written Mr Wickes, that if he can furnish by Middle of June 10.000 tons or more at Huntington, that we think he should at once authorize Mr. Mack to make contracts therefor — And also inform the Trenton furnace what they can have at a later date — The Ashland furnace has ordered from Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob together with Native Ore now on hand, all will be needed for next fourteen months, and the Norton has contracts for about all will be needed there —

So that although Prest Huntington expects to finish his road to Ashland by first of July next, we can probably make little or no sales, where our ore might be run from mines into stockhouses without transfer. I shall continue to urge on Mr Wickes to prepare to increase his output until his capacity reaches at least 400 tons per day — If this meets the views of the Exp Com, well, if it does not come on the next time [illegible] at director and Prest — I am getting my tired of

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seeming only to find how not to do—
I believe we might have mindanao sold 80 to
190,000 tons of ore, had Mr Wicker
as I advised and expected he
would do, began in September last.
But I now see furnace go to
Michigan Missouri, Tennessee, and
Alabama, that we should have sold.

Please remember me to Mr W—
I may meet you next week, but I wish to
go when the new worker is tried—

Very truly
J Thos Meade

Ashland Ky. 3rd Feby 1880

A. A. Low Esq

No 31 Burling Slip - New York City

Dear Sir

The inclosed letter and copy from A. S. Winslow, will explain themselves - I have this day mailed letter to John F. Winslow Esq - as follows - copy " Your brother and myself, agreed to let Mr A. Mack Esq have forthcomed ($5.000) dollars, of our Lawrence Stock, one half from each. Mr Mack is an [illegible] Scotchman, well up in both science and practice of iron manufacture, and engaged in selling Pig Iron in Cinti O - One of the objects we had in view, was to interest Mr M. in the sale of Lawrence Ore, and iron. - Mr Mack has just returned from a trip to Wheeling W.Va - where he made a conditional sale of 5.000 tons of Ore @ Eight ($8.) dollars f.o.b. at Huntington. He thinks we much more may be sold at this price if done at once - Four (4) furnaces there, that he could have contracted with in Dec [illegible] for some 25.000 tons have supplied (ordered) from other places. Your brother and myself, have written Mr Wicker that if he can furnish by middle of June 10.000 tons or more at Huntington, that we think he should at once authorize Mr Mack to make contracts therefor. And also inform the Investors

For months Mr. Winslow has objected to and delayed so far as he could, [illegible] and everything proposed — Has taken advantage of his position to vent his spite at Mr. Wicker, growing out of a personal matter, entirely foreign to Southern business, I so write for I happen by a chance to know the cause thereof.

When I was last in your office, it required all my patience to control myself at hearing him say, Hematite ore could not be mined on the plan proposed; when for the beginning in 1893 when Mr. J. F. W. was on the ground directing, and has been every year since once or twice, no other plan has been proposed or thought of — If it is all wrong why should he await six years to say so? If we have not learned heretofore what the cost of mining and washing has been Mr. Lyman and myself have made a useful blunder, as several times we determined in part what Mr. Wicker compensation should be, by a percentage on the profits — Yet Mr. J. F. W. asserted that we had never learned the cost &c &c —

I have endeavored so far to avoid controversy with Mr. W. and desire to do so — But if he represents the views of stockholders the sooner Mr. Wicker, A. S. W. and myself retire from the board of directors the better for all —

I have tried in this to be plain, but I hope you will find nothing to offend; as I highly appreciate the courtesy shown by yourself and those associated with you to me.

We are fully at work here, have more men than before the strike — Allowed none to go to work who would not sign an agreement to withdraw from the "Knights of Labor" or like association —

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky, 3rd Feby 1880.

Hon D. J. Burchett—

Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

There is a bill before the Legislature to authorize Boyd Co— to issue a small amount of Bonds in aid of the Chesterman R.R. Co— in purchase of right of way, the amount to be credited in Taxes on the R.R— I believe the provision of the bill satisfactory to a large majority of Taxpayers in this county— I believe that I am the largest payer of Taxes and I am decidedly in favor of the bill— I think one of similar provisions has passed or will be presented for your own county— I hope you will favor the one for ours. I hear that some kind of a charter for a Gas and water Co for this City may be offered, if so I would say it is a job in which only the corporators take interest, and citizens of this place, do not know much about it and do not desire any legislation on such subjects now— and hope you will oppose any such bill—

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 3rd Feby 1880.

Hon Geo T. Halbert
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

There is a bill before the legislature to authorize Boyd Co to issue a certain amount of Bonds, in aid of the Chattaroy R.R. Co - in purchase of right of way. The amount to be credited in taxes on the R.R. - I believe the provisions of the bill satisfactory to a large majority of taxpayers in this county. I believe that I pay more in taxes than any other in this county, and am most decidedly in favor of the bill. One of similar character has been or will be presented for Lawrence Co. I hope you will favor the one for our Co. I hear that some kind of charter for a Gas and Water Co. for this city may be offered, if so I would say it is a job in which only the corporators take interest and that citizens of this place, only know of its provisions by hearsay, and do not even desire any legislation on such subjects - And hope you will oppose any such bills -

Very respectfully
Johnson

Ashland Ky. 4th July 1880

Mrs Mary A. Adams
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sister

Your favor of 2nd instant is at hand with Receipts & orders from yourself and Maggie, and Check to Maggie 75$
" " father 2230$
but the check for yourself is not with them — I suppose you have it still. Please send it to me — and have father sign with pen and ink the order; you will see that signing with pencil is not durable — Please advise me at once if you find or do not find the check. All well

Yours truly

John Meany

I don't know what to do with father's checks, nor about Princess furnace affairs — If he wants [illegible] to attend to it, let me know. If he wants me let me know [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] it

4 Thy 1880

Ben O. Richardson Esq

Herewith I send a/c of Miller & Nagel Balance $531.96 please examine and advise me if correct

John Alleman

4th Feby '80

H. W. Bates Esq

Riverton Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd inst is at hand, We have no printed Tariff list. Some of our papers were destroyed by fire sometime since and we have had none printed yet — I send you copy of our charter, which our Attorneys advise us is not amendable on this matter without our consent

Very respectfully

John Alleman

Ashland Ky, 5th July 1880

Mrs E. G. Hildreth

Dresden O.

Dear Sister

herewith please find Ashland N. Bank No 14106 on First Nat Cinti for One hundred and Nine ($109.00) dollars — being for

3 Interest Coupons L & B.S. — R.R. — E.O. — due 1st inst $15 each — $105.00

4 " " W.S. — due 1 Oct 79 $2.00 and 1 Jany 80 $2.00 — 4.00

Total — $109.00

All well at home, and have letters to day from Bessie — who says they are well and enjoying themselves — Love to M, B, & Farmer

Yours Truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 6th Feby 1880.
Messrs Gay Norton &c
Thos Meredith
Gentlemen
This letter from
Mr. Terry and [illegible] herewith explains themselves.
Please sign if you think best
and return to me —
I believe the best plan is
to sell stock of iron Alone
and go on a running
stock, and not sink gains
in depreciation of stocks —
Very truly
John Mean

Ashland Ky. 6th February 1880

Messrs Jos. T. Larkin & Co.
35 West Third St Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find Check on J. Johnson Jr on 4th Nat Bk your city, indorsed to my order — for credit to my account

Very respectfully
John Meany.

Ashland Ky. 6th February 1880

Messrs Jos. T. Larkin & Co—
35 West 3rd St— Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen—

Herewith please find Check— J. N. Johnson Jr on 4th Nat Bank your city— indorsed to myself— Three hundred and twenty five ($325.00) dollars— for credit to my account—

Very respectfully
John Meany

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Ashland Ky. 6th Feby 1880
Geo O. Richardson Esq
Prince Forman Ky
Dear Sir
herewith find
Miller & Nagel c/c vs F. W. Means
you plan — $ 2.68 advise
whether correct —
Yours
John Means

Ashland Ky 6th Feby 1880
Powell Stackhouse A.G.M.
Johnstown Pa
Dear Sir
Yours of 3rd inst at
hand, the concern is weak, and
we think poorly managed.
We sell them for cash only.
Would think 75 per ct for
claim solving to sum, a
good price.
Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 6th Feb 1880.

Messrs A. A. Low & Brothers

№ 31 Burling Slip New York city.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find Ashland

Nat Bank draft on Bank of America your city.

№ 14.114 Eighteen hundred ($1.800.00/100) dollars

№ 14.115 Fifty ($50.00/100) dollars for credit to my account—

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky. 6th Feby 1880.

Edwd A. Low Esqr Secy &c

31 Bowling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd instant is at hand and contents noted. Other matters requiring my attention, and having no engineers or draughtsmen at my command in whose judgement or ability I have greater confidence that that of Geo. T. Wicker Esqr of Lowmoor Va. I have referred the matter of workers to him, with instruction to report at his earliest convenience. Hoping this may prove satisfactory, I remain your most obedient servant,

John Meany, Pres.

Ashland Ky, 6th Feby 1880

Geo T. Wicker Esqr

Lowmans Va

Dear George

The inclosure and copy of letter to Ed A. Law Sect, explains themselves — Please advise and relieve the Ex Com at your earliest convenience and oblige. Return to me E.A.L's communication — Consult J.F.W. and A.A. Law Esqr last Tuesday (3rd) as to letters of myself and A.S.W. to you and hoped they would concur — That if it did not commend itself to the Ex Com — they must ask some other to take my place as Pres and Director. Have not time myself nor any one to copy the letters or would send you. I leave for Frankfort tomorrow, may be gone a week or more and cannot meet Aug Low & party — I want to come as soon as you start new washer, Regards to Harry and other boys

Yours Truly J. McMeans Pres

Ashland Ky. 7th Febry 1880
John P. Terry Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th inst, came duly to hand, inclosing guarantee by shareholders in Ports Iron & Steel Co, to Ports Nat Bank. I return the same signed by Norton, Meredith, and myself. I think it would be better to accumulate a surplus fund, rather than increase the cap-stock, with double liability. Your plan to go now on a running stock is right, we cannot reasonably hope for much advance in iron - but may expect large decrease. I would be glad to know there would be no advance. Yours truly

John Mearl

9th Feby 85

K. W. Graham Esq
Greenock Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favors of 4th and 6th instants, also telegram came duly to hand. Please accept thanks for same.

Hoping an opportunity may present itself to return your kindness am yours most respectfully

John Meany

16th Wing 80

Hon W. F. Barrett

Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

Last week I presented you with letter of introduction, from our mutual friend Geo. Morris Esqr, and expected to see you again before I left F.

Representative F. Prater from Leather Co, had asked leave to present bills, purporting to regulate ventilation in mines, and to regulate length &c, of Coal Seams. Neither had been presented and I could not see them. We have reason to believe that this is an attempt at legislation to embarrass mining operations.

An organization, lately known as Greenbackers, now acknowledged to be the "Knights of Labor", (really an offshoot from Molly Maguire) having compelled our miners to join in a strike, without complaint to us, as regard mining or miners; we refused to accomplish any member of the order, until he signed an agreement as herewith: refusing to take back some of the [illegible]

leaders come there. Mr Porter is a member of this order, several of whose members, are under indictment under the "Kuklux" law, by our Ground Jury at its last sitting, and we believe this attempt to be as we have stated. The mult of our coal goes to blast furnaces, where only clean lump coal can be used; in fact nearly every other coal must be coked. We are obliged to used long and wide screens to keep this trade. In fact it is a matter which must be regulated, with regard to quality and the use for which coal is destined. We only pay for the screened coal, and dispose of the screenings as best we may; if we paid for screenings we should get nothing else. The price for mining being fixed with regard to wages made on clean coal. Our representative Burchett can advise you further; and we hope you will join him, to prevent obstruction to a business now promising to be largely increased in this part of the State.

Very respectfully John Meany

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Ashland Ky. 17th Feby 1880

Geo T. Wicker Esqr

Dear George

The inclosed explains

Perhaps you have tried him as
know whether he can be
made useful — Yours as
I am I handed to Patterson to look
at his contracts, which as I
recollect were to be equal in
quality of iron &c to that used
at Etna, and Princess Furnace,
"Cold iron" should not have been
in, nor split in calking.
May don't you write or [illegible]
as to one? The R.R. people say
"Pins ready for one [illegible]
Will send the Rolling Mill [illegible]
as soon as, get it from Pat.
Yours truly John Meade

Ashland Ky. 17th Feby 1880
Thos Hubbard
I want
1 [illegible] 14 [illegible] 28 [illegible] Plate Glass
Like you get 12th Nunn [illegible]
George Meldrum
Yours truly
John Meade

Ashland Ky. 18th May 1880.

Geo T. Wicker Esq
Lowmoor Va.

Dear George

I herewith return letter of P.R.M. Co. Putnams contract now for good iron, equal to that used in Wood & Parmeen work &c. Iron with holes and that will not bear calking without splitting is certainly poor stuff, and not good common iron. You may use 10th pressure of blast and should as we did test under 25 to 30th pressure. The Evening Mill Co. suggestion to stop with Putty is ridiculous and they should be ashamed to recommend. Hand came in yesterday soon after I wrote you to inquire about one business, I could give him no information; When I passed thro' Cinti, we both wrote you, and supposed one or both would have heard from you before this. The parties to whom he sold, desire to have some one for trial at the earliest possible [illegible] After which we may be able to sell them and others, and until

tries, and it be known how much and where you can deliver nothing more can be done. Write and write him, how much ore in stock, how much sent to Huntington and how fast you expect to send — ie how much daily. Write him how much you are washing (getting out to send) daily — It would be well if you sent him every week statement of Amount, mined, and amount sent to Huntington. Buyers will send boats, when the ore is at Huntington, and not before; unless you pay for last time waiting for ore to come — which you do not want to do. We hear the platforms are ready but no ore received. Eight ($8.00) dollars is more than your ore is worth, when compared with Iron Ore at rater current, I want to come and see new washers as soon as at work, if satisfactory, want to put in more — washers — I have too many things to look after, to go for free —

All well

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky 18th July 1880

Her O. Richardson Esqr

herewith please find

receipts of E. D. Ewing $12.65 paid by you —

" Miller & Nagel 2.68 " " —

then last [illegible] to hand just as I was leaving [illegible]

and could send to you sooner —

We have paid for Culbertson Meant & Culbertson of which we think

we have not advised viz —

1879	Nevin	10th	Draft dated 7th July on 4 Nov		$ 5.000.00
	"	22nd	" " 20 " " 4 "		5.000.00
	"	28th	Boyd Ins & State Taxes		342.10
	Dec	1	Greenspan "		90.00
		20	Geo D. Richardson draft		100.00
		29	Order C. Hinke of 20 Oct 79	$ 516.44	
		"	F. G. Ringgold " "	122.98	
		"	E. L. Ewing " "	7.05	
		"	Lanaway Beckley 30 "	31.12	
		"	W. D. Hampton 28 Nov	70.65	
		"	Wm Sherle 3 Dec	300.00	$ 1.048.24
1880	July	6th	Miller & Nagel	$ 100.00	
		18th	do	168.96	$ 268.96

Very respectfully

Thos W. Meant

By John Meant

Ashland Ky 18th Febry 1880

Thos Wm Means Esqr
Hanging Rock O—

Dear Father

herewith please find Wm. M. Eastin Banker, Lincoln Ill, draft on Metropolitan Nat Bank Newspaper Six hundred and Seventy one 36/100 ($671.36) dollars for payment of Bro Pentchlers note due 1 March 1879 — and interest thereon also interest on his note due 1 March 1880 8/81 — Please indorse and return to me, or send to Ashland Nat Bank which I have charged with it. Would have come down to day but for rain All well

Yours
John Means

Mr Huntington telegraphs me that he has let the work from Mt Sterling to end of our road, to be completed by 1 Jany 1881 —

Ashland Ky 12th Feby 1880.

George Rentschler Esqr
Mt Palaski, Illinois.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 14th inst is at hand with draft of Wm M. Dustin Banker on Metropolitan Nat Bank, New York — Six hundred and seventy one 00/100 ($671.36) dollars, which we have applied as follows, paid note due 1 March 1879 $ 533.33

"	interest on same to this day	37.33
"	" on Note due 1 March 80 " "	37.33
"	on int Note " 1 March 81.	63.37
	Total Amount	$671.36

You will see you have more than paid interest due to this time, and we have applied the excess on the last note — which we hope will be satisfactory — Herewith find Note due 1 March 1879 — paid, Canceled

Very respectfully
John Means
for Thos W. Means

Ashland Ky. [illegible] Eng 1880

J. A. Hannah Esqr Pres

Mt Sterling Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst at hand. There have been no dividends as yet made by the law and there have been no [illegible] in long time by which to fix a price on the shares. I know of two (2) lots pledged as collateral for loans at 50 p.c., and think it a very safe security. But think it could be sold at par.

Having managed the business of the law for several years, and bringing out of what seemed utter insolvency, I have a better opinion of its value, than most of the stockholders, many of whom I had to see to and compel by law to pay up the calls on their shares.

Very respectfully,

John Meaux.

21st Feby 80

James M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa –

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th inst. came while I was from home
Our Greenback (Knight of Labor) representative from Carter Co. had given notice
that he would introduce a bill to regulate coal Screens &c – And I started at
once for Frankfort – I could not get sight of his bill (not introduced) but
was led to believe by other members, that nothing would be done in the
matter, without giving us a hearing. We have verbally agreed with
Huntington as per mem sent you 29th Novem. Have not entered into
written agreement as yet. He has contracted his whole road, as telegram
herewith – I have seen the contractors for the half next over.
I know the men, my good men, They would like to bid on
the work, as soon as we are ready. I have shown
the memo to Mr. Ireland and we think a few verbal changes will
make it clear. McKellar is in Texas, as soon as he returns would
like meeting of directors, as to the contract and [illegible] – Have made no change
yet in the [illegible] – Think if we [illegible] [illegible] we should [illegible]
longer time than ten (10) years – [illegible] John Ireland

Ashland Ky. 24th Feby 1880

Hon A. Hill Esq

Cincinnati O

Dear Mark

I send herewith [illegible]

[illegible] about [illegible] at Cumberland Esq

That better place than Ashland or

your Wheeling friends finish [illegible]

I think in the catalogue of books

you showed to me I noticed

McCauley's Miscellanies you may

[illegible] a bargain in [illegible]

Send bill of other books [illegible]

Yours truly

John [illegible]

Address
John Mears
Ashland
Ohio

Ashland Ky. 24th May 1885

Messrs S. M. Yost & Son

Staunton Va.

Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order 8424 Four ($4.00) dollars in payment for Valley Virginian from 24 Jany 1879 — to my address

Very respectfully

John Means

Address

John Means

Ashland

Kentucky.

Ashland Ky 24th Feby 1880

E. J. Lockwood Esqr Manager

Marysville Cal

Dear Sir

herewith please find P. O. order 8425 [illegible] ($8.50) dollars for the [illegible] Appeal to my address from 29th Novr 1879

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Address

John Meaux.

Ashland

Kentucky.

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Ashland Ky - 3rd March 1880

Dear Father

Capt Culbertson came in to day and claims that his understanding and agreement with you is the that he is to get everything at the Princess Furnace free of cost, excepting the Ore - Limestone - and goods in the Store, which he is to pay for. This is not as you told me and would give him about $5.000 as valued in Jany 18[illegible] - Please let me know - if he will agree to cancel the agreement altogether it will be better for you. Yours truly John Mc[illegible]

Peter Arnfelt Esq - Mt Pulaski Ill.

Dear Sir - Yours of 20th inst at hand with inclosure as stated - Have credited you note due 8th March 1880 of Feb 8th - Your note due 8th in 1880 - [illegible] of [illegible]

Very respectfully
John Mc[illegible]
For Thos Mc[illegible]

Ashland Ky, 3rd March 1858.

T. S. Johnson Sect.

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 24th ult with Certificate No 85 for [illegible] Steam Stock in C. P. B. & R. Pkt Co. is received. Have been from home several days.

Please say to Capt Horsfall that the loan has mentions would not suit us to make.

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 9th March 1880

Dear Father

Capt Wirt has shown me a copy of proposal to leave Princeton, and after reading it I think you must have signed without reading it — that he says, and the paper shows that he intended to make you give him everything there, except the Ore and goods in Store — To leave to him property, that did not belong to the Furnace, nor to you; no more had. You to get no rent for first year, and to pay all Taxes — He has right to sell and without paying you anything for it. I think it not strange that he hurried you to sign, before you could advise with — Uncle Hugh, Russell, Will or myself. The thing is varcally, and if you want me to do anything about it [illegible] with Capt Wirt you must come with, not send him to me. If you will sign and send me the instrument I think that I can get you out of it or an agreement that has some fairness in it —

Yours John Meaux


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Ashland Dy, 8th March 1880.

Messrs A. A. Low & Brothers
30 Burling Slip, New York City.

Gentlemen

Kenwith please find Assn
A. Bank on Bank of America your city
No 4701 Sixteen hundred and eighty ($1680+) dollars
for credit to my account —

My respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Dy 8th March 1880

A. A. Low Esqr

Dear Sir

I left Tuesday
Tuesday 2nd — The work had
gone on my mill, Two H. B. Stars
were ready for brickwork,
the Smoke stack iron work up
above 100 feet, and they were
laying brick in lower part
of it — The brickwork on Heater
was one half way up the boiler,
flues nearly finished.
Had mined washed and
shipped, since beginning (in
Jany) about 3500 tons ores, and
had in stock ready to send
about 400 tons washed and 3 to 400
lump ore

Respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 8th March 1880.

Miss Dora McGuffin

Covington Va –

Yours of 23rd ult is found on reaching home; have just returned from Va. Am sorry to hear of the troubles of Mrs Kinney and family – I herewith send draft on N.Y. to your order to assist Mrs K – Yours

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 5th March 1880

Spencer Edgington

Sir

Yours of last month came duly to hand, You did not make yourself as clear as might be done - But I will say that if you wish one to assist you as proposed in mine of 10th Jany - then let me know how much you need - Or rather let me know what you now have, and then I will determine how much I can risk letting you have

Yours respectfully

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 5th March 1880.

Geo. T. Wickes Esqr.

Lowthorn Van Dear George

I reached home at 10 30 Sunday night. Love and I seemed to strike slow trains and long all the trip. We were so late at Huntington 9 15 that did not see any one to inquire of, as to one or barger. Find letter from A. E. W. who says he wants to go over when new washer is ready for working.

I think the place for you as to fuel, is to get bids on coal, this is New Rim market competition. Connellsville should not set prices for N. Rim. Your 50 Ovens soonest finished can accumulate coke while the others are building. Your coal outlooking will naturally begin in a small way at first, so this nothing will be lost in waiting for W. Va Brick the 30 days. Have notice from Mr Low of 10 per ct coal due 10 5 inst, so you need to push out the ore fast and get some return for profit there, or some sheet of cash before you can finish your buildings. Our furnace

are doing well. Ashland made last week (6½ days) 317 tons, we think 260 good work for her on the use a leaner mixture of our Steam, Steam Shinking and Pittsburgh Farmers — Regards to Dain —

All well

Yours truly

Olive Mears

Ashland Ky 5th March 1880

Miss Rose Mcauley

160 Joralemon St – Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Rose

Yours of 2nd and is at hand, glad to hear you are all well. Herewith I send you Ashland N. Bank No 14406 on Bank of America N.Y. city — three hundred ($300.00) dollars — Please acknowledge — Yours

Affectionately

John Mcauley

5th Mark 80

Hon D. J. Burchett
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

I have been away from home some days in Virginia, and in looking over the Yeoman have seen no notice of action on the bill to authorize a change of name of our Company. The similarity between names of Huntington Co and ours, is like to cause confusion, and thereby give trouble to both, Please see to getting it through your house, and have Mr Halbert and other friends look to it in the Senate and oblige your

Most respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 5th March 1880

J. B. Secrist Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 3rd inst is only now at hand — from what Mr Russell said to me I supposed you had gone over and made repairs. If Mr Lee will see to having necessary repairs made I will leave the matter to his judgment, you can show him this and you are writing him — I cannot come out this, but will try to see you as I do next week —

Very respectfully

John Meanhan

Ashland Ky 6th March 1880

W. L. Caden Sect n

Trestina Ohio,

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check on Jas F. Larkin & Co. Twenty one 43/100 ($21.43) [illegible] in payment your bill of 27th ult.

Very respectfully

John Means

8th March 80

E. G. Townsend Esqr Pmt H
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1880 ult came duly to hand, and we requested our Mr Gaylord to investigate the matter, as the writer was to be absent from here for sometime — He could not learn who H. C. Burr & Co, were acting for, but we are led to believe that it is for the Laurence I. Co. We are still of the opinion and would advise selling the claim for (75 per ct) seventy five per ct. But as we are dealing with the L. Co. selling is for cash, would prefer, you to make the offer thus some one else. The Second Nat'l Bank of Trenton, could attend to the matter for you, and would be safe and reliable. Shall be pleased to give information, or other service at any time we may be able — am

Yours very respectfully

John Mearf Pmt

Ashland Ky 8th March 1880

David Williams Esqr

No 81 Reade St, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find

P.O. order four 50/100 ($4.50) dollars – for Inv Age from

10th inst to 10 March 1881 to my address

Very respectfully

John Means

8th March 80

M. Clements Esqr

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

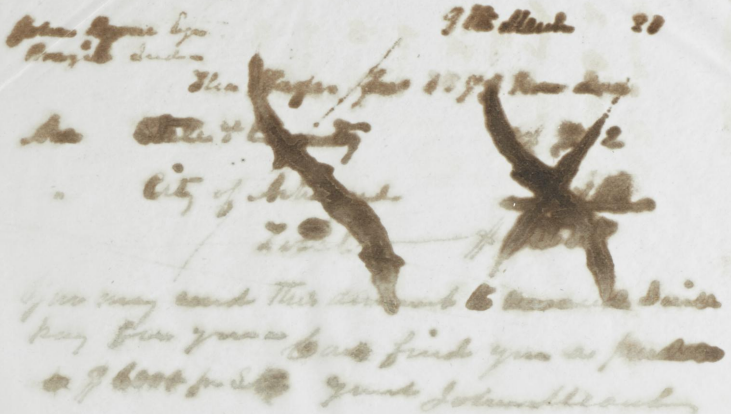
You may send my railing at your

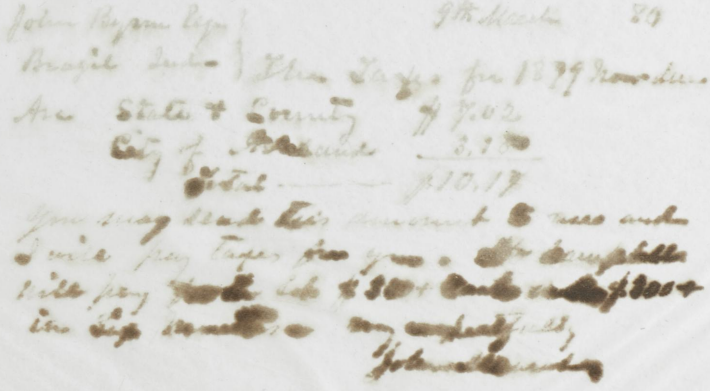
earliest commencement. Ship by one of the Cin'ti Mg Cas

Packet Cos Steamers via Potomac, Telegraph or Ohio.

Very respectfully

John Means





Ashland Ky. 10th March 1880

Sir D. Richardson Esq.

Prince Fred. Dear Sir

I was of 9th inst at hands. Father has [illegible]ded not to serve to Collection and agreed therefore to pay for [illegible] taking out hereto. The letter of C. W. Ava's letter explains itself. You had better have him or some one refine fence. If the land is in [illegible] I don't think it best to rent to him or any one until we have what is to be done.

Yours

John Meach Jr

T.W.M.

Ashland Ky. 10th March 1883

Capt. L. H. Johnson Sect. 72

Pentecostal O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find

Certificate No 85 for Six (6) Shares C.P. RR. & P. Packet Co.

for transfer of five (5) Shares viz

to Mrs Mary A. Adams — two and one half (2½) Shares

& Miss Margaret A. Means — two and one half (2½) do

Please send certificates for same and the one

Share to me —

This will make their shares even now, no fractions

but leave me with 159½ Shares if some one who

has a half share will sell, I will buy to make

the even —

Yours very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 10th March 1850

W. L. Cadwe Esqr Sect

Trustees O—

Dear Sir

please send me by Big Sandy

Phtleo's Steamers

64° — x 5° — flagging

and oblige

my respectfully

John Meaux

11th March 30

Thos Lee Ks Halbert
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

When in Frankfort I placed in the hand of Mr Burchett to be introduced in the House a bill to authorize a change in the name of this Co. You will remember our showing the same to you. I have not been able by the newspapers to learn if anything has been done with it. We sent Mr B. last week, but now by the Governor a day or two after that he was away from Frankfort. With you be kind enough to look after and get it along. The object of the change is to prevent confusion, from similarity between the names of our Co. and that of Mr Huntington.

Very respectfully

John Mears

Ashland by 12th March 1880

Mr. Lee Dr. Jones —

I received for hands of Mr. Robt. Pulliam Ten ($10.00) dolls of paid him by you about 27th Ly — on account due me for rent —

You are not complying with the agreement to pay, made last summer to pay until you had paid the debt you owe me — And unless this is done I must have the house. I don't be put off with promises longer —

Respectfully
John Meany

13th March 80

T. N. Johnson Sub
Cincinnati Ohio — Yours of 11th instant is
at hand, with three Certificates Nos —
+85+86+87= Six Shares —
Very respectfully
John M. Leach

Ashland Ky, 15th March 1880

R. Mathew Esq Cashier

Investors O.

Dear Sir

Some days ago the Cambria Iron Co of Philadelphia inquired as to the Lawrence D. W. Co. debt, said they had been offered 40¢ by Halsey Bartlett, for their claim — and asked us to represent them &c. We advised them to sell at 75 p.c. and recommended your Bank to them in which to place their claim — they the C. I. Co being interested in quantities in Investors — Hope you can act for them —

Very respectfully

John Hearn

Ashland Ky. 15th March 1880
Mr O. Richardson Esq
Princeton Tennessee

Dear Sir

The Owners of Boyd Co. called on me a few days ago, for list of lands and [illegible] we put him off until April when he will want the Stone Cove Town even Cooper W.W. Co. he says the deeds after a copy of the list he gave to Ammon last year, [illegible] in the Office. Please examine and send me the list or make new one from deeds, Can you tell how much was given in, in Greenup Co. Also at first of April send you but estimate for Stone value.

Very respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 15th March 1880

Wm Mears Esq

55 Fountain Square, Cincinnati O.

Dear Will

I shall have to prepare list for Assessor Lawrence Co. for Dieters Mary and Maggie about 1st prox. You wrote me you had been doing some building down for May Dec. Please send me statement of you as with her, about 1st prox. I suppose Mrs has not changed much, —— I think that I have gotten the Princess to hear off. It was a poor arrangement for Wist, and worse for father. Am advising Tom Adams to stay about here & Ch Rock, that if he will help me, in looking after our interests here then we can make it both agreeable and profitable for all, he has been last week, and dipped into Norton Stock a little, at rates that will pay him. He seems careful and prudent and not at all extravagant. All well love to Mother & daughter

Yours truly

John Mears

Will Mrs Mears not to sell Norton Stock & then will be a dividend & two before long. I believe there are no other reasons of advice to take place

Ashland Ky 18th March 1880

Mr Spencer Edgerton

Ripley O.

Sir

Yours of 16th instant is at hand. I send you herewith my check on Cents for one hundred and fifty six ($156.00) dollars, to help you with your cost, this season —

Very respectfully

John Meang

Ashland Ky 19th March 1885

Messrs W. M. Kerr & Co

Toronto O.

Gentlemen

Messrs Mann & Chaimacha are represented to me by those who know them as responsible and honest men, who will fulfil any contracts they undertake: That they are prudent and skillful and not likely to undertake contracts which do not promise to give them profit.

Mr Hoge I do not know but his reputation is good.

Very respectfully

John Mann

Ashland Aug 19th March 1880

Rev. T. Wicker Esqr

Cowmon Va

Dear George

Yours of 16th inst is at hand, with inclosure. Mr Thee is a Methodist preacher here, he asked me if I knew of a situation for such a young man as he mentions. I told him to send your address to the young man, who lives in Va, and let him write or see you for himself. I don't know a rather of these [illegible]

Yours truly

John Mcauley

Put a cupola on Bridge house and [illegible] roles. [illegible] is fat and tearing for a [illegible].

