

Consider again
Horace King enslaved
man turned freed
bridge builder and
Robert Jemison

Jemison to King, February 5, 1858

I have been expecting to hear from you
but have had nothing since I saw you, expect
to visit Mr. Plow by Tuesday morning's train will
remain with him not longer than two perhaps not
more than one day. And would like much to see
you if I could see you in the next day or two

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nothing since I saw you....

£11,000. The Arbitrators rendered an award in
my favour, against him for £9960. The Inka-
lerra Indigo case not yet decided, so that he
admits an amount of £1000. I feel very
confident of an award against him of between

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King to Jemison, March 23, 1864

some information in reference to a Bill introduced in Congress

Free persons of color between ages of 18 and 45, but failed to see you. Did the bill pass. If so, give me all the information you have in possession.

presented had it copied -- & forward to you.

A copy of the Bill prepared by the House committee is now before committee in Senate, where it will no doubt undergo some amendment, and will perhaps pass both Houses. Those to whom the management of this institution has been thus far confided have either been so profoundly ignorant of its wants or indifferent as to its success as to cause me at times to almost despair of its prosperity. The apathy in our own town by all connected with it has been & will remain a great drawback. This seeming want of interest by our citizens has invited & encouraged opposition from their quarter and at times induced me to doubt the propriety of its location. I hope however that it may from the appointment of a suitable & more qualified head receive new life and prove to the afflicted class for whose benefit it has been created, all its friends have anticipated. I have great hopes of the appointment of Dr Bryce instead of him who has heretofore been made prominent for the place. The Gov has kindly promised me to nominate in place of Mr Spencer one of the Trustees whose term of service expires, the Revd. Basil Manly, D.D. late president of our University & now the head of the Baptist Church in our State who I hope will have more intelligent & liberal views & feel more interest in the welfare of the institution than of an individual. Our Legislature will not adjourn for some weeks, not sooner than 15 proximo until which time address me here.

With high esteem

Yr Obt. Svt.

R. Jemison Jr.

Miss D. L. Dix
Harrisburg, Pa.

[letterbook 9, p. 77]

Senate Chamber
Montgomery 16 Decr 1859

My Dear Madame

Yr. esteemed favour of 5 Inst. was recd a few days since on my return from a short visit Home.

The Trustees report that our Insane Hospital will be completed by May next. Their report has just come out and is a very imperfect, unsatisfactory and unreliable document. [? 1 or 2 words] they have now accommodations for 100 patients makes a shewing of the condition of the fund unintelligible to themselves or any body else, if we will confine them to the document itself. I am sorry they have sent in so unsatisfactory a document. That will by no means aid the friends of the institution to get such further appropriation as may be needed. Indeed the report does not give any information or idea of how much will be needed.

No physician has yet been elected. Dr. Leland as far as I learn stands most prominent for the place. I recd. from Dr. Nott of Mobile a letter recently recommending in strong and warm terms some friend of his which I forwarded to Dr Searcy with whom I asked Dr Nott to confer expressing to him confidentially my fears of the appointment of Dr. L. whom I knew intimately, who was indeed my warm personal friend but whom I deemed incompetent or at any rate not well qualified.

Our Legislature adjourns tomorrow for a recess until 9th of next month. We

will adjourn sine die about 15th Feb.

If your engagements are such as will allow of it I would like very much to see you here during the session and doubt not your visit would be attended with good fruits but know of no special good you could accomplish.

Very Truly
Yr friend

R. Jemison Jr.

Miss D.S. Dix
Columbia, S.C.

[letterbook 9, p. 31]

Tuskaloosa 25 July 1860

Dear Sir

Will you inform me at what price you are selling(?) yarn(?)
[? several words] for flour sacks.

Very truly

R. Jemison Jr

Mr David Scott or Act
of Tuskaloosa Manuf. Co.
Scottsville, Bibb Cy.
Ala

[letterbook 9, p. 241]

Tuskaloosa. 4 June 1860.

Gent.

Ys 29 duly read giving definite information that the grain was shipped under a clean bill of lading. Thus far all is right and your notice to the owners of the Boat that they will be held responsible for damages is also right. Now what is to be done next? That the Officers of the Boat have acted in bad faith the collection of freight of the Ware House man at Demopolis or their attempt through him to collect it of me leaves no doubt. I have not yet learned whether they read any freight from Brightling(?) or not. I have written him to know whether he paid any or the whole of the freight whether it was shipment under a through B/S or not and who pr. B/S was to pay freight shippers or consignee.

I am not familiar with the law in such cases, and do not know what course is best under the circumstances. I only know that as a general rule it is best to have as little to do in law as possible. If the parties in this case are willing to do half right (which from [? several lines unreadable])

next month to Finch's Ferry. In that time there may be a rise that will allow her to bring the grain here. The owners of the Falls City should certainly make such an arrangement. Indeed if the grain were at Finches it would cost much less to haul it than from Demopolis. Will cost at least \$1.50 pr sack from Finches about \$1.00 pr sack. In any view of the case, the cost of transportation by land will take off all profit it does not involve an actual loss. If the wheat had [to?] be landed even at the high freight stipulated it would have paid a decent profit. You will see the Boat owners & know of them what they propose doing, and advise me what terms

unnecessary. On the Bill I have added two Responsible(?) names beside my own, for the courtesy of yr Board in granting the extension. I acknowledge my obligations & you may rely on my doing all in my power to meet new Bill at maturity. If times get no worse & our Government meet its mail pay promptly I shall be able to do so.

Very truly

R. Jemison Jr.

F.C. Daniel Esqr, Cash,
Commercial Bk. of Ala.
Selma

[letterbook 9, p. 428]

Tuskaloosa 3 July 1861.

Dear Sir

There is in the hands of our Shff an execution against me for cost in the old Marengo Plank Road & Co which was twice compromised. I had not supposed after the heavy sacrifices made in that case I would be saddled with the cost. I have written Mr Prince & Breitling on this subject but have no answer from either.

There is also another matter of which I have written Mr. Prince in connection with that company & had no answer. The Company is sued for the amt borrowed from 3 pr ct fund, which suit it is proposed to defend. I am one of the securities on the Bond & am asked to join in defending the suit, by Breitling who I suppose has the funds set apart to pay this debt. I have declined to join in the defence. 1st I think such a course of doubtful propriety as a question of morals. 2nd It is of doubtful success in a legal point of view. 3rd. It is so far as I am advised or may judge from past experience & present lights still more doubtful whether I will in any manner be benefitted if the suit is successful.

Under this state of facts I am not inclined to take part in the suit. It [is] unpleasant to engage in successful & profitable litigation. Much more so to litigate for the benefit of others should it prove successful & to pay my part of expenses if unsuccessful.

May I trouble you to inform me as to the matters above.

What is doing in the way politics in yr. county? Who for Legislature in; yr. county? Hope you will be in next Legislature? Think you should make some sacrifice of feeling as well as pecuniarily to be there. Who will run for Senate in yr. district?

Very truly

R. Jemison Jr.

F.S. Lyon, Esqr
Demopolis
Ala.

[letterbook 9, p. 426-427]

now in meat on short allowance for want of funds to buy.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr Greene T. Hill
Columbus Missi

[letterbook 9, p. 401]

Tuskaloosa 13 June 1861.

