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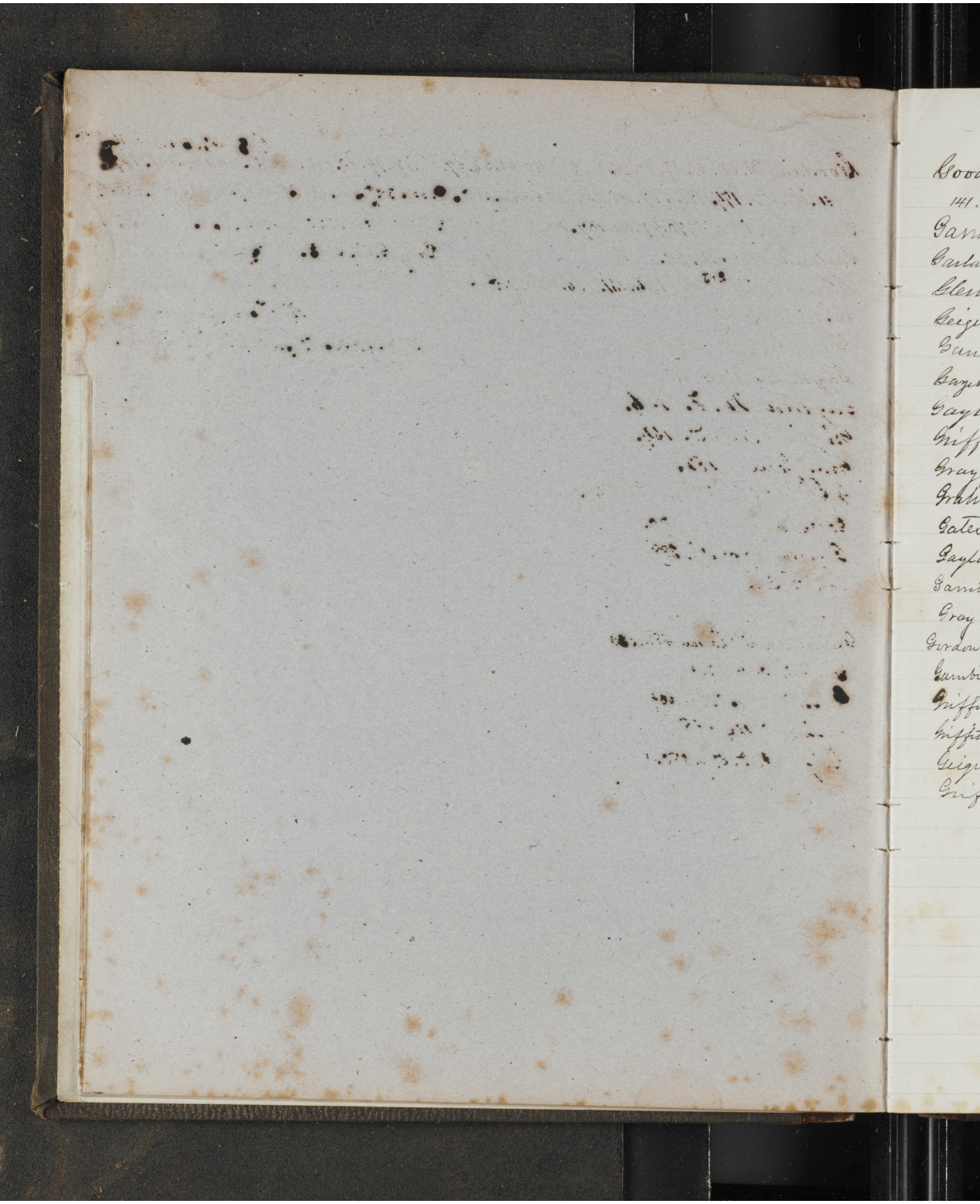

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A. A. Low & Brothers
21 Burling Slip, New York, City.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft on Third Nat Bank you city indorsed to your order, amount twenty thousand 00/100 ($30,000.00) dollars on account of Lewis Moore & Co. Lewis, Mr. C. F. Winslow having advised me that a number of stockholders would not take their proportion.

Very respectfully
John Means

Thos A Mack Esqr
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Yours of 30th ult to at hand. We now propose to leave here Friday 5th inst noon at 4 o 25 for Va, and to visit Lokeer 8th or 9th. My presence are, Montgomery before Richards; and Skelding before Bird or Mtgy. Would like to see you and Richards before starting. In meantime think it would be well for you to get from Laughlin, Skelding address, and if he can or will an arrangement for E, to meet us at Lisbon, we request E. [illegible]. Do you know what was E. [illegible] reserving. Laughlin can write you at Lisbon or Lewisburg

Yours truly
John Means

1st August 81

J. H. Stratton Esqr
Leinsburgh W. Va

Dear Jim

We expect to leave here Friday (5th) morning, about 12 in number, and should reach Concord at 7° 52' P.M. when we expect you will leave or see them to conveyance for us. Should there be any material change in our number will advise you by Wire. Lucien Jr & more expect to join us while in the mountains, but will not probably be ready to start with us. Hoping for a good time am

Yours truly
John Meany

2nd August 81

C. E. Hoge Esqr

Dear Sir

I was from home when your name, advising that the meeting was together, and so long that did not reply at the time of return. From the letters Mr Huntington writes me I think Mr Lumen is impressing on 5th, mind that the work under Li charge and the other contractors, is being pushed with more vigor than ever, under your charge from what Mr Hoge tells us, we hope you will at the end, to the contrary to be true.

Believing you will hurry up the work we are

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

Dorset August 81

Mrs S. C. Hitchcock
Dresden Ohio.

Dear Sister

herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank Overhundred and nine 00/100 ($109 00/100) dollars for

1 A. C & I. Rug	Coupons	$105.00
4 W. P.	do	4.00
interest collected		$109.00

All well, please sign and send receipt.

Very truly
John W. Leang

3rd August 81

Messrs Dunnow & Horsfield
Catlettsburg Ky.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check to your order Twenty Eight 25/100 ($38 25/100) dollars, in payment of your age of 20th ult.

Very respectfully
John W. Leang

3rd August 81

John L. Peeslee Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

I had expected to be in P. to day, but received your postal yesterday afternoon fixing meeting for Friday. If I had not seen Examiner for ~~today~~ city to day here should have gone to day any how for a talk. I leave Friday morning for Virginia and expect to spend next week at Lakehurst, may stay longer. You will have three directors who can fill the vacancy and the four can elect a President, so that there will be no great need for my presence.

Very respectfully
John Meany

16th August 81

V. Hinkle Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 3rd instant is found on return after absence from home with ~~[illegible]~~ inclosed viz for

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] . . . . [illegible] —
[illegible] . . . . [illegible] —

~~[illegible]~~ dividend Champion Coal and ~~[illegible]~~

Very respectfully
John Meany

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15th August 81

Thos A. Mack

No 78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

I reached home Saturday P.M. with our party all well. the diverging portion having had a nice time at the old Sunset. To day Mr Skelding and the younger Bird came up to see me and I have arranged with S. to go to Ohio on the same terms that we had with Richards viz $2.00 first 6 mos — with full and home rent free $3.50 next 6 mos and after that if satisfactory at $3.00 — He does not look as though he had drank for some time and is much younger than I had supposed being only 38 years of age. I had a talk with Richards before leaving and he is prepared to expect the change — Skelding is to me me here Thursday 25th and on Friday night 26th inst we will go to Lebanon — I feel right well over this —

Yours truly

John Means

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15th August 81

Capt. H. W. Goodwin
Southmoor Va.

Dear Sir

I reached home Saturday evening in good time, and found all well. To-day I met Mr Skelding of whom I had spoken to you, and have agreed with him to take Mr Richards place — on nearly the same terms we pay Richards — Have agreed with Skelding for first 6 Months at $3.000 per year — Second 6 Mos @ $2.500 — and after if satisfactory at $3.000 per year, with House rent and fuel free. You might secure the rails we spoke of for furnace but the other matters, castings &c, had better be left until Mr Bessemer — He and I will come to Sell. Friday 26th or Sat. Noon 27th instant. Will write Mr Richards of my action. Skelding is a first rate furnace manager only 30 years of age. but has had much more experience than Mr Richards — With regards to your family am

Yours truly

John Mercer

16th August 81

Wm Richards Esqr
Lowmoor Va.

Dear Sir

When I told you last week that we were not then satisfied to say we were willing to continue our agreement for your services another year, it did not expect to change unless we could secure as a successor one who might seem to give promise to do better than you; we promised to notify you at our earliest time. Yesterday we engaged with a gentleman whose much longer experience, and a successful one, has been sufficient to warrant us in the belief that we shall gain by changing. I shall come to Lowmoor with him Friday 26th or Saturday 27th inst, that he may have a little time to look around before the first prox.

As our intercourse has been personally pleasant, and you have seemed anxious and willing to be advised as to the best, we feel sorry to make this change. We think you give promise to make a good furnace manager, and that you have not erred in not asserting yourself more positively rather than otherwise; and believe and hope that longer experience will give that confidence needed to enable you to enforce your own views.

14th August 80

James Ballantyne, Esq
Youngstown O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th ult. came away to hand. I have just returned from [illegible] where I met some of those interested and presented your name for the furnace. They gave the preference to Mr Skelding with whom some of the others were acquainted. I do not now know of any vacancy to recommend to you.

Yours Truly
John Kearns

14th August 80

Miss Joanna Ed. Wright
No 386 Dearborn Ave Chicago Ill.

Dear Miss

Your favor of 2nd instant came to hand as I was leaving for a trip into Va from which I have just returned. Left Gordon who succeeds Mr Wickes occupies the house at Lonsmore and keeps a very good boarding house, so that there is no chance for Guy. Should I hear of any place that I can recommend to you it will give me pleasure to do so.

Very truly
John Kearns

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17th August 81

A. A. Low Esq.
Newport R. I.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 5th instant is found on returning from Southern. J. F. Winslow has written me that you, he and myself would probably have to take most of the bonds, and on that advice I remitted the $20 m. thinking to take more if needed. I found matters going smoothly at S.M. The labor was reported to be better than ever before - fewer men discharged for reason.
If the furnace is kept in blast they will run short of ore and limestone unless we buy. The only one who can furnish ore in quantity is Frank Lyman who can furnish probably sufficient quantity and good ore and I think we had better buy his whole output provided Capt Goodwin can get limestone to work it. He was offering others $1.75 per ton f.o.b. cars on C & O Ry Bank for Iron Ore and I advised him to continue to do so, and as the parties who were offering to sell, were not reliable could not be depended on either for quantity or quality I said that it would not be best to offer them more. Frank Lyman offered to sell his at $2.10 f.o.b. Car; has sold

and is now delivering here 800 tons with often to buyers for 1200 T. more, which nets him about one pine.
This difference 35¢ may seem large but I think the quality, care in selecting, and convenience, will make us cheap to us than miscellaneous lots at 1[illegible] —
I told Mr Richards when at St — that I was not satisfied with his management at the Furnace, and was unwilling to contract with him for another year — Yesterday I contracted with Mr James Skelding, formerly at the Lucy F. Pittsburgh, on the same terms that we had with Richards — adding home rent and fuel. Skelding is 38 years of age. And the management of the Lucy, a 20 feet F. in Pittsburgh for some 10 or more years and made as good a record for his furnace as any there.
There are about 3,000 tons Limestone and 5 or 6000 T. of ore in stock. We should have by Nov 1 — 10 M lime and 20 M of ore. These cannot be had if the F. continues in blast — Mr Richards and I believe it will be found advantageous to put her out, put in new hearth and bosh; and I think when Mr St. goes there he will so advise. I think we shall save in Fuel and gain in quality of iron, as well as quantity made, sufficiently to more than compensate for [illegible] of repair.
While out the ore and limestone will accumulate to gain in the quantity needed as stated above.

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Even being hardly a doubt that the F. must be stopped for want of stock if not for repair, I advise that the stoppage be made soon after I take hold, so they can have the good Fall weather to make repair and stock materials, which can then be done at less cost than in Winter. You will remember there are no stockhouses to shelter men or stock. These should be put up before Winter, and in the ne can then put up bins to contain 3 or 4 days each of ore & lime, from which will be usually filled daily from mines, and drawn from hourly for furnace, thereby saving quarry in labor —

This has grown longer than I had expected, and if you will please forward to Mr J. F. W. will save my writing in full to him. Please advise him as to your views on matters suggested and let me hear from one or both. I shall go to SM with Welding Friday 26th or Sat 27th inst, and remain a few days. Richards year ends 1st proof

very truly yours

John Wilcox

17th August 80

John F. Winslow Esq
Woods Hole. Mass.

Dear Sir

I was at Sothern last week and found all working well. The foreman [illegible] usual. Told Richards was not satisfied to continue with him another year. On my return Monday I went the [illegible] Shelding if [illegible] and engaged him for same terms as made with Richards, adding House rent and fuel. He is to come here 20th and we shall leave 26th for Sutton. Have written Richards and Goodwin. In replying to a letter from Mr [illegible] I wrote fully as to matters at [illegible], and asked him to send [illegible] to you with his views. and to let me hear from me or both of you. Expect to be from home until going to Mass. So you [illegible] to reach me [illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible] Truly John Meand

Sutton Aug 17th August 1880

Dear Sutton

I can send 10 [illegible] to the R.R. [illegible] with Bonds as collateral to note [illegible] at 6 per [illegible]

If this suits, you may send me check for amount by Harry —

Mr I can send about [illegible] to Mr Mack who will give Sothern Stock and Bonds as security to his note, instead of Six.

Let me know if you like it so that Harry send him [illegible] — All well

Yours truly

John Meand

[illegible] Ky [illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

If this suits you send me [illegible]

by Henry [illegible]

I can [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

If you like it, [illegible] I can

[illegible] him —

You will probably be asked to

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

All well

Yours Truly

John McKee

18 August 81

Hon Saml McKee

441 West Jefferson St, Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th inst is at hand. Since my acquaintance with Mr Hunt ington I think it would be better for you to write him yourself, and refer him to me, for information.

Or you might see Genl John Echols, Vice Prest of the E, L, & W.C. R.R., who is often in your city, and seems to have charge of Mr. H's, Kentucky business.

With regards to your family, am

Yours Truly

John McKee

19th August 81

Dear Father

Yours of 18th by Harry came duly to [illegible] check for thirty thousand ($30,000 &) dollars [illegible] which I have taken payable to your [illegible] two notes of Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Company viz

1 Dated 18th Aug @ 1 day $10,000 —
1 " " " " 1 " 20,000 —

bearing interest at six (6) pct and as security (30) thirty of same Coal Bonds and $1,000 + All [illegible]

Yours truly

John Mearns

19th August 81

Received of Mr M. V. Young fifty 00/100 ($50.00/100) by deposit 17th instant to my credit in Ashland Note Bank, part payment on her note dated 24th March 1883 due 6 years after date

John Mearns

19th August 81

Dr Logan
Geigersville Ky
Dear Sir
I [illegible] Tried your horse and he does not [illegible] in sige or gait with either of my horses; and I will not keep him. Shall I send him out?

Very respectfully
John McCarty

20th August 81

John Russell Esq Prest

The meeting of Ohio River Commissioners, may prevent my attending meeting of Norton Iron Works directors on 24th instant. It would be well for your board to pass an order giving your authority to exchange convey and lands on the Southerly or Easterly side of A.C.&I. Ry for lands of equal value or quantity on the Northerly and Westerly side of said R.R. The exchange being of mutual advantage and convenience to both Companies.

Yours truly
John McCarty

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20th August 81

Dr. Jo. P. Hale,
Charleston W. Va.
Dear Sir

[illegible] invited, and a meeting of the Ohio [illegible] has been called, to meet here on the 3rd instant, and it is proposed to visit the Kenhawa River to see the adjustable dams in operation. We are advised that the better way will be to go to Charleston and down up to dams in carriages.

The Com will probably go to Ch. night of 24th or morning of 25th instant. Will you [illegible] have an office adviser said the best place —

My truly yours
John Meany

20th August 81

H. W. Goodwin Esq.
Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst is at hand and contents noted. I hope you know will soon be well. I expect to leave here not later than Friday night and to be at S.W. Saturday from 27th inst. In the meantime shall probably visit Charleston with the Ohio River Commission. I think the most important thing you have to arrange for this Fall is a supply of Limestone for the Winter —

Yours truly
John Meany

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22nd August 81

A. A. Low Esqr
Newport R. I.

Dear Sir

[illegible] of 17th instant is at hand. Mine to you of [illegible] refers to affairs at Lebanon. I should have been glad to get the bonds, but as all have been taken, A. A. L. & Bros, may render me statement of a/c with me and deposit the balance in my favor in the Third National Bank of New York City, to the credit of the Ashland Natl Bank of Ashland Ky. There was a small balance against me at last statement. I expect to leave for Salt on Friday 26th with Mr Skelding. The last statements from Fee are poor.

Very truly yours
John [illegible]

22nd August 81

A. J. Winslow Esqr
Dear Sir

I suppose Mark has told you, that I have hired Skelding to go to Loonmoor. I expect him here Thursday 25th or Friday morn, and that we shall leave Friday [illegible] night for Salt. Richard your [illegible] and Skelding is to take hold there. I think we shall need to put the furnace out; both as a matter of economy and from lack of one and Limestone to run through the Winter. She can be put in good repair this Fall, for better results in work, and in the time she will be out, one and Limestone may be accumulated sufficient to keep her running afterwards.

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[illegible]

a lady at the White Spr.
who would no doubt be
pleased to see you.

I think you would enjoy a
Trip to Lotten - and will try to
[illegible] on Skelding that what
we know of [illegible] is worth his
time to try to learn -
Ashland is doing well. We
hope to get Brick work done in
Hotblast over next week - dry
out, and make connections in
ten days - and then see
what we can do -

Mayo hopes to get track to Samuel
this week - We talk out October for
finishing, but the work will take
until [illegible] - The Norton is
"Struck" at - Too much Quarting there.
[illegible] - little money in
Nails now - All well, but few
at home.

Yours truly
John Meany

[illegible] August 30

J. Henry Foster
Goshen Va

Dear Henry

Your fear of [illegible], is
at hand, and has been shown to
[illegible] who will [illegible]
[illegible] determined on
to filling the Ramsey's [illegible]. I
have also mentioned to [illegible] Meany
and will do so to the Ramsey when
I see him next.

All well

Yours truly
John Meany

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[illegible] August 81

E. R. Willard Esq.

Dear Sir

[illegible] ago, question was made about the [illegible] used at Lawrence in the St. Rock region, As I recommend as to whether it was taxable by the United States &c. The Internal Rev. Assessor and Collector near Lophus Va. takes the ground that scrip used by the Lowhoon Ins. Co. is subject to tax of ten (10) per cent, in like manner as circulating notes of State Banks can you inform me as to the question made in this St. Rs. region and by what officer the ruling was made, date &c.

I believe that it was decided the Companies had the right to use and that in fact you still do use it.

I do not refer to the

[illegible] not in a doubtful enterprise where you [illegible] the, and now one to look at. I would for rather lead money at [illegible] than the legal rate, to induce some [illegible] on royalty - in hands we now be [illegible] & than to pay others for privilege when we can have to right to buy.

I clean tonight for Lowhoon, and [illegible] with one or four dollars for the [illegible]. We think Lodson a good property but I [illegible] quite a difference to look after has 250 [illegible] from home, than from a place I can [illegible] in a hour or two's ride. All [illegible]

Yours truly

John Allen

26th August 81 21

Dear Father

I had some days ago a talk with Mr Russell on the subject of mining coal and making [illegible] at Wyant's Eagle Mines, at Frederick on the C&O R.R. Mr. Russell thought it would be a good thing for Means Kyle & Co in connection with a furnace at Harry Park. Now it strikes me that if Mr Russell was offered similar coal lands at the same prices, situated in Boyd County, or if Means Kyle & Co were offered in new Elizabeth township let some Lawrence lea, that both would decline without a second thought. I can see nothing to recommend going 100 miles from home to lease from an estate subject to control of a court, on higher terms than we would pay at home. The man Wyant seems to be a clever man, but we know little almost nothing about him. And he would be the manager of the Kanawa business. If you want more landed property, buy near home where it can be managed by those you know, and in connection with what we now have; and don't let the present "boom" induce to spread,

3rd Sept 80

Terry Conlin
Lonmore Va.

Dear Sir

I have seen the managers of both furnaces here, and find they have all places filled, and seem to spare. And that there is nothing I can recommend to you. Hoping you may soon secure as good place, as your habits of industry and sobriety merit and my good wishes for success I am

Yours respectfully
John Meanes

John L. Wisdom Esqr
Poughkeepsie N. Y.

Dear Sir

Left Lisbon, last evening having spent 3 days there, very pleasantly from impediment to be seen and little things to see. Stebbins took the Fox Wednesday night & Mr Reed and others I left the guests London are invited by Mr Richards, and we had an Evening in each before I left. Sand myself enabled to see Mr Mann's 378 acres, thereby having opportunity to study the cultivated plant, and gain of Mr Hamilton and Mr Mann knowledge of his mode before taking lands. Mr Mann is to meet Mr Stebbins, was to leave off yesterday Friday, Saturday Sunday, saying he would be day here & not be expected to be seen at home in the neighborhood. Stebbins & Mann see them keep it in sight as long as we can keep them seeing; which you will remember was very near true — the engine and other parts shown out of case and the mode of keeping it on Richmond hill. That would make him appreciate the necessity of keeping every part in order. Left London having made estimate of the Ore and Limestone he might get, & agreed here to buy 600 tons Ore from Mr Hyman & Mr Richards & do agreed to buy all the limestone of satisfactory quality, he ought to be able to buy. I think his estimates of amounts likely to be short rather too low — by Reading days in March as I think he may. The furnace will cost up to 600 tons per week. Cold Spring with proper attention can to handle circular; and plan for stock sheds to keep up ore in Winter but rather. Mr Cole's hire from which coke may be taken for Furnace, the latter is stated by Mr Cole to be steam, settlement, the ground leased by Mr Cole [illegible] of ore in August [illegible] Mr Cole [illegible] Mr Cole [illegible] Mr Cole

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Wed Sept 81

Mr. Van Eyck
Newport, R.I.

Dear Sir

Spend your favor of 26th ult, this morning, on returning from Lotus, where I have spent seven days. A Goodwin is bringing our business into systematic and orderly work. Every one knows where he can be found in the office or celebrates — The output of our [illegible], I think greater in August than in any month before. Being short for water at cracker engine, his output of Limestone was not large, but the men were stripping, and when he can start the water, will get the stone uncovered in [illegible]. Mr Skelding took the furnace Wednesday night [illegible] and when I left; felt confident of his control. No trouble or dissatisfaction among the men. He is prudent and will make changes gradually. Skelding believes he can keep here in blast this winter; and will be able to make many changes and repairs with the furnace at work; which with Mr. Richards we could only have done after putting her out — The engines, hot blast stove and other parts show great want of care on the part of Mr Rigoning, out of [illegible] experience on his part. I like Mr. Richards as a [illegible] fellow, and think he will make a good furnace [illegible] some one who knows all parts of the business he might do much better than under Wicker or Goodwin — I believe the [illegible] have better yield from our ores, not that they will be any better but that we shall get out all the iron in them, and care it afterwards; not wasting it in the cinder pile, as has been largely done heretofore — I shall try to spend a day or two during this month at Lotus.

Very truly yours

John Mears

Lawrence Scott Esq Scott Lawrence Dean Mills
Boston Va
Dear Sir
If you will have [illegible]
T Rail of 25, 28 or 30 lbs per yd.
Please give size or sizes [illegible]
price for 10 to 12 tons f.o.b.
cars. Send write
Lawrence Dean Co
Lawrence Va
And oblige yours
respectfully
John Wheaney

Vice Sept 81

Oct September 81

James H. Shelding Esq
Lawrence Va — Dear Sir

I have just seen Mr Houghton who has been working the past two weeks, the "Star" way from Mr Lyman's mine. Without knowing your views as to pushing towers into furnace, he tells me that he had his in ten (10) inches and that if he worked any more of this one he would have large towers and push them in fourteen (14) inches. Do you see you have both reasoned in the same way. I leave for Lenti at noon

Yours truly

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7th Septem 81

John F. Winslow Esqr
Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd is at hand, I do not feel that anything has been proven at Lew. Furnace. Any machine, any thing, must be kept in good order for good results. Richards did not keep any part in good order; his best work was at the start, and before he had much wear. The second, period of six months, at any Furnace should be better than the first. My pressure was for 16 feet & 65 feet. Do not think we should reduce to less than 18 D. with 75 H. If I made any change with this H. would increase this; the wearing of Fire will do this, and we can see without cost whether I am right.

Think slight change in Bell & Hopper will decrease wear on lining, which seems to be the tender spot. All well.

Mercury at 95°, dry and dusty

Very truly yours

John Mcauf

7th Sept 81

H. C. Emmons Esqr Agent
Richmond Pa.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th all came while the writer was away.

We made an Ber Iron here.

Only Mid. and Pig Iron

Very respectfully
Yours

8th Sept 81

Capt. C. M. Holloway.
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand. I agree with you that it is a matter of prudence to insure the boats named, for a time against fire, and assure so doing at once. I see report of sale [illegible] stock at 90 in papers.

Yours truly
John Meany

8th Sept 81

Capt. [illegible]
Louisville Va

Dear Sir

I find that the foundry of the [illegible] Cupola, is [illegible] feet square inside. The Cupola is 48 inches [illegible] feet high, with 10 lining, [illegible] melt [illegible] lbs. Our former says he thinks a 42 in Boiler and 8 in lining would give sufficient melting capacity for your needs. When any heavy castings are made iron can be had from the furnace at casting.

Very truly yours
John Meany

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10th Sept 81

Capt H. W. Goodwin

Tolman Va. Dear Sir

Kenneth Eastern

Riverside Iron Works [illegible] of the instant: and send [illegible] Cork of 80 lb, [illegible] rail is very little [illegible]. You might ask Cork for offer delivered at your place. Would not buy it any other way.

You cannot get your Cinder [illegible] and track [illegible]

No boats [illegible] on the [illegible] of an [illegible] drought.

Yours Truly

John [illegible]

Published by 10th September 1881

Yours of 8th inst. [illegible]

Have forwarded same to

Goodwin for reply.

They may be able to see some

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

Dr. S. Cook

Wrightsville Pa.

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12th September 81

Dear Father

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12th Sept 81

G. Gilchrist Esq
240 Main Street,

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[illegible] 15th Septem

H. M. Bell Esqr

Staunton Va. — Dear Sir

I am [illegible] in [illegible] of Furnace Statement for week ending [illegible] Showing that [illegible] to ton of iron was 2.77 tons, while the week ending 27th ult only showed 3.07 quite a difference, yet both I think nearly right. I was at [illegible] that week and know the reason. Yet the one was as good the one as the other week. The first week they were largely [illegible] iron weighed or one or not weighed at all. The last week an increase of burden was put on the furnace, too late for the increase to show in the iron. What I desire to call yr attention to, is I notice in the "Virginia" (Hotchkiss paper) reports of working giving tons, of iron made — ore, lime, and coke used — which I suppose

Mr H. gets from you or Mr. Lathette. As there will be some day, I think a demand for Va. Iron ores, for working in this and other sections, I am not believe it a good thing do give me the items of a weekly report for publication. Many see and will remember these and estimate values accordingly. One of these low yields will not be forgotten — you will remember the adage "give a dog a bad name &c" —

I would advise that you give Mr H. only the weeks of iron and let him and others make their own estimates — I think to that — Lehm one, will prove better than an average from past working will show —

Yours ever

03 ord Sept 81

Wm Richards Esqr
Warren Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th instant came duly to hand: glad to hear from you and hope your wife is well again. We have just finished a fourth Stove (Whitwell 16"x50") for the Ashland Furnace, and an bracket up, in order to make the connections to furnace.
We hope this will give us 1200° Lahr or more more, and enable us to drive the furnace faster, as well as save fuel. Have been running 320 to 350 tons per week, 6½ days, we stop on daylight Sunday; only use raw coal for fuel; our stock yields about 55 per ct Furnace 15"x 60". We hope to do some good work after we start again. Shall be glad to hear from you and where you go. As with your knowledge of handling a furnace, fixed habits of industry and sobriety, we feel sure it will not be long before some position as your merit entitles will offer. With best wishes
Yours truly John Meany

23rd Sept 81

Hon L. T. Moore
Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Your of 20 ond instant is at hand. I will sell my interest in the Handly land for twenty seven ($2,700.00) dollars one half cash balance at interest one and two (1 & 2) years; and quit claim. The purchaser must take lawsuit and all.

Yours truly
John Meang

28th Sept 81

Hon L. T. Moore

Dear Sir

Your of 24th is before me, was from home, when it came. I meant twenty seven hundred ($2,700.00) dollars for my interest, be it more or less (which as I understand is one half (½) of the Handly land), and will quit claim to same. There is too much uncertainty as to quantity for me to warrant title.

Yours truly
John Meang

Ackland Ky 30th Sept. 1881
Capt. [illegible] Goodwin

Dear Sir

The inclosed letter from Gordon & Gordon explains itself. You had better consult Mr Parrish on this matter. I suppose the Mr Harper was the blacksmith in charge of the shop and if he permitted the powder boy to put it into the shop it was at his own risk. Mr Pollard can tell, what his instructions were to the powder boy.

Yours truly
John Meany

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20th Sept

K. F. Prichard Esq
Cattleburg Ky

Dear Sir

I have [illegible]
no rent from my "French House" [illegible]
1st July 1880 — Please [illegible]
or change Tenants or [illegible]
as you deem advisable.
I must have rents paid [illegible]
promptly.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

[illegible] Sitter Esq
Mt. Palatki, Ill.

[illegible] Sept

Dear Sir

Cash May I [illegible]
you asking for the names of [illegible]
of the [illegible] Lawyers in your county
[illegible] have no reply. I suppose
shall be obliged to bring a
[illegible] against [illegible] for
the money [illegible] from
[illegible] Please give me
names of lawyers, we shall [illegible]
go to your county [illegible]
[illegible]

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

J. C. Garrett Esq.
Webster Group, Mo.

30th Septem 80

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th inst came duly to hand also telegram of later date to which last I replied. I delayed writing that I might see Mr Russell & Hyde Meanf, but owing to absence of both of them and myself, could not do so sooner. Mr Russell took the place of Prest in N.J.W., at considerable inconvenience and loss to himself, and urgent solicitation of directors and stockholders, and we all feel that he should chose his own successor, and time for retiring which, he is anxious to do, whenever he thinks change can be made, without disadvantage to our Company. He has hoped, to get some one who had had experience in the rolling mill and nail business. but has no one now in view. Having had no acquaintance with you he feels hardly able to recommend or give an opinion.

Owing to the long intimate and satisfactory relations between Mr K, Hall and myself you can well understand why we hesitate to

[illegible] urge in this matter, as we might do under different circumstances. With these explanations if you think worth while to visit Hobart, we shall be pleased to see and confer with you further on the subject.

Yours truly
John Meany

Before sending I have thought well to show this to Mr Wells

[illegible] October 81

Harry Meany
Marietta O.

Dear Harry

Yours of 28th ult. came duly to hand. Herewith first draft on N.Y. account fifty ($50+) dollars. You must indorse your name as I have written it on the draft. We will —

Yours truly
John Meany

George Crawford in a/c with John Meaux

1881				
Oct	10	For rent of House in Academy lot from 10th of Feby 1880 – at 10 p month 20 Rec		200 00
1880		Cr –		
Feby	16	By Cash		10 00
March	15	" "		10 00
April	16	" "		10 00
May	18	" "		10 00
July	3	" "	to Mr Meaux	10 00
Aug	4	" "	" Rec	10 00
Sept	4	" "	"	10 00
Oct	21	" "		10 00
Jan	2	" "		10 00
1881 Feby	28	" "	to Rec	10 00
April	20	" "	" Rec	10 00
May	26	" "		10 00
July	11	" "	to City	10 00
Sept	28	" "	" Mr Meaux	10 00 $ 140 00
Oct	10	To Balance due J Meaux from G Crawford –		$ 60 00

Ashland Ky. 1st Oct 1881 –

Mr Crawford

Here please find account made to 10th of this month showing Sixty ($60) dollars to be due me at that date – Please examine and if correct send me this balance – Yours

Very respectfully

John Meaux

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[illegible] Oct 81

Capt. H. W. Goodwin
Lowthorn Va. Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st inst, is at hand. I understand the Big Iron at Terrol, and Quinimont with the ore and coke are or will be attached for debts due to Commission merchants at Cincinnati. You are safe to buy the Hard Fossil ore at $2.00, but dont agree to take a soft clay mixture, with iron which lies under the ore. The hard ore, will yield 45 to 50 per ct iron. The soft stuff 20 to 30 per ct only. I do not expect to go to your place Wednesday. Expect to be in Pittsburgh the 18th instant, and must go to Illinois sometime soon. You did right to order the winder ore. They cannot be put in use for [illegible]. Nor do I think

Our furnace now is banked up to connect a new Act Blast Store (No 4) and we expect to start Wednesday morn 5th instant.

With regards to your family
Am your truly
John Means

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John A. Shank Esqr, [illegible] Oct
[illegible] O. —

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] was duly to hand & I hope to meet with the commissioners on the [illegible] instant. Will you please send me copies of the circular for our Senators and Congressmen or send to them [illegible]. You only sent me one [illegible] in [illegible] attached.

Very respectfully
John Shank

Oct 18

[illegible] Dear
Sir
Attend to. Gentlemen
I find you
[illegible] of [illegible] last $[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] please first [illegible]
[illegible] on A. V. Shank for same
Please pardon my negligence.
Very respectfully
John Shank

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[illegible] October 81

Capt. [illegible] W. Goodwin
Lawrence, Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd instant, is at hand, and contents noted. I had telegram yesterday from Little suggesting Wednesday 26th of this month as convenient for them for a day for meeting of stockholders. Dr. Houghton was here Saturday and said that the Hawks Nest Co. would have bid for our contract for coal at Ninety .90 per ton, on sliding scale as per one of mining, if they had been asked. I suppose for small quantity they will ask more. I hope you will not have to stop the furnace for want of coal.

Yours truly
John Meany

[illegible]

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10th October 81

[illegible] October 81

T. N. Johnson Esq
Portsmouth Ohio. Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th instant is at hand covering check for eight hundred and seventy 05/100 ($890.05) dollars for my share of work of Clifton.

Don't know anything of the Lauf or "Hallan" Claim. Don't desire to purchase land in these countries —

Very respectfully
John Alesey

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Lewisburg Va. Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th is at hand. I think 9th November will suit all parties for [illegible] [illegible] better than [illegible] day. I hope you will get cool to keep furnace running. If you can get the coal (Shale) you and Mr Lemond spoke of, now would be good time, to try part raw coal, while short of Coke. My information and experience is that the New Rim is better for [illegible] Hexanda Coals. Glad to hear of Skeldings good work with fur. Keep her going if you cause there seems to be a [illegible] in prospect for iron. We started [illegible] with [illegible] Store No 4 and it has kept them taking coal off our [illegible]. Keep all our [illegible] pipes red hot — [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] Oct 81

A. Aug. Low Esqr
11 Burling Slip, New York, N. York

Dear Sir

Your telegram of [illegible] is at hand with good news as to [illegible]. I hope the price will not go so high as to flood market with foreign [illegible] as did two years ago. Have advice from [illegible] to day would probably reach 700 [illegible] week. They were making No [illegible] (probably) when I left them 27th ult. We have just connected Hol B, Stem No 4 at the [illegible] and started Friday 7th, since which time [illegible] says he has been busy taking off coal. It is wrong to [illegible] figures, but we expect good [illegible] from increased heats.

There is a small balance due by me to [illegible], with interest. Please have [illegible] to me, and I will remit [illegible]. Please remember me

[illegible] Oct 81

Thos A. Mack Esqr
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I have letter from [illegible] [illegible] the meeting at [illegible] [illegible] adjourned to 9th November [illegible]. [illegible] if the [illegible] kept up [illegible] or [illegible] the first of the week, they would make 700 [illegible]. The [illegible] were stopped for [illegible] of water to make steam. [illegible] was going well [illegible] from [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Abraham [illegible] with No 4 Stem Friday [illegible] says he has done nothing [illegible] [illegible] off coal. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]th Oct 81

Hon A. Mack Esq
98 West 3rd St, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mack

Canyon give me any information as to the "Quantity Malleable Iron Co" of your plan. Their works are at the old McKenna Pump Works. They are often to propose to move their establishment here, and I desire to know whether it is worth while to bring them.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
John Means

10th Oct 81

Mrs T. L. Lockwood,
Huntington, Wis.

Dear Madam,

Yours of 12th inst. was duly to hand. Hanscritt placed fund check, twenty five ($25.00) dollars for the church. So this which I promised & I hear forgotten. Mackyard daughter, send bank cheque.

Yours very sincerely
John Means

14th October 81

Master E. E. Meany
Granville Ohio.

Dear Cooke

Yours of 9th inst came duly to hand. Herewith I send draft on N.Y. - twenty five ($25.00) dollars as requested. I think it would be well to join the society, the knowledge you will gain of parliamentary usage and accustoming yourself to speak your own thoughts in debate, you will find useful in after life. As to your eyes - Why are them less, and your ears more - Don't read much in new papers and books, other than your text books. Let out doors all you can. You will find shooting good for the eyes. Old hunters and persons who used their eyes out doors are not near sighted. Harry and others can tell you what is worth knowing in the papers. And novels and such books as you mostly read where at home, were not very instructive.
The Union Depot is in the architects

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[illegible] Oct 81

O. P. Huntington Esq
No. 9, Nassau St. New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th Cur. [illegible] inst, while C. L. Patterson and myself were at the Tunnel.

Mr Mason says he can let us through by or before 15th prox. They were all in good heart and pushing lively.

Very Truly
John Meany

[illegible] Nov 81

Master E. C. Meany
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Cooke

Your of [illegible] ult, was found on my return from Mr. Carr. The girl had a nice trip and enjoyed it. But for myself there was little pleasure. Was not well when we left home, kept so and returned rather worse than better after the trip. Did nothing yesterday except to get some medicine from Dr. Mont, which is taking some effect to day.

I would have written sooner [illegible] Mt Hope Bank, N.Y. fifty ($50.00) [illegible]

Remember me to all

Yours Truly
John Meany

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Nov 81

Thos S. Mack Esq
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Mack

The Pullman Sleeper from Columbus to White Sud Spr has been taken off, and none will be run until the 13th inst. Mr Smith offers to send one of the C.&O. old sleepers here next Monday night for us, the you would have to sit up until you come here, and if Saint Valley train be late, would miss the connection. Advise me, by mine Saturday whether to have him send it. I think he boots the best way to come.

Yours truly
John Meany

4th Novem 81

Messrs A. A. Low & Brothers
No 81 Burling Slip, New York, N.Y.
Gentlemen

Your fam of 21st ult came and is found on return after absence from home — with check $299.13 and account current and interest, which seem to be correct. I had supposed myself in your debt, rather than you in mine —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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4th December 81

W. P. Hornes Esqr
Cincinnati O. Dear Sir

Yours of 29th ult
was found on my return
home from home part of
this state – I had not heard
when in Cinti of any change
in the office of the Mr Company
Do not now know of anything
about here to which I would
recommend you. Should
I hear of anything I will
advise you.

My respectfully
J. Courtleany

84th Novr 81

W. Martin Esqr Cashier
London O.

Dear Sir

Please credit Children
when very Mrs and November 1881 to
[illegible] of Ashland Note Bank
[illegible] of [illegible]
Very respectfully
J. Courtleany

15th Novr 81

Messrs Tweed & Andrews
81 Pearl St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find check on Metropol. Nat Bank — fifty one Dollars ($51.73) dollars, in payment your bill of 29th ult —

Very respectfully
John Means

19th Novr 81

Mitchell & Hammelsberg Fur. Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

On or about the 31st ult, my daughter ordered a Chair from you — to be sent by Express to G. Baumann, this place — and instructed that the bill for same be sent to me.
The bill has not come to hand and am afraid, you may have sent Chair, by Ex, C.O.D.
Please advise and oblige

Very respectfully
John Means

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1st Nov 81

N. Derby Esq
789 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst is at hand with Samples. You may have made and send suit for Hildreth Marked "Indigo Blue No 913" $35. — For The Overcoat Send me samples of goods "light weight" —

Also oblige yours
Very respectfully
John Ellery

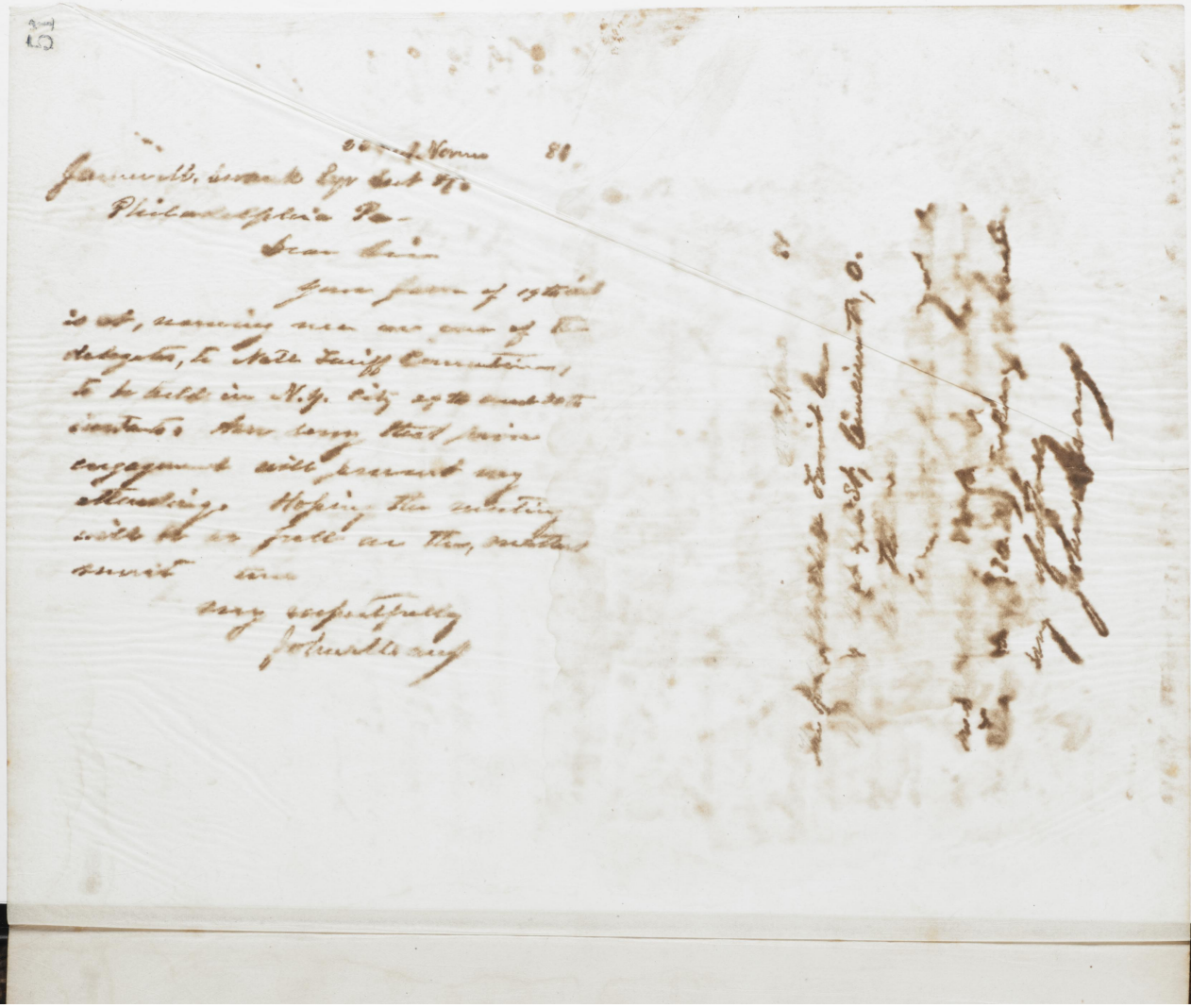
9 grand Nov 81

T. B. Thorlkeld Esq
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

The slips herewith, will give you the facts, as to matters of which you write — and can be arranged or omitted as may please yourself — Should you desire further, information or revision after you have selected from these, will take pleasure in serving you.

Very respectfully
John Ellery



[illegible] 1851

Messrs Estes & Cleveland

[illegible] Washington Street, Boston [illegible]

Gentlemen

Please send me by expressed, for your "First Old Book Catalogue"

No 150	Godwin Monuments and Buildings		$7.00
182	Symmetry of Pleasing Proportions		2.50
221	Robertson Works	12 Vols	7.00
483	Memoir of life of John Quincy Adams		1.50
521	Moore (John) Works of "	7 Vols	2.00
529	Burns (Robt) " "	4 "	2.50

and Oblige

Very respectfully

John Adams

Address John Adams

Ashland

Kentucky.

25th Novem 81

Received of Mr M. H. Young Fifty ($50+) dollars, part payment of the note due 24 March 1899 — bal. left in Ashland Nat'l Bank this day

John Mears

Capt H. W. Goodwin

Dear Sir

Your favor of 23rd inst is at hand, and also statements from Mr Perry & Dalton. Am glad to hear that Cinder Carg and rails have been received, and hope Mr Skelding will get such changes as may reduce cost of labor at Furnace which always has been and is now too much, although lower than formerly. While he has furnace stopped he should try to fix boilers so as to use less coal under them. I note what you write as to ore coming in &c. I think it would be well, that you open the Ore above the house to be worked as you suggested when I saw you — that prospecting between that and the open cuts Nos 3-7-9 &c &c be well done to see if work from the open cuts can be carried to the other at the same time, would prospect up Raleigh Hollow for at least one mile, with view to get on from there soon as possible. You have so little which can now be worked that you will soon exhaust your opening

[illegible] too soon. I think in these [illegible] work [illegible] perfecting you will find Frank Lyman [illegible] to [illegible] or any one you have [illegible] you, probably better. He seems to get [illegible] the [illegible], and he has [illegible] [illegible] from Mr Wicker, so to [illegible] [illegible] than any one else [illegible] [illegible] kind regards to your family.

Yours truly

John Meany

28th Nov 81

Messrs Harper & Brothers

Franklin Square, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order, Seven ($7.00) dollars, for renewal of subscription for

Monthly beginning December 1881 and

Weekly coming at present marked

"88 Meany John 1804"

very respectfully

John Meany

Norm 81

The Century Co.
Union Square, New York, N.Y.
Gentlemen
Herewith please find
P.O. order from Four ($4.00) dollars, in
renewal for "Monthly" beginning
January 1882, to my address.
Very respectfully
John Henry

H. B. Norris 81

A. A. Low Esq.
[illegible] Slip, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Herewith I send letter from Mr Mack which is opinion of Kennedy and Mr Linton, on our supply at Lowell. That he may be short for a time, for want of more development and facility of delivery, from our own property, is probably true. Mr. S. has been accustomed to our and our fields in regular, horizontal, positive and our area in square acres, appears small to be in for so large a furnace. Since my visit at Lowell, I think and while there Mr. Mack written and spoken to leapt Goodwin of the importance of more extensive openings for working, both right and left from those now worked. It may be found necessary to day down one half to one mile of track to the right of Work. With more extensive openings, so that one may be taken from one when possibly it cannot from another, I think there is one enough on our property to last for many years. Yet I acknowledge that I would prefer to buy one lands adjoining or favorably situated rather than to make dividends

N. Beck, Esqr
Dy. Post St. Newark, N.J.

Dear Sir

O. S. Ferrey Esq
Mt. Sterling Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of
the [illegible] at hand
Companies to which I suppose you refer,
are over 20 miles from here, and with
which I am not familiar, having
only a general knowledge of that subject.
I would not pay a premium for
those in any company which has
not proven its capacity for paying.
The ground floor is liable when
the earthquakes. If the owners,
and men in charge of any business
do not have experience, there
is very apt to be disappointment
& results. The profit of insuring
are usually largely overestimated.

Yours truly
John [illegible]

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Capt H. W. Goodwin
Lowbrow Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] ult, is at hand with bond & letters. I have signed the bond and with P's letter hereunto return to you. I hope you won't have much trouble at starting the Furnace after stop. I would get outside lines of the land now and prospect all the way from Raleigh mine up Harmon branch on our land and get as much of Frank Symon's knowledge in this as you can, and then will be the advantage of having him learn all that he can of it, at the same time. Yourself and Frank can adopt, and avoid conflict with Mr. Conrad's peculiar disposition better than any others about

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3 December 80

Albert G. Meany Esq
Spartanburgh, S.C.

Dear Sir

When your last letter was received I contained some reference to questions asked by me & to our ancestors, from which I thought it might soon be followed by another, and I delayed reply so long that I had forgotten the date, which I now see was July 1879. I have hoped too that yourself and others of our kin would visit us before this, as you wrote you thought to do so. Wednesday 23rd of November, my father was 78 years of age, and on Thursday 24th was Thanksgiving day, our family met and dined at his home in Hanging Rock. My mother Will came up from Cinti, my sisters (two) on with my father, my sister Jane's (now dead) son, with my wife three daughters, and one son and a few friends were present, my younger two sons are away in Marietta Ohio at college. I need hardly write that it was a pleasant meeting. Father is in excellent health, comes to dine with us here nearly every Wednesday. The day we met at H.R., was so cold and blustering

that Uncle Hugh did not think it prudent for him to venture to go — My sons at Marietta dined with Aunt Burgess and her family. They write that she is in good health and is able to go to church nearly every Sunday. Uncle Hugh has shown me a letter from Miss Foster of your family, please thank her for the kindness she expresses towards me. Our business is satisfactory, prices fair with [illegible] demand. We have just completed an extension of our Railroad, which now [illegible] the Clev & Chic RR, with roads to Louisville and Memphis, and really is one [illegible] in the line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, via Southern Pa and C&O. Through trains for business will be put on Monday [illegible] Our town grows slowly but steadily with [illegible] speculation growth —

We have good health on town and in our families. Will be glad to hear from you again, but more pleased to see you — With kindest regards to your family

Yours truly

John Means

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Fry Decem 81

Messrs Robert Clarke Co
61 & 63 West, 4th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Nat Bank your city, Eight 40/100 ($8 40/100) dollars, in full of account, to date.

Very respectfully
John Meany

5th December 81

Kitas John Esqr
865 Broadway, New York N.Y.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find notes for $500 each in favor of Murphy and Miss Maggie — which please date, sign and return to me, and I will remit to you for them. Quarterly payments of interest will be so small, that I have thought best to make them due semi annually.

Yours truly
John Meany

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5th December

J. J. McDonald Esqr
Corner 35th Washington Ave, St Louis Mo

Dear Sir

I have heard nothing from or of Mr Caruth, since he left Cincinnati with you. He seemed so ill, that I have felt concerned to hear from him. Will you please [illegible] me how he is now, and oblige

Yours truly
John Allen

The Addend is 15 feet by 60 [illegible] Stope Sinks
18 " 75 " Cobbles and Gums

6th Decem 81

Edward A. Low Esqr
21 Burling Slip, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 2nd inst [illegible] to hand yesterday and the Inds Thirty, Seven Iron Co, this morning. When I was last at Lowbridge Shelding said if we would put another battery of boilers and Hot Blast Stove he could make 800 tons per week as often as he can 700 now —

From the working of the Ashland F., since putting on a fourth Stove, I think Shelding could do as he promises. We have made 400 tons alone as used to make 300, and with about the same fuel. Which you will see is a great gain.

Yours truly
John Allen

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[illegible] 21 [illegible] 51

Dear Father

[illegible] Capt. H. W. Goodwin

[illegible] proposal to [illegible] Government of this [illegible] Town, which I should [illegible] effected although a little [illegible] different. I think it would [illegible] will for you to come [illegible] der what you think of it. I [illegible] to go to Biela must [illegible] must be your [illegible]

Your [illegible]
John Gregg

[illegible] I am quite [illegible] I am glad to [illegible] [illegible] I would bring [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

10th December 8

Victor Lehn Esq
135 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Dear George

Herewith please find Leland N. Bank draft on Third Nat'l New York City, endorsed to your order Onethousand ($1000.00) dollars; for my Sister Mrs Adams and Miss Maggie. Yours of 7th instant is at hand, inclosing your notes in favor of each of them for Fifteenhundred ($1500.00) dollars. At return to you the Onethousand ($1000) note dated 3rd instant in favor of Miss Maggie; for which the others are received; for the money remitted you by draft on above stated.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Father was 78 years old the 2nd of November and is very well. Capt Culbertson and Fanning are very well.

Yours truly
John Leland

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[illegible] December 51

John F. Weinstein, Esq.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th inst. and
inclosing letter of [illegible], were duly to hand.
Have said letter from him of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible]. Have advised Lordine to proceed, for
opening on the left (going up) from open [illegible] letter
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the right
from [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
and have letter from him, that he will do
so soon. This will [illegible] about 3 miles
in extent, and I have no doubt, [illegible] large
quantity of [illegible] and when [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
to stock the [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible]
I think that [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] might
say to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with compliments of
the [illegible] — Yours truly

John [illegible]

12th December 81

[illegible]

Dear Sir

You will make entries on pattern [illegible] for transactions on [illegible]

Yours truly

John Meany

Sundries To Ashland N. Bank

Ashland Realty For [illegible] Co. [illegible] on [illegible] of Six (6) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] $500.00

John Meany For [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 600.00

$1000.00

Sundries To John Meany

Southern Bonds For 30 Bonds of the Southern Inn Co. of Va.; Nos 170 to 199 inclusive, dated 1st July 1880, payable 1 July 1891 each $1000 + interest at six (6) p.c. payable at Office of Treasurer (A.A. Low, 31 Burling Slip New York City) [illegible] 1 July

John Meany Pres. A.A. Low Treas. $30,000.00

Interest For Officers charges and interest accrued 146.39

$30,146.39

I have left [illegible] [illegible] 6 January 1882 at Ashland N. Bank [illegible] Bonds taken to [illegible] Safe Deposit Box

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Acknowledged by 27th Decr 1881
Form of 12th Canon [illegible]
I have from home [illegible]
[illegible]
John B. Blackburn
Yours &c John Hallam
[illegible]
[illegible]

Acknowledged by 27th Decr 1881
Form of 23rd Canon to hands to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

27th December 28

H.W. Goodwin Esq
Ludlow Va

Dear Sir

Your letter of 24th inst came to hand on Wright. Have been trudging in Cook Town and since he engaged the conveyance of this week and part of all of Cuff. Replied to your telegram to Mr to Sheeting, Judgment about the [illegible]. If your living stands on very under a little pitching you can soon put in the Heather and Rock on hands. I living is gone, you will have to get [illegible] of West Van Brink, Shelling [illegible] you about this. There is no need for [illegible] for a living. If you [illegible], I think it would be well to have a smaller [illegible] to [illegible] living. All [illegible] with compliments of [illegible] to your [illegible]

Yours
J. Ames Hoomsley

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28th Decr 81

John L. Peebles Esqr
Portsmouth D.

Dear Sir

I have notice of meeting of Ports S.H.Co. on 2nd prox. This being a day on which our council meets and I must or Mayor hold a Court, it will be impossible for me to attend. I send you my proxy. With compliments of the season to you and

Yours

John Meaux

[illegible]

[illegible] M. [illegible]
in account current and interest with
John [illegible]

1881			Dr.			Interest [illegible]
Feby	7	To	Draft from Co. Matthew Carter	$	125 00	9 07
March	30	"	do " " " (1st)		200 00	10 00
June	7	"	do " " " (2d)		100 00	3 96
Oct	10	"	Taxes City Ashland		2 00	
			Amounts	$	427 00	22 03
1881 Jan	31	To	Balance		73 09	— —
				$	500 09	

1881			Cr.			
Jany	1	By	Balance per c/a cent	$	266 05	18 62
Feby	5	"	3 Interest Company [illegible]		105 00	6 15
April	9	"	Dividend Manchester N. Bank		120 00	6 10
		"	Amounts		491 05	31 39
Dec	31	"	Difference in interest		9 04	— —
				$	500 09	— —
1882 Jany	1	By	Balance due [illegible] from [illegible]		73 09	

Ashland Ky
5th Jany 1882

Miss Margaret Adams

in account current with John Adams

1881		To	Paid	Bills of Exchange, Orders, Letters of Credit				Interest
January	10						346 10	23 61
	22						94 62	4 94
May	7						49 25	3 00
	10						49 25	3 00
	24						247 67	20 16
March	3						49 84	4 88
	11						99 40	7 00
			Received Bills of Exchange				44 12	6 89
	20		Paid Bills of Exchange, Orders, Letters of Credit				99 44	5 21
April	15						99 44	4 94
	26						109 29	5 67
May	25						109 07	5 83
June	12						40 10	1 56
July	17						151 11	5 05
	23						310 00	20 19
Aug	17						207 08	5 64
	26						148 28	3 59
Sept	15						98 90	4 03
	30						149 19	2 26
Oct	14						198 93	2 96
	15						789 60	11 60
Nov	2		2 Notes of Wm Brayton, with accounts.				2100 00	24 01
	7		Received Bills of Exchange, Orders, Letters of Credit				99 44	10 [illegible]
	18						198 58	1 64
Dec	10						500 00	2 74
							[illegible]	[illegible]
							[illegible]	

[illegible]		Cr.		Interest
Jany	1	By Balance per ap. rent	$ 8,766 51	$ 613 66
	5	" Norton J. W. Dis. Furnace rents	80 84	8 53
July	1	" 6 W.L. Coupons	60 00	3 85
	2	" Dividend Cleampion Co.	200 00	—
		" " No 16 Ashland N. Bank	400 00	38 36
	4	" Interest of D. Putnam	15 73	1 00
March	4	" Dividend No 2 Ky. J. C. & M. Co.	600 00	34 65
	30	" Cr. Nat. Bank Investor Error 10th Jany	149 40	7 84
April	21	" Dividend C. P. Big Sandy & P. Pkt. Co.	100 00	5 05
	9	" Cash Rents	37 50	1 90
May	17	" Cr. Nat. Bank Investor	826 50	15 94
	20	" Dividend J. R.R. Co.	167 00	6 49
June	7	" " Norton J. Works	1,550 00	61 48
	22	" Cr. Nat. Bank Investor	439 00	16 12
July	22	" 12 W.L. Coupons	120 00	3 71
	11	" Cash Rents	37 50	1 23
Aug	2	" Dividend No 17 Ashland N. Bank	400 00	11 59
	3	" Iron R.R. Stock sold	5,724 00	164 27
	17	" Dividend Cleampion Co.	150 00	3 90
Oct	5	" Cash Rents	37 50	.62
Nov	1	" 6 W.L. Coupons	60 00	.70
	15	" D. Putnam note & interest	237 23	2 10
Decem	31	" Difference in interest	855 99	$ 1,018 02
			20,777 33	
Jan	31	By [illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	

[illegible]

Ashland Ky. 8 Jany [illegible]

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9th Jany 82

James Skelding Esqr

Dear Sir

Your welcome favor of 28th ult, came duly to hand. Am well pleased to know you are so hopeful about future working and results. Advise freely with Capt Goodwin. I have advised him to place reliance on your judgement and skill. You have no doubt seen in the papers, that we have had rape, murder and arson in our town. The detection, arrest and steps for conviction of the guilty devils [illegible] will occupy my time for a while. Wishing many a happy New year to you and

Yours

John Meany

9th Jany 82

Capt H. W. Goodwin

Dear Sir

Your of 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th ult and 4th instant came duly to hand. We have had rape, murder, arson, and defalcation, in our midst, circumstances connected therewith have occupied so great a part of my time, as to prevent earlier reply to yours. Glad to hear of the start and work of furnace, do not think the matter so serious as you apprehended. Acts change in coal contracts, am not well enough advised as to yield and quality of coke, from the Hawks Nest mine or from stuck and fine coal alone of any of the mines, to recommend what you should do, in the matter. Will be satisfied with your and Skeldings judgement. Yours truly

John Meany

18th January 82

Dear Mack

Your of 11th inst, inclosing Ed. H. Lee's of 12th came duly to hand, & I [illegible] post pening meeting set for 26th inst until the 27 and [illegible]

This last date will suit me, [illegible] A. E. Winston and [illegible] accordingly. [illegible] Truman started yet [illegible]

Yours truly

John Mearns

Sentiments [illegible]

19th January 82

Louis Stern Esqr Treas C. P. Bij Sandy & P. Rr Co

Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th inst came duly to hand, inclosing checks for Dividend viz —

No 80 to myself [illegible] hundred ($[illegible]) dollars

" 81 " Mary A. Adams Three hundred & fifty ($350.00) "

" 82 " M. A. Mearns One hundred ($100.00) "

Very respectfully

John Mearns

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27th Jany 82

Edward A. Lee Esqr Sect K
31 Boeing Slip, New York.

Dear Sir

Your favors of 6 & 21 inst.
Come duly to hand.

I have an engagement for the 22 ond of February and cannot attend the Lecture meeting if held on that day.

Can attend a week before or week after that date.

Have good reports from Capt Boardman and hope to visit him, next week.

Very truly
John Meany

28 Jany

Alonzo A. Mason Esqr
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst is at hand.
Achieved was not incorporated in 1857.
Has no such debts nor any such
bondsmen other bonds.
Yours are [illegible].
Very respectfully
John Meany

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9th Jany 58

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Lewisburg Va.

Dear Sir

Your favors of 10th and 22nd ult came duly to hand. Are glad to hear you are getting along so well: with the very bad weather to delay you. The trial of the criminals is progressing in our court and requires some or less of my presence.

I hope soon to go to Ellis remain next week once if convenient to my family, may bring my wife or daughters.

You can safely trust to Ike's judgment about any repairs to Furnaces, I should do so myself if there.