19th March 30 535

N. P. Catlett Esqr
Staunton Va.

Dear Sir

D. O'Connor and A. S. Cara have referred us to you, for information as to their ability, skill and promptness as RR contractors, and if We shall feel obliged to you for such information as you can give us, and hope in the future we may be able to reciprocate —

Yours very respectfully

John Meany P.

19th March 80

Genl John Cholr
Staunton Va

Dear Sir

The following named gentlemen have referred us to you for information as to their skills, promptness and ability as contractors

C. W. Hurley of St Albans W. Va
D. O'Connor & A. S. Lara Staunton Va
J. B. Sullivan Cattleboro

Such information as you can give us shall be glad to have

Very respectfully
John Meaux

19th March 30

Genl Saml Thomas
Columbus O.

Dear Sir

Duncan Shaw of Wilkinville Ds has referred us to you for information, as to his skill promptness, and ability as a R.R. Contractor. We shall be obliged for information given, and hope we may be able to reciprocate in the future

Very respectfully
John Meaux P.

17th March 80

Hon R. M. Bishop
Cincinnati O—

Dear Sir

We have been referred to you by John McGill, a contractor in the City Hall, for information as to his ability, skill and promptness as a contractor. We shall feel obliged for such information as you can give and hope to be able to reciprocate in the future.

Very respectfully
John Williams & Co

17th March 80

Miles Greenwood Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

We have been referred to you by John McGill a contractor on the Cinti 3 R.R. for information as to his ability, skill and promptness as a contractor. McGill proposes to do some work for us. We shall feel obliged for such information as you can give and hope to be able to reciprocate in the future —

Very respectfully
John Mean & Co

Rec'd Land Ry 22nd March 1820.

A. A. Low Esq Treas

11 Burling Slip New York City

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst is [illegible] and contents [illegible] I in reply would say. At our meeting in May at Lowtown, and again in New York in June last, Mr Wickes stated that before charting the [illegible] again it would be necessary to put up new conveyance for [illegible] that after investigating the subject, he had found that iron pipe would be the best and the cheapest to use. Had proposals for pipe at $[illegible] per ton (5 Rivers in June). When Mr [illegible] and myself were at Lowtown in the winter, the matter was referred to by Mr Wickes again, and we advised that the price of iron pipe would be still higher, and that it was better to buy [illegible] later. Mr [illegible] and myself took for granted that Mr Wickes knew the views of the Exe Com as to the propriety of purchases, although I am a member of the Exe Com I have not had notice of its meetings, or been advised of its action. I suppose iron pipe is the best and probably in the end the cheapest mode for conveying water to the [illegible] Yet I must say that I felt regards when

last at Lehon, I seeing a communication from the Ex Com implying, that my estimate (23rd Jany) for wedness, included [illegible] for water. I think my letters of that date show, that wedness alone was reckoned for. I agree with you that all by laws have been adopted by the directors or stockholders, they should be obeyed. There must be some one responsible head to which all matters can be referred. With one head at Lonhurst on at Pa. [illegible] another at Ashland, there will be continual difference of opinion, misunderstanding, and heavens unimbertial, consequent unpleasantness. Our by laws provide for monthly meetings of the directors and in N.Y. city. If these could be held there would probably be little cause for difference. It takes fully one week, for me to go to N.Y. and return home, and costs me 50$ to 75$ for expenses. The larger number of directors are nearer N.Y. than myself — the greater number of stockholders are in and near the city. That these may be accommodated, and to facilitate an efficient reorganization of the Board of Directors, I send to day to H. M. Bell V. P. & Sec. order to notify the directors of monthly meeting third Wednesday in April, to fill vacancy in board by my resignation as President to take effect on that day — hoping this will open the way for a reorganization, which may prove pleasant and profitable —

My Tend. yours

John Meard

Ashland Ky, 23rd March 1885
H. M. Bell Esqr V.P. & Sec
Lorillard Iron Co of Va Staunton Va
Dear Sir

I hereby tender my resignation as President and director, to take effect on third Wednesday in April next

Most respectfully yours
John Meant

Ashland Ky, 23rd March 1885
H. M. Bell Esqr Sec
Staunton Va

Dear Sir

please call a meeting of the directors of the Lorillard Iron Co of Va to be held third Wednesday in April next at No 31 Burling Slip New York City, to fill vacancy in the Board, and for the appointment of a President

Very respectfully
John Meant Pres

Ashland Ky 24th March 1880

John Peters Esq
Trenton O

Dear Sir

as requested, I send description of note and statement of payments, to my sister Miss Margaret A. Meant —

My respectfully
John Meant

Note Dated 1892 October 12th in favor of W. B. C. Hatcher payable 2 years after date with interest — amount Three hundred and sixty nine 46/100 ($969.46) dollars

Payments as follows

1895 March 10th	By interest agreed paid to F. W. Meant	$ 146.27
76 July 12	" payment " John Meant	100.00
		146.27

Ashland Ky. 26th March 1886.

Geo T. Wicker Esq.
Lonkover Va.

Dear George

Yours of 19th inst at hand. I understood that the bylaws were referred to Mary Bell to engage [illegible] to the land of the State of Va. as there was conflict, and to select such land as pertained to our law to be attached to printed copies; and that before final action his report would be submitted to the board. But as Mr Lowe has the record, to refer to, I suppose he is correct. And at any rate I would conform to his wishes, as clearly as you can. He will appreciate the effort and make due allowance for the difficulties. I am and shall be very much engaged with matters here for some weeks to come. All well.

Remember me to Davy and the other boys.

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky 27th March 18[illegible]

H. M. Bell Esq Sec [illegible]

Dear Sir

Your returned form of 25th inst is at hand — notice of meeting of directors to be held 29th prox — Please accept thanks for your prescription and kind [illegible] —

Very truly yours

John Meany

Ashland Ky 27th March 1888

William Mearf Esq

No. 55 Fountain Square Cincinnati O.

Dear Will

Yours of 20th inst came duly to hand. Fatten bought of Re Matter five (5) Shares Norton J. Works in part payment of a set of his of which you may know and directed me to have certificates therefor issued viz:

One (1) to yourself $1,000

One (1) " Mary A. Mearf 1,000

Three (3) " Margaret Mearf 3,000 $1,000 or which I have had done, I have receipted for you for certificate No 274 one (1) Share dated 24 inst which, will hold until I see or have safe conveyance to you unless otherwise directed. Fatten took the Shares @ $1,000 but I have entered on his books to agree as above at par value only. O Think dividend will be made by or before Annual Meeting

Yours

John Mearf

27th March 85

John Byrne Esqr

Yours of 22nd instant is at hands with ten 25/100 ($10.25) dollars.
Will pay tax and send you receipts as soon as, can see Officers —
Will advise Mr Campbell what you say — yours respectfully
John McCarthy

Ashland Ky, 29th March 1880 –

Rev. L. Wicker Esq

Lonkerne Va –

Dear Cousin

The inclosure and copy herewith will explain themselves – Please return me the Sent letter, H. C. W. was here yesterday at a directors meeting of our Mill Co – and I showed them to him, and while he desired me to hold on, could not say but that I have good reason to wish to retire, as at present arranged. Expect to be away next week, but our Co undertaking to build our extension this season will give me with my other business as much as I care to do. The new Pent, should be chairman of the Exp Com – and directors meetings at Ironton –

Kind regards to Darcy and all the boys

Very Truly yours

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 29th March 1880

J. C. Carroll Esq
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir

When I saw you last week in Boston I think you said you were not engaged in business at present. I am interested in [illegible] 75 ft now building in Va, on O & O. [illegible] East of the lower White Sul Springs. Shall use coke for fuel and brown hematite ores which last we are mining for [illegible] from 18 to 40 feet in thickness. I think we shall need a good man to take charge of the furnace, calcs and delivery of ore and pig iron. The mining operation to be managed by another. Lowhere the place is 8 miles East of Covington Allegheny Co Va, on the Alt. It is a healthy place if any of the Lennonne malaria left in you, would soon get rid of it there. What would you think of such an engagement? Expect a meeting of the directors of the Co at prex in N.Y. City - and would like to hear before that.

Very respectfully

John Mears

Ashland Ky. 29th March 1850.

Geo Dana Esqr

Halifax Co

Dear Sir

Some 20 years ago I planted a Decatur number of Dwarf Pear trees and have since of various times added to them, in my lot. And have now nothing worth sparing of from my labor. If you can send me 10 or 12 Standard Pear trees ripening at different times I have selection to yourself. My lot is a sandy one - fully exposed to the Sun —

My respectfully

John Meang

3 Either party have the right to terminate this agreement at the end of twenty (20) years, or at any time thereafter, by giving written notice of a desire so to do, two (2) years before the time at which it is desired the same shall terminate; until such notice is given this contract to continue; and for the time after twenty (20) years the rental to be at the rate of $[illegible] per month, and one half (½) of expense for maintenance as provided in ~~[illegible]~~ section hereof.

~~* unless sooner determined as provided in the following section.~~

5 ~~All rentals under this agreement shall be [illegible] Monthly, and payment for the previous month made on the fifteenth (15) day of the succeeding month.~~

~~* and if at any time payment shall not be made as herein provided, and in default of payment for four consecutive months, the L & R L R R Co may if it so elects terminate this contract by giving written notice of its election so to do. The notice must be given within sixty days after the right accrues, and must state the time at which the contract will terminate which shall not be less than sixty days after~~

Ashland Ky. 30th March 1880.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 25th inst is at hand inclosing for Fr. Peters check on Halsey Burr & Co in Amount Outstanding and eighty three 78/100 ($183.78) dollars, as payment on your note belonging to my sister Miss M. S. Means. My reckoning as below makes the interest more than this amount viz

1872	Oct 12th	Date of note	$969.46
75	March 15	Interest @ 6 per ct paid	[illegible]
		Principal of note due	[illegible]
1876	July 26	Interest @ 6 per ct 3 yrs 3 mo 27 ds	[illegible]
			$1,046.58
		Payment	[illegible]
		Balance due	$946.58
1880	March 29	Interest @ 6 per ct 3 yrs 3 mo 17 ds	[illegible]
		Amount	$1,187.50
		Payment	[illegible]
		Balance due	$973.82

I have reckoned interest @ six 6 per ct although I believe there was an agreement for a greater rate after March 75.

Very respectfully

John Means

John Peters Esq.
Dunton Ohio

Ashland Ky. 30th March 1850

[illegible]

Addressed By. [illegible]

Gen. S. Dickes Esq.
[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] of [illegible] and is at hand. Mine of [illegible] has reached in part. [illegible] should be the case [illegible] which [illegible] actually [illegible] and to undertake the duties of the [illegible] and [illegible] responsible for official management. The by laws of the [illegible] and the [illegible] of the [illegible] Bonds, [illegible] virtually [illegible] form [illegible] any [illegible] to enforce and control its affairs. [illegible] meetings of [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] for in [illegible] city, which [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

2)

As to the Fuel question I have [illegible] little knowledge of what has been done, to be able to advise.

As to money estimates the Treas has called [illegible] on $250 M — this makes $175 M — I don't suppose he has much on hand. The Treas and Post are in positions to have trouble, be blamed, and [illegible] chance for credit. I can't for the life of me, see what you have to complain of Mr Mack, He sold [illegible] for a high price; more than it is worth, as compared with other ones, and more than can be [illegible] now — He sold nearly twice as much as you were willing to promise — You shipped part of the [illegible] to Huntgen; the buyer sent steamer and barge after it; the RR Co did not deliver promptly to boat but [illegible] it waiting two weeks; the boatman complained to buyer, the buyer to Mack, who made a trip from Cinti to Huntgen solely to see what the trouble was — I think Mack did all he could do, did it well, and without him no sale would have been made yet — Much depends upon which side you see. Others I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I hoped that in 3 or 4 weeks, a new washer would be running; waited until the last of July for my trip to be able to see it, Yet I have not heard one word about it since I left you — [illegible] and myself advised the sale of [illegible] in September to Elm to clean up the old stock and [illegible]

a new customer might be secured. We advised that preparation for mining and working be made at once and lead as been well secured. In our work [illegible] we should have [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible]. The whole business now seems to be [illegible] for the furnace. Yet the furnace is built to accommodate our mining, and not our mining to accommodate a furnace. Unless the ore business is to be the main thing, and the furnace a secondary matter, of no small importance it is true, then I have been mistaken in the outcome of our enterprise. I leave to night for Central part of this State and expect to be away some days. All well.

Your telegram of last night has come in and been answered, "The by laws fix third Wednesday of [illegible]" for regular meetings of the board in Stiff City; and I propose to follow them to the letter. It is very uncertain yet whether I attend the meeting; certainly not without especially invited. You can make such use of this letter as may please.

Yours Truly
John [illegible]

Ashland Ky. [illegible] 1850

Mr Clements Esqr

Cincinnati Ohio,

Dear Sir

herewith please find [illegible] draft on First Nat'l Cinti - Two hundred and sixty eight ($268) dollars, balance on account for railing.

Very respectfully

John Meaux

Hanging Rock Ohio April 1880
Received of L. Pierce V. P. Manchester Nat Bank
Five hundred ($500+) dollars, Stock dividend on ten shares
Twenty ($20+) dollars, dividend earnings –

Ashland Ky. April 1880
Received of L. Pierce V. P. Manchester O. Nat'l Bank
Seven hundred and fifty ($750+) dollars, Stock dividend on –
fifteen (15) shares and thirty ($30+) dollars, dividend
of earnings

Ashland Ky. 5th April 1880.

Dear Mary

I have received from L. Pierce V. P. Manchester
Nat Bank Co. Thirteen hundred ($1300+) dollars to be
divided between you and Tom as per Receipts
herewith which you and he will please
sign and return to me to send to be filed,
in the Bank – All well

Yours truly
John Ileans

8th April 80

Messrs [illegible] & Bottom
31 Burling Slip New York City.

Gentlemen

herewith please find
Ashland N. Bank or Bank of America your city
Sixteen hundred and eighty ($1,680.00) dollars, for credit
to my [illegible] [illegible]

very respectfully
John Meany

8th April 80

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa — Dear Sir

Your favor of 31st came when I was from home; and Robert answered as to part. I suppose the way to us to do as to the Hartman Air will be to wait, until some one entitled to it, shows authority and makes demand. It probably was not taken in to account in the proceedings in bankruptcy. I believe Hartman went into bankruptcy. At our directors meeting we ordered that the $450M bonds be made payable 1st August 1900 — Our action at Portsmouth in Oct only provided for 10 years bonds, which time I thought short and had not taken steps to issue, bonds until we had reconsidered the matter. We have now the proposal for ~~building~~ grading, masonry, and tunnelling whole of extension, and one for tunnel alone, both of which are a little lower than the estimates, by Mr. Hilton before us in July last at Cinti. So far as I can now judge shall probably be able to build the road and

pay off our unpaid dividend, without selling new bonds than our stockholders, or those connected with them will take. Mr Russell expects to the Norton T. W. to pay a dividend soon — I think he desires to stop the hawkling the stock in the markets as has been done at low prices — Now it sells up to 95 to par — I hope your hearing may not be permanently injured, but will be regained with renewed health — Mr Gaylord is prospecting for new openings, on Big Run — Thinks we had better, if prospect good, work there next, and use the houses at Coalton — Best if we went farther up Williams Co our houses at Coalton would many of them be lost, and new ones need to be built when we come to work out Big Run —
Can't you come and stay a week or two about the 21st — when our bids on R.R. work will be in and more to be seen on Big Run — A little sort of that kind might be of advantage to yourself and to the Co-Co — My family all very well — Kind regards to Mrs B and family

Yours truly
John Meant

Ashland Ky. [illegible] 1880

James H. Stoss Esq

9 Hanover St. New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] instant is at hand with draft for [illegible]. The next meeting of Council will be Great Monday in May (3rd prox.) & [illegible] shall take pleasure to present ordinance to them.

Will have copy sent to you — yours

very ever yours

John Mearns

Patrick McGregor in account with John Kearney

1877	January	15	Cash on [illegible]	$ 60 00
	April	10	" Cash on Bank	300 00
	April	3	" Cash	60 00
	May	22	" Cash	60 00
	June	9	" Cash	160 00
	November	16	" Cash	80 00
	December	20	" Cash	30 00
1878	March	6	" Cash	80 00
	May	13	" Cash on Bank	100 00
	Oct	5	" Cash " "	140 00
	Nov	11	" 1 Cow	20 00
	December	14	" Cash of Mrs Kearney	15 00
1879	January	28	" Cash on Bank	130 00
	April	9	" Cash " "	100 00
	May	31	" Cash " "	70 00
	August	20	" Cash " "	140 00
	November	18	" Cash of Mrs Kearney	30 00
1880	January	6	" Cash on Bank	150 00
	April	26	" Cash of Mrs Kearney	35 00
	April	8	" Cash on Bank in [illegible] to [illegible]	[illegible] $[illegible] 10

Cr.

1877	January	30	By Balance at Settlement [illegible] to [illegible]	319 10
	December	31	" 12 Mos Service @ 40$	480 00
78	December	31	" 12 " " " 40$	480 00
79	December	31	" 12 " " " 40$	480 00
80	April	8	" 3 " " " 40$ to [illegible]	120 00 $1,899 10

P.O.E.

Ashland Ky 8th April 1880

Ashland Ky 9th April 1880.

[illegible]

Belfast Ohio

Gentlemen

Yours of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

with [illegible] [illegible] P.O. [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible]

[illegible] payment — I [illegible] [illegible] for a better

[illegible] of Standard Peer Tree Than, you

[illegible] Them —

Yours very respectfully

John [illegible]

Ashland Ky. 9th April 1880.

J. C. Barrett Esq.
Webster Grove St Louis Co. Mo.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand
There is to be a meeting of the interested 21st instant
when I shall mention your name, with what I
can say for you after which will advise you
as to the result. I do not believe the Lawyer can
be ready to plat in Mark before the first of September
next.

Yours Truly
John Allen

Ashland Ky. 9th April 1880

L. Pierce V.P.

Hamilton O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 1st April, inclosing draft, came duly to hand. Herewith please find Receipts viz

Thos M. Adams $780.00

[illegible] $520.00

Had to wait to get them receipts

Very respectfully

John Adams

Ashland Ky, 9th April 1860

Dear father

I herewith send you memorandum of matters you have spoken to me about in regard to pursuing a will for you — I think there embrace all, I am a put this into the hands of some good lawyer to put in proper form, with such other things as you wish — after that you can show it to Williams and the girls — and after that we can fill in the Accounts of advances — up to the date of expenditure —

Yours truly

John Clay

Ashland Ky 9th Apr 1888

Dr T. Wicker Esq

Southern Va

Dear George

Yours of 6th is at hand, as well as one of 30th ult with estimates and lots of R.R. Tow Esq Dec. I have letter from him to day in which he refers to one of mine to you I suppose of 30th ult and desires me to attend the meeting in N.Y. 21st inst.

The time is very inconvenient to me, as our time for receiving bids for extension of R.R. ends on that day, I will try to go but can hardly see how

Very truly yours

John Hearn.

I return herewith the Civil letter of 27th as requested

10th April 80

A. A. Low Esq,
31 Burling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 6th instant is at hand. I shall try to attend the meeting in N.Y., 21st inst, although at a time very inconvenient to me. We are receiving bids for an extension of our Rth here, for about eight miles of work - which bids are to be considered by our board from & after the 21st - Mr Wicks desires to attend at Court in Lexington about the 29th - and were it not that my time in May, must be spent here, I should ask a change for the meeting. I think that there must be such changes in organization at Lexington, as may bring harmony into the management or bring bids good by to prospects for profit -

Yours very truly

John Mears

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Ashland Ky, 10th April 1890

Miss E. J. Smith
161 Jerusalem St Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Madam

Yours of 7th inst with bills inclosed is at hand. Herewith please find A. N. Bank draft, indorsed to your order Seven hundred 25/100 ($700.25) dollars in payment. It gives us great pleasure to receive your statements as to our daughter

Yours

Very respectfully
John Cleary

Ashland Ky. 12th April 1880

John C. Peebler Esq

Portsmouth O. Dear Sir

As I said to you ~~[illegible]~~ here last, I had written up a contract for Mr Huntington in which had made some verbal change to get just what we understood and sent it to him to examine and see if it was as he understood, and to have everything clear as to what we all meant. I also showed over to Mr Ireland getting some ideas from him. One of which is embraced in Section Ninth of our [illegible] pay to [illegible] which he (Ireland) thought well to save trouble to both [illegible] hereafter if there be a failure to pay as agreed. Saturday we received answer from Mr Huntington herewith and from for contract also i.e. "the" After careful examination of I think by making the change which I have interlined in red ink, I think will do excepting that we stand as to date 1 July 1881.

I am not clear however as to the words in Section first — "free and uninterrupted use as a part of its own line and for its own purposes" — as to whether the words "own" are needed or best for us.

In section Fifth I have you see struck out "for through business" which I think changes the meaning from our in Section four. The additional words in his after provided I do not think will hurt us. Please examine and if you please show best Moore or Mr Hutchins, must return

to me with your visit and think — Would like to
come as convenient as I shall probably be away
from home next week — and would like to get
them off before I go — Lawrence parties have
examined the work and promise to bid
on it — I get only two hours sent in —
and on a little lower than our [illegible]
prices — All well — with regards to your
family are —

Yours Truly
John Bleaney

When I showed Ireland's addition I told him we did not
wish to avoid in anything that had not been agreed to, but
that our Attorney advised that this might cause trouble and
expense to both Lair — He said to send it to him and
he would examine, but thought it unnecessary, that we could
have such a right without it — But you see he has put it
in his.

[illegible] 10th April 80

[illegible]

J. L. Woolfolk Pres.

Lexington Ky — Dear Sir

[illegible] Your favor of 9th inst is at hand and contents noted — Our engineer is not in the line, and I am not familiar with that part of County enough to give the distance, having only been out there once and before Election. I know Mr Williams & Adams Savage Branch — We only want land necessary to build and operate Railroad say 100 feet wide, under favorably some cut or fill might need small place for borrow or waste, I do not see how we can name price for freight and specify as you mention, Our Co. would want to contract at minimum for years at maximum price — We might agree to put your Co on as good terms as the most favored shipper; some general, we don't see how to well make a specific agreement at present — Neither do we think it best to complicate a simple right of way thro' mountain land with many conditions — We would like to arrange the matter soon as we are now receiving bids, and contractors, will want to go to work without delay about right of way — Yours

Very respectfully John Williams Pres.

[illegible]
[illegible] 1880 –

Miss M. A. Meard
[illegible] New York City.

Dear Sister

Your form of [illegible] is a hard. I had hoped there might be nothing much the matter with Mary's neck – and hope Dr. H. will be able to cure it entirely, now that can begin on some agent first appearance. I send herewith A. N. Bank draft on Bank of America N.Y. City indorsed to your order for One hundred and fifty ($150+) dollars as requested. I expect to be in N.Y. [illegible] Wednesday 21st – will stop at Pennpoint in Brooklyn to be near the girls. Probably stay Thursday as I shall be too busy Wednesday to see them or you – Hope you and Mary will be well over you

Affectionately
John Meard

Ashland Ky, 14th April 1880

Mr. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati O

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th inst is at hand — And am my glad to know you will go to N.Y. I think I will come down Sunday night, And then we can leave Tuesday night arrive Wednesday night and have good rest — I wish to stop while there at the Pierrepont Ho in Brooklyn to be near my daughters,

My Sisters are at the 5th Ave Ho

All well

Yours Truly

John Mearf

Am going out tomorrow on line Rd to determine point for junction —

Ashland Ky. 14th April 1880

Rev. L. Wicker Esq.
Lexington Va.

Dear George

I Answered your telegram yesterday. Have letters today from Wm. Bell & [illegible] Winston - I want A.S. to go to N.Y. and shall go by Cincinnati to insure that he goes. Expect to reach N.Y. [illegible] night and stop in Brooklyn at Fairfax H to be near my daughter - Must come home next week to meet bidders for our R.R. work. Regards to Danny and other boys

Yours Truly
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 14th April 1880

Mr James Eder

Sir

it is nearly one half a year since I wrote you I must leave this house you live in, to rent to tenants who would pay. You promised to pay regularly and not let your debt to me increase, but have not kept your promise — I have indulged you long enough to exhaust all patience, and again notify you to find another place

Very respectfully

John Keary

Ashland Ky. 1[illegible] April 1880.

Thos M. Adams Esq
Hanging Rock Co

Dear Sir

On inclosed letter from Dean Thomas and Matthew, explain themselves, but the matter will bear looking into — The notes to your mother bore date 1 May 1873 — and her mortgage is probably the first — I can hardly think Judge Johnson who attended to the matter would have overlooked Mr Thomas' but you had better see — If here is first I dont think I would recommend putting more money in by buying this one —

All well —

Yours truly
John W. Means

I leave here Sunday night for Hdqr City to attend a meeting of Lowmoor directors —

Ashland Ky 16th April 1860

Sir Dr Richardson Esqr

Princess Van Ky

Dear Sir

I have agreed to let Mr Gaylord have the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Please have them taken out, and weighed [illegible] [illegible] know when you have them ready. You will [illegible] [illegible] taken them out, as they are easily broken —

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 26th April 1880.

J. C. Barrett Esq
Webster Grove St Louis Co. Mo

Dear Sir

I have just returned from N.Y. City where I met several gentlemen associated with me in building the furnace in Va. I gave them my opinion in the matter, and presented your name. They approved a wish to see and [illegible] with you, and suggested that it might be satisfactory to yourself and them to meet at the furnace in Va. If this meets your views, and you can be here say 5th May I could spare a few days and go with you after that I could not leave here before say 28th May. I suppose you will come thru Cinti, and if so please call on A. S. Winslow [illegible] First Nat'l Bank of Cinti, who is one of the directors in the [illegible]. This letter will be sufficient introduction as he knows of it. Please advise me by letter or wire a few days before if you can come so that I may advise my friends in the East. Yours

Truly John Mearl

26th April 80

Messrs Daniels Lawrence & Co
N. E. Cor. Fifth & Race Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith I send receipt of Adams Express Co. for the 8 suits returned — Have kept Suit No 666 for Cooke and send herewith my check on Jos S. Larkin & Co. you City for Twelve ($12.00) dollars — The suits for Harry are too small. Last Sleeves about one inch too short, and pants bad cut in proportion. He likes best goods such as No 670 & No 577 — If you think you can fit him, you may send two or three suits, so that we can select one and return others —

My respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 28th April 1880.

Miss Bessie Meant
160 Joralemon St, Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Bessie

I send herewith A.N. Bank draft on Bank of America. Three hundred ($300 x) dollars — you will indorse your name as I have written it and below me — Your mother effects to leave for Cincinnati to night — I have a little rheumatism in my shoulder which is not comfortable — All well — love to Liby & Rose, yours

Affectionately
John Meant

[illegible] 28th April 1880

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

Please credit my [illegible]

with payments for [illegible] & [illegible] viz

[illegible] March	[illegible]	Chris Transport	$ 901.11
April	7th	[illegible]	29.10
"		[illegible]	140.98
	10	[illegible]	94.00
	27	[illegible]	2279.00
		Note " do ([illegible])	350.00
		[illegible] " "	42.00
			$ 3.836.19

Yours very respectfully

Thomas Wollcant

By John Wollcant

Ashland Ky 29th April 1880.

J. Shannahan Esq
Covington Va.

Dear Sir

Herewith find your copy of contract with " Tingtons Co. left by Mr Moore which we forward to you as requested — There are some bidders for our work at lower prices than you, but we did not feel well enough assured as to their ability, to award the work, and are now making inquiry to satisfy ourselves. Should these parties not be able to assure us, we shall ask to meet you in a few days in reference to your bid. The explanation and disarmal of intent to present bidding, is satisfactory and we will say we expected.

Very respectfully
John McCarthy

Ashland Ky. 29th April 1880.

John A. Pulley Esq

Dear Sir

You have heard of Mr Gaylord's illness. He went to inquire about the firm of J. M. & M. B. Kerr & Co. — Mr Kerr and R. C. Kerr compose the firm. Mr Mayer who was here and a bidder, told me that R. C. Kerr was a good man, but that he was unacquainted with the other brothers. You can learn of all and whether it will do to let the contract to them. I told Kerr that if he took it he must take Sects 1 & 2 at the same as he bid for Sect 3. If these men are not satisfactory, we shall then give the contract to Mason Shannahan & Co — as the next best. They are the 3rd, lowest bidders but the 2nd lowest I would be afraid to give the contract to. I suppose you are better acquainted in Louisville than I am. Baumann — Bolknap, & Morris are about all I know — My wife is from

Ashland Ky 29th April 1880

C. P. Huntington Esq
[illegible] St. New York City.

Dear Sir

In your form of [illegible] you say you will write [illegible] again, [illegible] we have waited but no letter received. When you was last here and spoke of finishing our road by 1 Jany [illegible] we said we would endeavor to accommodate you by having our line ready as soon as we might be able to do so, neither assenting nor dissenting, to your statement that it could be done by that time. As the time fixed upon (1 July 1881) had been by mutual consent, I did not expect to make any change in the contract between the two R.R. Companies. If the whole line [illegible] be completed sooner we shall be glad to have it so. We have had proposals from quite a number of contractors; the most sanguine and least experienced say 9 to 10 months while those in whose skill and judgment we most rely, name 10 to 12 months, as the least time necessary for completing our tunnels. Please have contracts signed and sent to us or advise why not.

Very respectfully John [illegible]

Ashland Ky 3rd May 1880

Messrs Plumer & Beaumont

N.W. Cor Second & Vine Sts Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

We have received from you bill for stationery [illegible] 88.25 —— but none of the goods have come to hand yet to [illegible] it [illegible] &c

Very respectfully

Thos W. Mecant

By Julia

Ashland Ky. 4th May 1880

Messrs A. A. Cox & Bottom
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Gentlemen

herewith please find Ashland Nat Bank draft on Bank of America indorsed to your order Sixteen hundred and eighty ($1680.00) dollars, for credit to my account.

Very respectfully
John Meaux.

Ashland Ky 5th May 1880

Messrs Daniels Coombs & Co

N. E. Corner of Fifth [illegible] St Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check on Jas F. Larkin & Co. your city for Sixteen ($16.00) dollars, in payment for 1 Suit No 593 – bill of 29th ult –

I sent you by Adams Express two suits Nos 577 & 587 on third inst – All of which I hope will be satisfactory

My respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 6th May 1880

Messrs John Phillips & Co.

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft for hundred and seventy two 21/100 — ($472 21/100) dollars, in payment of accounts

very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 6th May 1880

C. P. Huntington Esq

9 Nassau St New York City.

Dear Sir

herewith I send authenticated copy of ordinance, passed as written by Mr Stone—

We have contracted with D. McMahon & Co, for our whole line to be completed by first of June 1881— Sir Leroy we could not make a satisfactory contract for the earlier completion. We found that parties who would contract for much shorter time were either beyond all reason in prices, or not such as we had reason to believe would ever complete the work— Our Mr Leyland was stricken with paralysis last week— and will be unable to attend to any business soon if ever—

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky 6th May 1880

James McBarling Esq
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Last week Mond and Tuesday, Diggs, Wunders, and Peebles were here examining bids for extension of our Railroad. The lowest bidders, not presenting satisfactory assurances of their ability to finish the work, Mr Bayford went to Louisville to ascertain the standing of our firm, when he got off the morning after arrival there (Thursday) he found himself unable to speak, swallow or write, from paralysis of tongue, throat and slightly in right hand. Mrs B. went down and came home with him yesterday morning. He is able to swallow a little but speechless, and unable to right. Does not see any one. She says the Doctors told her to keep him quiet, that rest was better than medicine, and that they could see no reason if he was prudent why he should not be well as ever. I suppose he will not be able to do anything in way of business for months. We have the contract with Huntington Co. signed by both Co. And have contracted for the R.R. work with C. R. Mason Co. the Contractors who have one half of Huntington Roads more that I have something of in Va. Theirs were the lowest bid, from men with whom we should have felt safe to contract.