Dr Sir

The 156 Bank recpts for amt. subscribed to the loan in defence of the Confederate States referred to in yours 16 ult. addressed to myself Messrs Whitfield & Snow as commissioners of Loan were recd 11th Inst.

From a notice in some of our public Journals I observe the Secretary of the Treasury has made or proposes to make negotiations with the Banks of the Confederate States a Loan the Banks to receive in payment Treasury notes gotten up somewhat in Bank note form so as to form a convenient medium of circulation which Treasury notes may at the pleasure of the holder be funded pr(?) 8 pr ct. Coupon Bonds & these Bonds again at the pleasure of holder reconverted into Treasury notes. Will this apply to Bonds taken or subscribed for by individuals? If such convertibility attach to all bonds taken by individuals it would greatly facilitate negotiations for the Loan. Indeed I think it would enable the confederacy to obtain ay amt. wanted.

With these last receipts the commissioners receive no instructions. Are we in kind of funds rec? & otherwise to be governed by our former instructions? Will you inform us as to this & the convertibility of Bonds &c.

Very Respectfully

R. Jemison Jr.

H.D. Capers, Off. CLK
Trs. Dept. C.S.A. Richmond

[letterbook 9, p. 411]

Tuskaloosa Ala. 10 Apl. 1861.

Dear Sir

Few(?) years ago Mr. King & Capt. Dearing assumed the entire controul & management of the affairs & funds of the Tuskaloosa Bridge Co. The former when last here left the latter his proxy for himself & you as (? 1 word) stockholders & his own proxy as Director under which Capt. Dearing had exercised the whole controul & management during a good portion of the time being President Directory Secretary & Cashier. I have not [been] permitted to have any participation whatever in the affairs of the Company. Mr. King has for years been a defaulter as Treasurer for about five thousand dollars for near four thousand dollars of which sum a Judgmet has been obtained over two years, the collection of which Capt. Dearing has failed & refused to enforce or even make secure. I have been & am powerless to do

any thing to protect the interest of the Company without a resort to a long & expensive chancery suit. A few years ago I wrote you a friendly letter in relation to matters of common concern & interest & received rather a cool reply giving me to understand your confidence in Mr. King was much greater than in myself, particularly as to Bridge matters.

As Mr. King is understood to be in a hopeless state of mental as well as physical imbecility and Capt. Dearing has recently died it leaves the Bridge in the hands of the Toll Keeper who is impulsive(?) & without the required [? 1 word] for a faithful performance of his duty. In addition to this I have not [? 1 or 2 words] confidence in his honesty.

[?] Recpts of the Bridge 1st [? 1 word] 1859 [? 1 word] \$1800.00
 " " " " " 1860 " " 1750.00
 " " " " " 1861 " " 750.00

Though I have the largest amt of stock (\$13500.00) of any other individual, I have quietly to submit to the present state of things or resort to an expensive tedious & [? 1 word] suit in chancery unless you or Yr Brother will unite with me in correcting the present anomalous state of things. I submit the facts as they exist, you will determine for yrself what course justice & yr own interest demands.

The stockholders as shewn by our Books are.

Ro. Jemison Jr.	135 shares	=	\$13,500.00
Seth King	105 "	=	10,500.00
Horace Dodd	25 "	=	2,500.00
Freeman Dodd	25 "	=	2,500.00
Jas. H. Dearing	10 "	=	1,000.00
			<u>\$30,000.00</u>

If you are willing to unite with me to protect the interest of the Company, I would suggest that you make a power of attorney to have friend here to act for you. Yr. early answer is desirable.

Very Respectfully
 Yr. obt. svt.

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr Horace Dodd
 Boston Massachusetts.

[letterbook 9, pp. 354-355]

Tuskaloosa 19 april 1861.

Dear Sir

Our friend Chancellor Keys asks that I will inform you when our Insane Hospital will be ready for reception of Patients. It is now ready. By this mail I send you a pamphlet containing every information necessary as to the steps for admission.

What is the state of Politics with you? I have had letters from Nick. Davis, Figures, Beard & others urging me to an immediate announcement of my name as candidate for Governour, followed with an address to the people of the State and a thorough canvass of the State. I am willing if the people desire it to serve them in any capacity where I can benefit them, but to

Tuskaloosa. 23. Sept 1861.

Gent. The Jemison Guards are accepted by the Sec. of War of C.S.A. for the war, to be armed by the Government. As soon as we can be uniformed & equipped we will be ready for service. The object of this note is to know whether, & how soon we can be uniformed & equipped as other companies have been by your Board and when it will be most convenient for us to go into camp for the purpose of being thus uniformed & equipped.

I have the honour to be very Respectfully

Yr. Obt. Svt.

Liles(?) Harward(?) Capt
of Jemison Guards

To Honrl Jno J. Ormond
E.B. Vaughn & others
Receiving & [? 1 word]
Com. Tusk Board.

[letterbook 9, p. 457]

Tuskaloosa. 1 Oct. 1861.

Dear Sir.

The boy Dave (Big Dave) belonging to the Hopson Estate says he was hurried off without his clothes or bedding. If so please send them. He is annoying me very much to let him go after them & to see his wife. If left I am inclined to think they were intentionally left as a pretext to get to go back for I believe he is a great shark and most lazy scoundrel.

Where is the Dog you were to send me. Would like very much to get him?

Very truly
Yr friend

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. John Moyers
Greensboro, Ala.

[letterbook 9, p. 459]

(Copy)
Jacksonville Illinois May 9th 1861

Mr Searcey
Sir - Mr Horace Dodd of Boston informed me that he had received a letter from you mentioning the death of Capt Dearing, with whom my Uncle Mr Seth King left the care of his business in Tuskaloosa. My Uncle has been very ill for the past year & is too feeble to attend to any business - although he has improved the last winter. I do not mention to him the death of Capt Dearing fearing it might excite him too much. My apology for addressing you is to inquire who has the charge of this business. It is many months since he has heard from Judge Smith. Through Mr Dodd I learn his case was tried in Feb. Any information you can give me concerning my uncles business in Tuskaloosa will

can then draw up an agreement more full & specific. The wood I will furnish at \$1 pr chord, as agreed, & fix pump & troughs to convey the water to yr. water bed &c. I believe I have stated substantially the agreement.

Very Truly
R. Jemison

Mr. G.W. Marcus
Columbus Missi

[letterbok 9, p. 432]

Tuskaloosa. 7. May 1860.

Gent.

I would respectfully call your attention to the encroachments made on many of the streets of our city by erection of fences, sheds, & even in some cases houses within the streets & on the margin. The instances of such incroachments are so numerous and so well known to each & all of you I do not deem it necessary to cite individual cases. The evil is one which I think in justice to the citizens should be not only stopped but corrected in some form so as to preserve the regularity, beauty & symetry of our streets & City. The future prospects of the place is such as to inspire every property holder & friend with pride and consequently an increased desire to preserve & increase the beauty of our streets.

The policy of the present administration I learn is to prevent further incroachments but not to disturb those already existing. To this policy with all due deference to the wisdom & impartiality in which it has originated I most respectfully protest for the following reasons.

1st that those whose trespasses date back are as much trespassers by taking[?] over as he who may in future incroach on the streets or margin.

2. That every citizen particularly every lot owner has as much right to encroach on the streets as those who have already encroached have to continue their incroachments.