Yours truly
John Letcher

9th Jany 58

C. C. Kelley
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Cooley

I have had a pretty hard cold for a week or two. Last term down Staunton Court room in the county the trial of Neal and Engle that is convicted of murder, were sentenced to death, Engle will be hung a week stronger case against him.

[illegible] you to meet the delegation [illegible] Cooley [illegible] to see [illegible] on various matters which [illegible] to Genera[illegible] [illegible] see letter to me [illegible]

Yours truly
John Letcher

28th January 87

Hon C. E. Porter

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I write you under cover to-day an Ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors, to repeal an Ordinance passed at the last session, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to value property for taxation, which I hope you will find satisfactory. The Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors, were men of high character for integrity, and intelligence, and I have no doubt they would value property fairly and impartially. I will give you the result of their valuation in the County and in the Town whenever the Assessor has given property (and valuations are fixed) at what he deemed a fair value. Our late Board appointed three (3) citizens of Oakland to supervise and equalize the assessment books. These three gentlemen did so, and believing Porter valued higher than most of other owners made a reduction from Porter valuation. This work was submitted to the Council which accepted the valuation of the Supervisors rather than that of Porter and the assessor. The County Assessor

and County Board adopted the valuation of the City superficies as approved by the council. The Railroad Commissioners, however, assuming to be better informed, as to value of Ashland property, than the three citizens, council and County Board, raised the valuation, many thousands of dollars. Now I hardly suppose you would undertake to set up your opinions of value of Ashland property above that of three citizens of [illegible], the [illegible] and County board of [illegible] independently of each other. Yet your valuing Ashland property, would be more likely to be right, than that of a stranger [illegible] in the town before, and only then a part of two days. I think one of the gentlemen left here, believing that pig iron came out of the furnace red hot but in the shape of pig iron, and that he did not know or learn that it came out melted in a liquid state.

With regards to Mrs M— am

yours truly

John Meaux

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8th Feby 82

C. B. Wilhoit Esqr
Grayson Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst came duly to hand with letter inclosed which I herewith return.

I have no doubt some of the best iron properties in the United States can be found in Georgia and Alabama but I am satisfied with Boyd's County Ky. With thanks for your courtesy near your

Truly
John Meanf

9th Feby 82

Mrs C. S. Hildreth
Decaden O.

Dear Sister

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Nat Bank Cinti- [illegible] hundred and nine ($109.00) dollars for [illegible] due 1st inst $105.00
[illegible] due Oct 1st of Jany 82 4.00
[illegible] sign and send receipt [illegible]

Yours truly
John Meanf

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11th May 82

Genl John Eckels
Frankfort Ky.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th inst. is before me. I have little fancy for a visit to Frankfort, but should you write or wire me, will try to go. Must be here 22 [illegible], and at [illegible] last prox. War at [illegible], yesterday, [illegible] going well, making from 98 to 100 [illegible] day, and getting on [illegible] not to fear exhausting stock.

Judge Ireland is in Frankfort, and has some liberal views than he had in 1878. It may be well for you to see him. Has had some experience at Frankfort.

All well save [illegible]

Yours truly
John Alexander

I will write Sec. Moore to day but will not mention that have heard from you.

[illegible]

Yours truly
John Alexander

11th Mo May 82

Hon L. Tolson
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 1st inst, and Auditor report came duly to hand, accept thanks. We thought as you do, that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to value anything but [illegible] and property for the purpose. But we could not make them think so, and we then was no appeal from their decision we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] might [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], for venturing to [illegible] their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible], you will find does not show the [illegible], [illegible], or [illegible] of [illegible]; in fact give no information as to extent of railroad interests or business; but is a whining kind of complaint that their power is not great enough, that they are very important people, and unfortunately for the world, it has not been found out, and that they desire to be legislated into greatness. As to fixing [illegible] for freight or passage, uniform rates for all roads is about as ridiculous, as to fix uniform charges for [illegible], Just imagine Ireland or yourself on a par with Frank Bruning!!!

How would you go about it to fix rates for Big

Sandy Beach Road cases, or for teams hauling logs to Sandy Cove, or for hiring changes for one of your workmen. Yet to fix rates for the Charleston R.R. would be the same thing, in effect. Rail Road business is simply teaming in a large way. Up and down hills, and amount of business to be or will can be done, make the prices, for teaming and for [illegible] and companies.

They [illegible] can get on R.R. charter with almost any [illegible] they will ask for; contractions [illegible] organizing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

13th Feby 82

Major Jed Hotchkiss
Staunton Va

Dear Sir

herewith please find
P.O. order, Two ($3.00) dollars for the
Virginia for 1882 —

very respectfully
John Meany

16th Feby 82

[illegible] Co.
[illegible]

[illegible]

Your form of [illegible]
inst, is at hand with check for
$104.00 as stated —

very respectfully
John Meany

17th February 72

Hon. Wm. A. Wheeler,

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I confess among the bills of public interest in the Legislature, one to incorporate the Town of Kingsbridge, I do not know what territory is embraced in the present bill. A few years ago they had a town incorporated in which they undertook to embrace several hundred acres of the Lands and Farms lying between Spuyten Duyvil Creek & the Harlem River, and the Harlem River & the Hudson River, including the Village of Yonkers, and the Town of Yonkers, and the Village of Tuckahoe, and the Village of Mount Vernon, and the Village of New Rochelle, and the Village of Pelham, and the Village of Pelham Manor, and the Village of Pelham Heights, and the Village of Pelham Park, and the Village of Pelham Bay Park, and the Village of Pelham Bay, and the Village of Pelham Neck, and the Village of Pelham Point, and the Village of Pelham Beach, and the Village of Pelham Harbor, and the Village of Pelham Cove, and the Village of Pelham Creek, and the Village of Pelham River

with [illegible] locality he will probably be able to tell from reading the bill what territory is under [illegible] theories. I notice that bills to put pauper idiots in charge of the county courts [illegible] I think this is very great mistake. That idiots and lunatics should be taken care of by the State, that the school for idiots formerly under charge of Dr. Stewart some 5 or 6 miles out of Frankfort, should be enlarged or others established until it will hold all idiots in the State. When they are able let their friends pay for their support. When young the parents will take the care, but as they grow older and families separate, there is none left to care for them, and to turn such over to the tender mercies of a county poorhouse, to let them out to who will [illegible] measure and bid lowest for supporting let the State support and when possible, as often is, to [illegible] in greater or less degree —

If the State will not do this, better, in mercy, do as some of the savage tribes, kill them off quickly, but don't prolong their agony by torture and elevation in poorhouses —

Yours truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 18th February 1882

W. H. Geiger Esqr

in account with

Miss Margaret [illegible] Meaux

1881 July 8	To Rent of Kilgore [illegible] for [illegible]	$[illegible]00.00
[illegible] Jany 8	" " " " " "	200.00
		$ 200.00

Please deposit to credit of [illegible] account in [illegible]

Ashland Ky - 22 and Feby 1882

I have this day deposited to your credit in Ashland Nat'l Bank: amount of your Bill ($[illegible]) for principal $4052 of 18th instant. Which I hope will be satisfactory

Yours truly

John Meaux

Patton Bros

[illegible] Ky

23rd Feby 82

Hon L. T. Moore Esq
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sale

Yours of 19th inst is just at hand. We can see no objection to a Police Court at Geigersville. Think it better than to make another magisterial district, thereby adding one more leatherhead to the County Court. If some one should "object" to your bill authorizing Boyd County to levy an advalorem tax, in a different manner from that fixed in the General Statutes we should not be mad. The law requiring corporation to report their property for taxation to the State Auditor, was passed as I suppose to save the Sheriffs commission for collection of Revenue; but as the Auditor is paid the same there is nothing saved to the State, and I can see no good from it. The county assessor and Commissioners will see to it, that the Ky. I. C & M. Co. lists it property at a fair valuation. But how is the Auditor to know whether rightly valued or not

It strikes me that home corporations not railroads had better be listed by the County assessor as you and I are rather than as now by State Auditor. There is great difference from year to year in the quantity of land listed, amounting in the South County of Boyd to several thousands of acres. And this is true over this State. If the County Clerk or other was required to furnish to the Assessor, the name of owners, quantity of [illegible] and location thereof, of the year previous she setting all transfers or conveyances. When we once got the land of a county properly listed, thereafter this would keep it and without the great variations we now have each year, which come from omissions. But there are so many things we can see errors in, that am afraid you think straighter than out in one term of service in Senate.

We have a big river but have heard of no damage hereabout.

You may tell your wife (it is not for you) that father was up and stayed last night and said her husband was the greatest man in they legislature and that he had seen nearly all of them in Atlanta. All well,

Yours truly
John Mcleod

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24th February 82

J. C. Sewall Esq.
Webster Grove, Me.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 14th came duly to hand, and I delayed reply until after our appointed directors meeting this day. Owing to high water and fogs the packets missed a trip at the time and the meeting was not held but postponed until the 8th prox.—

I think your suggestion a good one and that it might work well for all. Will advise you as soon as we have meeting of the result.—

Yours truly
John Meany

13th March 82

Dear Sir

Please sent me at your earliest convenience, copy of the [illegible] appointing Messrs Carey, Meany and Adams, committee to [illegible] at meeting of directors held [illegible] and oblige your most obedient servant

John Meany

H. B. [illegible] Sec'y [illegible] Works

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13th March 82

Hon A. Mack Esq
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack—

Yours of 9th is found on return home from Frankfort. There may be a great bargain in Eureka — but I cannot buy all the good things. I think it better for me, to be able to protect interests I now have, than to spread out after others. I neither could nor would give any attention this if I went into it, and if Mr B. sold for that purpose he would be disappointed. So there is little use to wait on me—

Yours truly
John Marvin

14th March 81

Thomas W. Meany Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Father

I have this day settled for the Cartell house, and paid by two checks on Ashland N. Bank as follows – to A. J. Crawford $1.049.54
" Mrs D. J. Cartell 6.669.99 $7.719.48

leaving unpaid Mrs Cartell's note dated
1881 Feby 1st Assessment from F. Veyssie $1.200.00
interest on same to 14 March 1882 80.52 $1.280.52

Mrs has agreed with Mrs Cartell for you that you will pay the Veyssie debt and interest – Crawford and Mrs Veyssie held liens on the property, Mrs Veyssie died a few weeks ago no administrator has been appointed, so there is no one authorized to receive payment and relinquish lien. Mrs Cartell has executed a deed which I have left for record. I inclose statement of account.

Yours truly
John Meany

Thomas W. Meant
in account with
John Meant

1880				
Novm	6	To	Cash deposited in Ashland N. Bank $	12 50
Decm	16	"	" 1 Copy of Republican	1 25
"		"	" Tax & Acknowledging deed of Prime $	1 00
20 Feby	14	"	" Recording deed in Grumps Co	5 00
May	20	"	" [illegible] Fee on 3 deeds	8 00
July	25	"	" Deposited in Ashland N. Bank	25 00
Sept	8	"	Ashland N. Bank pd Robt Peebler Sec [illegible]	20.000 00
Decm	17	"	Lenkner & Co Bonds	30.000 00
		"	[illegible] "	101 37
		"	Eggers Charges "	45 00
	23	"	Expenses Trip to Atlanta Co	105 80
1881 March	14	"	Ashland N. Bank check deposited	1.361 84
			Amount	51.666 76

			Contra	Cr
1880				
Sept	4	By	Balance	78.000 00
Nov	5	"	W. S. Bond Interest 1 Coupon	12 50
20 Feby	15	"	Cash	7 25
May	21	"	Cash on [illegible] deed	8 00
July	22	"	W. S. Bond Interest 2 Coupons	25 00
Aug	1	"	Ashland N. Bank	50.000 00
Nov	1	"	1 W. S. Bond sold [illegible]	1.014 01
Decm	17	"	Cash	600 00
			Amount	$ 129.666 76

15th March

J. C. Gardner Esq
[illegible] Ave. N.Y.

Dear Sir

Our directors meeting was [illegible] on the [illegible], and I was obliged to leave, at once for Newport. Messrs Coggam Gaus, Tobl. Adams and myself were appointed a committee to select a suitable person to take charge of the business of the corporation at the end of the current year. Messrs G. and A. have asked me to write you, to see whether you could or would hold yourself open for the place until that time, the fourth (4) Wednesday in April next.

Mr. Gaus lives in Cinti, is President of the Amazon Insurance Co., Adams you know lives here. If it would suit you to come to Cinti, Adams and myself would meet you and Mr G. there. We could also see two other directors living there. I expect to be engaged here on the 28th and 29th instants.

Yours truly

John Means

16th March 82

Capt John A. Meany
Tallmadge O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd came while I was from home.
My father has one brother and one sister living, also two sons and two daughters.
Capt Arch Meany lives in Pen Illinois.
My father will write to this place in a few weeks, when you can see him when you come.

Very respectfully
John Meany

15th March 82

J. H. N. Sickles Esq
Cuyahoga Co.

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of 4th I send herewith list of left [illegible] in your Town [illegible] 5 [illegible] [illegible] 18.38 [illegible] 65. Your Bond last year fixed the value at $4400 = for 5 [illegible] Dwelling [illegible] $2000 [illegible] to right [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully
John Meany

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17th March 82

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Swathmore Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 14th inst came duly to hand. I hope the furnace can be kept in blast a while longer as it will take about two (2) months for you to get material for repairs needed. As you have the Whitwell stores, I think it best to get [illegible] on of same, and moreover I hear of some who have tried the Cowper who are now putting up the Whitwell, from which it seems that cooper does not give satisfaction.

Also [illegible] Mrs M and daughters left 15th for California,

With regards to your family and

Yours truly

John Meanes

[illegible] note to Skelding in reply to [illegible] from him

17th March 82

James Skelding Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 14th inst is at hand. I can't say that I like the Mt Savage Brick Hearth and Bosh which you have on hand, but as we have them I think it best to put them in and use them. You did not say what the furnace was doing, am afraid not well. Try to hold her to it for a while, as it will take about two months to get material for repairs

Tom made 408 tons last week

Yours truly

John Meanes

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30th March 52

Dear Sir

After I sent to you by Ireland, I found the slip which I cut out and inclose you, and that I can say that it makes clear the right things needed, but as stating pretty well the difficulties, to be encountered by legislators. I don't think that any interest in our road here is keeping any back, for we have our business and our own, and have had no complaint as to our rates. We had a contract with the Norton R.R. (the only contract we had) for five (5) years, and on that contract the Norton put up the works, before the 5 years would we reduced the rates at a little more satisfactory to them.

But it is the general effect of unfriendly legislation, in stopping all enterprises [illegible] to be likely to be of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

in our position of the State.

Means to know that the prime mover in this matter is such a man as Johnson, is discouraging to any under the business. Mack came to me one yesterday about an iron property in Alabama — of which we had spoken before, and I told him that I was not inclined to go out of Boyd or adjoining counties, for new business. But when he came yesterday I [illegible] him of the legislation and what was proposed — and agreed that if, such men and malignant men as J. were to shape matters in Ky. I would go with him next month to look at the Mg. property, which is better as we now know than any here — but any objection had been to going [illegible] before. Now I think that if I do not change myself that I have two boys to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I do hope you may be able to carry out your own mind in the way suggested by [illegible] in slip herewith — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours truly John [illegible]

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26th March 82

R. M. Stinson Esq. Treas. &c.
Minister Oldn. Sir

Your favor of [illegible] came duly to hand. I am informed by Mr Richardson of the Chatham Bill Co. who has some knowledge of lands in the section you mention, that four ($4.00) dollars per acre is more than the average price. He thinks lands thereon would be well sold at that price.

Yours truly
John [illegible]

20th March [illegible]

Robert Bartholow M. D.
1609 Walnut St, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir

Since seeing you in 1879 we have followed your advice as to Hildreth excepting as herein after stated. He has had fits

1876 Sept 22nd @ 6° A.M.
1877 May 31st @ 10° "
1879 August 26th @ 10° P.M. Before this for two or three months his mother had reduced the dose of Bromide (your prescription) one half — After this we reported the dose as prescribed. Mrs M. has seen Dr Whittaker probably [illegible] and spoken to him about Hildreth, Dr W. has never seen him. About a year ago, she discontinued the dose of Strychnine. We have been [illegible] to stop the use of the Bromide but have not been willing to do so until, advised by you. Hildreth's weight is about 150 lbs, has not grown much if any in height since you saw him. Has fair health and appetite, but not much strength. Has tremulous motion of hands, as when he took strychnine if you prefer, before advising — I can have Dr

[illegible]

24th March

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J. C. Garrett Esq
Webster Grove, Mo.

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th inst is at hand. Mr Adams and myself will meet you at Burnet House Cincinnati Tuesday, evening 4th April next as proposed by you. Will advise Mr Cass of our appointment. My reason for asking the meeting was that we might be assured as to the engagement. Which if left to the last moment would disappoint both ourselves and you —

Very truly
[illegible]

24th March

Dear

Hoggan have
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I need Mr Barrett as
a good and [illegible] him to [illegible]
as in [illegible], if he was [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] Country of [illegible], for our
engagement. [illegible] for him
[illegible] will [illegible] of the
[illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] Tuesday evening [illegible] next
[illegible] Burnet House. Mr Barrett
[illegible] will [illegible] at [illegible] time
[illegible] Mr [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] time

Very [illegible]
[illegible]

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24th March 82

W. Goodwin Esqr

Lincoln Va — Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th and 20th
[illegible] are found with various instrumenta, which
[illegible] herewith. You must probably can
[illegible] a little by doing the work, but
[illegible] will give you more trouble. The
[illegible] is much larger than those
[illegible] now have. I think it would
be folly for us to put up the Cooper
[illegible], when those who have tried
them are putting up the Whitwell in
preference. I don't think Mr
Winslow can give any reason, even
that Wickes put up Whitwell.
Am glad to get report of the furnace
improvement in working.

Very respectfully
John Meany

30th March 82

Lazzaro Cairo Esqr
Kinsmuntis O

Dear Sir

I find that, must
be here Monday night 4th prox —
and have advised Mr Cannitt
that Adams and myself will
meet him Wednesday morn
8th prox. at Burnet House

Yours truly
John Meany

26th March 82

G. P. H[illegible] Esq
No. 9 Nassau St, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

You have proposals in writing, viz

and from myself 29th November 1879
" " " 31st " 1879
" from the Ky. S. C. Vallfy Co 2nd August 1879
" " " " " 1st December 1879
" " " " " 31st December 1879

as to gifts of certain realty to the E. G. & H. R.R. Co. If you will send them to some one authorized to surrender them and receive deeds of conveyance for the property, I will have them executed. Would like to finish up this.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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25th April 82

J. C. Hewitt Esq
St Louis Mo Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday that Adams and myself would meet you Tuesday evening 4th of April [illegible]. Telegraphed you to day would meet you Wednesday morn 5th April. We should be obliged to leave here Monday to [illegible] in Cinti Tuesday and can leave Tuesday evening and be there Wednesday morn —

And it is important that I should be here Monday night — Have [illegible] [illegible] —

Yours truly
John Mears

1st April 82

Edwd A. Lowe Esq Cor Treas
30 Burling Slip, New York, N.Y.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th ult, is at hand with check, twenty one hundred and ninety three ($2193.00) dollars, dividend No 3 Low Mine & Co of Va —

Yours truly
John Mears

I write by letter to Gordon that J. F. Winslow [illegible] [illegible] Stoves — At Pittsburgh where both have been tried, there who have Cooper, [illegible] of Whitrolls, in additions and [illegible] cases, tearing away Cooper to [illegible] Whitrolls — The 26 x 75 Stove on which bids have been received has more than double the heating capacity of them now in use at Elm. An 18 x 60 present size, [illegible] now built has about 95 per cent more heating

1 April 82

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Sullivan Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult is at hand. You cannot lay foundation for Hot Blasts Stoves until you have plans and dimensions, as the stove is larger than ones you now have, indeed I am not sure that we can get in a so fast stove without changing the flues. If this is needed I believe we had better contract for a stove 18" x 60" same as present or 18" x 90". As these stoves are now built, one of the same size as you have, will give about 75 per ct more heating surface than an old one. I think you will make 75 to 100 tons more iron per week with same amount of coke you have used. I think the owners of Port Washington desire to sell the whole plant, but not to sell parts. Will inquire into this matter. Expect to go to Kinte next week, for a few days, and may take a trip to the South in this month. If I do not go South will try to make you a visit between the 10th and 20th. All well. With regards to family am yours truly

John Meaux

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3rd April 82

Hon L. T. Moore
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Lob

Please advise me
accord on the Bills
To Amend Charter of Ashland as to
filling vacancies in office &c.
To Authorize Mayor to sign record
have been passed both houses
and approved by the Governor.
And have the Clerk send
me certified copies of same
and oblige — Regard to
Mrs M

Yours Truly
John Meany

10th April 82

Robert Bartholomew M.D.
1509 Walnut St, Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st
instant, came duly to hand.
Leaving home I did not see Dr
Montmollin to make safety until
now. Herewith please find a
note from him

very truly
John Meany

10th April 82

Hon. A. Harris Esqr Asst Sect &c
Transport Ky.
Dear Sir
Sincerely please
find Draft Ashland N. Banks —
Six 75/100 ($6.75) dollars, for copies of
Lands No 596 & 672 —
Very respectfully
John Meany

10th April 82

Capt. [illegible]
[illegible] &c — Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I don't [illegible] the [illegible].
I think it would be [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] where you build on the other
side of the C. [illegible] — and not over
the [illegible] again. Don't think you
will need so large one as before.
I [illegible] for the South Tonight expect
to be gone 8 or 10 days —
Yours Truly
John Meany

18th April 82

Wm. Lapette Esq.
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

please charge
Daily Lapette now sent to
Thomas W. Meany
Hanging Rock Ohio.
and send to him at
Ashland Kentucky —
and oblige your
very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 18th April 1882
Mr. W. Young Esq. Mdse.
Ashland Ky

Dear Sir

Yours of ultimate
is before me — Herewith please
find check for Six ($6.00) dollars
in payment of your a/c —
very respectfully
John Meany

A. P. Moore Esq
Cor. W. P. Esq. Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir

Your of 10th inst is only now before me, having been from home. We have no need for telegraph operator, running our line in connection with the C.H.D. by which we take charge of the offices. Should I hear of any situation to suit will gladly mention your name.

Very truly
Yours
John Mearns

30th April 87

John M. Horton Esq
Oxmoor Ala. Dear John

Your favor of 17th inst is at hand. The Cyrometer is "Hobson's Patent" sold by Wilson Snyder & Co, Pittsburgh Pa. We reached home safely having enjoyed our visit to your place. Ashland made last week 423 tons 6½ do Low Mon " 737 " 7 " Please remember me to Mrs Nandsley, Dr & Mrs Miller and McBeer —

Yours Truly

21st April 82

D. Sinton Esq.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find plat of Southern Ore lands. The one is found on the course of a line through A B C from A to B is about 4 Miles. We have paid some money on a strip of land in direction of C about 3/4 of a Mile, but as it is in controversy I did not have it laid down on plat. We think we shall gain it however. Please keep this plat for me, as I have no copy of it here. Yours truly

John Mears

"Sorine"	Fee Simple	440 Acres
Callaghan	"	345 "
Harmer	"	800 "
Reynolds	"	600 "
McElwee	"	10.25 "
Reynolds	"	141 "
McElwee	"	68 "
do	"	160.32 "
Holloway	"	779 "
	Ore Fee Simple	3341.55 "
Callaghan	Mineral right	546. this is absolute, i.e., no royalty.
Reynolds	" "	230.
	Total	4117.57 Acres

21st April 82

J. M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 19th inst, is at hand, inclosing proxy to vote in Norton I. W. The reason for changing time of meeting is to bring the time closer to that of the statements which date 1st April.
Their business will show about $80.000 profit for year past, of this one half was used to pay the dividend last Spring, when they really had no surplus to divide.
I think the Ashland Furnace has made more Pig Iron, and in less number of days than the Norton F.
We propose to sink the cost of all improvements, R.R. extension, incline to view, and opening new mine (at No 2) in our statements and thereby bring the real value of our property near to the estimates. I hope you will find it convenient to come down, and that you will also find everything in better condition for profitable working than ever before. Pest thinks we shall show about $100.000 profit for the year.
Mrs. M. and daughters are in California, at "Trice" the 12th
With regards to Mrs. G. am yours truly
John Stewart

24th April 81

O. D. Dawson Esq. Publisher & Proprietor of Marysville Appeal, Marysville Cal.

Dear Sir

herewith please find P. O. order for two 50/100 ($2.50) dollars, renewal for the Weekly Appeal from 29th November 1881 to my address — Stop when time paid for expires

Very respectfully yours

John Meany

24th April 82

C. M. Gurt & Son
Staunton Va.

Gentlemen

herewith please find P. O. order four ($4.00) dollars, renewal for Valley Virginian, from 24th Jany 1881 to my address. Yours very respectfully

John Meany

24th April 82

D. S. Wilson Esq
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find
P.O. order three (fifty) dollars for
1 Register to my address and to
1 Daily Times Marietta Ohio from
10th Jany 1882.

very respectfully
John Wallace

24th April 82

David Williams Esq
80 Reade St, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find
P.O. order four 50/100 (£4.50) dollars, renewal
for Iron Age as per bill inclosed.

very respectfully
John Wallace

25th April 2

Chas E. Hoge Esq
Winchester Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th instant is at hand and contents noted.

We have fine weather now and Capt Mayo is fast getting our track into first rate condition.

I understand the firm of Mason & Lecanahan & Hoge, may be bidders for work on the Three Forks RR.

Having known the members of your firm for long time, should it be desired, it will give me pleasure to recommend them as experienced skilful and responsible contractors, who have always carried through promptly and satisfactorily to completion any work undertaken by them.

You may feel at liberty to refer to me at any time — Yours

Ashland Ky. 28th April 1882

Very truly
John Mearns

Dear Sir
The visits ordered the 5th instant for Thos. W. Mearns have not come to hand. As you said you would send them the night mark he fears they have been miscent —

Very respectfully
John Mearns

25th April 82

C. C. Potts Esq
N.E. Cor Main & 4th Sts, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Please send me by
Adams Express C.O.D.
Prescription by Dr Bartholow
No 20188. 17. V. 76.
Will oblige yours
very respectfully
John Meany

25th April 82

Messrs Witterer & Gerdon
173 Wood St, Pittsburgh Pa.
Gentlemen

Your favor of 'ment
is at hand. As we desire the best store
have sent your letter to Carl W. Gordon
I did not and suppose he did not know
that the modern store was under
another patent. He will respond
to your letter.

Very respectfully
John Meany

38th April 82

Dear Sir

Permit me to recommend to you Col. H. C. Lilly of Estill county for appointment to the Office of Judge of the United States Court for the new district which is proposed to be made in Kentucky. Believing that he will make an efficient and able officer in that place as he has already shown himself to be in other positions.

Most respectfully

John Meany

To the

President Chester A. Arthur.

Washington D. C.

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25th April 1882

Col H.W. Goodwin

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th instant is at hand. War away from home yesterday. Sent what you say as to contract with Elite Family for me have sent you by Mr Seymour letter from Witherow & Gordon. I think we should have the best store. It is hardly possible for me to get away from here for [illegible] to come. But if I find I can spare a day next week will try and come for one day —

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 1st May 1882

Mrs Maggie Meade
Bellaire O. Dear Madam

Your of 28th ult inquiring of Cornelius Meade came duly to hand. I cannot [illegible] is here or has been. Have heard there is a man named Meade some 35 miles from this place. If you will give me more particulars as to the man his description, occupation, and habits - it is possible, may be able to learn something about him. When did he learn you, where was he at Detart Falls? When did he live here and what did he do there?

Very respectfully
John Meany Mayor

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Port Henry 82

N. S. [illegible] Esq.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th ult is [illegible] and contents. Having from the first felt my [illegible] inclination to go into the [illegible], I [illegible] yesterday [illegible] we had equal to go in [illegible] if we did you I would not go without you. The property is good, might be the [illegible] [illegible] of the lot, but would need to be [illegible] until it could well [illegible]. I have no great desire to increase my [illegible] [illegible] if it be a [illegible]. If you conclude to make the venture I will [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] that I have [illegible] [illegible] may make in [illegible]. [illegible] you find other friends to take the [illegible] [illegible] by you very well. I would not [illegible] [illegible] than we talked of [illegible].

[illegible] Truly
[illegible]

Charles E. Potts Esq.
N.O., Lou., 4th & Main Sts, Cincinnati O.
Hamilton

Hamilton please find P.O. order Sixty cents (60) for Receipts No 20188. If not, which can be [illegible] [illegible]
Very respectfully
John [illegible]

30 May 82

Ashland Ky 5th May 1882

Tell, Adams

Dear Tom

please enter on fathers books

Bills Receivable To $25.000.00

Dividends For note of Thomas A. Mack dated 1 May 1882 @ 1 year bearing interest at (6) six per cent - payable to order of and indorsed by Meant Russell & Meant - secured by Collaterals

viz 327 Shares Eureka Co - Ala - as per certificates

Nos 49 =	87	Shares	$100+	each
86 =	104	"	"	"
" 88 =	100	"	"	"
" 119 =	36	"	"	"
	327 =		$32.700+	

175 Shares Lookout Iron Co of Va as per certificates

Nos 123	for	40	Shares
83	"	50	"
125	"	30	"
79	"	25	"
106	"	30	"
		175	" each $100 = $17.500+

dividend by Meant Russell & Meant made this day

Yours &c

John Meant

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6th May

Fl. & E. Pogue
113 & 114 West 4th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find very closed on Metcalf N. Bank your City Cincinnati 82/100 ($100 82/100) dollars her payment of your account, remarks by my family, from whom have only now heard as to this.

Very respectfully
Johnson Harvey

10th May 82

Dear Winchester

I have just returned from a visit to Lordsburg and while everything is working well and the Furnace may get made 5 or 6 m tons of pig - it would not be surprising to hear any day that, she is out of blast. They had advice of a sale by you of 1600 tons mill [illegible] delivered in Huntington 300 tons per mo, after 1st inst, and only had about 50 tons on hands after consulting Shelding we agreed, that it was not safe to put Fee on to mill down for fear we might even have to put her out, but that it was best, as she hangs often, to set aside what mill is made and take the chance, that we shall be as likely to get the [illegible] in that way, as if he puts her onto mill alone. Gordon and Shaw in good spirits. Stocking one at the mines, and [illegible] keeping stock of lime with a [illegible] from working [illegible] The [illegible] above house is "no good"

nearly all sand and manganese
not averaging over 20 per ct of iron
and small quantity — Advised
stopping work there and putting
the men where their labor
might be profitable.
My family were well when last
heard from expect them home
by first proxy — [illegible] writes
that he expects to be here next
week — Hoping to see you there

Yours truly
John Meade

Ashland Ky 12th May 1882
Mrs Maggie Meade
Madam
I cannot find that
your husband has been here; or
that he has been near here.
Our Lafe Meade was here a year
or two ago, and is said to be now
at or near Russell Cremup Co Ky.
I ardored find the photograph of
your husband, sent by you to me —
Very respectfully
John Meade Mayor

13th May 82

George Asmus Esqr
64 John St, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Some ten or twelve years ago we agreed with you for the use of the Tuberman patent front in the Ashland Furnace. Since then after various trials and failures to make satisfactory use, we have at last made a success with it. Being interested in the Lowmoor Furnace in Virginia, I would like to know what would be your charge for that furnace — Dimensions 18 feet diameter at bosh and 75 feet high.
We expect to put her out of blast this Summer or Fall, when the changes needed may be made if we determine to put it in —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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16th May 82

J. C. Cassett Esqr Pmt

Dear Sir

Yours of 15th instant is at hand, inclosing checks for Norton I Works dividend No 2 five per cent viz

Thos H. Meant	$100.00
Eliza J. Meant	100.00
Lilian Meant	100.00
Rosalie Meant	100.00
Self	1.850.00

Herewith please find my check for Sixteenhundred ($1.600+) for which you may send me notes due bearing int at six per cent — May not need for some months. Will send you Four $000+ Thursday 18th for note.

Very respectfully
John Meant

16th May 82

[illegible]
R. Mather Esqr
Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check twohundred and fifty — ($250.00/100) dollars for Dividend No 2 Norton Iron Works five (5) per cent.

Please acknowledge

Very respectfully
John Meant.

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18th May 82

H. W. Goodwin Esq
Southern Va —

Yours of 15th came duly to hand with inclosures as stated — I cannot now tell whether Witherow & Gordon, but think they mean to claim patent on the narrow walls and spaces. This is valuable.

Their "Second" Clearing Crane — is not valuable. The "Third and Fourth" — I don't know what they mean — Their bill is below Biter & Cauley's — I cannot advise what is the best sort out of the muddle. It seems to be necessary to compromise with Cora or all. The proper time to have advised your sort of drawings and patents are when they [illegible] you on the 12th inst.

I dear here to [illegible] with [illegible] who is in bad health, and don't know when can see you — I will pass [illegible] but cannot stop — as I go [illegible] do not know where we [illegible]

[illegible] Cauley is also Point Campbell. I think you would read the trade [illegible] with [illegible] Biter [illegible] going to Pittsburgh where you could [illegible] together and get to [illegible] [illegible]. It may take all [illegible] [illegible] —

My [illegible] and on them very [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before I get [illegible] — Please remember [illegible] to your [illegible] [illegible]

18th May 82

Messrs Wilhelm & Gordon
Pittsburgh Pa.
Gentlemen

Copy of yours of 12th to Mr Goodwin is before me and contents noted, also copy of a letter from Messrs Tuck & Hartman to Goodwin, in which they take the ground that you are entitled to make no charge for special license. When we received yours of some weeks ago, we forwarded to G. to ask you for a bid on our 18 x 60 Store and what special claims you had and your charge. It stalled us that you "proper time" to give them was in yours of 12th inst.

Having heard of no special claims when you did work here, and in your various bids to Mr K. & Co. at Hanging Rock we must say we were surprised when we received yours making the claim. Hoping to avoid trouble and delay we sent it to Goodwin as stated, that he might get the information asked and arrange either with you or Riter & Conly, but you withheld the very information which he needed to do so — and that we may be delayed all Summer, or be obliged to build such a store as the Agents for Whitnells assert is behind the times. Please advise Goodwin what your charge will be for [illegible], and for as stalled in yours of 12th "First" Third

and "[illegible]" — the "Second" is esteemed so highly here that no [illegible] made of it —

Please [illegible] that your position as Agents and as builders, [illegible] you in a delicate situation and [illegible] persons will not hesitate to make such use of it as may suit them —

The [illegible] relations which we have always had, [illegible] write you more freely than we might [illegible] warranted to do to others — and believing it will be received in the friendly [illegible] to me in your first letter [illegible] this matter —

Yours truly

John Meant

5th June 82

Geo Ashwell Esqr
64 John Street, New York, City
Dear Sir

Yours of 29th ult is before me
The Norton and Lawmon Furnace both have water tuyeres
water dams, and close fronts, but I am not aware
that either have ever used a "water Cinder Block" —
The Norton is not, never was under my control.
I will show your letter and specifications to the Prest
of the Norton, and afterward forward same to
Lawmon for advice from them on this matter
If the Lawmon has infringed on your rights, we
desire no litigation, but I think you have been
misinformed on this matter —
Will write you further, when am more fully
advised

Very respectfully
John Means

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5th June 82

J. H. Rickhoff Esqr
240 Vine St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Nat Bank your city Thirty five ($35.00) dollars in payment of your bill 17th ult — Have been from home and have not tried Dirt but take for granted is all right —

Yours sincerely
Very respectfully
John Meaux

7th June 82

Hugh Meaux Esqr
Blue Ridge Springs Va.

Dear Uncle

Herewith please find check of Lewis Glenn Treas of C. P. Big Sandy & P. Pkt Co Seventy five ($75.00) dollars for dividend of 5 per ct. All well, weather a little better but prospects of more rain tonight. I would advise to stay where you are until we have better weather here or until you fell strong enough to stand out and winter again. I go to Lewis to night, expect to get home Friday more

Yours truly
John Meaux

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7th June 82

Lewis Glenn Esqr Sect & Gear &c
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst
is at hand with checks viz
to Wm Meany $800.00
" Mary A. Meany 175.00
" Hugh Meany 75.00
" Mr A. Meany 50.00
" myself 800.00
which I will deliver to the owners
I think it will be more fair &
per ¢ dividends rather than to
wait until end of year to make
larger onset

My respectfully
John Meany

7th June 82

Wm F. Gaylord Esqr

Dear Sir

herewith find reckoning of
your note of 1 July 1834 favor Red Barge
Line, indorsed to me $1000.00
Showing balance due me
this day $57.35
and my check your favor 42.65
Making $100.00
the amount of check of O. P.
Big Sandy & P. Ohtler he ordered me

Yours truly
John Meany

Reckoning for

W. F. Cogswell Note No 198 Red Bayou Line

1844 July	1	Note	a 1 year bearing interest	$ 1000 00
1850 July	2	Interest		335 16
		Amount		$ 1335 16
1859 [illegible]		[illegible]		
80 July	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	
		2d Payment	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Balance		$ [illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
		[illegible]		$ [illegible]
		[illegible]		[illegible]
		Balance		$ [illegible]
81 April	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
		[illegible]		[illegible]
		4th Payment		[illegible]
				[illegible]
82 Jany	23	Interest		15 50
		Amount		$ 845 45
		5th Payment		260 00
		Balance		$ 85 45
June	7	Interest		1 90
		Amount		$ 87 35
		Dr for my check on A. N. Bank		[illegible]
		Cr by check C. P. Ry Land & P. Pkts Co		$ 130 00

10th June 82

Messrs Daniels Lemmon & Co
N. E. Cor 5th & Race Sts, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Herewith please
find my check on Metropolitan
Nat Bank your city Fifty six 50/100
($66 50/100) in payment of your acct
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Very respectfully
John Meanes

10th June 82

Messrs Lord & Andrews
Cincinnati Ohio.
Gentlemen

please send me by
Big Sandy Packet Steamer
1 Bbl Granulated Sugar
and oblige yours
Very respectfully
John Meanes

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12th June [illegible]

Capt H. W. Goodwin

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] came duly to hand. I think [illegible] good time to put the Freeware out of your hand the material for [illegible] hand. The great stroke [illegible] poor demand for pig iron. I inclose letter and specification from Mr Geo Assume please examine carefully and if you, Skelding and Frank [illegible], believe we have made use of fixtures that are covered by the Lehmann patent, we had better pay $1000 than have a lawsuit, and [illegible] if you are clear. I believe the use of the stock would [illegible] pay for itself. We use it in the Ashland Fee, and think it will be [illegible] the [illegible] more than [illegible]

[illegible]

17th June 82

Messrs Keppler & Bro

West 4th St Bet Plum & Cent. Cov. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolis Nat Bank your city, forty 05/100 ($40.05) dollars, in payment your bill of 14th instant.

We returned Bucket, Box &c yesterday by Steamer Bostonia —

my respectfully

John Meand

[illegible] June 82

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

19th June 82

A. A. Low Esqr Treas
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Some years since we paid Mr Asmus, Assignee of the Suhrmann patent, for right to use in the "Ashland" Furnace. Thinking the same might be used to advantage at Londonderry, wrote Mr, Asmus asking what his charge would be for S.M. his reply I send herewith. Was from home at the time it came, but as soon as I saw it, sent to Saul Gardner asking that he and Mr Skelding examine to see which Mr, had infringed and might be liable for damages in [illegible] of suit. The latter part of his letter of 14th, is his reply: and from what Frank Lyman tells me I suppose we may be liable. From benefits by use in the Ashland, we think it pays us well, as we should not like to do without it. I cannot see Mr, A without a trip to N.Y. and do not know that I could make any other arrangement than he proposes, and refer the matter to you.

Very respectfully

John Means

20th June 82

Thomas A. Mack Esqr
78 W. 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Please pay the
Sprinkle to [illegible] [illegible] and Higgs.
Will hand you cash when next we
meet. Would not trouble you
but our banks do not like such
small checks — All well

Yours truly
John Meany

19 and June 82

Messrs Geo C. Miller & Son
19 & 21 W. Seventh St Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

I send you by Steamer
Telegraph Mrs C. Wagon with one wheel
broken and loose spokes in the other three
and bent axle — Please put in repair and
varnish — Have kept shafts, curtains &c &c — have
not needing and thing done to them

Very respectfully
John Meany

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Geo Assmus Esqr
64 John Street, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

I sent your letter and specification to Mr Garrett Pant of Norton Iron Works, and inclose you his reply. I have been from home will explain why delayed. Will hear from Lockwood shortly. If you could as suggested by Garrett make him a visit, I think it would be well and pleasant for both —

Very respectfully
John Meany

[illegible] June 82

[illegible]

Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th came duly to hand. I hardly know what the bet you mention is worth. If the man or woman will pay five hundred ($500 00/100) dollars, say 200 $ or thereabouts cash the balance at interest payable annually, may stand to exist there on say 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years

Yours truly
John Meany

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Ashland Ky 24th June/82

John G. Peebler Esqr

Dear Sir

Herewith I send price list by Pittsburgh Furnace Co, for material at Port Washington. We think an offer of 14 a $15.00 — might get the Blowing Engines which are the same at the Lucy & Isabelle Pittsburgh and Ethna Martin. We might get one for Tilton and one for Ashland — these at low prices. Please return letter and list with your views.

Yours truly

John Mears

26th June

Messrs Damson & Hornshell

Pittsburg Pa

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check A. N. Bank One hundred and nine 75/100 $109 75/100 to your order for a/c of 22 Dinl.

Very respectfully

John Mears

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26th June 82

Herald & Bulletin
No 196 Main St, Cincinnati O.
Steroitt please find
P.O. order for $
the Herald & Bulletin one year
U.S. [illegible] which please send
for early

Very respectfully
Johnston Kay

Address
Johnston Kay
Kilkenny
Kentucky

26th June 82

Dear Mother

[illegible] quite likely you
will see some Saturday 24th if only 6
[illegible] Cannell and
Bishop come back to town Saturday
for a [illegible] we called a
meeting of directors, Sat Morn, and
[illegible] We agreed
for him & Col William Hagan (very Sound)
on first night & present motion of the
Board. We are willing to try him.
He will notify us commencement of the
[illegible] & answer by wire.
[illegible] if [illegible]
[illegible] Board [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Board of Education Vestes from John Meany

No 151	Dated 1st May 1876	$300.00
	Interest from 1 May 1881 to 1 July 1882 @ 8 p.c.	28.00
" 152	Dated 1 May 1876	600.00
	Interest from 1 May 1881 to 1 July 82 @ 8	56.
" 153	Dated 1 May 1876	600.00
	Interest from 1 May 1881 to 1 July 82 @ 8	56.00
	Amount	$1.640.00
1882 July 1	To a year rent of Abandoning @ 25 p	50.00
1882 July 1	Dr. J. M. from Ashland B. E.	1.690.00

Wm July 82

Messrs Geo. C. Miller & Sons
1821 West 7th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft for three hundred ($300+) dollars, in payment bill 29th ult for Theater I sent [illegible] com by Steam Telegraph to day

Very respectfully
John Meany

[illegible]

2nd July 82

Rev. J. W. Lynch
Lowtown Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th May came here when I was from home, and when I returned had been so long written, that I thought but to delay answer until now, when I would draft herewith for my apology.

Please find draft on N. Y. City for fifty ($50.00) dollars —

Very respectfully
John Meany

4th July 82

Robert Mitchell Furniture Co.
109 & 111 West 4th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith find sketch of Windows for which send Curtain Bars

1 8" 9"
2 4" 1"

as selected 29th ult —

Very respectfully
John Meany

8th July 82

Messrs Newman & Hodgman
Trenton O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Ashland N. Bank Sixty five 42/100 ($65.02) dollars, in payment your account of 30th June last.

Very respectfully
Thomas W. Means
for J. M.

10th July 82

Messrs Pope Bros & Hagerman
115 West 4th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Your a/c of 30th June is hand. On or about the 20th of May last my daughter, bought from you and paid cash for 3 frames which you shipped 2nd June, and seemed to have charged at that date, as per statement of a/c herewith return. If you are paid once for all sales, you will average well.

Very respectfully
John Means

10th July 82

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

18th July 82

R. F. Prichard Esqr

Dear Sir

please pay my [illegible] on tenant in the F. Bank house, for his rent. It is so long since [illegible] received any thing from it I have almost forgotten about.

Yours truly

John Meany

18th July 82

Chas E. Smith Esqr

[illegible] Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Bank your city, twenty nine 25/100 ($29.25) dollars in payment your bill 11th inst.

very respectfully

John Meany

13th July 82

Mrs Helen W. H. Lansdowne
Grayson Ky.
Dear Madam
Your form of 12th instant
is at hand.
Make application to the Officers of
the I. L. & H. R. R. Co., [illegible] for the
[illegible] train. They are always
willing to put on a train when
it [illegible] pay.
Very truly yours
John [illegible]

13th July 82

Mrs D. Griffith
Sand. W. Va.
Dear Madam
Your of 11th inst
is at hand. I have not the
money to spare you, and
do not know any one
here of whom you could
borrow a [illegible].
Yours respectfully
John [illegible]

Ashland Ky 13th July 1882

Mrs Bess Blank

Dear Madam

Yours of 4th instant
duly to hand. I have inquired
into the matter of your boys hurt
and sickness, and see no reason
why I should pay any part of
the expenses.

Very respectfully
John Kinney

[illegible]

[illegible] July 82

J. C. Pitkoff Esq
340 Vine St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check on Mitchell & Rule to your order in payment your bill of [illegible] June [illegible] Eight ($ 8.00) dollars

Very respectfully
John McCleary

18th July 83

Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co
Portsmouth Ohio —

Gentlemen

Yours of 17th inst is at hand, inclosing check for Onebrundred and nine 50/100 ($109.50) dollars on a/c of interest on your note —

Very respectfully
John McCleary.

19th July 82

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Edward A Low Esqr
31 Burling Slip, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th inst is at hand, the 9th 16th or 23rd of August I would suggest for the meeting at Lowmont. Had expected to be there to day.

Very respectfully
John Means

2nd August 82

Messrs Robert Clarke &c
61 & 65 West 4th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find check on Metropolitan N. Bank, your city Nine 00/100 ($9.00) dollars in payment of account to date

Very respectfully
John Means

3rd August 82

Messrs Geo. E. Miller & Sons
19 & 21 West 7th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank for city thirty four 35/100 ($34.35) dollars in payment amount for repairs to buggy

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 4th August 1882.
To whom it may concern;

The bearer F. C. Conrad Esq, is a civil engineer, with whom I have had acquaintance the past year, and can recommend him as competent and faithful in his profession.

Very respectfully
John Meany

4th August

John Peters Esqr
Irvington Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd ult is found on return after absence from home. Below please find statement of note and payments, belonging to Miss Margaret A. Mearf.

Very respectfully
John Mearf

1872	Oct	12th	Date of Note	$969.46
75	March	15 "	Interest @ 6 per ¢ paid	145.27
"	"	"	Principal of Note due	$969.46
76	July	12th	Interest @ 6 per ¢	77.07
"	"	"	Amount	$1.046.53
"	"	"	Payment	100.00
"	"	"	Balance due	$946.53
1880	March	29th	Interest @ 6 per ¢	211.07
"	"	"	Amount	$1.157.60
"	"	"	Payment	183.78
"	"	"	Balance due by J. P. to M. A. M.	$973.82

9th August 82

Mr B. Tenkebury Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of good inst came duly to hand, inclosing check for Parts bar light to Sixteenth One hundred and forty ($140+) dollars.

Very respectfully
John McCarty for
Thos McCarty

9th August 82

H.S. Fitch Esq
Richmond Va.

Dear Sir

Hermitte please find plans of incline table in use here. Our engineer thinks you can get from Cairo Ills. plans of table used there which are better adapted to the use you propose. This table cost about Six hundred ($600+) dollars completed.

Very respectfully
John McCarty

7th August 82

A. C. McKeel Esq
Greenville Ky.
Dear Sir

The rent $37.50 due by you 1st July last is impossible. Please remit and oblige

Very respectfully
Margaret A. Means by
John Means Agent

7th August 82

Lewis Clever Esq Dear, O, P, 26, 87 & 88.
Cincinnati Ohio.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th instant inclosing checks for dividend for following persons is at hand, viz

Thomas A. Means	$800.00	
Mrs Mary A. Adams	175.00	
Miss Margaret A. Means	50.00	
Hugh Means	75.00	
Myself	800.00	$1.900.00

Which I have handed cause to the persons named.

Very respectfully
John Means

9th August 82

Mrs. S. C. Wildcutt
Dresden Ohio.

Dear Sister

I remitted to you from the Ashland N. Bank draft on N.Y. Clearinghouse nine ($1090) dollars for 3 Sh. Rk. Rk. Co. Corpus 35¢ $105.00
" 4 Rk. Corpus 27½¢ 2 July 15¢ 400
I have dispensed with return receipt. All well. Ran down this evening to visit Lily.

Yours Truly
John Wildcutt

14th August 82

[illegible]
Dear Sir

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Thos A. Mack Esqr.
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Yours of 10th inst. came duly to hand, and glad to hear you still live "and prosper". The meeting at Lowhow is called for 3rd Sept. Inclosed find letter from J. J. McD., which explains truly, I think him better man, than the average commission merchant.

Yours truly
John Means

16th August 1863

Mrs E. C. Means
Yellow Springs O.
Dear Mack

Yours of 10th inst. came to hand last night and we were all glad to hear that you were on Sabbath evening and Smith was sleeping and Sheerantown. I think that it may give you pleasure and information to make the purposed trip, and have herewith check for $40.00 dollars, which I hope it will what you had all be partly to pay your expenses, as to Pack that I should enjoy joining the party in the trip, but have appointed next week for a meeting at Lowhow Vera Hall I gave premium myself a

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16th August 82

A. L. Winslow Esq.
Wilmington O.

Dear Winslow

Yours of 10th inst came duly to hand. I have expected to leave for Lower Bronxy [illegible] and shall be glad to have your company on the trip. I do not expect to come to your city this week or I should be glad to accept your kind invitation, with such a young fellow as myself in the house, no doubt Mrs W. would think she had gotten back to her early days of marriage.

Putnam is adrift to the value of the Gath Oil and from having tried it where no other would do so, he [illegible] to put on an equal or better terms than any other.

All well

Yours truly

John [illegible]

19th August 82

To [illegible] Affy Co.
Newton N.J.
Gentlemen

Yours of 1st and Sample of Pinkey [illegible] to hand, [illegible] have [illegible] on [illegible] or [illegible] of [illegible], What is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

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20th August [illegible]

O. H. Howell Esq
Walton Ky.

Dear Clearly

I have seen Tucker and he says he wishes to go on and finish the road beyond Mulligans. He complains a little that he was delayed by account of right of way &c. I told him to send you word if he had an opportunity, and that I would do so too, to have the fence moved for him. I think you had better attend to having the fence moved right off. He spoke of dressing up where the teams had run. I told him we would make allowance for that. And that if you and he made an agreement about it I would be satisfied with what he and you would agree to; or if you chose to have Mr Howell also. Russell says that you and he can agree he knows without any trouble, that he can always find out what you want and will do, but that he cant with our friends. I think if you can go and have the fence moved and at same time have Russell go over the road with you then will be so trouble. He would rather [illegible] you or you and myself or Howell. I go to Va to night and will be gone a month or so so would [illegible] you on the [illegible]. According to our understanding I will give Russell certificate for finishing sections to day.

Very respectfully
[illegible]

38th August 82

Edwin A. Low Esq Sect &c
31 Bowling Slip, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find
deed from Lowman & Co of Van to
John J. Keane Bishop &c for lot for deed
at Lowman. Please put the seal of
the company on same, and send deed
to H. W. Goodwin Esq at Lowman.

very respectfully
John Meaney Pres

39th August 82

Capt John Kyle
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

You have been paying the taxes on the Kyle & Johnson lots, for State, County, City and paving through me. I can furnish you a statement of the amount if desirable. Part of the receipts I have but most of them have been handed by me to you. The amount you have paid is considerable and might be charged in the suit for partition for your credit. Would it not be well to do so? The city tax for 1882 on the Kyle J. lots is $20. I have not yet gotten the amount of State & County for 1882. If you wish statement I can send it from the first paid by me. Yours truly

John Meaney

[illegible] August 82

Messrs Harper & Brothers
Franklin Square, New York City
Gentlemen
Herewith please find
P.O. order [illegible] (20) Cents for which
[illegible] send me Monthly for
September and November 1838
and oblige yours
very respectfully
John Meany

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Thos A. Mack Esqr
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.
Dear Mack
Your favor of 28th ult
came duly to hand. You may put
me down for $11,500+ of the
Eureka @ 87½ that will be an
even amount to keep in mind.
I will write Mr [illegible] that
am going to take it — Will
come down or send the funds
about 15th or 20th instant —
All well
Yours truly
John Meany

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Wind Septem 32

A. S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I have heard nothing from Lowell, since we left there. Tom Houghton has been burning towers and with water in the furnace she has not worked well, but he seems now to be getting ahead I think he did not take time enough drying out, before starting. Mack has an offer of some $46.00 Eureka @ 87½ – and I have written him to day that I will take $[illegible]500 of it. This price is more than [illegible] last Spring but I guess it is worth it. Expect to come [illegible] about 15th to [illegible] the matter. All well, [illegible] regards to Mrs W, am yours truly

[illegible]

[illegible] I think we
might get proposal for sale of part of this, dont know at
what price. If you could get from him an option
on 3 or 4 miles from S.W. to N.E say one mile in width or
two miles in width is 1920 or 2560 to 3840 or 5120 Acres giving
time for exploration, think it worth trying for, as this had
been deemed to be the most accessible, then next
to [illegible] Patto C. Lunde, then the Milton

The one lands of the Crane property are greater distance from the R. & A. R.R. than either of the three heretofore mentioned from the C.&O. would probably require a greater outlay for a railroad track to secure them and the cost of transportation over the roads of two companies always more than by one. While there may be no doubt an slight differences in the character of one, yet as they are all of the same formation there would be but little difference in the average from them — I think that all we could promise ourselves for difference in quality of one over the others must be too little, to warrant any great expense to obtain that which now promises as the best — If one or more of these were of different formation and character, (say Magnetic or Specular,) from those we now have, we might then be at greater expense to secure them, but as these and our own are one and the same, it becomes only a question of how to secure quantity at least cost — Please advise me what you think of this

Yours truly

John Means

5th September 82

Mr. [illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir

I wrote your brother yesterday giving him my conclusion [illegible] on [illegible] for [illegible]. That I prefer and property along the [illegible] to [illegible], If we go to the Crane Tea property for [illegible] several miles of road, transport over it, then pay at least, 50 per ton to R.R. and 50 p to C.&O. In other words we shall be [illegible] to pay at least, 50 p per ton more than from [illegible] to the R.R., than we would from on the C.&O. For this reason [illegible] but to first investigate, say Mr Long sand on Potts Creek [illegible] in the line of [illegible] & Shelby & Gordon, and could be reached from near Covington with partially less expense for RR than [illegible] Bruce. Then there is the Douthat survey over which Syman & Mack [illegible] then Mr Low has a tract near Milboro, [illegible] reached at less expense for road and afterward than the Grace. From what Mr Parrish said to me last [illegible], I think we might have an option on part of the Douthat at no great price. Would advise securing option for say 1 or 2 miles wide and 2 to 4 long beginning near Dolly Ann Fee, running up the valley, with time for examination. On Mr Low's lands we could no doubt get satisfactory option. I wish you would think and talk this

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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9th Septem 82

Dear Preston

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand. I will bear in mind your brother and if anything presents it, advise you. Col Putnam, who now has charge of the Railroad as well as the Furnace, a short time ago discharged his conductor on the passenger train. If he had had, such a man as your brother among his brakesman it would have been a good chance for him. If you think he would try as a brakesman until something better offers and he gets acquainted some most probable Put would give him a place. All well

Yours truly

John Allen

9th Sept 82

H.W. Goodwin Esq
Low Moor Va.

Dear Sir

Your of 7th is at hand, am glad to hear of your good success in getting things ready for starting the Furnace, and have great hopes of good work in two or three months afterwards. Our furnace here has not worked well since we blew in, and I am not sure but we shall put her out soon and make some change in her shape. If we do probably it will be done next week. I must go to Cinti the 10th to 20th and cannot be at L.M. if you blow in at that time. How does the ore perspecting up Rawley hollow? Ask well, but rest many at home. With regards to your family, Sheldon.

Yours truly

John Allen

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14th Septem 82

Genl John Echols
Louisville Ky

Dear Sir

On the 31st ult, we mailed to your address as above, copy of proposal by Ky. I. C & M. Co dated 31 Decem 1879 and by myself 29th Novem 1879 all for the T. L. & W. S. R.R. Co. and we stated that the Oly. I. C & M. Co. would carry 500 X 80 feet, in lieu of 300 X 14 3/12 feet as proposed in 1879. We have no acknowledgment, and fear they have misconceived.

Please advise at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours truly
John Meany

16th Sept 82

Edward Cooley Sec &
31 Bowling Slip, New York N.Y.
Dear Sir

You may send me check for my part Southern Pa. divided by all the 31st instant, and oblige

Yours truly
John Meany

23rd Sept 82

J. C. Rikhoff Esq
240 Vine Street, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

herewith please
find check on Metropolitan N. Bank
Forty [illegible] ($40+) dollars for Unit 29th ult
[illegible]

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

[illegible] Sept [illegible]

[illegible] Esq [illegible]
[illegible] Clip, New York City

Dear Sir

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
($21 [illegible]) [illegible]

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

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John G. Wells Esq
Portsmouth Ohio

Dear Sir

I called on at Rob Cook evening expecting to see you, having learned that you came up in the Ohio. [illegible] that you would bring some better person, to look into the Fire Brick Matter, I have not given Beverly much inducement in the way of a location. And Brides I wanted to show you some fine specimens of Magnetic and Specular Iron Ore distant about 225 to 250 miles from here, and have a talk with you as to the best plan for getting them here soon and cheaply. Think them equal to but Missouri and Michigan ore, that we now can get. I have agreed to join Mr A. C. Wendon and others in having an examination made and then if result is satisfactory to form a Company, secure as much of lands as may be deemed advisable and take steps to secure the building of a railroad to connect them with Lines built or under construction. These ores are in Tennessee, almost due South from Pearl Orchard. Mr Carlisle assures me that he can complete his Chattanooga RR, to the State line, which would leave say 75 to 80 miles of 225 or 230 to the ore, for a connecting Company to build, and there are now two or more Companies having that in view. Mr Bates has been on the route and I learn (have not seen him) will advise those with whom he is associated in the C. Ky Ry to extend that line to the same distrust.

Taking everything into consideration, this appears to be a Ohio iron district, closer than any other to the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and that the H.R. is the nearest market for these ores; now the clearness for connecting them by rail quite easy. As we are now getting limestone from Carter Cove for the Ashland Fire, and I have take steps to for the purchase of some land to secure a supply — I am not sure that it would be policy for me to go with you and Mr Wyd, then again I know to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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of value in approving [illegible] Sifert lines at Olive Hill is now [illegible] in that locality, where the best clay is [illegible] to [illegible]. Dear and Kiley came home with me [illegible] [illegible].

Yours truly

John Meany

26th Sept 82

Thos A. Mack Esq
78 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 23rd inclosing certificate for $15 Onehundred and fifteen shares in Eureka Company, is at hand. Please accept thanks for your kindness —

Yours very respectfully
John Meany

26th Sept 82

George A. Robinson Esq
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

Your estimated favor of 23rd inst is at hand. Pointer's majority over Thomas in 1880 was 989 but Springs when the apportionment was made by the Legislature the Louisville Commercial correspondent estimates the vote of the ninth district at Democratic 12.690.

Republican 10.756

Majority Democratic 1,934

This estimate I believe was made on the Presidential vote in 1880 and is probably near the truth.

Will do in your messages as I meet the persons named. All very well.

With kind regards to Mrs R and the young ladies are

[illegible]

30th Sept 82

Messrs Leonard & Cook
N.E. Cor. Main & Second Sts, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please
find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank
your city fifteen (15 00) dollars in
payment your bill of 23 [illegible] instant
Very respectfully
John Means

30th Sept 82

Baden's Buena Vista Freestone Co.
Freestone Saint Co. Ohio.

Gentlemen

please ship me at your
earliest convenience by Big Sandy
Packet Cor Steamer –
3 Slabs 4° 6' x 2° 6" each
and oblige
Very respectfully
John Means

30th Sept 82

Messrs Tweed & Andrews
Cincinnati O,
Gentlemen
please send me
by Big Sandy Pkt Cor Stevenson
1 Bbl Cut Loaf Sugar
1 " Granulated "
And oblige
Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 3rd Octob 1882
The Taxes are due on
your lot here as follows
for

1881	State & County	$ 4.[illegible]
"	City	4.00
1882	do	5.00
	State & County	4.75
	Total	$ 18.[illegible]8

I have asked the
Collectors not to sell or
put costs on until we
can hear from you
very respectfully
John Meany

To
John Byrne
[illegible] Ind

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Wm Webster 82

W.W. Enyart & O.H. Korns Commissioners &c

Gentlemen

recived notice this evening and will see Hugh Russell tomorrow.

I finds as follows

Amount Authorized on the old part of the 1881 November term Boyd C.C. $17,849.61

Expended 15,280.92

Balance Available $3,568.89

For form Rouse X Roads to Canonsburg

Authorized 1882 May Special term

amount $8,165.30

" Expended 6,997.51

Balance available $1,167.79

When we pay the per & hold back this dont leave much for work

Savage says it will take $1500 - more to finish or say $2700 in all. Hardin had better see about finishing

Yours truly

John Clearwater

4th Set 82

Lewis John Webster V.P.

Louisville Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th Ult

Arrive while I was a Letter, I remain made good start, everything is in the back order, dont know any other Fireman so well equipped. Rec. deeds are ready for execution any day.