[illegible] 1st May 1820

[illegible] you to complete [illegible] for [illegible] 1821. [illegible] feel any confidence that [illegible] will not expend his [illegible] which we have at Litch[illegible] Mr Hammond [illegible] keeps our [illegible] buy [illegible] Litchfield. There is no end to [illegible] the right of my [illegible] among [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] Mr [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] might to [illegible] about [illegible] yearly [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] I hope you will be able to [illegible] to [illegible] a hope our annual [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] will require some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] during the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 1880.

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

6th May 80

Cuspell Mayer & Co
262 West Main Street Louisville Ky —

Gentlemen

Yours of 30 ult came duly to hand and contents noted — We closed yesterday with O. R. Marvin & Co and McMahon and Green for our whole line — Their bid was lower than yours, or we should have been pleased to have given you the work — Mr Parker & Hilton are away for a day or two — If we find any papers of yours that we think you may wish will have them sent you —

Very respectfully
John Meany P

Ashland Ky 7th May 1880

J. S. Woolfolk Esqr Pres.

Lexington Ky—

Dear Sir

from which Mr Hood said when he brought your letter of 7th which we answered 12th ult— we were rather expecting to see you here. We have contracted with E. R. Mason & Co, for construct in of our road, and would like to, know about right of way soon as the tunnel which will be on your land will be among first work they will wish to begin. As I believe you leo, do not desire to charge us for right of way, may not the contractors begin work without waiting until we have formal contract as to the matters you mentioned in your letter &c Have been expecting that you were coming out or should have written sooner—

Very respectfully

John Mason Pres

Ashland Ky. [illegible] 1880

John A. Potter Esqr
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th is at hand. On the 14th inst is meeting of Ky. [illegible], and as Pres and manager I must be free and will be busy before getting ready. The illness of [illegible] [illegible] considerable to me to [illegible] about [illegible] of way & [illegible] so that I can neither go to Ports nor Washington. Please consider what I wrote you about some one to take Mr [illegible] place and soon

All well

Yours Truly

John Mearf

Ashland Ky 8th May 1880

[illegible] Wilson Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand. Next week is meeting of the Ky I. O. [illegible] — and we expecting some visitors among the stockholders, and being the Pres't and manager of its business my time will be taken up — I have nothing from Mr Garrett, and think your brother Jas had better communicate with the man he spoke of when we were in N.Y. City — The only man of the firm, that we had reason to believe good repudiated it, said he was not in — And the firm bidding declined — The next lowest did not claim to be able financially and one was not reputed good for anything — This left C. R. Hammond & McMahon & Green — with whom I closed on the 5th inst work to be done by 1 June 1881 —
The contract with Huntington signed as we had written it came to hand 6th inst and is now completed — Mr C. improves slowly — I think we must at once fill his place, it may

Tolley 80

Hon Jas K. Morrhead
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I have notice of meeting of O.K.C. 12th inst. Am my sorry that meetings of the companies here, one of which the other many [illegible] before me, will prevent my attendy the small amount which I am recommended for the Ohio Line as compared with smaller rivers, make me the more anxious to be with you — but I cannot —

Very respectfully
John Meany

[illegible] May [illegible]

Hon Thos [illegible]

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I notice by the Newspaper reports, that the amounts appropriations recommended for the Ohio River, is small when compared to that of the Hudson and other branches of the Ohio — When we consider that the commerce on the Ohio is many times that of all the branches and that it borders our own state with a length greater than almost any. This looks hardly right — Can't you get the amount for the Ohio increased to a considerable extent? With a number of gentlemen from Black & Montgomery Co. passed thro' here to day, having come over the E.L.&M.S. R.R. Line to see the work and country — Where contrast for Whiler extension of ours to meet the other, and hope that sometime in the coming year we may visit and revisit by Rail — Very respectfully John Means

8th May 80

Ex. C. Phister
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I notice by the newspapers, that the appropriations recommended for the Ohio River improvement, is small when compared with those for the Kenhawa and other branches of the Ohio. This should be right when we consider, the commerce of the Ohio is many times that of all its branches, and especially that it bordes our own State greater than about the entire length of any tributary. Count the number from districts in the six large States, bordering on the Ohio unite and secure an appropriation proportionate to the great size?

Ohio has now gotten down to a point at which importation and speculation cannot interfere if our Tariff laws are unchanged —

Very respectfully
John Hearst

[illegible] May [illegible]

John F. Winslow Esq.
Pough Keepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

On reading home I wrote Mr Cornell (26th ult) and asked him to name a time at which he would meet us at Lowhurst suggesting to him that if about the [illegible] I would be able to go but not soon after, since writing him I have had an reply, and as you spoke of some one you know that you thought could fill the place at SM — I think, if you have not already done so that it will be well for you to communicate with him, My time is fully taken from now until middle of June — Our [illegible] has slight stroke of paralysis, [illegible] him for business entirely [illegible] if not for all time — and until his place be filled I don't expect much [illegible] All well — please remember me to Mrs W

Yours Truly John McCauley.

Ashland Ky 10th May 1855

J. E. Hamilton Esqr
Covington Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th inst at hand
It is hardly provable that I can attend
meeting of 18th inst. I do not know
what Mr Cudgill's views are in
this matter, he lives in Owingsville
Bath Co. and I have not seen him
for years.

Very respectfully
John Meade

Ashland Ky 10th May 1880

Dr Geo O. Grace

Dear Sir

Yours of retirement at hand
will place [illegible] to credit of Mr Cecil for
your to day in Ashland N. Bank

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky, 15th May 1880.

J. C. Barrett Esqr
St. Louis Mo.

Dear Sir

Yours of [illegible] hand —
We shall have one furnace ready by about first of August — but would like to know more who we put in charge — As there are [illegible] to visit I thought a meeting of the parties would best determine the matter — And if you now we have made other arrangement before your return from Col, we may communicate further — We think we can stand $20 prices for our iron and have fair profit —
Have bought all the ore for Ashland that we expect to buy this season —

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky 15th May 1880 –

Jas E. Woolfolk Esq Pres
Lexington Ky –

Dear Sir

Your telegram of 10th instant was duly received. Please accept thanks for your courtesy and promptness – I have tried to get up something for agreement that might cover the case, and I send here with – Our lawyer have all been from home, so I have also – to Dr Grace and listened to suggestions from him –

Please examine and let me know what you think of it –

Very respectfully
John McCarthy

Ashland Ky 17th May 1880.

Messrs Phrenen & Bonwoll,

N.W. Cor Second & Vine Sts, Cincinnati O—

Gentlemen

Yours of 4th inst came duly to hand. Herewith please find draft Account. Eighty eight 25/100 ([illegible]88.25/100) dollars in payment your a/c of 9th March— He thinks you paid "bookman" pretty high price to keep his goods—

Most respectfully

Thomas W. Meaux

By John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 17th May 1880

John F. Winslow Esq
Lehman Va

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th inst is just at hand — Received letter from Mr Cannon Saturday 15th, he had been from home and was going to Colorado, to be gone two months and if we had no one at Chr, on his return would be open to proposals. Answered him that we wished some one soon, and if we had no one, whenever he returned in July might communicate further with him — But I think if you can find a good man, it will be well to secure him at once — The iron business in the West is at a stand still. We are making here and at H. Rock, but sell cheap for the reason, there are no buyers. As iron and lead are necessaries, we expect and need of the stagnation after a time — We leave no profit in $20 iron at present, kind of labor and material. Have no word from Chr, or N.Y. since we went back — Am very much afraid the illness of Mr Gaylord will give me a working summer — With regards to Geo & family

Am Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky 17th May 1880.

Hon L. T. Moore

Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Yours of this date received with check for Firehundred ($500 00/100) dollars which I will credit on your note of 22 July 1893 in my favor.

Very respectfully

John Kearns

Ashland Ky. 22nd May 1880.

Miss Lily Woods
160 Jorelemon St, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Lily

Yours of 18th instant is at hand, Inclosed find draft on Bank of America, N.Y. City — two hundred ($200.00) dollars. Indorse your name as I have written — I think you should stay until your school closes, and that the better way to come home is via Pennsylvania Road Leave N.Y. in the Morning, Secure berths in Sleeping Car before you start — You will reach Cinti next morning, can be omnibus and go right to Rally boot, from train — Though if there are friends who come to Cinti by some other route, you can come with them. If I cannot go on for you may meet you in Cinti — All will love to Bessie & Rose —

Affectionately

Ashland Ky 22nd May 1880

S. Ward Esqr

Dear Sir

Your very polite and considerate note of 21st inst is at hand tendering carriage and hospitality to our guests of the Ky. P. A. We gladly accept and hope to need your pleasant company. Please accept my hearty thanks for your kindness

Very truly yours

John Heard

Ashland Ky. 22 and May 1880

Capt W. Horsfall

Dear Sir

I saw a letter yesterday from J. Stoddard Johnson Editor Frankfort Yeoman stating that the Big Sandy Packet Co had put the Peer news on same terms as Peachers, And he also said that the Railroads would carry the Peer Convention Free —

Don't you think it might be politic for the Co to carry them and only charge for meals taken &c

Yours truly

John McCarthy

22nd May 89

Geo T. Wilkes Esq
Cowmoor Va

Dear George

Your fam of 19th came to hand last night; am very sorry to hear of your illness, and say at once to take the needed rest —

The receipt of yours on the 21st, just one month since our meeting in N.Y. city; when I recommended that an efficient and capable man might be added to the force at Lulu, and thereby relieve you of a large part of the load you have been carrying, convinces me more than before that my advice was right. And although sorry that sickness compels it, must claim that you are compelled to admit. No one with inefficient, inexperienced men only, to assist, can succeed in accomplishing what you have undertaken. I hope the needed rest will soon set you up again, Mr Gaylord is

away from home. Having had paralysis of throat rendering him unable to swallow anything but liquids, speechless and not able to write — We fear that it may be considerable time before if he can be able to take his place here again — Col Putnam takes his place for a time until we can see whether Mr. G. return with health recovered. My family are very well, We hear often from our daughter, My sisters are at home at Hanging Rock, expect a visit from them to morrow — Wars have closely occupied here for several weeks, with meetings of our different Companies — sights of way for railroad — Contractors etc &c &c — Kind regards to your family — Tell Mary, how fine kitty kets that will have their eyes open in a few days

Yours truly

John Meant

Ashland Ky 26th May 1880

Capt W. Horsfall

Cincinnati O

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th inst, is just at hand, with check for One hundred and thirty 00/100 ($130 00/100) dollars dividend on Mail Line Stock — accept thanks — Yours truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 26th May 1880.

Messrs Meanet Kyle & Co

Hanging Rock O.

Gentlemen

on 28th Jany last

we credited you of a watter

895 lb T Rail @ 2½ ft $22.38

for Short weight on ~~[illegible]~~ your letter

of advice of that date — and

so advised you. The same has

not been charged in your

accounts sent us to 1st inst —

My respectfully

Thos W. Meanet

By J. [illegible]

Ashland Ky. 27th May 1880

Nicholas Rohn Esq

Greensburg Ky.

Dear Nick

I would like to pay off the note you hold of Culbertson Means & Culbertson Princess Furnace dated 1 May 1879 —

Will have used to have it paid at Bank if you don't see me —

Yours

John Means for
Thomas W. Means

Ashland Ky. 28th May 1880
J. C. Rickhoff Esqr
240 Vine St, Cincinnati O.
Dear Sir
[illegible] please
find my check on Jas F. Larkin the
Thirteen ($13.00) dollars, in payment
for bill of pants 20th inst. to
my respectfully
John McCoy

29th May 80

N. H. Hotchkiss Esq Local Agent &c
Staunton Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th instant is at hand and contents noted. We shall be pleased to meet you at Ky P. A. assembly here. It is proposed now that the P. A. leave here Saturday Morning 12th June for Huntington and White Sulphur Springs.

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 31st May 1880

J. H. Wilkinson Esqr
Editor Ill Paddy Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th inst is at hand. The number of a Pure Mass-Wave made arrangements for coming, without information to myself as to the matter. I think the Test of your Soc has that matter in charge.

Very respectfully
John Mears

[illegible] 4th June 1860.

[illegible]

Ashland Ky 12th June 1880

Dear Rose

Yours of came to hand to day – I think while there is so much to do, and the weather so hot, and as you will have company as far as Pittsburgh that I'll let you come without me. You had better leave by Penna RR in morning, this will bring you to Cinti next morning, about 10 or 11 o'clock – An Omnibus agent will pass through the train when you come near to Cinti, [illegible] will sell you tickets to the boat, and exchange checks for your baggage – Go right to the boat, Bertina or Buckeye State, which will be at the wharf probably by the time you get there – You will know how much time you will have before the boat leaves – Have had the Peer Assoc here – had a fine time, will tell you of it when you get home – I send herewith draft for two hundred ($200x) dollars – Get sleeper car tickets in Brooklyn when you get RR ticket – clear through to Cinti – All well

Affectionately

John Means

Miss Rose Means
160 Gwalemon St
Brooklyn – N.Y.

14th June 80

Miss Marie C. Barnes
Greenup Ky.

Dear Miss

Your favor of 12th inst is at hand. Am pleased to know the good opinion of yourself and father as to our place. I do not know what your brother can do. but do feel that if he is as good a worker as your father and yourself, he can make himself a useful man. If any situation offers I shall take great pleasure in recommending him for a trial.

With kindest wishes of myself and family am

Most respectfully
Yours
John Means

Ashland Ky 14th June 1888 –

J. C. Patten & Co
Pattenburg Ky.

Gentlemen

herewith please find checks for Onehundred and seventy six 76/100 ($176.78) dollars in payment of account at Duncan Furnace. Mr Kirkendall, had not informed us and we did not know of this a/c until, receiving your of 8th inst – please acknowledge and oblige

Very respectfully
Thomas W. Meang by
John Meang

Ashland Ky. 14th June 1880

J. C. Merrill Esq Treas

Your check fifty ($50.00) dollars is received in payment of interest on Cattlebury Bonds

M. A. Meant By

John Meant Atty in fact

Reckoning interest and payments on Moore note

9 Feby 15	To Balance due to Jubilee from L. T. Ale per Statement			$ 3.797 16
			By Payment	200 00
	To Balance			3.597 16
Sept 4	" Interest @ 8 pct	6 Mos 19 Ds		158 94
	" Amount			3.755 90
Sept 24	" ~~Interest~~		By Payment	500 00
	" Balance			3.255 90
Oct 22	" Interest @ 8	1 Mos 18 Ds		34 72
	" Amount			3.289 62
			By Payment	500 00
	" Balance			2.789 62
30 May 17	" Interest	6 Mos 25 Ds		126 83
	" Amount			2.916 45
	"		By Payment	500 00
	" Balance			2.416 45
24	"		By Payment	300 00
	" Balance			2.116 45
June 15	" Interest	21 Ds		9 87
	" Amount			2.126 32
			By Payment	1.000 00
	" Balance			$ 1.126 32

+ 1.00

Ashland Ky 15th June 1880

Hon L. T. Moore
Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Your of 14th inst is at hand with check for One thousand ($1,000.00) dollars which I will credit on your note to me. I send statement of payments and interest herewith to this date —

Yours Truly
J. Chambers

18th June 80

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand. I do not think Mr Robertson's price too high for a first rate man, but I should be unwilling to engage him for three (3) years without a trial. I cannot go to Pkpsie soon, nor do I see to much purpose, unless to meet some of the candidates for position. I think it best that you act, without waiting to see me. About all I have heard from Cable is through your letters. A. S. W. writes me that he thinks to dodge the Cants, Dems, Conventions, by a visit to Elm. All well. Mrs M and Cooke are away for a few days. Expect our daughters home this week. Remember me to Mrs M.

Very truly

John Meaux

Garfield's suits over Republicans fully.

Ashland Ky. 15th June 1870.

A. R. Winslow Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst, came duly to hand. I think the writer from whom you quote is as near the mark as any one can guess. We shall continue to act as heretofore until we see cause to change. I know of no chance to sell the ore at Huntington. All forwardness that I can hear of would rather get off from contracts made, than to buy or now. I hope you will go on to Va. and see how things look. I suppose you received the report of the visiting Committee. You had [illegible] a three letters from J. F. W. I wrote him today that if he found suitable man he had better engage him. The Norton I. W. directors made no dividend, simply because they had nothing to divide. The statement herewith shows a small surplus it is true, but when the shrinkage in values of iron is considered, it can hardly be saw the enough to keep even. The showing of profit of the year, I think much more satisfactory as showing what the concern can do

[illegible] than it would be to eat the Treasury for the sake of squeezing out a trifling dividend —
The experience of our own Co — since that dividend of 1873 to be paid out profits of the future, I hope will be a warning to me never to repeat the experiment, in any other Company.
The contractors are getting in men every few days, on our extension, as well as on the other part of the work —
Chapman's Road seems to be "swiped" just now. He has some men at work but I can't know how many —
The Ky, Pres, Assoc, left here Saturday convinced that there is none in Ky than Blue Grass Jaunt and Short horned Cattle.
They were all pleased with their visit to the "Mountains". John gave us a cold Sunday Afternoon and left for Grayson.
Remember me to Mrs W. and Howard —

Yours Truly

John Meany

Nolton I. W. – [illegible]

1885 April 30 Assets –

Cash & Accounts		$64,499.19	
[illegible]	$ 53,240.78		
Nails & Material	18,011.72	71,252.50	
Rig Iron 1072 lb @ 30		32,166.00	167,907.69
" Material [illegible]		27,831.43	
Coal & Coke		1,467.50	
Wood Horse &c		2,459.00	
Tools & Supplies		5,605.00	42,662.93
Star Fur Dept { Inventory	$ 26,151.40		26,151.40
Star Fur Dept { Improvement to Bldg	30,000.00	~~[illegible]~~ 30,000.00	
Lunch Steam & Star	141,101.92		
" Ashland	7,927.35		
" " Homer	47,403.16		
Furnace, Mill & Rig Factory	485,203.92	$681,636.35	711,636.35
			$948,368.37

Current debts	$14,739.67	
" "	2,521.35	
Bonds	100,000.00	
Interest Accrued	3,453.33	$120,714.35
Capital Stock		798,000.00
		[illegible]
Prof & Loss		39,654.02

1879 – April 30 Prof & Loss Dr.		$[illegible]
30 – " " " " Cr.		[illegible]
Furnace expense		[illegible]
Net profit for year ending 3/17/80		$167,788.37

Ashland Ky. 16th June 1880.

Edwd A. Low Esq Ant Sect,

21 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst came duly to hand with receipt $1000 inclosed. Please send me the name of party to whom you wish the 17 Shares transferred and I will execute power of attorney for transfer to him.

Very respectfully

John Kearny

Ashland Ky. 17th June 1880.

Wm Meane Esqr

55 Fountain Square, Cincinnati O.

Dear Will

I suppose you have not seen a statement of N. O. W. affairs and business for past year, and I send condensed statement herewith. Reckoning for decline in prices from 1 April to this date, will wipe out the $[illegible] surplus and leave, them just about even. Upon we consider that the profits were made in about one half the year, (the stock of 1 month was also made over at highest prices,) I think it is a pretty good showing. If the stock could be bought up and [illegible] treated in the hands of 10 or 15 persons, I would like it much better than as heretofore and I believe it is likely to be done. There are 11 with [illegible] and over 31 with 10 shares and over. Needs are now 217 shares in our name including Mullin & Tom. And I think I can buy more at profitable prices. There are always people who want to sell simply because there are few or no buyers.

All not —

Yours Truly

John Meany

17th June 80

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa — Dear Sir

Yours of last month came duly to hand and as we have heard nothing further I hope your mother has recovered her health, or at least free from danger. Our own statement has been sent you, but I suppose you have not seen one from the Norton, and I send you copy of my own memory of it. As they made all the profit in about one half a year, and had 1 Month stop for strike, [illegible] to January 80 when the prices were the highest, I think they did pretty well. The decline in price since 1 April will wipe out the Surplus $29,600± and leave them about even, but as you see in good shape. Had they been able to run thru December, Mr Russell would have been inclined and able to make a small dividend, "just for the name of thinking." You have seen that we shaped our organization about as you never mended. Though, Pat and myself would like if you could pay us a visit, and advise about new coal working. All well — Regard to Mrs R

Yours Truly John Meany

Ashland Ky 18th June 1880

John L. Peebler Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

We have various reports of Mr Chapman and the O.V. R.R. — and are at a loss as to what to believe, what to do, or whether to do anything about it — Do you know whether he can raise money to build the Road? I think it important to our Co. that he or some one build up through Investors to do.

Expect Putnam and myself will go to Marietta night next Friday or Saturday

Yours Truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 18th June 1880

Mrs Mary A. Adams &
Miss M. A. Means
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sisters

Permit please find
check To N. Johnson Co Citizens, Port, Big Sandy & P.P.R.R.
for M. A. Adams $324.10 from Ashland 10 pct
" M. A. Means 100.00 " " "
The amount deducted from Mary is right as
she was overpaid by error in July as Mr Johnson
states — Please ~~[illegible]~~ and return to me
Cor Ash for our daughters Saturday morning

Yours truly
John Means

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Ashland Ky. 19th June 1880
Wm F. Gaylord Esq
Ocean Beach, Monmouth Co N.J.
Dear Gaylord
herewith I send
check of Tho. Johnson Treas. Cite
Parks, Big Sandy Horn Pkt Co.
Two hundred and sixty-six
($260+) dollars, your
June dividend. The
Big Boats are all running
and have done the best
business from Jany to June
that they have ever done.
Charley McK. showed me
letter from Pettie, telling
how you get along.
Take all the rest and
from you can and
Keep cool if possible

The Nursery has been nearly to
pass here for some time,
and it is hard work to be
decent, let alone cool.
Had the Ky Pres and
sent them off — well pleased
with themselves and everybody
else, if you had only been here
they would write you up and
make a great mean of you
as well as the rest of us.
Have made new contract with
Collier Budd Co — & to mean
everything is wasting along
as well as could go —
All well, Ann Expecting
my daughters home to
day — Pat and I will probably
go to Manitou and set on
the boys' in place of Benjamin.
So he can rest easy. Remember
us kindly to all
yours truly
John Means

Ashland Ky 21st June 1880

T. N. Johnson Treas, Cristi, Pots, Rigbundy, & Phelan
Cincinnati O—

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst (written July) came duly to hand inclosing check for my pard of June dividends fifteen hundred and ninety five ($1,595.00) dollars — Herewith please find receipts

from Hugh Mcant	——	$850.00
" John Russell	——	350.00
" Mrs M. A. Adams	——	324.10
" Miss M. A. Mcant	——	100.00

Mr Calbertson will forward himself have sent check to Mr Gaylord who is in New Jersey

Very respectfully

John Mcant

Ashland Ky. 20th June 1880

Hon. R. L. Moore

Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Herewith please find your note of July 1893 paid in full and canceled — also Agreement for sale of interest in Oaklands. I gave you some kind of agreement in regard to the latter, which you may cancel or send to me — On the — day of — J. H. Reed and wife executed to me mortgage on the whole of Lot 28 Yingers addition to Catlettsburg. Suit was brought, let sold and I purchased the whole — Weis, McCo executed me deed dated — — for "part" of said lot. I refused to receive same the suit was redocketed over order made and now I am again presented with a deed for "part" of said lot 28, the whole being described 60 x 100 feet N.W. — Now I would like the deed to recite the facts as they are — Dont you think that on a third trial you could get it right? The action is in the Circuit Court —

Yours faithfully John Mason

Ashland Ky June 1880

Wm Biggs Esqr
Greenup Ky.

Dear Sir

Dr Graves called on me a few days ago and inquired about selling the Old Big Sandy Rail Road stockshares in the E.L.&M.R.R. Dr. G. is administrator under will of the late George Robertson. He ~~[illegible]~~ like to sell the Robertson shares and thinks if yourself and the representatives of R.K.W. Biggs, estate would join with him and sell at same time that something might be gotten for the stock. He would be glad to see or hear from you, if you are inclined to sell yours

Very respectfully
John Mercer

Ashland Ky 24th June 1880.

For Value received, I hereby sell transfer and assign to George A. Low Esq — Seventeen (17) Shares of Stock in the Lockwood Iron Company of Virginia, and depute and authorize Edward A. Low Esq of Brooklyn N.Y., as my attorney to make the necessary transfer on the books of the Company. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand this day and year above written.

John Means

Witness
T. M. Adams.

Ashland Ky. 24th June 1880.

Edward A. Low Esq Sect 11
1031 Bowling Slip N. Y.

Dear Sir

herewith find power of Atty to make transfer of 17 Shares Southern I. C. of Va to Geo A. Low Esq — Also draft of Ashland N. Bank on Bank of America your city, indorsed to your order; Sixty one hundred (6.100) dollars, in payment of $85 (50) per cent of my last subscription to stock in Low Mon Iron Co —

Very respectfully
John Mead

Ashland Ky 24th June 1880

Capt Howell

Dear Sir

We have been looking around for something to take the place of Propeller Pike and have received description inclosed.

I saw by the papers that you were about rebuilding for the C. Cecil - and this is it might be well to look at this iron boat first — Their asking price is $12000 I suppose can be had for less —

We were afraid she would cost us more to run than, a boat more like the Pike. It would not take much time or cost much for you to take a look at her, if you have not contracted

Yours Truly

John Mcaul

Ashland Ky. 3rd July 1888.

Mrs D. Putnam
Hammar O.

Dear Madam

herewith please
find my check on Jas F. Larkin & Co, Cinti
Onehundred ($100.00) dollars for the
'Andrew Testimonial'.
We reached home last evening and found
all as well as usual.

Very truly yours
John Meany

Ashland Ky – 7th July 1880

Hon K. F. Prichard

Dear Sir

Yours of 1st inst is at hand, Can't say hurra for Hank – but Hurra for you; and the Soldier Statesman that all Big Sandy knows –

Yes; you can't have good tenant and good neighbors, unless you keep good houses – Let Egbert make such repairs as you think prudent and needful

I have been from home at should have replied sooner –

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 6th July 1880

Messrs Damain & Co.
Portsmouth Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft
in payment of Agr Princess Fee $362.96
Interest — .60 $363.56

very respectfully
Thomas W. Means
By John Means

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Ashland Ky 8th July 1880

W. N. Lankerne Esq

Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

I was from home when your of 24th June came here — Will sell now, the scrap iron you may take at twenty ($20x) dollars per ton — but would not hold this offer to run along —

Yours respectfully

John Meanley

for H. Wallace

8th July 85

John F. Winslow Esqr
Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dear Sir

Your favors of 22nd and 29th ult. and inclosures from Shepard are before me. Have been from home — I receive nothing from Low Moor nor from Mr Wickes, advising me as to what is doing or has been done. Have no personal acquaintance with Mr Pochin, my information of him is not favorable for our wants. He was at Dunbar, and spent large sums of money — building up and tearing down. I think that the furnace there is the 3rd, in one place, in less than ten (10) years. Any one can build fine for structures if they have money to spend: and show profit in business, in newspaper articles, although the owners be bankrupt. Have heard for some time that the owners of the establishment when P. is in Lenn, were disturbed at the great outlay, far beyond their expectations. So far as I am informed neither Mr P. himself nor any

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establishment managed by him have made any money. Does Mr Baylen know him or only judge by newspaper reports? Mr Spepard report clearly that there is quite an amount of work to be done yet at low Moor — and if his activities are as wild as former owner, it may be winter before they are ready to make iron. My engagements here make it difficult for me to say where I can be at any time in the future — And my wife's health which formerly was excellent, has not been good for a year or two past, and I may need to go from home for a time with her — My father has just discovered that he is blind in one eye — cataracts do it — knows how long it has been so — but it causes him to think he is much older, than he did — Ashland F — is making 300 to 350 tons in 6½ days —

Regards to Mrs W — hoping we may meet in Va am yours truly

John Mercer

J. M. Adams

Ashland Ky 8th July 1880

L. Pierce Esqr V. P.
Manchester Nat Bank O.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 5th inst is at hand with inclosure as stated — Herewith find receipt from T. M. Adams for Seven hundred and fifty ($750x) dollars
Mary A. Adams five hundred ($500x) dollars
" " Certificate No 69 for ten (10) Shares
T. M. Adams will send his certificate in a few days.

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 8th July 1880

~~L. Pierce~~ Received of Manchester National Bank O. five hundred ($500x) dollars being for fifty (50 per c) per cent of (10) ten Shares of the Capital Stock in said Bank

Mary A. Adams
By John Means Atty in fact

Ashland Ky — 8th July 1880

Received of Manchester National Bank O. Seven hundred and fifty ($750x) dollars being fifty (50) per cent of fifteen (15) Shares of the Capital Stock in said Bank —

T. M. Adams

Ashland Ky 9th July 1880.

Dear William

Yours of 25th ult was found on returning home after a visit to Marietta with my boys. Aunt Burgess is about as well as when I last saw her (1877). She has grown so heavy that, it prevents her walking about much. Father was up Tuesday and gave us some account of his trip to Cinti and discovery that he had a blind eye. He was inclined at first to be very much discouraged and feel very old, but that is wearing off a little. Am pre advising him to take a trip to the Sea Shore or, Cameplace where he may see more and more entertaining people than he does at H.R. — Mary & Mrs Emma Campbell started up river Wednesday 7th inst. When father was up Tuesd. he transferred to Mag. May. Yon. and to myself Six (6) shares Norton I. Work to each: and also to each Two hundred (200) shares Ky. I. C. & M. Co. (Ben Stewart 300 shares) in entering on his book, charged the N. I. W. a par $6,000 to each

and the Ky. J. C. & M. Co. (300 Shs 50 p cent of 10 ...) @ 50 p cent $5.000.00 to
cash. Will get the certificates in a day
or two, and bring your sometime when
coming down, or safe opportunity
present for sending them.
We having pretty hot showery matter, not
comfortable by any means, Our daughters
are at home now, and are very well, but
Hattie's health is not so good as formerly
I think will send her off to Seacoast
if can persuade her to go, and so far
she has not been inclined to go—

Yours truly
John Meany

9th July 80

J. B. Wilgus Esq
Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand. There is no coal mined in this region on Royalty — Where it is done so, there is great variation in prices, according to demand and accessibility. Ten to fifteen (5 & 15) cents per ton. Some either fixed to work out a given area or certain number of years, with some fixed rental if not working.

My little daughters are all taller than their mother,

Very truly yours

John Heard

Ashland Ky. 10th July 1880

A. E. Winslow Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th June came here during my absence at Marietta among the literati. As your brother, Mr Low has been and are negotiating for coal and an exploring coal lands; I have not undertaken to investigate this matter, and more especially as I should be obliged to leave home, and go onto New River to see any one about it.
Do not think I should hesitate long between buying or mining, if I could buy at 89¢ per ton.
From what I learn of matters at Ellen I hear nothing direct from them or from Wicker — it may be late in the fall, before they will be ready to start the Furnace —
This may be compensated however, by a better market than we now have for Pig Iron, I believe it is probable, that a good trade at moderate prices will prevail.
The Ashland is working very well and leaves us small margin in favor of

the furnace. The RR contractors are getting in men a few at a time almost any day, but have no great force as yet—

We hear that the road in W. Va is through Hoard's Lands, and will reach Big Sandy River in a day or two. Barges loaded with iron for the Bridge, are at the Mouth, but they have not begun to set up the bridge—

The weather is too warm for — Christian country, something must have happened while the "Dimmings" were at Lincoln, to fire up matters a little.

All well as usual—

Yours truly

John Meany

10th July 80

N. K. Mosley M.D.
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

permit me to call your attention to your note part due, in favor of Mrs. M. A. Ad. [illegible]

Viz One dated 1899 December 10th payable after 2 yrs with int $1.000.00
" " 1899 Jany 3rd " " 1 " " " 1.000.00

very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky, 14th July 1880.

Hon L. Tillson
Cattettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Have your Pennsylvania land speculation made arrangement for his share of taxes? Or can we turn the collector over to the sector for same, without extra cost?
You can answer me or Mr Bowen as most convenient—

Yours truly
John Kearns

I send herewith the Grand Robertson deed with alteration as marked on margin I guess it will do—

Ashland Ky. 16th July 1880.