3rd. All citizens are equally interested in the streets and no one set of individuals should be allowed to hold or appropriate any portion to his individual use to the prejudice of any other portion of the citizens unless by proper authority the same be granted for a fair & full consideration to be paid into the City Treasury. Hence if our cross & back streets removed from the business part of the city are thought wider than necessary and that they may without prejudice to the beauty or convenience be reduced in width, let such reduction be general & governed by some regular & fixed rule so as to preserve a uniform width and let those who enjoy the benefit of such reduction pay for the same.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Svt.

R. Jemison Jr.

To the Honl Mayor & Aldermen
of the City of Tuskaloosa

[letterbok 9, p. 130]

Sep. 20. 1860.

To R. Jemison Jr. Esq
This is to give you notice that we have put an end to the contract of Jemison & Sloan with the Trustees of the Ala. Insane Hospital.

Yrs tr.
A.S. Nicholson(?)
H.S. Whitfield

Trustees of Ala. Ins. Hospital

[identical letter to F. Sloan Esq]

[letterbook 9, p. 282]

Tuskaloosa
Sep 20 1860

To Fletcher Sloan

Sir
You are hereby notified to vacate the premises now occupied by you near the Insane Hospital buildings without delay.

J.H. Dearing]
A.S. Nicholson]
H.S. W[hitfield]
Trustees of Ala. Ins. Hospital

[letterbook 9, p. 283]

Tuskaloosa 9. Oct. 1860

Gent. I will carry out the contract between the Alabama Insane Hospital & Jemison & Sloan and finish all work remaining unfinished for the balance unpaid under said contract. The work shall be resumed within ten days and prosecuted with all practicable despatch until finished. On your part I will expect & (? 1 word) as soon as the same can be done that (? 1 or 2 words] remove off the premises all persons in any way interfering with the hands employed by me [& t]hat you give me Sloan - also that [yo]u see that your Superintendent Anderson attend to & discharge his duty as superintendent without interference with the hands or that he be removed & a more suitable person put in his place. In thus assuming individually the responsibilities & obligations of Jemison & Sloan it is done with no view to personal or individual interest but to carry out in good faith their contract & for their benefit.

R. Jemison Jr.

To Messrs. Dearing, Nicholson &
Whitfield, Trustees of

Ala. Insane Hospital

We accept the within proposition
Oct. 9th 1860

Signed A.S. Nicholson
H.S. Whitfield

[letterbook 9, p. 287]

Tuskaloosa 12 Oct. 1860.

Gent. In order to facilitate the completion of the Hospital Buildings it is desirable that I be informed what if any more lumber will be required also whether there is any other work in the way of window shutters, moulding &c &c necessary to the completion of the Building. It would also be necessary to the Superintendent obtain for me the above information that I may make my arrangements accordingly.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt Svt

R. Jemison Jr.

Messrs Dearing, Nickleson &
Whitfield, Trustees
of Ala. Ins. Hospital

[letterbook 9, p. 288]

Dear Sir

The Shff of our county has just called [? several words] in the [? 1 word] case of H.S. Smith vs Marengo Plank [? 2 or 3 words] Road Co. founded on a [? several words] due me on settlement with said Co. endorsed to plaintiff [? 1 word] executed for [? several words]. You'll with no doubt recollect the circumstances & terms of compromise; that the Company was to pay costs & give me \$1000.00 for the [? 1 word] of over \$1600.00. Mr Taylor(?) was president of the Company I think at the time. He was I know present at the meeting when the case was compromised. It is not [? several words] just on paper that defendant or [? several words] should pay this claim I have suffered enough by the old concern. There was [? 1 or 2 words] when the compromise was made to p[ay] their cost & if not properly applied it has been no fault of mine. Will you look into it! I write you as you & yrself & [? name] were piffis. council.

Very truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. O.H. Prince Esqr.
Demopolis

[letterbook 9, p. 337]

Senate Chamber, Mtgomery Ala.
January 13. 1860

Dr Sir

Yr favour 30 Decr Ult. is recd. I also found on my return to the reassembling of our Legislature letters from Miss Dix inclosing sundry testimonials in yr favour. These I have at her request shown to two of the Trustees of our Insane Hospital now here as members of our House of Representatives. To one of them Dr Malry they seem altogether satisfactory and I have little doubt unless some other more strongly endorsed (which I think not likely) he will favour your claims. Dr ;M. was many years the partner in practice with Dr [? name] of Selma, the brother of Dr Gaie[?] of yr. place from whom one of the letters in your behalf comes. I discerned this letter had very great weight with Dr M. and would suggest it might not be amiss to get Dr. Gaie to write him personally. Some three of our Board I think are to some extent committed in favour of the claims of one of our resident physicians. The term of one of these is about expiring and his place will be filled during the present session. He was originally nominated by the Govr at my instance and the Governor has just said to me if I will recommend another in his place, he will nominate the person [? 3 words]. In naming his successor I will be careful to name one who in uncommitted & who will vote to fill all offices connected with our Hospital [? 1 word] of all personal friendships regarding the interests of the institution above all personal [? 1 word]. This will leave five out of seven of the members unencumbered by any commitments or pledges.

From what I know of the character of yr. recommendations and the several gentlemen of our Board of Trustees I would say your prospects are pretty good to get the appointment. Yet this is mere opinion as I am not one of the Trustees or otherwise connected with the Hospital except as one of its friends. If my further service I can render you in this matter, you'll please command me.

Very Truly,
R. Jemison Jr.

Dr. P. Bryce

Columbia S.C.

P.S. For the next month or six weeks address me here, after at Tuskaaloosa.

[letterbook 9, p. 38]

Senate Chamber Mtgomery
23 Jan'y 1860

Dr Sir

Ys 19 Inst. recd yesterday. In my last I mentioned that a new Trustee of our Hospital would be appointed at present session of our Legislature. Our Gov. having kindly promised me to nominate the individual I would name, I have suggested Revd Bazil Manly D.D late Prest. of our University & if I mistake not an alumnus of the college in yr place. He is now a citizen of Tuskaaloosa, but until recently was the Minister of the Baptist Church in

Charleston, & is now at the head of that church in our State. Letters to him from some of his friends might be of service. I have not heard from Miss Dix since my last.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Dr P. Brice

[letterbook 9, p. 64]

Senate Chamber Ala.
28 Jany 1860

Dear Sir

Since my last I have yr. favours 19 & 26 Inst and two from Miss Dix each bearing[?] testimonials in yr. favour, all of which have & shall receive proper direction. We have had no new developments as to appointment of physician nor has present legislature as yet taken any steps as to putting our Hospital in operation. After completion of our Building's there will be a surplus of the fund appropriated of only \$4000 to \$5000 left. The completion will agreeable to report of Building Trustees be by 1st may next. Agreeable to present law the permanent Trustees can not enter[?] upon their duties until the Buildings are completed & turned over to [?] 2 words]. the latter devolves the appointment of Resident or superintending Physician. As it is thought necessary that the appointment be made soon that such preliminary arrangements as may be needed for the early commencement of the Institution may be made. The Committee on Finance & Taxation to whom the subject has been referred has instructed me to report a Bill in conformity with these views. So you may look to an early appointment unless we fail in getting an appropriation, as to which I am not without misgivings.