Very respectfully

John Mellon

4th Oct 82

The John Willits Co
Cincinnati Ohio,
Gentlemen
herewith please
find my check on Metropolitan Nat
Bank you city thirty five [illegible]
dollars in payment you amount
very respectfully
John Dreary

5th Oct 82

Jesse Gray Esq
Ohio Second Noble County Ohio
Sir
Yours of 2nd Inst is at hand.
Blackwood was not on city in 1867 and
no [illegible] and issued no bonds, then
[illegible]. The thing you send is spurious
and bears evidence on its face sufficient
to warn a prudent person.
I enclose the [illegible] herewith
very respectfully
John Dreary

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7th Oct 82

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst came duly to hand inclosing letter from Parish and copy of Mather Temple to him, which are returned herewith to you. Was at L.W. last week and think she will be all right as soon as thoroughly dried which later even days after blowing in on all brick work now. Encouraged so far as I could to keep shalding under 60 tons for several as he yet. He was complaining of loose sandy ore, but I don't think it as bad as he thought and that green damp walls had more to do with the color of his iron. In the "Virginia" of August you will find reference to Mr Lou's Pattle & Lord. All well

Yours truly
John Meaux

7th Oct 82

Messrs Tuned & Andrews
Cincinnati Ohio,
Southern

Lumber please
find my check on Metropolitan N.
Bank of New City Liptz [illegible] 82
(34 [illegible]) [illegible] the payment bill
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

9th October 82

Mr. James Banfield
Geigersville Ky.
Dear Sir
I have ordered
tenthousand firehundred (10.500) Shingles
to be sent you at Rush Station.
Expect them to be sent Monday
next, or Tuesday at the latest,
I think I will not have the
coal bank opened this Fall.
Yours respectfully
John Meany

7th October 82

Jos [illegible] Esq
Geigersville Ky.
Dear Sir
I have letter from John C.
Black, stating that there was error
in account of Black & Barrett with
Margaret H. Meany &c &c.
Please send me statement of
the [illegible] and I will examine.
Yours respectfully
John Meany

13th Oct 82

James Curtis Esq
Geigerville Ky. Dear Sir

I find on examining Blacks of [illegible] to me and 5th Feby 1881 that he [illegible] charged my [illegible] Margaret every item in the same you [illegible] me to pay, care and [illegible] one of ten (10) cents. Please [illegible] when you come in and examine [illegible] I write Blacks that he may know we are correct.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

12th Oct 82

W. L. [illegible] Cert. [illegible]
[illegible] Ohio.
Dear Sir

herewith please find my check on Metropolitan to [illegible] your [illegible] in payment [illegible] of [illegible] instant.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

12 th Oct 82

Lewis Glenn Esq Sect & Treas
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th instant inclosing check for dividend of C. P. Big Sandy & P. Packet Co. as follows is at hand, for my way

	$1.600.00
" Thos W. Meany	1.600.00
" Hugh Meany	150.00
" Mary A. Adams	350.00
" M. A. Meany	100.00
Total	$3.800.00

which I will deliver to the owners

Very respectfully

John Meany

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12th Oct 18

H. L. Wiseman Esq.
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th is at hand. I will take care of samples sent by Mary, until further advice. If the ores are in quantity and quality as we hope, it would seem that between Bates & Carlisle we might soon have a railroad to the mines. I think they feel it is better for our interest that Carlisle build rather than Bates. Prentiss came up yesterday and went to Carlisle, with Lloyd of Boston to examine his Hogscheer to day. I gave him the letters, & samples and [illegible] to examine, and [illegible] the samples, that we would [illegible] with the specimens, but as the matter was all [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] time to [illegible]

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16th Oct 82

Capt Goodwin

Dear Sir

Yours of 11th and a few days before, came duly to hand. Am glad to hear that you are better in health, as well as that you think Mr. Brainard promises well. For if he be as he will relieve you of much care and burthen assist one. If he can only fill his place as well as Skelding does in his, you will have fine organization. Am glad that F. is holding back with the Fever, it will be much better in the long run. Richards pushed the Fee at start, did about his best work in 48 & 49 work and in the same time had her badly cut out. I cannot say today just when I will come to Hull. All well. Please remember me to family

Yours truly John Lear

[illegible]

26 Oct October 82

John C. Meany Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of [illegible] is at hand in closing C. W. T. Meany of 24th ult which I return herewith. As there have been no [illegible], excepting father at or near Boston, and as Mr Coe [illegible] with father or any one else, in the [illegible] within fifty years I think C. W. T. M. is a fraud. Some one who has [illegible] a little of father, but who is as you know by his statement, very wide of the [illegible]: and if you reply to him, will probably in his next [illegible] to borrow money from you, on the ground of relationship. Father as I suppose you know, moved here last April, lives in the house next to Uncle. Has good health but his memory is failing. [illegible] Burgess last week, Lizzie Cutter [illegible] with them and is here now. Aunt B. is in excellent health. Uncle health is fair, was not well last Winter and spring. Charley is not well and is away in Canville N.Y. on account of his dyspepsia. My sister Maggie is at home with father. Mrs Meany and Lizzie M. left yesterday for New York city and intended to stop and spend a few days with Charley on their way last. My married daughter Lily is at home but leaves next week for her home in Brooklyn, and

7 Bank Chatham 82

Genl John Echols V. P. &c

Louisville Ky. Dear Sir

Mr C. W. Smith left with Ayrst Chaffee one receipt of acknowledgment & a release to be handed over on receipt of deeds. In order that I may have one for myself and one copy for the Ky. I. C. & M. Co. I think it better to have two as herewith. Please examine and if satisfactory, sign them for your Co., and send them to Mr Chaffee or Sch Moore your Atty to deliver to me after examination of the deeds of conveyance.

Mr [illegible] to finish [illegible] on rights of [illegible]

Yours Truly

John [illegible]

George K. Crawford in account with John Heavy

1882			
Oct	25	To Rent of house and ground from 10th Oct 1881 to 10th Oct 1882 – 12 Nos @ 10	$ 120 00
Pt Oct	25	To Balance due J.H. from G.K.C	$ 20 00

See account annexed 20th Jany 1883

See account 20th Jany 1883

1881 Nov	14	By Cash		$ 10 00
Dec	28	" Cash	(Lily)	10 00
Pt Feby	27	" Cash	(Rose)	20 00
April	8	" Cash	(Henry)	10 00
May	12	" Cash		5 00
		" Papering House		5 00
July	13	" Cash		20 00
Sept	7	" Cash		10 00
Oct	24	" Cash		10 00
	25	" Balance due J.H. from G.K.C		20 00

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27th October 82

Ralph Leete Esqr
Trenton O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th instant is at hand. My sister Mrs Adams is from home and will be for several weeks. She is also her son who has been looking after the Davis debt. No one is authorized to compromise this for her and she would no doubt be governed by the advice of her counselor Mr Anderson — Yours

Very respectfully
John Adams

27th Oct 82

A. L. Winslow Esqr
New York city — Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th inst is at hand. I think John C. Peebler will join us in the Lower & N. C. [illegible]. He and wife are in the East [illegible] communications to him care of [illegible] N. York city will reach him. It might be well for you to see him about it. The Abbeville I is working well, has gotten into her old track. Her [illegible] from Lowmans to [illegible] increasing. Think I shall go there next week. All [illegible]

Wishing you a pleasant trip
Yours truly
John Adams

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27th Oct 82

John C. Peebler Esqr
New York city. Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] came duly to hand. Mr [illegible] made the arrangement with Mr Maury and started him to [illegible]. Whitelow started yesterday to N.Y. city and will be at the 5th Ave Hotel for a few [illegible] when it might be [illegible] and have a talk with him about the matter, before you commit yourself — [illegible] Wishing you a pleasant [illegible] am

Yours truly
John Maury

31st Oct 82

John G. Black Esqr
Keystone Iowa Ohio.
Dear Sir

Yours of 5th instant came duly to hand. I have delayed reply until I could see Mr Bartner, and examine accounts of yourself and Black & Barrett. We find that all the items in B & B's account [illegible] and except ten .10 [illegible] are charged to M. A. Maury in your [illegible] against [illegible].

[illegible] the error was in the bookkeeping of Black & Barrett. I only [illegible] yesterday further [illegible], or would have written you sooner.

Yours respectfully
John Maury

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7th Novem 82

Capt [illegible]
Somerset Va. Dear Sir

Yours of 2nd [illegible] duly to hand. Have had statements of Furnace and mines since. The last of Furnace to 28th shows as much better in ore than I suppose [illegible] considerable [illegible]. Had expected to leave to day or to morrow for your place, but find that I cannot, neither can I fix a time to day. Sent to [illegible] and [illegible] Putnam desires to go to Richmond at same time and spend a day at [illegible] on his way back to [illegible] Furnace. The newspapers have given you account of our killing. There are 26 [illegible] wounded, 3 killed instantly one died Friday, and two (2) [illegible] will probably die — Hoping you are all well again am

9th Novem 82

Friend Thomas

Your [illegible] of 2nd [illegible] only received [illegible] 4th [illegible] Neither myself nor others in [illegible] were in mind to attend the vote [illegible], one [illegible] being [illegible] in [illegible] dead and [illegible] for [illegible]. The result of Sandy's election are now known. The killings made in fear of [illegible],

On our [illegible] (the top) [illegible] about (1200) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] points (by one half mile apart in town, [illegible] near the [illegible] edge and other [illegible] on the top of 2 and 3 story buildings. You can judge for yourself whether there are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Truly

[illegible]

9th Nov 82

Hon L. T. Moore

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th inst came duly to hand. Have waited to see Mr Hackett — Hoher deed for lots 45 & 46 & 47 Range 4 West in Ashland — dated 21 July 1859 of record in "Deed Book (N) pages 96. 97. & 98 Crawford County Court" — This deed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of another lot, and [illegible] [illegible] to keep the same. Had expected to come up to day and show you his deed but do not feel [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] it.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Albany to [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the heirs of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gives the [illegible] of the heirs [illegible] of their [illegible]. Do you think it [illegible] definite to make a certificate to the heirs of [illegible]?

Would it do to make a deed in that way?

Yours truly

John [illegible]

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10th Nov 8[illegible]

R. H. Catlett Esqr
Elsworth Ser Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th inst
at hand. As Mr Winslow has so far
arranged this matter I will [illegible]
yours to him, that he may arrange
further with Mr Lee [illegible]
[illegible] from being able. Doctor [illegible]
to keep quiet, and put mustard plaster
on my back, and following his [illegible]
to quiet, but the mustard is [illegible]
seems matter, that so far I have
only taken it into consideration.

Yours truly
John McCauley

10th Novr 8[illegible]

John S. Winslow Esqr
Pompkeepsie N.Y. Dear Sir

Herewith please find
letter from R. H. Catlett Esqr of 4th inst.
You are too well informed on the matter
to need a little [illegible] more. [illegible]
[illegible] well, among other things Doctor
has [illegible] me to keep quiet and
mustard plaster to my back.
[illegible] trying to gather in the [illegible], and
[illegible] only [illegible] considering the
mustard. All family well.
With regards to you

Yours truly
John McCauley

10th Novem 82

Dear Sir

I have bought the lot, you
wrote for which you to send
for the Trees, have gotten them
a little better rate than offered
them you were here,
How paid
and agreed to pay, for cash of
of 3 or 4 dollars and there
unpaid Large - I do not think
there will be much, if any cash
will be wanted, I will
come and pay them
Your respectfully
John Mears

10th Novem 82

Dear Sir

Your respectfully
John Mears

18th Novem 82

Hon L. T. Homes
Cattettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Yours of 16th inst with check for ten ($10.00) dollars for rent of Ferguson, is at hand
Accept Thanks

Yours truly
John Meany

18th Novem 82

18th Novem 82

R. Preston Meanf
Capertown W. Va.

Dear Preston

Your letter with Photographs of your mother brother & self came to hand in due time. The Phos we have, but your letter has been mislaid. We have had killings here which occupied us and I have been confined at home by sickness, and there must be my apology for not earlier answer to yours. We have no place in particular to which I could recommend you [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I think, that in a short time, if he was here, he might have [illegible] place offered, when a change is needed [illegible] there may be a [illegible]. Lucie & Harry [illegible] Manitoba, [illegible] in N.Y. [illegible] at [illegible] Old [illegible]

[illegible] Truly
J. [illegible] Meanf

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[illegible] Novr [illegible]

A. L. [illegible] Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

[illegible]

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[illegible] Nov [illegible]

[illegible] F. [illegible] Esq.

[illegible] Surprise N. Y.

Yours of 13th [illegible]

[illegible] letter of 4th [illegible]

[illegible] hands. [illegible]

[illegible] shut up for a [illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] letters from [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] sent me [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] come to [illegible].

We have [illegible], which [illegible]

[illegible] pretty [illegible].

[illegible] from [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

John [illegible]

24 Nov 1862

Thomas A. Scott Esq
Vice Pres. P.R.R. Co.
Philadelphia

[illegible] 82

John H. Mason Esq.
Pittsburg Pa.

Dear Sir

[illegible] of
8th Novem[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
by Mrs [illegible] his daughter, [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] a
[illegible] of a [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] is a third
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 82

[illegible]
Pittsburg Pa.

Dear Sir

[illegible] my
[illegible] for recording
[illegible] to Mary [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] to John [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

John [illegible] Esqr
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

[illegible] duly to
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] the
[illegible] the
[illegible] there is not
[illegible] more of the [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] I think [illegible] for
[illegible] to get the [illegible]
[illegible] if [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] as
[illegible] to investigate as we can get. [illegible] you
[illegible] he promised to write me [illegible]
[illegible] I have heard nothing from him since;
[illegible] that he was [illegible]
[illegible] is not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for your [illegible] and

8th December 82

Messrs Harper & Brothers
Franklin Square, New York, N.Y.
Gentlemen

9th Decem 82

Messrs H. & E. Pogue
[illegible] 4th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find
[illegible] Eighty one [illegible] ($81.26) [illegible]
in payment of [illegible]
Very respectfully
John Meany

18th Decem 82

Mr Julius [illegible]
[illegible]
Dear Julius

Yours of [illegible] is only
this day at hand. There [illegible] no [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] a fix a price for long time,
Mr John Compton says it ought to be [illegible]
per, but I don't suppose he would buy
at that price, nor do I know any one
who would. For the present [illegible]
advise [illegible] to try to [illegible]
Very truly
John Meany

20th Decem 82

The Safe Deposit Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metzger N. Bank you City Twenty ($20.00) dollars, renewal for Safe

Very respectfully
John Meany

22nd Decem 82

M. F. Meany Esq.
Avondale, Cincinnati O.
Dear Sir

Your factors of 8 & 15 and 14th inst came duly to hand. The 8 Bags shipped from Mingden, came a day or two after you was here. The [illegible] for divisions of [illegible] for J. F. W. only came yesterday. Will have the bags filled and sent next week. I have paid Harvey bill for hose four Cts ($4.70) dollars, and send herewith. This you can arrange with Mr Winston —

Very truly yours
John Meany

27th December 82

H. W. Bates Esq.

Dear Sir

I have just seen Mr. Graham, and had a talk with him about your survey on the upper part of the Big Sandy River. I had feared that such a line might be my entry, but am pleased to hear that he thinks it will not be so; and hope that an extension of your road in that direction may be of benefit to your Co., as well as to the whole Hanging Rock Region. Our information obtained, of the Counties of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina extent when these state, Jain, [illegible] led to believe there is such [illegible] abundance of the Brown and Red Hematite, and Magnetic Iron Ores, as to promise a large business, in bringing them to the Ohio River and the markets there. To such our Iron are the nearest miner to this region, and this the nearest market to them, so that I think they will seek a vouchet this way.

Then the deposit of Cabin Creek about the Ky. and Va. line, can be carried to the Iron [illegible] and brought

and brought to the Ohio River.
There is also copper in N.C., but knowing
nothing of the mining or smelting of this, I
have taken such pains to inform myself
in regard to its abundance, but am
assured that it is in paying quantity.
With these [illegible], [illegible] copper in
addition to other business, I hope
you may see it to the interest of you be
to make the extension and give me
a fine connection with that section.

My truly yours
John Mead

29th Dec 82

John C. Parker Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible] I send you [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] O'Farrell [illegible] of the Biggs [illegible] which

lies between [illegible] and that on [illegible] of the

Pittsburgh Co. [illegible] have been getting

all the [illegible] they [illegible] of this [illegible] it has

[illegible] in it [illegible] joining to it. O'Farrell has

no arrangement with any [illegible] to buy [illegible] for [illegible]

and [illegible] there is no appearance

[illegible] what is [illegible]. Don't you think we [illegible]

[illegible] after this. I have received the [illegible]

[illegible] from Texas and N.O., collected by [illegible]

[illegible] them [illegible]

[illegible] Yours truly

John [illegible]

Ashland Ky, 30th December 1852

Joe Bandet Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 25th inst is at hand.

I have not made any agreement with Mr Neal for mentioning your and the Hillgren Owners. Will not cast to any one, without advising you first. If you can do as well or better than with him by renting to mention do so and I will deal leave to sign. It would be fair though to give Mr Neal the first chance.

Very respectfully

John Meany

9th January 82

John L. Cabell Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible] I delivered your note to Mr Hay, and wrote to inform you, stating the reasons which [illegible] Mr Randolph & Mr Johnson have been to see me and wish to be informed that the sum of Ten thousand dollars may be paid in this month towards [illegible] by the sale of this city, as it is more than sufficient in the commissioners of the estate clear. He says he will [illegible] but he is not ready at this.

I [illegible] Mr Burke's case on subject I put in your hands, that it may take its course.

Mr Cocke, with compliments of the season to you and

Yours truly

Th Mann Randolph

2nd Jany 82

Ark Winslow Esqr

Cincinnati O. Dear Sir

Your favors of 26th and 28th ult, came duly to hand, Also Maury's report and maps, which I have examined and sent to Mr Peeler. The report presents good results for any Railroad Company that may occupy the the route and get the business; and that a connection by rail may be great benefit to this region. Am afraid that far much money will be required for us to carry out the plans proposed by Maury.

From a letter of 28th ult, received from him, he considers himself employed by us [illegible] per month until we either determine to go on with the plant or we abandon them — Under you know others also may be willing to join us and contribute a large part towards the expenses we should determine quick and certify Maury. Now the Parish letter which will send to J.H. have held expecting letter from him, intending to send with my reply to same. Would like to meet you at Lakeview but must be here Monday Lund & Wed 8, 9, 10 inst.

An undivided ½ interest in 3000 Acres of the Biggs Land that lot between one 20 Acres and the lot we got of the Pittsburgh Co — will be offered at public sale Monday 8th inst. This lot is thought to be as good for coal as any we have; joins ours and is likely to be cold low — All well with compliments of the season

Yours truly John Maury

I would be worth dis[illegible] for $161.54 one for Mr Maury's [illegible]

Mrs. Mary A. Adams
in account current and in
of Thos. Adams dec'd

Dr.

'82
[illegible] 1 To [illegible] Bal. Ky. & N.O. R.R. Co. as per account Rendered 765 01 $12 [illegible]
Jany 1 " Balance due Mrs. M. A. 2824 [illegible]
18.[illegible]

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[illegible] 1 [illegible] $[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
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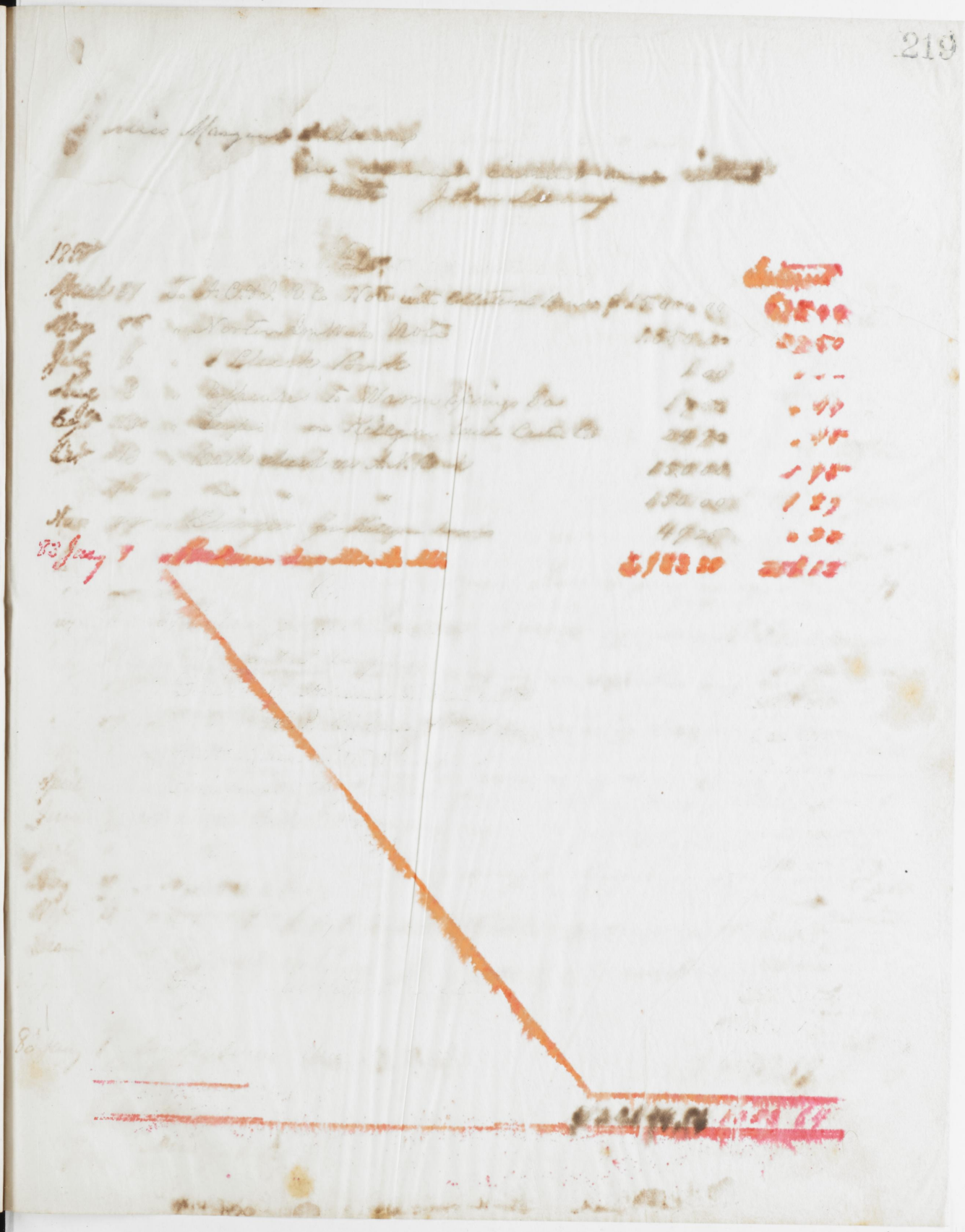

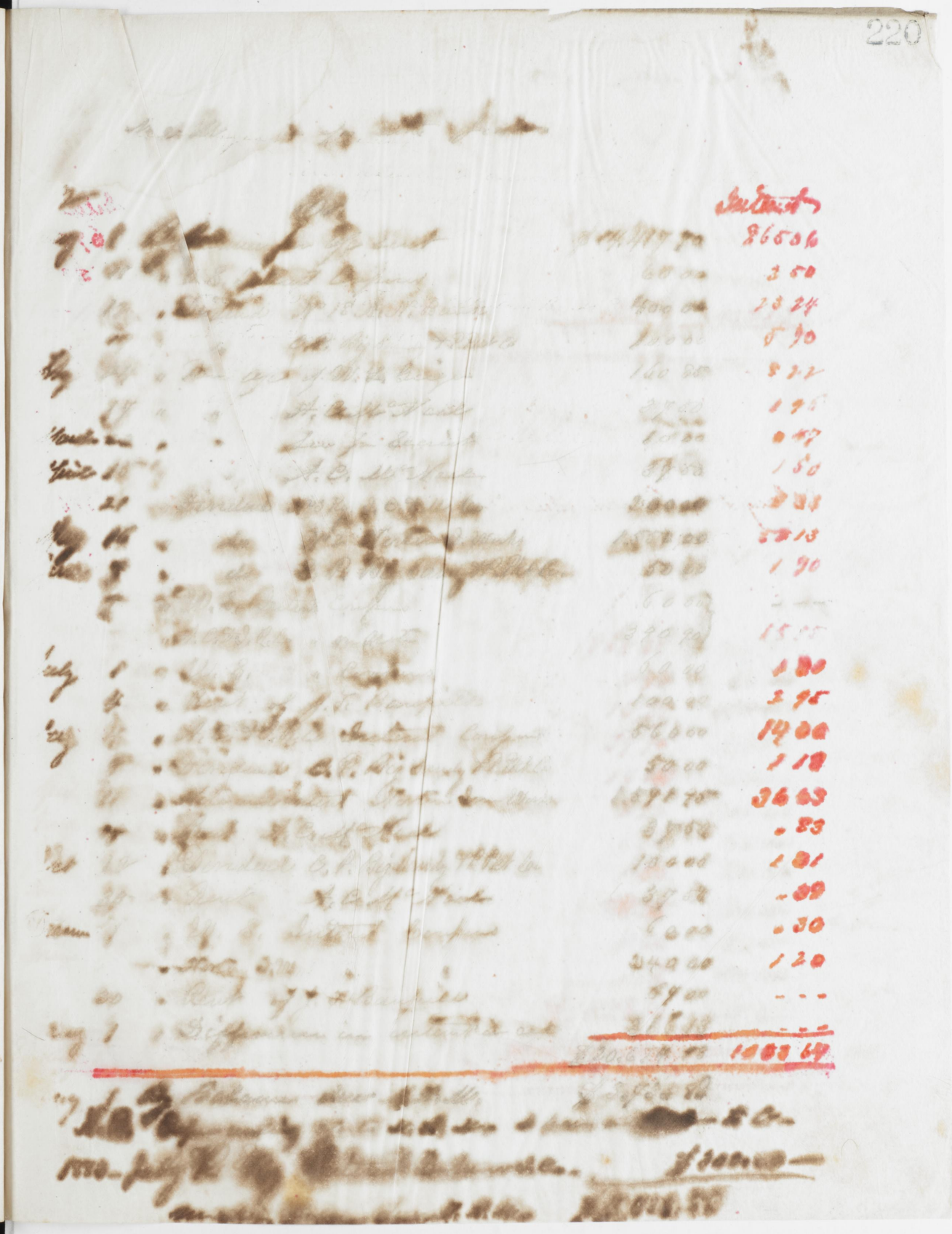

6th June 63

John T. Wilson
Cumberland

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6th Jany 83

A. C. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th inst is at hand
[illegible] you have satisfactory arrange-
ment with Mr Jenny. I can see no
objection to permitting Bates to use
the report. Let him make use of
the parts, but keep the report where
we may see it at any time
hereafter, if we desire to do so.
Between us you will see how increase
in the proportion of Bath on, He and
Dempster, think it yields nearly as
much ism as the Cinder dock, and
the ism is certainly improved. We
think the cock a little in favor of the [illegible]
Want of quantity [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

10th Jany 83

Thomas A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Yours of 8th inst of 9th inst
at hand, Was at Sunter yesterday.
Not having the cash on hand [illegible] you
need, to save you from disappointment
I made my draft on you at 60 days
and discounted same at the Ashland
Nat'l and send you herewith, this
draft for Nett proceeds $1469.35
told Cashier Richardson to hold the
draft here for a few days, [illegible] I
thought you would be up, when
he could have your [illegible] [illegible]
Hoping this will be satisfactory
[illegible] yours truly

John [illegible]

10th Jany 83

Mark Daniels Lomb Co
N.E. Cor Fifth Race St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Received [illegible]
draft on [illegible] [illegible]
fifty four [illegible] [illegible] to your
order [illegible] my account

Very respectfully
John [illegible] 9th Jany 83

D. Shanahan Esq
Covington Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2th inst is at hand. It would give me pleasure to look over the ground you mention, with you and your associates, but it is very uncertain when I may visit Lanham, and [illegible] take the time to go with you. I would recommend that you see Mr Frank Lyman and get him to look with you. He is a young man, but very intelligent, and I would trust his judgment in such a matter as quick as my own.

Will try to advise you before my next visit to Lanham, and whether I can take the trip you propose. Shall be glad to see our properties in and near the C&O. R.R., opened and worked.

Very respectfully,

12th January 62

John T. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst, is at hand. Have also from Cordwin of 10th stating that furnace made 761 tons, week ending 6th inst. His output of one last year was 65.000 tons and he expect about same for this, and he has about 32.000 on hand. I am afraid he may let others buy up that mine around him if he is not encouraged before it is too late. Have a letter from Mr. Shanahan that himself R.C. Morris and Rhinehart, all of whom you know, have in view to lease that part of the Douthet land, adjoining Dolly Arm, and mine on. He thinks would have to expend about $40.000 in grading R.R. and that the C.&O. R.Co. would put track on it. He invites me to ride over the lands and examine with him, and to advise whether a safe venture for them. Assured that would let him know when I sent inst L.M. and if convenient would go with him. Advised him to see our folks and Tom, and have with Cornwin. My health as good as ever, have [illegible] in two months past. What of her Wishes getting [illegible]

Yours truly John Wiley

Dear Sir 15th Jany 83

Your favor of 13th instant is at hand. I prefer that we take follow the prescribed course, unless thereby be danger to his eyesight, and have so written him, also sending him your letter to me, that he may have the benefit of your advice.

He had from early boyhood a fancy for collecting wine and I have thought that after he had finished the course at Marietta, to send him to the Columbian School of Mines for a course in Metallurgy, not merely chemistry, that might be of advantage to him in succeeding to my business. I find that some have persuaded him that he should, you sum to the technical school, and while I desire to have him do as indicated above, do not think it best to be too rigid in control of his action.

Very truly yours

John Mcauf

I. W. Anderson Esq
Marietta Ohio

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19th Jany 83

R. Matten Cash
Trenton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you power of Attorney from Tuttle Adams to me to authorize signing for extension of Bank Charter. You will notice that he has neglected to fill the blank Lift for day of month. Your attorney can advise you whether this is important. I think it would be safer to get signers enough without his name

Yours truly

John Adams

To the Honorable Court of Boyd County Ky.

The undersigned Commissioners, appointed by your body to superintend to construction of the Road from Ashland to Ellington's Bear Creek, beg leave to report:

That under the authority granted us we have expended ($16,[illegible]) fifteen thousand nine hundred and ninety nine $\frac{22}{100}$ dollars, and have issued certificates of indebtedness of various dates bearing interest therefor: the foregoing under orders of your body viz: November 1880, Jany 1881, August 1881, and November 1881.

Under the order of special term May 1882 we have expended eight thousand two hundred and thirty $\frac{40}{100}$ ($8,230.40) dollars;

Under the order of special term October 1882 we have expended five hundred and six $\frac{90}{100}$ ($506.90) dollars.

The whole amount as above mentioned is twenty four thousand nine hundred and thirty six $\frac{52}{100}$ ($24,736.52) dollars.

We have only issued certificates in payment for indebtedness, and have not had any money in our hands at any time.

Large Dr. [illegible] in account with John Meaux

1882 Oct	10	To Rent of House and [illegible] from [illegible] 1881 to 10th Oct 1882, 12 Mos @ [illegible]	120 00
1883 Jany	10	To [illegible] 10th Oct 82 to 10 Jany 1883, 3 Mos "	30 00

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1881 Nov	17	By Cash		$ 10 00
Dec	22	" Cash	(Lily)	30 00
1882 July	21	" Cash	(Rose)	20 00
Apr	8	" Cash	(Harry)	10 00
May	14	" Cash		5 00
		" Passing House		5 00
July	13	" Cash		30 00
Sept	7	" Cash		10 00
Oct	25	" Cash		10 00
Dec	20	" Cash	(Bessie)	10 00
1883 Jany	10	" Balance due J. M. from C. K. C		40 00
			$ 150 00	150 00
1883 Jany	10	To Balance due J. M. from C. K. C	$ 40 00	

Mr. [illegible]
Please examine this account and compare with your receipts and advise me if there be any error —

Respectfully,
John Meaux

Ashlands Ky
20th Jany 1883.

22nd Jany 83

Mrs Wm Leland Prentice
Blacksburg Va.

Dear Madam

Your favor of 2nd inst is at hand. I have had some correspondence with Robt P. M. in regard to his brother of whom you write, and will gladly recommend the young man to any situation that he may be competent to fill. Not being acquainted with him it is rather hard for me to judge what his qualifications may be, and I have suggested to Pr. Pr. that if he was here something might be found suitable for him.

Very respectfully
Yours
John Hearn

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27th January 83

Lewis Clum Esq Sect & Treas
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th instant is only now received — inclosing checks payable to order of viz

Miss M. A. Adams	$100.00
Hugh Adams	150.00
Mary A. Adams	350.00
J. W. Adams	600.00
and Myself	1400.00

I will secure these to the owners at once —

Very respectfully
John Adams

29th January 83

E. B. Wilcox Esq
Hanging Rock, O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th instant is at hand. Letter would rather have the Stations leave the place, and says forget to do or you think best in this matter

Very respectfully
John Adams

5th Feby 83

John P. Terry Esqr Pres &c
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 3rd inst [illegible]
inclosing checks viz
to my order — $109.50
to order Gay. B. Norton — 73.00 for
interest due 3rd Jany last —
I will send the check to
Mr. Norton —

Very respectfully
John Meany

5th Feby 83

G. B. Norton Esqr
Coalton Ky. Dear Sir

herewith please find
letter and check for $73.00 from
Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co. for
interest due 3rd ult — Please
acknowledge to them —

Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 8th Feby 1883

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Benj W. Singer.

I have been trying to see you for long long time without avail - I find no account of anything in Cemetery Co - account since December 1881 - Have you collected no money since that time? What is the No duction and price of Morris Lee Act? Have you reports of burials?

Very respectfully
John Meady

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Mt Sidney
Fairville Ky
Dear Sir
You gave of 9th
inst is at hand, inclosing trip
from Cin. N. Dies from Cincinnati
to Oxmore and whom, Shan
not affected to address meeting
at Oxmore 28th as recent he
in N.Y. city at that time
Please weight thanks for
your courtesy, Sentiment
for burials.
Very respectfully
John Meady

13th Feby 83

L. Pierce & Pont
Mandeville O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th instant is at hand inclosing check for Mrs Mary D. Adams $64.70
Thos M. Adams 97.05
$161.75

I send you herewith receipt from Mrs M. A. Adams & M. Adams is out in Montana will write him to send you receipt.

Very respectfully
John Adams

15th Feby 83

Charles Carey Esq,
3 Allston Place, Boston Mass.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th inst is at hand and contents noted. Am sorry to know of nothing to which can recommend you.

Very respectfully
John Adams

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16th Feby 83

Mrs. S. C. Hildreth
Dresden Ohio.

Dear Sister

Meanwhile please find A. N. Bank on Thier's Note, New York city One hundred and nine ($109.00) dollars interest collected on your bkg, and bonds. Please send receipt. Have letters to day from Hall and Rose from Charleston S. both were well.

High waters have interfered with travel to and from here, but no house in Ashland has had the water in it.

Yours truly
John Meany

17th Feby 83

Rev D. M. Moore
Columbus, Kansas

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th instant is at hand. There has been no sale of stock in Mrs. S. C. H. M. for years and consequently I cannot tell how much in cash could be obtained for whatever probably not what they are worth.

Would advise not to try to sell now. All the friends here will be wonderful. With kind regards to Mrs. Moore and your family

Yours truly
John Meany

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19th May 83

Joseph Barrett Esq
Georgetown Ky.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst. with copy of bond and Thirty dollars ($30.00) [illegible] from A. C. McNeal for one quarter [illegible] last spring rent is at hand. You had better allow him to fix the fence where it is needed.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

I [illegible] receipt for A. C. M. [illegible]

26 May 83

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

Jos. B. Wilson Esq. Prest
Georgetown Ky.

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1st March 83

Thomas A. Mack Esqr
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Your favor 27th ult, came to hand yesterday. My last advised you as to my movements. Will leave Monday Morn for N.Y. via Lowhurst. They say at the Bank will renew for your close on 14th instant.

Will not come from N.Y. in time to go to Oxmoor.

Herewith find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank your city forty six 67/100 ($46.67) dollars, for James Morrison Esq. Ltd Land

Yours truly
John Means

2nd March 83

Mr. A. C. McNeal
Dear Sir

Your of 2nd instant is at hand. You no doubt can buy plank for fencing delivered at your place, cheaper than I can get it here, Banfield bought at $10, and 12 when he put on new roofs. You did not say what you could leave posts made for - but you can buy them cheaper than, can send from here. Will send you enough for four (4) wires to panel to insure a good fence.

Will be from home next week after same back, will try to get out and see what kind of work you have done.

Very respectfully
John Means for
M. A. Means

Messrs. H. F. C. Payne
10 & 12 Wed. & Mrs. Cincinnati O.
Entered
Yours of 7th inst came
when we were from home - inclosing
attested by answer $84.56
On the 7th of December 1882 I remitted
you check to your order on the
Metropolitan Note Bank of your
City for the same. Please
examine and see if there has not
been error or omission to
give proper credit.
Very respectfully
Your Obey

12th March 83

Dr. O. L. Rogers
Lewisburg Va.

Dear Sir

On reaching N.Y. City I found Mr Lewis was preparing to leave in a few weeks for Europe to be gone most of the year. That he was closing up his business matters before leaving, and not entering upon anything new, and would not permit the money you desire to borrow. I felt of Mr Winslow, and finding no chance to do anything with him, did not disclose to him my purpose - unless you can find some one in Virginia to furnish the money I see no chance to get it.

16th March 53 241

William Meany Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Will

On the 9th December last, I sent my check on Mitchell V. Bank, payable to order of H. & E. Pogue which it appears has not reached them. Please have examination made at the Bank and see if the check has been paid, and if so by whom indorsed, will oblige. All well, [illegible] [illegible] in N.Y. city.

Yours truly
John Meany

Mr Peebles

Bates to Meany and M. to me hereinafter explain themselves, I shall not answer Meany until I hear from you. Think it would be well to give Bates an other good man, we want no other sort, if we buy [illegible]. Cast see much in favor of only a few, and a small purchase. Please let me hear what you think.

16 March 1853

Yours truly
John Meany

Tom Houghton

Quit Tuesday, Drunk – Telegram brought – Montgomery yesterday, now in charge

James Collopy Dr.

To Mrs Harriet E. Meany

For Rent of Lot 84 Range 4 East in Ashbourne

1 Year ending 4th May 1882, due and payable 1 November 1881 $21.00

1 Year " 4 " 1883 " " " 1 " 1882 21.00

Ashbourne Ky $43.00

15th March 1883

17th March 83

Mr. F. Maury Esq

Avondale, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th inst came duly to hand, and contents noted. I think if the gentleman agree to purchase any land in Tenn or N.C. that it would be well to join with the Bates party. For fact cannot see that it can be worthwhile to buy, unless some such arrangement is made, as may secure more land than there or four would care to buy.

Very truly yours

John Meany

19th March 83 243

Messrs [illegible] Payne
[illegible] Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Yours of 14th instant came duly to hand. Then also heard from the Bank that my check has not been presented for payment, and suppose it has been lost. Herewith please find duplicate check, [illegible] for that Cent given 9th of December last.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

20th March 83

Messrs Hoand Kyle & Co.
Hanging Rock Ohio.

Gentlemen

Father broke shows that he gave a note in favor of George Conser, dated 18th November 1875 @ 12 months amount $150.00 having interest at 8 per cent and which he thinks has been paid. I find no entry on the books to show payment and father has no recollection of the payment. only that he thinks he does not remember [illegible] any such debt, and therefore has paid it. Will you please see Conser at your convenience and if he has such a note please pay same and interest charge fathers account and advise me

Very respectfully

[illegible] March 83

Mrs Julia [illegible]
Manchester Ohio.

Dear Cousin

Your favor of 18th inst. came duly to hand. I know of no one now but wants to buy your stock. Should I find any one will advise you.
Maggie and Mary Adams are in New York city.

Yours truly
John Alexander

[illegible] March 83

E. R. Wilhoit Esq
Cragsea Ky.

Dear Sir

I have letter to day from David Linton Cincinnati, suggesting that Mr John C. Peeler of Portsmouth meet Linton and Gov Stevenson in Cinti early next week. Can you be there say Tuesday or Wednesday 27th or 28th instants? I have written Mr Peeler asking him same question. Please advise me at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully yours
John Alexander

30th March 83 245

K. B. Graham Esq
Piketon Ky.

Dear Sir

Can you tell me how Gardner Johnson and Julia Johnson acquired title or right to the 120 A which they propose to sell, Col Moore examined at Grayson for me but could find no record of any conveyance to such persons, neither did he meet any one who knew them. He supposed they must hold title bond from some one and are not resident on the lands. Can you tell how this may be? and oblige

Yours Truly
John Meany 4th April 83

Louis Glenn Sey & Son
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st instant is at hand, inclosing checks for Dividend Cinti Portsmouth Big Sandy & Romney Packet Co, in favor of

myself	$1,600
Thos W. Meany	1,600
Hugh Meany	150
Miss M. A. Meany	100
Mrs Mary A. Adams	350
	$3,800

which I will hand to the owners

Yours most respectfully,

10th April 83

John D. Rose Esq

Dear Sir

A large part of your note dated 1873 December 9th is unpaid to Thomas W. Meany.
He is getting old and would like to have this settled down; and the notes of other parties which you left at the Bank should be looked after.

Very respectfully
John Meany for
Thomas W. Meany

11th April 83

Messrs Tuned & Andrews
[illegible] Pearl St, Cincinnati Ohio.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Nat Bank your city, Nineteen Dollars ($19.83) dollars. In payment your bill 22nd ult for Coffee

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

14th April 83 247

C. C. Magawa Esqr
Grayson Ky.

Dear Sir

I find yours of 10th inst, on return after [illegible]. I have no personal interest in Carter County Bonds. Some of our company, a few, are that if the bonds are paid will help pay the lev part of the Ck. tax. If the county never pays the bonds, we will not have to pay the tax. So it matters not to me which way the thing goes — and I do not wish to bother with it. I think the plan you propose is a good one.

Very respectfully yours

John Meany 14th April 83

E. H. R. Lyman Esqr
2 Bowling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor with regard to purchase of bonds of the New River RR came duly to hand. I am delayed very reply until I could see Messrs A. E. Wallow and F. Sinton about the matter. They are not inclined to take any part of the loan. Mr. W. said he would write you fully on the subject

Very truly yours

John Meany

14th April 83

John F. Winslow Esqr
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours with letter of Capt Leslie on the payment of stock for the Coal land deed, came duly to hand. Have just returned from Cinti, where have seen A.A.W. and Mr Sinton both of whom are decidedly opposed to closing the matter now by increase and issue of stock, and prefer to wait until 1885 unless we can see our day clear to pay some in Cash. In this I agree with them. I hope to know you will be at Yonkers next week as that is the latest that I can meet you there — All well — Mr at 80° to day. With kind regards to family

Yours truly
John Mears

18th April 83

J. H. Rickhoff Esq
240 Vine Street, Cincinnati, O.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank your city fifty two ($52.00) dollars in payment my account

Very respectfully
John Meany

19th April 83

Messrs Jed & Stella Hotchkiss
Lettmuton Va

Gentlemen

Herewith please find P.O. order two ($30) dollars for renewal of Virginia's for 1881 to my address

Very respectfully
John Meany

19th April 83

E. S. Wilson Esqr
Scranton Co

Dear Sir

Herewith please find P. O. order three ($3.00) dollars for renewal for the Register to address of myself and to Harry Means Marietta Co

Very respectfully
John Means

19th April 83

David Williams Esqr
83 Reade St, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find P. O. order six 50 ($6.50) dollars, for renewal Iron Age 1 year from 10 March 1883 to 10 March 1884 — $4.50 and Metallurgy of Iron, by H. Bauerman [illegible] 2.00 $6.50 which please send by Mail — to my address and oblige yours

Very respectfully
John Means

28th April 83

John Carlisle Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th instant is at hand. I did think we could make an arrangement with the Riggs Bros about the land you mention for the Chattanooga &c.

I understood our Kinsmen would be some settlement with them about the matter, and do not know what. I suppose to buy or condemn the land is all that can be done now, and am not sure that I can be of assistance with one of them. Will do what I can.

Very respectfully
John Mcaus

Ashland Ky. 5th May 1888
Received of Mrs Lucy A. McCorley four hundred ($400+) dollars part payment of "French" lot in Cirgus addition to Catlettsburg.
John Mcaus

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2nd May

Thos A. Mack Esqr
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati, O.

Dear Mack

Yours of 1st inst

J. F. Peters Esqr
Trenton Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult is at hand at hand with check for fifteen with your check of H. O. Russell & Co. hundred ($1500x) dollars, to pay One hundred and Sixty ($160x) dollars interest on your note to Meanes Russell as a payment on note of John Peter Meanes, indorsed by them to father, belonging to Miss Margaret A. Meanes I will look at the note and see if I can letter an insurance or it need be renewed, regrated. Will see Mr Russell I cannot go to Lorna next week and Edwd Tow about the other nor the week after — matter.

Yours truly
John Meanes

My respectfully
John Meanes

Henry Riley — Ashland Ky. 31st May 1883

in account with

John Marshall

1898 Jly 12	To cash of [illegible] from [illegible] 1897 [illegible]		$ 79 56
1897 Oct 8	By Cash	$ 20 00	
1883 May 31	" Work for account [illegible]	22 00	42 00
	To Balance due [illegible]		$ 37 56

John L. Moore — 31st May 83

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] you said you [illegible] bought by Mr Margaret A. Moore [illegible] get a [illegible] at eighteen hundred ($1800) [illegible] Cash or [illegible]

Please advise me [illegible] wishes to [illegible]

Yours Truly

J. Marshall

5th May 83

John K. F. Prichard
Pittsburg Pa.

Dear Sir

I have sold the "French" House to Mrs McSorley. Please certify Ed Egbert that I desire to give possession to Mrs S. at the earliest possible day

Very respectfully
John Means

7th May 83

N. Derby Esq.
95 Brooklyn E.D., New York.

Dear Sir

Yours of 2 inst. will come duly to hand. Instead please find sample selected for waist for Hildarthe. Has not grown any larger —

Very respectfully
John Means

8th May 83

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
604 to West 4th St, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

herewith please find my check Metropolitan Nat Bank your city Nine 81/100 ($9.81) dollars, in payment my account yours
Very respectfully
John Meany

8th May 83

The John Shillito Co.
Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Nat Bank your city Twenty one ($31+) dollars in payment Bill 30th April last
Yours very respectfully
John Meany

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David Sinton Esqr
Cincinnati O.
Dear Sir

Your [illegible] of 9th inst. came to hand yesterday. Cincinnati paid the deed signed and acknowledged as requested.

I think the only cause to be taken with Joshua Baker, is to see and sell him out, will well need fin in kind regards to family

Your truly
John Meany

11th May 83

David Sinton Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your of 9th came to hand yesterday too late for reply. Yours of 4th came to hand on 8th just as I was taking train to go away for the day, and we did not see telegram until that night. Wednesday morn, the deeds are executed and mailed and should have reached you by the time your of 9th came here. Letters by mail come quicker than by boat, we send to Post office my day, but not to the boats once in a month. Not that you receiving by boat delayed instead of hurrying the matter. Hoping the deeds reached yesterday are

Your truly
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 14th May 1883

A. C. Campbell Esqr

Dear Sir

Herewith find Bill from myself to Mr Mary wife of Thos D. Marcum for lot in Cattlettsburg Please have Thos D. Marcum sign the note herewith and return same to me, and thereupon deliver deed to him, and oblige

Yours truly

John Meade

14th May 83

Messrs Tuel & Andrews
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

Please send me by
Big Sandy Packet Co Steamer
1 Bbl Granulated Sugar.
And oblige yours
very respectfully
John Meade

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[illegible] May 23

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

including Check for [illegible]

[illegible] $100.00

[illegible] 100.00

[illegible] 100.00

[illegible] 100.00

[illegible] 1500.00

[illegible] 1500.00

[illegible] 1500.00

Yours Truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

20 May 83

H. R. Cohen Esq
Cincinnati Ohio
Dear Sir

Yours of [illegible] and [illegible] acceptance of notice are duly to hand. Please accept thanks for your kindness

Yours Truly
John Meany

2 Wed May 83

Thos A. Mack Esq
69 West, 3rd St, Cincinnati O.
Dear Mac

Yours of 19th and 21st instant on before me, inclosing your check Amount ——— $30.62
Note dated 23 Mar at 60 days 2000.00
If you wish to keep your credit up, you must not depend on letter always finding me at home, even if not far away. Inclosed please find draft on Unit Notes Bank your city $2[illegible].00
For Amount of check 30.62
Note proceeds of note discounted 2[illegible] $2.50
All will

Yours Truly
John Meany

25th May 88 260

Mrs John McSorley

Madam

I have this day executed deed to you for the "French" House and lot in Cattelsburg, and will send same, with three notes for execution by your husband for the remainder of the purchase money, to care of A. C. Campbell Esq Cattelsburg Nat Bank. Please call there, examine the deed to see, if correct, execute the notes.

Very respectfully
John Meany

25th May 88

A. C. Campbell Esq

Dear Sir

Herewith please find deed to Mrs John McSorley (Esq) and three notes for execution by her husband. On the completion of the notes, deliver her the deed and obligor.

Yours truly
John Meany

I have written Mrs McSorley to call on you for [illegible]

28th May 83

Mrs Rose Kilcrn
Trenton Ohio
Madam

You let us Range & Lot was advertised by the Sheriff of the Cen. Ly for Sale for taxes for the years 1879-80-81-82-83 amount $25.00 — I got him to pass it that I might write and inform you so you could pay without further costs. Unless you pay before the next Court day 25th June, he will sell the property and with added costs — You had better see about this at once

Very respectfully
John Meany

30th May 83

Messrs Truss & Andrews
[illegible] Pearl St, Cincinnati Ohio.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan Nat'l Bank your city thirty 23/100 ($30.23) dollars for bill 10th per dugar —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th will be at hand, inviting me to the meeting of the Mine Lot of Mining Corp. at your city on the 8th instant.

The obligation to be here on the 4th was on the 6th; or would take great pleasure in attending.

With thanks for your courtesy am yours

Overall respectfully

John Meany

Charles Blackford by Chas. Blackford Cpr.

Gulfport Va.

Jan June 83

Lewis Glenn Esq. Sec'y Treas.
Cincinnati Ohio —

Dear Sir

Yours of 8th instant is at hand inclosing checks for dividends in names of

Thomas W. Meany	$800.00
Hugh Meany	75.00
Mary A. Adams	475.00
Margaret A. Meany	50.00
Myself	800.00 $6900+

Which I will deliver to the owners. Inclosed please find receipt from Mr. Cont. Gaylord Abbey of Title of W. T. Gaylord Dept. for checks Jany, April and June dividends.

Very respectfully

John Meany

9th June

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M. King Esqr
Olympia Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of [illegible] duly to hand, and I have delayed reply a few days to show the ores to Russell & Putnam. The better sample in the box are nice ore, but of course in mining [illegible] must take good and bad together. We afraid that thirty (30) per ton royalty for ore so far from the furnace, and [illegible] too, is too high a price for profit in working. I don't think it would be well for me to come out now, and even if it would. I cannot get out before sometime next month.

Yours truly

John [illegible]

[illegible] 23

Mr. [illegible] Johnston
Edgeton P.O., Gates Station, Bowman Co. Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th I found yesterday at Livingston where I came a short time after you left there. I went on the 26th of May Mr Wilton to see the land surveyed, but you left without finishing, and when you did finish on 4th June did not notify me, or the owners of land joining, so that I could not come or send any one to see where the lines run. Neither did you give your P.O. address so that I could write to you, only that you lived in Bowman Co. As soon as I can learn a little more about the boundary surveyed by you and of the lands joined, if I find all right will prepare a deed and send to you for yourself wife and father to execute, and when that is done can read the money to Livingston or as we may agree. Remember that a letter to me may not be seen for a day or two after you mail it. Your first letter for me to meet you last Wednesday did reach me until Thursday noon.

Very respectfully
John Mc[illegible]

[illegible] June 83

R. B. Graham Esq

Dear Sir

Some out on the Sick Branch of Tygart yesterday to see the land surveyed by Johnson. He ran to and down the Branch some (61) sixty one poles from J. C. Thompsons lower corner on Sick Br. Some of the persons about, thought the Tygart Valley Co lands crossed S.B. and down on the West side, and if so, that Johnson had run over on to that Co. Saw Col S. Eckert but he did not know, neither could we find any one who proposed to know, only "thought so." Can you tell me about this, or if you can send the notes of your T.V.S.C. down Sick Branch I think can tell by other notes we have of the Limestone Co, Gaybart &c.?

Don't wish to give you too much trouble in this neither desire to pay Johnson for your low land yours

Very truly

John Mcaung

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17th June 53

John F. Wheeler Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th instant only came yesterday, having gone astray somehow. Capt Tomlinson took out an copy of his letter to Mr. Kerr & do not think it can go to Pittsburgh until after the first of next month at the last as to route &c, and that if [illegible] to negotiation with Mr. Kerr, thought in case [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] improvements as to permit [illegible] of passengers. This is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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16th June

M. King Esqr
Olympia Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of 13th came to hand yesterday. If Cee and Allen land is as I understand your letter 11 to 12 miles from the R.R. I don't think I would want it at any price. If they would say what they will sell at it hardly seems worthwhile to go to see it, or to bid for it. What prices do people ask for such lands when they do sell, and what do they ask for the lands on which you have options at 30¢? Don't forget that these lands are 75 or 80 miles from the river and from fuel and that it cost money to cover distance. I may go to Cinti Monday 18th inst.

Yours truly John Mears

18th June 83

Messrs Damon & Bienhell
Cuttlebury Ky.

Gentlemen
Hereunder
find check [illegible] from the [illegible] place
in payment of your [illegible]
Very respectfully
John Mears

19th June 83

Messrs Meares Kyle & Co
Changing Park &c
Gentlemen

please change my account and credit Margaret McMeans with amount of balance you have against her and oblige yours

Respectfully
Thomas W. Meares
By John Meares

21st June 83

C. W. Schmitt Esq C.B.C.C.
Lattimberg Ky.
Dear Sir

Herewith please find deed from Chas Oster & wife to myself for record, Also Cash ($1.75) dollars for tax and recording same.

Most respectfully
John Meares

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

3rd July 83

Beman Oates Esqr
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find N. Y. draft Onehundred ($100) dollars for the Rowster Proportion.

Very truly yours
John Meaux

5th July 83

M. King Esqr
Olympia Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of cond inst and box of ore marked to Sam W. K. are here and contents examined. I don't now think it worth while to mine and haul for testing small lots dont prove much, and cost more in proportion than larger ones. What sort of a place to stay is it at the Springs if I should come with two or three with me? Will let you know soon Spy in a week if coming and when. But am not much inclined to go soon. The sampler sent are about as good as we expected to find.

Yours truly
John Meaux

[illegible] July 83

[illegible] Winslow Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Herewith find M. King's 2nd Print containing about all the information I have [illegible] from him, since writing you, excepting that he has sent two boxes with sampler of 1000 gathered by him. In letters sent you he said Lee & Howell set no price on their 1000 Acres, and I asked him what such [illegible] sold for where it did sell, and this is [illegible] reply. I have asked him what sort of a place he [illegible] stay at, if I should go there with two [illegible], and I have said to him, that would let him know in a week if going, that did not [illegible] feel much inclined to go. The weather [illegible] so hot and if he is right there seems to be [illegible] in too many places to be easily monopolized at the prices no hull [illegible]. And then [illegible] out can to spread out into a new [illegible] prise. This hot weather [illegible] me [illegible]. Please advise what you think of a [illegible] Olympia or to [illegible]

Yours truly,

John Sleaux

7th July 83

Messrs Daniels Cormick & Co
N. E. Cor 5th & Race Sts
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please check on Mt Pleasant N. Bank you city One hundred and thirteen 50/100 ($113.50) dollars in payment of account.

Very respectfully
John Means

10th July 83

John P. Terry Esq Pmt Sc
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th inst is at hand with check One hundred and nine 50/100 ($109.50) dollars for interest on notes and check Seventy three ($73.00) to order of Gaylord H. Norton which will hand to him on his returns Hope Peters calf wont hurt any body.

Very respectfully
John Means

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16th July 8

Mr. King Esqr
Olympia, Batte Co. Ky.
Dear Sir

Your giving account of accommodations at the O. Springs &c, came duly to hand. Have delayed reply that neighbour from there expected to go out with me, and find it very uncertain I leave tomorrow for the end may be gone over 10 days at least [illegible] out matter lasts, dont want to go to Batte Co. And cannot undertake to fix any time now for a trip, as must suit others. If you see any chance to make a fortune for yourself better take hold. If for myself alone dont know that would ever see Batte

Yours truly
John Meaux

16th July 58

James T. Banfield
Dear Sir
Your statement of account with Margaret H. Meaux $16.10
and Cash $400
$300.10

Have handed me the 11th inst by Mr James P. Castleman and the same credited to you
Very respectfully
John Meaux for
Margaret H. Meaux

16th July 85

Wm Mary Esq
Cincinnati O. Dear Will

The inclosed explains itself. I did write in reply to your on same matter expecting to talk with you about it, when in the city last, but it escaped me entirely. I suppose there are the same firm or Co under new name, that charged me $150 for the engraving of pattern which they have really pronounced "not a good one" and offer to make a better one. I don't think fellow has had any pretext taken since, or begin as to that, from which a new and better can be made. We could not now get one that we would prefer to those we have. So the project seems to me a pretty deep gouge. Mary is away and I have not mentioned the matter to Mag. If you wish it I will send the engraving to you and leave the matter to do as you please. Expect to leave tomorrow night for Va and be gone 5 or 10 days. All well

Yours Truly
John Mears

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3rd August 83

Mrs B. E. Hilsbeth
Sweden Ohio

Dear Sister

herewith please find draft on N.Y. Oil hundred and nine ($209.00) dollars, for interest on RR and W. S. Bonds. Please sign receipt and return to me —

Lily left for N.Y. Wednesday set out and Platter, Bessie, Rose and Harry for Old Point Comfort Va. Cook is up on the Big Sandy River in the Cumberland Mountains. With kind regards to Frank and the girls are —

Yours truly
John Meany

30th August 53

Lewis Clarke Esq Sub Treas
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Gen of Ord will be at hand with
Vouchers as stated viz

Check	Jane Anguly	$800.00	
"	F. W. Meaney	500.00	
"	Mary A. Adams	175.00	
"	Hugh Meaney	75.00	
"	M. A. Meaney	50.00	
"	Wm. F. Hayford	130.00	$3.030.00

Which will be handed to the owners

Very respectfully

John Meaney

3rd August 83

Thomas A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio,

Dear Mack

Herewith please find draft to your order, twenty five ($25.00) dollars, for which to pay my yearly dues to Chamber of Commerce. Please attend to and send me receipt. We are feeling a warm wave here, or I should have come down about this time. Nothing strange has happened to write about.

All at home, and well

Have you been to Eureka or any news from there, about No. Starting?

Yours truly
John Meany

16th August 83

Mr. Rogers Esq.
Lynchburg Va. 1907 Elm St.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th instant came duly to hand. Had you [illegible] and he has spoken of you very favorably, and should we need a furnace man will keep you in mind.

At present we have no place vacant.

My respectfully
Yours
John Meany

24th August 83

Wm. Diederich

Dear Sir

Your note dated 1 May 1895 @ 1 day, Seventy ($70.00) dollars, is old enough and must be paid.

Very respectfully
John Meany

28th August 83

John S. Ham Esq Supt &c
Backbone Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th inst is at hand. George N. Gray has no furnace of his own, and is asking prices for some one else. I think Gray is good for what he would want to buy, and would sell to him or to parties guaranteed by him.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

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30th August 83

John G. Peebles Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

I find this morning Mr Maury's letter, with indorsement from J. F. W. Have heard nothing from Mr W. but suppose he will not be inclined to embark in the venture at present. Mr. Maury's idea are for such a large investment that I do not feel myself favorable to his plans. If we had a party to engage with all of whom we were well acquainted, and who would carry one for the matter some attention I might feel differently, but it hardly seems probable that we will get such a party I'll not answer Mr until I hear what you think about it.

Yours truly
John Meany

2nd Septem 83

Dear Sir

permit me to introduce to you the bearer Mr F. Maury Esq. Mr. M. is a mining engineer and geologist, who has made some explorations for me. You will find him prudent and reliable in his profession, an intelligent and agreeable gentleman.

Very truly yours
John Meany

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati O.

3rd Septem 83

M. F. Maury Esqr
Avondale, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th ult came duly to hand. Have waited to hear from Mr Peeller who joined with Messrs Winslow and myself in the expenses of your trip last Fall. Have heard nothing lately from A. S. Winslow in regard to the matter, but suppose he and his brother together. As I had expected these gentlemen to join with me and they now decline I hardly think it probable that I shall do anything further. As you can make better selection thereby, I send you the whole in Page Nos 59. 60. 61. 62. 63 just as they to me. Will send by Express Marked "M. F. Maury Avondale Cincinnati O."

Inclosed please find letter to Mr Linton, Am doubtful that he can be induced to invest in such lands.

Yours truly

John Meany

Herewith I return letter from J. F. W., as requested

4th Septem 83

R. D. McManigal Esqr
Logan, Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst is at hand, covering draft on N.Y. indorsed to my order for three hundred and eighteen ($318.00) dollars, in payment in full by Mrs. Garrett of debt and interest for money lent the late J. C. Garrett deed. I have no note or receipt from Mr Garrett, nor any legal claim against Mrs G. as I believe she is aware, for this debt. Please return my thanks to her with kind regards of my self and family. Saw Will this morning who is very well.