Robt. Paul Means,
Blacksburg Va. — Dear Sir

Your favour 12th inst is at hand. As I understand it you lost the place at Chm on account of your ye fathers sickness — and a slacking up of the work there did not make it necessary to have you again, I learn that Mr. Wickes is expected there shortly, and that [illegible] will be ready to start in six or eight weeks, when he may have need for you, If you can get in there again I think it the best place for you. I know of nothing here, The Norton has been stopped quite a large part of the time, and we have one less man for the R.R. lev. than when you was here — Father was up to day, has lately discovered that he is blind in one eye from cataract. All well at usual at home, With regards to your mother

Yours Truly
John Means

Ashland Ky 17th July 1880

Dr Geo. O. Gram

herewith finds what

[illegible]

I did not see him, and have

held his letter expecting to

see you

Yours Truly

John Meany

17th July 80

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th inst is at hand — I have heard nothing from Mr. Peckin. Expect to meet you in Va — Mr Putnam saw A.S.W. yesterday, and he expected to go to Va, about 1st week in August — Was in fine spirits as to prospects in Iron business — Had yesterday from Forten, "Winslow orders mining cloud, Wickes unwilling; whats your +" to Ad 'Close as Winslow directs.' So the ball may open as soon we meet — Have had the Mercury above 90° several days — Mrs M is improving — I think a trip to sea shore or to the White Mountains would benefit her but she does not incline to go. She needs not and to get away from malarial influence — And does not fancy Va All not very well. Yours truly

John Meade

Ashland Ky. 19th July 1880

Robert Clarke & Co.
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Please send me by Big Sandy

Pkt Cor Steamer —

2	Origin of the World	by J. W. Dawson	
1	Six Days of Creation	" Taylor Lewis	
1	Footprints of the Creator	" Hugh Miller	
2	Students Manual	" J. Todd	
1	Arthur Bonnicastle	" Holland	
1	Con Cregan	" Lever	
1	Sam Slick	Sayings & doings	12 mo
1	" "	In search of a wife	12 "

And oblige

Very respectfully

John Means

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Ashland Ky. 21st July 1880.

M. R. Tinkelberry

Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 19th inst is at hand, with enclosures as stated.—

My respectfully

Wm W. Meany

Reg John Meany

Ashland Ky. 23rd July 1880

R. Matten Cashr

Jonathan O— Dear Sir

herewith please find

Notes of N. K. Moxley in favor of Merritt A. Adams,

10th Decem 1879 @ 2 yrs interest at 8 p.c. $1.000.00

3rd Jany 1879 @ 1 yr " " 8 p.c. 1.000.00

with collateral, Certificate No 158 for twenty shares

See Nat Bank.

Which notes he has directed me to send

to you for payment.

Very respectfully

John McCann

Memo— On note of 10th Decem 1879 there was payment $70.62

Ashland Ky 22nd July 1880.

F. B. French Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th instant is at hand and contents noted. Am glad to hear that you have a good situation and would advise that you stick to it; and let other people who desire to, start newspaper offices when they can — It will not suit me to make the loan you ask, and lending money is not a business I have ever engaged in or desired to, I have always had use for all I could raise, in my own business and any loans made have been more to accommodate others, than for profit to myself.

My respectfully
John Meant

26th July 80

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check on Jas F. Larkin & Co. Thirteen 70/100 ($13.70) dollars in payment of my account

very respectfully
John Mear[illegible]

Ashland Ky. 27th July 1880

R. Mather Cashr.

Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 24th inst, inclosing — twenty two hundred and fifty nine 33/100 ($2249.33) dollars N. B. Mayley's payment, is at hand — The Dr's Statement is correct as to payments heretofore: having sent him acknowledgement, I was not careful to indorse payment on the notes —

Very respectfully

John Meany

27th July 80

A. W. Humphreys Esq
42 Pine St, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 21st inst, is at hand. The stock of Charcoal Iron in Hanging Rock region is not equal to an average, and is nearly all in hands, that will not press the market. E. L. Harper & Co. of Cinti, aware of this have been buying and are trying to get up another "boom". We sold them small lot at $30 & del'd in Cinti, with option of greater quantity at same price, on this they reported far and wide, C. C. Iron selling at 30 $ — They have not taken the others. The price for C. C. I is about 27 $ to 29 at Cinti — There are about average stocks of Raw Coal and Coke Iron here. The Nail mills not working for some weeks, has caused accumulation in their yards, and some of them have stopped their furnaces. We have an advance of about 10 per ct, with improved demand. We hope the demand will continue and cover a little better prices — But I remit

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acknowledge when asked for a reason, that must say, because we desire it to be so. We refuse no offer at current rates. Engagements have prevented my going to Lowhoor in May, am now expecting to go there in August—

Shall be pleased to hear from you at any time and to give such information on your matters as we may have—

My truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 28th July 1855

Messrs Tweed & Andrews

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Please send me by

Big Sandy Pkt Co's Steamer

1 Bbl Coffee Sugar

1 " Cut Loaf "

and oblige

my respectfully

John Meaux

Ashland Ky. 2nd August 1880 –

A. S. Winslow Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th ult came duly to hand – and I expected to answer same by personal interview. But our boat got in so late that I had only one day, when had expected to wait the most of two days in the city. I learned from Mack that you proposed to leave for Mrs. Va next Monday (9th inst), and I will join you Tuesday here unless something unforeseen presents. I suppose J. F. will reach Covington tomorrow evening. I exchanged while down for Mr Sintens 24 M bonds – He would have taken 26 M more and made it E. in 50 M, but as our stockholders have notified us they will take the 120 M which we now offered. I told him how it was, that if they (stockholders) did not take when we wished to sell more that we would give him an offer – Our contractors are getting more men on every week. Everything about as usual –

Yours truly

John Meant

Ashland Ky 2nd August 1880

John F. Winslow Esq
Covington Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 23rd inst is at hand, informing me that you expect to reach Covington Tomorrow — A.S. expects to leave Cinti 9th for Va, and unless I hear from you that you consider it important for me to come sooner, I now expect to join A.S. and go with him.

We made 347+ Tons last week at the Ashland which we think pretty good work with raw Coal — Mr M. is at Lake Cahatanqua, and undecided whether to go to the Eastern S. mountains or come back and go to Va — All well at home — Hoping you may enjoy your visit to Va am

Yours truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 2nd August 1885

Mrs S. C. Hildreth
Dresden O.

Dear Sister

herewith please find my check of Jos F. Larkin & Co. Cinti O. One hundred and nine ($109+) dollars being for Interest on S. L. & B. S. R.R. Co. Bonds due Int. int. $105.00
do on W. S. 4 per ct Bonds 6 mos — 4.00
109.00

Please send receipt —

I have exchanged the three (3) ten (10) year bonds for three (3) twenty (20) year bonds, secured by only mortgage on same property, and same rate of interest — and same numbered bonds. The Co takes up all the old bonds, and issues the new in exchange — Hattie Bess & Cooke, are at Lake Chautauqua and may be gone all the month. All well here to Mine Bird & Gunn —

Yours Truly
John Meany

4th August 85

Your of 31st ult at hand. Your boy is mistaken. — The Buckeye State was at the Wharf when I bought the books — Left at 4 P.M. as usual — and I came home in her — The — B. State, Telegraph or Pittsburgh leave daily send by either of them —

Yours respectfully
John Meade

Robt Clarke & Co.
Cinti O.

Ashland Ky. 6th August 1880

Messrs Tweed & Andrews

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check on Jas F. Larkin & Co. fifty six 12/100 ($56 12/100) dollars for bill sugar 30th ult.

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 9th August 1880

R. P. Meany Esqr
Blacksburg Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst is at hand, including letter of Mr Miller. His offer of Harrisonburg property it seems to me is a very safe one for himself, and not much in it for you — The building furnace at Southwood, and extension of our road here, will put me on the list of borrowers, rather than lenders so that I cannot let you have the money. I expect to leave for Va, tomorrow, and may not see father until after I return. Will send you Millers letter after I have shown it to father. Mrs McCooke & Bessie at at Lake Chautauqua, the rest of us at home, and well as usual. Please remember me to your mother

Yours truly
John Meany

23rd Sept 80

Master W. O. Barnes
Morehead Ky -

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th inst is found on return after absence from home - Am sorry to say that I know of no situation here to recommend you to. The Pattons are good men, and have a growing business. are men of good habits, - and you can do well with them -

Please remember me to your Sister

my respectfully
John Heard

Ashland Ky 23d Aug 1880
Messrs
Patton Bros
Cattlesburg Ky
Gentlemen
herewith please
find check
Twenty five 86/100 ($25 86/100) dollars
on Ofc of Princess Tawan
very respectfully
John Meant for
Wm McMeans

Ashland Ky 20th August 1880

Mrs Mary A. Adams

No 98 Fifth Ave, Corner 15th St. New York City

Dear Sister

Maggie has sent me yours of 20th inst to her, Am glad to hear that you are so well and engaging yourself. Hattie & Rose are in Va - partly at Warm Springs now - Ben, Lily, Tom and some others drove to Whock last evening, returning by Moonlight, having had nice ride and visit.

I send you as requested draft on Bank of America N.Y. One hundred and fifty ($150.00) dollars, Please acknowledge

Affectionately

Yours

John Adams

25th August 80

Geo T. Wickes Esqr
Lonmoor Va

Dear George

Herewith I send paper from our stock book, & Human Reports; and two weekly reports — I think you should have spaces for your Washed Ore, Lump Ore, and three others if you never need to fill them the paper will not cost much more — Some of our neighbors undertake to reckon and give cost, on their weekly statements; they nearly always reckon lowest nett prices, adding nothing for contingencies. We prefer to let each one make his own reckoning, and then if they fall short, they are not disposed to feel they have been misled, or otherwise apt to do — All well

Yours truly

John Meany.

Ashland Ky. 30th August 1888

Jas C. Davis Esq Pres

Portsmouth O

Dear Sir

Yours from 26th inst reached here, while I was from here. Am obliged to go out on line of our road about night of way, so that I cannot well go to Porto this week. Will try to advise you the last of this week what time can come next and Probably Tuesday 7th prox — If you think better to wait on my coming —

Very truly yours

John Meany

30th Aug 80

Alex Clark Esq.
53 Pearl St. Cinti O.

Dear Alex

Your favor of 11th inst, reached here, just after I had left home for Va. I think the Norton shares are worth about par. And therefore if you can buy at 75 to 90 you cannot miss it, I have bought at prices from 80 to 85 — and will not sell at less than par.

Mr M, came home from Lake Cherry — and our into Va, where I left her and do not expect her home until next week or possibly later. Will mention your wife and your invitation to her on her return home. Are having very best weather here —

Yours truly
John Means

31st Aug 80

Geo T. Wickes Esq
Southern Va

Dear George

Your fam of 23rd inst is at hand with copy of J. T. W's 31 Decem 79 in reference to Ambrose. I am glad you sent it to me, and also glad that you did not advise Mr A. to write me, not desiring to be mixed up in this matter. As I understand Mr. W's, views he thinks to keep, Ambrose as well as Richards; but for what purpose both, is more than I can tell.

One of them I think is needed; and then another man of a different character besides. One who could assist in the business affairs of the Company: and give you relief from what neither of these men can do. It is very hot here, keep cool if you can. Time and perseverance work wonders — Regards to Mrs W. Davy and the other boys —

Yours truly
John Merritt

Ashland Ky. 31st Aug 1885.
Jas C. Lewis Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

when I answered your telegram, yesterday I thought we had arrangement for postponing our sight of way business.
But find now that our lawyers have agreed for 2nd & 3rd for the jury cases, this being the fact I cannot go to Ports.
I do not know what your plans may be, but if you can lay out something satisfactory to those interested there, I will try to follow your lead —

Very respectfully
John Mead

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Culbertson Mercer & Culbertson Fee

Dr. a/c with Thomas Millcamp

1880 May 24	To	Balance pr a/c [illegible]		$882.95 [illegible]
Feb 4	"	[illegible]		327
Jan 24	"	" M. Baker note	8.000 00	
	"	" do interest	528 00	8.528 00
17	"	" L. T. Moore Fee		500 00
July 16	"	" W. W. Culbertson Guardian & Notes	6.173 39	
	"	" " Interest	372 00	6.545 79
	"	" John F. Hager Fee in [illegible]		
	"	on [illegible] deed [illegible] J. [illegible] Total		35 00
21	"	" Aug Kassaw Note of 9 Aug 79	400 00	
	"	" " " interest	24 00	424 00
	"	Amount due T. W. M. by C. M. & C.		$168.989 38

1880 Sept 1st
E. & O. E.

Ashland Ky 4th Sept 1880

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] regard
to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
When Mr Richards was [illegible] [illegible]
him the [illegible] opposite He [illegible] and
told him you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sir Ashland Ky 1st Sept 1880
[illegible] Brothers
Attorney Ky
Gentlemen
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] which
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
He has not come of this [illegible]
and you may send the goods
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Thomas Mulleany
By John Mulleany

[illegible]

[illegible]

Have you gotten the [illegible] needed?

Ashland Ky 4th Sept 1880

I would make charges proportionate to rents charged others, and have some regard to the wages paid the rentals—
When Mr Richards was there I showed him the house opposite Shepard and told him you rented such houses at Six (6 ff) dollars per month—
The letter from A.S.W to me has good suggestions, and is well meant, but I suppose J.F.W has anticipated this subject and written you voluminously thereon—
I have nothing to say on the matter I have ordered the Daily Cinti Gazette for the "Club"—not knowing what other title to send to have ordered it addressed to the 'Lowmoor Iron Co' and now write you that you may know it is for the Club—
Will send some books to the Club before long—

Am expecting Mrs McKeon to day—

All well, yours truly; John Meant

Have you gotten the fire brick needed?

Geo T. Wickes
Lawrence

Ashland Ky. 4th Sept 1850

Cincinnati Gazette Co.

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check for Twelve ($12.00) dollars, for which send the Daily Gazette to the

Louisa Iron Co.

Virginia.

and oblige

Yours respectfully

John Means

N.B. Address paper to

Louisa Iron Co.

Virginia.

4th Sept 86

Messrs E. C. Ringgold & Co.
No. 7 W. Pearl St. Cinti O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find [illegible] draft indorsed to your order four hundred and fifty two 95/100 ($452 95/100) dollars in payment of your account. A change of clerk at Prince & and consequent failure to advise all of course is our apology for not sooner remitting.

Very respectfully

John McCann for
Thomas McCann

4th Sept 80

Robt Porter Mears Esq
Blacksburg Va.

Dear Sir

Your favors of 26th and 30th ult are at hand. We look for Mills and Owen home to night; and you will not see them on their trip. I did not suppose that Mr Vickers would get to work in the mines before night work; and if he needed your help again it would after he began mining. The increased business making this need. I know so far as I know, but one acquaintance in St Louis, and letters of recommendation from one of the same name would not be of much advantage among strangers to the writer. I will however write to Gunnell so that you may show where it may have it to be of use, and will not have the appearance of letter written simply as a recommendation.

Remember me to your mother

Very truly yours John Mears

4 Sept 80

Robt Porter Memd Esqr

Dear Porter

Your of 28th ult, is at hand, advising me that you think of going West, and desiring my opinion &c &c. I am not a little surprised that you should have any hesitation upon the subject, after the many conversations we have had upon it, and the many letters I have written you upon it. I have always considered it a settled matter that you would go West, and have written you accordingly. I have also written to Mr. Patterson, Mr. Bakewell, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Fahnestock, Mr. Wm. Wilkins, Mr. Wm. Bakewell, Mr. Wm

as to what you do, but look rather to the character of the men you engage with, and that the business is one to grow and amount to something. You must not engage with men of doubtful character or on a disreputable business — nor in some thing insignificant and to which there is no future outcome.

With your own honest nature you will not need to be told what will not do and you have capacity to judge as to the prospects for a business —

You can refer to me or to any one who knows you, in case it may be necessary — With my best wishes for your success I am

Yours truly

John Macaulay

Ashland Ky. 4th Sept 1858

William Meade Esq.

85 Fountain Square, Cincinnati Oh.

Dear Will

Herewith please find fifteen dollars on Ashland Bank, fifteen hundred and ninety 4/100 ($1590.00) which he made you, to bring you up a bit to our thousands. I pay Mary and Meg and him, the amount needed to bring Mary & Maggie up to me, and reduce mine to our thousands. While I do not believe any of you have any feeling of jealousy or wrong that he has heretofore paid or given to me, more than to any other of his children I still desire that his distributions shall be made hereafter, so as to bring the rest of you never up to the amounts paid myself. And as the girls have each received less than either of us, you can very properly, and without selfishness or appearance of it, advise him to this course — and I hope you will do so, and not hesitate because it may be to your own advantage at same time —

Hattie and Rose are in Mountains of Va, but we look for them home today. Harry and Cook leave Monday for Maritime Alleghany

Yours truly John Meade

6th Sept 80

Geo T Wickham Esq
Southwest Pa —

Dear George

Yours of 2nd at hand — I suppose Mr W. has copy of his letter to you, it may be well to refer him to it or send him a copy. Would refer matters of dispute between Anchorage and Richards to W. to settle for himself — You can ask him questions enough, and in your own way, to keep him busy, and get the answers to suit you if put right. Mr M and Rose came home Saturday P.M. — Mack is here — He and Mr Russell, Putnam, and probably Fred Norton of Belfast expect to pay you a visit about the 15th inst — To see the ore and learn about probable quantity can be had if they need as they will prove likely to do say 3 to 5000 tons each — It might be well for you to ask Genl Wickham for a rate to Ashland — Would like to hear how your work progresses

Yours Truly John Meany

The Company cannot deal to hand

Ashland Ky. 10th Sept 1880

Pierce Robert Clarke Esq.

Cincinnati

Head	Keepers	$2.00	per day	2
Under	"	1.60		4
Head	Engineers	2.70		1
Second	"	2.00		1
Top	Fillers	2.00		2
Blacksmith		1.75		1
Capsetters		1.50		1
Stock House	fillers	1.50		2
Fire	Hands	1.75		2
Iron	Brakes	1.75		3
[illegible]		1.50		

Ashland Ky. 8th Sept 1880

Mr T. Wicker Esq Agt

Lowbanks Va

Dear Sir

above you have wages paid at the Ashland Furnace The Norton page about the same

Yours truly

John Kent

Ashland Ky. 9th Septem 1880

S. M. Yost & Son
Staunton Va.

Gentlemen

permit please find P. O. order three ($3.50) dollars; for which send ten (10) copies of the "Virginian for the Campaign" to John D. Sadler, Lowmoor Va., where I think it may do some good.

very respectfully
John Meaux

N. B. Address paper to
John D. Sadler
Lowmoor
Va.

Ashland Ky. 10th September 1880

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co,

Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

please send to the Low Moor Iron Co,

Low Moor Va. (on the C.&O. R.R.)

1 Washington Life by Irving Peoples Ed 5 Vols
1 Franklin " ed Bigelow 3 "
1 Webster Reminiscences P. Harvey
1 Lincoln & Seward G. Weller
1 Manual of Constitution of W.S. J. W. Andrews
1 Political Economy H. Greely
1 Popular Astronomy Mitchell
1 Astronomy of the Bible "
1 Six days of the Creation T. Lewis
1 Footsteps of the Creator H. Miller
1 Schools and Schoolmasters "
1 Lay Sermons, Addresses, & Reviews H. T. Huxley
1 Travels in Egypt & Iceland B. Taylor
1 " " Central Asia "
1 By Ways of Europe "
1 Don Quixote Cervantes 1 Vol
1 Uncle Tom's Cabin H. B. Stowe
1 To Cuba and Back Dana

Ship by C&O. R.R. Steamers to Low Moor Iron Co. and Low Moor Va. and send Bill to me here and oblige yours

very respectfully

John Kleard

Ashland Ky, 15th September 1880

The Tribune

New York

Gentlemen

herewith please

find P. O. order 8983 = three ($3.00) dollars

for 100 copies of [illegible] Life of Conjuncture

very respectfully

John Means

Address

John Means

Ashland

Kentucky.

Ashland Ky. 15th September 1856

Messrs Means Kyle & Co

Hanging Rock, Ohio.

Gentlemen

Yours of 14th inst
is at hand, with check on
Exchange, Thirty six hundred ($3600)
dollars Dividend

Very respectfully
John Means

30th Sept 89

Geo T. Wicker Esq
Lowmore Va

Dear George

Yours of 9th (?) and of 18th inst came duly to hand — I see no objection to contracting with Mr Shepard or any one. You must be so nearly done that I can't guess what, drawings are needed. I think it best in all case to give notice of meetings. Our work here is getting on well and keeps us pretty closely engaged. Regards to your family and to the young gentlemen

Very respectfully
John Means

Russell & Putnam are awaiting Mack's coming to visit you — so you expect them any day after this reaches you

Ashland Ky. 22 nd Sept 1880.

E. Spepard Esq Treas &c

Low Moor Van

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst received, I have letter from Robt Clarke & Co of Cinti O. that they have sent to the Club, for me as below.

Very respectfully

John Meaux

1 Irvings Washington 5 Vols
1 Rigelows Franklin 3 "
1 Harrys Webster
1 Weller Lincoln & Seward
1 Andrews Constitution W.C.
1 Astronomy of Bible, Mitchell,
1 Lewis Six Days of Creation

2 Vols of Hugh Millers Works
1 Huxley's Lay Sermons &c
2 Vols Bayard Taylor
1 Don Quixote
1 Uncle Toms Cabin
1 Dana's Trip to Cuba

And that they will send in short time 1 Greelys Political Economy, 1 Mitchell Popular Astronomy, and 1 Taylor's Central Asia —

22nd Sept 80

Wm S. Rawson Esq Sect 11
General W. Va

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th came while the writer was from home. I cannot give you prices Saml Frazier, builds barges and steam boats here. Val P. Collins, builds and repairs at Covington Ky The Marine Railway & Dry Dock Co, James Mack, Wm Litherbury and others at Cincinnati Ohio. Unless you have done so, it would be well to get sized and lengths for Lumber for barges before sawing, that you may save from waste.

Very respectfully
John Kearns

24 Sept 80

C. H. Wilhoit Esqr
Grayson Ky — Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd inst is at hand. Herewith please find my check on A.N. Bank, Thirty three 98/100 ($33 98/100) dollars, to pay taxes on my sisters M. A. Means land —

Am much obliged for your kindness.

Very respectfully
John Means

24 Sept 80

P. Please send me statement of taxes due you on Thos Williams Princess or "Buena Vista" Furnace property, and I will remit to you for same — Respectfully
John Means

24th Sept 80

Hon L. T. Moore
Catlettsburg Ky
Dear Lave

Yours of this date is at hand.
Henrietta please find my check on
A. N. Bank, twenty one 27/100 ($21.97) dollars
to pay taxes on W. Van Hanly lands.

Yours truly
John Means

24th Sept 50

Edwd A. Low Asst Treas &c
31 Burling Slip N. Y. City.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find draft on Bank of America, indorsed to your order Sixty one hundred ($6100.00) dollars, in payment of second installment of 50 per ct on new issue of shares in my name.

Very respectfully
John Wheaton

Ashland Ky 27th Sept 1880

J. W. Kenne Esq S. C. C.

Greenup Ky –

Dear Sir

Your favor of this day is at hand. Herewith please find check on A. N. Bank, Ninety five 50/100 ($95.50) dollars in payment of Taxes 1880 Princess F.

Very respectfully

Wm W. Meanes

John Meanes Agent

Ashland Ky. 28th Sept 1880

A. B. Winslow Esq

Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

The letter herewith explains itself. I can go any day after the first prox— Write your brother what you can do— and write me, so that I may know— I write him to that effect. Have letter of 24th from Wicks— "Mining Engines running and rock all right"

"Boilers on which we have steam working well"—

I suppose Russell & Mack will start our business.

Yours Truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 28th Sept 1880

John F. Winslow Esq

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours of 24th at hand, Have inclosed same to A.B.W. and written him, "can go any day after first prox, Write your brother what you can do, and advise me". Wm Russell & Mack will probably start to Utah, tomorrow Russell wants to see you.

All well

Yours Truly

John Means

Ashland Ky. 1st October 1880.

Edwd A. Low Esqr Asst Sect H.
31 Burling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd ult, cover duly to hand, and the Certificate Book to day. I have as requested signed Nos 82, 83, 84 also 85 to 105 inclusive. You may fill out certificate in my name, for additional stock subscription now paid; as follows — 1, each 25 + 30 + 47 [illegible] and hold them until called for — —

Am expecting to leave here 4th or 5th inst. for Va; where I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you with others of our lea

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 1st Oct 1880.

Sir T. Weeks Esqr Prest
Lookmore Club,

Dear Sir

I send by Express for the Club, a few books of which I have duplicate copies - viz 1 Emersons Poems
1 Shakespeare
1 Origin of the World
1 Sam Slick.

I hope Robt Clarke & Co have sent the balance ordered from them - I do not know what the members of your club would have preferred, in the way of books, and have sent a variety, some valuable relations

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 12th October 1880.

John C. Peeller Esq.

In your of 2nd at to affairs of P. I. & S. Co, you were right in saying to Mr Lewis that I would join in loan of say 50 to 60 per cent of amount of our shares — Am willing to do so if all can Mr Gibson will: and make rate of interest at legal rate your state, so that there can be no questions about it. Set each loan in proportion to his shares, and payments be made in same way — interest annually or better semi annually — I suppose Lowthorn will [illegible] in to day — All well with regards to your family

Yours truly

John Means

Ashland Ky 12th October 1880.

Messrs John Shillito & Co.

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Jos. T. Larkin & Co your city, Sixty three 22/100 ($63.31) dollars in full of account.

Very respectfully

John Means

720

Ashland Ky 12th October 1880.

Messrs Robt Clarke & Co.

Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Jos. F. Larkin & Co. your city, Thirty three 66/100 ($33.60) dollars in full of account

very respectfully

John Heany

Ashland Ky. 14th October 1880

Mr. Derby Esq

789 Broad St Newark N.J.

Dear Sir

Please send me sample of goods for suit for Hildreth —

Henry & Clarke have gone from home to school and we had to provide for them, when going away —

very respectfully

John Heany

What you offer and what is paid
here would take a long time for
a man to make effluence of mining
The consumers here dont want
to spare their best men, and
you dont want their poor ones
Be sure you dont ship
any but first rate iron to
begin with. Until there comes
a rise in the river it is
hardly worth while to ship any.
As you cant get it down
without extra price. The
result of elections in Ohio
and Indiana, will make
things better in business
All well
Yours Truly
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 14th October 1880.
Geo T. Wicks Esq
Lawrence Va — Dear George
Your telegrams
as to helpers and extra (?) men
Have been received and replied to,
Helpers, Patman & Russell tell me
are scarce and hard to get;
that they are very few days putting
on new men to learn — The
only one I could hear of, likely to be
willing to go, was a black man
with a family, 12 miles away
from here — The sooner you get
your blacks learned, the quicker will
you be supplied, Patman is putting
in at the furnace, several of the
blacks who came here to work on
Rd — but try the furnace for better
wages — The difference between

722

Ashland Ky 14th Oct 1880

W. L. Briggs Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote Mr Parker about the property as talked of and expected to go out with him before look around. He had some business in Sumter last week and came up while I was in Virginia I missed him. The first time he comes up will try to get out to see you. Our Va Furnace blew in Monday night, and made nice start —

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky 15th October 1880

Capt W. Burdett

Dist. Va

Dear Sir

Herewith please find check S.&C. Complete Loan on Ashland Nat Bank indorsed to your order Novitytoo ($92.00) dollars, which is the balance due you according to this statement of accounts. Please acknowledge

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 16th Oct 1883.

Jos Barnett Esqr

Star Furnace Ky

Dear Sir

I expect shuttling can be gotten from mills near Killgore cheaper than to send it from here. If not advise me and I'll send out

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky 15th Oct 1880.

Capt. W. Horsfield

Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th inst, with check Onehundred & thirty ($130+) dollars W. C. Mail Line dividend to at hand, Accept thanks

Yours truly

John Means

724

725

1 Oct 50

Balance due for $687.00
On the Navin note ——
My respectfully
John Marshall

Jos. Williams
Catlettsburg Ky

Ashland Ky, 18th October 1850.
Jos. F. Larkin Ho.
Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find W. Hunsell on Fourth Nat'l
Bank on City Onehundred and
thirty ($130 00/100) dollars for
credit to my account
Very respectfully
John Marshall

Ashland Ky. 18th Oct 1880.

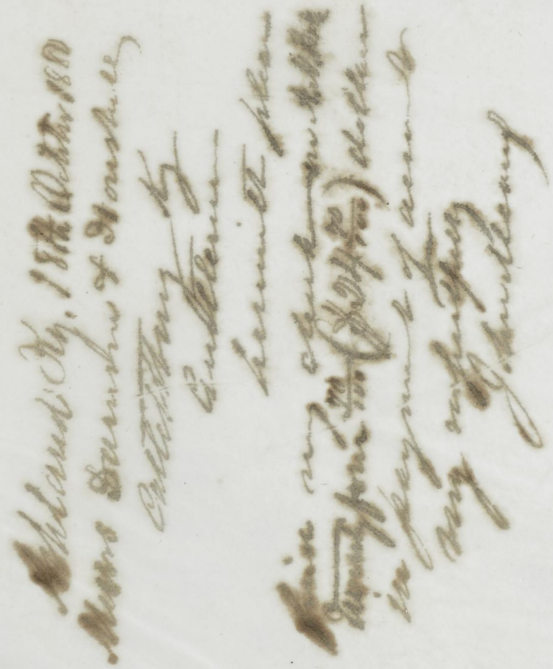
Hon K. F. Poinsard
Catlettsburg Ky—

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1000 inst is at hand— I will take Six Hundred ($600) dollars One third in Cash, balance in 1 & 2 years with interest payable annually— For lot of in Eigen Addition—

Very respectfully
John Wilcox

Ashland Ky. 18th Octr 1880
Messrs Burnham & Houshell
Catlettsburg Ky
Gentlemen
hereunto please
Give my check on Ashland
Nationally for $[illegible] dollars
in payment of accounts
Very respectfully
John Wilcox



Ashland Ky. 22nd October 1880.

Geo M. Thomas Esq
Emmet Ky

Dear Sir

Your letter of 18th & 20th are at hand
now at P.O. when we were talking — We in
Boyd will look after our county. I send herewith
my check on Jos F. Larkin & Co Fourhundred
$400 dollars —

Very respectfully
John Meaney

Joseph F. Larkin & Co
25 W. Fifth St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please
find A. N. Bank on First Nat. Bank Cin.
Fourhundred ($400) dollars for credit
my a/c —

Very respectfully
John Meaney

21st Octr 80

A. C. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

After hearty congratulation one of result of that vote you returned from Va, to give; business kept Wickham, Mason Dunn and Huntington were here on Tuesday 19th instant to look after arrangements for their (Scioto) Ohio Valley connections and transfer of freight by car load thereto in Ashland, Anticipating their coming Col Putnam had been considering these matters that he might be able to treat with them if they so desired. Their first plan was to run some new lines to the river and arrange with us for delivering on our tracks where it might be used — These tracks to reach the river would have had to run through our machine shop lot and our land below the Furnace — We did not wish to grant them privilege of running over our tracks in town and Put proposed to them that we would transfer ~~our~~ our tracks in town for four ⑤ cents per ton on car load lots —

and make an arrangement —
Sat 23rd Oct
Here was interrupted —
To allow them to use part of our track from junction to and below Furnace — they to build from where our stops to water — After discussing this article — pro & con, involving as it did joint use of track near furnace, and over our land beyond — Putnam proposed that we do the whole transferring and keep full use of control of our tracks in town, without any complication by joint use &c &c
And proposed that and he and Lord Wright agreed that on a basis for our contract
50 cars ~~[illegible]~~ per day 5 p p ton
100 " " " " 4 "
over 100 " " 6 "
we to take from junction and haul to joint either party to give the other 12 mos notice of desire to abrogate — We said to them that we should desire to hear from our associates before entering into contract — and they said, the also desired to have their own arrangement — further completed with Scioto Valley Co — before closing — Putnam thinks if concluded that this a first rate bargain for our Co — Yesterday F. D. Norton and Bramwell were here and desired us to make them an offer for taking coke and ore, at junction with C. C. & B. L. — and dumping into barges and delivery at their landings at Ironton — He (Pat) has written

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to [illegible] at [illegible] for dimensions of their cars, that he may know whether we can pass them through our tipples, on receipt of which, if we can handle the cars, he will make proposal to them — If he can [illegible] for them, it will furnish profitable work for our tipples, barges, and propellers — He will propose for transfer to barges 5¢ per ton as with RR and separate charge for barges and towing; and we all here think this [illegible] work, as now we have to keep tip hands and propellers without as much work, many days, as they might do —

I expect to attend sale of Bazar property on 4th prox — Wickham when here had the force putting their track in order for business largely increased —

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and expressed himself as gratified that now he might make definite proposals for freighting ore and Coke to Ashland. Mr. Carlisle and Geo. T. Stedman have been here for a day to see about location of their shops in Ashland — and other matters relating to these R.Rs. Mr. Le would like to arrange for joint use of one track from N.J.W. down to Hotel or near, and that his lea and ours have a common Depot — and if the future business should warrant that we put up machinery to handle freight to and from Vine as at Riverton and Huntington, I think it worth considering —

All well

Yours truly

John McCarty

Ashland Ky, 23d Oct 1880
N. Derby Esq
709 Broad St. Newark N.J.
Dear Sir

You face of 16th
just is at hand —
Permit please find Sanction
for Suit for Hildreth —
very respectfully
Yours
John McCarty

B. C. Hand 23rd Oct 1880

Dear Sir

herewith find sketch of square street and land from North East side of Front St to "Agnew" beginning point, [illegible] as surveyed last month [illegible] Stone to on S.E side of Broadway and 1160 feet distant from S.E side [illegible] St.