The Building Trustees have made a very lame & unsatisfactory report, have furnished no data upon which to predicate an application for an appropriation[?]. Nor have we any one connected with the concern who knows how much will probably be required to buy furniture, pay salaries &c &c for the first two year. We will say at the end of 2 yr. we will have 80[?] patents. Cant you furnish me by early mail some data on this subject? Dr. Malry chr. of committee in the House has and[?] will report a Bill asking [? 1 or 2 words] but he seems not to rely very confidently upon his [? 1 or 2 words]. Any information you can give by early mail will be very appreciated & most [? 1 word] recd by

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Dr P. Bryce
[? 2 words]

Columbis S. C.

[letterbook 9, p. 83]

Mtgomery. 15[?]. Feb 1860.

Dr Sir

On yesterday our Legislature passed the Bill appropriating twenty five thousand

dollars for support of our Insane Hospital the next two years. The permanent Board of Trustees upon whom devolves the appointment will organize soon after adjournment which will be 27 Inst. From all I can learn of yr. prospects I think them good for the appointment. I shall take great pleasure in furthering yr wishes in this behalf, as I am fully persuaded in so doing I shall advance the interest of an institution to which I have contributed all my humble efforts could do.

Very truly
R. Jemison Jr

Dr. P. Bryce.
Columbia S.C.

P.S. Address me further to Tuskalooosa.

[letterbook 9, p. 108]

Tuskalooosa. 2 May 1860.

Dear Sir

Ys 25 ult. is recd. Mr. Pierce has just commenced moulding Brick will get fully under way this week. I think the prospects good to commence laying early next month.

In reference to the workman of whom you speak, I would like to have one good reliable white man beside yourself but think, as I shall rough cast, the price you name too high.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. Philip Bond
Marion. Ala

[letterbook 9, p. 127]

Tuskalooosa. 8 June 1860

Dear Sir

Ys 1st [? 1 word] Inst. came to hand by this mornings mail. I was also in receipt of [? several words] previous to yr receiving [? several words] as I had nothing further of interest as to yr. prospects with our trustees. I have now before me a letter dated 4th Inst from Dr Mabry, one of the Trustees of our Insane Hospital written on a matter of business in which however he takes occasion to remark, "I can hardly doubt the success of Dr Bryce, but think it would increase the probabilities of his success very much if he were to be present at our meeting and besides we may need the advice and assistance of the person we may select. He might make many useful suggestions to us. If this suggestion meets your concurrence, please advise the Doctor to that effect." In reply to Dr Mabry I say "Dr Bryce has accepted a temporary situation in the Insane Hospital at Trenton

New Jersey, where he now is. He wrote me on 1st Inst from Philadelphia where he was in attendance on the annual Convention of American Superintendants of Insane Hospitals. His situation at Trenton was accepted subject to the action of the Board of Trustees of our Insane Hospital so that if elected you can command his services at very short notice, I doubt whether at his great distance and under all the circumstances it would be necessary on any [? 1 or 2 words] to have his personal presence. Dr Manly is about this time in Columbia S.C. where he will take pains to inform himself as to Dr Bryce's qualifications, and I doubt not that the result of his enquiries will enable him when you meet to add his testimony in Dr B's favour."

I give you [? 1 word] Dr M's suggestions & my reply and you can act upon them, as in yr opinion [? 1 or 2 words]. I however doubt yr personal attendance will be necessary to, or would greatly add to yr prospects of success. The meeting of our Trustees will be on the 6 proximo. Of the advise of the meeting I will give you early information should you not be with us at the time.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Dr P. Bryce
at Hospital for Insane
Trenton New Jersey
P.S. I think Trenton is Miss Dix's present place of residence.
If in the City please present her my kindest regards.
Jemison

[letterbook 9, p. 180]

Tuskaloosa 7 July 1860

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to congratulate you on your appointment as superintending Physician of our Insane Hospital. The Trustees met on yesterday, all present except Dr Guild of this place who was necessarily absent, on business in Tennessee. Of the six present you [? 1 word] the vote of four. Messrs Mabry, King, Manly & Nott, and would no doubt have received the vote if necessary of Dr Guild had he been present. And I am confident that Dr Searcy is well satisfied at the result. They fixed your salary at \$2000.00 to commence when you enter on the discharge of your duties, which I learn they desire you to do at as early a day as practicable.

Of your appointment and the action of the Board &c you will be officially advised if not by the mail that brings you this at an early day. I deem it proper to say to you that from Dr Mabry particularly you recieved a very warm and active support. Indeed you had the most cordial support of all the gentlemen voting for their vote being from personal considerations and ill advised committals. The superintendent thinks in four months we can have the buildings all prepared & ready. To the completion(?) of the [? 1 word] and former work which was undertaken by Mr Sloan &

myself I am giving my personal attention [? 1 or 2 words] to push it forward [? 1 or 2 words] more energy than heretofore. So far as our contract is concerned I will use all proper exertion towards an early completion.

If before your coming out there is anything in which I can serve you, please command me. My kindest regards to Miss Dix.

Very Truly,
R. Jemison, Jr.

Dr P. Bryce,
Hospital for the Insane,
Trenton, New Jersey.

[letterbook 9, Op. 203-204]

Tuskaloosa. Ala.
8 Sept 1860.

Gent. In a conversation had with one of you I think yr Mr Pierce, he expressed a willingness to visit my mills & our city at our next circuit court, at which I mentioned that I would want some Engine Builder(?) or Machinist in that Department as a witness to prove the character of work done by Woodruff & Beach on the Engine that failed. The object of this is to know if either of you can come up & which and inform me which & the full name so that I may have a subpoena sent down without which you would not be entitled to charge for your attendance. I will see that your stage fare &c is all paid so as not to make you chargeable therewith. Please answer soon.

Very truly,

R. Jemison Jr.

Messrs Pierce Campbell & Co.
Selma Ala.

[letterbook 9, p. 277]

Montgomery 26 Jan'y [1860]

Dear Ma.

By Mr. Marlin I send you two branches of grape cuttings of choice variety. Three eyes to the cutting es enough, leaving one only above the surface. Have them properly attended to. I had intended to write to daughter by this mail indeed have promised myself to do so for several day's but have been so occupied I could not do so. Will write soon. My health is quite good except slight cold. Our legislature is working very tardily particularly the House. I fear a long session.

I have not time as [? 1 word] is about leaving.

Love to daughter & Ma.

Yr. Aft. Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 9, p. 071]

Tuskaloosa Ala. 29 Augt 1861

Dear Sir

By several friends I am requested to call yr attention to a series of mail robberies between this & Courtland in this State, the number of the Route not recollectd. There has been numerous remittances of money over that Route generally in small sums to pay for newspapers &c that have none of them reached their destination - in some instances the letters have been received rifled of their content.

There are other irregularities complained of on the Route, but the system of robbery is so general that of late no monied letters seem to escape the depreddators.

If the Department would desire to look into the matter and have [no R]oute Agent I would recommend that Mr. Robert Blair at present the Mayor of our City and for several years the Marshall be appointed Special Agent for this particular investigation. Being on the spot and a pretty good Detective it would be less expensive than to send an agent from a distance.

Very Respectfully

Post Master Genrl. C.S.A.
Richmond
Va.

[letterbook 9, p. 442]

Tuskaloosa 11 Decr. 1860.

Gent. Send me by Jas. Dillett first trip after recpt Ten Barrells best hydraulic cement.