Very truly yours

John Meany

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8th September 83

Mr. F. Henry Esq
Avondale, Cinti O.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 6th instant is at hand. I was called off after writing you a Bill before had opportunity to send the Bags to Express Office, and only got them away [illegible] 6th. which will explain why you received letter so long before the bags. [illegible] Express receipt which may help, yours if they do not reach you before this. Shall be glad to hear from you concerning N.C. W.Va and Tenn in the future and hope to see you when you come this way

Very truly yours
John Means

Ashland Ky 7th September 1883

We Margaret A. Means and John Means of Ashland Ky. hereby appoint Lewis Henry A. Jones as proxy to vote our stock in the Cleveland Cole and Trowbridge Company at the meeting of stockholders to be held in Cincinnati Ohio 12th instant and any meeting adjourned therefrom, and authorize and empower our proxy at [illegible] to represent us as [illegible] if we were [illegible]

[illegible]
Margaret A. Means.

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[illegible] Septem [illegible]

Capt Henry A. Jones
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

it may not be convenient for me to attend meeting of stock holders in Champion Coal and Cow Boat Co. called for 12th inst. Herewith find proxy from my sister Miss M. A. Meaney and myself, for you to vote our stock. Don't know [illegible] may [illegible] before the meeting. But think we should try to continue the business. If Capt Wes Carley [illegible] or other like him would make it pay. But use your own [illegible] judgement in the matter, without considering what I have said above a instruction. Would like to hear what may be done.

Very truly yours
John Meaney

10th September 83

Messrs Estes & Lauriat

301 – 305 Washington St, Boston.

Gentlemen

please send me by Express from your
Clearance (10th) Clearance Catalogue viz

1	No 12	Washington and the American Republic 3 vols		9.00
1	" 211	Edwin the Fair	4 "	4.00
2	" 709	Home Life in New England 100 years ago		.50
1	" 749	Peter Parley's Recollections		1.50
1	" 779	Washington the Home of		1.65
1	" 1054	Life of Abraham Lincoln		1.50

From twelfth (12) Clearance Catalogue viz,

1	No 1	Presidents of America	3.00
1	" 8	Selected Pictures from great artists	3.75
1	" 14	Selected Sculptures and Statuary	3.75
1	" 8	Two Daughters	1.35
1	" 33	English Germany	3.50
1	" 83	Knights Half hours with best authors	5.00
1	" 100	Art Treasures of Germany	12.00
1	" 186	History of Ireland	2.00
1	" 223	Maidens of Warsaw (No 10)	.60

1	No. 263	History of the Jus, Milman (23)	$.90
1	" "	Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations (28)	.90
1	No. 300	Apocryphal New Testament	1.25
1	" 447	Gaskell Lambeaux	1.00
1	" 460	Ingelow's Poems	.60
1	" 482	John Sherman &c	.50
1	" 496	Governor Andrew	.75
1	" 540	John Adams	3.00
1	" 581	Thomson's Seasons and Castle of Indolence	3.00
1	" 606	Handbook of Heraldry	3.00
1	" 610	Beautiful Homes	3.50
1	" 662	Middlemarch	1.20
1	" 751	Harris' Inlets &c	2.85
1	" 789	Revised New Testament	.50

And oblige yours

Very respectfully

John Means

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11th Sept 83

John F. Winslow Esqr,
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th inst came duly to hand. Not having received any report of the business I do not know what the store at Lordmoor has done but think judging from the past [illegible] may be done in it. Will inquire, and if can find any one to recommend, [illegible] you. Good storekeepers are hard to get, and when we find one he is not always honest which spoils all other good he may have. It will be almost impossible to find a man here who is accustomed to black customers, but we Republicans don't think color makes great difference [illegible] mankind's, other things [illegible] you as the preference and stay at less than others offered him. And further I forward that Col Goodwin himself considered S. a sine qua non, and that if we let Shelding go we might have to find men for both their places, and to get two as well suited for us would be hard to do. S. I contracted with him at $4500 for the next year. From experience as we having been our full sum I did this but thing Our Human Manager "Hughes" got to drinking very much and quite Col Putnam hired another [illegible] agreeable and industrious man with many years experience at $600 per year less. With all his good qualities he has [illegible] down from 375,000 tons per week to 240 & 250 tons, without reducing expenses one cent. And we would gladly pay a man equal to Shelding more than equal to pay S. To come here and take the "Ahead"

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And yet I had, before I took Skelding to Lonmoor, debated in my own mind which of the two to take. So it goes. White men are uncertain. Mr Richards is at Ironton, and with a 16 feet by 65 furnace, using all coke is getting ten (10) tons per day less product than "Hampton" did with our furnace 15 x 60 using all raw coal.

Hampton has gone to Alabama, near Birmingham and [illegible] is now sober and doing well. I also hear that all the other furnaces in and near B. are working badly, all in trouble such that no cheap iron is now being made there.

What has been the cost of iron at Lonmoor for the 6 months ending 1 July, what is the nett profit, and what profit in the Stone?

Ashland Ky. 14th Sept 1883
Will you please pay to Henry Adams Trustee ($225) two 00/100 dollars for School Tax against Margaret Milleaux in District No. 37 Carter Cos — And when you settle the rents return the tax receipt as cash — And oblige
John Milleaux
J. T. Banfield
Gilgerville Ky.

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17th September 83

Miss Anne M. Woods
Pres Christian Miss.

Dear Miss

Your of 2nd instant addressed by brother to Mr Meany at Cincinnati I have been sent to me for information and reply. He are not descended from Rose Woods, nor heard of her before. Rose was a family of Mans at Sandersville Ohio, what many have been of that connection.

My respectfully
John Meany

18th September 83

Messrs. Estes & Lauriat
306 & 305 Washington St. Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 13th instant came duly to hand, also the books sent by you. Herewith please find draft on N. Y. for Lossings Washington and the American Republic, bound in ½ Mor., 3 Vols as mentioned. $10.50
and for Bill of 18th inst 51.80
Total $62.80

Send the Washington, &c by Express

Very respectfully
John Meany

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24th Sept 83

A.S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 20th instant came to hand Sunday. I don't like to see any of the "Old Timers" go out of A.C.&I. after having been so long together & and would rather have you hold on.

I bought nothing since $18.000 of a Pittsburgher @ 65 on a little [illegible] of payment than you propose. If you [illegible] see enough in this to warrant, I will take the $50.000 at that price, payments as you have named. Expect to be in Cinti Thursday and Friday next.

All well with Fried regards to your family

Yours truly
John Means

Oct Oct 83

Messrs George T. Otto & Co
83 West 4th St, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find
N.W. Bank on First N. Banks your city
Eighty four Rs ($84.00) dollars, in payment
your bill 17th ult for Eight &c.

Very respectfully
John Means

Mrs M. A. Adams
Salvatier Montana.

1st October 83

Dear Mary

Yours of some time since come duly to hand and Maggie also shows us the letters she receives from you. I have found your letters so entertaining, that I mentioned it to Lily, who has asked, that we send them to her, which I have done. Was in Cinti last week, saw Will, Mr Linton and stayed one night with Capt Kyle. All now well and inquired about you and when you would come home, which last I could not answer. The Norton Iron Works will pay today their bonds belonging to Tommy five (5) $1000 + ea and Maggie's - with interest since May. Will place Tom's to my credit with the A. C & I. R. Co and credit him in my account until I hear what he wishes done with the amount of his. I bought last week $50.000 + of the A. C. & I. Stock @ 60 per ¢. payable $5000 + per month until all paid and from this am to get three (3) per ¢ of an unpaid Dividend whenever paid. Which leaves the cost of the stock .57 per ¢, when all the payments, as stated are made. Shall take Amount of Maggie N.S.W. bonds in the stock for her. If Tommy wishes any of this stock he can have it at the Cost

6th October 83

Messrs Holmes & Moton
144 West 4th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find
A. N. Bank on First N.B., your city, Eighty Six
($86.26) dollars in payment your
bill 14th Oct —

Very respectfully
John Meany

6th October 83

G. Matthews Esq. Cashier
Dayton Ohio

Dear Sir

In compliance with yours
of 4th instant, I send herewith Certificate
No 179 for Fifty Shares of Norton Iron
Works Stock, in name of Second
Nat'l Bank of Dayton Ohio —

Very respectfully
John Meany

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6th October 53

Cam A. Hawk Esq
Winchester Ky. Dear Sir

Yours of 29th ult
is found on return after absence from
home & should hardly expect that an
eating house at the "junction" would pay any
number. The O.C. management will probably
try to throw their business to Huntington. There is
no movement in sight on the Rim Road now.
[illegible] will be shown for
profits and possibly the [illegible]
[illegible] If you are doing
well at Winchester [illegible] it, and
don't be persuaded to spread out
[illegible] you may have all.

With kind regards to Mrs Ott
Yours Truly
John Marvin

8th October 53

L. Ellis Esq Cor Sec
Dear Sir

Yours of Oct with copy of resolution adopted by Minister of Champion Book & Tow Boat Co. came during absence of the writer. Mr Hawk Min. of St. Mary's and [illegible] will [illegible] our perfections as [illegible] in [illegible]

Very respectfully
John Marvin

16th October 53

Capt. H. M. Cochrane,
Lynchburg Va.

Dear Captain

Your favor of 8th inst came duly to hand. I hope you will not be delayed in getting your cottings from Richmond and Lynchburg. I find on examination of statement by Mr Wickham that he sold over

from 1st November 1874 to 1st Sept 1876 17,840 lbs
1 year ending 1st Sept 1877 22,587 "

Have not been able to lay my hands on later statements but hope to find some for 1877 & 1878 & may find them on the old books. The cost [illegible] were made after [illegible] All well.

With kind regards to your family

Yours truly

John [illegible]

N. Darby Esq
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

1st October 53

[illegible]

Octobr 10. To Balance due July 1st from [illegible] $ 50.00

17th October 83

Champion Coal & Iron Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 16th inst is at hand, with inclosures as stated. Herewith please find Ashland N. Bank draft on First N. Bank Cincinnati Seven hundred and seventeen 27/100 ($717.27) dollars. for

Mrs Mary A. Adams $ $500.00

Less Divided of 17 Jany 83 $250.00 interest [illegible] 260.90 $239.09

Miss Margaret A. Meany " [illegible] $500.00

Less Dividend 17 Jany 83 $250 & interest $10.90 = 260.90 $239.09

myself $500.00

Less Divided 17 Jany 83 $250 & int 10.91 260.90 $239.09

Total as the above mentioned draft — $717.27

Please acknowledge.

We had not been advised of the Jany dividend —

Very respectfully

John Meany

18th October 83

S. S. Windsor Esq.
Cinda N.W.
Dear Sir

The buttresses built to strengthen the walls at an Hotel, which you saw yesterday, were put there in Spring of 1881, and we cannot see that the walls have given any since that time. I should not hesitate to be afraid to tear down the walls at the corner, and build them up again. I built buttresses because they cost less than it would have done to tear out and build up. Some 6 or 8 years before, the iron bars and stars were put in, but I dont think they did much good. Defective foundation caused the trouble. I think the building now perfectly safe. Brick walls are pretty hard to throw down, after standing a few years —

My respectfully,
John Meaux

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17th October 83

E. A. Willard Esqr

Dear Sir

I think you were so kind during the last year I was there, I want to call your attention to an article in the number of 8th October 1882 the position of the Sun in West Greenwich which I consider of more importance than those or days of transit at the Observatory as a person, by observing to bisect the limb wire of your transit [illegible] the distance from centre of the Sun to [illegible] by observing in any the Edinburgh Circle Meridian, or Dublin zenith sector &c &c the [illegible] known a few weeks, you cannot depend on correctness, from the Nautical Almanac on account of want of true apparent time, I think after reading the article mentioned you will understand what I mean if not plain here.

Yours truly

John Sharp

17th October 83

W. Pinkerton Esqr

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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19th October 83

Dear Mack—

Your favor of 17th inst at hand. Expect to be in Cuba Wednesday next (29th) with Mr Russell. Don't encourage the gentleman that I can take much Cuba stock. Can too much in Iron to get an income now. Don't know that have choice as to date for going South.

[illegible] your note $ 2.00 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about 23th [illegible] [illegible]

Will write

Yours truly

John Mcaney

19th October 83

T. M. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I would like to have you pay your next due since 19th July [illegible]. You [illegible] find the note at the [illegible] Bank—

My respectfully

John Mcaney

20 October 83

Hon L. T. Moore

Dear Sir

the [illegible] Sutton property was sold by the Sheriff &c for Taxes due [illegible] 25th May 1883 and bid in by [illegible] I suppose this should be [illegible] into the suit to settle this [illegible]

Very [illegible]

Jo[illegible]

20th Oct 83

J. C. Rikoff Esq

240 Vine St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find draft endorsed to your order Sixty four ($64 00/100) dollars in [illegible] your bill of 4th ult.

Very respectfully

John Mean

20th October 83

Edward A. Low Esq. & Sect & Treas
31 Burling Slip, New York. N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find certificates of stock in Southern Ins Co of Va, in my name, which lack the Seal of the Co, viz No 75 = 168 Shares, No 90 = 50 Shares No 91 = 25 Shares, No 92 = 47 Shares in all 290 Shares — You will see that I have assigned 100 Shares as per No 75 to my wife Mrs Harriet E. Meany to whom please make certificate and to myself for the remainder and send all to me —

Very respectfully
John Meany

Esq

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29th Oct 83

Capt. C. M. Holloway
Cincinnati O. Dear Charley

Yours of 26th only came to hand yesterday. Generally I think we have now boats enough for a nice clean business. There are exceptions to all general rules, and ours now seems to be one. The price and payment are easy. The boat a good one, and not only puts us in good position for competition, but probably this trade will remove any danger from Capt St. King down into a [illegible] with our lea which I think a good point to gain. [illegible] Capt Moore commit himself in favor of it. [illegible] will go with Glenn and Campbell is very uncertain. Don't think I can come to Cinti this week but can next week if meeting is called. Would recommend to increase Capital to $240 m. and pay balance if any in Cash.

Yours truly
John Meaul

N. Derby Esq.
95 Broadway, Cooklyn, N.Y.
Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst, came duly to hand with samples. Mrs M. desires you to send samples for a black & blue black suit, and has sketched that included herewith for an overcoat. You may make this single [illegible] as suggested by you.

Very respectfully
John Meaul

27th October 83

James T. Benfield —
Heigisville N.Y.
Dear Sir
herewith please find
lease and copy for land as
agreed, please sign and return
one to me.
Very respectfully
John Meany
for M. A. Meany

29th Oct 83

N. Dertfrey
95 Broadway, Brooklyn N.Y. —
Dear Sir
herewith please find
sample for suit and
1 pr pants
for Childrette
Make cost single breasted sack —
Very respectfully
John Meany

10th Novem 83

Frank Lyman Esq
31 Burling Slip, New York.

Dear Frank

We have application by T. B. Walker, now at Goshen Ed for a situation, and I feel very much inclined to give him a trial, if after seeing and talking are pleased with him. You spoke to me of him once but I do not remember what you said of him. The man we have at the furnace is agreeable a Richards war, but has no snap in him - I think and educated man who takes to the furnace may be of much more assistance to Col. Putnam than an ordinary manager would be. Is there anything wrong, in the history of W. ? Our furnace is down to 240 to 270 tons per week, and should make 350 to 400 tons. Have letter from Mack, who had just come from Oxmoor, expects No 1 fee to blow in by the 10th inst at latest.

All well, with kind regards to your father and mother am

Yours truly

John Means

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2nd Novemb 83

John D. Yarrington Esqr Supt &c
Lexington Ky —

Dear Sir

I have just returned from Catlettsburg Cir Court where have been summoned as a witness in the suit of Walters, Cusick & &c &c against your Co, for damages on account of road in [illegible] which we spoke when I saw you last. It is [illegible] they will come to trial at this [illegible] I [illegible] that your section men are clearing ditches and piling the dirt taken out, up in the sides and thereby prevent access to lots where there is plenty of room but for their piling dirt — This is above Second St and will soon lead to bringing of other suits if persisted in. There is little if any saving in cost of the work done in this way, and great loss [illegible] with costs of [illegible]

2nd Novem 83

Thos M. Adams
Callatin Mont.

Dear Tom

Yours of 27th ult to father with inclosure to Norton I. Work is at hand. The last I have delivered to the N.I.W. Office. Your draft on me for fifty two hundred ($5,200) dollars was presented and paid 20th ult, coming to the Bank here from the Second National Investor —

Your mother has not reached here. [illegible] blew down the Smoke stack at the [illegible] 29th ult, they expect to start about 10th instant with temporary chimnies, until can build anew. All well —

Yours truly
John Meany

3rd November 83

The Robert Mitchell Furniture Co.
107 & 113 West 4th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft indorsed to you over Two hundred and sixty five 26/100 ($25.5) dollars in payment of my account with you

Very respectfully
John Meant

3rd November 83

Joe Alexander Esq
Dear Joe

You will find deed to you rise for the $1.86 down properly acknowledged with Mr. Huff C.O. at Republican Office. You had both pay in $1.95 fee for recording and hereby send it up for record and return to you soon. Then if it should be lost or destroyed you can get certified copy —

Yours Truly
John Meant

10th November 83

Robert Clarke & Co

61 & 65 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

please send me by Express.

12 Protection of Handicap and Home Productions Necessary to the Prosperity of the American Farmer 8vo Paper H. C. Baird

2 The Tariff policy of England and United States Contrasted 8vo Cloth E. B. Bigelow

2 Sophisms of Free Trade and Popular Political Economy Examined 12 mo J. B. Byles

3 Harmony of Interests, Agriculture, Manufacturing and Commercial 3rd Ed 8vo. H. C. Carey

2 Manual of Social Science &c H. C. Carey by Kate McKean 12 mo

3 Essays designed to Concedate to Science of Political Economy H. Greely 16 mo

1 Local Taxation, Report of Commissioners, David A. Wells, Edwin Dodge and George W. Cuyler 8vo paper —

And oblige yours

very respectfully

John Meany

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15th Novem 83

Dear Gene

I was obliged to come home Tuesday when I saw you, and went down yesterday and expected to see you while in Boston. It is useless to say that you and your sisters have our sympathy in the Kirker matter, and that we know you are as entirely ignorant of his [illegible] as ourselves. But there are times when duty should not be controlled by feeling. There is no doubt of his guilt, and no chance for his escape from the punishment he deserves. And what I want to say and advise is, that you direct your effort to saving for his wife and children the property which may be saved for their use; and [illegible] you spoke to me some three weeks ago [illegible] this I can and am willing to assist you, as I then told you and think it the best thing to be done. I expect to be in Boston Saturday to attend the sale of the Davis property. The disaster at the Norton may cause any time to be pretty fully occupied for [illegible] weeks to come [illegible]

Yours Hearty

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16th Novemb 83

Thos A Mack Esqr
9 West 3rd St - Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mack

Your favor of 14th inst is at hand, with De Bardelebens of 12th inst. I expect to come down Monday night with Frank. but can hardly go further - Will take 265 Shares to 285 Shares if Mr Fallis and Butler will take the [illegible] of DeB's 680 -

Letters can [illegible] you can notify D.B. now or [illegible] I [illegible]. Think I must come back [illegible] Norton had $65.500 insurance on buildings and machinery & $10.000 on Nails in Stock All well

Yours truly
John Means

I enclose De B's letter herewith

19th Novem 83

A. S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

herewith please find A.N. Bank draft for fire thousand ($5.000) dollars on account of purchase of A. C. & I. R.Co. stock. Expect to be in your city tomorrow but may not be able to see you. We have a new man T. B. Walker, at the Furnace is an improvement over the last, too soon to say that he will do to keep - Is young ambitious & [illegible] - A graduate of Harvard. has been at [illegible] and Victoria All well -

Yours truly
John Means

18 Novr 53

E. B. Willard Esq
A. Rock O.

Dear Sir

You at hand I leave tonight for Alabama and may be gone 8 to 10 days. Have spoken to Uncle Hugh and Russell about the loan. You can use M. K. & Co. Stock as collateral and will ask any indorsers, at the A. N. Bank. I write as you may desire to do something before my return.

Yours Truly
John Ellis

19th November 53

Saml Reed Esq
Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

You from at hand supposing your Bank would not join in purchase of the soldiers [illegible], we have not had action of our board to arrange or to do so. Again Mr J. L. Pike is the trustee Vice Pres of your Bank and also of our Co. Would it not be safer if determined to purchase, but we have some one not interested in Bank of RR Co. to act as trustee for the sale. Dont think new appraisement necessary, if we buy better at seeing good price. I leave for Alabama tonight and cannot be in your city Wednesday.

Very respectfully
John Ellis and Pres

6 December 83

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find draft
Ashland N. Bank on Int N. B. Cinti for
Four Hundred and fifty ($450+) dollars, for
six (6) shares Eureka Ins Co @ 75$, in
addition to that paid for 20th ulto.
You may send certificates by Mail.
All well

Very truly yours
John Meany

6th December 83

Messrs Tuce & Andrews
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

please send me by Big
Sandy Pack Co. Steamer
1 Bbl Granulated Sugar
And oblige
Yours respectfully
John Meany

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6th December 83

James M. Baily &
Pittsburgh Pa. Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd ult is found on return from a trip to Iron region in Ala. Where I saw good fire to make cheap iron, but they are not doing it. The fire destroyed buildings of forge and Nail factory injuring all the machinery more or less. Fortunately they could throw no water on it, they lost 5200 Kegs Nails covered by $10,000 insurance, and I believe it is about settled that we get $5,000 on buildings and machinery. I think will take at least $100,000 less ins- to make all go again. Are receiving proposals for rebuilding, and will make some changes to improve, as considering plans for an iron building next time, and changing to flued boilers. The lessee of the Portsmouth Rolling Mill, give it up first of next year it is advertised for sale for debts due Ports Nat Bank and this Co. The Bank officers think we had better give and buy the property so as to be able to negotiate a sale, to better advantage than as now. May need to call meeting of directors of our Co. sometime this month

To consider the matters [illegible] All well
Yours Truly John [illegible]

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7th December 83

John P. Terry Esqr
Portsmouth Va

Dear Sir

The last time I met you we had a little talk about Berge and the Store at Lowmoor. It is proposed to make a change about the first of Jany next. If Berge would like to see and try it. I think I can have Mr Goodwin some [illegible] about the 15th or 16th inst, and if [illegible] after [illegible] probably see over the situation. [illegible] he can go then first taking letter from me.

Please advise me at your earliest approximence and oblige.

Yours Truly
John Meany

7th December 83

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Lowmoor Va

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst is at hand. It is hardly probable that I can go to Lowmoor next week. Han had a man recommended to me from Portsmouth, and have written to day to know if he can meet you here about 15th or 16th inst; or if he will go to see you at your place. As soon as I hear will advise you. Do not think it will to propose a partnership with any one until tried, [illegible] to be good. Will write H. S. Winslow to day [illegible]

Are getting ready for rebuilding the Norton All well

Yours Truly
John Meany

7th December 53

A. L. Winslow Esq.
Cincinnati O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th ult. is found on return here. Was sorry not to learn time to see you on my response, as well as to hear of your illness. Don't suppose we can get Ray B. Norton to go to Va, and if we did it would sell our Coalton Store. Mr J. C. Parker has mentioned to me a son of John P. Levy of Portsmouth who has been in the Bangkok Store some years and done well. Have written Mr Levy to know if he would go to Southern or meet Goodwin he about 15 or 16th inst.

The lessees of the Rolling Mills will surrender it on 1 Jany. The property is offered for sale 2 Jany by the Trustee (appraised I think at $95,000 to pay debt to the Ports N. Bank and this Co. &c. The Bank directors think it will for the time to bid in the property so that a sale may be negotiated without intervention of Trustee, costs, advertising or appraisement. We may need to call meeting of A. C. & G. Directors before the sale if thought best to bid in, our debt is not quite half of the whole, the Bank is more than half — we will hope you are improving

Yours Truly J. Lee Maxwell

10th December 83

Matthew F. Maury Esq
(Avondale) Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

In accordance with request in yours of 5th inst, I sent you 1 Box containing 19 Bags of Specimens Nos 11. 12. 13. 15. 17. 19. 20. 22. 23. — 27. 32. 41. 43 44 45. 46. 47. 54. 58. Shipped 10th th by Steamer Fleetwood.

I hope you may succeed in inducing capitalists to buy the lands from which these came, and that ere long we may communicate by rail, so that these ores may be mined and brought to this region to supply our furnaces

Very Truly
Yours
John Means

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12th Decr 83

Capt Ph. W. Coalwin
Gordonsville Va —

Dear Sir

I have just received letters from Mr Terry which have engagements which will prevent his trying to [illegible]. I have also [illegible] to see Mr Robinson, who offers to meet [illegible] I shall write to him [illegible] you [illegible] meet you. Please let me know when you are coming. I have [illegible] to night and expect to [illegible] home Friday.

Yours Truly
John [illegible]

[illegible] 83

[illegible] 10

C. A. Foley Esq.
Lincoln, Logan Co. Ill.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th instant came duly to hand. We have reason to believe your statement as to Mr Arnfelt are true, and do not desire or intend to give him trouble or expense to, in clearing the title to his land. We left a note for the first payment on Arnfelt's land with John T. Jenkins Esq. for collection and he has not yet paid the money to me. Did not wish to relinquish the lien until had the money from him or found that it cannot be made. We shall send evidence of our claim on Mr Jenkins to attorney ~~[illegible]~~ and advise after Arnfelt as we may need to prove payment by him.

Very respectfully

Yours

Thomas W. Meanes

by John Meanes

You will need the money out of Jenkins

Very respectfully

[illegible] 80

By John Meade

Messrs Blinn & Hoblet

Lincoln, Logan Co. Ill.

Gentlemen

Your name has been given to me as reliable attorneys at law by the First Nat Bank of your [illegible]. Herewith I send receipts of John T. Jenkins Esq for notes of George Rentschler and one on Peter Arnfelt for Sixhundred and sixtyseven ($667.00/100) bollars due 1st March 1895, which if not paid at maturity was to bear interest at 10 per ct until paid. The Rentschler note was paid and remitted for — but have nothing from Jenkins on Arnfelts and can get no reply from him to my inquiries. Arnfelt writes me that he paid Jenkins 1st March 1895. There are other notes of Arnfelt coming due at later dates which bore interest at a less rate, and as Jenkins knew this, we supposed he held the first note over on account of the better rate of interest. Fred Dittus a neighbor of Arnfelts is familiar with the whole matter Arnfelt desires me to relinquish lien I hold on the land for which the notes were given; and I have not done so. fearing it might be construed that I had my money which has been paid it seems to Jenkins Please examine into this and advise whether

17th December 83

Peter Arnfelt Esqr
Mt Pulaski, Logan Co Ill

Dear Sir

We have sent receipt of John T. Jenkins for your note due [illegible] 1828 to Messrs Blinn & Hoblit of Lincoln. Please see them and show them the note you say you have paid. I would like to clear up this matter and relinquish to you and have very sincerely

Yours Jenkins,

Very Respectfully
Thomas W. Meant
By John Meant

17th December 83

Fred Dittus Esqr
Mt Pulaski, Logan Co Ill

Dear Sir

I have sent to Messrs Blinn & Hoblit Attorneys in Lincoln the Jenkins receipt for Arnfelt's note due 1 March 1825. Please see them and give them what you know of the matter. Had expected to be in your place long ago to attend to this, but my father is getting old and dislikes to travel. He wants to release on Arnfelt land as soon as he can without prejudice to his claim on Jenkins.

Very Respectfully
John Meant for
Thomas W. Meant

17th December.

M. R. Tenkelson Esq
Portsmouth Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th instant at hand, and send herewith proxy to you requested. If you can sell any or all of lots in your city at fair price would be say one thirds & one quarter cash with remainder at 1.2 & 3 & 1.3 & 4 years, with interest payable annually and lien on property sold. Have none since you gave me list in March 18.

Yours respectfully yours
Thomas W. Aleant
By John

17th December 18

E. R. Aldman & Son
Marietta Ohio

Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. on No 72646 amount fifteen ($15.00) dollars for Regd to 8 Jany 18[illegible] to my address

Yours very respectfully
John Aleant

19th December 13

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio -

Gentlemen

please send me by Mail one volume each of Schillers work by "Historical" Containing Histy of 30 years war, part Hist revolt of Netherlands "Historical and Dramatic" part Hist revolt of Netherlands, Wallenstein &c. same edition as the bought 14th instant -

Have received no bill for blank books bought 4th inst nor bought 14th instant -

Very respectfully
John Meade

19th December

A. C. Winslow Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Herewith please find draft of A. N. Bank indorsed to your order for Fifteen and (5.000 00/100) dollars on account of purchase of F. C. & I. Shares.

I hope you have been able to get out daily since my call last week, and may soon be strong again. Have 8 or 10 inches of snow and still falling. The cold weather makes demand for coal so we shall not complain. Furnace doing fairly. This is fourth (4th) week with only three (3) M.B. stores. Hope to run all next week and better result. Goodwin was here Saturday and met Mr Robinson, who agreed to be at L.M. yesterday morning to look over the store and surroundings. Robinson appears well and is recommended by Messrs Lovell and Perry, both of whom are careful men as to whom they introduce. All well, with kind regards to Mrs W. and

Yours truly,

[illegible]

19th December

Messrs Pitch & Co

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check Sixteen 50/100 — ($16 50/100) dollars for Independent to 3rd December 1864 to address as follows,

William Means	Cincinnati	Ohio
Mrs. C. P. Taft	10th St. "	"
E. C. Means	Marietta	O.
Mrs. E. W. Burgess	"	"
Mrs. S. C. Hildreth	Dresden	"
Mrs. F. A. Nichols	19 Cliff St New York	N. Y.
Mrs Elizabeth Griffith	Argolite	Kentucky
Mrs Jane C. Mayne	5th St Ashland	"
Miss Harriet Newcomb	Hamhill	Mass
Lowmoor Irene C.	Lowmoor	Va.
Myself	Home	

Stop them when time paid for ends, as I send them out of courtesy. And do not wish any bill should be sent to them if I don't pay.

Very respectfully

John Means

20th December 83

Charles Wood Esq
Middlesbro. on Tees, England

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th Novem addressed to the "Meanster" &c &c is before me. We have in use since 1876 four Metwell Pot Blast Stoves, Stan had no explosion of gas in them.
Use raw coal (soft) exclusively for fuel and waste considerable part of the gas made in the furnace.

Very respectfully
Yours
John Means

22 and Decem 58

Robt Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio
Gentlemen

I return to you today by Mail
Schillers History of 30 years war &c so not what I
ordered in anxiety of the instant — and not desired.
My order was for the sitting of George Bell & Son London
1851 June sold to me attended by Mr Hill on 14th instant.

Very respectfully
John Meany

Mr Jaggers in a/c with John Meany

1853 Decem 1	To Rent of Coins Cottage from 1st May to 1st December 53 / 7 Months @ 10$		$ 70.00
Decem 22	To Balance on Jull		$ 10.00

1853 Cr.

June 12	By Cash	$	10.00	
July 9	" "		10.00	
August 13	" "		10.00	
Decem 22	" "		30.00	60.00
	Balance due by the [illegible]		10.00	10.00
				70.00

No. 3.
Arbitrary Rg 22 December 1853

27th December 53

Messrs Blaine & Foblit
Lincoln Ill.

Gentlemen

Your first of 20th inst to T. W. Mcaf and of 24th to myself as at hand. Herewith please find Relinquishment of lien in Ampelt mortgage and pleading in not vs estate of John T. Jenkins sworn to by my father. We did not know of the death of Jenkins until advised by you nor of payment by Ampelt until he wrote for release of lien. To Ampelt note

We could get nothing in reply from Jenkins as and are doubtful about finding any letters from him. My father lived in Ohio some 8 miles from here, and took little care of correspondence —

Will examine honour and advise you

Very respectfully
John Mcaf

[illegible] 3

The Sept. of April A.D. Eighteen Hundred and
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] place
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Thousand [illegible] Dollars
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 29th January 58

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Mr Owen 83

H. W. Goodwin Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th inst is at hand. Was very glad to hear from you, and that Shelling and the furnace were in good working trim. He is the best I know for the place and I should hate badly to have to make a change, most probably for one not so good. You and Shelling must determine the wages. Wheeler is not on the ground, to comprehend the whole situation. And then if you [illegible] wages thirty or fifty per cent, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] still more — All well with compliments of the season to you and yours

John Wilcox

31st December 53

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio—

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2d inst, is at hand, inclosing certificate for .86 Shares Cuneka Co Ala, stock. I credit your account for same @ $7.00 per share $13,950 for which I paid you. I think you are about right, as to difference in the ore and have no doubt that ad can be reduced in blast furnace. Have not heard whether Messrs Fallis and Nash, made arrangement for coke, during their late visit to Ala— This is now this week spot. Last 3 weeks from Southern show 823+, 986+, 996+, tons and matters generally satisfactory.
Change stockkeepers then tomorrow, and we hope for better results from that branch of business Father's and my own family very well—
With compliments of the season am

Yours truly

John Means

3rd Jany 54

Mr John Stitt Co.
Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find
Ass't & Ld Nat Bank Cinti —
twenty four ($24 00/100) dollars in
payment of bill 18th ult —

Very respectfully
John Meanes

3rd Jany 54

J. C. Bikhoff Esq.
240 Vine Street, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find
A. N. Bank on Cinti N. Bank of Cinti
fifty five ($55 00/100) dollars in payment
bill of 24th ult, sent for T. W. Meanes —

Very respectfully
John Meanes

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2nd Jany 67

Capt J. Wilson Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find two receipts for Rent of Store Room occupied by Capt Wilson & Co. from 1st Nov. to 1st May 67 at $100 per month. Also my receipt for $50 for Rent of Office from 1st Nov. to 1st May 67.

Please call at my office and settle the above accounts.

Yours Truly
J. Swartzlander

2nd Jany 67

Jarvis Bering & Esqr
Carrollton Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst is at hand. Will rent the Brick Store Room for one year at Eighty Five ($85.00) Dollars per month. The premises are on the right side of the L.C. & L.R.R. coming down from the Branch. I think it a low rent. Will write out and send lease for signature. Please call and settle accounts.

Yours Truly
J. Swartzlander
Agent L.C. & L.R.R.

[illegible] Jany [illegible]

Robert [illegible]
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank your city to your order, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dollars in payment my account — Fortune by Mail (the second time) 1 Schillers 30 yrs was not wanted. Please dont send it again.

On the 14th ult. I bought of you 6 Vols Schillers Works charged in your a/c "½ more" [illegible] account rec'd yesterday.

On the 19th ult. I ordered by letter, "one volume only of Schillers Works viz — "Historical" containing History of 30 yrs War and part Hist of revolt of the Netherlands, "Historical and Dramatic" containing part History of revolt of Netherlands Wallenstein &c same as those bought on the 14th instant." Now if you can send of the same as bought on the 14th December do so — if not dont send any, and oblige

Yours very respectfully

John [illegible]

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7th Jany

Messrs Daniels Connell & Co.
N. E. Cor [illegible] Gaze Sts, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find
draft on First N. Bank you city endorsed
to your order, in payment of my account.
Very respectfully yours
John [illegible]

[illegible] Jany

[illegible]

10th Jany 84

Sir Gen'l Son
Stranton Ill.
Gentlemen
herewith please find P. O. order from $4.00 dollars, renewal for the Valley Virginia from 24 Jany 1880 to my address
Very respectfully
John Meany

10th Jany 84

D. S. Wilson Esqr
Ironton Ohio.
Dear Sir
herewith please find P. O. order three ($3.00) Dollars, Renewal for the Register viz
1 T. Hanyhurst, Marietta Ohio,
1 " myself
Very respectfully
John Meany

Mrs Mary A. [illegible]
in [illegible] and interest [illegible] in red
with John [illegible]
Dr

				Interest	
1883 [illegible]	14	To Note of [illegible]	[illegible] dated 1st	$ 1050 00	$18.000 00
Oct	19	" Paid Champion [illegible]		3 43	339 00
				$ 1053 43	6.147 91
1884 Jany	1	" Balance due [illegible] by J.A.			$24.287 00

1883					
Jany	1	By Balance [illegible]		$ 200 32	$1.433 19
	27	" 5 Coupons [illegible]	$50.00		.....
		" Dividend [illegible] Pkt Co.	350.00	25 95	400 00
Feby	7	" 10 Coupons C.&I.R.Co due 1st inst		22 45	350 00
	13	" Dividend [illegible] Nat Bank		4 00	64 70
[illegible]	14	" Note & interest A.C.&I.R.Co to 1st inst		1.045 93	17.926 50
April	4	" Dividend Big Sandy Pkt Co		18 18	350 00
	14	" 5 Coupons U.S. Interest		2 50	50 00
May	17	" Dividend Norton I. Works		58 95	1.850 00
June	2	" do Ky. I. C.&M. Co.		8 12	200 00
	7	" do Big Sandy Pkt Co		6 94	175 00
	30	" 5 Coupons U.S. Interest		1 75	50 00
Aug	1	" 10 " A.C.&I.R. Co		10 21	350 00
	6	" Dividend Big Sandy Pkt Co		5 01	175 00
Nov	7	" 5 Coupons U.S. Interest		53	50 00
Decr	12	" Dufton Second N.B. Interest		5 60	1.200 00
	31	" Interest for difference in (in red) @ 9 pct		1.316 94	262 61
					24.287 00
					$ 6.147 91

[illegible] Jany 1 By Balance due [illegible] by J.A.

C&O.2
[illegible] 1884

Office of Cyrus A. Peace
in account with and interest of Jno. G. Jackson and
with John Kenny

1878

April	14	To Note K.C. & R. Co. due 1st inst		$30.000.00
	19	" Cash check of		300.00
Aug	18	" Paid for passage wife	46.17	
Sept	10	" " Check of	200.00	576.17
Oct	17	" " Check Jno. G. Jackson		389.07
Nov	5	" " Check of		65.25
Nov	1	To Balance as per A.C.		17.01.43
				$6.118.67

1878

Jany	1	By Balance as per last		$4.018.59
	27	" 6 Coupons U.S. Interest	$60.00	
		" Dividend Big Sandy Pkt Co	100.00	160.00
Feby	7	" 16 Coupons K.C. & R.R. Co due 1st inst		560.00
	19	" Rent of A.C. McVay		87.50
March	14	" Note Nineteen K.C. & R.R. Co to 1st inst		30.926.50
April	4	" Dividend Big Sandy Pkt Co		100.00
	14	" 6 U.S. Int Coupons		60.00
May	2	" payment on John Kenny Note		1800.00
	17	" Dividend Norton Iron Works		1.500.00
June	2	" " Ky. I.C. & R.R. Co		300.00
	7	" " Big Sandy Packet Co		50.00
	20	" 6 U.S. Interest Coupons		60.00
July	2	" 10 Falcon "		300.00
	11	" Rent of Crufield		74.00
Aug	1	" 16 K.C. & R.R. Co Interest Coupons		560.00
	6	" Dividend Big Sandy Pkt Co		50.00
Oct	1	" 6 Note K.C. & R.R. Co & Interest		6.150.00
Nov	2	" 6 U.S. Interest Coupons		60.00
Dec	10	" Check for [illegible]		500.00
				$46.185.09

1879 Jany 1 By Balance due A.C. McVay & Jno. G. Jackson $14.015.08

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[illegible] Jany [illegible]

C. C. Clarke Esq
Irvington Co

Dear Sir

Your of 16th instant at hand — I had thought the Virginia as Post would have been better [illegible] at the [illegible] times. Would [illegible] angrily rather than [illegible] you [illegible] by [illegible] would be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be pleasant [illegible] at this time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours truly

John [illegible]

19th Jany

A. B. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio —
Dear Winslow

Yours of 16th inst came
duly to hand. Putnam and myself will attend
the sale at Portsmouth and jointly Biggamy
Butler may Ohio can. Will do best we
can to get clear of the [illegible]
Received proceeds [illegible] draft on
the Lisbon for Three hundred & Forty dollars
[illegible] and Clear Stock to [illegible]
the extent to [illegible] Family [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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31st Jany 84

William Meany Esqr.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Will

Yours of 22nd instant came duly to hand with account Mary and Maggie. Have delayed reply to give Mary chance to look up rests underdue which she has not found. Please send from 22nd April 1879. As Maggie's dates [illegible] to 1882 last received I think. Clinton is mistaken as to crooking accurately. Will get and send copy of Will first opportunity. Have a good chester for [illegible] but nothing has been said by under [illegible] to Tily about it. Please advise me what the probable value of [illegible] Covington properties now [illegible] you can get [illegible] by some of your Ky friends.

Have you had any settlement for the old Mainstreet Cincinnati R.R. Stock $4841+ and [illegible] $2000 which I left with you for father?

Tily and [illegible] left for home last week

All well

Yours truly
John Meanhan

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Edward A. Lee Esqr Sect 80.
21 Barling Ave, New York.
Dear Sir

You kind favor of 4th instant came to hand yesterday, & replied by voice. The word after 29th will exist we hope" the words obliged by this country of the other gentlemen of our Brooklyn. Expressed to be at Lawrence this week, but the rains are so heavy that men afraid flinds every interfere with my getting home again. With kindest regards and

Yours Truly
John Meanhan

19th Feby 84

Mr. Lowe by Tea
to Bowling Hills Norfolk

Dear Sir

Here that I have from Lowe we are in danger of being the victim of Goodwin and Skelding. This by reason of continued criticism and fault-finding by Mr. J. F. Weber in matters of detail of which at his distance he is not competent to judge or to direct. If the two sound are incompetent and he can find [illegible] then change, if not, the Lex Commission should give them some credit for reasonable discretion and allow them to act accordingly. I think Skelding will have from himself to be at least [illegible] per ton on our iron more than any [illegible] I know or know of, and doubt whether Mr. W. will live long enough to find his equal for us. That we by several years experience, we have proven that [illegible] tons of ore is about as much as can be mined to advantage and economically from the mines as developed at Lowe: and that it is not possible to supply our furnace without buying ore. That we should at once authorize Goodwin

to buy 1.500 to 2.5 tons of such ore and on such terms as he and I deem best — I would have longer avail if our meeting 5th prox were not so near at hand —

Should we have one stock of ore on hand to get [illegible] so that our neighbors can estimate how long it will last (I assume that we cannot supply from our own mine) we shall then be forced to pay much higher price than I can buy it now —

Am greatly pained, nearly 200 families have now obliged to move by the flood and this town occupied for better than other places —

We have now plenty here for all — but our relief leaves it and will be kept busy for some days or work to come —

You may send this to Mr Lyman and send to Mr Winslow —

Very truly yours

A. A. Low Esq Pres

31 Burling Slip New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of inclosing to you letter from Capt Cousin, which explains itself. I hardly feel [illegible] without I consent to send it to Mr W —

Very truly yours

Cincinnati Dec 9th 1826

W. J. Reed Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I have no alternative but to draw at sight, containing draft in your favour Ninety seven hundred and twenty nine dollars ($9717.99) which proceeds of bills discounted for you —

Very respectfully
John Reed

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20th May 84

Col Geo N. Gray
of Winter Relief Committee
Dear Sir

herewith please find bill
P. Moriarty jr $2382 for Meat sent
Saturday — by Ferry boat at request
We sent same time
1 Hhd and 3 Bbls Bread as
this last was from stores out of contri-
butions by State of Kya we do not
[illegible] it need to accounted for further
Should it be needed hereafter we
advise your Com — for can [illegible]
to P. M. for his bill or send to me
and will take receipt for you —
Hope your work is over, and that
we may never see the like again
Yours truly
John Meaux

27 May 84

S. D. Davies Esq
Magazine Cat.
Dear Sir
Bill 24th April 1882 [illegible]
[illegible] (2.00) [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] to 4th November 1882 — [illegible]
[illegible] paid for expires. When
the time we [illegible] the paper [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of it
[illegible]
very respectfully
John [illegible]

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29th May 84

Julius L. Anderson Esq
Boston Ohio

Dear Sir

Mr. Davis [illegible]
[illegible] to J. T. Davis [illegible] to [illegible] the
other day to inquire if an agreement could
be made to allow the Davis lots, on which
the Adams has debt and judgment, to be
sold [illegible] part cash and remainder in
[illegible] 1, 2 & 3, [illegible] payable
annually [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
is kept safe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

[illegible] Mr
[illegible] Saturday [illegible]
[illegible] Oh
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

29th July 81

David Cinton Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

I reach at your office twice yesterday but failed to get you in.

John E. Oakes of Hamilton Ohio would like to buy of John Oak (Co Hampton) to south of the roads, about eighty (80) acres at [illegible] for [illegible], [illegible] to pay part cash and remainder [illegible] [illegible] years if Cinton & Meany will make him the [illegible] of incumbrance for the remainder to Oakes. He will that he has heard that suit had been brought by [illegible] to enforce payment from Oakes. I don't know [illegible] but from his appearance think he will do what [illegible] promises — only saw him a few minutes before I left as bout for Cinti — I leave to night for [illegible] Va and N.Y. city — And it might be wrote to either write to him or to E. B. Willard at Hanging Rock your views. Dont think Oake will ever pay for the land, or even reduce whatever debt he owes, and if suit has not been brought it might as well be done —

Very truly yours
John Meany

29th February 84

W. C. Richardson Esq. &c

Dear Sir

Herewith please find check in-
dorsed to your order for Hundred and twenty ($420.00)
dollars. Please credit as follows

Mrs Harriet E. [illegible]	$105.00	
" Lillian M. [illegible]	210.00	
[illegible] Thomas M. [illegible]	105.00	$420.00

And [illegible]

Yours truly

John Meaux

29th Feby 84

Mrs S. C. [illegible]

Dresden [illegible]

Dear Sister

Herewith please find my
check on Metropolitan N. Bank [illegible]
for Nine hundred and nine ($1098) dollars, interest
calculated for your Please [illegible] receipt.
See in [illegible] followed by [illegible]
[illegible] this [illegible].

All well

Yours truly

John Meaux

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18th March 84

Messrs Selim & Hollitt
Lincoln, Logan Co. Ill.
Gentlemen

Your favor of 25th ult is before me — having been from home some two weeks will write you about that I can prove, we send copies of letters from Jenkins and Armfelt and Jeffers — with copies of mine them — Neither my father can prepare myself saw Jenkins after our visit to Lincoln in December 1874

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

12th March 84

Henry V. Poor Esq
70 Wall St, New York, N.Y.
Dear Sir

In accordance with your request of 5th our cond, Statement of A.C.&R.Co. in so far as we suppose the public interested —

Our main business being mining and manufacturing and the railroad part a commission, we do not make so bulk a report as your blanks under request of [illegible]

Very respectfully yours
John [illegible]

March

12th Feby 84

Messrs Bliss & Goblitt
Lincoln - Ill -

Gentlemen

Herewith I have find Letters viz from

John T. Jenkins	Pt Arnfelt	Fred Dittus
26 Feby 1876	9 Mch 1879	28 Decr 1880
1 Mchy "	29 Feby 1879	1 Feby 1881
6 June "	Nov "	
15 Novr 1879	21 Feby 1880	
19 " "	3 Mch "	
Eugene Rentschler written by Jenkins	Nov " by Dittus	
22 Jany 1881		

also copies of letters from myself to Jenkins, Arnfelt and Dittus - My father kept no clerk for his private business, occasionally came on in the office of Mr Eugene Hess at Stanton Rd D - made and entry in his books for him, or acknowledged and answered a letter - The notes [illegible] by him for the Illinois land were in my possession, I was with him when sale was made [illegible] brought them home and kept them here with my own papers, until paid - as also the receipt from Jenkins sent to you - and I have every reason to believe that no one did any correspondence with Jenkins or Arnfelt about Arnfelts notes.

The letters were or yet written by me and addressed as shown - either mailed by myself or by some one connected with our office here —

I have no reply to mine to Jenkins inquiring about the Arrefeld note - [illegible] of 6th May 1876 —

My father sellom [illegible] any letters himself the Notary in [illegible] Rev W. Singer —

Neither my father nor myself saw Jenkins after 1 March 75 — And in no letter did Jenkins an claim to have paid this money — I hope the papers herewith may be [illegible] — If [illegible] no letters [illegible] to have [illegible] — If you desire to have copies of my letters [illegible] please return or you need the date and to whom the pencil [illegible] on margins refer to pages in my letterpress copying book —

Very respectfully

John [illegible]

12th March 84

William Mears Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

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18th March 84

Capt H. W. Goodwin

Lumber [illegible]

Your favor of 11th inst came to hand just before I [illegible] for [illegible]. When I saw Mr Mack who [illegible] for Alabama. We do not think we [illegible] any [illegible] better than you can find or [illegible] at your place, that the iron of which you send sketch and description, and good and the trouble is in the quality rather than in the [illegible], and we strongly hope your present mixture of [illegible], with [illegible] the quality that there will not be trouble about [illegible]. When Mack gets back we think it best to convert to [illegible] but he may do just what sort of iron the [illegible] of that he may call it to the best advantage. It [illegible] as strongly as hard and yet getting to bottom prices [illegible] may not pretty close to cost [illegible]. I [illegible] all well when I [illegible] and you may say to Mrs Goodwin that my [illegible] has gone.

Yours truly

John [illegible]

17th March 84

[illegible]

Lincoln, Ill. [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] is received in reply to mine of [illegible] dated by mistake [illegible] — It is true as stated by letters & refers as to the correspondence and notes. My father was growing [illegible] and told them he expected me to attend to the business of [illegible] for and collecting the notes. Took account of the whole matter, brought the notes and Jenkins receipt here, kept them until paid and forwarded for payment. When [illegible] or part of a note was paid, I got my father [illegible] and sent to the payee. Neither my father nor myself have any thing of the collections by Jenkins until we [illegible] [illegible] letter. Jenkins was not a prompt correspondent, and we did not think novel of his failing to reply to our inquiries — Supposed that at the note due [illegible] 1895 bore interest at ten (10) per [illegible] and the others, less that he allowed it to stand to the last for this extra interest — The proof as to mailing letters to Jenkins will be difficult. We have had in our office [illegible] so young men. My habit was (is now) to deposit most of my letters in the office of the Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co. with the less correspondence, and some of the young men took all to the P.O. for mailing

[illegible] or [illegible] business matters [illegible] and are most likely to remember me & keep a correct list of names — I enclose many [illegible] cards of [illegible] C. D. [illegible] [illegible] F. B. [illegible], [illegible] P. B. Warner, W. F. [illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible] have left here and [illegible] Please send for many years [illegible] & [illegible] envelope with my name and agent & address printed thereon & that we can & should put [illegible] on letters. Do not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & cannot [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & would likely to have them [illegible] [illegible] manner.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

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28th March 84

David Williams Esq
83 Reade St, New York N.Y.

Dear Sir

With pleasure find
P.O. order for [illegible] dollars for Issue of
[illegible] March 84 to 10th [illegible] 1885, to my address.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

29th March 84

Maj. E. M. Bell
Boston Va. Dear Sir

From part of 24th inst
can study to [illegible] including H.O. [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] in competition
[illegible] would be of great advantage
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] some [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] might [illegible] or [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] of the [illegible].
[illegible] together in play or [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] more fully [illegible]
[illegible] I have [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible]
[illegible] New York I thought this [illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible] upon in N.Y. but do
not remember just what [illegible] the
[illegible] was left in.
[illegible] not [illegible] well since in N.Y. and [illegible]
[illegible] now.

Yours truly
[illegible]

29th March 84

Mrs Mary A. Byr
Shawne O.
Madam

Yours of 26th inst
at hand. herewith lean find tax receipts
J. C. Richardson B. C. $4.62½
Andrew Russell E.C. 4.00 $8.63
for the year '80

Very respectfully
John Meany

[illegible] 84

Messrs Lund & Lund
[illegible] Wat [illegible], [illegible] O.
[illegible]
herewith [illegible]
[illegible] (f 89.00) [illegible] for
[illegible] 27th, [illegible]

Very respectfully
John Meany

7th April 84

Edward A. Esq [illegible] &c –
31 Burling St, New York, N.Y.
Dear Sir
Your favor of 2nd Inst is found
on my [illegible] from Customer –
Herewith per first Stock Certificate in Book
No 131 to, inclusive, signed by me –
Cordially yours
John Means Pres

8th April 84

Thomas A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.
Dear Mack –
The Madame wishes about
350 lb Nice Lard in small Packages
½ Ton & Bones Dust –
Yours Truly
John Means

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16th April 84

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Lowmon Va –

Dear Sir

Your favor of 11th and 14th inst came duly to hand. Am sorry to hear Bell think he was probably the best man we have had if I can hear of any will advise you – Keep Skelly robe if you can – But don't get alarmed about the Furnace. So is better drunk than I out of 10 [illegible] never you can find for his place my Sister and Mrs Adams better from Write they had better voyage out than they have had crossing two or three times in October – Wished to be remembered to you. [illegible] cutting at Crucker, cut 4 to $5.00 per year for no good to compensate –

Glad Mr Lewis has visited you, he has no doubt better knowledge of Citizenship, and can inform Mr A. A. L and Lyman –

[illegible]

17th April 84

Messrs Bird & Hoblitt
Lincoln Coy Co Ill
Gentlemen

I have this day made my deposition in case of Thos W. Mason vs Minnie E. Jenkins and suppose Mr Singer has sent same by Mail to the proper court. From the manner you have taken hold of the case I have hope that you will succeed

Very respectfully
John Meany

7 April 84

N. Derby Esq
95 Broadway, Broom N.Y.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

17th April 59

Capt. D. K. Weir

Dear Sir

Herewith you find your account which I return for correction in addition you have not charged our copy of Expr 1882 April 29 – I Paid this Ky. I. E. H. M. Co – for Expense of copies to No 12 Vol 6 – but as follows ——

(a) Mrs S. C. Hildrette, Garden O.

(b) " John D. Newcomb, Haverhill, Mass.

(c) " Mary H. Edgerton, St. Paul, Minn.

(d) ~~Lowmans Chas~~ charged 22 June 1882 to Mrs C. C. Hildrette, Zanesville, O.

(e) Loomis & Colford Pittsburgh Pa.

(f) Echols Bell & Cassett Staunton Va.

(g) Self at home

I suppose you have continued them, as I do not remember to have ordered otherwise – and if you have I owe for the 9 – to Vol 6 No 12 – As I sent them to Cap the paper, and in courtesy to the recipients I would not send a bill sent to any of them – When the time paid for expires (to No 12 Vol 6) it would be better to stop them to the Cap Court and 5th – named – Let the other 4 go on and send bill to me

Very truly yours

John Meaux

over

[illegible] April 84

Mr. [illegible] Esq., [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

A complimentary [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The thing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was intended for [illegible]. If [illegible] [illegible], please [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

After [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

Yours very respectfully
John [illegible]

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26th April 84

John P. Terry Esq. Pres &c.
Portsmouth Ohio. Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 25th inst is at hand, coming check to my order for twenty [illegible] and seventy-seven 40/100 ($2,177.40) dollars in payment of note Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co. of 3rd Jany 1881. Glad to know you have such good luck collecting — Suppose Hewitt & Cooper think to secure or much or 50 M — said as if for less claimed — Have one real Spring day to day — [illegible] anything of that kind in Portsmouth —

Yours truly
John Mears

John P. Terry Esq. Pres &c
Portsmouth Ohio
[illegible]

[illegible]

26th April 84

M. H. Smith V. P.
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst is at hand covering Pass in my name for which please accept thanks,
I need Lemmitte Pass on our road with free mention of time may not be valuable, but if you should happen with this regime might be convenient —

Very truly yours
John Meaney

29th April 84

Messrs Smith Gray & Co.
95 Broadway, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Gentlemen

Your favor of 20th inst is at hand.
Hemmitte find bangster for suits for Hildreth Mate Sack Coat —

Very respectfully
John Meaney

30th April 84

J. F. Fallis Esq Cut H.
Cincinnati Ohio — Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st and last came duly to hand. Also very to say that it is not convenient at present for me to take any proportion of the Eureka Creek —

Very truly yours
John Meaux

[illegible] May 84

L. R. Keck Esq Treas H.
Cincinnati Ohio — Dear Sir

Your favor of 1 instant is at hand, inclosing checks for Dividend of Cinti, Portsmouth, Big Sandy & Downing Packet Lean for the following

Thos W. Meaux	$800.00
John Meaux	800.00
Mary A. Adams	175.00
Hugh Meaux	75.00
Mair M. A. Meaux	50.00
Administratrix of W. F. Gaylord Estate	130.00

$2,030 — all of which will hand to the owners —

Very respectfully
John Meaux

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Oth May 64

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Lunkeer Va — Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd is at hand. Am sorry to hear what you write about the furnace and afraid she will have to be put out of blast if as bad as you think — And we shall have to wait for lining to be made and taken to Shrs — I advised, as you will remember, when in N.Y. that we should at once make contract for lining and Hearth, to wait thought but it was needed, but it until the last of this month — You had better advise she has at once of the trouble, and get authority to contract for lining — I cannot leave here before Saturday if then — And by that time you may be out. Skelding will get through if anyone can.

Your truly
John Meaux

and stop her on his return. The Trains time such this better. I'll have at 7 P.M. and reached Shr at 10 P.M. 3 P.M. is open time to arrive at leave here which the fast trains — Around lining while at Shrs from Adam Portsmouth — and hope the present may last write us. Sure you'd it time — Say 60 days to make all possibly 30 days, sure to get on the ground — Yours truly
John Meaux

13th May 84

Thomas A. Mackeye
69 West 3rd St. Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Reached Lyman Saturday night and found her playing away with the situation as Skelding fonts: she may last months and may not last hours. Work first rate 8 p.m. to last week with good start for as much or more this. Fred Lyman is expected there today.

I find yours of 8th Mo and Russell Mead inclosing check for [illegible] (Mass) [illegible] for interest on $200 note. What of the [illegible] and [illegible] last? I think it would be well the first time you are here, make new notes for both — I also find yours of 9th Mo and 1st inst. — You say I lead an abundance of letters from you [illegible] while away — McCormacy was I think bookkeeper at Pittsburgh, will ask Willard about him. You must see at how much talk to get a founders. Bowmans [illegible] advertisements. Two or three days at Pittsburgh might find a good man — Will look after Bob Stephens here, but he will be one week too late for my Lower trip. Hope he may find Frank there, did not learn how long he expected to stay. You had better write or wire him when Bob will come. But might you

14th May 54

Thomas H. Mack Esq
Cy West Ind Lt Lincoln Ohio

Dear Mack

Herewith please find A.N.B. on First N.B. Lincoln
indorsed to your order fifty eight 50/100 ($58.82) for bills of
Chas Jacobs Jr & Son 19th ult $40.92
J. M. McCullough's bond 8 " 17.90 $58.82
with thanks for buying for me —

Abbeville made 290 tons last week exactly all Batt On and
we think we shall soon try all Batt — Have only had
3 stores for 4 weeks, Next week will get 104 on again
when we hope for increased out put —

The Madame and Rose left this afternoon for your
city — All well

Yours Truly
[illegible]

Read 11th May 93

[illegible] May 84

William Mearns Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Wish

Fatten to day made a division of water and coal which now have charged to you, Mayor, Maggie and my life and even $100 [illegible] each — Herewith find his check for Seven hundred ($700.00) dollars to your order and note of Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co. dated 11th March 1865 @ 1 year interest at 7 per ct. secured by 4 Collateral Bonds Nos 415 to 420 inclusive — I do not send the Bond with this but have kept them at the Bank. All well. Blattie and Rose went to your city today —

Yours truly,

John Mearns

16th May 84

Otto Wuth Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

at request of Mr Maury I send by Adams Express 1 Bag Iron Ore for analysis – for Iron Phosphorus and Silica.
send your report and bill for charges to
M. F. Maury Esqr (Avondale) Cincinnati Ohio,
and oblige yours
very respectfully
John Means

Baltimore July 17th 1814

Dear Sir

I received a letter from your cousin who informs me that you have left some books in your possession, which you wish to take with you in your journey, and you think it will be inconvenient to you to call for them, and therefore have requested me to do it. I shall be happy to render you any service in my power, and will thank you to inform me when you wish them sent, and to whom they are to be delivered.

I am Sir

8th May 54

A. E. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Winslow

[illegible] [illegible] find
A. N. Bank [illegible] [illegible] ($10,000.00)
[illegible], which [illegible] the payment for
A. C. & O. R. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Truly
John [illegible]

09th May 54

Wm Morris Esq
Cincinnati Oh

Dear Will

[illegible] of 1600 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
A. C. & O. R. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Truly
John [illegible]

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13th May 84

Frank Lyman Esqr
Sourmon Dan

Dear Frank

Your favor of 13th inst is
at [illegible] I was glad when Lee Cochrane told me
what you had [illegible] about his [illegible] for [illegible]
and said to [illegible] that as you have [illegible] [illegible]
up [illegible], carefully studying the whole matter
that your opinion [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of any of our directors in this [illegible].
From [illegible] your father letter to J. H. W. I
[illegible] [illegible], he had advised with
you before writing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
what you have done, and hope you will
always [illegible] [illegible] to advise about L.M.
My hope now is that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], at
least until we can get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
grounds, as it would be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
matter should it give [illegible] [illegible]
Hope you may conclude to stay until the
28th. All well

Yours Truly
John [illegible]

20th May 84

C. P. Ott Esqr
Trenton Ohio
Sir

Your of [illegible] is at hand, with account for the Trentonian. Kindly please find P.O. order for $4.5[illegible] dollars in payment. Please acknowledge receipt.

For June 1880 I lost some time and money in entertaining the members of the Kentucky Press Association, and invited to be present on that occasion members of the Press in Trenton. The Trentonian sent a representative. Afterwards many of my guests sent to me copies of their papers as a matter of courtesy. The Trentonian was sent occasionally, hardly regularly. Your Dist is an addition to the expense of the occasion not anticipated and am thankful it is no larger.