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

Ashland Ky 23rd Oct, 1880.

Jas C. Lewis Esqr

Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 22 and at hand, will try to be with you next Saturday 30th instant

Very respectfully

John Meanes

Ac[illegible]

Rec[illegible]

A. [illegible]

[illegible]

23rd Oct 80

Geo T. Wicker Esqr

Yours of 20th inst at hand, 80 tons hea day is good, but send me weekly statement full work. Can't tell anything by one day work

Meanes

27th October 80

Edward A. Law Esq. Asst Sect. R.
81 Bushing Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Since writing you this morning the Certificate Book has come I have signed No 106 to 130 inclusive,

Very respectfully
John Means

We hope to send a Republican from this district to Congress —

Ashland Ky - 29th October 1880.
Received of Mrs M. V. Young (paid at A. N. Bank) forty five ($45.00) dollars payment on her note due 27 Oct 1880
John Means

Ashlands Ky 28th Oct 1880,

John C. Peebles Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 26th inst at hand, I wish to be here Friday and Sat to come Saturday morning Dost — I see only two ways to get money! One to sell more shares to new or old holders, the other to borrow — I am willing to lend, but dont want any more stock,

Want to get home as soon as I can, We hope to dest Thomas to Congress

Yours Truly

[illegible]

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Ashland Ky. 28th October 1880.

Geo. T. Wicker Esqr.
Lynchburg Va.

Dear George

The C&O. RR Co. has arranged with the Ashland C&I Ry Co. for delivery of our Gr. Coke & Co. from junction to purchasers in Ashland. But as yet the road is not in order from this to Big Sandy for business. The Ohio River is too low for boats to go to Charleston and consequently very little business can be done on the River. Until the road is in order and open for business, and until there is more water in River, it is useless for you to try for freighting on one or the other. When the Cinti. papers which you have every day, reports under five (5) feet at Hutton, you may consider it a bad chance for freighting on River. I have had no statement of Furnace work since starting. Your letter that you had made 75 tons one day makes me afraid you have been pushing too hard, so long as she works well, take you make, first month or two, the longer start I shall hope you to come I would like to have, weekly statements of work from the beginning, so that I may be able to focus the working. It is raining to day, and there is a little rise in the at Pittsburgh, but is too soon to tell what we may expect here.

Ashland Ky, 1st November 1880

Peter Arnfelt Esq

Mt Pulaski Ill

Dear Sir

Herewith please find Wm H. Dustin's draft No 75352 on Newport $561.63 which I return to you for your indorsement — which you have omitted, to make before sending —

Very respectfully

John Mc[illegible]

Ashland Ky. 1st Nov 1880.

Hiram Pope

Grayson Ky —

Dear Sir

Please advise me what is amount of R.R. Tax due from my sister Miss M. [illegible] on the Kilgore property — and for what year —

And I will remit to you —

Very respectfully

John Mc[illegible]

Ashland Ky. 1st November 1880
James C. Cole Esq. Cant R.
Portsmouth O.
Dear Sir
Herewith
please find my check on
A. N. Bank Two thousand ($2,000.00)
dollars, in part for purposes
loan to your Company
very respectfully
John Allen

Ashland Ky. 2nd November 1880
Geo. T. Wicker Esq.
Dear George
Yours of 26th instant is
at hand. But on men enough at
Furnace to keep her full and up to
work, but don't pass her —
Better put two cheaper men at
a job than start with one high
priced one. As men anxious to
make money and ambitious
to show what work they can do will
bid for the job. Get your scales ready
to weigh every day out put. You
will be apt to find, you have
gessed ten (10)± per day more
than scales will show —
Don't guess at anything. I have
never known a furnace fail
to cold (?) while the work was
guessed at. Ohio River is icing
and the low water for this season probably
over — Yours John Allen

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Insurance on Pig Iron to and from
Ashland to Cincinnati .15
Louisville .25
Evansville Ind. .30
St Louis .50
Wheeling .17
Pittsburgh .25

This on $1000 [illegible] —

Ashland Ky. 1 Nov 1880.
Chas A. Low Esqr Sect 12 —
31 Burling Slip — New York City.
Dear Sir
Herewith I send you latest
quotations from this point —
We do our own insurance by steamboat
to all points named — excepting St Louis,
and on barges to Louisville and below
and to Pittsburgh —
I think same rates from Huntingdon [illegible]
be [illegible].
My respectfully
John [illegible]

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Allerdt Ky. 6th Nov 1880

Hon. Edd Clarke Pres

Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith I send statement of [illegible] by you sent to Dear This was [illegible] by me, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] in mine of [illegible] for which I have [illegible] acknowledgment from you — Please examine

My respectfully

John Meandy

Ashland Ky, 6th November 1880.

Messrs Daniels Cornell & Co

162 West 5th Street Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Yours of 1st inst at hand —

Herewith please find my check on Jas T. Larkin & Co

Oneh[illegible] and thirty five 16/100 ($135 16/100) dollars in

payment of bills.

My respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky 10th Novr 1880 —

J. P. Wittmore Esq

170 Wood St, Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of

[illegible] inst to at hand, and I

will forward same to Mr

Wickes at Lou Mass —

W. was away a few weeks

in June and July last on

a trip to Colorado —

My respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky 10th Novr 1880

Cer, T. Wicker Esq
Lanham Va

Dear Cer

Herewith find letter of 8th inst from Witten place give proper attention — Gone of 1st & 4th inst came duly to hand — also 29th ult — Would leave the pumps until meeting 17th — I have read statement — I don't suppose anyone, (under possibly J. F. W.) desires a detailed statement of coking — A mere summary monthly of coal seed, coke made and cost of labor monthly would be perfectly to me — Don't expect to come before the 17th, probably will then —

Yours
John Meany

Ashland Ky 10th Novr 1880

Julius C. Anderson Esq
Newton Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of the inst, is received this day — Herewith I send paper from Davis on equation —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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Ashland Ky. 10th Novem, 1880.

Thomas W. Means Esqr
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

herewith please find draft on Metropolitan Nat Bank N.Y. city, in favor of Peter Amfort indorsed to your order, Five hundred and sixty one 60/100 ($561.63) dollars, payment on Notes for Illinois Land.

Yours
John Means

Ashland Ky, 12th Novem 1880.

E. W. Wilhoit Esqr
Grayson Ky

Dear Sir

Some weeks since I wrote Mr. Pope, asking him to advise me amount of R.R. Tax for 1879 on my sister M. A. Means' Nicholas land, but have no reply. Will you please ascertain and advise me — and oblige

Yours very respectfully
John Means

13th Novem 0

P. S. Fitch Gen Lt Agt
Richmond Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th instant is at hand. Our barges are all in use — Horsfall can most probably furnish a barge or hire one for you. We charged Two (2$) dollars per day for hire —

Very respectfully
John Meaux

Ashland Ky 12th November 1880
Peter Arnfelt Esq
Mt Pulaski Ill.

Dear Sir

Your of 8th instant came duly to hand and we send herewith your notes due 1 March 1880 $266.60 and } paid and
" 1 " 1881 266.60 — } cancelled
We left with John T. Jenkins Esq your note due first March 1895 $667.00 bearing interest at Ten per cent until paid — We have no account of any payment to Please advise, and oblige

Very respectfully
John Meaux for
Thos W. Meaux

12th Novem 0

John T. Jenkins Esq
Lincoln, Logan Co, Ill

Dear Sir

In December 1894 we left in your hands for collection, note of Peter Bonfelt due 1st March 1895 and to bear interest at ten (10) per cent after Maturity $669.00 of which we have no account of payment. He has paid his notes due 1 March next and asks us to relinquish our lines on the land sold him.

Please advise us and oblige.

Very respectfully
John Meaux
for Thos W. Meaux

15th Nov. 80 745

Wm Little Esq

Hutchins Dallas Co Texas

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th instant came duly to hand at it was quite a gratification to the writer to receive it — Some fifteen (15) years ago when I took charge of the affairs of the Co, it owed three times as much as the whole property was worth and none of the stockholders had paid up their shares. It soon was plain to me, that with careful management, it was probable some portion of the capital stock might be returned to the stockholders; and that in any event any stockholder who was able to pay would be compelled to pay by the courts to satisfy claims of creditors — I then went to work only hoping to save a portion of our investment — Our directors and my father stood by me, sent me my words, indorsed for large amounts, and sometimes at great inconvenience to themselves. We had to bring suit against many, and were well abused by most all — Especially by those who

7 away from here, who knew little about the matter and would not come to see and investigate; or not as by a few here, who wished profit from a week of the Co. We now clear the Co. clear of debt and think we shall be able to return every dollar to the stockholders and probably with profit besides. Would advise you not to think of selling your wife shares.

The E. S. & Rob. RR. (C&O. Connection) started trains from here for Richmond Va to day — and will continue regularly from this on. The work between this and Mt Sterling is pushed to the limit of economy — Another road up the Big Sandy from here has some 10 or 12 miles track laid and is putting down 74 to ½ mile daily — this RR. Road will be finished 75 miles by 1 Jany 1881 — And a RR on the Ohio side of River from Portsmouth is laying track and expect to reach opposite Ashland and cross trains about the 1 Jany 1881 — Our manufacturing concerns are in good condition and doing well. There is now some inquiry for property here. The directors think it best for the Co to sell more before Spring but let those who have bought of the Co sell and that we shall get better prices in the Spring — We think we shall have a "boom" then —

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

Ashland Ky. 16th Novem 1880

Mrs H. D. Kennedy

Marietta Ohio.

Dear Madame

Your returned form of 8th instant came duly to hand. Herewith please find draft on N.Y. indorsed to your order — Two hundred ($200+) dollars. Your letter as to the boys is quite gratifying to Hattie. Have written our daughter sending your kind invitation to them to visit you. Their mother thinks they have planned to return home via Ohio. Have letter to day from Cooke to send them some money, as I leave in a short time cannot send to day. Please let them have what they need, until I remit to them.

Hattie send kind regards to yourself and family.

Very truly

John Leland

Ashland Ky. 27 and Nov 1880

J. E. Lewis Esq. Post
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th inst came to hand Saturday (20th) — Herewith please find check indorsed to your order Ouithousand (£1000x) dollars, on Exchange to your Company. Mr Meredith has not returned home.

Yours very respectfully
John Meany

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No. 386	Beyond Lights	Egypt and Iceland	.60
387	Tent life in Siberia	Geo Kennan	1.00
396	Abraham Lincoln	life of Lamon	1.75
416	German Element	in the War of American Independence	.65
805	History of Romanism	John Dowling	2.00
708	Wandering Jew	Eugene Sue	.85

I would like of Lewis Nerde (No 581) 2 Vols viz Harry Conquer and Con Longan — but cannot tell from your catalogue whether you will sell separate from the others. Please advise me if so and price.

Very respectfully
John Meany

Address

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 26 and November 1880.

Messrs Estes & Lauriat

301 to 305 Washington St, Boston Mass.

Gentlemen

Hermitte please find Ashland N. Bank

draft on N.Y., Fifty six 35/100 ($56 35/100) dollars, for which

send me by Express, as per your Fourth Clearance Catalogue;

No 80.	Macaulay Essays	3 Vols	$6.50
10	Selected Pictures		6.00
10	Swift's Choice Works		3.70
17	Portland	C. C. Hall	4.50
30	Selected Pictures		3.75
50	Foxes B. & of Martyrs	3 Vols	2.50
63	Cary's Clerical	2 "	8.00
75	Life and Times of Algernon Sidney	2 "	3.25
109	Burgoyne. Political and Military Episodes &c.		1.50
125	Man with the Iron Mask	M. Sapin	2.00
139	Lapland Life	J. E. Mackinnon	.75
172	Great Pyramid	P. Smyth	4.00
209	The Land and its Story	M. C. Burt	1.50
219	Work of the Horse	Ed. Bird	.85
219	[illegible]	[illegible]	.65

Ashland Ky. 23rd November 1880

Miss St. Nye Elaine

Marietta Ohio

Dear Miss.

Herewith please find P.O. order you for two 50/100 ($2.50) dollars, for payment Mr Means due to 1 April last. She would like to sell her shares. Can you find her purchaser?

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 23rd November 1880

Messrs Scribner & Co

743 Broadway New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find P.O. order you for four ($4.00) dollars renewal for monthly beginning Jany 1881 — to my address.

Very respectfully

John Meany.

Address John Meany,

Ashland,

Kentucky.

Ashland Ky, 3rd November 1880.

Messrs Harper & Brothers
Franklin Square, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find
P.O. order you have Seven ($7.00) dollars
renewal for
Monthly beginning December 1880 and
Weekly coming at present market
875 Mead J. 1282 —

Very respectfully
John Meanf

Mead Sister & Co

Address John Meanf
Ashland
Kentucky.

P.O. order you have four ($4.00)
renewal for monthly beginning
[illegible] to my address.

Very respectfully
John Meanf

Address John Meanf
Ashland
Kentucky

23 Novem 80

Edwd A. Lowe Esq
31 Bowling Ct, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find agreement in duplicate, signed by me for the lease and forwarded to you for signature of A. A. Lowe Esq and the Seal of the Letter-lea

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 24th November 1880

Jno Bowers Esq
Stone Farmer Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd inst came duly to hand with statement as stated. I do not think will do any more roofing this fall. Would be glad if you will notice a little and see that the property is taken care of and not abused. Please accept thanks for the favor rendered —

Very respectfully
John Meany

Adelaide Ky. 24th November 1855

John B. Secrist Dr to

Miss M. A. Meany

For 1 years rent of Kitchen House to 1st Jany 1856		$150.00
Cr By Amount paid 1st Jany 1856	$12.50	
" " " 8 May "	37.50	
" of A. C. McDeal 15 Nov "	49.50	$99.50
To Balance due by J. B. S. to M. A. M.		$50.50

J. B. Secrist Esq

Dear Sir

Herewith please find statement of a/c, showing $50.50 due by you to my bitter — Please remit and oblige,

Very respectfully

John Meany

Think very probable — The thing is pretty big — No provision had been made to shelter the fillers of ore, coke & lime from weather, I insisted that he go at it at once — Had to borrow a locomotive from the C & O — to help keep his stock up — Had not over two (2) days stock of ore, at F — three or four 3 or 4 of limestone and clear up to the locks — The new C. Bridge seemed to be about ~~[illegible]~~ as they were when we left there in October —

The furnace was working finely and making good iron —

All well

Yours truly

John Mean

25 Novem 1880

John A. Shank Esq —
Cinti O —

Will meet you as requested, unless prevented by something not known of now — Wish you a happy Thanksgiving —

John Mean

Ashland Ky 25th Novem 1880

Thos A. Mack Esq —

What's your No — ?

Cinti O —

Dear Sir

Your telegram.

Of 18th came duly to hand; Mr Sorry could not have pleasure of your Company to Lunch. Met Bell & Collett, Lyman and Jonah Low. We authorized Wick — to build 5 — have buy a crusher — close with A.A. Low for some Coal lands on New River —

They were very anxious to know how much iron and at what price you were selling — Would recommend to send statements of sales like you do to Putnam, every sale — while the thing is new —

Gov can't sell any ore, it looks like he might run himself out of ore, if his limestone and coke don't give out first — which I

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25th Nov 80

B. H. R. Lyman Esq
31 Barling Slip, New York N.Y.

Dear Sir

I am notified there will be a meeting of the Ohio Kin Scope Com in Washington D.C. 21st December which will probably last 2 or 3 days and I drive to Fort if convenient & generally and others would like the Southern meeting before or after that date, Browning fast here, We are afraid bad weather may stop Wicker Furnace.

Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving

Am yours truly

John Means

[illegible] Nov 30

Leo T. Wickes Esq
Lowmon Va —

Dear George

Your favor of 20th instant is at hand, Herewith please find draft on N.Y. twenty five ($25.00) dollars — Fifteen ($15.00) for credit my a/c with Leo and ten ($10.00) dollars for Mr Wickes "S.S. Christmas". Am glad to hear Mr Ambrose has resigned, You had no need for him and Richards, How you can hold Mr R. responsible for the working of the Tow.

Have not been able to learn anything about the small Locom, Engine, Will let you know as soon as I can I think to get systematic working, you will have to fix a time table, for your Engine train, one part of the day shift coal, Ore, Lime, Iron &c, and as soon as you have cars enough, insist on following it up — You will only then have to advise, when exceptions are needed, as it is now, you have to see too much after them. One engine should do all the work

It is snowing to day hard, and if our ore had to
work out of doors to day as you do I think we
should stop. Don't lose a day in providing
the shelter we spoke of for your stockers —
Fill up your force of men as fast and full as you can
but be too particular until you have a
surplus of men, then weed out the poorer
ones — With winter on you, you should get
twenty (20) or more days stock of coke, lime & ore
at the Furnace — Make Richards and others keep
things up snug and nice, don't let the cry of
needed help, be taken as an excuse for
slowly work — or waiting stockily running over
ore or coke. If you allow carelessness anywhere
the first thing you know your machinery will be
neglected — if they assist on your bulging new
things tools or whatever, make them use them at
any rate until proven bad —
Push up the ore mining I feel sure we can find
sale for ore next season, and the sooner we
can supply customers the better — I have made
matter all right with Putnam; if Mr Russell wants
for the Nation, supply him if you can without
running out yourself — Wishing you a
happy thanksgiving to you and yours

John Meant

29th Nov 80

John F. Winston Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22 and is at hand — Our bridges are all short span 30 & 40 and 50 feet only, and cost much less per linear foot than longer ones. The Catalaxia R.R. have put up within two and three months; viz 1 — 141 feet span @ 60$ per ft 2 — 100 feet Sp @ 26$ and one 200 feet 37$ for a "combination" bridge Wood and iron — Having no information as to number of piers needed I can make no estimate for Masonry that would vary for 900 feet of bridge $ 30.000 more or less

" Masonry 10 to 15.000.
45 M ±

as probable cost for crossing the New River —

Wickes now buying both coke and limestone, had no shelter for the stockers, and I think it very probable that a little bad matter will stop his Furnace —

The work on Near (22) Cape Ann and new warehouse seemed about as near completion as when

When we left in October. Have advised him to hire as many men as he could, until every place was filled, and then he might weed out the poorer ones — but not to be too choice until he was getting the needed work done —
That his business of Fee and Mines be systematized, and no excuse (of fine hands or other) be taken for slowly or slack work. Let times and men to do certain work, have it done, and pay the men whose work it was, and not changing work every few hours —
The thing is pretty big — and must be seen by the head on the ground, or it will run over somebody — We have had snow in sight for nearly two weeks here — with cold weather and some air — If we were no better prepared for such weather than Lower, we should be obliged to stope and fix for it —
Have asked Col. Putnam to cancel his order for the Ore and he has agreed to do so —
And will look elsewhere for any ~~we~~ he may need — All well —
With regards to Mrs W —

Very respectfully,

John Meant

Ashland Ky. 29th Nov 1885

George L. Wicker Esq

Southern Va — Dear George

Your of 25th statement to 20th inst is at hand, and show good work for Freeman — but bad Arithmetic for whom made it out — as follows — Oh

471 Charge bear ea = 2826 000 = 1261.60 tons

he has 2794 000 = 1247. "

Deed divided, Lump 346

Wash 669

Sadler 187 1.202.

I have not examined or gone into the other calculations — But these striking ones eye at first glance — should not escape a clerk. You will probably hear from Pokpsy. The iron market seems to be looking up a little

Yours John Mcaul

Ashland Ky. 30th Nov 1885

Dear Mark

Your of 27th inst is at hand. Deed your respects to Lockwood. Take notes payable to the "Southern Iron Company of Virginia." You will have to keep your account with Southern in Va, and settle with them; they should know all about it, and the N.Y. Office should get its information from Southern — Sell the iron as fast as you can get it. Better not sell faster — You might get into shape with iron that we have on one and not find it so easy to cancel the contract. But sell as fast as you get iron at a price current until you have instructions to the — Yours truly

John Mcaul

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Dear Sir I am
Mr. Mark Hopkins who is Agent
of Christ for Williamstown, can give you
any information desired.
My respectfully
Yours
Mr. Abbey Esq
Cincinnati O.

Rev. J. Wicker
Dear Sir I have received your letter
dated — Dec. and cannot see any authority to refer
to any one — you will find that every effort
will be made to have other to get some
better of our Ohio — Those who go as agents
and all were glad to get out from their hands
elsewhere

Ashland Ky. 1st December 1880

Wm Kippenstiegel

Louisville Ky. Sir

herewith please find

P.O. order - Nine ($9.00) dollars - [illegible] for the

semi-weekly Tolbutlett Tiding address

from 1 Jany 1881

very respectfully

John Meany

Address

John Meany

Ashland

Ky.

Ashland Ky, 1st December 1880

E. B. Alderman Esq

Marietta Ohio –

Dear Sir

herewith please find a P.O. order, Six ($6.00) dollars, renewal for the Register from 1st April 1879 – to my address.

Very respectfully,

John Meany

Address

John Meany

Ashland

Kentucky –

Ashland Ky, 2nd December 1880.

Dear Mark

In receiving yesterday communication from M. [illegible] Cinti – asking that we send them, samples of [illegible] with price at which they might sell &c &c – We replied "Thos. A. Mark who is agent for [illegible] at Cinti, can give "you and information desired," signed.

This letter we forwarded to Wickes, with copy on [illegible] and advised to have no dealings with them

Yours truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky, 2nd December 1858.

J. G. Rickhoff Esq

240 Vine Street, Cincinnati Oh

Dear Sir

I have this day returned to you, by express & bon-ceil, which is too large. I am held it several days expecting the suit, which you wrote me on 23rd ult would be sent next day — It has not come to hand to this time —

I expect to be in your city on or about the 9th instant.

Very respectfully

John Means

Ashland Ky, 3rd December 1880.

Messrs Estes & Lauriat

301 & 305 Washington Ct, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen

Yours of 26th inst, is at hand inclosing your check on Nat'l Bank of the Commonwealth, three ($3+) dollars — Which I return herewith —

Please send me as per your 9th Cover, ideal you;

No 37	The Seven Ages of a Village Pauper	Bentley	$0.75
" 135	Julia Ingrand	3 Vols	1.50
" 223	Novels & Novelists of the 18th Cent		.65
" 271	Life of Samuel Adams	3 Vol	5.50
" 625	Epochs of History	Morris 7 "	3.75
" 737	Piccola, Elizabeth ++	Trueck	.45
(781++)	Bohn's List of publications		

You may send by Express C.O.D. or I will remit balance or to you may seem best —

Very respectfully

John Means

N.B. Address — John Means

Ashland Kentucky

Ashland Ky, 4th Decr 1880

Messrs Witherow & Gordon

173 Wood St. Pittsburgh Pa

Gentlemen

Your letters of 13th, 15th and 24th ult, came duly to hand — — Matters at Hanging Rock have not assumed any definite plan. When they do will be in charge of Mr E.B. Willard. We will build a first class furnace, and he will most probably advise you. As to Lawrence, you knew the work was being pushed, as rapidly as could be done, and if you desired to inspect it, that it could only be done, on the ground. Mr. Wickes inspected the work for himself, and then seems to be difference of opinion as to whether he or you could but do so —

He has good furnace, working well, the 6th week working 860 tons — He has not quite as high heat as he expected from his Hot Blast — We know no one who has, his experience is not exceptional, and we do not feel disappointed thereat — Ashland is working from 320 to 380 tons per week (6 days) Hought and Putnam are happy.

Very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 7th Decr 1880.

Dear Sir,

The papers herewith explain themselves, when compared with the Printed by laws - reported by Robt. Grant of both old and 2nd inst came duly to hand. We have some very old weather here @ 16° this morning and not growing much warmer, through the day. Are very you stopped on mining. I don't like the idea that a Company whose origin, and business were to mine and sell any can't sell when opportunity offers, simply for fear that one furnace can't be supplied. You should push that branch of your business, I notice that Hotchkiss in "Virginia" gives details of work, wages etc. I will write him and ask that he give round numbers, and not publish what the labor is - I may go to Lima to night, will not unless obliged to, too cold to be from home - Remember me to the Dr family and the young men -

Very Truly

John Mc Neal

Ashland Ky, 8th December 1880

John E. Reiler Esq

Portsmouth O. Dear Sir

In and about the first days of October there were two or more boats around here with the usual sort of people on them. One was claimed by "John Fritz" and others, he was known to be a Thief. Another was claimed by one O. B. Moore who is commonly known by name of "Bob Moore" – he professed to be from about Wheeling and Selling Cheap Pictures, Clearance and the like, and with him (Bob Moore) on the boat was his son and a young fellow named Stout. There was several cases of thieving about that time, and on the night of October there (Pleasure) was broken into and robbed, viz Mr Hughes the Conductor, Mr McClure Methodist preacher, and Rev Singer. The officers here could get no clue to the robbers, Sometime I think about two or three weeks after, your officers at Ports took up the men on one or both of these boats, and found stolen articles from various places, among them some belonging to Singer, McClure, &c &c. I learn that Fritz and Stout were sent to Ohio penetrating. Next Moore was at Sunbury at the time the others were arrested, and that he went to Portsmouth, and claimed one of the boats was

his, and that a woman with his wife, that the [illegible] his [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

9th December 1840

J. H. R. Symons Esq.
Bowling Bliss, New York.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th instant is at hand. You will have received mine of 7th on subject of by laws, of which a copy was sent to each director. Mr W. who drew the [illegible] had in contemplation and so framed them as to put in his power as far as possible, the means of controlling the action of the Co. To this I most decidedly object. I have letter from [illegible] Esq. that Mr W. had asked Mr [illegible] not to sign agreement for lease, until he (W) had determined some other matter about bridging. The board four (4) members, concurring have ordered the agreement to be made. They should [illegible] say it [illegible]. If a good contract no time should be lost, if a bad one [illegible] you [illegible] reasons why to delay completing the contract, I have determined for myself that if J. F. W. is to be the acting President, he must be the legal and [illegible] officer. Mr. Wickes has made mistakes; but of late we have lost much of his efficiency from contradiction and obstruction by J. F. W. Wickes acts sometimes in defiance of him, is rather glad to do so, at other times he hesitates, from fear his action may not be approved by others — when he should act promptly. The whole tendency is to [illegible] the efficiency of our organization at S. M. — Wickes [illegible] to [illegible] Wickes, [illegible] Wickes to retain the [illegible] and we suffer — Mercury at 84 this morning [illegible] be surprised to hear that bad weather stops

9th Decr 80

John E. Reed Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th instant at hand. I expect to go to Lowell and stop a day or two on my way to Washington. It will take by C.&O. RR from here about 3 days to 3½ and you should leave here at 4 P.M., to avoid night changes, which you have to make, if leave here in the morning. Am glad the suit was put off, it is too cold to be from home, unless obliged to be. Let me hear as to my letter of yesterday at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
John Heard

9th December 80

Dear Will

Your favor of 7th inst is at hand. My acquaintance in Springfield is limited to two or three persons, Judge Anderson one of them. If your attorneys cannot recommend any other I suppose that being a resident of the State, a court would take my name. Expect to leave here about 15th or 16th for Lowell and do you say you will be all well. Glad to hear Mother is better.

Yours truly

Ashland 9th December 1880

S. Edgar

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th inst is at hand. Am not sure that I understand you fully. I have not or you my changed my mind after your statement of what you could do I omitted you before and gave reason why. If I am to understand by your letter that it is as a threat to black mail, the sooner you begin the sooner you will know what can be made by it.

Yours respectfully

John Meaney

Ashland Ky 24th Jany 1881

Sir

I read yours of some weeks ago carefully enough to believe that you made a demand on me with a threat if I did not comply. You say you have all my letters (I have not been so careful of yours) by looking at mine of 10th Jany last you will find my reason very plainly stated, in spite of your statement to the contrary with all your stuff about honor &c &c.

John Meaney

10th December 1856

S. S. Wheeler Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand. At Salem I met Mr. Lyman, Josiah Low, Bell, & Bartlett, — We authorized the building several houses for hands, purchase of a Sine Cutter, and completing contract for lease of Coal lands from S. A. Low as [illegible] to at where you was present in October. Mr Lyman thinks to come to Ohio sometime in this month, I expect to be in Washington D.C. for day or two 21st and after — Have so advised Mr Lyman who will, if he comes to Va, come before that date, and [illegible] will advise you assoon as I know the day — It rented Pat [illegible] to stop now for a week or two, his stock of lime was small, and it insures his Oxen to last until we can get it next Spring. I do not expect Sir at Mother Jany —

All well — I should have gone to Cinti this [illegible] but the weather has been so cold that I thought good [illegible] at home —

Yours Truly,

[illegible]

21th Dec 70

Geo T. Wicker Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst is at hand. The man you speak of in Bank is a married man with family, would expect a good house, and I don't think would care to change the place he has for the one you can offer — Geo. O. Richardson at Stone Cliff (I think that is the name) Brownsville Coke Ovens on [illegible] RR — would probably suit you better and wrote to me about a month ago that he would like another situation. He was at Prince Fee two or more years. I will write him and if he comes you know who he is — I think you should tell Pantow just what you expect from him and that if he can't or won't do it — You will not keep him, there is nothing I know of to suit him so well as he might do with you at Lehman

Yours truly John Weaver

[illegible] 30

John S. Pebbles Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst [illegible] at hand and the description of Morse is as I expected. So is the word that I was after. The only object in naming the others was to give all light possible to him and his movements. When I tell you that his purpose, as I believe was, to rob our office and ruin one of Benj Griffiths daughters, I dont think you will take any less interest in the matter. She is satisfied, that she has made a narrow escape, and I think clear of any risk from any efforts he may now make. No one here but Putnam and Russell know her name in the matter. Others only know that I had reason to believe of an intended attempt to rob and that an effort to ace innocent women had made whose name I did not desire to make public. I expect the fellow here before long and "forwarded forwarded". I may stop at Lockport on my way East. Wish to get home for Christmas. If we get away from [illegible]

[illegible] In time to spend a day at Lockport, or we may have I shall be very glad to do so — and will [illegible] Wickes know that he may expect us.

Yours truly

John [illegible]

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Ashland Ky 13th December 1885

N. Manchester Esq.
Trenton Ohio.

Dear Sir

I herewith send you the best description I can get of the young man of whom we spoke this morning.

About 5 feet 8 or 10 inches height, Black Hair, nose black mustache in oldtime; dark eyes; slender buildts; nose black pants and vest and cap — Dressed rather neatly. The old man said he was 22 years old and he looked to be about that age.

This is all I can get.

Very respectfully
John McCaney

Ashland Ky — 13th December 1880
The suit has come — would
have preferred black or blue black
pants — but will keep them as
you have sent — very
respectfully
John Meany

J. C. Pitcher —

Ashland Ky, 13th December 1880.

Dear Mack,

I desire to trouble you with a Christmas
Mission — I send herewith One Hundred ($100.00) —
dollars — And wish you to buy at Dalmer a watch
Hunter case small for Lily and send to me. Mrs
M, bought one for years ago at Dalmer, (which here now has)
and has one there to have a gold case put on it —
She bought a Swiss watch when abroad in silver case
Get about such a watch as has there now, or as
the one she bought of them, I suppose will cost
about $78.00, If convenient to, send by Patrick
if not send by safe conveyance afterward.
I expect to be in Washington D.C. 21st and to
stop at Lowhurst either going or coming or both

very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 13th December 1880.