We called on Messrs Maxwells to pay Bill heretofore rendered. They declined to take any thing but Mobile funds. As soon as we can get right kind of funds will attend to it.

We have acceptance of Julius [? i word] & Co. for about \$1000.00 due within next sixty days. Will this pay for corn &c.
Very Truly

Messrs Pomeroy & Marshall.
Mobile Ala.
R. Jemison Jr.

15 Decr ordered 10 Barrells more

[letterbook 9, p. 317]

Tuskaloosa 12. Oct 1860.

Gent.

I am selling a good quality No. 1 flour fresh ground from [? i word] wheat at \$5 pr sack of 100 lbs & No 2. @ \$4. pr sack. As my wagons in hauling the wheat from Demopolis where it was deposited by the Boat passes near you I will deliver to you at the same prices I am selling here. I have sold both at Carthage N. Port & here & the flour has given very general satisfaction. [? several words] you want please send in yr. or[der sa]rly as I

Very Truly,
R. Jemison Jr.

R. L. Mott
Columbus, Ga.

[Letterbook 9, p. 223]

Tuskalooosa 2 June 1860.

Dear Sir

I recd a short time since a letter from you inquiring as to the present state of our Insane Hospital Buildings, which from a press of business at the time was put by for future attention, and now that I am ready to answer, I cannot lay my hands on it.

Our Buildings are not yet completed and will not be for several months. They are delayed from several causes, with which it is not necessary to trouble you now. One of these troubles has been in the Carpenters contract in which I am a partner and which has heretofore been left to my Partner Mr Sledd(?) who was a sort of favorite with the Building trustees & Architect. On examination into matters since my return from Montgomery I find that he has [?] several words] matters with a [? 1 word] to the interest of the partnership or the Institution. This I am endeavouring to remedy as fast & far as possible but [rest of page not readable]

will be ready for the reception of Patients.

If I can procure the Carpenters I will be through with the carpenters work in some three or four months. This done, I would suppose there will [be] very little if any thing remaining.

The President of the Board of permanent Trustees have ordered a meeting to take place Commencement week, at which time I learn they will appoint a superintending Physician who it is to be hoped will feel & take a more lively & active interest in the affairs of the Institution than any one yet connected with it.

I shall at all times be pleased to give you any information on this or any other subject.

Very Truly
R. Jemison

[? 1 word]

R. M. Patton Esqr
Florence Ala.

[Letterbook 9, p. 159]

Senate Chamber
Montgomery 13 Jan'y /60

Dear Sir

The inclosed communications were sent me by Miss Dix with request to forward to you after shewing them to Dr. Mobly and Judge Clitherall.

No Bill has yet been introduced for an appropriation for the use of our Insane

Hospital. The Report of the Trustees is so unsatisfactory and unintelligible I fear we will have trouble in getting a suitable appropriation.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Dr. R. Searcy

Tuskaloosa

P.S. Since writing above I recieved a letter from Dr Nott which I enclose with Dr B's. I also enclose the letter of Mr. A. Harman.

Jemison

[letterbook 9, p. 18]

Senate Chamber Mtgomery

23 Jany 1860.

Dr Sir

In a letter from Miss Dix recd to day I got two of inclosed letters (the one from Dr Nott should have been in my last) with request to forward to you. By the way the mails have been so irregular I fear you have not recd mine inclosing letters from Drs. Parker, Fair and others in behalf of Dr. Brice. Will you please say whether they have come to hand. No report yet as to Insane Hospital Bill[?].

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Dr. R. Searcy

Tuskaloosa

[letterbook 9, p. 69]

Senate Chamber Montgomery

21 Nov. 1859

Dear Sir

The inclosed letters will explain themselves. Dr Nott forwarded to me the letter of Dr. Phillips not knowing I presume of the appointment of Trustees for the permanent management of our Insane Hospital. I shall write to him the disposition I have made of his & his friend's letters.

I had a conversation with the Govr. to day in which he inquired of me about the report of the building trustees. I fear the delay in sending forward their report will as heretofore prejudice the welfare of the Institution. This tardiness of the trustees in making their reports has been the greatest drawback on the completion. It has more than once come nigh defeating the enterprise.

Gov. Moore is the warm friend of the Institution and will heartily cooperate with its friends in any measure to promote its success.

Would it not be well for you to suggest to the Govnr. such appropriation as will be wanting to get it under way.

\$50.00 pr month. I shall probably want him the Balance of the year, will want him 1st proximo.

Very truly
Yr friend

R. Jemison Jr.

W.P. Webb, Esqr

[letterbook 9, p. 200]

P.S. The nomination of Breckinridge by the Seceders will fix me with my old friends from whom I should have parted with many, very many regrets, as I could never expect to affiliate with the Democracy. But my Dear Sir I am not satisfied with the Bell & Everett platform. It has too much of Democratic tactics. It out Herods Herod, Democrats, seceders, black repuplicans, Whigs, Free soilers, abolitionists, Fourerites, Socialists and Mormons may all stand upon it.

Jemison

Tuskaloosa. 27 Aug 1860.

Dear Sir

We find your Boy Ephraim a very indifferent Brick-layer. My Foreman reports him the sorriest of the three Boy's under him, neither of whom is capable of carrying up a corner. Ephraim is either not doing as well as he might do or you are mistaken in him. Which is it? I have heard of no dissatisfaction with him on his part & we have had no trouble with him. The only complaint is his want of skill. He say's Planning & not Bricklaying is his Trade.

Very Truly

Yr Friend

R. Jemison Jr.

Wm. P. Webb, Esqr.

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[letterbook 9, p. 266]

him to act as my Agent and to receive any papers of mine or pertaining to my business (in the hands of yr late Uncle) to whom if he consents to act Mr Wallace will please turn over any such papers. You will say to the Executor that I will through Judge Stansel or whom may act as my Agent settle for any demands that may be against me for services of yr. Uncle as agent & attorney. I shall at all times be pleased to hear from you as I shall ever feel a lively interest in your welfare, not only on account of relationship but on account the friendly relations between myself and yr parents as well as yr. late Uncle.

Very Truly
Yr Friend & relation
R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. W. Mims Gilkey
Carrollton
Ala.

[letterbook 9, p. 496]

Tuskaloosa 22 Oct 1861.

Dear Sir

Ys 7th to Dr Dris is handed me to answer.

By Resolution of a late stockholders meeting of the Tuskaloosa & Northport Manufacturing Co. a Resolution was adopted authorising a sale of the Mill & Machinery for Twenty thousand dollars for cash or in four annual payments with interest of 8% the interest on the whole purchase money remaining unpaid to be paid at the end of each year. If the Mill & machinery cannot by the 1st of Decr next be sold together then the Trustees are authorised to sell seperately. Inclosed I send you a list of machinery. The Real Estate & Building cost in round numbers (\$38.000) Thirty thousand dollars. Original cost of machinery about (\$60.000) Sixty thousand dollars.

Very Respectfully
R. Jemison Jr.

Prest.

Tusk. & N.P. Manuft. Co.

Mr Wm Montgomery
Boliivan Ten.

[letterbook 9, p. 477]

[see list at end of fj101461.475]

Tuskaloosa 16. January 1862.

My Dear Sir

I have filled up & signed & herewith return you the note sent for hire of Ephraim.

I do not desire to hire any Mason's or plasterers this year, nor do I know of any who does.