Your obedient servant

John Meany

26th May 84

Dear Will

Yours of 19th, came to hand Friday, just as I was leaving for Lindi. I stopped at the Bank to see you but was too late. I think it will be incorporate Bellefonte, This can be done without any change in interest among the partners — As to adding a codicil to the will was doubtful; Now having business with father know that his judgment on such matters is clear and positive. But there are many who have an [illegible] to [illegible] with them, who know war, and may imagine or [illegible] his judgment was like the memory, and that his weight is influenced against it in adding to or taking from his will for this reason I doubt about codicil — and the will provides that executors and trustees who may be appointed by Courts, should be satisfactory to his heirs — All well — I leave for Lindi to morrow — Yours truly, John McCall

4th June 84

Jerome Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult at hand. Would give me great pleasure to accommodate Mr Hartmann, but just now I have too much in our property to leave any money that can either lend or buy with. Have just finished paying for 1000 shares A.C.W.A.Co. bought in Oppenheim, suppose that an church on [illegible] for it. If you find [illegible] will advise

Yours All well

Yours truly

J. McCall Esq

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5th June 84

A. A. Low Esqr Treas
3. Burling Slip, New York

Dear Sir

I learn that John F. Winslow Esqr desires, not to hold differences of opinion as to business matters a personal, and that my letter of 19th Ult may last be withdrawn from the correspondence of the Company.

The object for which it was written being accomplished, I am [illegible] willing to accede to his wishes.

Very truly yours
John Meany

W. M. Kerr Esqr
Norton O.

June 5th 84

Dear Sir

[illegible]

June 84

Chas M. Bragg Esq
Covington Va.

Dear Sir

Here please find them $3.00 P.O. order for "Sentinel" from 26 August 1882 to 26th August 1884 — Stop when the paid for

Yours respectfully
Jno Meandon

10th June 84

John P. Tay Esq Pres
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst'd at hand with check for twelve hundred $1,200.00 dollars, dividend No 1 = 16 pcs Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co —

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

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Ashland Ky 11th June 1889

B. Edgington

Duffy, Indiana.

Dear Sir

Your of 23rd May came duly to hand. Herewith I send draft on First Nat Bank of Cincinnati three hundred and thirty ($300) dollars, which will pay all you are behind on your land to this time and let you start com again. A few days after I wrote before I received letter which if a few days earlier might have kept me from sending them - But as I dont wish you to lose the land, will not change my mind because you wife writes foolishly. All you have to do is to write you once acing the draft and a bank where you are known will cash it - or you can give it to the man you owe for the land -

Respectfully yours

John Meade

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10th June 84

Thomas A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St - Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mack

I remitted your draft for $58.82 to pay sundry bills 14th ult, and have no acknowledgment. Did it come to hand? If [illegible] Pittsburgh I think next week will suit me best. There are [illegible] furnaces for sale, possibly enough to be had low enough to move here.

Let me hear from you, Miss Beth [illegible] Yours of the boys

John Meany

10th June 84

Capt H. W. Goodwin
Louisiana [illegible]

Dear Capt

Your favor of [illegible] came duly to hand. I'm glad to hear you are pushing the Warden work ahead. And hope it will [illegible] considerable that you now have to spend on old one to keep it going. I wish you had [illegible] good man to take the mines work off your as you cannot [illegible] that one man can't do all the work, without our working himself. I should be glad to know that [illegible] will keep straight, but don't [illegible] your. [illegible] drunk is better [illegible] I think [illegible] go to Pittsburgh and [illegible] next week and may not get home until about 1st July. With kind regards to family

Yours truly

John Meany

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12th June 84

A. S. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Winslow

Your esteemed favor of 3rd came duly to hand. Am truly glad to hear that Howard has improved so much and hope he is with you now, in fair way for your health. I sent my letter to Mr Low, direct to J. F. H. that he might see what I had written. You could not see much at Olympia Station on R.R. The miner on Ashland made ~~[illegible]~~ away from R.R. I think at less cost than ever before, is working well now.

I may take a trip to Pittsburgh next week and via Cincinnati. Cordiner writes me that he is pushing work on Warden & Furnace doing well. Regards to Mr W.

Yours truly
John Meant

Mrs Eg all [illegible]

[illegible] June

[illegible] Dear Sir
[illegible] hold on you have
[illegible] of [illegible] dated 29th July 1880
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] amount $[illegible] [illegible]
by him on [illegible] 20 [illegible] addition to
[illegible] which you bought of him
[illegible] it or must I bring
[illegible], [illegible] of course [illegible]
[illegible] yours
[illegible]

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14th June 84

Thos A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati. Ohio –

Dear Mack

Yours of 13th inst is at hand with its doleful tale. The Bank will renew the Eureka paper, charging eight (8) per ct – and notes with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I will come down Wednesday night spend Thursday with you in work of consolation and leave that night for Pittsburgh, [illegible] I shall want to spend more

Yours truly

[illegible]

We think may be able to buy old furnaces at scrap iron prices, and get one up cheaply – We can make low cost iron, and so long as the furnace keeps cow [illegible] sell coal to her and get profit for coal & R.R. – You bought too soon, now is the time to buy iron property nobody wants it and there is not [illegible] competition

[illegible]

John T. King Esq
Maysville Ky – Dear Sir

16th June 84

The farm of 13th inst is at hand with [illegible]. We [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] I paid on Wharfmaster R. C. Riddens – for Steam Stores Bill 1 Bbl Bl. L. Water Bd Dec 1888 $4.00

Hence we [illegible] this is the [illegible] [illegible] in your letter

Very respectfully yours
John [illegible]

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18th June 84

Master Harry Meaux
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Harry

Yours came to hand yesterday. But as there was a Republican County Convention, and a Pic Nic party at Wade I did not [illegible] answer written. Herewith find N.Y. draft Twenty five ($95.00) dollars — I leave for Cinti & Pittsburgh to day and as I go to serve 15 [illegible] Lacer, do not expect to get

Yours affectionately [illegible] will

John Meaux

30th June 84

Thomas H. Mack Esqr
69 West 2nd St, Cinti. O.

Dear Mack

I reached home at 4 30 P.M. Saturday, Hoffjudge Inland and daughter Miss Norton, Capt Churchill Wife as fellow passengers. Found all well that were found at Newark Madam and Rosie gone to N.Y. — Went to church yesterday like the good S.S. boys do. Hope Kleman has appeared unto you and that Mr Fallis has waived Dunny in Louville and Birmingham — Every [illegible] Lord as I cant waive [illegible] — Let me know about Kleman as [illegible] as determined

Yours truly

John Meaux

30th June 84

Capt H. W. Gowin
Lowmoor Va.

Dear Capt

Your favor of 12th inst with copies of recommendations to Woods just before I left home — for a trip to Cinti, Italy &c — I hope he may prove to be the man for the place, and bear you of the labor of looking after the mines. I see by the reports the Furnace continues to work well, which is encouraging. Pig Iron prices go down, and Southern Iron has been sold in Cinti and Louisville at prices which do not see the Furnaces over $11.50 to $11.75 for Mill Iron. The tightness of money affects nearly everything. Saw Messrs Mack, Wiseman & Winton in Cinti all very well — Harry and Cook, are at home now and expecting next week, a visit from a young man who has just finished a course at the Columbia School of Mines. Of course has had no business experience. But from what hear of him is rather a bright fellow — If you would like, I could send him and look over for a short visit, that you might see whether you can work him in to any advantage.

Mrs M. and Bee are in N.Y. city with Lily, Rose at home with me — With kind regards to your family

Yours truly John Meade

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Oct. June 54

Dear Uncle

Have at last this day 27th the meeting of the Candy Market Co. for the sale of Ohio Valley Stock and the purchase of the Mail Line Co Stock was effected. It was resolved to sell the [illegible] Candy Pkt Co stock now existing [illegible] all of said stock [illegible] to [illegible] stockholders at par - par value to their present holding & you will receive within ten days [illegible] Three shares of the new [illegible] Candy Co. for the stock in selling which it is [illegible] will take this proportion [illegible] now exist [illegible] With this we paid in our own build new [illegible] and make dividends - The Mail Line business is fully as good as was expected All well

Your true
John Means

Oct July 54

E.R. Willard Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sam

I have just returned after a visit to Pittsburgh, New Castle & Beaver Pa - At the latter place saw Michael Vitera, whose name was given you by Collins & Martin as good man for a [illegible] & [illegible] the appearance of the man, and hear good reports from those who know him, is a sober man and seems to understand [illegible]. Among some 10 or 12 saw [illegible] he made one other, saw all [illegible] now, the furnace [illegible] Etc is being out indefinitely. Could be hired for 120 to 125 per month - Is about 38 years of age.

Yours truly
John Means

[illegible] July 84

Wm. Meaux Esq.
Cincinnati [illegible]
Dear Wm.

[illegible] find draft to your order [illegible] ($18.00) dollars in payment of [illegible], bills [illegible] for Coffee to [illegible].

All well, [illegible] have taken tickets for passage [illegible] City of Cleveton —

Yours truly
John [illegible]

[illegible] July 84

Messrs. [illegible]
Lincoln Ill.
Gentlemen

Your favor of [illegible] is at hand. Erewith please find N.Y. draft to your order Fifty ($50 00/100) dollars, on account of fee in Jenkins suit by Thos. Meaux. Acknowledge. Please extend this case in all the counts to which it may be appealed.

Unsuspectfully yours
John Meaux

[illegible] July 84

Gus Houshell Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

The [illegible] named will take the number of shares apportioned to them, viz

Thos W. Mean	37
John Mean	37
John Rural	8
Mrs Mary A. [illegible]	8
Hugh Mean	3
Miss M. A. Neal	2 = 95 shares

in C. P. R. P. P. A. Co.

Very Respectfully
John Mean

[illegible] July 84

Gen. [illegible] Esq
Dear Sir

Your form of [illegible] is at hand. My sister against A. Mean holds two notes of Wm [illegible] dated [illegible] November 1880 each $1.00 payable [illegible] after date with interest secured by [illegible] shares [illegible] as [illegible]. No part of the interest or principal has been paid. These notes are in no possession as agent for my sister.

Very respectfully
John Mean

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5th July 54

Dear Cay -

Herewith find letters which you can show Mrs C. This for yourself. First there is not more than one woman in a thousand fit to administer on an estate, and Mrs C is not one. If you [illegible] to help her you will have trouble all the time. Would advise that you get her to resign, be appointed yourself, and then you can make short work of it. Don't think there are any of [illegible] few debts besides these.

[illegible] for Mrs C and for yourself, and that it will be pleasanter for [illegible] if you [illegible] you all thereafter if both understand.

Yours truly

John Alexander

9th July 54

Messrs Daniels Combs & Co
N.B. Cor 5th & Race Sts, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check to your order on Metropolitan Bank Cinti, One hundred 00/100 ($100.00/100) dollars in payment of account

Very respectfully yours

John Alexander

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14th July 84

Edwd A. Lowe Esq Secy &c
31 Burling Slip, New York City.
Dear Sir

I am to please find letter of
Hampton forwarded to me from U.S. Wesley
the H. has found some of the rock
in our mines, now I hope he may be
the right man to get things in good
and able to withstand any pressure
what would not be done.
Your letter of last Monday
will receive his best services
We &c

Very Truly
[illegible]

14th July 84

Capt Goodwin
Lynchburg Va

Dear Capt

Your [illegible] of last week came duly to
hand [illegible] letter of Mr A.S.W. and Capt
C. Seaman Esq, C, employed the Hampton
to take charge of the mines. Hope he
may be the right man, but it is well very
[illegible] Commands mistakes, not
can be done. This relieves you of the
responsibility, and puts it where it belongs.
Capt and his friend will hardly make
their visit. I find the young man
right pressing but Mr H. would not
[illegible] Capt [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Curtis myself
[illegible] will come home
of the week

Yours truly
John Mc Mahon

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14th July 84

Capt H. W. Goodwin

Dear Capt —

Since writing you this noon I have your of 12th instant. If you and Skelding are sure the Ironkton ore has yielded [illegible] I think it would be well to contract with Tanner [illegible] or two thousand (1 or 2000) tons per month for say 6 to [illegible] tons — Would just it to them on the grounds that you desire to help them get established in the business &c &c —

It is [illegible] that our ore yielding 5 or 6 per more Iron than your own is worth, [illegible] more than the cost of the freight on it, and that at 2 p for I Mtn ore is less than you can mine and deliver our own ore for —

Yours truly

John Means

19th July 84

Mrs Margaret J. Gaylord
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Madam

Your esteemed favor of 17 is at hand and contents noted. Owing to low prices of Iron and Coal now is a very unfavorable time to sell [illegible] L.C. & I. R. Stock and I do not know where to find [illegible] buyer at this time. So great a part of my own means are in Iron property that does not pay or promise dividends soon, I cannot buy myself, much as it would give me pleasure to [illegible] you — Hattie and [illegible] came home Tuesday last, left [illegible] very well

Yours truly

John Means

21st July 84

D. B. Cook Esq
Carolina P.O., Va.

Dear Sir

No particulars have been made as to indebtedness of Ct. Campbell. Hence be preparing statement now. Am afraid the failure is a bad one and that they will not pay very much.

Very respectfully yours
John Meaux

21st July 84

William Meaux Esq
Cincinnati O. Dear Will

The organization of the "Kentucky Bellefonte Iron Company", was made 18th instant. Meaux Russell & Meaux sold to the Corporation all their property; real personal and mixed, taking therefor in full paid up shares of the Capital Stock — in proportion as held in the copartnership thereby ended — Please get a Seal — for the Corporation and send to me. The name in full "Kentucky Bellefonte Iron Company" around the word "Seal".

All well yours truly
John Meaux

24th July 84

L. R. Keck Pres C. P. & W. & P. Phila—
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your of 22 and instant is at hand with certificate for 87 Shares stock in names as stated — Will be delivered. How many shares have been taken paid for? Do not decide statement for June.

Yours truly
John Meany

26th July 84

J. V. Martin Esq.
Greencastle Ind.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 22 and instant is at hand. While sorry to know that you do not see it to your advantage to return here and make your home with us, I shall be pleased to hear when you can do better elsewhere. I do not feel that have any reason to complain and hope this may remove from your own mind my belief that you have not acted rightly. If you returned "no equivalent" for favors rendered you by me, it was only because opportunity did not offer.

With my thanks for your kind letter and kindest wishes for your welfare

Am very truly yours

29th July 84

David Williams Esq
88 Reade St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find P.O. order payable to you, two (2.00) dollars, for "Greenwood, Steel & Iron."

Very respectfully yours
John Means

29th July 84

Herald & Presbyter
178 Elm St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order two Dr (£2.50) dollars, for Herald & Presbyter renewal.

Stop when the time paid for expires.

Very respectfully
John Means

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7th August 54

G. R. Clark Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2nd instant is found,
on return of the account forms herewith
sent for T. Williams

[illegible]	$ 185.00
[illegible]	225.00
Wm Hayes Steamd	90.00
Th. Williams	6.00
[illegible]	486.00 $ 2006.00

[illegible] Pork Bigbandy &c
[illegible]

[illegible]

William Shipp &
Cincinnati Ohio
Steam Engine

[illegible]

8th August 84

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Mrs E. C. [illegible]
Dresden [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] please [illegible]
[illegible] ($10.00) [illegible] for
[illegible] R.R. and W.C.
[illegible]

Yours
J. [illegible]

8th August 84

D. S. Cook Esq
Carolina Va.

Dear Sir

Your fee of 10 cts was found on my return home, after the meeting of Campbell & Sons creditors. Mr Russell [illegible] meet two and tells me that the actual debts [illegible] out to be about $118.00 and assets [illegible] C & S. offered to settle by 5 annual payments [illegible] interest at 6 per ct. The creditors proposed [illegible] in 5 annual payment int. @ 6 but [illegible] the form of assurances. Adjourned without [illegible], pretending if agreement was not soon [illegible] to meet and move for change of [illegible]. I think probable some settlement will be made, as the creditors proposal was a fair one and not much different from that of Campbell —

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

16th August 84

Messrs [illegible]
Cincinnati Ohio 11th W. [illegible]
Gentlemen

please send me by Big
Sandy Packet to Steamers
1 Bbl Granulated Sugar
1 " [illegible] "
and oblige
Yours respectfully
John Marvin

14th August 84

[illegible]
Cincinnati Ohio
[illegible] Sir
[illegible] please [illegible]
[illegible] eight [illegible] ($38.00) dollars [illegible]
to [illegible] order — for [illegible]
Yours respectfully
John Marvin

Hon L. T. [illegible]
Catlettsburg Ky.

15th August 84

[illegible] first moment [illegible]
[illegible] myself, while I suppose
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] Tuesday [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all of next
week.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 21st Aug 84

Thos A. Mac Ewen
69 West 2nd, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

[illegible] of 20th inst at hand. There was a [illegible] of 10 Shares of Ky. Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company for $210+. This was about a year ago and I know of no sale since.

Yours truly
John Stewart

23rd August 84

Chas C. [illegible]
Cincin[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] please find draft
indorsed [illegible] order in payment
for Bill [illegible]

My [illegible]

[illegible] W. Meany

John Meany

23rd August 84

Messrs Tant Andrews
81½ [illegible] Cincinnati Ohio
Gentlemen

Herewith please
find my check to your order
in payment of bill [illegible] 10th instant.

Yours respectfully
John Meany

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25th August 84

Dear Mack

Your favors of 13th and 22nd instants came duly to hand. Saw Frank in N.Y. and showed the print to him. Feel disappointed about Tony thought he would do if [illegible] know James Channon but hope he will prove to be first class. Eureka will afford poor men in the place. Lookout lining gave way Sunday 17th and is out for 60 or more. Pleasant Valley 73,900 tons Blast No 2 –

[illegible] Furnace – dividend and [illegible] to hold best to hold our money [illegible] letter [illegible] expected it to be. Sales netted $15.20 made 21.18 to the cent $13.19 – Goodwin bought [illegible] 3 letter 10.20 of Frank, [illegible] will supply him to 1st July next. [illegible] will reduce output to minimum and get mines into working order

29th August 84

Dear Sir

I have seen my sister Maggie who says she considered the letter of credit, understanding that it was all drawn for – [illegible] saying they would return it – to proper party.

Very respectfully yours

John [illegible]


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5th Sept 84.

Capt W. Horsfall
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find receipt or statement, dated 17th Feby 1879, that you held thirteen (13) Shares United States Mail Line Stock belonging to me. This receipt is of no further value, since your transfer of the shares to me, and certificate for same, have been issued to me, in my own name.

I have this day entered on my books a credit to your account, for thirteen hundred ($1,000.) dollars, paid by you 3rd Jan 1884, to the U. S. Mail Line Co, on an assessment or loan to the Co. It is probable that this amount is credited to you on the books of the Mail L. Co. as the receipt was made to you.

Have entered this on my books, in order that the books and this letter may explain the transaction between us in the event that anything should happen to either of us before the matter is settled.

Very truly

John Meany


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27th Novm 84

John Kirkatrick Esq
Cambridge Ohio.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th inst, came while I was away from home. It would give me pleasure to appoint one friend [illegible] to the position held by the late Lewis Moorhead — O. R. Com.

very truly yours
John Meard

27th Novm 84

Messrs Meard Kyle & Co.
Hanging Rock O. — Gentlemen

Your of 25th came to hand last night (was not at home thro' the day) We had made our arrangements for to day so that we could not easily change them. I suppose there is a mortgage on the Extra Lev. lands to secure payment of their bonds. Have they a provision therein to allow them to sell lands? Think too the sale or exchange should be authorized formally, by the directors of both corporations, and copies from the minutes, of each authorizing, furnished to the other company. Unless we hear to the contrary father and myself will come down to H. R. — Saturday 29th —

Herewith find the statement sent.

Yours truly
John Meard

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28th Novr 84

Edward A. Low Esqr, Treas &c.
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst, and the Bonds, came to hand yesterday. To day I have signed and delivered to the Adams Express Co – 60 Bonds Louisiana Iron Co of Va Nos 201 to 260 inclusive addressed to you.

My truly yours
John Meant Pt

I think it would be wise to email the [illegible] attached to these bonds in a different manner from those which have been paid on bonds sold.

4th Decemb 84

Gay B. Norton Esqr
Coulter Ky – Dear Sir

Your of 2nd inst came to hand last night, [illegible] at Court yesterday and are likely to be for most of next week. The notes of Mr Gaylord bear interest payable annually and I make the reckoning as below – yours

My truly
John Meant

1881 Nov 2d Note	$1.050.00
1884 Nov 26th Interest	205.55
Amount	$1.255.55
	$2.511.10
50 Shares A.C.&I.&L. @ 27.4	1375.00
	$1.136.10

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10th December 84

James A. Miller Esq

herewith find my check to your order Sixteen [illegible] ($16.00) dollars renewal for the Independent from 1st December/84 [illegible] to following named persons — Please stop these when the paid for copies, as I send them as a matter of courtesy, and to help the Independents and neither you nor myself would wish to have payment asked of those who have not ordered the paper sent to them —

E. C. Means No 229 West Canton St. Boston Mass
Miss Harriet Newcomb Haverhill "
Harry Means (change from E. C. M.) Marietta Ohio
Mrs E. W. Burgess " "
Lowmoor Iron Co Lowmoor Va.
Mrs S. C. Hildreth Dresden Ohio
" F. A. Nicholls No 19 Cliff St New York N.Y.
" Elizabeth Griffith Argolite Ky.
" Anne Taft 80 Pike, St, Cincinnati O.
" J. C. Magner 5th St Ashland Ky
Self Home

And oblige yours
very respectfully
John Means

13th Decr 84

Leonard & Cook
48 & 50 Main & Cincinnati O—
Gentlemen
herewith find my
check Seven 50/100 ($7.50) dollars in
payment on Bill 10th instant—
Very respectfully
John Meany

19th Decr 84

David Sinton Esqr
Cincinnati O— Dear Sir
Your favor of 17th inst is
at hand, inclosing check for father Fourhundred
and thirty one 42/100 ($431.42) dollars. He agrees
with you in the opinion that it is best to settle
with Coker make deed and take notes
secured by mortgage on the lands— No doubt
when the notes become due there must be
a foreclosure and sale. The settlement as
indicated removes all questions as to interest
heretofore paid. All will an join in
remembrance to the family.
With compliments of the season
Yours Truly
John Meany

22 ond Decm 84

Chas. C. Rikhoff Esq
Bradford Block, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

herewith please find draft fifteen ($15 00/100) dollars, for Bill 18th & per Cents to Thos W. Meany.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

23rd Decm 84

Safe Deposit Co.
20 W. 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank your city Twenty ($20#) dollars renewal for safe in name of John Russell or myself.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

Kenyon & Crawford
in account with John Means

1884	Dr.		1883	Cr.	
Dec 10	To 14 Months rent @ $10	$140 00	Nov 10	By Cash	10 00
			Dec 26	" " Hay	10 00
			1884 March 8	" " Mdse	10 00
			April 7	" " Hay	10 00
			June 11	" "	20 00
			July 11	" "	10 00
			Oct 10	" " Beer	20 00
			Dec 10	Balance due	50 00
		140 00			140 00
Dec 10	To Balance due John	50 00			

29th Dec 84

Robert Clarke & Co.
64 & 65 West 4th St, Cincinnati O-

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank twelve ($12.00) dollars, in payment of my account.

Very respectfully yours
John Means

Mr Mary A. Adams, in account current and interest with John Means

March	12	To Note of A.C. & I. Ry. Co — dated 11th inst @ 1 year	$18.000 00
July	21	" Paid for 8 shares "C. P. Big Sandy & P. Pkt Co"	800 00
			28090 09
Jany	1	By Balance per a/c sent.	6147 91
Feby	29	" 5 W.S. Interest Coupon	50 00
		" 10 A.C. & I. R. Co " due 1st	350 00
March	12	" A.C. & I. R. Co Note & interest " 11th	19.295 00
May	5	" Dividend "Big Sandy Pkt Co"	175 00
June	19	" 5 W.S. Interest Coupons due April 1	50 00
Dec	26	" 5 " " " July 1	50 00
July	21	" Cash Ashland N. Bank	800 00
Aug	1	" 10 A.C. & I. R. Co — Coupons	350 00
	7	" Dividend "Big Sandy Packet Co"	215 00
Oct	30	" 5 W.S. Interest Coupons	50 00
Decem	31	" Difference in interest in red at 7 per ct	557 18
			28.090 09
Jany	1	By Balance due M. A. A —	$ 9.290 09

Miss Margaret A. Mead in a/c current and interest at 9 pm & with John Mead

					Interest
			C		
1880 Jany	0	By	Balance per a/c rent	$ 14.015 08	98625
	2	"	Cash of Banfield rents	74 24	-----
Feby	1	"	16 A.C.&S.R.Co. Interest Coupons	560 00	351
	29	"	6 W.C. " "	60 00	3513
March	12	"	A.C.&S.R.Co. Notes & interest	32.158 30	181[illegible]
April	19	"	Ashland N. Bank Check	248 39	1219
May	5	"	Dividend "Big Sandy Pkt Co"	60 00	229
June	6	"	Thos. V. Mahony check 14 ult	48 99	216
	30	"	6 W.C. Interest Coupons 1 inst	60 00	224
		"	10 Lawrence " " due 1 prop	300 00	-----
		"	6 W.C. " " "	60 00	1260
		"	Cash Ashland N. Bank Inst 2 inst	25 00	98
July	31	"	Dividend Ashland N.	400 00	1241
	29	"	16 A.C.&S.R. Interest Coupons due 1 prop	560 00	1688
Aug	7	"	Dividend "Big Sandy Pkt Co."	60 00	168
Oct	31	"	6 W.C. Interest Coupons	60 00	70
Nov	8	"	Cash of Banfield Rents	100 00	102
Decem	8	"	" Mrs R. D. Coyle Mtg	1.121 10	503
	30	"	Difference in interest in a/c @ 9 pm	591 13	$290662
				$ 50567 24	
Pd Decem	31	By	Balance due M. A. M.	4.870 99	

E & O. E.

Miss Margaret A. Meaux in account current and interest at 9 p.c. with John Meaux

1854		Dr		Interest
Jany	14	To 300 Brick for Bansfield House	210	14
Feby	6	" Paid Henderson & Lane a/c	1039	71
March	12	" 2 Notes A.C. & J.R. Cov. dated 11th	30.00000	169050
April	16	" R. Mattern Co. Letter Credit	5030	249
	19	" do. do	20074	983
May	20	" do do	20080	-----
		" J. M. Gaindron	1065	907
	22	" A.C. & J.R. Cov. 400 Shares @ 60 p.c.	12.00000	------
		" Interest on same	25667	52192
June	11	" R. Mattern Cash Letter Credit	19873	-----
	12	" Henderson & Lane a/c	1651	831
July	21	" 2 Shares "Big Sandy Pkt Co"	20000	620
	24	" R. Mattern Cash Letter Credit	19873	604
	30	" do do	79115	2307
Aug	8	" do do	34777	1065
	23	" do do	55891	1388
	30	" Cash Ashland N. Bank 13th	30000	805
Oct	23	" do "	30000	----
		" do " Carter Cov. Lapes	5200	4[illegible]
[illegible]	31	" Balance due M. A. M.	487079	231[illegible]
			5056724	

7th Jany 85

Mrs Mary A. Adams
No 46 W. 21st St, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sister

Yours and Maggie of 4th instant is at hand. Herewith I send draft endorsed to your order for fifty ($50.00) dollars, and for Maggie two of Seventyfive ($75.00) dollars each, in all two hundred ($200.00) as requested. We hope you may both soon have eyes right again — and that Maggie may get rid her Neuralgia again. Would have replied to her letter only we expected you home by this time. Father went with us to the Russell Warner wedding, just as he stepped onto the porch, he fell with his cane under his leg and made it pretty painful for a few days, but it is getting much less so now. He walks about always comes to the door himself to let me in, Has not been out much because the weather has been too bad — Have had snow sleet and Rain — You need not hurry home on his account — I stopped and told him why you stay longer — All well — Harry left this morning.

Affectionately yours John [illegible]

7th Jany 58

H. L. Wilson Esqr Pres
Wilson Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th instant relating to the appeal of F. H. Watson Ho has been forwarded to Thomas A. Mack Esqr 19 West 2nd St. Cincinnati he being the matter in charge of Embassy law

Very respectfully yours
John Meacham

7th Jany 58

R. Mathews Esqr Cashier
Sumter Co

Dear Sir

I have seen Mr Houston in regard to your of 21st ult. He does not name any price said he paid for his expenses. I would recommend to send him $25.00 which will be satisfactory

Yours truly
John Meacham

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26th Jany 85

Miss Margaret A. Milnor
[illegible] W. 21st St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Sister

Yours of 19th came while I was from home. Herewith find draft on [illegible] N.Y. City - [illegible] dollars indorsed to order of Mary [illegible] - [illegible] requested. Was in Sister's last week, dined at Mr Sinclair's and saw the family. Anna told me she hoped to reach N.Y. before you left. Yet did not say just when she expected to go [illegible]. Saw Will Martin and daughter had gone to New Orleans. I doubt the vacation will not [illegible] to operate on your eyes. Don't like the idea of his getting angry at being asked about it. Would advise with some one you know, and be sure that he is not a quack. Tell Jany that I have [illegible] very desirable [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]

Mrs Sarah Coulter
N.B. Co, [illegible] Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft, [illegible] ($75.90) dollars in payment of my account with you. Very respectfully yours

John Mason

26th Jany 85

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26th January 85

Jacob Schreyer Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th reached me just as I was leaving home last week too late for reply. The rent of the house to [illegible] was one hundred and fifty ($150) dollars last year. I will have the roof fixed. I suppose it must have new roof put on — Please let me know about how many shingles will be needed for it. If you told me I have forgotten.

Very respectfully

John Maurer

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[illegible] Esqr.

[illegible] Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] is before me. [illegible] to your [illegible] ($20.00) dollars. Hoping you may secure the place in prospect and [illegible] hereafter am

Very respectfully

John Maurer

11 Jany 85

Hon. C. H. Morse
Cattaraugus N.Y. Dear Sir

Sometime ago Mr James Hackett and myself agree to exchange certain lands. I got the most and paid him difference. Before money and deeds were made he died. Made a will saving everything as I am told to his wife Mrs Sarah H. Hackett. She is willing to make to me, and take from me deeds to complete the transaction. Please see if the will has been probated and if she can make me good title to the land.

Should she convey simply as Mrs H. H. Hackett or as Mrs H. devisee Dear or what

Yours Truly
John Meany

2nd Febry 85

Messrs Dunne & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank your city for forty ($40x) dollars in payment of my account

Very respectfully
John Meany

2nd Febry 85

C. W. Schmitt Esq. C.B.&Co.
Gettysburg Pa.

Dear Sir

Please send me, a certificate of my appointment as a relator of State of Hughes Land Ind., under seal of your bank. I need to forward to Washington that I may collect interest on his Bonds.

Very respectfully
John Meander

List of 19 Tax Receipts for John Hyde & Hyde & Johnson herewith.

79	August 26	S. B. C.	John Hyde	for 1879		$ 3 90
			Hyde & Johnson			7 80
80	Janry 29	City Collr	do			3 90
			J. H.			1 75
81	Febry 4			1880		2 05
			H & J.			4 80
	Oct 11			1881		16 00
			J. H.			4 00
	October 7	S. B. C.		1880 + 81		7 95
				1882	10	4 76
			H & J.	1880 + 81	11	2 06
				1882	12	9 45
83	April 2	City Collr	J. H.		13	5 00
			H & J.		14	20 00
	Oct 30			1882	15	8 00
			J. H.		16	4 00
	Decem 5	S. B. C.			17	4 62
			H. & J.		18	9 25
						$ 143 99
84	Nov 18	City Collr	H. & J. (Aug + Dec)	1884	19	10 00

Mrs. S. C. Wilcox
Brandon Ohio.

Dear Sister

I wish please find my Check No 99 on Metropolitan N. Bank of Cincin, One hundred and nine ($109) dollars for interest on U.S. and U.S. Bonds — Walter and Minnie left yesterday and Charles and N.C. tomorrow —

Love all

Yours truly

John Wilcox

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25th February 88

James H. Shelding Esq
Louisville Ky

Dear Jim

I send you by express Gothian Bell's latest book on manufacture of Iron and Steel. I contains much that is valuable. If I wrote that you are the best furnaceman it might seem like flatting, so I have written in it "to one of the best furnaceman I have known".

With kind regards to your family and Col Gordon

Yours truly
John Hammond

24th February 85

Edward H. Ivy Esq Near St
31 Bunding Ship, New York City
Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th inst is at hand inclosing check for fifty ($50.00) dollars for expenses.

Send order weather here than in your city the 0 to - 9 while I was gone

Very truly yours
John Hammond

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14th March 55

K. B. Wales Esqr
Olin Hill Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst came duly to hand. Have delayed answering hoping to see Mr Dillon, to ask him about the location of the land mentioned, but have not been able to see him on account of his absence from home — was there last day or two on the C & O. R R & if not there far away; if on R R, how near the front, and about what price would you ask? Situation is the only object in buying, of course other recommendations are object- ions. — Ask well & hope you may have good observations at the Eclipse today —

Yours truly
John Mercer

23rd March 85

W. C. Richardson, Cashr

Dear Sir

herewith find my draft on Thos W. Means for twenty five hundred ($2500) dollars which please discount and please proceed to my credit — all oblige

Yours truly

John Means

30th March 85

R. C. Garrett Esq

Union Terrace Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th is before me, having been from home last week. If it was so that I could, would be glad to accommodate you as requested, but my own business has been so poor, that am in the list of borrowers myself.

With kind regards to your mother and family am

Very truly yours

John Means

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30th April 85

Thos A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Mack

Your favor of 28th is at hand. Also one from J. T. Pallis notifying me of meeting of Exe Com Thursday 2nd prox. I shall [illegible] there. Our Bank can take the business paper indorsed by the Eureka Co. which you mention 3 to 4 M at 7 per c, and it may be more hereafter. We can talk about this Thursday. Our board inclines to business paper, but view with aversion accommodation paper.

Yours truly
John Meany

31st March 85

Messrs Blinn & Hoblitt
Lincoln Ill.
Gentlemen

Your favor of 28th instant is at hand, and contents noted.
Herewith please find draft N.Y. One hundred ($100) dollars as requested.
Very respectfully
John Meany

Ashland Ky 4th April 1885

S. Edgington
Duff, Indiana.

Dear Sir

herewith find Ashland N. Bank draft on 3rd Natl New York three hundred ($300.00) dollars in accordance with mine of 16th Mary Lock.

If you had good results on last year respec this should enable you to get pretty near out of debt.

Very respectfully
John Meang

[illegible] April [illegible]

Mr John Willits Co
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find check on Metropolitan Natl Bank your city — fifteen 04/100 ($15.04/100) dollars, in payment for nothing 25th cult —

Very respectfully
John Meang

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13th April 85

Mr. T. Wickes Esq
Bozeman, Montana

Dear George

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand [illegible] those of the 4th. I don't know, what the situation of affairs at Cowan, whether Page is there or who has control, or how. Have heard the property is in hands of a Receiver. At present dont think any management can make a profitable business there. Only mill or low grade iron can be made there. What the year 1886 may bring, cannot be foreseen, but I think it very clear there is no profit in iron prominent [illegible]. We have at Hanging Rock an A. N. L. furnace finished one year ago, not blown in, nor will be until better times. Cannot advise you to try the Victoria, but very willing to recommend you if determined that you try for the place. With kind regards to family

Yours truly John Meaney

15th April 85

Master E. C. Meaney
Mass Inst Technology, Boston Mass.

Dear Cooke

Yours to Rose came to day. Herewith find N.Y. draft for fifty ($50+) dollars indorsed to your order, as requested. Harry left Monday morn via Cinti. Am expecting Mr Edward A. Low tomorrow, and Friday to leave for Cinti and Louisville to attend meeting of the Mail Line Co. The Norton Works are idle this week having large stock of Nails unsold.

All well

Yours affectionately
John Meaney

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22nd April 38

C. M. Shanahan Esqr
Rays Hills, Pa-

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th inst. is at hand. My associates in business and I feel that we are not bound county or otherwise to attend to any business outside of our own business. We know of no legal obligation to bind us, the moral one is mutual, and I feel bound to respect it. Sorry that I cannot oblige you, and yours

very respectfully
John Means

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[illegible]

[illegible] April 85

Miss Mira L. O'Brien
Hanging Ky.

Madam

Your favor of 20th is before me. The question of valuation for taxes, rests with the Assessor and Commissioners.

Very respectfully
John Meany

24th April 85

Mr L. T. Moore
Lettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

Meanwhile please find my check form of John H. Mann his fee a [illegible] in Custom [illegible]. Please advise me how much the amount of Voyage's Judgment and [illegible] mine. We cannot make them out from this decay. Say to Mann that I am from Monroe where his letter came.

Yours truly
John Meany

25th April 85

Smith Mitchell & Co.

Gentlemen

Your Mr. Mitchell told me a few weeks ago, that you had some good Wpine Bringes. If you still have, please send (17) Seventeen thousand. To Union Depot here to be shipped to Conrad Frank, Killgores Station I.C. & I. Ry. Make Bill to Miss M. A. Meany and send to me.

And oblige yours
very respectfully
John Meany

25th April 85

J. W. Goodwin Esq.
Lorbeer Va. Dear Capt.

Your favor of 22nd is at hand. I expect to be away from home Tuesday and Thursday next, and at home Wednesday and Friday, either of which last shall be pleased to see you. Mr Low spoke of the Ore matters when here, and I think it well for you to close with the Iron Mtn and Stock Mine for the ore you need.

All will

Yours truly
John Meany

25th April 85

Capt John Kyle
Cincinnati O.

Dear Capt.

W. Houshell was here yeter morn with a proxy for myself and other directors in the "Big Sandy Packet Co" to sign appointing you to vote at "Mail Line Co" meeting &c &c. I have doubt of this being good. The proxy presented at the meeting in Louisville Monday 20th only lacked your signature as President of B.S. and [illegible] the one to be signed and filed and it was so understood that day. If there is like to be any trouble over this, the better way to cure the thing is for Prest Lee Glenn to call a meeting (going strictly legal notice) of the Mail Line Co. After the date is fixed then you to call an earlier meeting of the directors of the "Big Sandy Co." and at that, pass a resolution appointing you as proxy &c &c. Let Secretary Houshell copy this resolution exactly, and certify that the resolution is a correct and true extract from the minutes of the board meeting, that all the directors were present or had due notice of the meeting, as the case may be. In meantime as the officers & held over until their successors are chosen, let all business of the Mail Line Co. be done by the old officers as though meeting of 20th had not been held.

avoid it you truly John Meaux

8th May 85

Julius S. Anderson Esq
Irwin Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th inst. at hand
Herewith please find draft twenty two 30/100
($22.00) dollars to pay L. M. Henry's Bill
work for Mrs Adams. You may
him Receipt to make the payment
and oblige yours

Very respectfully
John Meany

11th May 85

W. P. Cutler Esq
Marietta Ohio — Dear Sir

Your fear of 6th instant
came duly to hand. Am sorry to say that
our business operations for sometime have
been so poor, that both in business and
individually am a borrower myself.
Have seen fatten about your matter, and
he has used his means to support
our business, that he cannot accommodate
you by a loan —

All well. With kind regards to
family am

Yours truly
John Meany

11th May 85

Rev. C. Chiniquy.
St, Anne, Il.

Dear Sir

herewith please find payable to your order P.O. order two 20/100 ($2.2) dolls for 2 copies of "The Priest, the woman and the Confessional."

very respectfully
John Meany

11th May 85

Julius Anderson Esq
Ironton O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th is at hand herewith please find P.O. order payable to yourself three ($3.00) dollars for J. Jamison & Son bill plastering.

very respectfully
John Meany for
M. A. Adams

11th May 85

E. Lansing Esq
Trenton O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th instant is at hand, with account of rank for Mr Adams — Herewith please find draft Overhundred and forty 14/100 ($140 14/100) dollars in payment — Please receipt a/c and return to me —

Very respectfully
John Meany

11th May 85

John C. Terry Esq Pres
Portsmouth Ohio.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th instant inclosing check twohundred and twenty five ($225+) dollars for dividend No 3 Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co is at hand — Please accept thanks. Will advise Mr Willard of the Munns Run land.

Very respectfully
John Meany

25th May 85

J. L. Hudson Esqr

Dexter O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 23rd inst are before me. I will please find draft to your order this 2/3 ($30.33) dollars, in payment of [illegible] rendered. Mr Adams. We dont think need to be in hurry to sell the property, until there be a profit which can probably be done in 2 or 3 years. Cant give possession until after 1 April 1886 you know. Will try to come down and see you before the sale [illegible] prox.

Very truly yours

John Meaux

25th May 85

Hon L. T. Moore

Cattlesburg Ky. Dear Sir

I have found my copy of Geiger plat. The lines of Chestnut Street 50 feet wide are drawn and their [illegible] probably as you the plat you spoke of. On mi lots 59 marked [illegible] John McWilliam, 58 to W. H. Compton, 60 to J. W. [illegible] with the owner written so as to cover part of Chestnut Street. 59 unsold. Lots are 60 x 80 feet [illegible] with 50 feet width of [illegible] 60 x 130. You know the owners of these lots now. Would examine the transfer of each clear back to Geiger to see if in some of the conveyances the dimensions may be given. Expect to leave for Wa today and be gone all week.

Yours truly

John Meaux

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29th May 85

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find Lucken reports viz - Furnace, Mines and Coke ones for month of April - Also calculation of cost of Iron in Jany, Feby and March last then one made after all accounts were in. On Furnace April report in pencil, is approximate estimate as I reckon, with details of costs before me, Please. These will give answers to some of your questions when I last saw you. Please return to me after you have fully examined [illegible]. Furnace was working fairly this week, rains had made water muddy and was giving some trouble with twiers.

All well

Yours truly

John [illegible]

1 June 85

Alex Clark Esq
58 West 7th St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Alex

please send to Thos H. Maxwell this place one 16 in "Philadelphia" Lawn Shower - Inclose bill to my address. Ship by Big Sandy Pit Steam.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

1st June 85

J. L. Anderson Esq
Trenton O. Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] with receipt Caldwell & Gillam is at hand — In your of 6th May last you wrote Mr Schein offer to "do paving for .60¢ per lineal foot for pavement and gutter the pavement to be 6 feet wide and a gutter in addition to that."

Very respectfully yours
John McCarthy

8th June 85

Leland Hatfield & Co
83 West Pearl St. Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft indorsed to your order Twelve 92/100 ($12.92) dollars, for bill Lawn Mower to Mrs W. McCarthy.

Very respectfully
John McCarthy

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9th June 85

Julius Andrews Esq
Irwin Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst, at hand. Herewith please find my check for Eleven hundred ($1100.00) dollars to pay Sherry Lawrence Co for the Adams-pencils of 12 feet down 1st ave. Please send this check as so to get back on by time mine loss, and oblige yours

Very respectfully
John Meant

15th June 85

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th inst came while I was away from home. Cook tells me he had not expected a degree now, until he saw your letter, but had asked Harry to learn what would be required of him to make up hereafter. I had not thought of the matter before, but do think well of the principle of an optional degree, provided there has been work on subjects of equal sufficient value in the selected course.

Very respectfully
John Meant

J. W. Andrews Esq Pres
Marietta O.

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26th June 85

Julius L. Anderson Esq
Trenton Ohio - Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th and 18th inst. are before me - Left home 16th and have just returned. Think it best that you take steps to collect what may be done of the Commander due Mrs Adams - Herewith please find draft indorsed to your order $214.69 to pay bills very

J. O. McLugin Hon.	$18.00
Martin Schreiber	191.70
L. M. Henry	4.22 $214.69

When deed is made by Sheriff, have recorded and send to me also the first deed.

Very respectfully
John Meany

26th June 85

Sent to Mitchell Hon
Settling by
Gentlemen

Herewith please find check to your order County - two 25/100 ($2.25) dollars in payment for bills 30th April Shingler for Mrs Mrs A. Meany

Very respectfully
John Meany

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26th June 85

Cy B. Norton Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst. is before me, left home 6th returning yesterday afternoon. I think you might sell Mrs Gaylords stock to A. E. Winslow — at price the Wm C. sold to my sister —

Very respectfully
John Meanes

26th June 85

Edward A. Lane Esq Treas &c
11 Burling Slip N.Y. City.

Dear Sir

herewith please find certificate No 140 for 34 Shares in name of H. M. Barry, sent me for signature —

Accept thanks for Statements of Average Cost of Pig Iron, sent Kulte for.

Very respectfully
John Meanes Pres

27th June 85

Mrs Rose Vilene
Trenton Ohio

Madam

herewith please find

Sheriff Korn Tax Receipts	$ 15.93
do do " "	6.64
Post Office Order payable to you	2.43
Total	$ 25.00

The Sheriff put off coming for his money is the reason, that I have been so long sending them —

Very respectfully
John Meanes

29th June 85

Thos A. Mack Esqr
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mack

Your favor of 20th came duly to hand. If Lewis stayed over to see Eureka Volks, I take it, that he is favorable to the work. If we take Dowd then will be one good, in he will put the furnace plant in order and keep it so. which has never been done.

Hermitte first ask as promised.

Family and Putnam gone to Marietta.

Yours Truly
John Meanes

Thomas A. Mack Esqr
in account with
John Means

76	Sept	25	To	Cash of Jos F. Larkin & Co	20000	
83	March	1	"	" M. N. Bank	4667	
84	Aug	30	"	" W. Seel Sp & 3 & 4th	6625	
882	July	1	"	Interest on Lowmoor Shares, per a/c by you	21558	
				Cr.		
880	Feby	20	By	Wm Cleary & Co Bill Clean 18th		195
881	March	11	"	Leman Booker		488
882	March	31	"	Lowmoor I. Co. Dividend No 1		7500
	Sept	22	"	do " " 2		7500
883	Feby	28	"	James Morrison & Co. Land 24th		4667
884	March	10	"	Lowmoor I. Co. Dividend No 3		12500
	Nov	4	"	Cash 1st		6750
	Decem	20	"	Redway & Burton 12th ult		390
					52847	52847
885	June	29	To	Balance due by T. A. M. to J. M.	12857	

E. & O. E.

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30th June 85

Hon L. T. Loose
Catlettsburg Ky. Dear Sir
Your esteemed favor of 28th inst. at hand. Herewith find my check to your order One hundred ($104) dollars. "Not to exceed fifty ($50.00) dollars in the Kitchen case," and the remainder for Bathers case and good advice. Hoping you may not be troubled with dyspepsia nor [illegible] am yours
truly
John Meany

2nd July 85

Thos A. Mack Esqr
69 West 3rd. St, Cincinnati O.
Dear Mack
Your favor of 30th ult and Oct inst duly to hand. Herewith find Ed A. Low of 29th ult returned. I think it better to meet the market for a few months than to stop Low Moor. She makes too much iron for us to borrow money, to pile up for an indefinite time. It all costs the same and I would first sell that which brings the most money, ie Nos 1 & 2 and if we hold any, keep that which does not bring cost.
I'm going to serve [illegible] my country tomorrow by attend a political convention
Yours truly
John Meany

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7th July 85

Julius L. Anderson Esqr
Dronton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult, [illegible]
duly to hand, inclosing
receipts of M. Schreiber $191.70
J. C. McEugin 18.15
and check for One hundred ($100x) dollars
being $50x each from Messrs May and
Lindsay, for which I send Enrichtte
receipts.

Will order the paints sent to you
[illegible] mem.

Dear [illegible] away from home and [illegible]
the 4th —

Very respectfully
John Meaux

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7th July

Thomas A. Mack Esqr
69 W. 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mack

Please send Paints &c
as per mem herewith, to Julius L. Anderson
Dronton Ohio. Send bills to me and oblige

Yours truly
John Meaux

7th July 85

Messrs Robt Clarke & Co.
61 + 65 Wet 4th, St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please
find my check fourteen 20/100 ($14 20/100)
dollars on Metropolitan N. Bank
your city in payment of account

Very respectfully
John Means

8th July 85

David Williams Esq
83 Leade St, New York City.

Dear Sir

herewith please find
P. O. order four 50/100 ($4.50) dollars for
Iron Age 10th March 85 to 10 March 1886
renewal to my address

Very respectfully
John Means

11th July 85

Messrs Daniels Crombe & Co
N.E. Cor 5th & Race Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check thirty eight ($38.00) dollars for account

My respectfully yours
John Meany

11th July 85

Thomas A. Mack Esqr
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O—

Dear Mack

herewith please find my check fifty two 17/100 ($52 17/100) dolls for Runkle Cutter & Co's Bill paints 9th inst — accept thanks. Expect to leave Monday 13th for Southern a week or more — What hear you from Lewis and Davidson?

Yours truly
John Meany

13th July 85

Herald & Presbyter
178 Elm St. Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order two $ (\$3.50) renewal for the H & P 1 year.
Stop when time paid for expires
very respectfully
John Meaney

13th July 85

Mrs E. W. Burgess
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Aunt

herewith please find N.Y. draft Encinerdred ($100.00) dollars & your order from father, who is in excellent health, and pleased to hear from you, by my wife and children. Mary left Saturday for Cinti on her way to Montana, for a visit to her son. Rose is in Michigan visiting school friends. Cooke and myself leave tonight for Virginia where we expect to spend a week or more. Aunt Amanda and family are well, Julia (McCullough) Sechler and daughter are visiting them. Business poor and everything pretty quiet here. Remember me to all the family.

Yours truly
John Meaney

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24th July 55

Johns L. Anderson Esq
Trenton O. Dear Sir

Your favors of 14th, 15th, 16th and 22nd inst. are before me. Have been from home. You did right in having repairs made as needed. Herewith find draft to pay as Geo. Harvey Carpenter $4.22

" W. F. McKnight	Reander	2.41
" W. M. Kerr & Co	Hardware	1.75
" Newman & Spanner	H. Stewart	43.22
Total		$51.60

Very respectfully
Yours
John Maand

Ashland Ky. 29th July 1885

Lyman Edgington

Your postal and letter came duly to hand. And as I sent you three hundred dollars, to help you pay on land which you had written me would be due. In a little over a month you write that seven hundred more. This may seem a small sum to you; but here we think that one thousand dollars is a good deal of money, and cant be picked up every day. We think too that if you pay your debts as fast as they become due, that it is doing pretty well, better than many can do.

Most respectfully

John Means

3rd August 85

Mrs. C. B. Hildrette
Dresden Ohio.

Dear Sister

herewith please find my check to your order on Metropolitan N. Bank Cinti One hundred and nine ($109.00) dollars interest collected for you.

Yours truly
John Meany

5th August 85

R. V. Davidson Esq
Trenton Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find draft for five ($5.00) dollars endorsed to your order, for a/c for binding

Very respectfully
John Meany

7th August 55

W. M. Kerr Esq
Columbus O.

Dear Sir

I was in Trenton last and at directors meeting when all were present excepting Connelly and Dillon. The business seems to drift on without effort to do more than mere routine work as it comes, and without much prospect for profit to the stockholders. In such times as we have had and under the circumstances to have saved the concern from greater losses is I think doing pretty well, but all do not think so. Among other matters discussed, was the fact that both you and myself are living away from Trenton, and that there should be a head present on the ground. I said that it would be pleasant to me to resign and allow any place to be filled by some other, and that had no doubt, you would be glad to do so too. and that I would write you on the matter, as it would be a delicate subject for any one else.

What do you think is the best thing to do?

Yours truly

John Meany

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8th August 85

Julius L. Anderson Esq
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th is at hand. Herewith please find draft indorsed to your order Fifty two 00/100 ($63.90) dollars, which added to the $4.22 remaining in your hands makes $67.18 amount of bills sent by you. Thinking it best to have the Chimney tops painted as recommended, I have not taken into account now the paint we left over as some of it may be used, and after which you can call whatever may be left to the [illegible].

Very respectfully
John McCarty

11th August 85

P. C. Marcum Esq Coll &c
Catlettsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check to your order Two ($3.00) for the School tax as advised by you.

Very respectfully yours
John McCarty

14th August 85

W. M. Kerr Esq
Chambers
Trenton C.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 31st at hand. I leave for N.Y. tonight and expect to be gone all of next week, may not get home by the 25th. So it is probable that it may be Sept before can meet you in Trenton. What I offered to do was to [illegible] resignation and let the Board act its pleasure in the matter.

I understand Judge Johnson will be at home early in Sept.

Yours truly
John Means

28th August 85

Dear Sir

in reply to your circular as to tariff laws. We beg leave to say, that "Specific duties" on Pig Iron, only will prevent fraud and that generally on Iron and Steel duties should be specific.

If as can hardly be questioned the duty is intended to be protective, an ad valorem duty gives least protection when most needed, thus defeating part of its purpose.

Very respectfully
John Means

Hon Daniel Manning Sect Treas
Washington D. C.

27th August 88

E. F. Browning Pres
408 - 412 Broome St, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th inst is forwarded to me here. We are only Brown Furnaces at Lonkmore, and have Whitwell & B. Stones. If you can get 1000 to 1200° take it matters not what the stone may be. My experience is that such high heats, are very apt to be destructive to iron stones. Do not consider it necessary, to use mixture of red ores, even have done so at Lonkmore, this would be simply a matter of cost with us. From all I have seen, am led to believe that too much Lime, is the general practice in Alabama, and the great cause of their troubles. Good founders are very scarce and I do not know one to recommend. Would advise to try about Pittsburgh Pa. where the Furnace practice is good; or Youngstown Ohio.

Most respectfully yours
John Meang

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35th August 85

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati O. Dear Sir

You have no doubt received report of Tenor Cow of Embassy. To make plainer some parts of me I send me herewith, having some figures of my own as well as details not given by Mr Cook. Considering the [illegible] of [illegible], I think the showing a very good one. If we can get as good management at Oxnard's, as what have reason to expect equally as good if not better business, therefore,

Yours
[illegible]

30th August 85

Frank S. Gray Esq Pub Ct.
Chicago Ill.
Dear Sir
Your favor of [illegible] is only now before me, inclosing check to order of Mayfield [illegible] Co. [illegible] Holland, Mich. dist. Aug 1884 [illegible]
Very respectfully
John Allenby Esq

1 Sept 85

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J. P. Norton Esq Clerk &c
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check twenty five ($25.00) drawn on Metropolitan Nat Bank your city, my account to the Church of Ascension.

Very respectfully
John Meany

4th Sept 85

Messrs Perkins Bro
S.W. corn Fourth & Walnut Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft indorsed to your order for fifty ($50.00) dollars, in payment for clock.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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4th Sept 55

David Canton Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio. Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of Sept 1st is before me, having been returned from Glasgow. Am pleased that you have asked and cheerfully give my opinions. It is purely a matter of delicacy and care, and will answer by estimates.

Trials [illegible] additional plants, viz

Columns, Mains & hole plates, Casing, Cross Corner & Bridge	$ 12.000
Bustle Pipe and H.P. Connections	1.500
Foundations Furnace and Casting House	3.000
Brick Work and Iron Roof do (125 x 65)	6.000
	$ 22.500
Small Locomotive and additional Trucks for Cinder	5.000

Hearth, Bosh and Lining (Small) whether placed in new or old plant, will cost the same, and are therefore not estimated. This of course contemplates the use of one furnace only.

Would the saving or profit. Our time out of blast has averaged three (3) months in two years, during which time we might make [illegible] tons or more iron at profit of $ [illegible] we blow out our men [illegible] from Furnace, Coke Makers, and our miners to [illegible] work. Not only as in the Hanging Rock region. We are found it [illegible] with large number of inexperienced men in each branch of our work, this with no little trouble and [illegible] cost. When we put our Coke [illegible]

we obliged to do; many of them fall in, that would run for long time if kept in use, and we repair at expense for

Brick and Marine of $2.000 — to — $3.000.00
Made probably the larger sum — — — — — — — —
[illegible] Pounds to heat up — — Wood — — — — — — 800.—
" " Coal — — — — — 1.500.—
" " Lake — — — — — — 800.—
$3.100 —

One Colonies amount in 3 months to $2.750 — to say nothing of other expenses which run on — Once the questions remain itself to the interest on $27.500 — against loss of profit on 10.000 tons [illegible] $6.000 to $7.000 expenses are [illegible] — When we [illegible] of that we [illegible] the work at extra cost in haste to [illegible]. With our extra stock we [illegible] we should repair at leisure without cost for haste, other work going on without interruption

[illegible] — [illegible] — Ans

Interest on 27.500 — 3 years $2.750 —

Arising in expenses — — — — $6.000 Rs 9.000
Profit on 10.000 tons @ 1 $ — 20.000
$16.000

[illegible] I am forced to favor the proposition. Making my [illegible] in my estimates and hoping have made myself plain am

My truly yours
John Meander

The above [illegible] 3 months, [illegible] paid insurance $212.50
interest — — $48.88 on expense in stocks
rents 1.000.00
$1.960.62

[illegible] just [illegible] figures on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — Profit on these 2.969.98
$8.928.34

Ashland Ky, 5th Sept 1885

Mr L. Edgington
Duff, Ind—

Sir

Your postal of 29th ult and letter of some weeks ago came duly to hand. My letter of 29th July was about as complete a answer to yours as I can now write. Money dont grow on the bushes, we lay around loose here, to be had for picking up. If you write me truly in Spring of 1884 you will owe $300 due next Spring. If I help to pay them, will be as fast as am able or willing to do.

My respectfully
John Meaux

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17th September 85

William Means Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Will

Your favor of 14th at hand, about sale of shares in Ky. I. C. & M. Co. The price named is low for the stock and I should be very glad to take it if could do so without borrowing the money to pay for it. There is no one here has the money to buy even at low figures. Hoping that Martha may be well again by the time this reaches you

Dear Your Truly
John Means

09th September 85

Edward H. Low Esq
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th inst, is at hand with check $50 for expenses, and opinions of Messrs Winslow and Linton as to "alternate" furnace. While I cannot admit the truth of all their arguments against the project, am not urgent in the prosecution thereof. From first blowing in Plant No 1 to No 3 was 49 months, 6 months of this time lost in repairing. The No 2 Furnace would only stand ille with lining &c, one year not ten as argued. No new stoves, engines, pumps or leviat would be required. Not estimating, lining, hearth, bosh &c &c, which must be paid for, whether put into No 1 or No 2 Fce, the plant No 2 can be built for about ~~about~~ $30.000. Salaries charged Furnace for average 6½ mos

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26th Sept 85

Hon B. J. Peters
Mt Sterling Ky
My dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 25th is at hand. I think you are mistaken as to the place of sale. which is advertised to be here. I do not expect to be at home on the 30th and shall not be a bidder. The stock will not probably sell for more than 50 per ct of its par value, which is $50 per share. I think it is worth more. Mrs Marsh joins me in kind regards to yourself and Mrs P.

We should be pleased to have a visit from you - Kept thanks for your kind invitation.

Yours truly
John Marsh

2nd Oct 85

Julius L. Anderson Esq
Ironton Ohio. Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st instant, at handinclosing account Martin Schreiber $31.55
and receipt of Shannon & Miller $4.00
" book for Revd Lindsay Rent $50.00
Kenith please find draft for ($[illegible]55) —
thirty five 55/100 dollars and Schreiber &c — am
Very truly
Yours
Wm John Meany

Yours of 2nd with check for fifty —
($[illegible]) dollars Mr Mayo cont received
John Meany

2nd Oct 85

Messrs Gordon Strobl & Lawrence
336 Walnut St, Philadelphia Pa.
Gentlemen

Your favor of 30th ult is at hand. We are not intending building soon. Have just started another Mert engine at the furnace which we suppose gave rise to the rumors heard by you
When we decide to build shall be pleas to have your prices and plans,
Very truly
John Meany

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Col H. W. Goodwin
Lonmon Va.

Dear Col

Yours of 24th came duly to hand. Was glad to hear of Shelding success with Bell and your good work generally, and especially that you have been shipping iron so fast. This ought soon to put cash in Dear hands. I think it well that you have restricted new work. The trestle and RR. Crossing are the only things which may be regarded as necessaries. And I dont believe it best to build new Washer or Houses until after our November meeting when you may have more decided opinions of the directors in favor of. All when we meet last August all seem rather backward in favoring anything more. Was in Pittsburgh yesterday, all report more business done, but not better prices in anything excepting Nails. Dr Bell is

5th Oct 85

Messrs Wm. S. Payne
112 & 114 Wm 4th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft indorsed to your order Onehundred ten 00/100 ($10.00) dollars, in payment of account of Miss Bessie Means.

Very respectfully
John Thomas

6th October 85

Mrs E. W. Burgess
Marietta Ohio.

My dear Aunt

herewith please find N.Y. draft indorsed to your order, which Father asks me to send you. Lizzie's letter acknowledging receipt of draft sent in July, came duly to hand; it gives father much pleasure to hear from you. He don't make new acquaintances readily, and turns back more and more to older friends and times. Mrs Susan (Ellison) Freeman from Manchester is visiting at fathers now. Mary A. Adams is out in Montana with Tommy, we look for her home before cold weather. We expect Bessie home tomorrow. Lily is here and will stay some two weeks longer. Look left on the 23rd ult for Boston, have had letters from him. Harry left for Cinti last week and will spend two or three months there. Aunt Amanda is talking about making you a visit soon.

All needs with kind regards to all am

Yours truly
John Means

6th Oct 85

Thos L. Houghton
66 Van Braam St, Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Tom

Your fam came duly to hand. Have seen Mr. Russell about the Norton Furnace, and think he will give you a chance there, if it is determined to start her up again. The Belfont people are talking of putting her in blast, excepting these two, I do not know of any other place you might get.