A. B. Colfax Esq
Galt House Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

I fell about the stock as I did a year ago. That it is a first-rate investment to hold. Was disappointed in my expectations of a dividend one year ago. The rapid and constant decline of iron and nails, wiping out the margin for a profit for dividend. I would not sell for less than par, do not know where I could get that price, have bought since I wrote you at from .55 to .90. Have sold none nor offered to do so. Think that as soon as one dividend is paid, the stock will bring more than par. The Co is in good condition can pay all its debts, and I know of no mill, better situated in every respect for good cheap work.

Very respectfully
John Meang

Ashland Ky, 14th December 1855.

John F. Winslow Esq
Pough Keepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 8th inst came to hand, yesterday; other engagements prevented earlier reply — Inquiry and reflection have satisfied me that the estimates for bridges in mine of 29th ult are nearer to cost, than those made when we were together. The control of such a body of coal land is no doubt valuable to Ltter, and we should endeavor to secure that or some other of equal value. Could we not arrange with A. A. Law Esq. that the L.M., Co and himself build the bridge — jointly or we are independent organization. Each holding shares or trade secured by mortgage on bridge — I do not favor having R.R. Co. building and controlling the bridge. At first thought I favored the Spillsbury plans, but the more I have considered it the less, I am inclined to that mode — I have been writing often and urgently to Mr. Wicker of the matters referred to in mine and yours — And here please allow me to say, that I may not have as much patience as is best to have, and that you are blessed in same way — Try to lead him and I have no doubt you can succeed; you may see he (no one) drives, [illegible] little more Suavitas in modo et fortitas in re.

He is too anxious to control and see himself to every matter and fearing that his importance, dignity, may be lessened, unwilling to have men with heads

of their own, and capacity to manage affairs and thereby relieve himself of much that is annoying, vexatious, and troublesome, greatly because out of his life. With such an assistant as Mr Lovett, whom I recommended last Spring, anything about his furnace and office would have gone as much as clockwork. He could have given his attention to mining and general management outdoors and we should not been subject to the [illegible] of having to ask, those friendly to us and too whom we have looked for years to be customers, to cancel our first really promising contracts for Ore — I do not know yet, whether our stockholders will take all the bonds we may desire to issue. So far they have offered to take the loan faster than the [illegible] needed funds — Should there be any chance to let you in, will keep it in mind —

Pig Iron pricer are a very little better, the demand very much improved —

Please remember me to Mrs W — Yours

Very truly

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 14th December 1880

J. W. Hotchkiss Esqr
Staunton Va.

Dear Sir

I noticed in the "Virginian" reports of working of Lee Moor Furnace, in detail with reference to Wicker estimates. Now I have no doubt this was meant in the kindest. —

The impression made on my mind to see such a statement of another concern would be that it was a bad, or fancy stock, and was for sales and so it will strike most men in the business. No business man desires to have it published to the world that he is losing money, neither does he wish to advertise that he is making it rapidly. The greatest objection made by the citizens of this county to the late Income Tax was the inquisitorial character and publication of matters purely private —

Hereafter please give only round number as to our coal, or coke and limestone — "say about so many tons" of each and leave for your readers to estimate for wages and contingent expenses. Or if you may desire to estimate for these please give it as an editors opinion and not that of one of the owners or officers of the Company.

Please do not consider anything herein, as unfriendly to yourself, or that I consider you have acted without the best of feelings towards myself and those associated with me: having since our first acquaintance held the kindest of feelings to yourself, and I flatter myself that you reciprocate the same to me —

Very truly yours

John Meaux

Ashland Ky, 18th December 1880.

Dear George

I now expect to reach Lake Saturday evening or Sunday morning, and to stay with you until Monday morn, on any way to Washington D.C. — Am to be in W. 21st, how much longer can't say. Wish to get home before Christmas, Mr Peeler will meet me in Washington and if have the time to spare we propose to spend at least one day with you on our return, if agreeable to you. —

Yours of 9th with statement at hand, Have not examined it yet —

Yours truly

John Wallace

Yours Ever Sincerely

Jno Wallace

Gerrard 30 782

Mrs Ester Hammit

Washington St, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen

I and of the first came duly to hand. The books came yesterday, I remit the proper fixed draft on N.Y. for Nine 18/100 Dollars balance on your bills.

Very respectfully

John Wallace

Ashland Ky. 14th December 1860.

Martin E. Cockerill
Marietta Ohio —

Dear Cooke —

Some weeks ago you wrote me to send you One hundred ($100+) dollars. Indeed I asked why you needed so much money, to which have had no reply. I sent Mr K two hundred ($200+) dollars, and asked her to let you have what you might need. I send you herewith draft for fifty ($50+) dollars which so far as I know should leave you considerable surplus funds. As I have already written that while I do not wish you and Harry to be extravagant in expenditures, yet I do not wish you to be mean or niggardly in its use — If I should allow and encourage you in large or foolish outlays, and to acquire such habits, you would when you have to make your own money, find very hard to break off the habit, and tempted to run in debt, without prospect for paying which is, simply dishonest. I know neither of you nor myself desire anything of that kind. Remember that you are not only receiving

education to be obtained from books, but the foundation of a business education. To do which I prefer to entrust you and Harry with your money to manage in your own way, this I hope to continue, if you act prudently. Your mother is out to day dining with Mrs Hackell our next neighbor on Bath Ave. Rose & Lily have been invited to act as bridesmaids for Miss Sarah Mallory, and expect to go to night to Lenti to procure dresses &c &c for the occasion. I expect to leave Saturday for home and Washington and to return by Christmas. Remember me to Aunt Betsy and all our friends, Yours &c

John Meany

Addressed to 15th Decemb 1880

Dear Sir

I have no reply to mine of 13th ult — Please advise and oblige

Very respectfully

John Meany

Addressed to 10th Decemb 1880

Dear Sir

I have no reply to mine of 10th ult — Please advise and oblige

Very respectfully

John Meany

Postmaster

[illegible]

W. F. Kaybird Esq.

Hotel Lafayette, Broad St, bet Chestnut St. Island Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

Your fare of 18th instant is at hand, and I am glad to hear the Dr. gives such encouragement. You should stay long enough to give him an opportunity to prove his treatment, and it is greatly better to be right under his eye, than to come away and depend on letters to and from him. We have had cold weather, but no ice in the river here to give trouble, the river closed above, but on breaking up, the ice sank before reaching here. I think you might [illegible] you come home (don't bring the [illegible]) come to the office everyday and there are many, nearly everything, you could answer and advise about, without trying to think, you could look over the correspondence, the books [illegible], see what was done and advise by writing without great effort and feel so much better satisfied than if you stayed at home, just to think of yourself and it is probable that the occasional efforts you would make to speak might be beneficial. The Dr. can advise you as to this though.

The work in tunnel is getting along very well. The furnace is stopped to make new piston head in steam cylinder. Would have been short of lime and [illegible] without this stop, and we make it large than we needed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] came [illegible] about 1 [illegible] behind in October, but come [illegible] [illegible] well

16th Jan 80

Hugh Mack Esq
W West Ind St, Cincinnati O

Dear Mack

Yours of 14th inst at hand, also have package by Exp, from Duhme which I suppose [illegible] [illegible]. Please accept thanks. Herewith find [illegible] for Ten ($10.00) dollars, balance of Duhme's Bill, which I [illegible] one to you or them. I expect to leave here Saturday morning 18th inst, stop Sunday at Louisville, go to Washington Monday, probably get away from W, Thursday morning. Will not stop at Lon on my way home unless I get there for Thursday morning. I wish to be at home Saturday

Very truly
John Mearns

Ashland Ky 17th December 1885
Dear Sir
We have no reply to our of 24th ult. Please remit as we desire to close this matter.
Very respectfully
John Mearns

To J. R. Secrist
Willard Ky.

16th June. '50

Capt. [illegible]

Dear Sir

I have received statement of work for Hamilton which shows very well — The Boatmen and [illegible] have both been here, by or before Six (6) [illegible] Which I think is proof enough that they are fast boats. And they have until (10) ten Oclock [illegible] to make the train at Huntington. I think it would be well used precedent to give them a time table, and if they reach Irvington ~~before~~ Ashland before [illegible] and corresponding times below, require them to [illegible] back for time. It is great inconvenience for travelers to be left, by boats coming before they are expected, and if any accident should happen on one of the quick trips, no matter how carefully and skillfully the boats, be handled, We should never hear the last of in in talk, and suits for damage you know the experience of the Mail Lines

in such a case — I have heard a number say, the [illegible] wish to be one of the boats on a quick trip — This [illegible] have very [illegible] are frightened and [illegible] we might expect if such after one of them — [illegible]

Yours truly

John Means

Ashland Ky 24th December 1880
N. Munshower Marshal
Sunday Dear Sir

I find yours of 17th inst on returning after absence from home. Did you find a bear anything of the young men, whom he called his cousin? Such that he said had gone to Sweeten to go into business for himself. I wrote you this 13th the best description I could get of him. He dinned here and had Sweeten about the 5th instant. Have not heard of the older one since I saw you. He is probably on his way down, and will write again before he reaches here. If he does I will see the latter and advise you, whom we may expect him and when he arrives.

Very respectfully,
John Meany

Ashland Ky - 25th December 1880.

Maj. N. H. Hotchkiss
Staunton Va -

Dear Sir

I only reached home last evening. But as I desire that Ashland shall have an eagle in that famous nest, write to day hoping the youngest will be esteemed as is usual in families.

Very truly yours
John Meany

Ashland Ky 25th December 1880

Geo T. Wickes Esq

Lonthorn Va . Dear George

I reached home yesterday afternoon and found all well. After night Bee went out sleighing and came in having been thrown out and we found that one of the bones of her right arm had been broken just below the elbow. We soon had it set and she is pretty comfortable to day, having no other injury. The boys are at home and very well. It is snowing fast to day and good sleighing. Mr Lyman met me in W. C., and we had a long talk. You can afford to be exceedingly polite to Mr J. F. W., for hereafter while he will be one director, there will be six (6) others. Explained to Mr. L. as fully as I could your situation at LMr., the difficulties encountered and the efforts made and making to overcome them. That you would probably be stopped (as I found) before my return and that as you would prepare for it, no very serious [illegible], save in time. Mr L. appreciated the situation, but had been

parcels of bad results from stoppage at the furnace.
He and Mr. A. A. Lo had met J. T. W. shortly before and
I think there had been some pain talk, between them,
enough to make matters more smoothly in the future.
Was glad to learn you had secured some hands
from Mann, with prospects for more — As you are
now stopped, you had best push work, 21 or as
fast as you can — Get coal, make and pile up
all the coke you can, put extra hands when
needed to stock away from the coke makers —
Get down ore into your bins, right along as if in
blast — Quarry limestone and put into the bins,
and not think of starting until you have 15 or
20 days stock ahead, then you can stand such
a spell of weather without keeping the men out when
the weather is unfit. The Ohio River is full of floating
ice, and very probably navigation will be suspended
in a few days, so that you could not get iron to market
if you are making it — Consequently there need be no
great loss from the stoppage if especially if you
improve the time in stocking up, and preparing shelter
from bad weather in the future — I find statement of
Roman work for week ending 11th inst, with error in
iron (Scoppers) or ore — Have your clerk send a
corrected statement, so that it may be understood
I want to see just what the average yield of our
ore is, and so does every one concerned. And we
no receive corrected statement we cannot tell
anything. I spoke to Mr Logan about an
accountant — and we both think you had better
keep Foster when you have him — He is not an
"expert" accountant — And it much easier to find
"machine" "routine" bookkeepers, than to find men
with "heads", that you can put out doors for
work and business — Be sure to get up good
supply of stock before you start — Our stoppage
need not be a serious matter, but it would
to repeat too often a wishing a many divisions
to you & yours —

John Mc Cook

27th Dec 8

Maj Jed Hotchkiss
Staunton Va — Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 17th inst is found on return after absence from home. We are all very willing to furnish information as to ore, coal and limestone, or other valuable mineral at or near Lowkeen, And that it may be published far and wide, to the benefit of the county or State, indeed glad to have it done; but you will readily understand that, to be in full detail gives the impression to reader of an advertisement, Patent Medicine style. And for this reason prefer not to give cost of labor, and that material be given in round sums, thus you may spread in "first cost". Shall look for the Virginias with interest. The Norton F. is out of blast. Will see Mr. Russell and learn about Wyants Coke. Shall be glad to furnish you information from him at any time. If you may come here by Rail now — Wheeling not cause and return some of my visits to you, and see for yourself. Wishing you many [illegible] to you and yours

John [illegible]

27th Decr 50

John Hooker Jr

Lexington Ky

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst is at hand, being some while I was from home. I am not a money lender, and the amount to be borrowed [illegible] depends on the contingency of the lender

My respectfully

John Bleaney

[illegible] 793

[illegible] Esq

[illegible]

Your favor of 16th is found on returning home. Stopped at [illegible], on my way over and spent Sunday. The bad weather and so many men leaving to take Christmas [illegible] made it impossible to keep furnace in blast. Advised them to prepare for banking up, by getting the ore out and let her stand filled with coke. Gar thought he might secure some convicts and be enabled to keep in blast. On my return I found the furnace banked up. He had gotten 45 convicts but they only [illegible] [illegible] an hour or two before I passed Thursday night. [illegible] promise of 25 more convicts soon. Then he proposes to keep some 3 months. Will cost as much as other hands, but can be kept without taking vacation at will. I met Mr Lyman in [illegible] and spent an evening with him. He had been fearful of bad results from stopping; explained to him how they would prepare for it, and that there would be probably only the loss of time. The furnace had been

[illegible] Tue. [illegible] fine week and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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James Cowan Esq.
Portsmouth O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th instant, was handed
by Mr Walker. I am sorry that you do not feel that
confidence in the profitable now of the iron [illegible]
[illegible] you in holding the stock.
I send herewith the agreement prepared by you
signed by myself. I suppose it will be but
for you to have two (2) more copies made and
signed that each of us may have one —

Very truly
Your Obedient Serv

Ashland Ky. [illegible] 1855
Mr Barnett Esq
Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th came
while I was from home — I send here
with your order from Mr Bennet
for the Amount thirty two 50/100 ($32.50)
dollars, which you have credited
my a/c at your place — Please
send me order on the office here
for balance due me on a/c —
I send herewith leave for
Mr McNeal to sign — and
return to me, also a copy for
himself — Have written it for payment
of rent as he proposes three (3)
months in advance —

Very truly
J. McNeal

Ashland Ky. 29th December 1880

The Tribune

New York. N.Y.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find P.O. order for Three ($3.00) dollars. For the Semi Weekly Tribune one year to my address —

Very respectfully
John Meany

Address
John Meany
Ashland
Kentucky.

Ashland Ky. 29th December 1880.

The Safe Deposit Co of Cinti
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Jas F. Larkin Hs, Twenty ($20.00) dollars, received for safe in name of John Russell & myself from 27th instant —

Very respectfully
John Meany

27th Dec 80

J. C. Rickhoff Esq

240 Vine Street, Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find draft on First Natl, Cinti - indorsed in your favor Eighty five ($85.92/100) dollars, for payment for suit rom cover

very respectfully

John Meany

Ashland Ky 31st Dec 1880

Received of J. C. McNeal

Whitney [illegible] ($37.50/100) dollars

[illegible] April Regt

M. A. Meaul

By John Meaul Agent

Ashland Ky 31st Dec 1880

Jr Barnett Esq -

Dear Sir

your favor of this day is at hand with instrument on statute

Please accept thanks

very respectfully

John Meaul

for M. A. Meaul

Ashland Ky. 1st Jany 1880

Wm Biggs Esqr

Dear Sir

Herewith find letter from Huntington to me please examine and return it to me. When he was here I told him that Byrne had been to see us about right of way through Kenova and Bellefonte. That we had not signed any agreement for right of way, but that when some responsible person, came and seemed to be ready to go to work and finish in reasonable time, the Russell would give the right of way without charge for same. If any valuable buildings had to be moved, or torn down we would expect pay for their value. He asked about you, I told him I thought you would not give right of way unconditionally to the Ingram or any one but that you would probably look at it as we did, and when responsible parties present ed themselves I did not think there would be any trouble to deal with you. That you knew and attended to your own business and it would be easier to send any one to see you until the war some thing definite for you to

decide upon, and then you would determine for yourself —

I think Mr H. is in earnest about building the road up the river, and he has told me he was preparing to take it up as soon as he could see his wa way through with the road to Mt Sterling.

We have been getting along my well here but the river is now closed by ice, and we can load no coal into barges. The furnace takes enough to keep our miners on hardly half work. All well, with compliments of the season

Yours Truly
John Meany

Wed Jany 81

C. P. Huntington Esq.

No. 9 Nassau St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th ult is at hand. I have read carefully, and can see no reason not to do so, and will send it to Mr Biggs with letter from myself. Genl Eckert is the best person to see Biggs they agree in politics and Biggs has a pretty high estimation of Eo. Only a few days since I had letter from B inquiring when I would be here as he desired to see him, I could not give any information then, but will as soon as I see or hear of Eo. A letter from yourself to Genl E, might be well.

Very respectfully

John Meany

January 20

Wm Little Esq
Hutchins, Dallas Co Texas

Dear Sir

I take pleasure in introducing to your notice my fellow Townsman John M Hampton who will present this to you. Mr Hampton visits your State with a view of locating and practising his profession, Have known him from boyhood, and for some years he has been retained as attorney for the various companies in which I am interested. From my long and intimate acquaintance, and business intercourse with Mr H I can most cheerfully recommend him to your notice, and attention in business and socially — With compliments of the season

I am yours very Truly
John Marsh

Ashland Ky 5th Jany 1881

Fred Dittus Esq

Mt Pulaski Ill. Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th ult is at hand. In December 1879 we left with John T. Jenkins for collection and remittance to you, one note of Peter Arnfelt in favor of Thos W. Meard due 1st March 1875 for Six hundred and sixty seven ($667.00) dollars to bear interest at ten (10) per cent after maturity. We have written Mr Jenkins about this and so far have been unable to get any reply from him on the subject. So far as I know there has been no payment on this to my father by Mr Jenkins or Arnfelt. Please see him, inquire about this and get him to advise me and oblige yours

Respectfully

John Meard

Ashland Ky 3rd Jany 1880

J. T. Jenkins Esq

Willard Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd ult, came duly to hand. Your esq has credit for for Transit order $32.00

Repairs to fence on Tuc. of $36.00

We have desired to see the accounts at Star Tree that he may see how much he has paid you. If he accepts your order for the fixtures ($140) [illegible] advise you.

Very respectfully

John Meard

for M. W. Meard

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[illegible] Jany 80

J. O. Lewis Esqr
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 5th inst is at hand. Herewith please find agreement signed by me.

My respectfully
John Mcaul

6th Jany 81

Wm. M. Adams Esqr
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sir

Herewith find my proxy to vote at Second Nat Bank Director Stockholders meetings. I have authority to vote Maggie's but cannot transfer to other.

My truly
John Mcaul

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6th Jany 81

John T. Jenkins Esqr
Lincoln
Logan Co. Ill.

Dear Sir

We wrote you 13th November and 15th December last, as well as at other dates previously, inquiring about note of Peter Arnfelt due 1st March 1875 in favor of Thomas W. Meany $667.00 and to bear interest at ten (10) per cent if not paid at maturity. This note as left with you for collection and remittance and hear your receipt therefor. Mr Arnfelt advises us that he paid it 1st March 1875, and so does Fred Dittus. So far we have not been advised by you of the payment, nor have we been paid by you. Please advise us in regard to this matter. We do not desire to be obliged to make a visit to you place to get settlement. Your early attention to this will oblige yours

very respectfully
John Meany

6th Jany 60

George T. Wickes Esq
Lowmoor Va — Dear George —

Yours of 2nd is at hand I hope you have not started. It will be much safer to spend a sum of money necessary to keep you coke out of your way, than to be obliged to stop again or even to be pushed upon as you have been to keep furnace running. Five or six (5 or 6) days stock at the F. is nothing. Your hurry about the Locomotive and other work has largely grown out of the fact that you have been short. Your labor account must run up too high under such circumstances. As to your clerks you have too many. If Preston, Vawter &c &c are to look after work out doors, they should not have accounts to keep — The pass book or memo which they must use, should be handed to a clerk or clerks whose business is in the office, who should take off what is needed. A foreman, weigher, or whatever work you put on them, let them attend to, they have no business or should have none, in the office, other than simply to hand to the clerk, such account as needful for them to keep — They have and should

Yr nothing to do with the office books. And if I saw your clerk they would not have. You cannot have more work for your office than we do here. Yet you have many more writing, still I can get information here with much less time than you can with everybody, looking at your accounts. You need system, indeed and out. You undertake too much yourself and are not specific enough in your subdivision of the work, consequently all are obliged to run to you. Be sure you are ready before you start you can't stop and start the Fee or the Under and you cannot afford to have your men changing work every few days.

All well. Lee in view about to move to day.

Yours truly
John Meaner

7th Jany 81

Messrs Reed & Peebler
Portsmouth O

Gentlemen

Your esteemed favor of 5th inst is at hand. The goods came yesterday and much to the satisfaction of the young ladies. If you paid any charges or now at any expense please advise me. Hoping that "John" may do as well for his country as the rest of us and thanking you for your courtesy am yours

Very Truly
John Meany

6th Jany 81

C. P. Huntington Esq
No 9 Nassau St, New York, City.

Dear Sir

Genl Cochrane and Mr Wm Biggs met here yesterday, about sale of old Big Sandy RR Stock. We had a talk about right of way for the up river road, and Genl Cochrane can determine the matter when needed. In meantime it will be better to have no one else approach Mr B. on this matter — C. told me that probably Mr Byrne would come to see me about it; if he does, will tell him to keep away from Biggs —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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7th Jany 81

I John Meany of Ashland Ky. hereby constitute and appoint Capt. V. Shinkle and Henry A. Jones or either of them as proxy in my name to vote my share of stock in the Champion Coal and Iron Boat Company at meeting of stockholders on Monday 10th instant.

John Meany

Ashland Ky. 7th Jany 1881

Capt V. Shinkle

Dear Sir

herewith find my proxy to yourself or Capt Jones to vote my stock Monday next in Champion Coal & Iron Boat Co. Please send me statement of condition of Co and if any dividends send that of Mrs A. A. Adams and Miss M. A. Meany to me and oblige

Very respectfully

John Meany

Messrs John Shillito & Co
Race & Seventh Sts, Cincinnati Ohio
Gentlemen
Seventh place
Sinds my check on Jos. H. Larkin & Co
Eighty dollars 16/100 ($ 87 16/100) dollars in
payment you will in receipt
of Miss Goodhead,
very respectfully
John Meany

formal license, Capt W. W. Lockhart is of the opinion that he never received the license, only received the acknowledgments of payment of the money. Can you Mr W. advise us on this matter, and if no license has been issued, have it done now? What would have to be done in the matter of royalty should it be deemed advisable to increase the dimensions of the Furnace?

Low Furnace made 668 tons iron using 1.09 tons coke, work ending 15th ult. a few days after war banked up—

With compliments of the reason and
very truly yours
John Meany

8th Jany 81

Messrs Witherow & Gordon
173 Wood St, Pittsburgh Pa.

Gentlemen

Your esteemed favor of 30th is at hand, and will be handed to Mr Russell. My father has by selling part of the Princess property (undivided) to Mr John Russell & Hugh Meany, made the Bellefonte & Princess one ownership, i.e., under the partnership of Meany Russell and Meany, in which I will hereafter have a personal interest. My advice to C. M. & C. was that the furnace should have been built in Ashland, and I am still of the same opinion; and think she will be brought here. I have recommended that her diameter be made fifteen (15) feet and height sixty (60) feet. Having studied this matter carefully before building the Ashland, and adopted that size then, my experience since has not changed my views. I agree with you as to raising the stores but, would favor also one additional store. When we have determined what will be done we shall be glad to receive proposals from you. We find receipts for the money paid for Whitevills royalty on Ft. B. Stores but no

10th Jany 81

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check on Joseph F. Larkin & Co Seventeen ($17.00) dollars in full of account — If hereafter you will send bills with goods or by Mail, I will remit sooner, and be glad to do so. Please send me by Express or Mail — of Post Haste

1 Condensed Novels 16 mo —
1 Luck of Roaring Camp "
1 Mrs Skaggs Husband "
1 Tales of the Argonauts "
1 East and West Poems "
1 Two Men of Sandy Bar 18 "
1 Echoes from the Foot Hills

And oblige yours
Very respectfully
John Meany

Cor Mr Whelpley

I imagine that unless there is no
much difference between an a
endurance of fatigues that I
by reason of more out-door
exercise, can hold out the
[illegible] of the two — I notice that
you enjoy a trip and are
the better for it, more than
you probably realize generally —
Mr W Biggs came up last week
in a sleigh — and was quite
well — is now in his [illegible] you
Here will it be with us at
such an age —

All well at home — Bethany
was not well yesterday, have not
seen him this morning. Maybe
seems better than two or three
months ago; comes to the office
every day and looks over matters
Do not feel that there is probability of
his ever being able to fill his place
in the business — With a good to
Mrs W and [illegible] my

Yours truly

John Meanton

13th Jany 81

Mr Winslow Esq

Dear Sir

Your form of 10th instant is at
hand. Anytime before the first of February
will suit me to come to Cinti; although
I should much rather the meeting be
held at Southern, where the business
is [illegible], and where, books, papers, and
agents can be consulted with care.
I tried to leave Wicks, delay longer
before starting, and prepare himself
better for bad weather, and other con-
tingencies likely to stop them again.
He escaped here without loss from ice and
only one old barge damaged at Portsmouth
The Norton might borrow to make fire (?) a
more dividend, but will hardly do so —
I hope you are not seriously needing a
Southern Trip, but have no doubt
such a Trip would benefit you
as well as be pleasant.

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18th Jany 81

J. Henry Foster Esq.
Lowhaver Va

Dear Henry

Your favor of 7th inst, came duly to hand. I expect to be at Shore Corn probably in next month. I know that Mr Wicker appreciates your capacity, and he considers that he is now getting the mining branch of our business (which will be his [illegible] that part) into your hands. And such is his intention. When I last visited your place, he spoke to me of another ~~matter~~ plan, which I did not favor, and now know by your letter you would not have looked at as he did. I advise that you see all you can about the mining and working work, and then [illegible] you can inform yourself on the subject the better. When I come over will speak to Mr W, on the subject and try to have him make, more definite division of the work, so that you may feel it in your control, and that the

18th Jany 81

H. G. Craig Esq
Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th inst came duly to hand, and has been shown to Mr. Rennie.

We shall be pleased to meet you as suggested, and have conference about our mutual interests.

Very respectfully
John Mc[illegible]

credit for successful management shall be given to you.

It will be much easier to talk this matter, with Mr. W. than to write him. All [illegible]

Yours truly
John Mc[illegible]

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15th Jany 88

Messrs Estes & Lauriat

301 & 305 Washington St, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen

please send me by Expressed per 9th Catalogue

1	No 12	The Swiss Alps		$12.00
1	No 42	Atlas of Classical Geography	A. K. Johnson	1.50
1	No 50	World Atlas	"	1.50
1	No 103	History of Dance	Wright	13.50
2	" 205	Science for the Young	Napier @ .75	1.50
1	" 209	The Land and its Story	Burt	1.50
1	" 224	French Home Life		.85
	" 230	Herschel Memoir & Caroline H.		.75
	" 232	Emma Willard Life	Lord	.85
	" 289	Benj Franklin Autobiography	@ .65	3.90
	" 296	Famous Men	Page .75	2.25
2	" 316	Knights Half Hours &	.75	5.50
	" 356	Taylor's Egypt & Iceland	.60	1.20
1	" 366	How to make a Living	Eggleston	.30
1	" 392	Story of a Mine	Prof Hunter	.65
1	" 409	Whittier's Poems		1.50
1	" 430	Letters of John Adams Wife		1.25
2	" 445	Hanging of the Crane	Longfellow	.75

15th Jany 81

Marysville Appeal
Marysville California,
Gentlemen

Herewith please find P.O. order Tens 00/100 ($2.50) for Weekly Appeal to my address from 29th Novem 1880

Very respectfully
John Clark

1.	No 495	Poems of Lorn and Blickers	J. Bayley	.65
1	" 543	Tankirtan 2 Vols	E. Bayley	3.00
1	" 638	De Soto	J. E. E. Abbot	
2	" "	Paul Jones	"	
6	" "	George Washington	"	
3	" "	Benj Franklin	"	
1	" "	Daniel Boone	"	
3	" "	Miles Standish	" .87½	14.00
3	" 657	Thoughts for a Young Man	Hillman 45	.90
1	" 674	Life and Time Clear Summer	—	.75
1	" 736	Ways of Women	Smith	1.25
2	" 764	Brass Mills Footsteps	Doyle	1.05
1	" 761	Queens of England	Strickland	10.50
1	" 719	Napoleon Bonaparte	Hazlitt	3.00
1	" 831	Miltons Poems		.90
1	" 844	Aesops Fables		.90

Not knowing whether you can send all I only send herewith draft on N. Y. Seventy five ($75.00) dollars

Very respectfully

John Meany

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18th Jany 81

Capt. T. N. Johnson Pres.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 11th came duly to hand. I expect to be in Cinti Wednesday 26th, and can come, say to attend a meeting of Directors of Big Sandy Pkt Co, on Sunday 25th or stay for Thursday 27th, if convenient to other members of the Board one of these days 25 or 27th will suit me better than to make a trip on purpose to attend organization of the Board.

Very respectfully
John McCand

19th Jany 81

Dear Mary

Herewith I send statement of my account with you to 1st instant, with interest reckoned at Seven (7) per ct. Also any of a with Tom.
All well. Have letters from Harry and Cooke who got back to Marietta safely and seem to be in fine spirits.
Resm. arm is getting well, Hattie, Ben & Lily are talking of a trip South in a week or two.

Yours truly
John McCand

Thomas H. Clarke in account
Current with Interest @ 7 per ct
with Federal Bank

Dr

					Interest	
1842 Jany	6	To Draft on N.Y.	by Mail	$	6 70	$ 100 00
March	10	. 18 Shares Metropolitan Bank (no of Cert)			963 57	13,000 00
		. Cash Check			232 54	4,126 79
April	10	. Draft from Cashiers Check			57 57	750 00
	28	. . . John Clarke & Wife Bond			.....	1,000 00
		. Cash Check Mech Bank			.....	2,000 00
		. Cash			53 60	2000
May	10	. Draft Jas M. Bank			46 30	900 00
July	9	. Cash Check .			0 00	3000
Aug	23	. Cash			. 25	0 00
Oct	1	. Gold Clarke Hs Bonds			. .	6 00
	26	. Check M.M. Bank			4 65	752 00
		Amount		$	1,83	$ 35,896 99
Jany	1	. Balance Due Fed. Bk			....	266 05
						$ 36,162 99

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Jany	1	Balance per last Acct		$	1,270 29	$ 18,148 53
	3	By Mechanics Bank	Discount Note		14 35	200 00
	26	. Mercy Life Co	.		26 09	400 00
July	2	. 3 Shs United Insurance Company	$50 ea		6 71	105 00
Aug	11	. . Note + Interest			232 54	4,126 79
March	5	. Manchester N. Bank	Discount		40 81	750 00
May	3	. Mary Ann Mining	Note and Int		.....	2,500 00
June	1	. do .	do (2 Mos)		48 48	900 00
July	5	. Manchester N. Bank	Discount		25 20	750 00
	2	. 3 Shs United Insurance Company	$50 ea		....	105 00
		. 5 Nat. Bk . .	$40 ea		3 82	200 00
		Amount		$	2,004	$ 35,296 80
Jany	1	By Difference in Interest @ 7 per ct			.....	265 84
						$ 35,562 64
Jany	1	By Balance due by Fed. Bk.				$ 266 05

Etc.