Very Truly
Yr friend

18th Jany 1869

Mr. J.A. Burgen
Mayhew Station

Dear Sir

ys inclosing draft for \$250.00 Two Hundred & fifty Dollars Messrs (? name) Mobile duly recd and your note credited with two hundred & forty six 89/100 dollars the present value of the Bill. You omitted to direct the Bill to Mobile which I have taken the liberty to do.

I will go to Mobile as soon as I return home and will attend to the matter of which you write as to employment of Mr. J.A.(?) Robb.

Kind regards to your family

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 12, p. 182]

Columbus 29 May 1869.

Dear Sir

My Daughter has been under medical treatment in Mobile now over three months. Her mother who has been with her had had a severe spell of sickness. So that between Physician's Bills, Board Bills &c my expenses have been greatly beyond what I calculated and beyond my means of paying. Can you in this emergency help me. She expects to leave there for home this day week and I wish to raise the means in some way to pay off her medical Bills and without your assistance do not see how I am to do it. The Balance due on your note at this time is \$374.18 on the first day of January will be \$391.14. Will you give me your Bill on your merchants payable in Mobile at that time. If you will I can raise the money on it by discounting 10 %. If you will give the Bill it will greatly oblige me. I send you herewith blank Bill payable 1st Jany next. Please let me hear from you by return mail, as I will leave here on thursday next so as to go up with my family this day week. Cherokee's health I think will be entirely and permanently cured. Kind regards to yr. family.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. J.A. Burgen
Mayhew Missi.

P.S. I do not recollect the first name [? 2 or 3 words] & have not addressed the Bill.

[letterbook 13, p. 278]

1869.

Mr. J.A. Burgen
Mayhew Missi Dr Sir

Luxapella Mills 2nd June

ys 31st ult. inclosing draft on

probably mislaid. If you will send another copy I will try & give better attention next time. Are the Balance of my Missi lands worth any thing. Kind regards to yr family
Very truly

R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. I will be in Mtgomery until 18 or 20th Inst. where you will please write me.

Jemison.

[letterbook 13, pp. 179-180]

Tuskaloosa 2 Jany 1860

Dear Jabez

Yrs 22 Inst. was recd some days back but from a press of business has not been answered sooner. I concur fully in your views as to the impolicy and great evil resulting from negroes being permitted to hire their own time, to prevent which evil there has at different periods since my connection with the legislature of the state been several acts passed some of them highly penal. It is prohibited by the law as it now stands, but all the enactments on this subject have been pretty much dead letters on our State Books. In the Towns & Cities their municipal authorities exercise under their charters or acts of Incorporation a sort of semi legislative power under which they grant licenses to dragmen, day laborers, &c, through their licenses there (? several missing words) on society a class of idle thriftless, theiving & drunken[?] slaves. How to reach this evil most effectually is the question. You seem to have given the subject your attention and serious consideration and if you will draw up & forward to me such a Bill as you think will most [?] Jly suppress the evil I will offer it and use [?] word missing] efforts to pass it. I hope you will do this as [?] words missing] no one where the concentrated energies of their mind is brought to bear on any subject will take a more practical or enlightened view of all its bearings than yourself.

I also believe with you as to the policy of expelling free negroes from the State. But are there not some few very few who should be exceptions to the general rule? On this subject there is now before the House a Bill, which no doubt will pass in some shape. I would like to hear from you further on these and other matters touching the present state of affairs. These are times when we should council with each other.

We are all quite well. I will leave for Montgomery friday or saturday next, am not yet determined whether I go via Greensboro or Randolph, will not however have time to call even if I come your way.

Yr. aft Brother

R. Jemison Jr.

Jabez Curry Greensboro, Ala.

Tuskaloosa 15 Jan 1862

Dear Jabez,

Your Grandson William Curry has been dismissed from College. I found him at Mr [?] name] on coming in from my mills last evening. He stayed there last night

but was not at breakfast this morning, so I have been prevented from talking with and counselling him to return Home as I preferred[?]. I may see him during the day & will if I do try & prevail on him to return home by first state. I know nothing of the cause of his dismission except that I heard he has in marks of demerit reach[ed] that maximum allowed to any cadet permitted to remain.

I hope I shall not be deemed officious[?] in giving you this information as I do not know whether you have been informed from any other source and think it proper you should know it. His Father I learn is in army.

Yr. Brother

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. Jabez Curry
Greensboro, Ala.

[letterbook 8, p. 303]

Tuskaloosa 24 Mch 1860

Dear Jabez

The trunk about which you inquire is in my Office & will be forwarded by tomorrows hack if not crowded out by passengers.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Tuskaloosa 6 Aug 1857

Dear Sir

Yrs 4 Inst. complaining of the conduct of the Driver in refusing to convey any letters from you to the Post Office at Marion or Greensboro, and with the further statement that he says it is against his orders to do anything of the kind for Old Curry, when he readily (as you learn) carries letters to the Office for others" is just recd. I am satisfied the Driver has recd no instructions in your case that is not given to others. Two of my partners are as bitter, double died in the wool Democrats as you can be. Mr Taylor who has charge of the road is a Whig, but moderate, and I am sure too much of a gentleman to have given any such instructions as to you. I have sent your letter to Mr. Taylor, that he may look into the matter, and have things placed right.

So far as the question of the obligation between yourself & the Stage, I was not until receipt of yours, aware of any obligation on the part of either of a pecuniary or other kind.

If the corn you furnished was more than 3 years prior to 1 July proximo R. Jemison Jr. & Co should pay for it. If since that time it is chargeable either to Jemison, Ficklin & Co. or Jemison, Ficklin & Powell. It does not matter however to which it should be charged, if you will send me the account with its date which will enable me to charge amount

paid to proper account, I will pay it.
We are all as usual. Would be glad to see your family, but am so constantly
pressed have not time to visit except where business calls.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

6 July 1857

Dear Sir

I have just recd the accompanying very extraordinary & ill-tempered letter,
which I have answered by informing the writer I had inclosed to you to attend to it, so far as
the conduct of the driver is concerned, and that if he would send me his account against the
stage line I would make obligations pecuniarily equal at least.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obl Svt

R. Remison Jr.

Mr. F. C. Taylor
Greensboro, Ala.

Luxapelilla Mills
9 Mch 1868

Honrl Jas. T. Harrison
Columbus, Missi.

Dr Sir

Inclosed you'll find copy of the Injunction Bond in the
Olmstead ferry case as to the validity of the license for which
you have heretofore examined & given yr written opinion.

You'll please examine & give me yr opinion as to how far the
parties to the Bond are liable.

1st. Toll ferry license being bad are they liable on account
of the tolls or ferrriage that wyould have been rec'd by the
parties restrained(?)

2nd. Are they liable for lawyers fees incurred by the
parties enjoined.

3rd. Are they liable for any other damages.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 12, p. 124]

Dear Sir

Tuskaloosa Ala.
10 Feb 1867

Ys 27 ult at request of E.S. Griffin is recd. I know no such person as the man
E.S. Griffin. I send you the Photograph of one Britton Ware a kinsman of you & myself who
I suspect is the individual calling himself E.S. Griffin. His mother & my mother were

daughters of Shadrack Mims of Lincoln County Ga. who if I mistake not was the Brother of yr. grandfather Drury Mims. A few months since he passed through Ala. & Missi victimizing and swindling his relations & others personating a dead brother Jno. Marshall Ware representing Britton (himself) as dead & that he was then a refugee from Twiggs County Ga. where he and a Nephew had killed two Yankees that had a few moments before killed his Brother & Brother-in-law. He swindled the writer out of Two Hundred dollars & left him in return the inclosed picture of himself. I hope sir that you or some other party whom he has swindled may bring him to Justice for since the days of Monroe[?] Edwards the[re] has not been a greater swindler.