Very respectfully
John Means

6th Oct 85

Mr Harry Means
106 Broadway St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Harry

Yours of 5th inst is at hand. Herewith find draft on First Nat'l for twenty five ($25.00) dollars, indorsed to your order. You will need some one to identify you at the Bank, so it will be best for you to get the money of Uncle Will, who can collect without trouble to you. Bessie came in No 3, rather unexpectedly to us this morning, we looking for her tomorrow. We are glad to hear, that you have such good rooms and boarding place. I am acquainted with several of [illegible] and they are nice gentlemen. Expect to be in Lincoln about the 14th or 15th and will call to see you, at the College or your rooms. Remember me to Uncle Will and Mr Sinton —

Respectfully

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6th Oct 85

Joseph T. Fudge Esq
Covington Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd inst is at hand, and contents noted. We fully realize the importance of the election in Your State. Think there must be some mistake in the reports carried to you. There possibly may be some unimportant foreman who talk as you write, but those who fill the most important positions happen to be Republicans. I say happen for we select men for their qualifications, for places to be filled without regard to how they vote. Col Goodwin does not take much interest in politics, and tries so far as he can do so to keep quiet, and unless [illegible] intention to change, could not favor to those under them. Expect to be at home before the election.

Very respectfully
John Meanes

Oakland Ky, 8th Octbr 1885

Mr Spencer Edgington
Duff Indiana –

Sir

Permit to find N.Y. draft indorsed to your order for thirteenhundred and fifty ($350.00) dollars. Your letter was received two days after you left –

Very respectfully
John Meanes

12th Oct 85

The Industrial League
261 South 4th St Philadelphia Pa
Gentlemen

Please send me your Tariff tracts No 1 to 6 and oblige
Tariff Sir
Your very respectfully
Cincinnati Ohio John Meany dear sir

below please find reckoning for Cowmoor Iron month of August. The items given are taken from the books after all entries for the month have been made.

Very truly yours
John Meany

Ore 8191 $\frac{90}{}$ Tons	at average	$2.37½	$19.403.73
Limestone 4022 $\frac{1920}{}$ "		.55	2.212.67
Coke 4407 $\frac{2120}{}$		3.00	13.223.84
Labor as per report			5.123.55
Cost of 3513 $\frac{2000}{2200}$ Tons $11.38			$39.963.69

Cost as above	$11.38
Labor not on report	.10
Material estimated	.50
	$11.98

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16th October 85

Pat Lynch Esq
Science Hill Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th inst is at hand. We were glad to hear from yourself and Anne, and that you have gotten along so well. and hope you may continue to do so. Am sorry to say that I have not the money to lend, to enable you to buy the land you mention, for I think if the land is even offered at a fair price, that the best thing for yourself and family is to put your savings into land. Business has been very poor and especially in iron for the past two or three years so at present I can no money not in use in business. Bessie Lily and Rose are at home. the boys away at school. All well and wish to be kindly remembered to you and family

Yours truly

17th Oct 85

Mains Redway & Burton
Cincinnati Ohio. Gentlemen

Please send me by Big Sandy Packet Lin Steamer,
For No 2 Rainbow Stove.
All the castings about the fire. say the Coals, sides, ends, back and dome — Dont know what names you call them, but hope you will understand this

Very respectfully
John Meany

22nd Oct 85 489

Thos Sharp Esq
Nashville Tenn. 334 N Market St

Dear Sir

Yours of 19th inst at hand. and contents noted.
We have wasted about 6000 tons in a month, suppose we might have wasted 7000 if need be. Washer sandy ore clean does not do so well where there is clay with ore.
Cost about eighteen (18) cents per ton.
Copeland & Bacon, New York City are the manufacturers.

Most respectfully yours
John Meany

Wond Oct 85

Col H. W. Goodwin
Lowmoor Va.

Dear Sir

Yours of 19th inst at hand with copy of letters to Geo H. Hull Hes. The statements are of interest to all connected with the Company. Messrs Hull & Co have no connection written by ownership nor as agents and I would not have furnished to them. If you reply to all inquiries of Commission and Newspaper Men, you will be kept busy with that kind of correspondence. We receive something of the kind, and send to waste basket every few days. Our No 2 (new engine) is working very well and Mr Walker is beginning to drive a little faster. But as the demand on us as with you is for strictly No 1 Pig we have to be very careful. The Norton has 65 Machines at work, made 3200 Kegs Nails last week, and are selling at $2.50 Iron $2.95 Steel with demand for all they make. Are adding to number of machines weekly and the new men are getting on with far less difficulty than was expected at the beginning. All well with kind regards to your family

Yours truly John Mc[illegible]

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30th October 85

Robt Preston Meanf
1315 Cary St, Richmond Va.

Dear Preston

Your favor of is before me. Have just returned from Cinti. While I believe there may be good chances for investment in business in Richmond and possibly in that you propose to offer me, are not in a situation to take advantage of it. Our iron business has been so poor for several years that I have no money to invest in anything, and are not likely to have soon. Over a year ago I borrowed some to buy property that seemed to promise profit, and have not been able to pay my debt, which I fully expected to do long before this; and what I bought will not bring now what I paid. So once my first money from any source I wish to pay this debt. Neither do I know any one about here from whom you could get the money. All well. Yours truly John Meanf

30th Oct 85

Dear Frank

Yours of 28th inst is at hand. I expect to be at the Louisville meeting which I suppose will be held on 18th prox. Have returned to my from Cinti where I met Fallis, Sinton, and Rogers Ex Com Earlier No 2 is out. Mack and Fallis wish to tear her down and build 17 & 65. Sinton opposed to building Rogers undecided and myself mixed. Mack estimates $10000 to relive old stock, $16500 for new. If the old will do to relive I favor that, and think Mack's estimate about right; but think it will take 10 M more to build new, and would then need additional Engines and boilers, say $20 to 25 M more cost. And their condition as to money debt about as twas a year ago. Have not the money. Have made nothing the past year. Really in no condition to spend money for anything not absolutely needed. Fallis and myself will meet Mack Tuesday next 3rd, to see condition of No 2 Stock &c.

Yours truly
John Meanf

21st October 85

Frank Lyman Esqr
130 Water St. New York, City.

Dear Frank

I send herewith specifications which are I think same as Lowmore (as near as you require), excepting. Height is 75 feet and 28° or 30° we have added to length of casting house and 10° to width, is now say 130 x 65. When we began talking up Lowmore I found a furnace 60 or 65 by 16°. Wickes rather favored high [illegible] and larger [illegible] cations made. Wickes and J. O. [illegible] and I had three specifications where the furnace are 75° x 18° or 20°, and they adopted 75° x 18° as size to build.

Please return this to me after you have done with it and oblige

Yours truly
John Meaus

31st October 85

Master Harry Meaus
106 Broadway, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Harry

I found your letter on reaching home, and inclose herewith draft indorsed to your order for fifty (50) dollars. Think you had better take the [illegible] months course and be sure you can add long columns of figures correctly. You must be exact in accounts, or have trouble all [illegible] life [illegible] reason of errors. If accounts are not correct they [illegible] almost useless and no matter how good a situation you may get, you cannot hold it if you are making mistakes, which others find. Of course any one makes a mistake [illegible] in a while, but it should not occur often, and he should find it himself before some one else does.

All well — Affectionately yours
John Meaus

2nd Novem 85

Messrs Pedney & Burton
Cor 9th & Harriet Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check Metrop N. Bank to your order Six 65/100 ($6.65) dollars in payment your account

Very respectfully
John Meany

9th November 85

The John Shillito Co
Race & Seventh Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft indorsed to your order Forty eight ($48 00/100) dollars in payment of account.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

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10th Norm 85

Messrs Blum & Hoblitt
Lincoln Illinois.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 7th inst is at hand inclosing statement of age. Here with please find N.Y. draft indorsed to your order Onehundred and thirteen 65/100 (£113.65) Dollars. Please acknowledge and oblige,

Very respectfully yours
John Meand Jr.
Thos W. Mackay

10th Norm 85

Thos A. Mack Esq
Oxmoor Alabama — Dear Mack

Mr Tallis and myself reached Cinti Sat more in good order and well condition. We met Messrs Rogers and Sinton to whom we reported progress. They in fact all agreed that the first thing to be done, was to put No 1 in complete perfect condition, and try her on the better, upper 12½ feet of ore with good limestone. R & S. were not in favor of doing anything at No 2 until we have had some good work with No 1 — With this done the question narrows down to No 2 — We advised them that it was doubtful whether she be worth repairing, but did not think it best to get up a row by advising new plant now, which we think leaves the matter in the best shape for the present. How have you found lining in No 1 — ? How did you

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~~Sett~~ Novem 85

E. B. Willard Esq
Hanging Rock Ohio — Dear Sam

Yours of 21st inst is at hand also telegram and letter from R. B. & Co., which I return herewith. Several Southern furnaces more than one month ago made sales, from 5000 to 15.000 tons ahead of their make, iron to be delivered at stated periods. All these sales were at low prices. I think the sales reported "made this week" are simply telling again of sales made heretofore, and that R. B. & Co. are our anxious to make commissions. If however Capt Kyle and Wm. M. advise to blow in the H. furnace I shall not object, but think nothing will be gained by starting before first of Feb or March next. If prices are to be better after the first of the year, we shall get the benefit, and if they do not hold to March we had better not have started. It is very uncertain what action Congress may take on the Tariff laws, and this is likely to affect prices of iron unfavorably. The Newspapers and Commission men endeavor to create the impression of quite an advance in iron and great demand. We feel there is a better demand but at Ashland do not discover much better prices and do not suppose you have in Pine Bow Iron. The Norton is pricing up fully 1/7 of their make of Nails, dealers do not question as to prices, but they don't buy; and we do not have better account of shipments from Irvington.

I can go to Lintic with you to meet Kyle & Wm — meet them at Hanging Rock —

Think I know where you can find a furnaceman.

Yours truly
John Meaney

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26th Novm 85

Send Independent to 1 year from 1st December/85
Miss Harriet Newcomb Hamilton Mass
Mrs F. A. Nicholls Woodhaven Long Island
" Elizabeth Griffith Argolite Ky.
Lowmoor Iron Co. Lowmoor Va.
Self P.O.

Stop when time is up 31 Dec 85

E. C. Means Boston Mass
Harry Means Marietta Ohio
Mrs E. W. Burgess " "
" S. C. Hildreth Dresden "
" Anna Taft Cincinnati "
" J. G. Maynard 5th St Ashland Ky

Very respectfully
John Means

To James A. Miller Esq Editor &c
Ashland Ky

26th Nov 8

J. M. Hoff Esq

Please send 1 Copy of Republican
to each as follows

E. C. Means care Mass Inst Technology Boston Mass
Mrs S. C. Hildreth Dresden Ohio
W. W. Richeson Maysville Ky
W. E. Maynard Woodhaven Long Island
Mrs E. W. Burgess Marietta Ohio.
Self P. O.

Stop

E. C. Means Marietta O
Lily Maynard 19 Cliff St. N.Y.

Very respectfully
John Means

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27th Novem 85

E. H. R. Lyman Esq
Burling Slip, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of war handed to me at S.M. by E. H. Low Esq. He and Frank have no doubt reported to you the result of Stockholders and Directors meeting. And you have received copy of J. F. W. long communication to Directors. From the shape of it think he intended to send a copy to each stockholder. Have been in a quandary as to whether the special Com should reply. Skelding and myself might desire to say more than A. S. W. would care to do. J. F. W. changes his front so often, that probably he might be answered by extracts from his voluminous letters to Louthoor. Since Mr A. H. Low has taken up the matter, think the Com may rest easy and await further developements. We have had good demand for No 1 Soft Pig, but hardly more than 50¢ per ton advance in price. Nails were very brisk for a [illegible]

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demand has stopped short. Dealers make no question as to prices but, don't buy. We have piled up fully 3/4 of November make all the while trying to sell.

Mr. Huntington advises me, that he is thinking of going to work again on R. R. from here down the Ohio River to Lexington.

With kind regards to Mr L —

Yours truly

John Means

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28th Novem 85

C. P. Huntington Esq
33 Broad St, Mills Building New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th inst is at hand. Some for 4 years ago I saw Mr Biggs about the right of way through his lands, and brought him and Genl Eachols together, when they had a conference about the matter. Unless the old gentleman has changed his mind, don't think there will be any trouble about it, but he will not be inclined to do anything until you are ready to go to work - Genl Eachols is the best man to see him.

Any service I can render you, shall be pleased to do -

Yours truly

John Meanley

8th Decem 85

C. D. Dawson Esq Pulliam Marysville Appleton
Marysville Cal -

Dear Sir

On the 24th of April 1882 I remitted you P.O. order of 7.50 for "The Appeal" to 29th November 1882 and wrote "Stop when time paid for expires". Had always so ordered when remitting before - When the time was out I refused to take your paper from the P.O. and ordered it returned to you -

Have never been or taken one from the office since, and do not expect to do so -

Very respectfully yours
John Meanley

5th Decem 85

Dear Sir

Yours of 3rd inst at hand with inclosures as stated which I return, I think Mr Skidding and Hungerford can make draught of hearth or if Shepard is at Staunton, he might be, had to do it. As to raising the furnace, it would cost a considerable sum of money and I think for no benefit. Victoria and Etna have not proven anything in favor of high furnaces, The best in this country are 75 feet. and under that, viz at Pittsburgh and Chicago, at will Southow. There are some good working furnaces 20 by 80 abroad, We cant make Mr 20 feet unless we build anew — and we have nothing to show that we should better the thing. All well

Yours truly

John Meany

5th Decem 85

Jacob Schugh Esq
Coulton Ky — Dear Sir

Don Mr Conrad Trunk wish to keep the "Kilgore House" another year? Or have you some one else you would like to put in to the place? Please advise me at your convenience and oblige

Yours respectfully

John Meany

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7th Decr 85

Genl John Echols
Louisville Ky

Dear Genl

Your favor of 5th inst is at hand. Mr Wm Biggs is living with his son George N. B. in Greenbrier Co. W. Va. P.O. Frankford. R.R. Station Roncevert. He was obliged to take a flowing mill in Huntington to save a debt, and has been spending his time either in H. or with George, where letters would reach him. If I remember right he said there were 2 or 3 R.R. lines over two his lands and until he knew on which the Road would be located he could not name price for right of way, one might damage seriously another but little &c. The land is some 15 to 18 Miles below Ashland. We have about 1/4 advance on Pig Iron, if we could have one or two dollars more and stop at that would be glad. Bessemer Pig has advanced [illegible] R. [illegible] are scarce and prices advancing.

Yours truly John Meany

7th Decr 85

Blinn & Hoblitt
Lincoln Ill.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 5th instant is at hand. This seems to be one of the cases in which what is legal may not be justice. The prospect of additional cost and difficulty in getting the money from Jenkins estate, even if we get judgement, makes me think it best not appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

Very respectfully
John Meany

P.S.
Advise me as to any costs unpaid and oblige

J.M.

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9th Decm 85

Chas. B. Childs Esqr
Wyoming, Hamilton Co. Ohio –
Dear Sir
Your fame of 5th inst is at hand. The matter of right of way the Mr Biggs land has been given over to Cent Eastern –
Very respectfully
John Meant

11th Decm 85

R. H. Catlett Esqr
Staunton Va. Dear Sir

Your fame of 9th instant is at hand. As I understand it Mr A. A. Low is willing and allows the L. M. Co. to pay as "dead rent" $1.500 + per year, and does not require specific compliance with terms of lease, to hold the same. The directors think it better to pay this minimum rent, than to be at a large expenses to get access to the land, with large additional expense opening mines and operating same. That the knowledge of the fact that L. M. Co. has controll of and can if need be use this land to supply its wants, keeps bidders to supply coal, from combining to put up prices on us, and thus compensates for the rent paid Mr Low. Dont think it good policy for L. M. Co. to be bound to any one for its supply, especially for an unproven coal.

Yours truly
John Meant

17th January 85

M. P. Newksbury Esq
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favr of 16th inst is at hand. Herewith please find my proxy for you to vote in next annual meeting of Portsmouth Gas light Company. Would be glad to have you sell my lots in your place. Will give long time interest to be paid annually if you can sell at fair prices—

Very truly yrs
Thomas W. Means
by J. M.

17th Decem 85

J. C. Kelly Esq
Dearing Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of 11th is at hand. Herewith please find One ($1.00) dollar for recording Mortgage from Dr. Wynn.

Very respectfully
Thomas W. Means
By J. M.

17th Decem 85

Henry Carey Baird & Co.
810 Walnut St, Philadelphia, Pa
Gentlemen
herewith please find
P.O. order two 50/100 ($2.50) dollars for
"Studies of Blast Furnace Phenomena" by
M. L. Gruner, to my address
very respectfully
John Meaney

21st Decem 85

George K. Crawford
in account with
John Meaney
Dr.

1884 Decem 10th	To Balance per ap rent		$ 50.00
1885 " 10th	To 12 Months rent @ 10$		120.00

Contra Cr.

1884 Decem 26	By Cash	$30.00	
1885 Jany 24	" do (Mr Meaney)	30.00	
April 3	" do Rose	20.00	
June 6	" do	20.00	
Aug 24	" do	20.00	
Oct 7	" do	20.00	
		$170.00	$ 170.00
1886 December 10th	To Balance due John by G.K.C		$ 30.00

24th Dec 85

The Safe Deposit Co.
No 20 W. 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check twenty ($20.00) dollars to your order, renewal for safe —

Very respectfully
John Meany

4th Jany 86

A. J. Clark Esqr
S.E. Cor 4th & Walnut Sts, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

— herewith please find draft endorsed to your order in payment for shirts &c Thos W. Meany 12th ult fourteen 50/100 ($14.50) dollars.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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4th Jany 86

D. J. Fallis Pres't Eureka Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd inst is at hand. I have never seen the property and do not know how far it is from Birmingham and cannot know the value save as told by yourself and Mr Meek. Am in favor of selling lands, not now used and which never will be of use to our Co. save as speculative, and I so understand this to be. I dont suppose you gentlemen are which offer to accept if sale is made.

Very respectfully
John Meany

4th Jany 86

D. C. Clarke Esq
Trenton O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th ult and 2nd instant, came duly to hand. Mr Russell claims no change. He may go down to see, for his own satisfaction some day this week. He will not be at stockholders meeting 12th, but will go to Cincinnati to meeting of Nail Manufactures.

Yours truly
[illegible]

9th Jany 56

C. W. Whitney Jr. Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30th ult came duly to hand. We think as we advised you when here that the proposal is one we cannot accept

Very truly yours
John Meany Pub

4th Jany 86

Geo W. Jones Esq. Clk &c
Springfield Ill.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find draft on Mich N. Bank New York City Seventeen Rs (17.90) dollars endorsed to your order, for amount due you in Suit No 80 May Term 185 Thomas W. Meany vs Minnie E. Jenkins &c.

Which we hope will prove satisfactory

Very respectfully
John Meany

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5th Jany 86

J. L. Anderson Esq.
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] and of 2nd inst came duly to [illegible] inclosing fifty ($50.00) dollars from Rev [illegible] and fifty ($50.00) dollars [illegible] Rev May on account for rent to Mrs Adams. She says Mr May can give up the house paying to the trustees [illegible] leases if before expiration of [illegible] as agreed.

Very truly yours
John Meany

5th Jany 86

Dear Mack

Yours of 2nd inst is at hand. Have written Preston today as the letter should reach Emma only a few hours later than telegram. I think he can do the work. You will see by Jane Rule 8th that the Bookkeeper is to be appointed by the directors. I know Mr Sinton's views as to building as indicated in your form Cinti. Tallis Mack Lyman, Butler, Rogers Sinton and Meany must pull together in Eureka matters or do worse than we have done. Successful work by No 1 will build No 2 and if No 1 dont do well we dont need any more furnaces.

All well with compliments of the season

Yours truly
John Meany.

6th Jany 86

Robert Clarke Esq.
61 + 65 West 4th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft fifty seven 20/100 ($57.20) dollars indorsed to your order, in payment of my account.

Very respectfully Your
John Means

6th Jany 86

Messrs Daniels Conover Esq.
N. E. cor. Fifth and Race St. Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find draft indorsed to your order one hundred and one 72/100 ($101.72) dollars in payment of my account.

Very respectfully yours
John Means

Mrs Mary A. Adams in account current and interest with John Means

1885				Interest 7 per ct.
Jany	7	To N.Y. Drafts by Mail	$ 50 00	3 44
	26	" do "	30 00	1 95
March	11	" 3 Notes A.C.T.&R.R.Co. @ 1 year with Interest	20.000 00	1127 00
	23	" paid J.L. Anderson for Sheriff Lawrence Co.	2450 00	132 34
		" Telegram "	35	---
April	3	" Anderson draft from Sheriff Lawrence Co.	1804 72	93 91
May	8	" do to pay repairs at Dairo No.	2280	1 00
	11	" do " " "	148 14	6 40
	25	" do " " "	30 81	1 27
June	9	" do " Sheriff Lawrence Co.	1.100 00	48 12
	26	" do " repairs	214 07	7 69
July	11	" Mark Paints	52 15	
		" Cash in Starting to Montana	50 00	3 27
	22	" Lynn Check to Robt Potter Rear Prest. Ch.	50 00	1 65
	24	" Anderson for repairs	50 60	1 67
Aug	8	" do. "	62 93	1 75
Oct	3	" do. "	38 88	.60
	1	To Balance	6.045 22	1.00 90
			37.192 86	

1885		Contra	Cr.	Interest 7 per ct.
Jany	1	By Balance per acct rent	$ 9.290 09	650 31
	26	" 5 W.S. Coupons	50 00	3 28
	31	" 10 A.C.T.R.R.Co do	350 00	22 46
March	11	" Notes & Interest A.C.T.R.R.Co.	19260 00	1.085 30
April	15	" 5 W.S. Coupons	50 00	2 46
June	17	" 5 " " due 1 July	50 00	1 88
	26	" Anderson from Sheriff Lawrence Co.	2.111 52	78 87
July	7	" do " Lindsay & May rent	100 00	3 48
	31	" 10 A.C.T.R.R.Co. Coupons	350 00	10 21
Oct	7	" Anderson Lindsay & May rent	100 00	1 73
	16	" 5 W.S. Coupons	50 00	78
Dec	31	" Interest difference in our Acct	48 95	1.859 71
			37.192 86	

Thos McClure in a/c with John McAuley

1882				
July	02	To	Chaff Ashland N. Bank	73 09
Oct	7	"	Cash paid Tax J.J. Kane S.C.	6 87
1882 Oct	13	"	" Deposited in A. N. Bank to your Cr	97 05
Aug	3	"	" " "	305 00
Oct	20	"	Corp from Comacher & Hershel Acted 5th	5.200 00
84 Feby	29	"	Deposited in A. N. Bank	305 00
Aug	8	"	do " "	105 00
85 Feby	10	"	do " "	105 00
Aug	6	"	do " "	105 00

1881		Contra	Cr.
Dec	31	By Balance per a/c cont	73 09
83 Jany	1	" Interest on a/c @ 6 p.c.	2 33
Feby	13	" Dividend Manchester N. Bank	97 05
Aug	2	" Interest Coupons A.C. & S.R.Co.	105 00
Oct	1	" 5 Notice S. W. Bonds & 5 Mos Interest	5.125 00
84 Feby	29	" Interest Coup A.C. & S.R.Co.	105 00
July	29	" " "	105 00
85 Jany	31	" " "	105 00
July	31	" " "	105 00
86 Jany	1	" Balance	74 54
			$ 5.897 01 $ 5.897 01
1886 Jany	1	To Balance due J. M.	$ 74 54

E. & O. E.

14th January 1886.

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20th Jany 86

Edwd A. Lowe Esqr Treas &c

31 Bowling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th is found on my return from Cinti. Herewith please find 4 Certificates No 141 to 144 inclusive in names of Allen B. Craig, Mary Baylis, William Baylis, A. B. Baylis for thirty (30) shares each. Our river is full of ice and very little doing. We have an advance of full 2$ per ton in Iron, an asking now $17.50 Cash here for Ashland, but no sales above $17 yet. Saw A. L. Winslow and he and myself expect to be in N.Y. 17th prox. All well, With kind regard to your daughter

Yours truly

John Meanes Pres

22nd Jany 85

E. B. Willard Esqr Treas H. E. Presb. Ch.

Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sir

On my sister Maggie Bank Book (Ashland Natl) the Year entered check 19th July 1885 $50.00 in your name I suppose as Treas of Hanging Rock Presbyterian Church. This check has not been presented for payment. Have you mislaid it, or did you never receive it? Herewith find check for fifty ($50.00) dollars for her to first instant.

Yours truly

John Meanes

23d Jany 86

Messrs Means Kyle & Co.
Hanging Rock, Ohio.
Gentlemen
herewith please find
my check on Second Natl Bank Quarter
Fourhundred ($500.00) dollars for
credit my account
Very respectfully
Thomas W. Means
by J. M.

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spent. I think without doubt that a large ~~proportion~~ majority of our property holders are opposed to borrowing money now as they always heretofore have been that there is no necessity for it, until we undertake something which our present authorized tax is insufficient to provide for. I hope you will not favor the passage of such a law, and that if you find a pressure sufficient to pass it you will have it require a unanimous vote of the Council before they can issue bonds or borrow money.

Very respectfully
John Means

Ashland Ky. 24th Jany 1886

Hon H. M. Lamb[illegible]

Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

I hear that a petition has been sent to the legislature asking, that authority be granted to this City, to issue bonds and borrow money for Fire and other purposes.

This petition has been circulated so quietly that I and others have neither seen nor heard of it, until it had been sent off. The city Council are authorized by our charter to levy a poll tax of $1.00 per head and an advalorem tax not exceeding $1.00 per $100x on property subject to taxation. Although this fire question and street work have been discussed by Council and Citizens, and it has been purchased ladder wagons hooks buckets &c, &c; yet our Council only now levy a part .40¢ on $100x of the tax authorized. If we levied the full amount authorized we could pay for all needed without borrowing money and if we "pay as we go" our cash will be much more carefully

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24th Jany 86

Col. A. G. Berry
Frankfort Ky.

Dear Sir

I have learned that a petition has been sent to the Genl Assembly, to grant authority to this City to borrow money and issue bonds, this petition was circulated so quietly that I neither saw nor did I hear of it until it had been sent off. We do not need such a law. Our City owes no debt, the Council is authorized to levy a poll tax, and and advalorum tax not exceeding one dollar ($1.00) per hundred ($100.00) of property. Our levy for 1885 was only 40¢ although the very purposes for which I understand the petition names were fully discussed by Council. We have Paraisons for fire purposes now, about all that can be available with present population. Our streets you know are nearly level and no great amount

needed to keep them in repair and yearly improve them. See the last fire (5) years we have an unlimited fire (6) circles of the principal streets, and at no time has the Council levied the amount of tax now authorized. So you see we need no such law or is asked. So far as I can hear these favoring an fro a "job" or not perfectly bilders — Then neither can Hamilton the Cornelius — advise this please advise with him.

Very respectfully
John Keane

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24th Jany 86

Col W. J. Worthington
Frankfort Ky.

"Pay as you go".

Dear Col.

I have learned that a petition has been sent to the Genl Assembly, to grant authority to this city to issue bonds and borrow money. The petition was circulated so quietly that I did not see and only heard of it after being sent off. Our city over no debt, is authorized to levy poll and an advalorem tax up to one ($1.00) dollar per hundred ($100.00) on property subject to taxation. For 1885 we only levied .40¢ and have never levied the full amount. The petition mentions Fire and Street purposes. These things were fully discussed when the levies for 1884 and for 1885 were made. About the only possibly useful provision we can make has been made for fire purposes. Our streets as you know are nearly level and no expensive work needed on them. We have macadamized with furnace slag about five (5) miles in last five (5) years and with only a part of our present levy can do all in no great length of time. So you can see there is not need to borrow money to carry matters. I think a large majority of our property holders would oppose, borrowing if the question had been presented to them. Hope you can stop or defeat passage of the law, or amend so as to require unanimous vote of all the council to act under it —

Very truly
John Maarten

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H. C. Campbell Note from Hugh Mearl with 50 Shares
Cattlesburg Nat Bank on Collateral

Note dated 25th July 1883 due 24th November 1883 $ 4000.00

Payments 7th Jany 1885 $ 1.240.00
" 20th Jany 1886 1.000.00

When please find Statement of Note and partial payments as requested — Yours truly
Allowed by 27th Jany 1885 John Mearl Esq

27th Jany 80

Dr. H. W. Goodwin
Lowmoor Va. Dear Sir

Yours of 22nd is at hand with indorsers which I return herewith. I can only repeat what I wrote you that no furnace in my knowledge in this country 80 feet or more in height has been successful. Etna and Victoria are examples of 85 feet. The Pittsburgh and Chicago Furnaces which have done the best work are only 75 feet. Although in Mr Bells book (Skelding has it) he [illegible] compares working of an 80 by 17½ with a 48 by 16 furnace, on page 204, his whole argument and references otherwise are to and 80 by 20 feet furnace, and the plate show such an one. Do not think you will find stated anywhere in the book that Bell considers 80 x 18 as best size. On page 145 he says in somany words that no uniform law can be laid down for

determining height of blast furnace" &c
Moreover the cuts given show
by the stock line that his 80
feet furnaces are not kept
full. Am opposed to raising
our furnace — If we were to
build another furnace, our
Co. might feel able to try
the experiment of an 80 x 20
as the difference in cost of
plant would be small —

Yours truly
John Means

28th Jany 86

E. R. Alderman & Sons
Marietta Ohio —
Gentlemen
herewith please
find P.O. order four ($4.00) dollars
renewal for the "Register" to my
address —
very respectfully
John Means

28th Jany 86

S. M. Yost & Son
Staunton Va Gentlemen
herewith find P. O. order for
four dollars ($4.00)
renewal "Valley Virginian" from
11th Jany 1885 to my address.
Very respectfully
John Meany

3rd Feby 86

Julius C. Anderson Esq
Trenton Ohio
Dear Sir
Herewith please find draft
indorsed to your order One hundred and
six 65/100 ($106.65) dollars to pay taxes on
Mrs Adams' Davis' property.
Very respectfully yours
John Meany

Miss Margaret A. Means in a/c current and interest with John Means

					Interest @ 7 p.c. p.
1885 Jany 7	To N.Y. draft	by Mail	$	150.00	$ 10.32
" 17	" Cash paid	Rev W. C. Condit Salary		300.00	13.56
" 17	" "	Note for Bamfield		175	---
Feby 7	" N.Y. draft	by Mail		150.00	9.60
" 21	" Cash paid	Expenses from N.Y.		35.90	1.56
March 11	" Div'd Notes	M.C.R.R.Co.		53.000.00	2.930.20
April 29	" Cash	on a/c		300.00	14.10
June 26	" " paid Lily Maynard	100 Shares $172.25		172.25	6.19
" 1	" N.Y. draft	by M. A. Means		100.00	4.08
Sept 1	" Cash Check			300.00	6.41
Nov 28	" "	Taxes on Killgore Land		51.50	" .33
1886 Jany 1	" Balance			9.755.71	3.97
				66.207.11	

Contra Cr.

1885 Jany 1	By Balance	per a/c rendered	$	4.870.99	$ 340.95
" 6	" C. Frank	Rent Killgore House		10.80	7.56
" 26	" 6 U.S. Coupons	$600 & 10 Lot Shares Corps 300		360.00	23.65
" 31	" 16 M.C.R.R.Co.			660.00	35.93
March 11	" Notes & Interest	M.C.R.R.Co.		55.640.00	3.135.31
April 1	" C. Frank	Rent		27.50	1.96
" 18	" 6 U.S. Coupons			600.00	2.95
June 17	" 6 " "	10 Lots $300.		360.00	13.57
July 31	" 16 M.C.R.R.Co.			660.00	16.33
Oct 16	" 6 U.S. "			600.00	" .88
Dec 28	" Cash for Stone at Killgore Bridge			80.00	" " "
" 31	" Interest	difference in a/c		582.74	35.00
			$	63.207.11	

1886 Jany 1 By Balance — due M. A. M. $ 9.755.71

E. & O. E.

Ashland Ky 29th Jany 1886—

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4th Febry 86

Miss Margaret A. Meany,
No. 98 Fifth Avenue, New York, City.

My Dear Maggie

Mary was in to day and asked me to send you money. Herewith find draft indorsed payable to your order two hundred ($200.00) dollars. The fire stove came in good time and is very nice. Did not know how plain my old one was until put one from you beside it, when we soon hustled the old one into the garrett. Rose is making a visit to Barrie, she expected to be home the week, has been gone two, but writes that they are having such a pleasant time, she will stay another week if we can spare her. Have a big snow on the ground Mer at 7° this morn and only 15° at Noon, so Hat stays close to the fire, and amuses herself looking on pictures of

5th Febry 86

Julius C. Anderson Esqr
Boston O. — Dear Sir

Your favor of Ind. instant came duly to hand, with check for Sixteen 00/100 ($16.00) dollars sent of Mr Mary — You Adams will see you soon about renting or selling the "Davis" property.

Very respectfully
John Meany

6th Feby 86

Mrs L. C. Hildreth
Dresden Ohio.

Dear Sister

Herewith please find draft indorsed payable to your order — One hundred and five ($105.) dollars — Interest on R.R. bonds — All well

Very truly yours
John Meany

10th Feby 86

Mr Harry Meany
No 93 East Third St, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Harry

Yours of 5th instant is at hand. Herewith find my check twenty five — ($25.) dollars, as requested. Rose came home yesterday, having left Bellie & Will under and settled in their new house — I do not expect to attend the Marietta Club meeting, as it would take two days for me to go and come. Expects to leave for Lohn Saturday, and to be in N. Y. City Tuesday to Thursday.

All well

Affectionately yours
John Meany

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11th Feby 86

Wm A. Mack Esqr
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O—

Please send me about 300 Nice Lard for home use — Would prefer it in Kegs, not in a Barrel. Madam says it keeps better in the smaller package —

Yours Truly
John Meard

11th Feby 86

Wm Meard Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Will

We are advised that Reis, your Chattanooga friend, propose to take several depositions here next week. Suppose it is a "fishing excursion" to try to find some agreement or Alluvial between Mead & Mendenhall and the Bank here. Earlier Richardson wrote you, about the Comptrollers letter to him, about part due paper — If the Bank gets judgment as there he may and will probably appeal to a higher Court, and it may become necessary for some payment to Bank but better not just now —

All well

Yours Truly
John Meard

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13th Feby 86

W. A. Murdock Esq.
Irvington O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th inst, and draft came duly to hand. The certificate has not come to hand so far — I intended this stock for my father, but did not think to tell you to have the certificate made out in his name, and hoped it would have come before this, that I might return it, and have one made out in fathers name — before I left home. Leave for N.Y. city tonight and will be away next week — Will not Frank Tomlinson make a good man to fill vacancy in our board of Directors?

Yours truly
John Meanor

22nd Feby

Cathedral Cache.
Irvington Ohio.
Dear Sir

Your of 16th with Certificate No 604 for thirty five (35) Shares Bank Stock in name of Thos W. Meanor is received. Will be detained here to morrow attending giving a deposition and cannot come down.

Very respectfully
John Meanor

22nd Feby 86

C. C. Clarke Esq Pres &c
Trenton O.

Dear Sir

Tomorrow I will be detained here to give a deposition, and cannot be present at your meeting. Unless there be some reason am not aware of, think Frank Tomlinson would make a good director. We should have one who is not a constant borrower if such there be —

Yours Truly
John Meany

22nd Feby 86

Miss Minnie Hildreth
Dresden O.

Dear Minnie

Your of 17th inst came while I was away from home. Interest on U.S. bonds was due 1st Jany four ($4.00) dollars, but I forgot to collect and remit same — will send with next remittance — Reached home Saturday 20th P.M. left Lily very well — Your Aunt has slight cold.

Yours Truly
John Meany

24th February 86

Mr Edwy Meaux
90 East 2nd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Henry

Sunrise find my check
Mr. T. Bond to you order Thirty (30) dollars as
requested in yours to mother. Received here
Saturday. Had good weather while gone.
Found Lily and Mr Maynard very well, Mr
Smith was much better than when I left
saw him. Maggie came home with me.
Your mother has slight cold, which we
hope will be over in a few days.

Affectionately yours
John Meaux

24th February 86

Edward A. Low Eye Near &c
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

We reached home Saturday 20th and
found all well as usual. Have received copy
of letter from your brother to J. F. Winslow on the
additional furnace stack. Say to him that I had
written Mr Sinton and will in a few days
lay the letter before Messrs Sinton and A. S. W.
and talk the matter over with the. Think this
the better plan, as we can say in a few minutes
what it takes much longer to write.
We have to put seen living in Ashland Tee, are
laying brick now—

With regards to your family, brothers
Mr Lyman and Frank and Mr Salter

Yours truly
John Meaux

24th February 85

David Linton Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

You have no doubt received report and balance sheet from Dear Low - and notice that we had made a small dividend. We also authorized the Treas. to buy at par and accrued interest such of our Bonds as he may be able to get, when in funds to do so. I send herewith copy of his report, with some items and reckoning in red, which cannot be found in ~~these~~ report, or estimated from it. He inquired as to what you views now were as to an "alternate" furnace. Told him what you had said to me, and that I thought if you had seen me before you wrote him last fall, you would not have expressed yourself so strongly opposed to the plan. He said he would write Mr John Winslow again on the subject and would send me a copy and wished me to place it before yourself and Mr A. S. Winslow; which I will do on my next visit to your City. Maggie came home with me. All well. With remembrance to the family am

Yours truly

John Meaney

Was selling No 1 - @ $19. each when we were in N.Y. not about 15 $ at furnace for all you but would ask $19.50 this week, having sold all made.

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24th May 98

Thos. A. Marks Esq.
Oxmoor Ala.

Dear Mark

Your favor of 11th, found on return from N.Y. City, where had a very pleasant visit. It will be time to cover the iron when you need it. Finish the furnace and engine, keep within the estimates you have given, and establish confidence in your judgement, with directors and shareholders, or flatten out. Consider the difference in the financial condition of Eureka and Goodman Co. When S.M. hesitates or declines to expend a small sum compared with what you deem needful at Oxmoor, don't think Eureka Directors too conservative. Don't say anything about more boilers, let the necessity for them force itself on the minds of the directors. Am not an expert on Heaters, believe Still will & Biene good or any. Good and sufficient heaters are a necessity, and no great expense. They not only help

in raising steam easily, but improving boilers. Had to pump Lake Water into boilers. If you commence in Roller last week be sure that increase in entire capacity give greater out put in furnace. You have from that also in less than that - viz. Relat 1-2-3 C. Capacity, about 13.00 14000 and 15000 per capacity, output say 600.700.200 tons - weekly - Remember first plan of furnace 66' high - allowing boiler 36' and 18" at a glance you can see now the higher boiler cuts off the capacity. If steep boiler are desirable, (which I do not admit), greater Sir of Kentucky gives them. An Ashland always, and Tennessee in Lead No 3 the boil falls back almost 4 inches in 12" outside. Now not time now to calculate the difference in CC but it will probably be about 400 + feet - Think too that a (Tenn) foot Rule will give better filling in your furnace which if I recollect is nine (9) feet bell - All well.

Yours truly
John Meant

Will write Preston soon -

Her selling No 1 - @ $19.00 when we saw in N.Y. not about 15 of a person for all gone but would not $19.50 this week, having sold all made -

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26th Feby 86

Thos A. Mack Esq
9 West 3rd Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check Metropolitan N. Bank your City twenty six 50/100 ($26.50) dollars in payment for James Morrison & Co's bill 25th inst for Lard sent me.

Please accept thanks for courtesy

Very truly yours
John Meany

Have to put new lining in Ashland Ts.

26th Feby 86

Julius S. Anderson Esq
Trenton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th inst is at hand. Cannot buy the notes of your own — If not disposed of sooner, may be able in about a month later to take them at sale to pay seven (7) per ct. net —

Very truly yours
John Meany

26th Feby 86

James F. Peters Esq Trustee

Trenton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th instant is at hand, with check on Halsey C. Ruse & Co. One hundred and twenty (120.00) dollars part payment [illegible] note of John Peters, belonging to Miss Margaret H. Meany. Herewith please find statement of payments on same heretofore made —

Very respectfully yours

John Meany

Statement.

Date 1873 October 12th	John Peters in favor of W. R. C. [illegible] @ 3 years with interest		$969.46
1875 March 15th	Interest paid to this date	$145.47	
			77.07
1876 July 12th	Interest		
"	Amount		$1046.53
"	Payment		100.00
"	Balance due M. A. M.		$946.53
1880 March 29th	Payment	$183.78	
1883 May 2 ond	Payment	160.00	

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4th March 86

Major H. M. Bell
Staunton, Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th ult at hand. Am not always from home but have been several days lately. I think it would be well to insert the word "general" before "strike of &c" on second page but paragraph of the contract between the Thurmond C. Co. and [illegible] Co. otherwise the contract appears to be equitable and plain as to intention. Herewith find contracts, Goodwins letter and

My respectfully
John Meanes

5th March 86

R. H. Catlett Esq
Staunton Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th inst is at hand. Goodwins letter was fastened to one of the papers, have no recollection of detaching it, and do not find it here. Please see if it is not with the copy of Benny's contract. If not write E. for a copy.

Very truly yours
John Meanes

In Lenti yesterday saw, Sinton, he favors building another stack, Wiseslow doubting and opposed.

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6th March 86

Edward A. Low Esq. Treas &c
31 Rutling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Indisposition of my wife delayed my visit to Cinti until now. Have just returned from there. Mr Sinton says build as quick as we can; suggested possibly that we might not have new furnace ready to line, before present one gave out. He said 'take that risk' the prospective saving would warrant trial, if we are too late it would be loss of interest on the cost, but we had the plant for another time, &c, &c, &c to expire effect much more. Mr. Winslow was doubtful, ~~[illegible]~~ over to Sintons office to talk about the matter, and said he felt very much shaken in his opinions after hearing Mr S. and myself, but finally intended in his fears of dividends and that frettings and larger expenditures would follow, which he would not now favor. Said something about letter from Skelding to yourself or brother, that we should need another H. Blast Stove or Stoves. I dont understand it. Skelding knows there is no more need of fire (5) Stoves (a chan 4) for the No. 2 than for number 1 furnace. My estimate did not include any stoves, neither Mr Sinton nor myself contemplate that any will be needed nor do we

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favor the project it anything more than the mere furnace and casting house with necessary RR tracks for cinder and iron with connections for blast and gas. I feel very sure that between the estimate I showed to you the ~~margin be~~ and this $30,000 which I gave to your brother there is more more margin than will cover matters not estimated. The estimate made by Skelding was 25 per c less than the figures you saw — If after you have considered this matter it is deemed best to build, we should act at earliest moment. Shall hold myself in readiness to meet Ex Com next week of week after, and think if the furnace be in good order it would be best to bring Skelding to N.Y. with me. The Stonework, brick work and roof for casting House cannot be hurried as the iron work can. I find Mr J. F. W. of 22nd ult with A.A.L. of 23rd ult and your of 3rd instant. All interesting. Mr W. makes the point that he has not seen heard nor read of such an experiment. He does know that all good modern plants with more than one fire are so arranged that engine boilers and stoves can be used for all or any furnace in the plant. Our plant might be said to be 2 furnace with scant Power and heating capacity for blast, better prepared for making mill iron than same that we know — — We made our first blast with 3 stoves 2 engines and six Boilers. I am not of his opinion that we should increase the height but do think we should make casing of diameter that we could line a 20 feet Furnace — These questions he and I could discuss before we

Yours truly John [illegible]

Mr W. will no doubt be pleased to learn that Skelding has Bells sent two tracks as well as others on Iron manufacture, that will be his hand made in the school of experience, has not been oblivious to learning from others

8th March 86

Jos. D. Weeks Esq Agent W.S., Cov. Survey
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3rd instant is at hand with inclosure. Many applications for some impertinent, for information about our business, compel us to ask our Agent to be careful in furnishing answers to ques which may be asked. Appreciating your purpose, I have cheerfully filled the blanks in your circular, as to Coal and Coke at Lowmoor Va. The amounts given, are within 100 tons of those which might be sent you from the Furnace Office, and near enough for your purpose. It would require me to hear from there, to give exact figures.

Very respectfully yours
John Means

8th March 86

Edward A. Low Esq Treas &c
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

While in Lewis in talking with Mr Linton about selling Iron, he gave it as his opinion, that we were not liable to make a mistake in selling ahead to be delivered as fast as made, that while iron might be a little higher price for a month or two, he did not believe we could depend on the market holding up. A number of furnaces will be put in, as soon as there be no danger of bad weather, Another matter. For a year past (I believe) you have credited "Lowmoor Branch R.R." with 15¢ per ton on Ore, and 10¢ per ton on Limestone carried, allowing whatever profit there was to reduce the amount charged that account. I think we should keep a "Transportation A/c", to show what the cost of keeping up and running our R.R. — But there may arise someday a question between our Co. and the C&O. Ry, or the public, as to the ownership of this "Branch R.R.", it will be better to let that A/c on our books stand showing the cost to our Co. The balance in "Transportation A/c" may be carried to Prof & Loss. Please suggest this question to the members of the Exe. Com. as you see them. Inclosed find letter from Maj Bell, [illegible] affect. Dont think S. will commit himself now.

I return herewith Mr J. F. Winslows letter of 22 and July 86 to your brother A. A. – Not having seen all of the correspondence between them, am of the opinion that an estimate of the saving to be made, as against the interest on investment in new Furnace has not been made to Mr Winslow. All that is needed, not including lining, hearth and bosh, will cost us less than thirty thousand ($30.000) dollars on which we may reckon two (2) years interest against saving as follows, one by Skelding, one my self.

	Skelding	Means
Loss throwing out No 1 – three months		
Wood burned heating 150 Ovens	$500.	$300.
Coal " " " "	2.000.	1500.
Labor " " "	600.	300.
Brick and Masons " "	3.000.	3.000.
	6.100	5.100
Salaries 3 Men @ $917.50	2.750.	2.750.
Stocking 12.000 tons ore @ mines @ 15c	1.800	1.800
	$10.650.	$9.650.

You see what putting out the Coke Ovens is estimated; the cost as shown by Near report 31/12/82, was $7.249.18. The figures given as mine are what were shown Mr Sinton last September, (but after he had written you,) without charge for stocking ore; simply reducing Skeldings estimate $1.000+ that there might be no mistake. There is some truth in what Mr W. says as to repairs

to Stores engines &c. As we now run expecting to be out three months, every in about two years, the stores are kept at work, with the furnace, and repaired at the same time, but the engines and Coke Ovens are kept up as we go. One engine may be stopped, often is one or two days, and thus kept up. Probably two or three Coke Ovens have more or less work put on them every week, and not often more than 2 or 3 while kept hot. As soon however as all are cooled down, a majority of them fall in, and require much more work on each, than is put on any one when kept running.

If we should determine to build the additional Furnace, there is now one H.B. Store needing immediate repairs, and Mr Goodwin should be instructed to order firebrick for it at once, as every week will increase the work to be done. During the blast just finished at the Ashland, we stopped off, one at a time, and rebuilt as required every store, running the meantime on these stores. Ours were put up in 1876 and up to the time mentioned, had been in use with very few dollars spent on them. To build an entire new plant as suggested by Mr W. we should need at least, 3 H. B. Stores 2 Engines and building, 1 Hoist and Hoisting engine, 6 Boilers 140 to 150 Coke Ovens, an expensive Trestle, and probably another

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Locomotive engine; [illegible] involving an expenditure of
not less than $160.000 - probably more -
Before we do this we should secure more ore lands than
we have. If we owned Frank Lyman Stack Mine
and the Dolly Ann, possibly we might make the
venture but I dont think Mr W. will advise as
a prudent measure to build and run another
furnace slying on the ore property we now have.
As there is "wisdom in multitude of counsel"
we may hope to get to the right conclusion
after while. If you chose you may show this to
Messrs A. A. Low, Lyman and Winslow.
Mr Meane improving very slowly. With kind
remembrance to your family am
very truly yours
John Meane

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8th March 86

C. Adolphe Low Esq
42 Cedar Street, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst is at hand. After the coal is taken out, the land and improvements are worth very little, I would hardly pay taxes for them. When lake ovens are cooled down they fall to pieces very quickly. Would not recommend the loan. Frank Lyman can tell you at much of this property as any one of my acquaintances.

Very truly yours
John Mead

12th March 86

Edward A. Low Esq Sect &c

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand. You no doubt have mine of 8th and telegram of 9th. My father is getting along very well so far. They have trouble at Lill from sheets in casing breaking. Leave tonight and spend Saturday & Sunday with them. If possible to put bands on to hold, will do so. On account of my wife and father expect to return here Sunday night. Will have any telegram from you repeated from here to me at Lill. Am afraid, cannot take Shelling away from furnace to N.Y. next week. Hope the furnace may be kept in blast. Goodwin is easily scared.

Yours truly
John Mead

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12th March 86

Dear Mack

Yours of 9th is at hand with sketch of No 2 for which am much obliged. Lean for Lonmoor tonight and will take it with to show Skelding. His casing had 5 sheets parted, beginning 18 feet below top. Had banded it, but wired me yesterday that more was parting. Hope we can band it to hold as Mining seemed all good last month. Dont think you need more boilers. Either Cathery has more surface than Ashland, or than Lonmoor had when she started. If the blast goes outdoors more boilers wont help. Dont suppose can be in Lintz, 22 o'cl if I am shall vote against more boilers now. You are on the record for No 2 @ $16.800+ and will have enough more to defend without the boilers. Everybody but the Winslows favors another Stack at Lonmoor. May be called to N.Y. any day to meet Exe Com, to take steps for breeding. The condition of casing may defer the matter, otherwise there appear to be a disposition to go ahead without their approval. I send you sketch of 20 + 20 furnace in J.L. Bell's last book to compare with yours. As he gives this on pages 113 + 202 and refers to this sign every few pages, it is fair to presume he has given it as a reality. [illegible] ill for two weeks and [illegible] fell and broke shoulder bone. Monday night in the delirium he walked off his porch. Has got along very well so far, but I dont like to leave home now.

Kite regards to Preston

Yours truly

John Mack

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22nd March 86

Wm. M. Beckner Esq.
Winchester Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st came when I was from home. Since my return, wife has been sick, fetter fell and broke bone in his shoulder and has had a rainbow or other crook in my back. All these are apology for delaying reply. Have some knowledge of Berea College and am glad to know that you are taking an interest in its affairs. You may count on me for two hundred and fifty ($250.00) dollars towards the 5th M. Hoping you may soon raise it am

Yours truly
John Mean

22nd March 86

L. F. Wehrmann & Son
No 17 - 19 West 5th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft indorsed payable to your order eighty five ($85.00) dollars, on payment of bill goods 10th instant order by Warner.

Very respectfully
John Mean

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22nd March 86

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th inst is at hand with inclosures, herewith returned. At Gordon's request I was at Southern 16th, and at that time the lining brick had shown no weakness or giving away. The trouble was that fire (5) plates in the casing, beginning 18 feet below the top had parted badly, and were evidently very poor iron. They had put on some bands and we ordered iron for other bands to try to hold the brick work from giving. There was no gas escaping through the brickwork, as would have been the case had the brick given away. If they can get the iron, and put bands on soon enough, the lining can be held to its place, if not no quality of brick could help the matter.

Yours truly
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 22nd March 1886
Mr. S. Edgington
Huntingburgh Ind.
Sir
herewith find draft three hundred and fifty ($350.00) dollars, indorsed payable to your order.
Very respectfully
John Meany

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29th March 86

John F. Winslow Esq.
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 25th inst is before me. My answer "that no quality of brick would help &c" was because of your misapprehension that the trouble was in the brick which was not the case. The iron work has given away, the brick to all appearance are good. I left Lhw, Saturd, (27th) P.M. having been there three (3) days. With the blast off, and brick exposed for 18 or 20 feet vertically we found no where less than two (2) feet of lining, the outside 18 inches not showing effect of fire. Could and did hold my hand on every sheet, up and down around when sheets parted, without finding more heat than probably should have done 12 months ago. The furnace working regularly and iron as dark from in quality as ever. You know this could not be the case if the lining was gone out. My experience with Mt Savage Brick does not impress me with the belief, that they are better than Portsmouth. The best furnaces in Pittsburgh and Chicago are using Portsmouth brick. I have here plan of furnace second lining with hearth and bosh complete, which Porter is making for Chicago R. M. Co. We have lately made a blast of 8 years in the Ashland, with every brick from bottom of hearth to top of lining of Portsmouth. Potasted again 22 and inst with furnace of same. And with all this are not in favor of throwing away a good lining now being delivered, to buy one more costly of probably an inter.

Very truly yours
John Meard

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10th May 86

Edwin A. Law Esq
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your form of 22 ult came to [illegible] and on my reading home found your of 6th inst, 9th ult, and 29th March. I return herewith J. F. W. of 18 April. Have already written you that my time will be taken up here until day or two before quarterly meeting at L. Mr. Shall try to get there Sunday morning 23rd or or to Mon Monday and Tuesday before the meeting. Matters here delayed by my absence keeps me busy now. All well

Very truly yours
John Means

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10th May

The Lee & Miller Iron Carriage Co.
14 & 23 West 9th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find draft for Seventy five 75/100 (£75.90) dollars for work on Buggy for age. Have been from home cannot work, is the reason for delay in remitting.

Very respectfully
John Means

15th May 86

David Williams Esq
66 & 68 Duane St, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find P.O. order four 50/100 ($4.50) dollars for Iron Age to 10th March next
Stop when time paid for expires

Very respectfully
John Meany

30th May 86

Julius C. Anderson Esq
Ironton Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst is before me with John Crabb bill work and material $12.27 for fence repaired for Mr Adams. Herewith please find draft indorsed to your order for amount of bill

Very truly yours
John Meany

31st May 86

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C. B. Willard Esqr, Sec &c
Hanging Rock Ohio,

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th inst is at hand. I think it good plan to sell grounds not likely to be needed for purposes of the Company, as to the price you are better judge than myself — Leave this evening for Wheeling and Pittsburgh.

Yours truly
John Mears

31st May 86

Frank Lyman Esqr
130 Water St. Cor Pine, New York City.

Dear Frank

Herewith please find copy of agreement Silsbee et al with [illegible], which you may hold. I leave tonight for Pa. with Mr Russell to investigate a patent for making Steel Nails from old Rails. The A. C. & I. Co, are considering project of another Furnace here, and we are to get up plans and estimates. With Loher No. 2, and these it looks as though, there was some work for me ahead — Hope you found all well at home. With kind remembrance to Mrs L and Son

Yours truly
John M...

4th June 86

Frank Lyman Esqr
120 Wall St. Cor Pine New York City.

Dear Frank

Yesterday afternoon I passed through Johnstown Pa and am now sorry that I did not stop. We noticed two (2) new furnaces, seemingly nearly completed, built without casing. The brickwork was supported, as in ours, by Rk. bars and banded with Rk. bars. You may have read within a year in newspapers of a Smoke stack built at same place in same manner. There are two of these chimnies in sight, and since one they are. Have been thinking of our trouble with casing at Lehi, and shortness of last in linings and it strikes me this bar and band plan may be good thing for both casing and lining. The brickwork is all exposed for air and water, much better than behind casing. Having two furnaces in near prospect. I think to go to Johnstown about 16th or 17th instant, and to take Roberts our machinist with me, would like to take Skelding but feel afraid to risk it, with him. If you could meet me say between 15th and 19th at Johnstown, would be

my glad to have you do so, and think you would see enough at Johnstown to will repay for the time spent there. One day is all we should probably need at the furnace. If I dont hear from you by letter before I leave here - and wire you the day I expect to be in Johnstown you will understand what it meant.

Think the first cost of furnace might be a little less than with casing.

With kind remembrance to Mrs L - and other friends are

Yours truly

John Meany

11th June 56

Roy R. Norton Esq
Boston Ky

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th came duly to hand, I have no money to buy anything with myself. If you or Mrs Gaylord will name a price for the stock, I will try whether can find a purchaser.

Very truly yours

John [illegible]

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11th June 86

Edward A. Low Esq. Sect &c
31 Burling Slip New York City.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th inst came duly to hand. I am expecting to get to work right away on the Tohm No 2 – and also on No 2 Ashland – Expect to make trip next week to Johnstown Pa – to look at the new furnace which may have improvement in some respects. Wrote Frank Seyman and he is to try and meet me there. Will send Goodwin specification for foundation and think he had better buy or make some red brick. Have no copy of the agreement with E&O here – suppose a new one must be approved by the directors, and that you may get offers from Cecil Wichlan on such matters as suggest themselves to you

Yours truly

11th June 8

Frank Seyman Esq
130 Water St, New York City.

Dear Frank

Yours favor of 4th and 7th came duly to hand. If sure you could meet me in Johnstown would go also. Robert will be away. I may take our engineer (AK) with me. When I learn will give you name of Hotel at J. at which shall stop. Are offered Castings for Ashland No 2 @ 1¾ c. Casing at 4¼, think might get blower for Tohm, fit added from Portsmouth [illegible] but dont know whether same man could push both jobs as fast as wanted. All well.

Yours truly
John Meany

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19th June 86

Mrs Carrie Rowle
Gardener Ohio.

Dear Madam

Your favor of 14th came while I was away from home. Unfortunately am myself a borrower, and have no money to send. Neither do I know of any one here who has. The time would not suit the Bank. All well.

Very truly yours
John Mead

19th June 86

Edward A. Low Esq
18 Burling Slip, New York, City

Dear Sir

Your favors of 14th and 16th inst are found on returning this afternoon. Have made no contract for work at new stock. The plans of Mr one changed so much, that we have no plan or specification of same. Have been perfecting some for No 2, before we could ask bids for the work. Goodwin has done nothing unless to prepare for some red brick, which if ever begun and finished will be but a small sum to pay. Would have been glad to meet you at Johnstown. Dont think it would be well to adopt their style of furnace for Lewmoor. Hope you may have pleasant visit at S.M. If you go (?)

Yours truly
John Mead

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20th June 56

Frank Lyman Esq
130 Water St, New York, City.

Dear Frank

Yours of 18th inst is at hand coming fine ($500) dollars. Am glad to know how much good can sometimes be done, with small amount. I intended to say to you at Johnstown, that it would be right for Southern Co to pay your expenses and the A.C.&I. Co mine for the trip, and shall write Mr E. A. Low to that effect. Letter from him urging that nothing be done on No 2 until after [illegible] meeting of directors, and I shall not make any contracts, though it in effect means to abandon the project for next living. Do not feel discouraged at dullness in Iron Market now, think the labor troubles account for most of it, and that, on last Fall we shall have better [illegible] this Fall [illegible]

23rd June 56

Messrs Gordon Stobel & Lawson
226 Walnut St, Philadelphia Pa
Gentlemen

We have various plans and letters from you of late date. In a few days will forward to you ground plan of our present plant, with our ideas as to forms we expect to build. After you have seen them, we shall be pleased to see or hear from you and have bids on the work. And we shall carefully consider any recommendations you may be pleased to give.

Very respectfully
John Meane Paul

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3rd June 86

J. P. Witherow Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd is at hand. We are having ground plan of our present plant and surroundings made. In a few days will forward a copy to you, with our ideas of [illegible] of furnace we expect to build. After you have seen these, we shall be pleased to see or hear and have bids from you on the work. And shall consider carefully any recommendations you may please to give.

Very respectfully
John Meaney Pres

26th June 86

Edward A. Low Esq Sec &c
28 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

By letter from Col Goodwin am advised that Mr. W. and yourself, did make the visit to Lehigh, and that up to 24th inst date of letter, Mr. W. was pleased with what he had seen. As you know I asked Frank Lyman to join me in our visit to Johnstown. The trip was made for the express purpose of seeing their furnaces before determining about building No 2 — This also being of interest to the A.C. & I. A. Co — I have charged my expenses to that Co — and think Lowmoor should pay Frank Lyman's, which are probably less than mine were. If you did not stop Goodwin from making or buying red brick, think it would be well to let him go ahead and make enough added to what he has on hand, for use in Furnace and Casting House; as he can only make brick in Summer and Fall months.

Delaying until our August (September) meeting, most probably avoids the purpose contemplated for No 2.

We look for good demand for iron this, as we had last Fall. The consumption is large, and no heavy stocks in makers, or consumers hands

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Increased cost of ore, fuel, and freights will soon put out several furnaces, unless there be an advance in price of iron. Dont think we shall lose by iron accumulating now —
As to Mr W-s objections, I consider them of little weight; he opposed building No 1 quite as bitterly, as Mr E. H. R. Lyman can tell you, if not familiar with Lke. affairs at that time. My family are well, and tonight will all be at home, excepting married daughter living in Charleston W. Va.

Col Putnam and myself expect to be busy the remainder of this year, in building No 2 Furnace here — Demand for our iron continues greater than we can supply, nets us about $16 x Cash here. Nails very dull at prices under cost. Contractors are at work on Huntingdon Ohio River RR from this place to Cinti. Having much rain damaging Wheat about here —

Remember us kindly to your family

Yours truly

John Means

Please lean off "Post" in addressing letters to me here, the Post master dont know which office to send them.

8th July 86

Mrs Elizabeth Griffith
Argolite Ky — Dear Madam

I did not see Jane when up Sunday Ella did not tell me of her marriage, so did not hear of it until yesterday, dont know whether they are at your house, but suppose you know where they are. Just before the first of June I rented her any house for one year from that date, and would like to know whether she wants to keep it, if she does all right; if she dont. I would like to know soon so as not to lose any chance to rent it. We dont know whether they are coming back nor whether she wants to keep the care of the office. Unless they learn some thing very good in sight, it strikes me, if they are coming back she had better keep the place (office) as now for the Summer and Fall months while the work is light, as she has gone through the Winter. Unless they go where there are good Free Schools as here, it will be hard for the Children and expensive to them to pay for it. Please show or read this to her, and ask her to send me word soon or come and let us know about the office before they get home me dec — Hope you are well

Yours truly

J Wm Means

10th July 86

E. R. Keck Esq Treas W. S. Mail Line Co-
Cincinnati Ohio-

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th inst, convey
check two hundred and eight Dollars ($208)
for interest, is at hand-

Yours Truly
John Means

10th July 86

Capt W. Hunsell
Catlettsburg Ky. Dear Sir

Herewith please find
from E. R. Keck W. S. Mail Line Co- my form
indorsed payable to your order
two hundred and eight ($208) dollars-
which credit to my a/c for payment of
Mail Line Co- by you June 884
Glad to know they owe you something

Yours Truly
John Means

Please acknowledge

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18th July 86

Mrs Jane Chrisman

[illegible] you tell any one about your money in my keeping. Have not given the office to any one. I want you to take [illegible] say at least for a [illegible] come and see me this afternoon about these. You will understand that I think this important to you and your children or I should not take this way to let you know.