In account
Account and interest with
John Kelly

1850						
			By	Interest		
March	20	By	Cash, C. R. Rig Lands & P. Rds	16 09	350 00	
May	6	"	" Mechanics Bank			
June	1	"	1 " do " (Credit)	.....	2000 00	
				48 48	700 00	
	23	"	1 " do "	20 08	550 00	
	24	"	Cash by Fuller Adams	6 44	150 00	
August	25	"	N.Y. draft by Mail	3 69	150 00	
June	31	"	Balance due Mechanics by draft	.....	2692 68	
					$20192 68	

Dr.

1853						
January	1	By	Balance per Ledger acct	551 01	$3764 45	
	3	"	Mechanics Bank Dividend 7%	19 25	210 00	
	30	"	Mfrs. Internat Company 3 Mos	3 21	50 00	
July	2	"	Hamilton C. R. Co. Dividend	...	150 00	
		"	S. [illegible] Internat Company 3 Mos	29 09	280 00	
	6	"	C. R. Rig Lands & P. Rds Co. Dividend	20 59	300 00	
	16	"	" " "	6 63	100 34	
August	5	"	Manchester N. Bank "	25 90	520 00	
	9	"	C. R. R. Co. "	6 10	120 00	
May	11	"	[illegible] Norton & Wales per Mr. Kelly	214 08	4500 00	
June	28	"	C. R. [illegible] Rds Co. Dividend	17 95	324 10	
July	8	"	Manchester N. Bank "	16 60	300 00	
	26	"	Hampden C. R. R. Co. "	4 52	100 00	
	27	"	N. H. Mfg Co. Int. & Dividend	67 19	1249 53	
Aug	2	"	10 [illegible] Internat Company Interest Scrip	.....	1000 00	
		"	20 Rds " " " Div.	19 05	350 00	
Sept	4	"	Due Mr. Kelly Settlement	4 60	302 52	
	24	"	Mechanics N. Bank Dividend	5 26	210 00	
Oct	4	"	Mfg. C. C. R. Rds Co. "	16 92	1000 00	
Nov	5	"	5 U. S. Internat Company Scrip	.17	50 00	
Dec	31	"	Difference in interest at 7 per Ct		48 84	
					$ 30192 68	
January	1	By	Balance due C. Mechanics by J. Kelly		$ 2692 68	

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30th Jany 81

D. D. Geiger Esq
Ashland Ky

Dear Sir

please send to my Blue House on Winchester between 4th & 5th Street — where the Rowsle and Eder line —

40 ps 16 feet long 6" x 2" Oak —

and oblige

Yours truly

John Meany

24th Jany 81

Maj'n Jed Hotchkiss
Staunton Va —

Yours of 18th is before me, having been away a few days.

Mr Wicker can send you check, and you may send the copies of report to him for distribution.

The coke has been used only as a mixture at the Norton I.W. and just before blowing out the furnace — Good part of it on hand now so that can not give information as to result. They think that received latest, is the best — Not so firm or compact but more porous than "New Rim" coke. When the Norton I. is put in blast again, and in good condition will be a better time to notice the coke —

Very truly yours

John Meany

R. C. Poage Esq
Cuthbert
Kenneth please
find check thirty five 00/100 ($32.30)
dollars, in payment you Bill
for Primer Store 14th ult —
Very respectfully
J. H. Meany Ky
John Meany Esq

Miss Margaret A. Meany
in account current and interest
with John Meany

1880		Dr.	Interest	
Jany	5	To Cash by Mail	6 92	100 00
	21	" D. Putnams Note	— —	224 78
		" Taxes on Killgore Land 1879.	16 01	24 75
March	10	" 3½ Shares Cents, Portmouth, Big Sandy & P. Pkt. Co.	16 04	250 00
April	5	" Cash	10 34	300 00
	14	" " N.Y. draft	7 49	150 00
	28	" Fencing & Killgore	1 01	21 42
May	11	" 5 Shares Nation Iron Works @ 950 $	212 24	4,750 00
June	23	" 1 " " " "	20 08	550 00
Sept	24	" Taxes on Killgore Land 1880	63	33 97
Oct	12	" Damron & Houshell	3 49	225 00
	19	" Shingles for Killgore House	.56	40 50
Nov	20	" R. Matten Cash Sweden draft	.48	60 30
	27	" do " " "	.33	50 30
Dec	6	" do " " "	1 42	296 65
	17	" do " " "	.26	99 50
			$ 297 30	$ 7,077 17
	31	To Balance	— —	8,766 51
				$ 15,843 68

24th Jany 80

Miss M. A. Meany
Sam Duxel Haizer Ter, Paris France.

Dear Sister

I send herewith statement of my account current and and interest with you; which shows that I am in your debt nearly as much as at the beginning of

			Int.	
1849 Jany	1	By Balance per a/c rent	725 94	$ 10.369 66
	9	" Miners N. Bank No 14	20 51	300 00
	31	" 6 W.C. Interest Company $100. each	———	600 00
		" Rent of J. B. Saint Dillyn House	465	1250
Feby	2	" Champion Co Dividend	259	150 00
	4	" C. R. Rij Sandy Hk. Pkt Co. "	477	7500
	16	" do do Co "	116	1903
March	30	" Cash of John Peters	965	193 78
April	9	" J. Rk. Co Dividend	763	150 00
May	8	" Rent of J. B. Saint	150	3325
June	14	" Interest on Collateral Bond	191	50 00
	21	" C. R. Rij Sandy Pkt Co. Dividend	369	10000
July	26	" Champion Co "	452	150 00
May	2	" W. C. Interest Company 12 Shares	347	1200 00
Sept	4	" Thos W. Maang	2203	968 65
	24	" Mechanics N. Bank Dividend No	751	400 00
Oct	4	" Ky. J. Ohio Rr Co. do No	1692	1.000 00
Nov	5	" W. C. Interest Company 6 Shares	.65	600
	23	" Collateral Bond & Interest paid	771	1.050 00
Decem	31	" Cash, Rent of A. C. & McNeal	———	37 50
			953 61	$ 15.287 37
		" Difference in interest @ 7 per ct	———	556 31
				$ 15.843 68
1850 Jany	1	By Balance due Merch. Aff. by Jobb.		$ 5.766 51

E & O. E.

last year. We are all very well. The boys have gone back to Marietta, after a visit with us at home. The girls are all at home. Walter, Anna and Lily expect to start for Europe in a week or two. I may go after and then return with them. Expect to go to Cincinnati tonight if ice in the river does not prevent the boats from going down. Miss Martha was up yesterday to church. The high water will be a misfortune. but I think our girls will not go down — Remember us to Jennie &c —

Yours truly John Maang

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1 Nov 81

Thomas W. Meany Esq
Hanging Rock Ohio.

Dear Father

herewith find
draft of Wm M Austin on Metropolitan
Natl Bank N.Y. city - Fire hundred and
seventy six ($576 00) dollars, received
from George Rentschler payment his
note and interest due 1 March last -
Please advise me what you
do with this draft, that I may
make proper charge - All
well - Have letter from Maggie
of 10th ult -

Yours
John Meany

1 Nov 81

Trad W. Gordon Esq
193 Wood St, Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of 29th ult is before me.
I sent you from Cinti. on same subject.
Thinking that while Mr Williamson and myself
could "have peace", but as Mr Wicks would be
the third party, it might accomplish all
with harmony if yourself and I visited
Lemon. I wrote accordingly. I only reached
home to day and can affecting to hear
from you any movement -

Very truly
[illegible] 81.

2 mo 7 day 81

D. Christie Supt Champion C. & T. R. Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 31st ult. is at hand
with checks viz for Dividends to ——

Mrs Mary A. Adams Two hundred ($200.00) dollars
Miss M. A. Adams " " 200.00 "
Myself " " 200.00 "

After Statement of condition of the Company
last ult. Which seems to be good if all
dues for at Cinti and Louisville can be collected.

Please accept thanks
My respects
John Adams

2 mo 9 day 81

Mr. Christie
Cincinnati Ohio
Dear Sir

Your favor of 2d inst. with draft on N.Y. for
$[illegible] and account sales of [illegible]
[illegible] to hand [illegible]
[illegible] Please [illegible]
[illegible] Please [illegible]
[illegible] Please

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2nd Feby 81

John T. Jenkins Esq
Lincoln Ill.

Dear Sir

We have letter of 22nd ult which appears to have been written by you. We wrote you 12th November last 15th December and 6th Jany; inquiring about note of Peter Horsfelt due 1st March 1895 $667.00/100 for which you have never accounted, and we have no reply to our many letters. Horsfelt and Fred Sitters advise us that the note has been paid to you long since. Please advise and oblige, for we do not desire to go to your place to investigate this matter.

Very respectfully
John McCaul for
Thos W. Mears

3rd Feby 81

Messrs Estes & Lauriat
301 Washington St, Boston Mass.
Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order $220 20/100 ($2.20) dollars on payment balance due you on Bill 21st ult.

Very respectfully
John McCaul

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5th Feby 81

Fred W. Gordon Esqr
173 Wood St, Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Yours by wire is at hand — Asking to make engagement after 16th inst for Lo Mon. Unless I hear to contrary from you, or advise you otherwise — I will meet you on Thursday 17th instant, in Morning at 8 am — I have Witnesses of Wabash —

Very respectfully
John McCaul

Did not receive your Telegram at Cinti.

7 Feby 81

W. A. Kuper Esqr
Mt Savage, Cast. Co. Ky —

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th ult is only now at hand — I do not think the Witness who was has been at Lo Mon for some (?) been years, has any thought of leaving — Changes of these make hires are made by himself.

Very respectfully
John McCaul

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7th Feby 81

Geo T. Wicker Esq

Dear George —

Yours of 3rd inst is at hand. I have waited to hear for Burden who cannot come before 17th, when I will meet him. I cannot agree with you that the stores are right when you have to use so much fuel under boilers, with low heat in stores. Am glad to know there was no more damage by the fire. You will remember I was afraid of fire when you were building the house around engines. I am not heard anything of your mining on wood washing for many a week — Hope you are at it — How does the crusher for lime — We are shut down at the Ashland — If we have not started, I may bring Houghton

John Mead

With me — You had best say nothing of his coming — You truly John Mead

7th Feby 81

Messrs Ester & Lauriat
301 Washington St. Boston Mass —
Gentlemen

Please send me by Express

No 368 & How to make a living, Eggleston 0.30
694 — 18th Rolls Books 14 vols 6.55 L

And oblige

My respectfully
John Mead

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8th February 81

Fred Dittus Esq
Mt Pulaski Ills
Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th inst is at hand for which am much obliged. We have written Mr Jenkins several times about the Arnfelt note, but can get no reply from him. And so far have no evidence from him that the note has been paid. Please keep the note carefully, as we may need to use it in evidence, if we have to bring suit for the money. Mr Arnfelt takes no risk while he has the note, and my father would, if he relinquished the lien now, before he has settlement with Jenkins. Please urge on Jenkins to write us and send us our money. He will not want it made public by suit.

Very respectfully
John Meany Jr

8th February 81

Fred W. Gordon Esq
173 Wood St, Pittsburgh Pa
Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th inst is at hand. On receipt of your telegram 5th inst we wrote we would meet you at Saber Morning of 17th if hand not to contrary. If the Morning of 18th Friday, suits you better please advise me by letter or wire. I do not wish to be long from home.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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10th Feby 81

Mrs S. C. Hildreth
Dresden O.

Dear Sister

Herewith please find my check on Jos F. Larkin Hes, Cinti, One hundred and nine $ (109.00) dollars for 1 Rbl. Interest Coupon on $ 35. due 1st $ 105; and 1 Rbl. Bond " " " 1 $ — $ 109.00

Katie, Bear and Lily leave your mother and expect to remain until about first of March leaving Tom Rose and myself to keep house — Warm weather and muddy roads prevail now

Yours truly
John Meany

10th Feby 81

Messrs Dwyer & Anderson
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

please send me by Big Sandy Packet Steamer,
1 Bbl Coffee Sugar
1 Box Star Candles Cost
And oblige
Very respectfully
John Meany

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10th Feby 81

Geo T. Wickes Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa —

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th inst. is at hand with inclosure as stated. Have inclosed same to Mr Wicker with instructions to him to fill out blanks with information required —

Very respectfully
John Mcauf

10th Feby 81

Geo T. Wickes Esqr Agt
Cumberland Va —

Dear Sir

The inclosure herewith explains themselves — I can't see what good you expect in a contest of this kind. Fill out the blanks and send the information required

Very respectfully
John Mcauf Pmt

12th Feby 81

Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co.
Portsmouth Ohio.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 10th inst, are at hand, inclosing —
Your note very favor dated 3 Jany 81 @ 2 yrs $ 3.000 x
" check " " ——— 32.46.
I expect to be away from home next week and cannot attend meeting of directors Wednesday 16th.

Very respectfully
John Mearns

10th Feby 81

Jos. M. McCown Esq
Sec Ins

Permit please find check Twenty five 00/100 ($25.00) dollars for three (3) bbls corn 50 lbs back corn to Princess Furnace —

Very respectfully
John Mearns for
Thos. W. Mearns

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12th Feby 81

William Diederich Jr

Dear Sir

Your notes of

1872 Sept 5th	@ 1 yr	$100.00
" 5 "	" 2 "	100.00
1875 May 1	" 1 day	70.00

are long since past due and unpaid. Cant wait always on you—

Very respectfully

John Meany

14th Feby 81

George C. Miller & Sons

19 & 21 West Seventh Street Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

I send herewith for repair 1 Concord Wagon and the one sent by you with Cabriolet—

Very respectfully

John Meany

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16th Feby 81

K. B. Graham Esqr

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check ~~[illegible]~~ $\frac{00}{100}$ ($30 $\frac{00}{100}$) dollars in payment of a/c rendered. You will please change address of Independent [illegible] to A. W. Humphreys, 42 Pine St. Newark, and [illegible] to Mrs Elizabeth Griffith, [illegible] Esqr

Dear Obligeon

Very respectfully

John Means

16th Feby 81

Messrs Lund & Andrews

Cincinnati O. 31 Pearl St.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Jas F. Larkin & Co — Thirty six $\frac{00}{100}$ ($36 $\frac{00}{100}$) dollars in payment of your bill 11th instant.

Very respectfully

John Means

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2 Ind Feby 81

W. Bell Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your of 17th is found, on return after absence from home. McHugh & wife are Catholics, Are Honest and faithful and industrious. May is a good cook and washer, and the pleasantest of the two. Pat has the sulks sometimes but never wants to be disagreeable. The woman never laid with me, but was much about my house, a day or two at a time, and Mrs M, liked her very well.

Very respectfully
John Meaux

2 Ind Feby 81

Geo C. Miller & Sons
17 & 20 West 7th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 17th inst is found on return after absence from home. I had not expected to spend so much as you name on the wagon. But I want it put in good order, Top, Cushions, Trim in black leather, &c &c as you mention, I don't want it half fixed and suppose it can't be done well unless the work is put on it. So do it well, and as may be needed.

Very respectfully
John Meaux

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3rd Feby 81

J. C. Garrett Esqr
Webster Grove, Mo.

Dear Sir

I find your favor of 17th on return from a visit to Lawrence, I should have been pleased to have you meet and become acquainted with some of the owners — that in event of any future change they might have known you — be we have our matters arranged now, there is no situation we could offer to you. The furnace has worked well, but has not done as much, as I think she can be made do hereafter — I making about 550 tons per week —

Very truly yours
John Meany

25th Feby 81

Messrs Estes & Lawrence
301 Washington St, Boston Mass
Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order payable to your Eight 30/100 ($8.30) dollars in payment for bill of Docks 14th instant

Very respectfully
John Meany

25th Feby 81

E. H. R. Lyman Esq
31 Burling Slip, New York.

Your favor from Lodi came duly to hand. Mr Gordon could not meet me at Lodi, until the 17th, and only reached there 21st. We found the N.B. Stores are giving very little heat, not much over 600° F., and I don't think they have ever had much above that. After making some slight changes, we got the heats up to above 900°, and with advantage to the furnace soon seen after two or four (2) days, were satisfied we could remedy the matter with the stoves without much cost, and then may there be needed changes in supply air to the boiler fires. They were using 12 to 15 tons of coal each day for firing, and kept sixty men. Two to four (2 to 4) tons and 2 men should be plenty, and I think this saving, will pay in two or three weeks time, for all costs of change. Their weekly reports have not shown the coal used under boilers and I directed that it be put on hereafter. The engine at the crusher was not down, but Wicker thought he could get it at work next week. There is much need for this the large deposits of limestone in front of trees cause, the blast to pass up and cut away bottom. I think it would be prudent to have brick for a Hearth and Book in stock and that Scioto be used. There is nothing in the use of Mt. Savage Brick, at Guinnemant, known on the Hanging Rock region, that would recommend to me pay one dollar more for Mt Sav than for Scioto Brick.

Very respectfully

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25th Feby 81

Thos W. Maxwell Esqr
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

Herewith please find W. M. Fustin's draft on Metropolitan National Bank New York — Five hundred and seventy six ($5764) dollars in payment of Jorge Rentschler's note due 1 March next. Also relinquishment of lien on land. Please divide the back to me, and advise me what you do with the draft.

Yours truly
John Meany

25th Feby 81

J. Henry Foster Esqr
Dear Henry

I had expected to go up to Mines and have a talk with you before leaving Elmo but the Mr. P. Elmo, was doing so poorly that I be tyed by them as much as possible. I spoke to Mr. Wicker about your place and he said he intended to put you in full charge of the mines, that he was making arrangements for office help in order to relieve you of that kind of work, without mentioning your letters to me. I told him he should say to you what he had to me, that unless he gave you other than mere office work you might seek another place. I know he prizes you and highly and would be very loth to part with you and [illegible] being the case, with

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the belief that I have, that the mining will be the main and greatest part of the business at Lus I think the best thing you can do will be to stay there and get the control of that branch. Mr W. has given his time to the Lum during the building so much and allowed it to occupy so much of his mind that he hardly appreciates the mining as he should and as it must soon force him to do. While I advise you to stay at Lus yet if you decide to leave any assistance I can render will be cheerfully given. I do not now know any place that I could recommend.

Yours truly

John Meany

4 5th Thy 80

Messrs Collins & Martin
81, Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh Pa.

Gentlemen

Your farm of 3 Dod instrument is at hand. The Southern Co, has put the selling of all iron in markets West of Alleghenies into the hands of Thos A. Mack of Clinton, he has arrangement named Blake with him, to whom I suppose you refer. If we had the selling we should be glad to put ourselves in your hands, for Pittsburgh business.

Very truly

John Meany

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26th Feby 81

James Eder
Sir

You have gotten further into my debt for rent last year. And have not reduced your debt to me as you promised. You had better get another house, I can rent mine to men who will pay more than you promise, and pay as they promise —

Very respectfully
John Meany

15th Feby 81

A. S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst reached me at Salem. We found the stone only giving about 600° Fahr, and am strongly of the opinion that they never had made above that. Mr Richards, but seem to fancy the pyrometer they have (one of the best made) and had not tried his heats by it. I don't feel sure that he knew how to do it. He and George have told me they had heats to 900 & 1000°, in which they were mistaken. While there we made the changes and trials we had proposed, (Richards said he had made the same trials too and did no good) but we soon got the stones up to 800° & 900° and since I came home, George writes me they have reached 1100° & 1200°. They use 12 to 15 tons of coal per day under the

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Boilers — two or three (2 or 3) [illegible] plenty.
Richards seems to be too [illegible] [illegible]
to allow things to run as they may be,
if he gets into a rut to stay there.
I think we can have changes made on
the stores and there may be some needed
at boilers — and that a few weeks
saving of coal to the boilers will
pay whole cost of changes needed —
The furnace was working better when we
left and [illegible] in two days time
benefit of higher heats.

Putnam started Ashland this morn
Railroad work progressing as fast
as the weather will permit
Merrill and daughter [illegible] in
Cuba to day — I look for them
home about 10th prox —

Yours truly
John Allen

[illegible]
[illegible]
Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] came while
the writer was from home — We think
it a little premature to name prices for
coal to be delivered over a R.R. not built.
We are selling coal to day @ $1.75 [illegible]
ton —

very respectfully
[illegible]

28th Feby 81

George Kentschler Esq
Mt Pulaski, Logan Co, Ill

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst is at hand with draft on N.Y. Five hundred and seventy six ($576) dolls in payment of Note due 1 March 1881 $533.33 and interest

We make the amount due as below — viz

1876	March 0	Interest Dr.	$42.67	Cr by paid		$42.67
77	" 1	"	42.67	"	"	42.67
78	April 28	"	49.06	"	"	43.37
79	" 2	"	40.[illegible]3	"	"	36.95
80	Feby 08	"	38.00	"	"	63.37
81	" 25	"	42.08	"	"	576.00
Your Note due 1 March			533.33			
Draft on N.Y. herewith			16.49			
Total			$805.03	Total		$805.03

We inclose also Release of dein on land

very respectfully
Thomas W. Meany
By John Meany

28th Feby 81

George T. Wicker Esq.
Lynchburg Va.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 23rd came to hand Saturday night. Am glad to hear so good story as to the stores. Your coke should be gotten down to 6 tons per ton of iron, and 2 or 3 tons coal per day at most under boilers. And you must not stop trying until this is done. I don't suppose you can lead over 500 before your blast. If Mr Richards wont or don't know how to use the Siemens pyrometer send some one to try everyday on each stove, and especially when the heats seem low for him. You may not assume that when the stores will not fire the gas that something is wrong. At the Ashland there men (3) make the iron and put it out for $500 per day. We pay 2 - $475 [illegible] 1 - $450 — and they make the iron cold. Let me hear often as to your stores and put coal and under boilers on the weekly statements. The labor is too high on iron, and must be lowered. Mr. Richards needs stirring up and looking after or he will get into a rut and retry them.

All well

Yours truly

John Mcauff

I wish write Richards, [illegible] over these [illegible] [illegible]

5th March 81

Wm Richards Esq
Southern Va — Dear Sir

Mr Mack is at Huntington to day to regrade the iron sent there. Which seems to have had little or no attention paid to grading. Of 17 cars marked No 1 & 2 mill from 2/3 to 3/4 is mottled. Had this been shipped as was intended, we should have had it thrown on our hand, or been obliged to take reduced price, or send to another market. As it is we are at extra expenses for doing at Huntington, what you should do at the Furnace. This has been true of not only this lot but generally, and we cannot have it continue so — There is in 2 ff per ton for labor as your furnace reports show certainly enough, to pay for pains in grading, so that there should need be no second effort. We think you should be getting labor down but find that it rather grows more. Week ending 19th ult, showing $2.24 per ton. With coke 1.24 I had supposed until my last visit you were getting about 900° heat on your hot blast

7 but found that you had been obliged to fire the gas all the time, and of course not have had much above 600°. The heats should be tried every day and especially when you know them low. We should not use 1¾ tons of coke nor should there be need of so much fuel-and-boilers. It will not do to go along doing the best you can under the circumstances — you have a good plant and all needed appliances [illegible] they do not fall duty, we must find the [illegible] and make things work, as they should and will. [illegible] must be kept in first [illegible] the best work attainable [illegible] must be aimed at — or else you will never reach success — At the Ashland we pay three (3) men to break the iron wigs and take it out on the iron yard — [illegible] all foundry iron cold — We pay [illegible] $1.75 per day and 1 — $1.50 — and average about 50 tons per day — I think you told me you paid 13¢ per ton for carrying out; and you [illegible] broke iron. We are broke down this week —

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

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7th March 21

Geo. T. Wicker Esq.
Lutheran Va. Dear George

I have letter of [illegible] from Gordon saying that he is at work on the Delaware for [illegible] — That he has not heard from you as to heats since he left. I think you should have kept him advised every day on this, so that they may have all can be known — And that you should send him drawings of your boiler fronts so that he can arrange for changes in them — You are badly behind in these matters and dont seem to appreciate how much — nor how important to get right — As I wrote a few days ago, I dont think you can know, until visit of Cuba and myself, what heats you had. I certainly have heard from any one that you had to fire the gas in stove. As you undertook to slabt your stoves without any one to look after them. Next had any interest or responsibility in their good working; now that it plains there is something radically wrong in the construction or working. I want to see that Wilson and Gordon who have a good interest in the matter, have full knowledge of defect and chance for improving — 30 to 35 tons of coke and 12 to 15 tons of coal daily are too much for us to lose, without repeated and continuous effort to remedy — If Longdale with for inferior plant can make Iron with 1 ton of coke, we must do as well at Lutheran — Marks work in regarding iron shows that Mr Richards has not given the attention to this that he should do — Each car load is kept separate, and there should be no necessity (as there is) for grading at Huntington — Give my [illegible] or read this to Ca —

Yours truly

John Mason

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10th March 81

Geo. M. Thomas Esq.
Gunnep. Ctg.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th instant is at hand inclosing draft on Trenton for two hundred ($200x) dollars, part payment your note in my favor dated 22 Oct 1880, Have credited amount on the note —

Very respectfully
John Meany

1st April 81

J. M. Davidson Esq.
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check on A. N. Bank Seven 50/100 ($7.50) dollars for binding 2 Vols ea Harper, Scribner & St. Nicholas. Sorry unexpectedly called from home, day books came to hand; or would have remitted sooner —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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9th April 81

Dear Mary

We reached home this morning in the Fleetwood. Bessie had not left her room, until we started for the Train Tuesday night. But either the change or idea of coming home or both, caused her to improve faster from that time. We stopped one day in Louisville, and came from there to Cinti in boat. All the others well. I find draft for two hundred ($200) dollars from Manchester Nat Bank. Which belongs to you Eighty ($80) dollars

" " " Formerly Oxhandrift Fund $20

for which please sign receipts herewith to send to the Bank. I also inclose pass for Father handed me by Capt Holley

Very muddy here —

Yours truly

John Mearns

Ashland Ky 9th April 1881

Your of 2nd inst came when I came from home; inclosing draft for two hundred ($200) dollars. Will send proper receipts soon —

John Mearns Agt

L. Pierce V.F.

18th April 81

H. E. Green Esq Sect
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th is found on return home inclosing checks viz

Favor Mrs Mary A. Adams, Three hundred & fifty ($350.00) dollars
" Miss M. A. Meany — One hundred ($100.00) "
" myself — Sixteen hundred ($1,600.00) "
on account of dividend, C. F., Big Sandy & C. Pkt, Co —

My respectfully
John Meany

18th April 81

A. C. McNeal Esq
Engineer Ky.

Dear Sir

We find on return after absence from home, for Rents of 4 & instead with thirty seven $ ($37.10) dollars on account for rent from your favor, sister Miss M. A. Meany.

My respectfully
John Meany

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11th April 81

John Carlisle Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

You have among others, subscribed by Thomas McLeany (my father) and myself to you and Judge Ferguson, on account of the Railroad up Big Sandy River. Please send them here to Dover over to receive the money and will pay all of my fathers, and part of all of mine — We feel that the road is near enough completion not to stand on the letter of subscription. I called at your office in Cinti Friday 8th instant, but did not find you in —

Very respectfully
John McLeany

11th April 81

Mrs M. V. Young.

Dear Madam

I find forty three ($43.00) dollars deposited 4th inst to my credit in Ashland Nat Bank by Doctor. Which pays balance of your note due 1878 March 24th $37.17 and the remainder I have credited on your note due 1879 March 24th — 5.83

Total deposited $43.00

I hereunto please find note paid,

Very respectfully
John McLeany

12th April 71

Wm. Meany Esqr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Will

Strange things happen nowadays, and not among the least, is to find the Democrats the Temperance, Sunday keeping, Law and Order party, and you a successful candidate of that party. Not knowing whether to commiserate or congratulate you, so far I have done neither. That your days may be many and happy, and that you may enjoy the acquaintance of the best of them, I take pleasure in introducing to you my friend John A. Shank Esqr of your city, with whom I have been associated for several years, on the Ohio River Commission, and can vouch for as one of the "truly good", and a very clever gentleman. Any favors shown him will be esteemed as personal and reciprocated by

Yours truly
John Meany

12th April 81

John A. Shank Esqr
63 W. Fifth St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 8th inst is at hand, and contents noted.
I hope that we shall have the pleasure of a trip of the Commission from Oshkosh to the Lacour River about the last of May or first of June next
I inclose to you letter of introduction to my brother Wm M, whom your truly good democratic brethren have chosen for Mayor of your city, hoping he may have as much pleasure in your acquaintance as

Yours truly
John Meany

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12th April 81

Robert Garrett & Sons
Baltimore Md.

Gentleman

I have two (2) first mortgage bond of Marietta & Cincinnati R.R. Co, as reorganized -
No 466 + 467 = $100.00 each 7 per ct int, 1/2 yr & 1/2 yr redeemable 1 August 1891 —
The interest was made payable at the Bank of New York, N.Y. city, and I hold the coupons due since 1st August 1877 unpaid. We have lately been advised that place of payment of interest has been changed to your house, and will be [illegible], & leave advise if this is true and oblige —

Very respectfully
John Meany

15th April 81

J. G. Rikhoff Esq
240 Vine St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check on Jos F. Larkin & Co thirteen ($13.00) dollars for pants 24th March last - Have been from home, some weeks

Very respectfully
John Meany

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15th April 81

J. D. Simpson
Winchester Ky.

Dear Sir

while I would not sell for less, would not hesitate to buy at par—

Very respectfully
John Meanf

16th April 81

John E. Black, Esqr

Yours of this day at hand—
You may rent to Geiger for balance of the year. Mind that he is a bad hand to keep up repairs and bind him close on that—

Very respectfully
John Meanf for
M. A. Meanf

20th April 81

Mr. T. Wilkes Esq
Southern Va — Dear George

Yours of 4th 13th etc, are before me: am entirely too far behind in letters to reply to all and won't go further back, Have gotten my family home, and Bessie improves rapidly, is able to drive out, can walk to theater. As to 7 off for boiler fronts your weekly use of coal under boilers are certainly about three times that when I was over there, your weekly statements should, but do not show, coal used under boilers. I think you should not use more than one ton per day under each battery. The Ashland does not use one ton per day under four batteries. I would keep working at them until you get them right, If I remember rightly the lower sheets of your casing are 3/8 thickness iron, and if so must have been poor iron. I have only received to day statement for 9th inst — Can't see why it should take so long, when the iron can be weighed every bed — I notice mention of "Mit Spring" Minutes. Want your cowhers and quarry keep you running? This is my busy time of year. Cannot probably leave here before last of next month

Yours truly
John Mc Neal

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30th April 81

Edward A. Low Esqr Secy

31 Bowling Slip N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th inst at hand. Lowhere is more convenient for me, than New York — Can attend at either, after 27th of May —

very respectfully

John Meany

30th April 81

Geo. C. Miller & Sons

19 + 31 West 7th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft on First Natl, Cinti — for One hundred and seventy eight $\frac{20}{100}$ — ($178 $\frac{20}{100}$) dollars, indorsed to your order — in payment, repairs to wagon. The wagon is I think better than when new —

very respectfully

John Meany

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2nd May 81

H. E. Greene Esq Sec
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of
30th ult is at hand with
inclosure of Certificate No 101 dated
29th April for Two (2) Shares in Little
Porto, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Packet Co -
in name of Thos Middleton —
Which is according to instruction
Very respectfully
John Middleton

2nd May 81

Mess Smith M.D.
Mills Point Texas -

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th ult
is at hand - I shall be pleased to
represent your interest in the Ky. &
C. & Mo Co There being nothing to
prevent my acting as proxy for you
and I inclose blank for you to fill.
I think the prospects for Midland
and the Company were never
brighter than now - And I have
good hopes that Stockholders who
stuck by the Directors when they
had trouble will be well rewarded as were to expect their actions.
Very respectfully
John Middleton

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3rd May 81

Robert Clarke & Co
65 West 4th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
herewith please
find my check on Jos F. Larkin & Co
Eleven 24/100 ($11.24) in full of acct.
Very respectfully
John Alcock

4th May 81

Capt W. Houchell
Cincinnati O.
Dear Sir
Your favor of
3rd instant is at hand, I think the
stock a good one at 85 pf. But I
must acknowledge that I am
disappointed, by their not having
made money last year — and after the
meeting this month, others may feel so
much so, as to sell at last figures.
The Belfont (Sorrentine) has made dividend
I think every year for ten (10) or more
years past — but some of the years, no
profit, and have divided out of a surplus.
In some respects the Norton has advan-
tages over Belfont, and I think must
pay better in the long run, with equal
management. Belfont sells at 125 to
130 — Yours truly
John Alcock

6th May 81 858

John Byrne Esqr
Brazil Ind.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th ult, came duly to hand; inclosing P.O., order for Eleven 65/100 ($11.65) Dollars. Herewith please find tax receipts paid by me viz John J. Kennedy S.R.C. $7.15
" Andrew Russell City Cable 4.50 $11.65 —
These are for taxes assessed 10th Jany 1880 - and it is for two (2) lots - owned by you at that date.
The taxes on one lot for 1881 are not yet due - A few lots have been sold at advanced rates, I think will be in demand at better prices this summer. Now your lot should bring seven or Eight hundred ($700x or $800x) dollars. Please acknowledge.