Mims & B & [?] J.W.[?] Walker have written of some mutual friend whom they do not name having passed through yr city & requested them to request me to sell his cotton & remit them the proceeds &c. I presume they have [?] 2 words] with Mr. Griffin alias Britton Ware.

I should be pleased to hear from [you] whether I am correct in my suspicions.
Very Respectfully

R.Jemison Jr.

Mr. J.S. Mims
Key Box No 4
Augusta, GA

[letterbook 6 p. 93]

Office of NE & SW Ala. RR Co.
Tuska. Ala. 27 Oct 1868.

Mr. Jno. S. McCollum
Macn Missi

Dear Sir

I hand you herewith a blank relinquishment of Stock. This Company & the Wills Valley R.R. Co. have entered into articles of Consolidation whereby both Companies pass into the hands & under the management of Boston Capitalists with Ex Govnr Patton as Prest. of the consolidated company. One of the terms of Consolidation is that as far as practicable this Company shall get from each Stockholder a relinquishment of stock. You own three shares or \$300.00 of the stock all paid which is wholly valueless. Will you in kindly remembrance & regard of old friends relinquish it? By so doing you will oblige this City & Community and confer an especial favour on the writer. The subscribers here have generally relinquished as far as seen & they have very generally been seen. Over \$150,000.00 has been relinquished only four have refused & their payments have been only about \$1000.00.

Dr Cogburn(?) who I think lives in Macon is also a Stockholder to extent of five shares. Will you try to get his relinquishment. Hoping soon to hear from you.

I am Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.
Prest.

I think our prospects good for a road.

South. When the cause of the confederacy went up, I thought the duty of the people of the South to return to their allegiance and give prompt & true obedience to the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

Soon after the proclamation of the President I applied for pardon taking the oath of allegiance

[ends here in the letter book copy, Book 6 p. 164]

Tuskaloosa, 9 April, 1867

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of 2nd Inst written by Priscilla to this place. Also letters from each of you addressed to me at Montgomery prior to that date as well as one or two others since my last.

I have not written for sundry reasons. I have been a good deal absent have been sick good part of my time & when well & at home have been so pressed with business that I have neither had leisure or been in the mood to write. I now write more as a matter of duty than to give you any instruction as to the business under your charge. In the present condition of the country & the prospects ahead it will require one of more sagacity and foresight than I claim to tell what is best to do. If we can keep soul & body together, make our business pay expenses until our political status is settled in such manner as to secure us in what we have and the product of our property & labour (if such time shall ever be) we then can judge of what is best to be done & as far as in our power go forward & do it. I have little hope of seeing such times. I look forward to general confiscation -- and that at no distant day. In this I hope I may be mistaken.

But I set out to write you about business not Politics. I am glad to hear your Saw works well, particularly that the water wheel performs so satisfactorily. As to the Grist mill we must have a new wheel or wheels there. Had we best order some one or two of the Patent Turbines say [? 2 words] American Turbine, Stout, Mills & Temples American Turbine, or Stevenson's Helical [? 1 word] Turbine all of which seem pretty much the same in principle & construction & each of which is claimed to be superior to all other wheels. Or is not our own wheel, in point of power, about equal to any of them? If so it is certainly preferable in point of economy. Of the published turbines so far as I have seen notice of them I prefer the two first named. And will write immediately to the parties, to know on what terms they can be furnished & how soon. I have before me a letter from Stout Mills & Temple whose circular & price list I directed them to send you in which they say that their 20 in. wheel [? 1 word] 32 in. water under 14[?] feet fall renders 10 horse power which in merchant work should grind pr hour 9[?] bu. wheat, custom work 2 1/2 bu. or corn meal as generally ground for family use 14 bu. [? 1 word] 36 in wheel [? 1 word] 99[?] [? 1 word] water renders 22 50/100 horse power & will in merchant work grind 19 bu or custom work 22 bu pr hour or corn meal for family use 24 bu pr hour & in a Sash or muley saw mill saw from 4000 to 6000 ft in day time. All this if true is good enough, we need want nothing better. At this rate a 36 in wheel will grind four times as much grain as we will ever [? 1 word] and leave us ample power to run a saw & other machinery, at the lowest stage of water. They propose to furnish wheels & guarantee satisfaction as above stated, "if the wheels are properly

put in, geared right &c". I think I will be over about 2nd[?] next month. Write on receipt your views about wheels, &c.

Tell Powell Lofitss[?] the corn has been ordered. I have ordered shipped in yr. name 3 car loads about 800 bu. to care of Billups[?] & Brown. Let him have what he wants of it. If it does not arrive in time tell him to buy enough to do him along & I will pay him the difference between the price he pays & the actual cost of the corn in Columbus.

All moderately well. I am worst off suffering from Rheumatism or Gout and the Blues, in prospect of what is to become of us poor doomed rebels, for it seems our puritanical friends will not rest while we are out of Purgatory. It is said the Priest can pray the soul of the sinner out of Hell. If there is any power in Yankee Puritanism or Fanaticism to pray Rebels into Hell I am sure we would all be prayed there in double quick.

My love to Priscilla. Thanks for the letters she has written & tell her I have not time to write now & if I had she would take no pleasure in such a bluish and gloomy epistle as would be produced under my present feelings. Her Aunt expects about next Monday to leave for Texas with her uncle Bro Kit. Cherrie will probably go as far as Mobile, perhaps to N. Orleans.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. M.S. Slocum
Columbus Missi
pr R. Nelson

[letterbook 6 p.111]

Tuskaloosa. 24. Jany 1869

My Dear Mims

On my return Home night before last I found Ys 11 Inst. Before this I presume you have a statement from Mr. P.A. Fitts as to the affairs of the ferry showing amt cash on hand, &c. There has been nothing done as to an election of a Directory & Prest. Mr Fitts is now absent but is expected home today. I will endeavour to have an election before I leave as they say they have been waiting for me. Hargrove yesterday showed me a Bill they had drawn to enjoin the opposition to the ferry. The Bill can not be signed or injunction obtained until an election is had.

The Cherokee place is all rented, that is your part of it a portion of it to Mr Hargrove at 30 lbs(?) ginned cotton pr acre, a portion at about \$4 and the Balance at \$3 pr acre, the whole rent will amount to some \$1200 or \$1500.

I learn from Mr Hargrove Fitts has over \$300 of ferry funds in hand - this I suppose embraces only receipts up to the 1st of this year. By the end of this month he should I would think have enough to redeem all the property suggested - and I think this would be the best disposition you can make of the funds. The property is now paying about one hundred & seventy five dollars pr. annum rent. I will go down either on wednesday's or saturday's Boat. If on wednesday's will get out at Demopolis. My

I shall go to Luxapellilla Mills.