Mrs Heathrow has read this and promised to hand to you as soon as you come home.

Wishing you a long and happy life in your new relation are

very truly yours

John [illegible]

Bring this note with you when you come.

18th July 86

The Herald & Presbyter
179 Elm St Cincinnati Ohio.

Herewith please find P.O. order (two 50/100) dollars for renewal one year.

Stop when time paid for expires.

Very respectfully
John [illegible]

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14th July

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio,

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check ... Metropolitan N. Bank Eleven Tos ($11.00) dollars in pay... my account with you.

Please send me by Express -

1 Elizabeth, or Exiles of Siberia 16 Mo Cl
2 Cy Tin & Blood by Mrs Archer
1 Lincoln & Stanton by W. D. Kelley Cl
1 The Great Conspiracy John S. Logan
2 Tocinnyhead Summary Georgia

Very respectfully
John Meaux

16th July 86

Mr W. P. Cutler
Marietta Ohio

Dear Lizzie

Harry and myself reached home safely and found all our friends and relatives well. Herewith find drag Unhundred ($100.00) dollars payable to your order, which father sends to Aunt. He would like to come up and see her but is afraid the motion of the cars will hurt his shoulder. We hear that Bessie & baby are both well and hope to have a visit from them next month. With love to all am

Yours truly
John Meaux

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17th July 86

Miss Ella Griffith
Argolite Ky -

Dear Miss

Your sister Jane has to day handed me twenty five ($25.00/100) dollars for that I lent you sometime ago and thirty ($30.00/100) dollars ~~which~~ to hold for you which I have placed to the credit of your account. You should have told me last week of your sisters marriage, that I might then have tendered my congratulation. Have just been over to call on them and had a long talk on their future life, which I sincerely hope may be long and happy.

With kind regard to your mother and Liggie am

Very truly yours
John Meany

19th July 86

Dr Saml Cross
Oxmoor Ala -

Dear Doctor

I send you to day a copy of Carnegie's "Triumphant Democracy" which I hope may be entertaining to you, in return for favors extended to me while at your place - My rheumatism has nearly left me, Dont know whether owing to the sarafras, have forgotten the other name, to Hot Springs; or that I have outgrown it -

Yours truly
John Meany

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19th July 86

D. J. Fallis Esqr
Warm Springs, Bath Co, Va.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th is at hand with inclosures as stated. I have been sometime since I saw the old contract, and am not so familiar with it as to difference between it and the one now offered. Am going to Cinti tonight and will hand the papers to your son, and see Messrs Sinton and Rogerson the matter. Am much pleased to hear of your improved health and hope you may be fully recovered for business in September. With kind remembrance to Mrs F. am

Very truly
Yours
John Meany

Saw the Misses Cartwell at Chronicle yesterday

19th July 86

C. C. Clarke Esqr Pent
Dronton Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst came duly to hand, I think you do right to stop paying interest, on deposits, and hope you may induce the First Nat to stop or at least reduce the rate. Never believed in the plan of paying interest by Banks. Hear for Cinti this afternoon.

Yours truly
John Meany

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19th July 86

James P. Witterow Esq
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favors of 7th and 17th inst came duly to hand. We are obliged as to information as to and copies of patents. My son and myself would have been pleased to witness the experiments in Belleville and Nashville, and hope some other time it may be convenient to do so, as it was not this month. Had a pleasant visit from Mr Ingram and are expecting bids [illegible] soon—

My respectfully
John Meany

24th July 86

C. D. McKenzie

Your of 19th inst is at hand. Am very sorry for you and your [illegible] family. Saw her yesterday and told her the best thing you could do would be to come home and help us with the [illegible] account and settle up the McK & Hyman business. You can do this better than any one else can. It would have been much better had you made a clean breast of the matter to myself or Kelt, and not have gone away. Come back with your mother at once and the sooner the better to stop any talk.

Yours truly
John Meany

23rd July 86

Dear Frank

Yours of 25th ult and 19th inst came duly to hand. Came home from Lintz yesterday, learned there that Mack paid Mr Linton in full, Fallis in part 2nd July. [illegible] if Mr. had said anything about paying me. he replied that had [illegible] write and [illegible] Mack and remit to me [illegible]. Was gratified to know your fathers views about [illegible] No 2 [illegible] having so much on hand [illegible] am glad Mr Lowe is so anxious to delay work. [illegible] an improved [illegible] the [illegible] with [illegible] prices, much as [illegible] did in 1885 the latter part of the year. Have so written [illegible]. Know of some 2 furnaces that are using stock purchased, without buying more, which will stop if there be no advance in price. The advanced prices for Ore, Coke, Labor and all freights leaving they say no profit to them.

Am at work on foundations here and shall [illegible]; contract next week for all other work at our No 2. We cant supply all the demands made on us now; for soft Pig. All well. Kind remembrance to Mrs L and your fathers family

Yours truly

John Meany.

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[illegible] 86

John K. Parker Esq.
Portsmouth Ohio.

Dear Sir

Charley McKenzie left for Canada some days ago, without any notice to us that he intended leaving. On examining his (our) books we find he has been stealing from us for long time and pretty large amount, but not to the bottom facts, probably 18 M. Col Putnam will be at home Monday and myself. We have various bids for work on the Furnace, all parts of the work, and ready to contract. Cant you come up Monday and spend day or so with us. Have not given to public amount of Mr's defalcation. There are reports out about him, various how things will get out.

Yours truly
John Meany

24th July 86

Guy R. Norton Esq.

Dear Guy

I do not know how much if any interest you take in the contest between Judge Brown and John M. Burns. As to the legal ability and moral character of the two, there can be no question Brown being much the better of the two. I hope you see it this way and can quietly give some help to replace him on the Bench again. Have never spoken to you nor to Mr Schaeffer on the matter.

Yours truly
John Meany

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27th July 86

Dear Cam

I was at Trenton to day and we talked over the matter of interest on deposits. I found our other directors greatly feared loss of business would follow our not paying and they averse to adopting that policy. When writing you 19th inst supposed you had confused with others on the subject and they in favor of not paying.

I don't think it best for you and myself to get up a controversy in our board on this or other matters, but to have unanimity. Told them that their opinions changed my mind and we agreed that we had better pay for the present these 3 pcs on time deposits. Told them I had written you in favor of stopping &c &c —

Yours truly

John Meany

27th July 86

E. R. Willard Esq.
Changing Rock O.

Dear Sam

Grant of [illegible] inst about store at your place is at hand. Am opposed to employer having interest in any outside operation which deals constantly with employer and looks to their position for advantages. Just now such an operation has cost the A.C.&I.R. Co. $18.000, disgrace and trouble to a worthy family. If there is to be a store better be owned by the Company, and which now you can command the favor of storekeepers, if the Co. starts one then they antagonize you.

Yours truly

John Meany

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July 30th 86

J. J. Hopins
Sharpsville Pa.
Dear Sir

Your fam of 29th from Mont Ohio is at hand. We have no need of a founder at present and do not expect to need one. We building a furnace beside ours, but expect one founder to take care of both.

Yours very respectfully
John Meany

Wed July 86

C. R. McCrack Esq
Dear Sir

Have seen Peters about the Grand Co. We think you can better judge as to what is best than we could. If you think will of it let them have the Grand, Scan for Da tonight for a few days

Yours truly
John Meany

4th August 85

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

Dear Sir

I went to Goulburn Saturday night and spent Sunday and Monday with them. All parts of the work appeared to be going on well. At the mines did not present so much hoosness or Uncertainty, think Hungerford is getting more system established than we have had. Furnace working well and making nice iron. Contracted with Shelding for another year from 1st Sept at same as past 3 years. Am afraid the RR Co may disappoint you in furnishing cars to take iron as fast as you may want it. The whole line East of this is filled up with loaded cars, on nearly every siding. There is a much better demand for Iron in the West than for 3 months past, but there is as yet no advance in prices. We could sell of Ashland full 50 per ℄ more than we can make and I shall push work on our no 2. Have contracted Foundations, H.B. Stores, Furnace, Boilers and Chimney. at lower prices than we estimated for them.

All well

Yours truly

John Meaux

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5th August 56

Geo N. Biggs Esq
Bankfort W. Va.

Dear George

Your favor of 3rd is at hand. Am obliged to you for your kindness to Will in recommending him and shall be pleased to ~~do~~ him have the place. Mr J. C. P. was here to day and I showed him your letter, asking him to confer with Lord Putnam about the matter. We are investigating the books and so far have not found all that McK says he was short viz about $12.00 — but we no doubt shall find it as bad as he says —

Yours truly
John Meany

5th August 56

Mrs C. B. Wildeth
Preston Ohio:
Dear Sister

Herewith please find N.Y. draft Unchundred and Thirteen ($113.00) dollars for interest collected on N. Cod. R. Co and W. C. Bonds, Hatter and Harry have gone East, Ron expects to learn for your place tomorrow morning. Please send receipt —

Yours truly
John Meany

5th August 86

Julius L. Anderson Esq
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd instant came duly to hand with draft fifty ($50.00) dollars for rent Lindsay to Mr Adams.
Also Thos Smiths bill repairs two ~~[illegible]~~ ($2.55) dollars for which please find my check herewith.

Yours truly
John Meany

6th August 86

Joseph Woodward Esq
Wheeling Ala -

Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to you the bearer Mr Arthur Montmollin who goes South to seek his fortune, and expects to visit your place. His father has been my Physician for several years, and we shall be pleased if you can find work for the young man —
With kind remembrance to your family am

Yours truly
John Meany

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6th August 86

Mrs W. E. Maynard
Woodhaven, Queens Co, N.Y.

My decent Lily

herewith find draft indorsed payable to order of Mr Maynard twenty eight ($28.00) dollars, which Gore asked me to send you from one of L. T. Moore girls, and which I suppose you will understand. Rose, Kee, Bessie Wadsworth and Emma Campbell left this morning by Lieut Bly Rose for Dresden, Kee for Logan, B.W. & E.B. for Maysville. The last two will take boat at Portsmouth. We have had a four weeks visit from Kee, and one by the others. Have had very pleasant time All seemed to enjoy themselves, and have filled the places of mother and Harry for us. Tomorrow Cook goes to Charleston and thence to Lou Moor. We expect rather

6th August 86

Messrs Tomb & Hedges
No 10 Masonic Temple, Cincinnati O.
Gentlemen
herewith please find
my check Metropolitan N. Bank
fifty five 25/100 in payment you
bill of 6 Oct instant
Very respectfully
John Meang

9th August 8

Messrs Daniels Coombe Hes.
N.E. Cor. 5th & Race Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check to your order (Sixty three 87/100) ($63.87) dollars, on Metropolitan N. Bank in payment of account. I cannot think I have any right to complain, but if you will send your office at charter periods it will be satisfactory to me.

Very respectfully
Yours
John Meany

9th August 86

Mr James Edes

Herewith find statement of your account with me. Showing that you have been in debt to me for long time and now owe me Eighty two 80/100 ($83.60/100) dollars, or nearly one whole years rent. I must insist that you pay monthly more than the rent, until you pay this debt.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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12th August 86

H. S. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati O.

Dear Winslow

Your favor of 10th to hand yesterday. We are going over the books to find exactly what may be out. Cadt take McKenzie word for that, but so far have not found as much as he says. Mr J. C. Peebler has been up, and after canvassing the merits of various applicants for the position. We have concluded to offer the situation to W. B. Seaton my son-in-law. In the past I have as you know, avoided having any one related to me, in any place under me, preferring that such stand on their merits with others. Seaton is getting more where he is, but as he seemed to be the choice, I have advised him to accept the place, without any prospect for increase of salary to this position, but the [illegible] in time to some other place where he can make his services of more value than as a bookkeeper. My own pretty large interest here also, leads me to be more willing to trust a man to whom have trusted my daughter than to a stranger. I write you freely for the reason that we have always spoken so to each other, and if we may have differed at times as to the merits of some place of business, we have in the end got to about same conclusion. Mrs M. and Harry have just returned from a trip North and are very well. Foundation for H. B. Stores are growing every day and we hope, early in September work on the iron will begin to go up. With kind regards to family

Ever my truly yours
John Meany

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Thomas A. Mack Esq
Oxmore Ala — Dear Mack —

Have not heard from you for several weeks — Have been to Linton, Charleston and to Southern Times. Was in Linton 20th and 21st ult, after Linton was away met J. H. Rogers and talked with him about the R.R. contract, which had not come to my hand at time of receiving your letter. Told Rogers that if he Linton and Tallis agreed I was willing to make the new contract. Saw Andrews and Charley Eaton — Asked A. about the $602.00 due 10th July he said he would write and advise me have not heard from him. Spent Sunday 20th ult with Bevin and the Baby, all well. Spent Sund & Mond 1st & 2nd at Ironmore furnace doing well, but the Store shows big loss since 1 Jany. I wont by about 1/3 of what Welsh made it there —

John Campbell in account with John Mason

1881 May 4	To paid Taxes	"Ashland 1880"	$ 270
Oct 10	" "	" 1881	500
1882 Oct 2	" "	Estate & County 1882	600
1883 March 1	" "	do do 1880 & 1881	1098
April 2	" "	Ashland 1882	600
1886 May 10	" "	Co Clerk The recording deed from Mg. S. C. & M. Co. due J. M. from J. D.	175
			$ 3338

Ashland Ky
18th August 1886

E. & O. E.

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13th August 86

John Campbell Esqr
~~Ashland Oh.~~ Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith find statement of account, and five (5) Tax Receipts [illegible] paid by me for you. I found the Deed from Hy. J. C. & M. Co to you for 2 Lots, and have the same will bring or send it to you first opportunity. I paid the Co Clk's Fee for recording 1.95 which makes due me from you $38.28 as per statement herewith.

Very respectfully yours
John Meaux

13th Aug 86

[illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir

herewith find accounting of note and interest due Hugh Meaux Estate [illegible] to Sept [illegible] $4.232.55 - I made settlement with Co Court to day and if you will pay by Sept 2 so as to only leave the principal or less of this note. Think I can ~~make a final~~ dispose of the note and make final settlement as executor of the estate in Sept or Oct. Your early attention will oblige me and probably yourself also.

Yours truly
John Meaux

D. D. Keiger with Wm. L. Keiger security note favor Hugh Meard

dated 14th Feby 1882 due 4 years interest date $3.850.00

Payments indorsed on { 1883 Feby 8th $231.00
Same { 1884 June 4th 231.00 interest paid to 8th Feby 1884.

Interest on $231.00 from 8th Feby 1884 to June 4th 1884 4.40

1885 Feby 14th To Interest on $3850 1 year 231.00

" " Amount $4.085.46

1886 Jany 28 To Interest 11 Mos 230.83

" " Amount $4.316.29

" " By Payment 232.00

" " To Balance $4.084.29

Sept 1st " Interest 9 Mos 8 days 148.26

Amount $4.232.55

Please bring this reckoning.

Hugh Meard Estate SSSavage notes (Lampton payer)

dated 2 3rd April 1881 2 notes $5000 each $1.000.00

Interest paid to 11th Sept 1884

1885 Oct 13 To Interest 1 year 1 Mo 2 da 65.30

" " Amount $1.065.30

" By Payment 60.00

" To Balance 1.005.30

1886 Sept 1 To Interest 10 Mos 18 Ds 53.27

" " Amount $1.058.57

Bring this reckoning

Note reckoning of D. D. Keiger
Paid Dec 5th 80 page this Book
N.P.

W. Meard Estate

A. C. Campbell note dated 25th July 1883

due 24th Nov 1883 — $4.000.00

1885 Jany 7th To Interest 1 year 1 Mo 13 do — 268.40

" " Amount — $4.268.40

" " By Payment — 1.240.00

" Balance — $3.028.40

1886 Jany 20 To Interest 1 year 13 do — 188.06

" " Amount — $3.206.46

" By payment — 1.000.00

" " Balance — 2.216.46

Sept 1st To Interest 8 Mos 10 days — 81.56

" " Amount — $2.298.02

W. Meard Estate Andrew Kelly Note

dated 26th Nov 1883 @ 1 year — $200.00

1884 Dec 9th To Interest 1 year 13 do — 12.42

" " Amount — 212.42

" " By Payment — 12.42

" " Balance — $200.00

1886 March 15 To Interest 1 year 3 M Wide — 16.20

Amount — 216.20

" " By Payment — 16.50

" " Balance — $199.70

Sept 1 To Interest 5 Mos 16 do — 5.51

$205.21

17th August 86

B. R. Willard Esqr
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst at hand.
We think if you can sell to Dr Herlock at the prices mentioned that it would be well to do so — Have you Dr Weiss's address, or have you written him about making deed for his lots?

Very respectfully
Thos W. Meard
by John Meard

19th August 86

Mr C. Fullerton
Catalpa Ky —

Dear Sir

I find the ordinance on sidewalks near [illegible] requires on Center Avenue [illegible] feet wide
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Where we were together was not sure as to Center Avenue Advice Chaffee or

Yours truly
John Meard

Cant you get Inland to finish the Hoard Cerado Land matter down?

17th August 84 576

D. W. Sherritt Esq. G.R.C.C. &c

Castlebury Ky. Dear Sir

On the appraisement of Hugh Meand Estate you will find Notes viz

D. T. Geiger &c	$3,950.00
A. C. Campbell	4,000.00
Andrew Kelly	200.00
C. S. Savage	1,000.00
Boyd Co. Bonds	847.40 $9,597

In my settlement with you on the 10th instant we added the amount of appraisement list $172,477.08 to the Cash in my hands. In the account which I had made I had included as you will see amounts paid on these notes and County Bonds, as also the price of the carriages. Also does not adding the $172,477.08 charge me twice with the principal of these notes and Bonds, as paid and accounted for, just as it did in the carriages which last as corrected. Please examine carefully and advise me.

Very respectfully yours

John Meand Exor

Estate of Hugh Meand

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19th August 86

Julius L. Anderson Esq
Trenton Ohio - Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th inst is at hand. My sister does not desire to charge Mr Lindsay for rent when he does not occupy her house. Trenton Kelly has written some no made arrangement with any one here, about the house.

~~Yours~~ Hereinafter please find draft ~~[illegible]~~ dollars indorsed to your order to pay June taxes.

Yours truly
John Meany

21st August 86

Mrs C. R. Crawford
Dear Madam

Any son in law W. B. Seaton is coming to Ashland to live, and I will want the house and grounds now occupied by you, for him to live in, Please let me know at your earliest convenience, how soon you can move out. Would like if you could move by or before the first of September next—

Very truly yours
John Meany

21st August 86

Robert Peebles Esqr, Sect & Treas
Portsmouth Iron & Steel Co—
Dear Sir

Your favor of this day at hand inclosing check amount One hundred and eighty seven 50/100 ($187.50) dollars, dividend of 12½ per ¢ on capital Stock in my name—

Very respectfully
John Means

21st August 86

S. P. Hager Esqr Sect Ashland Fire Brick Co—
Dear Sir

Herewith please find my check No 1631 Amount One hundred ($100 00/100) dollars in payment 20 per ¢ call due on stock 25th instant. Please acknowledge,

Very respectfully yours
John Means

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Ashland Ky. 23rd August 1886

Wm. R. Meand Esq
Salisbury, Lancaster Co Pa –
Dear Sir

Yours of 18th inst received –
I dear best one better and he is living at
see him most every month. Have had any
relation named Grace or Lois as far as I know
very respectfully yours
John Meand.

35th August 86

L. R. Keck Esq Treas C. P. RR & P. Pkt Co –
Cincinnati Ohio –
Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of
24th instant is at hand with check for 22
Wm W. Meand $985.00
Mrs Mary A. Adams 315.00
Hugh Meand Estate 90.00
Miss M. A. Meand 60.00
Myself 985.00 $2335.00
for five (5) per ¢ dividend.
This is better than we hoped for,
thought if we paid debt, and for
repairs this Fall, was about as
much as we could expect.
Wishing continued success am
Very respectfully yours
John Meand

D. D. Geiger Note Wm. L. Geiger Security dated 14th Feby 1882
Interest payable annually – indorsed "Interest paid to 8th Feby 1884"

	Note	$ 3.850 00
1885 Feby 14	To Interest 1 yr – 6 Dr	234 85
	" Amount	$ 4.084 85
1886 Jany 23	" Interest 11 Mos 9 Dr	230 79
	Amount	$ 4.315 64
	Payment	232 00
Aug 25	To Interest	$ 4.083 64
	Interest 7 Mos 2 Dr	144 15
	Amount	$ 4.227 79
	Payment	382 55
	To Balance	$ 3.845 24

Hugh Means Estate – Reckoning for
D. D. Geiger's Note Wm. L. Geiger Security
dated 14th Feby 1882 @ 4 years indorsed "interest paid to 8th Feby 1884"

	Amount Note interest payable annually	$3.850.00
1885 Feby 14th	To Interest 1 yr — 6 Dr	234.85
	" Amount	$4.084.85
1886 Jany 23rd	" Interest — 11 Mos 9 Dr.	230.79
	" Amount	$4.315.64
	By Payment	232.00
	To Balance	$4.083.64
August 25th	To Interest — 7 Mos 2 Dr	144.15
	" Amount	$4.227.79
	By Payment	382.55
	To Balance	$3.845.24

1st Sept 86

L. R. Keck Esq. Treas, W. L. Mail Line Co.
Cincinnati Ohio —

Dear Sir

Your favor of 30 at alt, is
at hand, with check to my order viz
for interest on $1500 for 3 years to 31 Aug [illegible]
Amount payment on loan 130.00
One hundred and fifty six # 1/100 $ 156.00
Accept thanks —

Very truly yours
John Meany

1st Sept 86

Capt W. Hinshell
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Captain

herewith please
find check indorsed payable to
your order One hundred and
fifty six 00/100 ($156 00/100) dollars for
interest on $1500 for 3 years to 31 Aug $26.00
ten (10) per $ payment on loan [illegible].00
Total $ 156.00

Please acknowledge —

Yours truly
John Meany

3rd Sept 86

J. R. Morton Esq Clerk &c
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find draft indorsed payable to your order twenty five ($25.00) dollars for my due to Chamber of Commerce

Very respectfully
John Meany

Considering his great age, a dangerous debt for you to leave in its present condition. If the collateral use to be put up at public sale, they might not bring much and leave, a heavy debt due by you to his estate. The notes have date 14th May 1884 @ 1 year with interest @ 7 per c from date, $30,000 This last should be put into letter shape in some way for your own safety. All the Lawson directors were present in N.Y. on 7th inst. The law by store [illegible] [illegible] than I expected to see. Nothing determined about purchase of on land or building No 2 —

Lily and Mr Maynard very well. Ben and Daly are here Lecture comes into A. S. & I. Office in place of McKenzie. We are right glad to have Ben home again. Rose is in [illegible]

18th Sept 86

Thomas A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mack

Yours of 2nd is at hand and contents noted. It would have been wonderful indeed had you started new furnace, new engines &c &c without some trouble. Think there was too little space between lining and casing, is why your losing tears. This is one reason I desire to make Gunflower No 2 larger when we do build, so that we may put in at least one course of soft red brick between casing and lining, besides a small space to be filled with broken red brick or other easily crushed materials, which shall allow the lining to expand without being too hard on the casing. I wrote you on the 13th ult and mentioned the $ 602 + due 1st July which has not been paid. And here I wish to give you a short lecture on your business habits which are too lax. The 1st Oct 1883 I paid your note for $2.600 with protest fee $1.60 which you promised to pay by or before Feby 1884 and is yet unpaid. Your debt to Fatten is long past due and

13th Sept 86

H. D. Barkley Esq
Maysville Ky. Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th is found on return after absence from home. The iron business has been too poor for me to buy anything just now. Neither do I know of any one here to refer you to who might buy Station Stock.

Very respectfully
Yours
John McCaney

14th Sept 86

S. P. Hager Sect Ashland Fire Brick Co.
Dear Sir

Herewith find my check for Seventy five ($75.00) dollars in payment 15 per ¢ call on my share

Very respectfully
John McCaney

John Campbell Esq. in account with John Meany

1881 Feby	4	To	Cash paid Taxes in "Ashland 1880"	$ 270
		"	Interest to 1 Oct 1886	.90
Oct	10	"	Paid Taxes "Ashland 1881"	520
		"	Interest to 1 Oct 1886	155
1882 Oct	2	"	Paid Taxes "State & County 1882"	615
		"	Interest to 1st Oct 1886	145
1883 April	1	"	Paid Taxes "State & County 1880 & 1881"	1098
		"	Interest to 1 Oct 1886	165
April	2	"	Paid Taxes "Ashland 1882"	650
		"	Interest to 1 Oct 1886	100
				$ 3808

due J. M. from J. C.

Ashland Ky
15th Sept 1886

15th Sept 86

H. L. Neal Esq.
Boston O. — Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst at hand with inclosures as stated. Herewith please find account against Mr Campbell $38.08 sworn to and tax receipts — This with $1.75 paid for recording deed makes $39.83 due me. Will write you about the lots in day or two —

Very respectfully
John Meany

16th Sept 86 586

H. S. Neal Esq
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sir

this company will buy the lots owned by Mr John Campbell in this place and pay four hundred ($400.00) dollars Cash. If you desire will prepare a deed and send to you for execution by him and wife.

Very respectfully
John Means Pres

Ashland Ky. 16th Sept 1886
Mrs W. O. Stewart

Dear Madam

Your note is at hand with eight ($8.00) dollars for which herewith find receipt also for two 00 ($2.00) for work on cistern. Did not know before of this work. Will stop and see about the needed repairs to the house, as I wish to make it comfortable, if it is not very elegant.

Very truly yours
John Means

17th Sept 86

Thomas A. Mack Esq
Oxmoor Ala

Dear Mack

Your favor of 16th instant, is at hand-
covering check to me for Six hundred and two ($602.00 dollars)
in payment on Eureka profit due 9 July 1886 as per agreement. I understand
your situation pretty well, but when you desire people to
wait on you, it would be well to say so, and how long,
and for you to know that it will be satisfactory. Again
you say Eureka has been so close that you have not drawn
your salary &c &c. Now let Eureka borrow and pay her own
interest, and not keep it off your own creditors.
My letter of 13th stated date and amounts of debts to my
father and myself. The only shape I can see to
put fathers in is to pay up the interest and
renew note; or to add to collateral security and
renew note adding interest; not leaving the note as
now past due, and liable to a sale of the collateral
any day as it now is. a dangerous situation for you.
Hope to get a statement of Eureka affairs soon —

Yours truly
John Means

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20th Sept 86

Messrs Means Kyle & Co.
Hanging Rock Ohio — Gentlemen

Yours of 18th inst, is at hands. In such cases as you mention we do the best we can; generally pay doctors bill and part of wages until the man can get to work. The surest way to avoid a lawsuit is to pay a good sum, and take receipt in full of all demands; as sometimes after a man has been paid several months, a shyster will get around and persuade him to sue for damages after he has been paid more than would have satisfied him at the first — We avoid lawsuit where we can but fight to the last court of resort when suit is brought.

Very respectfully
John Means

21st September 86

Mrs Jane Chiseman

Dear Madam

For and in consideration of my sine, I hereby propose to sell to you the house and lot (No 58 Cange One West) where you now live for the sum of eight hundred ($800.) dollars payable as follows: One hundred ($100.) dollars cash on the acceptance hereof, One hundred ($100.) dollars one year thereafter with interest, and Six hundred ($600.) dollars five (5) years thereafter with interest payable annually, and bind myself my heirs executors and administrators to make a good and sufficient deed. This proposition to stand and hold good for sixty (60) days next hereafter to you only and not assignable. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand the day and year first above written

John Meany

24th September 86

N. E. Campbell Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 21st inst is before me, Have been away from home. I presented your note with collateral at Ashland N Bank as requested — Below please find statement of my reckoning of note and interest, which I hope you will find correct

Very truly yours

John Meant Exer

Note favor Hugh Meant	dated 25th July 1883 due [illegible]		$ 4.000.00
1885 Jany 7th	To Interest	1 yr 1 Mo 12 Dr	268.40
" "	" Amount		$ 4.268.40
" "		By payment	[illegible]
" "	To Balance		$ [illegible]
1886 Jany 20th	To Interest	1 yr [illegible] 12 Dr	188.06
" "	" Amount		$ 3.216.46
" "		By payment	1.000.00
" "	To Balance		$ 2.216.46
" Sept 24th	" Interest	" 8 Mos [illegible]	103.29
		By Payment	$ 2.319.75

[illegible] Statement [illegible]

E. & D. E. 24th Sept 1886

25th Sept 86

Hon H. S. Neal Assignee &c
Trenton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst is at hand with inclosure as stated. Herewith find receipts Account fourteen ($14.69) dollars. Please accept thanks.

Very respectfully
John Meany

27th Sept 86

A. C. Campbell Esqr

Dear Abe

Your means of reckoning interest on note is at hand and I find correct. My error came from my misplacing decimal point and reckoning 40 days for 4 days. Herewith find corrected statement, and my check Tenlor 72/100 ($13.72) dollars, commonly collected.

Very truly yours

John Meand Esqr

To note from Hugh Meand, dated 26th July 1883 due 24 Nov/83 $ 4.000.00

1885 Jany 7th	To Interest		268.65
"	" Amount		$ 4.268.65
"		By Payment	1240.00
"	To Balance		$ 3.028.65
1886 Jany 20	" Interest		188.06
"	" Amount		$ 3.216.90
"		By Payment	1000.00
"	To Balance		$ 2.216.90
Sept 24	" Interest		90.12
"	" Amount		$ 2.307.00
"		By Payment	2.[illegible]
"	To Cheque	for Error	$ 13.72

30th Sept 86

L. P. Hager Esq Sect &
Ashland Fire Brick Ser-
Dear Sir
herewith please find
my check Seventy five ($75.00) dollars
in payment call 10 per & due 1st prox.
Please acknowledge
very respectfully
John Meany

30th Sept 86

Chas C. Rickhoff Esq
378 Main St, Cincinnati Ohio-
Dear Sir
herewith please find
draft Sixty two ($62.00) dollars
in payment your bill 24th instant.
Please acknowledge and oblige
Yours very respectfully
John Meany

4th Oct 86

Messrs Dahme & Co.
S. W. Cor. 4th Walnut Sts, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

herewith please find my check to your order twenty-seven 85/100 ($27 85/100) dollars in payment my account.

Very respectfully
John Leland

4th Oct 86

Josiah Dow Esq
Ridley Park, Delaware Co. Pa.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th ult, came duly to hand. Have delayed acknowledgement until the blue prints should come. These have now been received, but I must acknowledge that, are hardly familiar enough with such drawing to form an opinion as to the merits of your pump. Will preserve them and show them to others more expert when occasion offers. Yours

Very respectfully
John Leland

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4th Oct 86

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

Dear Sir

Your favor of 2nd instant is at hand. I cannot go to your City on 12th inst, and one week before or after the 27th inst would suit me better than that day, which is day for quarterly meeting of our Norton Iron Works. Glad to hear of good report for iron as I had anticipated it, and you know we like to say "I told you so". All well. With kind regards to friends and family

My truly yours
John Meang

5th October 86

J. H. Poage Esq C.A.C.C.
Catlettsburg Ky. Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st with deed to Ky. I. & M. Co came duly to hand. Herewith please find my check thru $3.95 dollars for Tax on following, Recording Deed from Mrs T. D. Alexander to myself $1.75
John Campbell to Ky. I. C. & M. Co 2.00
$3.95

Please send the bill receipted for the Lettice and if you have not sent the other indorse payment on the deed. Deed oblige yours

Very respectfully
John Meang

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7th Oct 86

Mr. E. C. Meany,
215 W. Canton St, Boston, Mass

Dear Leonie

Yours to mother came yesterday. Herewith find N.Y. draft indorsed to your order for Seventy five ($75.00/100) dollars as requested. All well. Charley W.M., and W.C. Richardson, left this morn for N.Y. City. Part of the 3 H.B. Stores is up, and the sole plates and columns are here being put in place. Foundation for Chimney will be finished this week, Next week will be at work on casting house. The Big Sandy came up Saturday and to day. Am going with the Putnams this afternoon to the woods. Mr Leone is here

Affectionately yours
John Meany

7th Oct 86

James Alexander
112 Tryon St, Newport Ky

Dear Jas

Your form of 4th inst is at hand. Your sister showed me your letter to her, a few days before. She executed a deed to me for the land and I gave up to her your brothers note. Yours

Very respectfully
John Meany

7th Oct 86

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John Black Esq
Plattsmouth Nebr

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 4th inst. There is here a Mr Benj W. Singer and Nicholas Backer both personally known to me. Backer is a farmer, a German, formerly lived in Ohio, was a soldier from 1861 to 1865 in 29th Ohio Vol Infantry, and is about 63 years of age. Is a respectable man — of small means.

Very respectfully
John Meany

7th Oct 86

Nicholas Backer
Canonsburg Ky.

Dear Nick

The information contained in the enclosed may be worth $740.00 or more to you — I have answered Mr Black's letter — telling him that I know you to be a respectable man — and may possibly hear more from him

Yours truly
John Meany

9th Oct 86

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Robert Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio
Gentlemen
herewith I Mail
to you 1 "Breech Loader" &c &c
which was packed by mistake with Broke
sent me 2nd inst.
Very respectfully
John Meand

14th Oct 86

Thos A. Mack Esqr
No 69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio,
Dear Mack
herewith please find
certificate No 106 Lowthoor Iron Co - Va
thirty (30) Shares, transferred to
Thos W. Meand which I send to you
to have Witnessed your Signature.
Please have this done and return to me
Since rendering my a/c 29th June 1886 - I have
credited you [illegible] for Southern O. Co -
Dividend 1886 Mch 29 $75.00
" Sept 20 75.00 -
Which as we thought when together
yesterday is all
Yours truly
John Meand

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28th Oct 86

Herman A. Mack Esq
Oxmoor Alabama — Dear Mack

Your favors of 17th inst is at hand with notes from F.W. Meaux as stated: but the Certificate No 227 for 201 Shares of Eureka Stock has not been signed by you to authorize transfer or sale if need be. Please do this and have a witness to your signature. On the 14th inst I inclosed to your address at Cincinnati Certificate No 106 for thirty (30) Shares Southern Stock to have witness to your signature for transfer of that to F.W. Meaux, this last you have not returned nor do you mention receipt of my letter. If it has come to have please attend to it and return to me here with the Eureka No 227 for 201 Shares — if it has not come to hand please advise me at once — and oblige — I leave for N.Y. City tonight to meet Ex Com about new furnace and ore lands —

Yours Truly J. L. [illegible]

28th Oct 86

R. Mather Esq Cashr
Dear Sir

I leave tonight for N.Y. City. Expect to get home by Monday night. Herewith find note signed and indorsed by myself for signing &c by Murdock and Smith to pay note of one now held by Ashland N. Banks. Please attend to this

Yours Truly
John Meaux

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25th Oct 86

Lt H. W. Goodwin
Lowmoor Va.

Dear Lt

Ron and myself made N.Y. City on time and reckported with Lily. Having had pleasant journey and visit at your house. She and Lily desired me to remark them to yourself and family. I met Mess A. A. & Edward Low, E. H. V. and Frank Lyman John F. Winslow, our meeting was a very pleasant one and we agreed to begin at once the building of the Alternate Fasnan: as I hoped you from N.Y. I left Lat Mon and reached home yesterday afternoon, having been delayed at Rencont some four (4) hours. Found all well. Expect to visit you about last of this week — I inclose letter for Skelding

Yours truly
John Meaux

20th Octbr 86

J. T. Fallis Esq Sect &c
Cincinnati Ohio —

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check Twelve ($12.00) dollars to pay Mr Harris for as stated in your of 19th inst — Please acknowledge and oblige

Very truly yours
John Meaux

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25th Oct 86

James Skelding Esq

Dear Sir

at our meeting

I found we could easily agree to build the alternate furnace, but were like to hang up the whole thing if we tried to change here. We soon found that we, and as all were in favor of the building, and thought the present furnace had done well, we would agree to build another of same size, & possibly we do anything we have come to the conclusion to build another twelve sizes on the parents. With I do not think this the very best thing to do, thinking it better than to have done nothing. Wore from N. Y. to begin foundation forthwith. Think we should not have at least that far apart

and if you find on Sheriff the matter one, now a few feet further. I expect to come over last of the week probably Saturday when we will talk our matters and write for bids. This you will let you made next of the castings. In the meantime you can execute for foundation and get correct and rock and have things started.

Yours truly

John [illegible]

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26th Oct 86

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

I reached home safely after a pleasant trip. Herewith please find bondons report of which I spoke to you, and promised to send. We cannot mistake in building same as our present furnace.

Remember me to Mrs W. and Miss Mary and ask Mrs W. if you are not in my debt for a visit.

It would give myself and wife great pleasure, to have yourself and family pay the debt.

Very truly yours
John Mears

28th Oct 86

Edward A. Low Esq Treas &c
31 Burling Slip, N.Y. City.

Dear Sir

Yours of 25th came to hand last night. Am ~~agreed~~ willing to make the addition, Sixty instead of fifty thousand dollars Cap Stock. I hope though to be able to convince the directors and Stockholders, that we do not need to increase our dollar. If the furnace can be kept in blast until the first of March or April, I have no doubt we shall make the cost of No 2, without interfering with regular dividends. Think 600 ~~00~~ large enough Capital with only one furnace (running) to pay on it. Is far larger Capital ~~than~~ in proportion to property than we have in the A.C.&I.R. Co, our Bellefonty or our Hanging Rock Companies

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If we expect to keep our shares up to a par value, we must not increase our Cap stock unless we add to our property so as to increase its paying capacity. Think it much better to borrow the needed money than to increase the capital: and hope your brother and Mr Lyman may be of the same mind.

Expect to go to Tolser Tuesday night 2nd Proft, and before I return ask for bids on such Iron work for No 2 or Shelding may not find it profitable or convenient to do—

All well — With kind regards to your family and other friends

Yours truly

John Meany

28th Oct 8

E. H. Fairchild Esq Prest &c

Berea Ky—

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th instant before me, after absence from home. Herewith find N.Y. Ex indorsed payable to order of P.D. Dow Treas as requested, two hundred and fifty ($250.00/100) dollars, promised by me to the College. I send this without conditions as to its application, the trustees being better advised as to the needs than myself, can better judge as to the use.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of your College, am

Very truly yours

John Meany

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29th Oct 86

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

I have seen Mr Peeller about the plan of leasing and running the steel plant at Portsmouth. He says that he does not incline to go into it and pleads his age &c &c. I suppose to that our experience in the mill begun by J. W. Lewis in which we lost more than one half of what we put in is not encouraging. I dont feel myself much inclined to work up the thing, but might join in if we had the right kind of men. The weather has been favorable and iron work at new furnace has got along very well. We shall soon be ready to begin brick work in H.B. Stores. Our business looks as though if we borrow any considerable part of 50 M. that we may build furnace and pay to stockholders at least One per $

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dividend about first bunches or January next. This would be acceptable to some, while others would lend theirs to the Company. The furnace does not make quantity of iron we would like to see, and runs high on fuel - but we hope to get better results before long. Quality is satisfactory and prices pay a profit. Think we shall reduce cost and increase quantity. The inclosed letter and memo, are of interest to a family among our hands children of our former founder Benj Griffith. Please examine and return to me, and advise if Miller is a respectable lawyer and if the laws of descent and distribution in Pa are as he states - All well

very truly yours

John Means

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30th October 86

Thomas A. Mack Esq
Oxmoor Alabama

Dear Mack

I am afraid you are getting slack again — On the 14th inst I sent you Lowmoor Certificate No 106 for thirty (30) shares, to have your signature witnessed for transfer to Thos W. Meany, and on the 20th instant sent you Eureka Co Certificate No 227 for 201 shares to have signed for transfer by you as Collateral to T. Kelly and called your attention to mine of 14th inst. To neither communication have I any reply. Please attend to them promptly. I dont like to leave matters half done this way on my part, and I cant complete the transaction until have heard from you as requested. You no doubt have received circular from E. A. Low advising of action as

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"alternate" furnace at Lowmoor We shall probably duplicate to first furnace —

Have our H. B. Stone up to tape which are being put on, about half the furnace casing is up — All well —

Yours truly

John Meany

Hurry up the Certificate fatten thinks it looks bad to have matters loose as now done

30th October 86

L. B. Hager Esq. Lect. &c
Ashland Ky.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check Ouch hundred ($100.00) dollars, twenty 20 per ¢ call on stock

Very respectfully
John Meany

1st Nov 86

Mess Mason King & Co
Ashland Ky.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 30th ult and the wire chair came duly to my house and so unexpectedly to myself that I could not even guess where from, the letter having been delivered some hours after the chair,

Please accept thanks
very truly yours
John Meany

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Dead Norm 86

Thomas H. Mack Esq
Opinion Alabama.

Dear Mack

On the 30th ult I wrote you to hurry up the Lowhorn and Eureka Certificates, To day have yours of 30th with Eureka No 147 for 201 Shares, and from Cinti of 1st inst with Lowhorn No 136 for 30 Shares assigned to Thomas W. Means. You are so careful, that I think it but to return you old cancelled notes to your Cinti Office and advise them to inform you when received, Leave for Lowhorn tonight.

Yours truly
John Means

Dead Norm 86

Thomas H. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st inst with Certificate Lowhorn No 136 for 30 Shares assigned to Thomas W. Means is at hand [illegible] please find your note of [illegible] May [illegible] Your favor of Thos W. Means settled and cancelled amount thirty thousand [illegible] Please advise Mr. M. at Opinion of same and oblige

Yours truly
John Means

3rd November 86

Clerk of District Court,
Plattsmouth Neb.

Dear Sir

Nicholas Parker of Canonsburg P.O. this Boyd County Ky, is advised there is some money belonging to him in your hands. He desires that you remit same to him or advise him of the exact amount ~~that~~ and any information necessary that he may draw on you for the same.

Very respectfully yours
John Meaux

3rd Novem 86

Thomas Wharton Esq. Sect. 27, Mercer Co.
Eagle W. Va.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find certificate No. 7 for fifty (50) shares in your Company in the name of Sta Hugh Meaux, assigned [illegible] viz to Mrs Amanda Meaux twenty (20) shares
" Charles W. Meaux ten (10) "
" Elizabeth R. Meaux ten (10) "
" John Russell [illegible] ten (10) "
Please make new certificates to [illegible] given and return same to me

Very respectfully
John Meaux Exec
Estate of [illegible]

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Dorsd Norm 86

Lus Houshell Esqr Cash Big Tandy Pkt Co
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find
certificate No 35 for 15 Shares
No 181 for 3 Shares in name of late
Hugh Means assigned to Miss Elizabeth
B. Means. Please make new lent
in her name and send same
to me, and oblige your
respectfully

John Meanes Exer
Estate of Hugh Means

3rd November 86

A. C. Campbell Esqr Cashier
Castlething Ky.

Dear Sir

herewith please find
certificate No 29 for 100 Shares in
your Bank in name of late Hugh Means assigned to my
Mrs Amanda Means — forty (40) Shares
Chas W. Means — twenty (20) "
Elizabeth B. Means — twenty (20) "
John Russell Guardian Eva Means twenty 20 "
Please make certificates in their name
and send same to me, and oblige
Your truly

John Meanes Exer
Estate of Hugh Means

2 Oct Novem 86

Edward A. Low Esq. Sect &c
31 Pouling Slip, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

herewith please find Certificate of Stock in Lowmoor Iron Co of Va No 106 for thirty (30) Shares
" " " 125 " thirty (30) "
" " " 123 " forty (40) "
" " " 83 " fifty (50) "

In all Onehundred and fifty ——— 150 Shares issued in name of Thomas A. Mack assigned by him for transfer to Thomas W. Meany, my father.
Please make certificate for the same to him and send to me, and oblige

Yours truly
John Meany

I leave tonight for Lowmoor and be there 3d & 4th

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2nd Novr 86

John F. Winslow Esq
Lawyer Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

I find your of 5th 16th and 30th inst. inclosures as stated. Was been from home and leave to night for Fortmore. I desire to have Cooke plan of farmers. Will we about Stanford while at E.L. and copy at more length on matter mentioned, when I have more dissemination greatly hurried to day, by unexpected callers. I return newspaper article with kind remembrance to family

my truly yours

John Meany

5th November 86

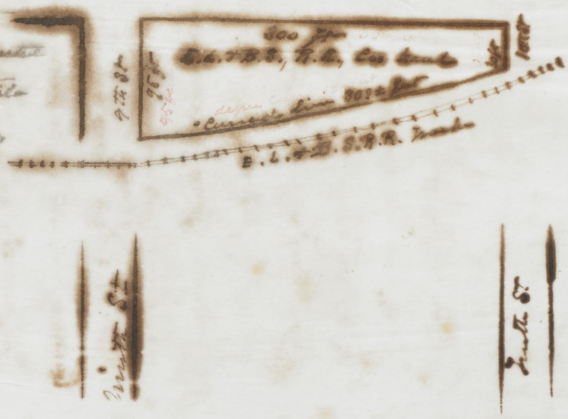
John D. Yarrington Esq
Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir

herewith find shape and dimension of land conveyed to the E.L.&B.S.R.R. Co. by the Ky. I.C.&M. Co. on or about the 8th February 1883. Cannot find copy here, the deed no doubt is recorded in Boyd Co. Court at Catlettsburg.

Very respectfully

John Meany



5th November 86

Mrs Jane Chrisman

Dear Madam

For and in consideration of one dime I hereby renew and extend my proposal, of 21st September last, and as follows: I propose to sell you the house and lot (No 1821 W) where you now live for the sum of Eight hundred ($800) dollars payable One hundred ($100) dollars cash on the acceptance hereof, One hundred ($100) dollars one year thereafter with interest, two hundred ($200) dollars three years after, two hundred ($200) dollars five 5 years after and two hundred ($200) dollars seven 7 years after, all deferred payments to bear interest payable annually from the acceptance hereof, and bind myself my heirs executors and administrators to make a good and sufficient deed of general warranty. This proposal to stand and hold good for One hundred (100) days hereafter and to you only, and not assignable. In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand the day and date first above written

John Meany

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6th Novm 86

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co.
60 & 65 West 4th St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen
Herewith please find
my check from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Very respectfully
[illegible]

6th Novm 86

J. C. Wendon Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th is at hand
Cannot now say what day shall leave
for Southern. Probably Friday or Saturday
night 12th instant, in an expecting
they will have various bids on the
Iron Work for new furnace. Desire
to leave two or three days before our
meeting 4th to look over and deter-
mine as to the best bids and place
Unless you stop over here a day or two
we would get into same train. Will
advise you later, as to my going.
I think there is no doubt that we
can build the furnace, pay our Spring
& semi-annual dividend and without
the increase of Capital Stock proposed
600 M is enough cap for the
property, 4000 ± Acres bound with
one furnace. If we keep our

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stock worth par we must not
small (water) the stock. In
proportion to the property have
bear greater Capital than the
A. & I. R. Co — Bell Fontaine or
Means Kyle & Co — If our
iron [illegible] delivered to day or
tear could pay all debts and
have money left — Mr Lowe
is very much afraid of a
cash debt and overlooks some
times how much he bear that
will bring in cash to pay the
debts. Should we buy
on property, then we might
add to our capital. Otherwise
I think not.

Hoping to see you soon
Yours Truly
John Mead

6th November 86

David Linton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

You have no doubt received Free Laws of 23d Oct. as to the "alternate stock" and increase of capital. We think [illegible] may be kept in [illegible] until [illegible] is ready to [illegible], and then we shall avoid about three months stop and consequent loss. I think then it really no need to increase the capital, that we can build and also pay regularly 6 pct (or more) semi annual dividends, that 600 [illegible] is enough for only one (running) furnace to pay on, and for the property we have say 4000 acres land. If we should buy more ore lands, without any question, and if we should add any considerable amount to our debt by purchase of ore lands, then we might increase the capital in proportion. I hope you may find it convenient to be present at the meeting of [illegible] stockholders meeting and give your [illegible] on these matters. If you cannot be present in person then you will by proxy, and I write what you would advise as to purchase of ore lands — All well —

Yours truly
John Mears

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8th Novr 86

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

Dear Sir

Your favor of last was found on my return from Lowmans. We sent off letters asking bids for iron work on No 8. Thought would get lower bids not to ask them to take part pay in Pig Iron. If the bidders desire to purchase we can sell them at current prices, and they will make better bids for Cash. Myself and wife and father will take our proportion of new stock. Yet I must say that am opposed to the increase, as have written before; would much prefer a loan that can be paid at option of the Co. as is the case with our bonds. Expect to be at Lowmans 15th or before, to examine such bids as may have been received &c &c.

All well. Yours truly
John Meany

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Edward Allen Esq Treas &c
31 Burling Slip New York City
Dear Sir

Yours of 8th instant is at hand covering certificate No 153 for 150 shares Lowmans Co. of Van in name of Thomas J. Meany.
Very respectfully
John Meany

8th Novr 86

Nicholas Baker Esqr
Cannonsburg Ky

Dear Sir

Herewith find letter from Shawalter Clerk. Showing $258 75/100 due you in his hands If you dont find me at home, they can tell you at the Bank How to fix the papers to get your money. Bring this letter back

Yours Truly
John McCarty

9th Novr 88

Gus Horsfield Esqr &c
Cincinnati Ohio — Dear Sir

Your form of the instrument is at hand with certificate of details for eighteen (18) shares [illegible] in name of Elizabeth R. McCarty

Very respectfully
John McCarty

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9th Nov 86

David Linton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of 6th instant is at hand. If we do no more than build the "alternate stack" and only have one furnace running, it is only contemplated to increase the Silver Capital $60.000 and as it is supposed this will be taken by present owners, quite a nearly in proportion of their shares, no dividend of stock will be made for that. In very case the new stock will not cut over $60.000 and am therefore opposed to any increase for that purpose. We are offered however what I think very valuable and desirable ore lands at about $100.000 above one half of which may be paid for in stock of the Company or in Cash. Are in favor of buying more ore lands, think it a necessity to the Co. If you agree with me in this, would be glad to hear you write me in favor of and recommending buying ore lands. As to whether we increase the Capital, or pay in Cash can be left safely to the discretion of the meeting. Our bonds you will remember are payable at any time, at the option of the Company. All well and hope that Anne may be able to come with you this far on your way to Lowmoor. Yours truly

John Cleary

Reckoning for Elizabeth B. Maurel —
Andrew Kelly's Mortgage Note dated

1883 Nov 26th @ 1 year		$200.00
1884 December 9	Interest 1 yr 13 days	12.42
" "	Amount	$212.42
" "	By Payment	12.42
" "	Balance due	$200.00
1885 March 15th	Interest 1 yr 3 Mos 6 ds	15.20
" "	Amount	$215.20
" "	By Payment	15.50
" "	Balance due	$199.70
November 9	Interest 7 Mos 24 ds	7.79
" "	Amount due	$207.49

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2 Boyd County Bonds $101.35 each, on which $202.90
The interest has been paid to 1 Feby 1886 —

1886 Nov 9th	Interest to this day 9 Mos 8 ds	9.39
	Amount " "	$212.09

E & O.E.

Ashland Ky 9th Nov 1886 John Maurel Exer

Reckoning for C. W. Meaux

D. D. Geigers Note Wm L. Geiger Security dated

1882 Feby 14th @ 4 years indorsed by W. M. "interest paid to 8th Feby 1884

[illegible] Feby 1	Amount note interest payable annually		$3.[illegible].00
85 Feby 14	Interest 1 yr 6 d		23[illegible]
"	Amount		$4.084.85
1886 Jany 23	Interest	11 Mos 9 d	230.99
"	Amount		$4.3[illegible].64
"	Payment		2390.00
"	Balance		$4.083.64
August 25th	Interest	7 Mos 2 d	144.15
"	Amount		4227.79
"	Payment		382.55
~~[illegible]~~			$3.845.24
November 9th	~~Interest~~	2 Mos 14 d	47.41
"	Amount due at this date		$3.892.65

E+O.E.

Ashland Ky 9th Nov 1886

John Meaux Exer

11th Nov 86

G. Matten Cashier
Junction Ohio.

Dear Sir

herewith fund for collection and credit to my account, Geo M. Thomas on Bank of Maysville — Four hundred ($400.00) dollars

Very respectfully
John Meany

11th Nov 86

Hon Geo M. Thomas
Vanceburg Ky

Dear Sir

You have of the instant inclosing your check for four hundred ($400.00) dollars is at hand. There is no telling when the lightning will strike or the next earthquake.

Yours truly
John Meany

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12th Novem 86

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] and of 8th are at hand and have been [illegible] with much interest. I think if we were together a few days, we should go up a first rate furnace. Am very glad you wrote so fully on the low bosh. But furnace men (about [illegible]) are building much higher. [illegible] to set my foot down and [illegible] I would take the responsibility, and [illegible] the [illegible] down, against the wishes of all our founders. Sh. I take the liberty to show yours of the [illegible] hereafter for additional authority. So far have had to point to the furnace and ask to be shown another working more regularly, to be met with the reply that if bosh were steeper she would have done better. Skelding agreed with [illegible] in a low bosh, [illegible] may [illegible] another [illegible] that as three fairly successful furnace men agree we may be pretty nearly right. Wrote Sheppard while at L.M. and also to several parties asking bids for Iron Work to be sent in by or before the 16th. I leave for L.M. [illegible] night [illegible] your brother expects to leave [illegible] night. Now as to the [illegible] (Please send me the plan I gave you in N.Y. [illegible] by [illegible] I have no copy). I think I would vary as follows, make top [illegible] Bosh Bin 18° [illegible] not more [illegible] Bin [illegible]. So you see we differ very little. And my purpose was if we had made [illegible] 80°, to have the 18 feet [illegible] possibly [illegible] try 18½, 19 or [illegible] experience might suggest. [illegible] to the 20 x 80 but [illegible] try by steps [illegible] to [illegible] W. that [illegible] M. [illegible] visits, but [illegible] you any time. [illegible] will be an additional [illegible] to bring you here.

Very truly yours
John [illegible]

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20th Novem 18

James Skolding Esq

Dear Jim

Since leaving you I have been thinking over the Furnace Round Night of Columns, I think you said that the Victoria to have 18 feet Columns. If we make the casing 26 ft dia. 18 ft is a better height as we [illegible] have less thickness of brick just above the mantle plate, where it does no good. As there is to be difference in height at top and they stand in different casting houses [illegible] will notice the different heights of columns and I think it will better 18 than 16 high. If you agree with me in this - let Mr Shepard make the drawing for that with [illegible] at top of casing (platform) about same as your and Cooke plan. Will come over as soon as receive Witherow and Rite & Cooke bids -

Yours truly

John Maxwell

20th Novem 86

Julius Ch Anderson Esq
Trenton Co

Dear Sir

I find your favor of 17th inst, inclosing draft [illegible] thru 35/100 [illegible] for Mr Lindsay's [illegible] respectfully

Yours

John Maxwell

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20th Nov 86

James M. Bailey Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th is [illegible] my return from Va. Am much obliged for the trouble you put yourself to for the Griffith heirs, and if you [illegible] Mr Lewis anything please advise me. Expect to be in Portsmouth [illegible] and will see Mr [illegible] if he is at home. Mr Winslow stopped [illegible] yesterday and he thinks it [illegible] be well to make a small dividend payable about 1st January next. Would it be convenient for you to come to meeting of directors [illegible] about 1st December? All well Hanging Rock Mill Iron is all [illegible] for the present.

Yours truly
John Means

20th Novr 86

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 10th instant came just before I was leaving for home. I could not ~~[illegible]~~ convince them, there need be no increase of Cap Stock, to the extent of $60,000 but as our Treas does not now need the money, and expects to pay dividend in Feby. He will not make any call probably until after Feby, by which time, I hope he may be convinced there will be no need to do so. We made no purchase of ore lands, but I think we should have done well to take the lands offered. I said to Mr Low, that had no doubt if the stock be increased, you would desire to take at least your proportion.

Very truly yours
John Means

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26th Novem 86

The Robert Mitchell Furniture Co
Cincinnati Ohio, 107 & 110 West 4th St.
Gentlemen
Herewith I have
find draft Twenty nine (29.00) dollars
indorsed to your order — in
payment of bill 17th instant
Very respectfully
John Meany

30th Novem 86

Jas A. Miller Esqr Editor Independent
Dear Sir
Please send Independent
Opera from 1st proxy to
Mr F. A. Nicholls 964 Clarson Ave, Brooklyn N.Y.
Lowman Van Co. Lowmoor Va.
Myrtle P. O.
and stop when time expires.
Also stop same to
Miss Harriet Newcomb Hamhill Mass
Mrs Elizabeth Griffith Argolite Pa.
and oblige yours
very respectfully
John Meany

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30th Novr 86

J. M. Huff Esq.

Please send 1 Copy of Republican

to each as follows

Miss Harriet Newcomb	Haverhill	Mass.
Mrs Elizabeth Griffith	Argalite	Ky.
E. C. Meany	Mass Inst Technology	Boston, Mass.
Mrs E. W. Burger	Marietta	Ohio
" C. E. Hildreth	Dresden	"
W. W. Richeson	Maysville	Ky.
W. E. Maynard	Woodhaven	N.Y.
Mrs Jane Chrisman	P.O.	
Myself	P.O.	

Stop when time paid for expires

and oblige

Yours Truly

John Meany

30th Novr 86

S. K. C. Cantenberg Esq. Clerk &c

Chicago, Logan Co. Ill.

Dear Sir

herewith please

find N.Y. draft indorsed payable to

your order Eighteen 15/100 (£18.15) dollars

in payment of Tea Bill in case

of Thos W. Meany vs Minnie E. Jenkins.

Please acknowledge and oblige

Very respectfully

John Meany

30th Novem

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Messrs Robert Clarke & Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentleman

please send me by Expr

3	"He fell in love with his wife	by	E.P. Roe	3
1	The Rusticoly Family	"	J. Stirdi	1
2	Modern Telemachus	"	Cull. Yonge	2
1	Madonna of the Tales	"	E.S. Phelps	1
2	Ten Acres Enough	"	H. Stewart	2
1	Spun from fact	"	"Pansy"	1
1	~~Young Princess~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Library (30 Vol)	"	"	
1	~~Life~~ Abraham Lincoln	"	Arnold	1

And oblige yours
my respectfully
John Meany

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1st Decem 86

Genl J. T. Wilder
Johnson City E. Tenn.

Dear Sir

Since talking with you some days ago, I have thought you might like to know, the Norton Iron Works here, will erect a Steel plant, the coming year. This will involve building another blast furnace, doubling their make of Pig Iron, to supply the Steel works.

It may be very safely assumed that if you can place down Ore (Steel) at the prices named by you, no great length of time will be required for this the Hanging Rock Region to double (or more) its production of Pig Iron. Since we began making Iron in Ashland, six (6) large furnaces have been built another is building, and all can be seen from here.

Yours truly
John Means

1st Decem 86

My dear Cook

Herewith find N.Y. draft indorsed to your order One hundred ($100.00) dollars, as requested in yours of 28th instant. We have had a party of gentlemen from East Tennessee with us since Monday, who have just come over from Cranbury N.C. and think they can and will build a R.R. to and down the Big Sandy River to bring Steel Iron Ores from Tenn and N.C to the Ohio River. If this be done it will give Ashland a boom.

We expect a visit from Wm. M. Saturday and Sunday next.

All well yours
Affectionately
John Means

To E. C. Means Can Man Inst Technology
Boston Mass

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[illegible] December 86

The Tribune Co.
New York City.

Gentlemen

herewith please find P.O. order Ten [illegible] (10.[illegible]) dollars for The Tribune viz all [illegible] P.O.

S. Casebolt	1	Weekly
J. M. Montmollin	1	"
W. C. Condit	1	"
M. T. Hilton	1	"
W. B. Seaton	1	"
Reading Room	1	Semi Weekly
D. [illegible]	1	" "
John Meanf	1	" "
do	3	Almanac

Very respectfully
John Meanf

[illegible] 86

John A. Black Esqr
1334 Chestnut St, Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir
herewith please find P.O. order Seven [illegible] (7.90) dollars: for which send one N Bar per Catalogue Part B of Publication

[illegible]	Fragment Valley Shore	$0.25
[illegible]	Edwards on Redemption	1.00
[illegible]	Footprints of Popery	.40
[illegible]	Bar of Iron	.30
[illegible]	Stopmotters Recompence	1.00
[illegible]	St Bartholomew Eve	.25
[illegible]	I Can and O had I	.30
1051	Almost a Nun	1.00
12[illegible]	Week day Religion	1.00
1250	Home Making	1.00
1278	Their Married Lives	1.25
	Descriptive Catalogue	.15 $7.90

Also oblige
Very respectfully
John Meanf

10th December 86

John F. Winslow Esq.
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th instant is at hand, [illegible] one of earlier date as to a Locomotive for Leinder & Tennent offer apology for not replying earlier. But [illegible] very busy. Had Col. C. send me the amount of bids which came after we left Solur. And found the bid of Mr Moore of Portsmouth O. would be less than any other — So took him to Solur., and contracted with him for Sole & Mantle plates, Columns, ~~Casing &c~~ @ $2.15 Casing, Downcomer, Bridge, platform &c at $4.60 Bustle pipe and Connections at 6¢. Leaving to Skelding all the Castings which he desired to make in our own foundry. Shepard and Skelding went to work at once to furnish the drawings and specifications. Moore delivers his work f.o.b. cars at Portsmouth we pay freight to L.M. and Moore set all the work up — We put up Wrought Iron Invict, feeling with you to trust Cast Iron Columns. Do not think we shall need Locomotive for year or two, not while we only run one furnace, should we hereafter fully equip and run two, it would be needed.

but for the present the yard engine can take the iron and Mules the Cinder as at present.
Your brother was here yesterday attending meeting of directors of our A. C & I. R. Co.
Seemed to be very well and in fine spirits as made a little dividend to cultivate matters.
My family very well — With kind remembrance to you and yours

Yours truly
John Meany

11th Dec 56

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio — Gentlemen
please send me by Adams Express

2	2	Burns Poems	"Riverside Ed"	Cr 800	Gilt top"	
2	2	Whittier "	"Household "	12 mo	Cloth"	
2	2	Bunyans Pilgrims Progress	"Home Reading	Ed	12 mo	Cloth"
2	2	Life of George Washington	" Alta	"	12 "	
2	2	" Daniel Boone	"	"	"	
1	1	Paul & Virginia	"	"	"	
1	1	John Quincy Adams	"	"	"	
2	2	Robinson Crusoe	"Popular	"	"	
	1	Abraham Lincoln	" Biographies		"	
1	1	Seckert Chiefs			"	

13th Decr 86

N. Derby Esq
Care Best & Company 60 + 62 West 23rd St, N.Y. City
Dear Sir

herewith find samples
selected by Mrs M - for Hildreth
1 Suit Black Tricot
1 pr Pants —
Very respectfully
John Meany

14th Decr 86

Henry Hall Esq Supt &c
New York (Tribune) N.Y. City
Dear Sir

Your favor of 11th inst is at hand. It would give me pleasure to see many copies of "The Tribune" come into our Town County and State. Will we if a suitable Agent can be found to represent it.