Very respectfully
John Mearns

11th May 81

Messrs
743 N.Y.

...itte please find
P.O. ... for which send me
Feb ... 1881 – and oblige
...tably
...ieary

I hear ... Lund. You try it

Mr G. T. Moore
Bethlehem Ky.
Dear Sir
Your Portal of 10th inst. is at hand, the deeds are to be made in accordance with certain proposals made ... Washington – written ... 1879 ... 1879, and

11th May 81

get ready. One piece of land here and here determined as to prior location.
Very respectfully

11th May 81

Messrs Scribner Hes-
743 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen

Inclosed please find P.O. order fifty (0.50¢) cents for which send me February No of Monthly for 1881- and oblige

Very respectfully
John Hickey

I have explained this index to Mrs Lund. you try it

11th May 81

Mrs. W. H. Lund
Glen Falls N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th inst. is at hand. We make use of the number in accordance with custom keeping the number with the month to which it belongs. Thus the number for February 1879 was issued in January 1879, and the number for March 1879 was issued in February 1879, and so on. The number for August 1879 was issued in July 1879, and so on. The number for January 1880 was issued in December 1879 — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

R. N. POOL, President
GENERAL OFFICE:
No. 407 Walnut Street,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

FERROL FURNACE,
AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA.

JAMES HEMPHILL, Gen. Man.
A. PLUEMER & CO.,
Sales Agents,
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Pennsylvania and Virginia Iron and Coal Company,

Ferrol, Va. Oct. 1st, 1881.

R. N. POOL, Esq.,
President:

DEAR SIR:

I send you the following statement of the cost of one ton Pig Metal at Grace Furnace during September.

2⅓ tons Ferrol ore,	@ $1.08,	$2.52
2500 lb Coke,	@ 3.70,	4.62½
Limestone,		74½
Furnace Labour including Foundry,		2.45
Superintendance,		73
General expense account,		15
		$11.42
Deduct net earnings of Store,		1.05
	Cost per ton,	$10.37

To this cost of $10.37 should be added $1.00 per ton for sinking fund to meet furnace repairs.

During the month of September the furnace was stopped four [4] times for the following causes: On the 1st, 9 hours to repair feed pipe to Boilers. On the 7th, 16 hours to repair Hot Blast. On the 20th, 36 hours to scale boilers and further repairs to Hot Blast. On the 28th, 6 hours on account strike caused by Pluemer & Co's attachment. These stoppages caused a decrease in production of 45 tons metal.

Yours Truly,

JAS. HEMPHILL, Gen'l Manager.

Loose Item

[illegible] May 21

Messrs Meaux Kyle & Co
Hanging Rock O. Gentlemen

In your a/c current with Mr M. A. Adams rendered 27th March 1880 you have charged

1880 Jany 27th To E. B. Willard for 80 Shares ($[illegible]) [illegible] R.R. Stock [illegible] $ 2,400 [illegible]

[illegible] 1881 [illegible]

1880 May 18 To Amount paid C. W. Allen for [illegible] R.R. Stock 60.95

I do not find that the R.R. has broke down any but the transaction of to the 80 Shares, that also has brought more [illegible] Now in this?

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

11th May 21

Messrs Meaux Kyle & Co
Hanging Rock Ohio
Gentlemen

In your a/c current with Miss Margaret A. Meaux, you charge

1880 Jany 27th To E. B. Willard for 100 Shares ($[illegible]) [illegible] R.R. Stock [illegible] $ 2,500.00

and in a/c of 1 April 1881

[illegible] May 18 To Amt paid C. W. Allen for 2 R.R. Stk 96.19

I cannot find this back,

How is it?

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

13th May

N. Derby Esq.
839 Broad St, Newark, N.J.
Dear Sir
Please send
Samples for Summer Suit for
Tomorrow and oblige.
Very respectfully
John McCarty

Mr. Huntington is urging upon his contractors for completion of work by first of July next; this will not be done but, he will continue to hasten the work in order to put trains through to your place at earliest day possible, Mr Carlisle is proposing to extend his "Chatham" road from Peach Orchard to Pikeville, in Pike Co. has engineers at work on them counter. We hope he will soon begin work of construction. We have great hopes of being able to travel by Rail to that "golden Wedding"

Please remember Miss Ellen and myself to your good wife and niece.

Harry and Cooke are away at school

Yours truly
John McCarty

[illegible] 21 862

Thos B. J. Peters
Mt Sterling Ky.

Dear Sir

Your extended form of 9th inst came duly to hand. We should have been pleased to see you at annual meeting of stockholders in Ky. I. C. & Mt Clear J. D. Simpson, Capt John Kyle, John Campbell and my father were the only nonresidents present. Elected the same board of directors — Viz H. Meane R. C. Poage, Rf. Peters John Campbell and myself. I inclose statement of condition of Co. the valuation of Realty is that of 1876 for taxation; and you can safely add 33 per ct to that and also to Bill Receivable for interest. I suppose the 20 shares you name will not sell for over 50 to 70 per ct — Mr Simpson bought sixty (60) shares of James Clark at 70 per ct of par val. If yourself or he would like I will join in purchase as above, you can take all or part or I will — By or before 1st June the Scioto Valley RR (you met some of them at Trenton 1 year ago) will start their trains for Columbus from Ashland. The [illegible] will be brought across Ohio River and starting point from here

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13th May 81

Thos M. Adams Esqr.
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Tom

herewith please find power of Atty from either Margaret to Myself, which I need to you to have recorded in Lawrence County O. pay the recorder fee, and return the papers to me. I shall need to use this in making transfer of her Iron R.R. Stock under sale as agreed by Mr Campbell.

Notify Mr Campbell that Margaret and you Mother will sell I would not think it wise to hold the stock with the new owners.

Yours truly
John Means

13th May 81

John Campbell Esqr.
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sir

I will wish to sell the stock of Mrs. Mrs. M. A. Adams and Margaret A. Means in the Iron R.R. Co. under the agreement of yourself and others. Advise me when the transfer is to be made &c &c and oblige

Yours truly
John Means

Have advised Mr Graham to hold two (2) copies of Independent for you — as requested

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14th May 81

Fred Dittus Esqr
Mt Pulaski, Logan Co, Ill.

Dear Sir

although we have written Mr Jenkins several times about the Amfelt money paid to him as you say — so far we have not been able to get any reply from Mr Jenkins, on that subject. We shall probably be obliged to go out to your County. Please write me the names of some of the best lawyers in Lincoln, as it seems that we shall need the services of one, in this matter

very respectfully
John Meany

16th May 81

Capt J. M. Kirker
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Since seeing you this morning I have learned, that owners, of Barge Pinafore now here as you know, have offered Lol Putnam to take load of Pig Iron to Louisville at One ($1.00) dollar per ton — I think you had better notify Capt Holloway of this cut on rates —

very truly
John Meany

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19th May 81

Capt John Kyle
Cincinnati O
Dear Sir
the Lord came
duly to hand. Accept Thanks.
Have credited you of a same $23.35
Yours truly
John Meany

I have inquired and find the R.R. Co has
no such note out or for the
means shown me —
Trip Johnson left an offer
to Lord Barge Dairy from
to Cinti @ .75
Louisville " 1$
and we are offered by charters of
Barge Pinafore at the last rate.

19th May 81

V. Derby Esq.
789 Broad St, Newark, N.J.
Dear Sir
herewith find sample
for suit for Hildreth —
Pls no lining in back —
Harry and Cooke are away at
School in Marietta —
Very respectfully
John Meany

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21st May 81

George M. Thomas Esq
Vanceburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th inst at hand with check two hundred and twenty ($220+) dollars for balance on note inclosed herewith. You made liberal reckoning for interest — I congratulate you on your appointment by Prest Garfield —

Yours truly
John Mearns

26th May 81

James C. Lewis Esq
Patterson O.

Dear Sir

I understand you fully, your principal reasons for leaving Pets, were lack of capital and proper marking in Willey. Well Mr Russell Pont of the Norton Iron Works, was it to leave it for the reason that he has greater interest needing his personal attention, and would leave as soon as his place can be filled satisfactorily to the board. How would you think of the place? I understand you to say you need no place in view when I was in Pa

Very respectfully
John Mearns

26th May 81

James M. Swank Esqr Special Agent &c
No 365 So Fourth St, Philadelphia Pa.,

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th instant addressed to T. M. Adams, Hanging Rock O. with inquiry as to my grandfather is passed to me for reply, which please find hereafter,

Very respectfully
John Meany

John Meany

was born in Union District, South Carolina (14th) fourteenth of March 1770; moved into Spartanburg District, in 1798, where he lived until the Spring of 1819, when he moved to the State of Ohio, near Manchester in Adams County, taking with him his slaves to whom he gave their freedom.
He died fifteenth (15) March 1837 on his farm and was buried in the Church yard in Manchester.

26th May 81

John C. Peebles Esqr

Dear Sir

Since my visit to Portsmouth, I have been thinking very often as to a successor to Mr Lewis. And would like to have you say frankly how you agree with me. While in Ports, I had some little talk with Mr Terry, which you did not know. He seemed to have observed closely the situation and to understand about the business in mill and office as well as one not directly connected therewith could be expected, was able and willing to commend or criticise where deserved. And I feel that I would prefer to put Mr Terry in the place rather than any one, whom we did not know to be a first rate man. And I believe further, that should we hereafter find such a person why then Mr Terry would be as anxious and as much gratified to secure him as you or I could be. I think if we put Mr T. in the place, as may flatter ourselves he might make as many mistakes as you or I would, but not more, he would be careful cautious economical and not fly the track for without seeing

it himself and setting himself right.
I think he would be agreeable to get along with and still that he would be the head of the concern. If he should take hold I think it would be better to make no further changes but for him to run with others as they now are until he get the reins fully into his hands and finds who will work for and who against him. After that he might quietly show a man how to better his situation by a change.
I had thought to write Mr Terry but want to know what you think first, as we do not wish to get up any questions or delicacy on this, and if you believe as I do, speak to Mr Terry on the subject. I have written probably more freely to you than I should have done to him but if you think but you may show him this letter. I cannot come to Portsmouth after the 4th prox as I must go to Va for a week
We have crossed S.V. trains one side works first rate then was some delay on the other side—

Yours truly
John Meany

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28th May 81

A. S. Winslow Esqr

Dear Sir

Your of 26th inst is at hand, with letters enclosed which last I return herewith as requested. I think Wicker is right in asking that correspondence as to the business and the should pass thro' his hands, when addressed to those under him. Mr Wicker is held by the Co to greater responsibility for the work than is any one under him. If Mr Richards considers supervision by them over him, to be "jealousy and working against him, I think he draws it too fine —

All well. Transfer work well. Fit & Pass, both coming —

Yours truly
John Meane

30th May 81

C. C. Clarke Esqr Esqr

Junction O — Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th came duly to hand inclosing order on your Treas Ourhundred and fifty nine (£159) dollars Dividend No 12 to Margaret A. Meany. If there are any fractions of share standing to credit of your stockholders would it not be well to issue scrip or fractional certificates for same to the owners? —

Very respectfully
John Meane for
M. A. Meany

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30th May 81

A. S. Winslow Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th inst. at hand — It will require more time and travel to take P'kpie in on way to Tiffin, there is desirable their best weather. Also I wish to be at home 6th inst —

Very Truly

John Mcleary

4th June 81

W. O. Bradley Esq

Lancaster Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th came duly to hand. We have about four thousand 400 population. Have no knowledge as to extent of litigation. On business operation are large in mining and manufacturing. Have three (3) Railroads in the county, and large business on the Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers. Think a good lawyer can do well. The extent of compensation must depend on efforts and ability. Ashland and Catlettsburg are both growing rapidly and business increasing. You had better come and see for yourself —

Very respectfully

3rd June 21

Hon J. R. Moorhead
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

When our O. R. Commission was together in Washington City last December we had some talk of a meeting here this summer, with a trip to the Big Kenhawa, to see the Chanoine dams in operation. What would you think of such a meeting say about the 14th to 16th instant or one week later? Have had inquiry from Col A. S. Berry on the subject.

Very respectfully
John Mercer

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4th June 81

R. Matter Esqr
Ironton Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check two hundred and fifty ($250+) dollars for five (5) per ¢ dividend of No 1 of Norton Iron Works of five shares in my name as per agreement

very respectfully
John Meany

6th June 81

Jas C. Lewis Esqr
135 Wylie Ave Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult came duly to hand, and I have shown it to Messrs John Russell and Hugh Meany both directors in the Norton I. Works. And I think Mr Russell or both he and myself will see you further, before a great while. I go this week to Lower Virginia, and may be engaged for a week or two after my return. Are doing to hear of trouble with your eyes. I think you mentioned it once in Portsmouth to me, but I did not understand you to think it anything serious and hope it is not so. With regards to Mrs L am yours very truly

John Meany

7th June 81

Sir

Your remarkable epistle of this date, delivered by yourself has been read by me. Recognizing no authority in any, to question my right to vote as pleases myself and supposing the other gentlemen named by you claim, the same right; I have no objection to explain my vote of yesterday.

I vote for whom I consider best for the office, without regard to political views or some personal preference. Did so yesterday. There are many offices that I believe work badly to change. There has been harmony in the Board of Education, the success of our schools prove they have been well managed, and I saw nothing to promise for the better by changing a member of the Board.

When Miller was first chosen, I voted against him, for this reason; and for same reason voted against you yesterday.

I have been since 1860 elected and reelected a Trustee and Councilman. In that time have never asked anyone to vote for me for the office, have questioned none and have very little knowledge

as to who has or have not voted for me.
If you have voted for me or for others,
I have made no question of your right to
do so; and repeat that I shall continue
to exercise that right for myself without
regard to question by you or others.
Hoping I have made myself clear, am
yours most obedient servant

John McCreary

Dr. M. H. Young
Ashland Ky

12th June 11

C. B. Wilhoit Esq
Grayson Ky.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my
check forty 50/100 ($4.50) dollars pay able
to your order, as requested, for taxes
on property of Margaret A. McCreary.
Send receipts to me — and oblige
very respectfully
John McCreary

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12th June 81

Hon Mr Adams, Esq
W. Rock O.

Dear Sir

Your mother books show that she has eighty five (85) shares in Iron RR Co. I have only in my hands certificates No 332 (8[illegible]) Shares and No 349 (4) Shares in all 84 Shares. She or you probably have certif for the remaining one (1) Share. Please hunt it up.

I have for Margaret 106 Shares which her books show.

For father 2017 Shares which his books show.

Hold better see Clarke sent if there are all they may be entitled to.

Yours &c

John Ellcraft

12th June 81

Dear Sir

Yours of 8th inst came duly to hand. Accept thanks for your promptness and courtesy. In reason of 4th inst was an error as to Sixth Series Shares Huntington W. Va. Your stat to Cardiff is Sixth Series. Only be needed on both sides of Sixth, that is in W. Va and in Ohio. The C. & O., Ky, and connections sent from Ashland Ky, to Huntington W. Va, then leave the Ohio River.

Very respectfully

John Ellcraft

C. for French Supt 5th Div Railway Maid Service
Cincinnati O.

14th June 81

To Governor L. P. Blackburn
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

the firm of E. R. Mason & Co, railroad contractors, desire to engage a number of convicts from the penitentiary, for use on their work on the E., L., & B. C., R.R., in Carter and other counties. I can recommend this firm as careful humane and responsible persons, to whom it would be, safe and proper to hire or let any convicts the State may dispose of for such purpose. I have known the senior member of this firm for years he has had much and long experience with this class of labor in the State of Virginia, where he resides; and there the state authorities from long knowledge of his good management of such men, now give to him a preference over others in disposing of their convict labor.

Yours very respectfully

John Means

14th June 81

Hon L. T. Moore
Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th instant with Patton Brothers check for two hundred and fifty ($250.00) dollars on judgment in Boyd &c vs W M Patton estate is received —

Very respectfully
John Means Pend

18th June 81

Prof Martin G. Andrews
Manitou O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th inst addressed to Burke is at hand — Burke has been pretty sick with Measles, and is not able to write. He says he will bring up the studies you name as soon as his eyes permit to use them —

Very respectfully
John Means

1876 June 21

J. Henry Foster Esq.
Lowmore Va.

Dear Henry

On our way home I had some conversation with Mr Gardner, who brought up the matter of timbering in tunnels. He thinks as we do, that one in 'Wash. Raleigh' side cannot be mined in open cuts, and that timber must be used. And generally that he should wish to make no changes in manner of working men in mines, unless after sometime he should see way to improve. I find him my conservation in his views. I don't think you need to apprehend any trouble to get along with him and think you will make a great mistake if you should leave when he comes.

From your long acquaintance with every thing and place, you can be more useful, and of greater need to him than you have been to Mr Wickes; that your prospects for advancement much better for the reason named than before. Would like to hear from you, and how the work goes on.

Yours truly, John Addison

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18th June 81

John F. Wiedler Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favors of 13th and 14th are at hand also telegram of 16th — I have telegram from Wiebe of 17th, also mentions no trouble, As I understood the way you go to Sell 20th to meet Gordon and to go to get them a day or two before you leave, and remain with him until your return, or long as I can Have made my arrangements accordingly. I cannot go there now, As to Cadler we had better stop anything than put him in charge; "For much drunker". I think as soon as Gordon can get his hand and in, the Furnace should be put out; new hearth and book, and new manager; And let Witherow & Gordon get Hot Blast stoves into proper working — Your truly

John Means

18th June 81

The Robert Mitchell Fust Co —
Cincinnati O — 107 + 113 West 4th St

Gentlemen

herewith please find check on Jno F. Larkin & Co — Four ($4.00) dollars in payment of your bill of 11th inst —

Very respectfully
John Means

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20th June 81

R. Matter Esqr Cashr
Irvine Ohio -

Dear Sir

Please place to credit of Ashland Nat Bank for John Means the balance due me. (which I suppose is $439+) and oblige —

Very respectfully
Margaret A. Means
By John Means Atty in fact

21 June 81

H. M. McCown Esqr
Ashland

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check your order $11.20
and Her W. Means " 2.50
on payment of my account under of Culbertson Means & Culbertson —

Very respectfully
John Means

20th June 88

C. P. Huntington Esq
No 9 Nassau St. New York.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th inst came duly to hand. Our engineer reports that contractors Mason & Co, are getting along very well with their work; that he thinks they are pushing their work as fast as they can do so. Mason and Hoge assure us they will have our work done, sooner than the work that of them can be done. We begin tracklaying this week and shall lay up to the tunnel, have it surfaced up and ballasted by us before the tunnel is finished, everything we can do to facilitate the work will be done. Your Mr C. W. Smith passed through here to day, just from the work on the Western end, from what he said to Lord Putnam, we do not think he shares with Mr Lawrence in his apprehension of delay by our part of the work.

Very truly

John Meany

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21st June 81

Lewis Fearing Dr

To John Meany For Rent of house of Fifth St
from 81 Feby 21st to May 14th $18.83

Cr By

April 14 By Cash $5.00

" 16 " " 5.00 $10.00

To Balance due J. M. $3.83

Please settle this balance

21st June 81

Messrs A. A. Cow & Brothers
31 Bowling Slip, New York, N.Y.
Gentlemen

herewith please find draft on
Third Nat'l Bank your city, indorsed to your order,
fifteen thousand ($15,000.00) dollars, for my
credit, on account of Seaboard S. Co. Bonds.

My respectfully
John Meany

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22 June 81

A. R. Cooper Esqr
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th instant came duly to hand, I have not sent any one who desires to by your stock, should I do so will advise you. I would not care to buy at such price as I could advise you to sell for. — Excepting two (2) shares I think I have not bought any in four years past, many advising with me as you have done, I do not desire to buy unless I am making something and will not do that off those who come to me for advice —

Very truly yours
John Means

22 June 81

American Manufacturer
55 Ninth St, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find P. O. order four 25/100 ($4.25) dollars for subscription 1 Jany 81 to 1 Jany 1882. Stop when time paid for expires.

Very respectfully
John Means

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23rd June 81

J. Henry Foster

Dear Henry

Yours of 20th is at hand. I think you will make a great mistake to leave now. When each opportunity presents itself to show your usefulness. You will be considered as hanging your fortunes upon Mr Wickes, whose resignation was offered, because he would not be subordinate to the Board of Directors. Not because of his quarrel with Mr. Winslow.

If Winslow be correct in his views of cheaper mining, all will be glad to know, if he is wrong it will soon be proven, and that will be the end of it. He will not venture on the same liberties, with Mr Goodwin that he has with his brotherinlaw. I shall come our next week.

Yours truly John Meaux

25th June 81

Thos W. Meaux Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Jettie

To furnish working capital at Louisville, without increasing the capital stock we intend to issue bonds, to bear interest at six per cent payable semi annually, which will be distributed proportionally among the stockholders who desire them. There will be same as a note of the law, with coupons and if for any purpose hereafter it is desired to make a mortgage are to be secured thereby. I will be entitled to about $30.000x of these, and have paid on my part $15.000x. You will have a sum of money from Iron Rk. sale, soon to invest. And I think there will be as safe a thing as you can find. If you think so and will let me know I will take ~~what~~ all we can get. Yours truly

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25 June 81

Jed Hotchkiss Esqr
Staunton Va

Dear Sir

herewith please find P.O. order two ($2.00) dlls for the Virginian for 1881.

Very respectfully,
John Meany

25th June 81

Geggamhans Esqr
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Sir

Your form of 23rd inst is at hand. I have written Mr Lewis, and he [illegible] is not engaged. Replied that Mr Russell or both of us would see him further on the subject before long. The Furnace, Forge and Factory have been running quite satisfactorily since you was here. There is not much sale and they have some 20. or 30 kegs on hand. Will now wait but written stop. Thanks, and have good stock in hand for Fall trade.

Very truly
Yours
John Meany

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28th June 81

E. H. R. Lyman Esq
31 Bending Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your form of 24th inst. is at hand. I leave for Lowmen to night, and expect to remain there until about the 9th to 12th proof. The bonds can be sent there or here as they may be ready. J. F. W. will leave LMn 1st proof and return there about the time I leave. Goodness letter may be sent to him or to me and I can send or show to him — I think the furnace needs to be put out of blast as soon as the brick ordered for repairs are delivered. That another for Richards place should start, in new blast — The last statements show worse and worse —

Yours truly

[illegible] Meaux

11th July 81

Hon R. J. Peters

Dear Sir

Your estimated form of 1st is found today having just returned from Virginia.

Dr Fady's recollection is considerably at fault as to his shares, this last payment was in August 1858 — and made .35 per ¢ paid by him — The shares were forfeited April 1868 when there was due .55 per ¢ on shares — and 20 per ¢ unpaid by him — .45 was called and became due still later. There are many other ~~[illegible]~~, after paying much more than the Doctor, preferred to give it up, rather than risk more in the payments. He looked then like a bad investment, I always advised that the stock be paid up, but could not get many to believe in it — I do not suppose the directors can now do anything in this without it being first approved by the stockholders — As to the local investments, unless you can get in on the "ground floor"

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and sell out while the boom is on,
I would advise by all means to
stay out. Mean lands which of
late only sold at 5$ to 10$ per acre
now sell at 100$ and thereabouts,
from which no income can be had
without large expenditure, it is
safer to sell than to buy.
You may have heard of the large
amount about $350,000 expended by two
Investor Companies after years ago.
Their lands are afew miles South of
Grayson on line of Eastern Ky RR.
They found no coal worth working.
And so far as I know the coals
is not so good or plentiful on
Straight Creek or on Williams C.
With compliments of my family to
Mrs P. and Miss Tobie
Am your truly
John Meaux

12th July 81

Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co.
Portsmouth Ohio.
Gentlemen

Your favor of 7th instant
is at hand inclosing check for
One hundred and nine 50/100 ($109.50)
dollars on account of interest.
Very respectfully
John Meaux

13th July 81

Thos. M. Adams Esq.
Hanging Rock Ohio –

Dear Tom

herewith please find draft for acceptance by father on which I can get the money to pay for the Southern bonds. Have made it to one part date for I. R. R. payments. Send to me as soon as you can. All well too hot to travel to see you.

Yours truly
John Adams

16 July 81

~~Thomas~~ A. Mack Esq.
75 West Third St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

I see you are entitled to 44 [illegible] of the Lehigh Bonds. If you have not promised to any one else I would like to take them. Have forwarded the cash for more than I am apprehensive [illegible] all would not take. Have letter from Brooklin of 14th. everything going along with [illegible] returning from Cochran and new [illegible] coming in.

I have talked with Russell about J. C. Montgomery who was at the Norton when Cy. Wilson was sick about a year ago. Russell thinks better of him than Bird. Winslow will recollect him here when the Ashland to [illegible] building. I think to come down next week if weather is decent.

Yours truly John Adams

16th July 81

Edward A. Low Esq Lect 81
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th inst is at hand also package of 200 Bonds. Have signed the bonds and returned to you by Adams Express.
I send herewith draft on third Nat Bank your city fifteen thousand ($15.000+) dollars, indorsed to order of A. A. Low & Brothers on loan to Lowhow Iron Co. This with amount sent before will make more of the bonds than my proportion, but I suppose every stockholder will not take their portion.

Very respectfully
John Mears

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in addressing letters to me here. Leave off "Post" and it will come to me. Letters to me to [illegible]

16th July 81

H. W. Goodwin Esqr
Salmon Va — Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th is at hand and very satisfactory. Glad to hear of your returning, and now we coming in. Was a little afraid the last weather might keep you in bed, and make it hard to get men enough to keep running. Mr Richards might help out some by slacking up on the Fer-blowing Night blast; this would not take so much stock, would add to heat of his blast and furnace, insure foundry iron, and be easier on his men. He and Mr Lyman will understand this, probably better than you will. All the furnaces here about are blowing Night this last weather. A little rise out of Sandy River.

Yours truly
John Maant

18th July 81

John F. Winder Esqr
Woods Hole Mass — Dear Sir

Your favor of 11th inst is at hand. Glad to hear you and family are comfortably settled for the Summer. I have a very satisfactory letter from Capt Gordon, as he writes you, and not repeat. I know a practical founder, good furnace builder, and manager of men, little education other than experience for our 20 years, who might be had. He would be better for us I think than Richards, but if we can find, one with education and experience we want the better. This man I know to be sober; is from Mahoning region where Richards came from. Mr Russell thinks him a good man for L. Alton, — 45 W. is acquainted with him. Expect to be in Cincinnati this week when will advise further with

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22 and July 81

Rev J. W. Lynch
Covington Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th inst is found on returning after absence from home. I think it would be but for you to await regular meeting and formal action by the board of directors.

Very respectfully
John Meany

22 and July 81

R. F. Prichard Esqr
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th is found on return after absence from home. You may say to Mrs Cecil that I will take Firehundred ($500.00) for the lot named by you — Lab Eight has paid nothing to me even through you. I don't know him.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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23rd July 81

Messrs Morgan & Co.
178 Elm St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find two ~~Hrs~~ ($2.50) dollars, for Herald & Presbyter from — to —, remain to my address.

Have always, and again ordered to "stop when time paid for expires."

Very respectfully
John Mears

26th July 81

John F. Winslow Esq.
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd is at hand. It gives me pleasure to hear yourself and family are pleasantly situated and enjoying fine weather. We had very warm from 1st to 18th instants. Expect to leave here on 4th pass, to stop in mountain a few days and reach Solomon, about 8th or 9th. Was in Cinti last week, saw A.L.W. and he now prepares to join me in Va., I shall be willing to join with Mr Lee & yourself in taking the bonds. Have remitted already for more than my apportionment —

All well

Yours truly,
John Mears

2 3rd July 81

C. P. Huntington Esq
No. 9, Nassau St. New York City

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th inst is found on return after absence from home. Mr Hoge writes me that his headings met Tuesday 15th inst, and "that he hopes now to go a head with a rush." Our engineer is instructed to require them to keep full force of men on work. Mr Hoge will work the tunnel as your Triplett is being worked. Mr Mason the older is on the work and purposes to spend most of the time until completed. We shall push them up as fast as may be done, and we do not think your trains will need to wait on us.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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26th July 81

E. T. Barnum Esq
Detroit Mich.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find P.O. order eighteen ($18.00) dollars for Loon Bedstead and wooden wire mattress; as per catalogue No. 8 - Size 4½ feet wide 6¾ feet long.

Very respectfully
John Mcauf

26th July. 81

James Strathen Esq
Lewisburg W. Va

Dear Sir

a party of about 15 your people propose to visit the mountains of Va. leaving here 4th of August in morning. Have recommended your place to them for a few days, and they have concluded to go there. Please advise me if you will have room for such a party. I think to go with them!

Very respectfully
John Mcauf

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26th July 81

H. W. Goodwin Esqr
Sowmoor Va — Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd inst came duly to hand. We pleased to hear that your health was so much better. Hope the hottest weather is over for this Summer. Don't think you need fear getting out of stock now for I have no doubt we shall do well to put the furnace out, for repairs this fall, and then you can gain enough on stock to carry thru the Winter. I think to visit you about the 8th or 9th proxy —

Yours truly
John Meade

26th July 81

J. E. Montgomery Esqr
Youngstown O. — Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th came while I was from home. Am waiting to hear from some of the others interested with me at Sowmoor. I expect to leave Am 9th of August next (Thursday 4th) Please write me so as to reach here by 8th, and say whether if I wire, you can meet me at Sowmoor. Expect to be there about 8th or 9th Aug. Can't say now about your coming until I hear from others — When may use the wire to communicate with you —

Yours respectfully
John Meade

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26th July 81

Messrs Treef & Andrews
31 & 33 W. Pearl St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen —
Herewith please
find my check Metropolitan N.
Bank fortyeight 4/10 ($48.59/100) dollars
in payment Bill Sugar 19th inst —
Very respectfully
John Meany

27th July 81

Received of Mr. M. W. Cecil — One hundred
($100.00) dollars cash and one note of
T. M. Cecil for two hundred ($200.00) dollars
payable one year after date and
one note for two hundred ($200.00) dollars
payable two years after date, both
having interest — in payment for
Sh. No. 39 in Sugar addition Lattitude
Deed of general Warranty, with Sugar
restriction to be made to said
T. M. Cecil and Mr. M. W. Cecil
John Meany

28th July 81

J. K. Moorhead Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th instant, with Mr Shanks is at hand. I would suggest 23 or 24th & 30 or 31 August or 6 or 7th Sept next for meeting in Ashland. You can come here by Columbus, and Scioto Valley RR. Trains now leave C. at 10° 25" A.M. arrive here 5° 20" P.M.
" 4° 50" P.M. " " 11° 50 "

We go hence to Charleston by C. & O. Ry. The commission may find it pleasant to spend a day or night at the White Sulphur Spr or some other points in Va on C & O Ry. If the Ohio River should be up probably must would come here by boat.

Very respectfully
John Meaney

Ashland Ky. 28th July 1881.
I this day executed deed for Lot 29 in Geiger's Addition to Catlettsburg to yourself and wife — and deposited the same with Ben W. Singer Dr. C. B. C. for record and delivery —
Very respectfully
John Meaney

Z. T. M. Circle —

30th July 81

Dear Father

I suppose you have collected Mary Ann and Margaret amounts for Iron Rail Road Stock. Which as I reckon should be

Mary Ann	85 Shares @ 54	$4,590
Margaret	106 " " "	5,924
	Total	$10,314

I have expected to take 30 Cwt of the Lowhill bonds and to use the above with proceeds of the 15 Cwt draft on you — If you will omit the amount for the above I can pay what I have borrowed. Expect to hear for Va Thursday one or Friday noon (4th or 5th prox) to be given 10 or 12 days —

Yours truly

John Mearns

1st August 81

Thos W. Mearns Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

Yours of 29th ult by Mattern is at hand inclosing check for fifty thousand ($50,000) dollars. I'll get as many of the Lowhill bonds as I can

Yours truly

John Mearns