You offer Ridgeth Hist of the United States on premiums, is this as an antidote for the protection doctrines of the Tribune?

Very respectfully
John Meany

15th Decr 86

Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Co.
Albany N.Y.

Herewith please find P.O. order ($3.00) three dollars payable to your order for
1 Doz 1000 Sheet Rolls Standard Paper and Nickel Fixtures.

Very respectfully
John Meany

16th December 86

Julius C. Anderson Esq
Trenton Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th is at hand inclosing check of H. D. Newcomb Sixty six 67/100 ($66.67) dollars for rent due Mrs Adams.

Very respectfully
John Meany

16th December 86

Capt Wash Hinchell
Catlettsburg Ky. Dear Capt
herewith please find check
of C. R. Keck Esq Treas W. S. Mail Line Co
for 8 months Interest on $1190.00 @ 8 per ct $39.30
" 10 per ct on original loan 100.00
One hundred and fifty nine 30/100 dollars $159.30

Very respectfully
John Meany

16th Decem 86

Frank Lyman Esq
130 Water St. Cor Pine, New York City.
Dear Frank

Your form of 14th inst is at hand with copy of yours to [illegible] Esq. I don't see that I can add anything to help it. When it comes to negotiating a trade, it might be well to try for a sliding scale for freights based on price of oil or pig iron. They are sold like to be much lower than ocean. The chances would be for an advance. — I see by reports that Mack still has trouble to get Coke. Cold weather here pretty nearly stops work at building all well

Yours truly

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17th Decem 56

L. R. Keck Esqr Treas C.P. Highway & R Pkt Co
Cincinnati O. Dear Sir

Your favor of 14th inst is at hand
inclosing Checks viz. for Dividend to

Wm W. Meany	$ 985.00
Mary A. Adams	215.00
M. A. Meany	60.00
Elizabeth B. Meany	90.00
Myself	985.00
Total Amount	$2,385.00

Which will be delivered to the owners

Very respectfully
John Meany

17th Decem 56

Messrs Robert Clark & Co
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Your of 14th inst at
hand. Please send me the
"Pansy Primary Library" when received,
you have not sent me Bills for Books
Sent on or about 1st October last
" " 14th " "

Very respectfully
John Meany

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20th Decr 86

John F. Winslow Esq
Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th inst came duly to hand. The Portsmouth Foundry & Mc. Co bids for Columns, Mantle and Sole Plates and other castings $2.15 leaving us to make such castings as Skelding may deem. The Casing, Down Comes, Platform and Bridge @ $4.65, Bastle Pipe & Connection $6.00 for at Portsmouth, we pay freight to Lowhaven, they to put up the Work. No contract made for Cast house roof as yet. All bids are sent to and about Tasker. Dont think we shall need another Locomotive for some time to come. Can take Winder away with Miller as now. I hope Mr Low may be able to get Iron forward faster, so as to reduce amount at Fee.

Yours truly
John Maang

Capitol Esq
Pittsburgh Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th at hand. The 40 Cars from Wash, have compromised and settled with creditors, & from 60 to 80 per ct of debts, and I understand other all debts. The furnished the money and who make the Cars now, or what the Capital is, I am not advised, but do not think there is much in the concern.

Very truly yours
John Maang

21st December 86

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Metropolitan N. Bank
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Enclosed please
find draft indorsed payable to your
order Two hundred ($200.00) dollars, for
credit to my account
very respectfully
John Sherman

[illegible] 86

The Cap. Deposit Co.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Enclosed please
find my check in your favor
twenty ($20.00) dollars, for renewal the dep.
very respectfully
John Sherman

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31st Decm 86

Edward A. Low Esq Treas
31 Burling Slip, New York City,
Dear Sir

We have, as we wrote Frank Lyman some days ago, contracted with the Portsmouth Foundry and Machine Co for the work on new Furnace set up; at $3.15 for castings $4.65 for Casing, Bridge, Platform & Downcomer f.o.b at P— we to pay fit to S. M. Cant we get special rate on this work from the C.&O. as new works? The payments are to be made as and progresses. My proportion of new stock will be $6810 would like to make it either $6400 or $6.900 Have had numerous letters from Mr J. F. Winslow, and in several he writes about a locomotive for the Cinder yard. Have answered him each time that we shall not need one for the "B" Furnace, unless fully equipped to run at same time with the "A".

Yours Truly
John Alleaf

I still hope you won't need to increase the Capital.

27th of Decm 86

E. R. Willard Esq
Hanging Rock O.

Dear Sir

Your statement of work of H. Furnace came to hand some days ago—
Reckoning 8 tons Coal equal 1 ton of Coke I make your fuel 1.536 tons per ton of iron, considering that your ore yields .468 pp strikes me as high on fuel. Your labor $2.03 is above Ashland or Sullivan and I think too high.

Yours Truly
John Alleaf

22nd Dec 80

J. H. Rogers Esq
64 West 3rd St, Cincinnati O.

Dear Sir

Yours favor mailed 21st inst is at hand. If David Linton, D. J. Fallis, Thomas A. Mack, Frank Eyman, J. C. Butler will you and myself can all call out at par I would do so. This would give purchaser the control, as it is a corporation we need not trouble ourselves about the debts, I don't wish to sell, unless all named can do so and at same price. Think the parties named should hold together, unless some desire to remain in with the new purchaser.

Yours truly
John Adams

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22nd Decm 86

David Sinton Esqr
Cincinnati O. Dear Sir

I have letters from Jno. H. Rogers about selling Eureka. Answered that if Frank Lyman, Thos. A. Mack, D. J. Fallis, J. C. Butler's letter, Rogers, you and myself can all sell at one price I would do so. That all of them should hold together, but if any desired to remain in with new purchasers, they might do so. As it is a corporation the debts take care of themselves. All that Rogers are tied up in the contract with Mack of Jany 1886, unless he agrees to sell and release us from that contract. All well. &c

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
Yours truly
John Meany

22nd Decm 86

Frank Lyman Esqr
130 Water St, New York City. Dear Frank

Yours of [illegible] inst, is at hand. Rogers herewith explains itself, "Have answered that if David Sinton, Mack, Fallis, Lyman, Butler, and myself can sell out at one price, I am willing. And if any of them desire to remain in with purchaser they may do so, otherwise all these should hold together." As it is a corporation it takes care of the debts. In fact I would rather sell. I dont desire to increase my interest, and have not enough to wish to look after it as needed. The persons named are tied up by our contract with Mack, unless he will sell or release us.

Wishing you a merry Christmas
am Yours truly
John Meany

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27th Decr 86

C. P. Huntington Pres't
23 Broad Street, New York City.

Dear Sir

in reply to yours of statement. There is no map of record of Ashland, on account of the peculiar law of this State. Would have to hire a draughtsman to make it, to get one. The litigation was for damage to property adjacent to the right of way, and was attended to in court by Col L. T. Moore of Cattlesburg. I think if this had been left to discretion of Mr Yarrington, there need have been no trouble. —

I have some friends who wish to visit California about 1st Feby and stay 4 to 6 months. They would like to get tickets good to go by the Southerly Route, returning by the Central Can this be done? They are not asking pass.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

3rd Jany 87

Col H. W. Goodwin
Louisa Va — Dear Sir

I have had several letters from you not answered. as to roof, awaiting Seeifer bid. —

Ritter & Corley	No 18 Iron	$3916.00
D. W. O. Carroll Co.	"	3590.00
Kenley & Miller	"	4499.00
W. A. Seeifer Telgm	"	3.485.00

By these it seems Seeifer is the lowest. He does very good work, Skelding and Shepard can examine the plans and specifications and determine the best bid. And you can advise the bidder without our coming. I would take No 18 Iron —

Yours truly
John Meany

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4th Jany 87

Henry Hall Esq Bus Supt - N.Y. Tribune
New York City.

Dear Sir

Your fam of 16th ult, came duly to hand. Mr Fred Haskell of this place will act as an agent to secure patrons for the Tribune, and I think will make an efficient one — Examine Redfeather Hist U.S. as per mem herewith and you will find it always states the effects of a tariff as the Entraders do, and contrary to the views of friends of the measure.

Very truly yours
John Meany

5th Jany 87

E. O. Meany
Cor Mass Inst, Technology, Boston, Mass.

My Dear Frank

Yours of 2nd inst, came last night. Herewith find N.Y. draft One hundred ($100 00) dollars as requested. I suppose the book you ask about is, Sumners or Sumners Chemistry of Iron. have not the book here, to see the title. I think it might be well, for you to send Chelding the results of your Lowhurst analyses. It would please him, and might give him ideas, that would be perfectable to the Co. The Mer stood 3° yesterday morning here, cold weather has stopped about all work excepting in H. B. Stock at No 2. We have chimney about one half up, Furnace locks two rings, downcomer and bridge. Cast House walls about six (6) feet up. Roberts has the Hist tower ready to set up as soon as we can put down foundation. A. Furnace and Norton working about as [illegible]

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4th Jany 87

R. J. Clark Esq.
Chestnut Lane, Lancaster Co. Pa.

Dear Sir

Yours of 4th ult, addressed to my father Thomas W. M. has been handed me for reply. Lord Willard Warner is an old acquaintance and friend of mine, and any information desired from him may be relied upon. Am not acquainted with the projectors of Sheffield, nor as to its surrounding or future prospects, Birmingham Ala is a flourishing city, so is Atlanta Ga.

Col John Means died 1865 and my father is now in his 84th year, says he does not remember Mr Rutter, who it appears from your letter was at my grandfathers after he (T. W. M.) was married and had left his fathers home.

Very respectfully
John Means

4th Jany 87

C. P. Huntington Esq.
93 Broad St, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th and 30th ult, came duly to hand, Please accept my thanks for your courtesy. The directors of the Co which laid out this town are all dead. They were not lawyers, and their minutes do not show all they did, worthy. There can be no question that they made the alley fifty feet wide for Railroad purposes. This was done in 1864. The R.R. track was laid in 1880, and the court and jury seemed to feel that the public had acquired rights by now use by the R.R. Co. A change of my 200 feet in locating a telegraph pole, most probably would have avoided one or more suits and judgements, against your Co. but no one here seems authorized or willing to make such a trifling change. I expect to be in N.Y. next month when if you desire, can tell in a few minutes what would take much time to write.

Very truly yours
John Means

4th Jany 87

Thomas A. Mack Esqr

Oxmoor Ala

Dear Mack

Your favor of 30th ult, came duly to hand. I had been expecting to hear for some days, and yet you do not mention the subject I was expecting to hear about, and which was taken for granted as object of your trip to Sinton. Nearly two weeks ago, received letter from J. H. Rogers, suggesting that in the "Room" about Birmingham and Southern Iron perfection might be a good time to sell Quarkwell &c. Answered him that if Sinton, Fallis, Flack, Lyman, Poutters and myself could close out to one price, I would be willing to take whatever might be agreed upon. Wrote same to Mr Sinton, but that all excepting Rogers, were tied up, by our contract with you, that we should all hold and sell together. The fact is I would rather sell than hold, I dont desire to increase my interest, and have not enough to make me look after it, at such a long distance from home. The present seems to be a good time to unload at some profit to ourselves. What do you think of such a plan? You dont mention the $602.00 due 1st instant, when may I expect it?

Contracted for Lowbrow "B" with Portsmouth Hill Co.

of $2.15 for castings $4.65 casing, down, corner, bridge, & Bottle pipe, and connections. The Walls of Cast house are partly up - Foundation for Furnace in. They are working on 200 tons per week but not shipping much. I think Mr Low made a mistake that he did not advance freights to vessels in the Fall, when what iron was made might have been shipped. The Work on Ashland No 2 is about stopped by cold weather. Stores up brick work nearly done in this and partly in the [illegible] casing lacks two rings, bridge and downcomer. Chimney about half way up. Mitten on furnace nor Norton doing as well as they should, take too much fuel 3¼ to 3½ tons and output under 200 tons per week - Patterson and Walker in a [illegible] cant nor would get out. Reminds me somewhat of the days of Dan Griffith.

All well, remember me kindly to all your family.

Yours truly

John Kerry

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8th Jany 87

James T. Banfield

in a/c with Margaret A. Meany

1886 Jany 5th	To Balance on Statement	$246.48
1887 Jany 1	" Rents as per agreement	250.00
	Due M. A. M.	$495.48

Dear Sir

Above please find Statement showing amount due from you to my Sister, which should be paid down

Very respectfully

John Meany

10th Jany 87

Messrs Daniels Brown & Co

N. E. Cor Fifth & Sheets, Cincinnati Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check to your order fifty four 00/100 dollars in payment of a/c

Very respectfully

John Meany

10th Jany 87

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
Cincinnati Ohio. 61 to 65 West 4th St.
Gentlemen
Herewith please find my check Eighty nine 34/100 ($89.34) dollars to your order amount of account as I leave it, yours
Very respectfully
John Meany

10th Jany 87

Mrs [illegible] Moore
Bellsburg Ky - Dear Sir
Your of 11th inst with J. F. Clerk of 10th is at hand - Will present this matter to Council at next (Feby 7th) meeting - for action -
Expect to be in Washington 19th and 20th with Ohio Rim Com at Arlington House - Hope to see you
Yours truly
John Meany

Mrs Mary Ann Adams
in account current and interest at 7 per ct
with John Adams

							Interest
1886	Jany	21	To Paid	Wm Leroy Coll	Ashland Tax	$ 25740	1699
	Febry	3	"	J. L. Anderson	Trustee "	10665	667
		5	"	J. C. Richardson	S.R.C. State & County Tax	54697	3465
	May	28	"	J. L. Anderson	Gnubli a/c	1227	.51
	Aug	5	"	do	Smith "	255	...
		19	"	do	Trustee Tax	10665	280
	Nov	10	"	J. C. Richardson	S.R.C., State & County Tax	45120	424
	Decm	28	"	Wm Leroy Coll	Ashland "	26105	.15
1887	Jany	1	"	Balance		6095 62	$ 6601
						$ 7.840 36	

Contra.

1886	Jany	1	By Balance per a/c rendered			$ 6.09[illegible]62	42317
		4	" Cash Rent, Lindsay & May			100 00	694
		8	" Interest on U.S. Bonds			50 00	343
	Febry	1	" " A.C.&S.R.Co. "			350 00	2046
		5	" Rent of May			1665	105
	April	2	" Interest U.S. Bonds			50 00	261
	July	20	" do do "			50 00	166
	Aug	1	" do A.C.&S.R.Co. "			350 00	1021
		4	" Rent of Lindsay			50 00	143
		25	" Dividend C.P. Big Sandy Pkt Co.			215 00	527
	Oct	1	" Interest U.S. Bonds			50 00	.88
	Nov	20	" Rent of Lindsay			3335	.26
	Decm	15	" do Newcomb			6669	.21
		31	" Difference in interest on a/c @ 7 per ct			41347	$ 47948
						7.840 36	
1887	Jany	1	By Balance due M. A. A.			$ 6.095 62	

Ashland Ky
12th Jany 1887.

Miss Margaret A. Meaux

in account current and interest @ 7 per cent with John Meaux

1886 Jany	6	To Paid	Gold Peeler Lean P.Ch.	$	10000	$ 689
	21	"	Wm Long Coll Attakapas Tax		53260	3465
	25	"	E.B. Willard Loan St. Roch P.C.		10000	658
Feby	4	"	N.O. Draft by Mail		20000	1272
April	1	"	Cash Check		20000	1166
	17	"	J.C. Richardson & Co. Att. Parish Tax		1.11055	6188
May	10	"	do		1.11355	1104
	23	"	Cash Check		60000	442
Dec	7	"	Taxes Carter Co.		4120	.19
	17	"	N.O. Draft Ter. Attorney		20000	.64
	28	"	Wm Long Coll Attakapas Tax		64420	.38
1887 Jany	1	"	Balance		124878	$ 16021
				$	18.21388	

Contra.

1886 Jany	6	By Balance per acct		$	2[illegible]	$ 6[illegible]90
	6	" Rent of [illegible]			[illegible]00	[illegible]96
	8	" Interest [illegible]			[illegible]00	[illegible]00
	5	" Cash [illegible]			[illegible]2[illegible]5	[illegible]45
Feby	1	" Interest [illegible]			[illegible]00	[illegible]5[illegible]4
	26	" Dividend — [illegible]			[illegible]000	[illegible]00
April	15	" Dividend [illegible] (Note)			60000	...
		" Interest do [illegible]			2640000	20675
May	2	" do [illegible]			60000	...
		" Rent [illegible]			3710	602
		" Interest Louisiana Bonds (Jany)			60000	2100
July	20	" do U.S.			60000	...
		" do Louisiana			300000	1926
Aug	1	" do N.O. [illegible]			56000	1683
	25	" Dividend [illegible]			6000	147
Oct	1	" Interest U. S. Bonds			6000	105
Dec	17	" Dividend [illegible]			6000	.16
	31	" Difference in interest on a/c @ 7 per ct			88639	$ 10560
					17.31388	
1887 Jany	1	By Balance due M. A. M.			124878	

Attakapas Ky.

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13th Jany 87

Capt Wm Moore
Ports Foundry & Machine Shop – Portsmouth O.

Dear Sir

I have letter from Col Goodwin Lowmon, in which he seems to think you have not contract for the hoist tower. As I understand it you had that and they were to furnish you plans &c.

Do you understand it so? Please advise me at once and oblige

Yours truly
John Meany

[illegible]
Lindsmith O.

Sir
Yours from 4th inst is at hand. I find that I can credit twice for bill of 27th July 1885
2 Set .70
Cost

Am adding comparison as you have it of 6 & 2 [illegible] for calling attention to error.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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13th January 87

Please send by Adams Express.

6 Home Making by J. P. Miller

6 Week day Religion "

1 What is Presbyterian Law? J. A. Hodge

1 The Huguenot Henry of Navarre. [illegible]

1 Political Economy by R. E. Thompson [illegible]

2 Barns Poems Popular Ed Standard Pub

2 Cowpers " " " "

2 Goldsmiths " " " "

2 Moore " " " "

4 " Miltons " " " "

1 A Million to Mark Alter Ed

2 Romance of the Revolution " "

2 Adventures in China " "

3 Life of Henry Clay " "

4 " John E. Adams " "

6 " A. Lincoln [illegible] [illegible]

3 " Alex Hamilton " "

1 [illegible] [illegible] Ed

2 [illegible] " "

[illegible] 87

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1886 Sept 1886 [illegible] Cash [illegible] $ [illegible]

[illegible]

1886 May 6th [illegible] [illegible] $ [illegible]

June 5 " " [illegible] [illegible]

" 10 " " [illegible]

Aug 17 " Cash & Refining [illegible] 30.00

1887 Jany 13 " Balance due Jul 10 $ 70.00 $ 70.00

1887 Jany 13th To Balance due Jul 10 $ 30.00

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17th Jany 87

Thos A. Mack Esq
69 West 3rd St, Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Mack

Yours of 13th is at hand, and as it seems to take for granted that I knew you are to be in Cinti 17th and 18th inst, suppose you have written one, not yet at hand — I leave for Louisville tonight, thence to Washington Cl and do not expect to get home until last of this week. I supposed Sinton, Fallis, Butler, Lyman Mack and myself would all agree to ask me and the same price, and unite to sell the controlling interest in Eureka — That in the "boom" as might make a stock dividend of say 20 per ct and sell at par as if the purchase performed, sell present shares at 10 per pence — This would make close to 1 million capital and not large for the property. Did not understand that you was to be the purchaser. I and Frank Lyman would prefer to sell even at par than to hold in Eureka — It is too far away, for me to give it attention, I dont intend to increase my interest to make it more important. If you can make "a great deal of money" I shall be glad of it.

Yours truly
John Means

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17th Jany 87

Frank Lyman Esq
130 Water St, Cor. Pine, New York City.

Dear Frank

Yours of 12th inst and copy of contract for purchase of RR of [illegible] came duly to hand. The contract seems to be a good one. I think there should have been some minimum amount of freight [illegible] for daily, or monthly carriage in [illegible]. Does not P. V. I. give the [illegible] successors &c, right to use the road without any compensation to you therefor, in the event you "cease to operate the same"? If so, think there should be something paid by them for use if your contract can get [illegible]

Am expecting John Hurn to day and will aid him as I may be able. Leave for Lowmoor and Washington D.C. tonight. Can meet you at L.M. between 28th inst and 4th prox —

Yours truly
John Meaney

Wood Jany 89

Lyman C. Draper Esq
Madison Wisconsin.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13th instant, addressed to my father Thos W. Meaney has been handed me for reply. Father now in his 84th year left S.C. 1819 and has no recollection of local Counter, or matters connected with Revolutionary history other than incidents connected with this our family. Possibly you might learn something of interest by addressing Albert C. Meaney Spartanburg S.C.

Very truly yours
John Meaney

The Public Opinion Co. 24th Jany 87

. . . . Manager dear Sir

Sumitte please find copy to yours of 16th instant.

Very respectfully

John Meany

The accumulation of a large surplus in the United States Treasury, is an evil to be avoided as corrupting and dangerous. It is undesirable and impracticable in the short time remaining, for the present Congress, to properly consider modification of the revenue laws. ~~Liberal appropriations for pensions Rivers and Harbors and Coast Defences, might be made~~ A commission such as we had after years ago to recommend changes in the tariff and internal revenue laws is probably the safest and best manner to get good result

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25th Jany 87

J. H. Poage Esqr C.B.C.C.
Catlettsburg Ky.

Dear Sir

herewith please find my check Nine 30/100 ($9.30) dollars to your order in payment of Tr Bills viz Ky. I. C. & M. Co — $3.00
do 1.00
John Exer estate of Hugh Meany 2.80
A. C. & I. Ry. Co. 2.50 $9.30

Please receipt and return to me and oblige your

respectfully
John Meany

27th Jany 57

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W. T. Ewing Esq
Chattanooga Tenn

Dear Sir

Your favr of 21st came while I was from home. We think this a favorably situated for large business in Iron as any location in the country. Have Railroad and River transportation cheap fuel and all qualities of Pig Iron, Cheap Lumber and what is important a healthy location. It has been the policy to give sites for business proportionate to the amount to be done, As to talking stock with strangers I cannot now speak. Our people would first, want to see and know that the managers are honest and capable. Our business men are not disposed to speculation.

Very respectfully yrs
John Adams

27th Jany 87 658

Wm A. Mack Esqr

Oxmoor Ala — Dear Mack

Yours of 17th inst came, duly to hand. Expecting a reply to mine of same date, which I now have in yours of 24th I did not reply to yours of 17th inst. Am sorry that some price was not agreed upon at which those who desired to sell might do so. As I have told you I borrowed the money to pay for the last bought and am anxious to get out of debt, & to night I go to Oxmoor expecting to meet Frank Lyman, when I think I and myself will agree on a price at which we will sell, to the first purchaser we can find.

Yours truly

John Meany

P.S. Your note $5.075. from Wm W. Meany will be due with interest 12/15 proof

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7th Feby 89

Lieut. W. M. Crosbie
Cochran Va. Order Lect.

Herewith find Pass Ht. M. W. of 4th instant asking remittance on account for work. It will be right to pay this. Probably if you send them draft on Treas. Low, and advise him all some time will give the low amplitude. I leave for Cinti to morrow and expect to return and leave here night Friday or Saturday (8th or 12th) for your place on my way to N.Y.

Yours truly
John Murray

4th Feby 89

Thos. A. Mack Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your form of 2nd inst is at hand with N.Y. Draft Highwinded and too (£1035) Mailed on account Leave Cinti. Good Spring Last.

Your work forms at Thos. McMurray will be paid to Thos. Mack Cincinnati

Very respectfully
John Murray

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7th Feby 86

Mrs E. W. Bowen
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Aunt

I herewith find draft N.Y. for Onehundred ($100+) dollars payable to your order, which father sends. We have been very well all Winter have not been out into town every day. We ate New Years day to dinner with Uncle when all his children and grand children were present. Little Lina. Bennie baby grows fast and has had excellent health is very good natured and quite a [illegible]. Mother has just returned from a trip to Florida and has pleasant journey. Hoping you are all well

Yours Truly
John Meaux

[illegible]

7th Feby 87

A. C. Winslow Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Winslow

Yours favor of 6th inst is at hand. I expect to leave for Southern Indiana (Ind) leaving there Monday 11th inst for N.Y. City. Agree with you in being opposed to increase of the stock, unless we desire to sell out. We should make 100 [illegible] profit for 1889. and why increase? Are in favor of buying Oil lands and think we made a mistake in not buying "Etna and Dolly Sam" when offered. Believe we should save 40 to 50 $ per ton on the cost of our [illegible] if we [illegible] two per year, the lands would pay for themselves in three or four years, and it will not be many years until we have exhausted the mines we have.

Yours Truly
John Meaux

Mrs Jane Chinnow in ass. [illegible] & interest with John Meanes

					Dr	Cr
1886	Decemb	16	To	Amount in settlement for House & Lot	$14000	
1889	Feby	9	"	Interest on $[illegible] 1 Mo 23 do	124	
			"	Balance on Settlement	5062	

Contra

1886	August	9	By	Cash	$	1200
	Sept	11	"	do to date on of 9th Aug		100
	"	"	"	do		1300
	"	21	"	do		10500
	Oct	9	"	do		1300
	"	"	"	Work on Garden House		350
	Nov	6	"	Cash		1300
	Decem	2	"	do		150
		11	"	do		1300
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E. & O. E.

Ashland Ky
9th Feby 1889

John Meanes

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8th Feby 87

C. C. Clarke Esq Dept
Scranton Pa Dear Sir

Yours of 7th instant, is at hand. I dont believe there is anything entirely in our communication to the President, as to Kirker's petition for pardon, [illegible] would seem to imply we had said too much. If his friends now petition for his pardon, on the ground of [illegible] [illegible], it will not be necessary for us as a Board to do anything, individual [illegible] may do as they please. If as I [illegible] we only have a mortgage on the Matters Mill, we [illegible] for damages [illegible] through him. [illegible] favor of settling on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible], but I dont think we should have a controversy with him. I leave for [illegible] today

Yours Truly
John [illegible]

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5th Feby 87

S. A. Willard Esq
Changing Cash Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst is at hand. I have no knowledge only the Expts dividends will be paid to Capt Culbertson when made. As to payment now, it is not for me to instruct, but a matter of law to pay to the legal representative of the estate, Attorney Culbertson himself and not as "Guardian".

Yours truly
John Mercy

8th Feby

S. A. Willard Esq
Changing Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th inst is at hand, addressed to Mr Mercy, who is arising to remember how about an proposed in your letter very respectfully
John Mercy

12th Feby 87

C. C. Clarke Esq Pres

Irvington O— I think the quicker we can get Mattress debt settled the better. As to Kirkin, individuals can do or stay please, am strongly opposed to any action by the Board or such. Will not petition myself nor, will I make opposition to a plea for mercy. I find mercy here blaming me for not prosecuting McKenzie. He was in Canada, beyond our reach before we knew of his crime. We could have done nothing with him, however anxious to punish. He acknowledged himself alone guilty, did not try to implicate or insinuate, that any other, had any knowledge of his crime. Thinking he might give light in unravelling his ends, we agreed that if he came into the States he should not have him arrested, but told his mother plainly that, he could not stay after the ground Jesus

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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34th Feby 87

Cyrus C. Turner Esq
54 Park St, Chicago, Ills –

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th ult received on return after absence from home. I have only one Solar Ky. I. C. & M. Co, share since that of R. Appleton's estate which only brought about 33 pr ct of par value. We have sold very few lots, and find it hard to collect money due. Hope the revival of business in Iron & Steel may help us before long. Mr Huntington is building a Railroad down the Ohio River, on which rails are likely to be laid this Fall. This should and probably will help us.

Very truly yours
John McCaleb

Mr Oliver B. Chassaing
Bowling Gr – Ky –

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th ult is received on my return home after absence from home. I have only one share of Solar Ky. I. C. & M. Co, which cost me at the price when sold, is of very value to me, adjoining to it. Mrs Lentinell resides in her sale to me, all the Lands to be held up

Very respectfully
John McCaleb

[illegible] 87 667

Mrs James Ingersoll
652 Wabasha St. St Paul, Minn.
[illegible]

Your favor of 18th instant is found on return home from the Lake. Hattie and I went to Boston to see [illegible] who is [illegible] very pretty well. Left Hattie at Woolhams [illegible] while I went [illegible] until Tuesday [illegible], and then being [illegible] home with her. [illegible], Rody and [illegible] [illegible] with us to-day. Rody [illegible] [illegible] much or [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] health, not afraid of [illegible] and is quite popular among friends. [illegible] [illegible] and family are very well. [illegible] the [illegible] Co. [illegible] of [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the debt [illegible] [illegible] to be good bargain when bought. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] stockholders, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to stockholders when [illegible] [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Co. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I suppose creditors think they can [illegible] [illegible] out of the property [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by legal remedies. I think it better for [illegible] to [illegible] her shares, than to take the risk of being compelled [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] are liable to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the business and our interest is too small for me to investigate at this distance. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will surrender [illegible].

Very truly, yours

26th July 87

David Linton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 25th inst is at hand. I write Mark Lyman to day for his proxy to you and myself or either of us. This is the only one I can get. Mr Tullis and yourself can get Regan, Butler, and Miller's proxies or to be present in person at Opinion 16th prox. Will write Mack advising him that it is his interest to sell with the rest of us. I dont like your plan to sell "clear of debt" &c. The directors cannot sell the property, I fear, without unanimous consent of stockholders, and if they can and do, the purchaser does not secure the franchise and privilege of the Company. We must sell our shares, as ours is, in the corporation the purchaser then stands in our shoes, the corporation takes care of its own assets and liabilities. This is not like a partnership. Sell our shares and have no afterclaps, about debts &c, &c. I still think we should sell, if not all the bonds, enough to pay all other debts. You will remember we can pay the bonds at our option. The bond interest is less than we now pay.

Yours truly John Means

I should try and attend the meeting 16th prox.

28th Feby. 87

Thos. A. Mack Esq.
Oxmoor Ala.

Dear Mack

Last week returned from the East, Mrs. Mary and myself having gone as far as Boston to make Leroke a visit, & we found him well and pleased with his plan, but anxious to get to work, where there will be an income in compensation for his valuable services, which he estimates probably higher now, than he may a few years hence. Mrs. M. stopped in Woodhaven, until this week. She and Lily will come home together in a day or two. The meeting of Lowmoor directors was pleasant, our discordant friend of Dr. Epee being absent. Messrs. Low & Lyman asked about you, and how you are prospering in the Booming Region. The day before I left for N.Y. was in Cinti, met Rogers Fallis Sr. & Jr. and Mr. Sinton. And we talked over the matter of sale. I found all were inclined to sell, but desired that all of what we might call "our party" should sell ~~[illegible]~~ hold together. I had a talk afterwards with Sinton and agreed with him, that Frank Lyman and myself would give him written authority to

to sell for us believing all the others would join and sign the same. I consider the situation about as follows. Before much profit can be made at Oxmoor there must get on a large expenditure. For Rail Road, opening Coal Mines, plant of Coke Ovens, some pieces of Coal land to close up gaps in the property before beginning to develope. additional boiler and engine power at furnaces &c &c &c. certainly $300.000 to $400.000 — To hold control as must have Linton and Fallis. Both are old men, and while they may survive us, not probable they will. John Fallis is very much set on selling. We cant tell what may be expected for Linton's estate. While Lyman and I prefer to sell at a low rate, rather than to hold under the circumstances, still we believe we can sell at a handsome profit for all of us. I think you will do much better to join us and agree to sell, [illegible] hold on and carry your debt. We think a sale of the control of the stock can be made at from 1.20 to 1.60., the lower figure or any between them will enable you to clear yourself from debt and have a handsome capital to work with. We favor selling all or enough bonds to pay all other debts, placing the bonds prorata among stockholders who may be willing to take them. If the concern

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under money and pays interest and principal or shall be the right, if it cant pay or can forbear and buy at a reduced low rate than we may now sell at. And here the control when it [illegible] not require to be guarded as now, [illegible] where a sale by one person may change the whole management. Just so soon as Mr J. J. Ellis dies John will sell out at some price. All the parties to the contract with you now feel that the best thing to be done, is to take advantage of the "Crage" for your property in Ma, and yet so far as I can see does one of them desire to make any step which shall not be agreeable to each one. Here you are the matter of decision rests largely with you. Please consider this very carefully and advise me as to your opinion, or some plan that may be acceptable to all. I hope to be at Oxmoor next Month. Mr Ellis said the annual meeting would be adjourned to about Middle of the Month.

Yours Truly

John McCaw

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2nd March 87

Frank Lyman Esq
130 Water St. Cor Pine New York City.

Dear Frank

Your favor of 28th ult is at hand with inclosures as stated. I expect to go to Oxmoor and if I do, cannot get home before Saturd the 19th inst, after which need a day or two at home and can probably meet you in Va day between 22nd and 31st or you may find convenient.

Hope the Baby has cut that Aptooth.

Mine dined with me to day

Yours truly

John Meany

2nd March 87

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

I have letter to day from Frank Lyman inclosing his proxy to you [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], expect to attend meeting at Oxmoor 16th inst. I shall probably have been Saturday 12th for Cinti, and go with the party from there, Monday 14th instant. Wrote Mack that all of our favored selling, but no one desired to do so under agreeable to him. That thought it to his interest to sell clear himself of debt, and have a handsome capital for business, as he would have. That as the decision rested largely with him, hoped he would consider the matter carefully and join in a sale, or would suggest some plan to accommodate his friends &c, &c.

Yours truly

John Meany

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3rd March 87

E. B. Willard Esq
Hanging Rock Ohio

Dear Sir

Yours of 1st inst at hand. It is hardly probable that our family occupy the House again, and if so there must be a general overhauling first. They sisters I suppose were disappointed to find the difference in house from the time they left it, not having seen it since the flood of 84. Make the best disposition you can of it, as at present or otherwise

Yours truly
John Meany

3rd March 87

D. J. Fallis Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

I have notice from J. T. F. of meeting at Ofmar 16th instant and hope to be present. As I told you, Mr Lyman and myself wrote Mr Sinton authority to sell our Eureka Stock. Have written Mr Mack that all his friends are willing to sell, but also, desirous that it shall be agreeable to him, thus throwing the decision onto him. Advised him that it was for his interest as I believe to sell, clear himself of debt, and have, as he would, a handsome capital for business. Found selling enough bonds to pay all other debts, placing them pro rata among stockholders willing to take them. Think this much better than to have floating debt due as now. Moreover we have the right to pay off bonds at option of the Company

Yours truly
John Meany

3rd March 87

S. Floyd Hoard Esq
Cendo W. Va.

Dear Sir

herewith please find plat of Ashland Presbyterian Church lot, showing situation of the present building. My idea is to add as shown in pencil say 40x 60 to 44 by 66 with the entrance under belfry at A. Bringing floor of entrance down nearly to grade of sidewalk, and leaving all the steps save one or two inside. With the six feet elevation above sidewalk provision might be made for a basement full or part size of the addition, by sinking the floor of basement a foot or two. The ceiling of course being low. Think 8 feet between floor and ceiling enough for this. The Childrens room can be made say one or two, by cutting the old room at or near B.B.

What I think is needed is more floor in audience room for pews, and the building must be rigidly plain, nothing spent for show, but made symetrical will look well. Shall be glad to see or hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly John Means

Work something out and charge me for your work

4th March 87

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Julius L. Anderson Esq
Ironton Ohio. Dear Sir
herewith please find my
check Ninety four 00 ($94.21) dollars
for Mr Adams Tax paid by you
Very respectfully
John Meany

8th March 87

C. P. Huntington Esq
23 Broad St. New York City.
Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th instant is at hand. Will get some one to contract for the lots in their own name, and so far as can be done, get say 30 days more or less time to consider the proposals and advise you as to location and prices — Yesterday we got City Council to give material from our street, needed to make a fill on the Maysville & N.S. RR —

Very truly yours
John Meany

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11th March 87

E. B. Wilhoit Esq
Grayson Ky. Dear Sir

Herewith please find postal Order fifty (.50¢) cents. to pay County Clerks fee for receipt for same — And affidavit of Miss Margaret A. Meang as to description of land near Killgore Station A.C. & I. Ry — as required by Chapter 1233 Act 1 § 11 — Acts of Ky 1885 & 86 — Please deliver to let Clerk and send receipt to me and oblige

Very truly yours
John Meang

11th March 87

Mr. E. C. Meang
Mass Inst Technology, Boston Mass
Dear Leon

Your letter to me and one to mother I find on return from Leinton. Where have been to see Mack [illegible] Expect to leave tomorrow for Oxmoor Herewith find N.Y. draft to your order Onehundred ($100.00) dollars as requested. If your thorax is better, would not advise laboratory work until it be well again. We are invited to Judge Inlands for dinner and are in pretty much of a hurry. Let us hear soon how you are.

Affectionately yours
John Meang

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12th March 87

Mrs J. W. Edgerton
662 Wabasha St, St Paul, Minn.

Dear Mary

Your form of 2nd inst is at hand, with Certificates in Pomeroy Salt Company viz
No. 92 of 17th Novr 1868 for 4 1/6 Shares
No. 116 of 20th July 1891 " 3 — "
transferred in Blank — which I will send to the Company when I do so with your Aunt Hattie. She and Lily came last week and Lily is having very nice visit. Besier will go to Bellefonte Truman about first of May next where Mr Sexton is Manager A[illegible] well. Cant you and your husband make us a visit?

Yours Truly
John Meany

12th March 87

P. R. Willard Esq
Hanging Rock Ohio —

Dear Sam

Your of 10th came to hand last night. Am sot you have 1[illegible] or more as requested. I expect to leave tomorrow for Alabama and to be gone next week — If you wish the cash before I get home, come up or write to T. M. Adams who will attend to it for father

Yours Truly
John Meany

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19th March 87

Edward A. Lew Esq Near
31 Burling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 15th is before me coming checks as follows

for Thomas W. Means $750.00 Dividend No 6
" Mrs. Harriet E. Means 500.00 " "
" myself " 3185.00 " "

Have just returned from Oxmoor Alabama. The "Boom" in Ala is wonderful. If manufacturers pay interest on present prices then, no more cheap iron.
Col Goodwin and Skelding are impatient, Expect to go to Kern 22nd and will see how matters are. Our lining at L.M. is now in its third year. Think we shall be quick enough if we contract for new lining next Summer of Fall to be delivered by middle of 1888. Inclosed find letter A.S.W. which explains itself. My father and sister could take large part of the stock. Have as much as I can hold and a I wish in one place If your friends desire to join please advise me and return the letter. Shall write W. that will give him answer after my visit to Va. Yours truly
John Means

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21st March 87

W. C. Amos Esq
Trenton Ohio

Dear Sir

I learn that you propose leaving for Tennessee to engage in Iron making. It seems that once successful in the business, we find it hard to stay out if opportunity offers to get in again. I have just returned from Alabama. The "Boom" in and about Birmingham is wonderful. It is to be hoped that you get in on the "ground floor", when you are going. At prices prevailing in Ala for Iron properties, it will take round sum to pay interest on investments, without reckoning for profits. However your large experience and success in the business in this region leads me to believe that you will make it pay in Tenn if any one can do so. Shall be pleased to hear from you occasionally, after you get to work in your new home.

Yours truly
John Mears

21st March 89

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Mr Thomas Griffith

Dear Sir

Henry Hubert who has been with me some eleven years is going to leave me out of April to go into a store. Mrs Meaux thinks she would like to try you, in the place. Please let me or your sister Jane know, if you like to come, and if so when. We can get along after out of April for a while if that is to soon for you to come, but desire to know whether you can come

Yours Truly

John Meaux

Ashland Ky 20 st March 1889

Spencer Edgington

Dear Sir

Your of 12th came when I was away from home. Herewith find N.Y. draft three hundred ($300.00/100) dollars indorsed payable to your order. This makes all you said you would need help from me.

Respectfully yours

John Meaux

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[illegible] March 59

C. C. Clarke Esqr
Ironton Ohio.

Dear Sam

Yours from [illegible] [illegible] last night. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] get down tomorrow. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may not be a good one, but [illegible] it [illegible] be better to reduce forty (40) per cent [illegible] make the payments [illegible] [illegible] days? Your deposits will [illegible] off [illegible] the idea will be [illegible] out that you will [illegible] business. Hope you have not [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] other [illegible] of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Truly
John Meany

Russell thinks will of reduction [illegible]

[illegible] March 59

C. M. Horton Esqr Sect &c
Pomeroy Ohio

Dear Sir

I have received from Mr Haas (Poor) Edgerton, authority to surrender the Stock in the Pomeroy Salt Co. Illinois [illegible] by you will forward [illegible] [illegible] certificates. Write on Mr Edgerton may not have [illegible] you

Very respectfully
John Meany

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28th March 87

Mrs Wm P. Cutler

Marietta Ohio — Dear Cousin

herewith please find N.Y. draft Ouchan-
dred ($100+) dollars indorsed payable to order
of Aunt, which father sends her. He
is in very good health, as are Mary and
Maggie — Aunt Amanda and family as
well — Lily has been with us since the
3rd inst, but leaves tomorrow for her
home. Mr Seaton has gone to Bellefonte
Furnace as Manager. Bessie and baby
expect to move about first of June.
Although only then (3) miles away
it seems long way off, after having
them here in town, where we could
see them everyday. Father often men-
tions you and would be glad to see,
if he could without going from home
which he dislikes to leave — With
love to all your truly

John Meanes

28th March 87

Mr E. C. Meanes

Mass Inst. Technology, Boston Mass —

My dear Cook

Your of 3rd was found on
return from Bolivar. When I spent 24.546th
with Frank Lyman and made visit to Dolly-
Ann. Lake has made 99000+ tons, and we
hope will crack her 110.000 before she goes
out, by which time we hope to have the
new furnace ready. The casing is up
ready for downcomer and hoist, the
castings down up and roof is being put on
Skilling will begin hiring this week —
Mack thinks he can do better in selling
than we have got been offered and as
through him, we went into Eureka, we
desire to give him chance to make all
he can out of it. Herewith find N.Y.
draft twenty two ($22+) dollars indorsed, to your order
for A. C. & D. R. Co. Dividend. The
work on furnace here goes on slowly

28th March 87

John Peters Esqr
Trenton Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th instant is at hand with draft for twohundred 00/100 ($200.00) dollars indorsed payable to Mary A. Adams, and request for credit on your note. Margaret A. Meard holds your note given to W. R. B. Hatcher, 1892 Oct 12th $969.46 and as I know of none to Mrs M. A. Adams, suppose you intended for payment on the Hatcher Note.

Very respectfully

John Meard

Statement

1892	Oct 12th	John Peters Note favor W. R. B. Hatcher @ 2 yrs	$969.46
1895	March 15th	Interest paid to this date $145.27 by equement	
1876	July 12th	Payment	$100.00
1880	Mch 29th	do	183.78
1883	May 2nd	do	160.00
1886	Febry 26th	do	120.00
1887	Mch 28th	do	200.00

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[illegible] March 87

C. P. Huntington Esq
23 Broad St, New York City

Dear Sir

[illegible] options on property as per list [illegible]. Shall I buy them for you and if so to whom have conveyances made? Please advise at your earliest convenience as some options expire early in April. Having been away from home when taken

Very truly
John Meany

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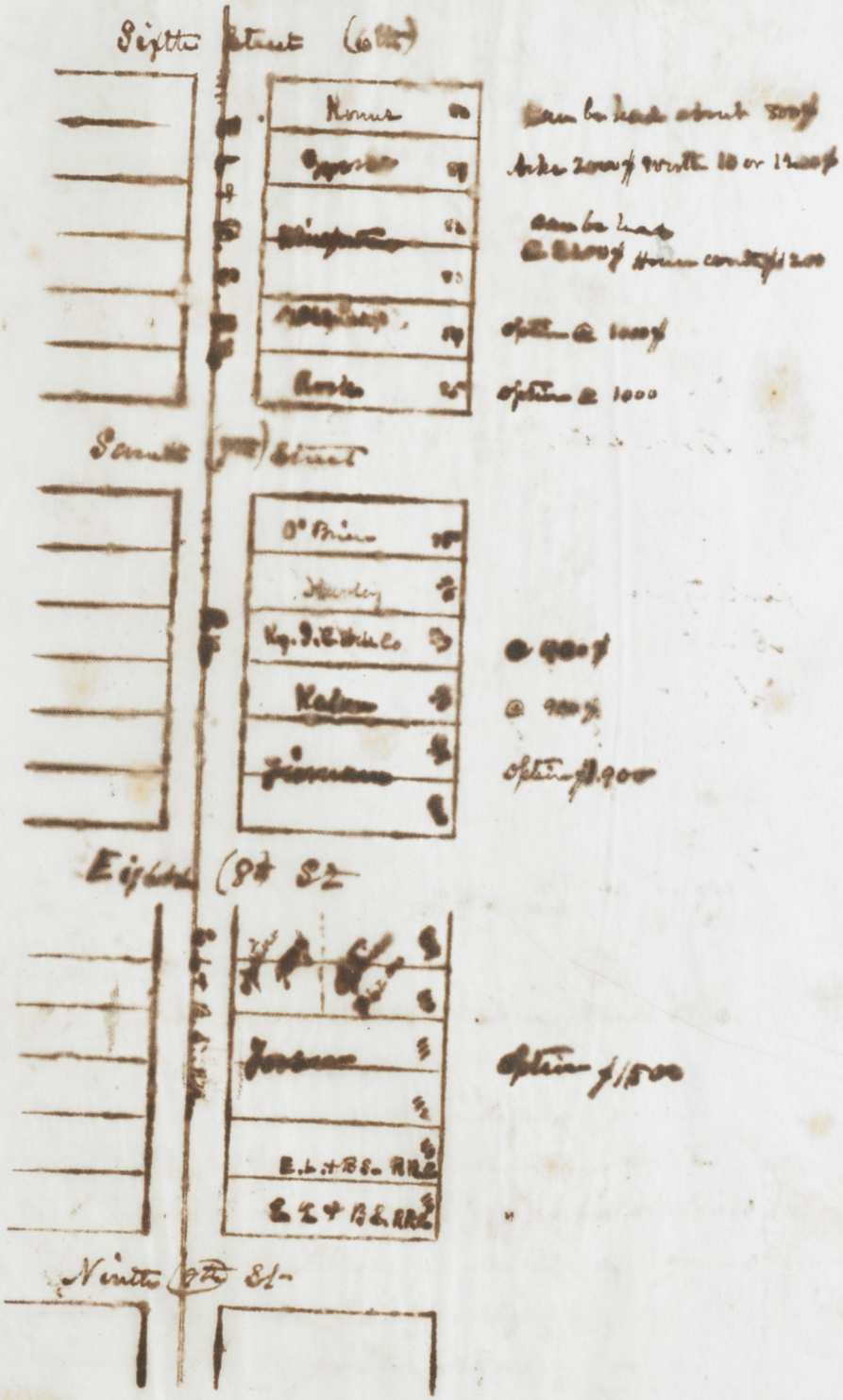
28th March 87

H. Winslow Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Winslow

Returned home yesterday from Lookout. The furnace was working well, has made her 99.000 tons our and bids fair to hold in until the new one is ready. Here seem fatter who does not incline to invest in Lookout @ 125$ or for myself think it too high, and at any rate have not the money to buy. Holland doing fairly May be in Cinti this week. Will see you if I can get around in time. All well with kind remembrance to family

Yours truly
John Meany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Seventh (7th) Street
O'Brien
Kelm
Eighth (8th St
Ninth (9th St

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29th Mch 57

Edward A. Lee Esqr Dept &c
31 Barling Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th was found on return home. Frank Lyman can tell you better about Freeman than can write. I find that our next quarterly meeting of directors, comes 28th May, on same day of stockholders meeting A.C. & I.R.Co. and as I must be here, hope it may suit to postpone hereon to the 28th of May. Have written Winslow that don't desire stock at his price. Expect to be in Cinti Hat inst, and may see him.

Yours truly
John Mearns

9th April 57

Messrs Johns Hee
J. W. Cox Smith & Wilson Sts, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check on Metropolitan N. Bank your city, forty six 25/100 ($46 25/100) dollars in payment my account, yours very respectfully
John Mearns

4th April 87

Messrs Robert Clarke & Co
61 & 65 West, 4th St, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check to your order forty six $\frac{44}{100}$ ($46 $\frac{44}{100}$) dollars for balance my account.

Yours very respectfully
[illegible]

4th April 89

E. P. Huntington Esq
23 Broad St, New York, City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 31st ult, is at hand. The lots mentioned in mine of 29th ult are on the South side of the E. L. & R. S. R. R. between Sixth (6th) and Ninth (9th) Streets. You asked me to buy between 7th & 9th So. side. Options were taken between 6th & 7th to give the idea that we wanted them rather than the others, but might be governed in selection by the lower prices thus gotten where you wanted to buy.

Very truly yours
John Mason

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4th April 87

David Sinton Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

I have received copy Mr M. H. Smith letter addressed to Mr Fallis, you, and urgently also inclosed therewith copies of other letters to Mr Smith, and hardly know what reply to make to same. It looks like a bad snack. Would it not be well to call a meeting of the directors at Cincinnati soon, or to have Mack come up and see if we can not get to some arrangement that will be fair for all interested in Eureka? Has Mr Fallis replied to Mr Smith?

I will come down whenever notified.

Very truly
Yours
John Meany

9th April 87

Edward A. Low Esq Treas &c
31 Burling Slip New York, City.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th is found on my return from Cinti, where I went Mess Mack and Sinton, and both very well. Am glad to hear that Mr J. B. W. has so soon regained his health and hope he may have information of value to impart with regard to the ore question. As to additional stove - Skelding reports to me that he has gone through and put in good repair all of the stove at the Furnace. As this is the first and only time, since they were built over six (6) years ago, think we need have no concern about them for some years to come; in fact not until we decide to fully equip and own both furnaces at one and same time. They may require to be heated a little more than now, to compensate for loss by greater distance from Furnace B. The cost of a stove at the present time will

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11th April 87

Ed H. W. Goodwin
Lynchburg Va — Dear Ed —

Your fare of 6th is before me — with one from Pots M M Co — The understanding with Mr Moore was that work is to be paid for as it progresses. Hope you now have all the material on hand, so that work may go on during present good weather. And that Skilding may be able to keep furnace in until new one is completed. Saw Mem Mark Sinton & Fallis last week, all were well — Shall try to come over and visit you sometime this month.

Yours truly
John Meany

be at least thirty (30) per ct more than it would have been one year ago — I think it far better for the Co — to expend what they would cost for more on hand. Frank Lyman may have by this time a new project for Ed and which may solve the ore question for long time to come. I see by the Tea reports she has made her 100 M tons and added another item to the proof that our friend up the Hudson is not infallible on Iron matters.

All well —

Yours truly
John Meany

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10th April 89

E. B. Wilhoit Esqr
Grayson Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th is found on my return after absence from home. Think you are right to let boys choose what they like. Will hear your letter to Mr E. M. Roberts of our machine Shop, with request to bear it in mind and advise you if he hear any opening for you now. Think Roberts a first rate man and have one of my own sons with him.

Yours truly
John Meany

Please remember receipt from [illegible]
I dont know his name, for M. A. Meany

[illegible]

[illegible]

Accounts please find
P.O. order eighty five (80) cents, in payment
balance on bill of Tea 8th instant.
Very respectfully
John Meany

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11th April 87

M. H. Smith Esq.
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of inclosing letters addressed to you from Mr McCurdy and others are found on returning home; have been into Virginia and at Cinti since seeing you. I am sorry to find your opinion of Mr Mack differs so entirely from Messrs Cinton, Pallis and my own. Is it not possible that all the facts have not been given you, which if done might place matters in quite a different light. It is true, as Mr McCurdy has written you, that neither Pallis nor Mack desire to sell, and it occurs to me, that those gentlemen who are so fearful to sell, may depreciate the price of their stock more than those who return it valuable to hold as an investment. Also may be looking to an interest hereafter as purchasers. There seems to be two sides to the question. And I hope that both you and myself may be mistaken in suspecting wrong motives in this matter.

Very respectfully

John McCurdy

11th April 87

E E Savage and others
Equalizers of Taxes

Gentlemen

I find that in listing my property for taxes in this City I have made an error under the equalization. It should be $14,930.00 and not as given in to Assessor. If need be I will come before you and be sworn when you meet.

Very respectfully
John Meany

11th April 87

George F. Otte & Co
13 E West Fourth Street, Cincinnati O.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find my check to your order Sixteen $16.00 dollars in payment for Matting 8th instant.

Yours very respectfully
John Meany

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13th April 87

Edward A. Low Esqr Sec &c
31 Burling Slip New York, City.

Dear Sir

Yours of 11th is at hand. The 1st ~~[illegible]~~ of June will suit me for our meeting. For to purchase of ore land I think Frank Lyman and myself likely to approve any recommendation Mr [illegible] will make — and that it is doubtful if J.F.W. offers anything practicable. The Portsmouth ones when I last heard were waiting for materials, then on the way by Rail, and of course could do nothing until it reached Lowhover R.R. shipments are very uncertain. I do not apprehend that we shall be delayed by Mr Moore. With kind regards to all —

Very truly yours
John Meany

14th April 87

James M. Bailey Esqr
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th inst at hand. Mr D. W. Loomis has inquired twice lately of [illegible] as to value of the stock. To first inquiry he answered "that he knew of no sales by which to fix price." To the second, last week asking as to value in 1879, 80 answered "that Mr W. F. Gaylord sold to myself (J. M.) June 1881 fifty (50) shares @ 50 per ct." Will advise Putnam. Warm and dry weather good for work at furnace.

All well, with regards to family

Yours truly
John Meany

14th April 87

K. L. Butler Esq Trustee &c
101 Auburn Ave, Cincinnati O.

Dear Ken

Yours of 11th instant is at hand with Certificate No 254 fifty (50) Shares Eureka Company Ala. Dont know what it means, but suppose Mr Mack will advise me.

Very truly yours
John Meany

16th April 87

Wm Moore Esq Pres
Portsmouth Foundry & Machine Shop

Dear Sir

Col Goodwin writes me from Louisville, that your work goes on very slow, and for that reason detains his men at extra cost to our Co. I left there on the 26th March, and it then looked as though your work should be finished by this time on Hoist and casing. But from his letter of 14th (herewith) it seems he has to stop work on lining for you. Please hurry this work up, as if we have to put old furnace out, before the new is ready, we shall lose great part of our purpose in building. Please return Goodwins to me.

Very respectfully
John Meany

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16th April 87

C. P. Huntington Esq
23 Broad St. New York City.

Dear Sir

Since you left have completed the purchase of lots from Wm Kahne 50 x 100 feet and from C. H. Forson 100 x 107½ feet - and the deeds have been executed bearing dates - W. 9th April and F. 13th April 87 and delivered to me 13th instant. On the same day 13th April Wm Kahne made draft on you payable (10) ten days after date for Nine hundred ($900.00) dollars; and C. H. Forson made draft payable ten (10) days after date for fifteen hundred ($1.500.00) dollars, both drafts made on, payable to my order and will be forwarded indorsed by me for collection.

Shall I have the deeds entered for record in the Co. Clerk's Office and if so to whom shall they be delivered after recording? Shall we make deed for the land near the Junction to J. E. Gates? Am awaiting measurement in order to give accurate description of same, before making conveyance. Hope to get new options at ~~better~~ lower prices on other lots shortly. Hope you had pleasant journey

Very truly
John Meany

16th April 87

J. H. Page Esq C.B.C.C.
Cattlesburg Ky.

Dear Sir

herewith please find deed from Maria L. O'Brien to Saml S Savage - Please record and return to me and oblige

Yours truly
John Meany

16th April 87

H. L. Butler Esq
101 Auburn Ave, Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

herewith please find Certificate No 79 in name of Thos. A. Mack Certificate 25 Shares No [illegible] in my name to do Certificate 25 Shares total fifty (50) Shares Southern Iron Co. of Va. You will need to send No 79 to Mack for proper witnessing to his signature. He can also write below mine on No 91 his power of attorney to transfer the same as you may direct.

Very truly yours
John Meany

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16th April 87

Thomas H. Mack Esq
Oxmoor Ala

Dear Mack

Your favor of [illegible] and [illegible] at hand. I have this day inclosed to [illegible] certificate No. 79 in name of Thos H. Mack, No. 91 in my name, each for twenty five (25) [illegible] fifty (50) in all in Louisiana [illegible] as requested by you. He having sent me certificate No. 264 for fifty (50) [illegible] as collateral to notes to [illegible] to myself of yours. Which is my understanding of your and Butlers letters. Will advise Frank Lyman as requested. With Mr Fallis and yourself holding over 400 M of Eureka think you are safe as it will be very hard to get all the stockholders to unite against you but it is safer to have a majority of the whole. Am still of the opinion that you will do better to sell down out. With M. H. Smith unfriendly his position may enable him to give you endless trouble and annoyance. I can take ten (10) or 12 thousand of your bonds. Will you or shall I advise Mr Fallis? Have not received any notice for J. T. F. [illegible] Have you finished your report would get it out as soon as possible.

Otis Donahue's was a very sad case and I feel very sorry for his mother and family. Remember me to Preston and wife John Frank and Ellison and Davidson. All well.

Yours truly
John Mcaul

Did I give you Smiths letters when we were together on the 8th? Remember to have had them in your office when we were talking and have not seen them since. Have lost them on that trip, if you do not have them.

16th April 87

Frank Lyman Esq
130 Water St, Cor. Pine, New York City.

Dear Frank

I was in Cinti last week [illegible] when we authorized Mr Fallis to sell 150 [illegible] Eureka Co Bonds offering them pro rata to at par and interest stockholders or near as might be [illegible] They are offered in until the [illegible] day next Mack will be entitled to buy 25 [illegible] and will let me hear 10 or 12 or I derive out of bis. Hear no doubt will let you hear if you will any. ~~They are offered~~ He and Mr Fallis have about concluded to remain in Eureka and will buy enough to give them one half the stock. Fallis has now 1672 shares
" option 211 "
Mack has 1054 "
" buys of [illegible] 50 " [illegible]
" " F. Lyman 120 " [illegible]
" " J. Meade 300 " "
4148 "

So you see there is not much more [illegible] Rogers and Sinton seem inclined to stick to. We come to repay Mack the money paid on lease with interest, [illegible] his option to buy

[illegible] from [illegible] months from 16th March last [illegible] said to him that I wanted to get out and would give him some time on my shares, and that I thought you would be inclined to accommodate him as to settlement. All well. Baby has pin [illegible] weights and another 'bonnie' With kind remembrance to Mrs. [illegible]

Yours truly
John Meade

Otto April 87

D. J. Fallis Esq. Pres Eureka Co.
Cincinnati Ohio —

Dear Sir

I suppose my proportion of the 100 Bonds will be five (5), I can take them, any time will suit your convenience. Have not received any notice, and suppose you have not sent them to members of the Ex. Com.

Very truly yours
John Meany

22nd April 87

Alvin Endorle Esq
Vanceburg Ky. Dear Sir

Your favor of 18th instant is at hand. It is not probable that any change of Superintendent in the Public Schools here will be made soon. The Schools are well organized, and so well that it would hardly be prudent to recommend you to try a Private School here.

Very respectfully yours
John Meany

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21st April 87

L. R. Keck Esq
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

I have examined my certificate of shares in the U.S. Mail Line Co. and find it reads No 71 thirteen (13) shares of one thousand ($1.00 00) dollars each dated 3rd Sept 1884 I suppose you will find the Certificates held by all, are of the same kind, and of course your stock books should show the same as the Certificates do, otherwise there may be a deal of trouble and litigation some day, to settle up bankrupt estates or of dead persons in which the company must become involved.

Yours truly
John Meany

22nd April 87

J. V. Fallis Esq Sect Mo
Cincinnati O.

Dear John

Your favor of 19th is found on returning home. I will take five (5) Bonds and will ask my brother Wm, to call on you and settle and receipt for them or you may call on him. The way the order was passed by Ex Com as I remember, it, it is doubtful whether any one can take more than his proportion. Have asked Mr Mark to permit me to take two or twelve (10 or 12) of his proxies. You or I may hear from him in a day or two as to the matter.

Very truly yours
John Meany

29th August 87

William Means Esqr
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Wife

I wrote from Zanesville
[illegible] inclosed you
to your order for purchase of
Lands &c. Only [illegible]
& P. Tallie Esqr. Since
received since but
you may make
one. Please
me until I come

All well

Yours truly
John Means

29th August 87

[illegible] Esqr
[illegible] Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] is
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[illegible] to
[illegible] Lands &c
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