Who has the papers relating to the Tuskalooosa & Wetumpka Bridge Companies. The originals I carried to Wetumpka to have them recorded on the Companies Book, there the receipts for which I think were given to David. Where are they now = among his papers at home or in the hands of the assignee? Before I can institute any proceedings as to the Wetumpka Stock I will have to have them. I will be in Montgomery by or before the 16 next month expect to be there about the 12th. If I go from Columbus via Selma will try & spend a night with you.

Before any thing can be done towards stopping the opposition ferry here your title or certificate of purchase of Davids Stock in Bankruptcy will have to be recorded on the minute Book of the Company. If you can send [? 1 or 2 words] your proxy to Hargrove & Fitts to represent you as a Stockholder & also as a Director it will save you the necessity of coming up.

The Piers and Abutments of the Tuskalooosa Bridge were all(?) bought in the name of Woolsey Walker & Co and their [? 2 or 3 words] transferred to David. The arrangement with [? 2 or 3 words] seems to have been made with [? 1 word] in the name of W.W & Co and not of D.S. Walker and no return of them I presume made by either on their schedules of Bankruptcy, as the original [? 1 or 2 words] between the parties is still in the hands of [? several words]. Contract seems to have been drawn up in ignorance of the facts of [? 1 or 2 words]

Very truly

Yr. Uncle

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr Mims Walker

Care Morgan & Sapsley

Selma Ala.

[letterbook 13, p. 171-172]

Luxapellilla Mills Missi

11. Decr 1868

Dear Mims

I leave for Montgomery via Mobile by to nights train regret I cannot come your way. I recd. a letter from Mr Hargrove last evening wishing to know what you proposed to do with your part of Cherokeee place next year, and asking if I had heard from you on the subject. He will I learn from his letter leave for Linden to day & will perhaps call by to see you on the subject in which event you & he can make your own terms. The two places are so situated that in renting they cannot be conveniently seperated. Your best plan at least the one I would advise would be to give him the management of both places and do with yours as he does with his own. This would be much more profitable to you than a money rent from him or any body else. If you rent to him or any other party I would advise rather than a money rent part of the crop, say one fourth the cotton & one third the corn. In this way your land would pay \$1,200.00 or \$1,800.00 rent instead of \$500.00

In my last I asked what had become of the original Bridge papers. I wish to have those relating to the Wetumpka Bridge before steps can be taken to get the title to that stock settled. Has any thing been done as to Taite's suit or rather the suit of Wooksey(?) Walker & Co on the claim transferred to them against the R R Co by me & by Woolsey transferred to Taite. If this suit can be compromised between Bailly Taite & yourself, I would recommend it, for several reasons. See Morgan & know if this can be done and write me to Montgomery on the subject, also as to the Bridge papers - and what you propose to do with the Cherokee place.

I have written you as to doing something to stop the Olmstead Ferry at Tuskalooosa &c. I have expected Hargrove & Fitts to write you on this subject but it seems they have done nothing. I send you a proxy which you can sign & send to them with instruction to take such steps as they think best for your interest.

Do not fail to write me to Montgomery
Very Truly Yr Uncle
R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. Mims Walker
Faunsdale

Kind regards to all.
Inclosed result of sale on 30th ult.

[letterbook 13, pp. 177-178

us not therefore quarrel with his dogmas or speak of them to others.

Two months have passed without using in my instance any liquor as a beverage. I have used it not at all except as a medicine & that only in such careful[?] quantities as you have seen me -- Why may I not go two years or the Balance of my life be that more or less without its use, save as medicine? Do not say I cant or that I wont.

Judgments have been rendered against me in the attachments against my property here except in the case of Mrs Gooche. I will go into town tomorrow if the weather is suitable to see Merritt & [? name] and try & have some definite arrangement by which I can get them to let you buy in the property & pay their debt. If I can have my health I think I can make the property pay for itself in three years, besides doing all specified repairs.

My love for all & kiss Minnie for Grandpa.

Yr Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

[Letterbook 12, p 114]

[first part of this letter from Robert Jemison to Priscilla is missing; on light bluish lined paper; this letter was apparently written in Sept. or Oct. 1862, as Mr. Plane was killed in the battle of Sharpsburg, Sept. 17, 1862]

not probably be out for several day's. Every thing depends upon the Prest.'s decision. If he recommends there will be little difficulty. Otherwise no chance of success.

Thirdly the weather is more pleasant & my health much improved. I have made enquiry here for Range Water Back Boiler & such other things as are most needful & of most pressing necessity about our House. I find Range water back & boiler but no chance of transportation. I wrote to Augusta to know if they could not be had there whence I could get transportation but recieve for answer they are not there.

I meet here with Mr Ben Ficklin

recently returned from Europe running the Blockade with a fine Steamer & cargo. He makes you a present of a Box of Coffee containing 25 or 30 lbs. old Java Coffee, which I will bring with me.

Every thing here enormously high. Beef \$1.50 pr. lb. Sugar \$1.75 Coffee \$5. Tobacco \$4. & every thing in proportion, and rising every day. Negroes worth from \$2000 to \$3000. Where or in what these things must end no one may tell. I fear the end will be national & individual bankruptcy.

Tomorrow or next day I shall go to Petersburg to meet Helen who telegraphs me she will be there on her way to Sharpsburg Ma. to recover the remains of Capt Plane. She goes by Flag of Truce by way of Fortress Monroe to Baltimore. I fear she will have much trouble.

I hope in a few days to know more of my business & will write you. Write to Montgomery.

Dear Sir

Ys. 21st inst just recd by this mail. I [?] 1 word] Mr. John Witing of Montgomery to place to your Credit Five thousand dollars and advise you thereof. Our Legislature assembles again on the 9 proximo at which time I expect to be again in Montgomery. Yr. note to Chief of Police I sent to Mr Whiting with request to hand as directed.

All well and unite in Love to yourself and family

Very Truly

R.Jemison Jr.

Wm F. Plane Esqr.

Newton, Baker County

Ga.

My Dear Helen,

Our Sister Elizabeth died on 14th Inst of Cancer of the Breast. She had her left breast amputated some four weeks previous, after which and indeed for a short time previous she declined pretty rapidly. The disease made its first appearance some 12 - 18 wks[?] ago. About two weeks previous old Aunt Wheat died of the same disease.

Yr. Aff. Brother

Robert

[letterbook 6, p. 704]

Missi

Luxapellila Mills Near Columbus

30 June 1869

Messrs Wm C. S(?) & Co.

St. Louis, Mo.

Gent.

Yrs 2nd Inst. also P/C 21st recd on my return here a few days since.

You will send me a car load of wheat say about 280 lbs. Not being familiar with the grades of wheat as quoted in yr. market I am somewhat at a loss how to order. Must therefore trust in a good degree to your own judgment and discretion, after telling you what demands of our market are &c.

The bulk of flour sold being to Freedmen the lower grades are most in demand. In purchasing it is all important to buy an article that is sound & clean and to have it put into good new sacks.

I am just commencing an experiment to test the question whether I can give profitable employment to my Mills by importing western wheat. I have with that view made a through ticket arrangement with the M & O RR Co. If the experiment succeeds I shall be a pretty liberal customer.

You will send me 8 or 10 sacks each of fully choice red & white wheat. And a like number 8 or 10 sacks each of the lowest grade of spring & fall wheat. Balance pr yr judgment.

[beginning of this letter missing; on blue lined paper]

inform you not only that Burwell in a recent letter to Cherokee promised either to "return or destroy it, as she might desire but quoted his words. This I supposed would be deemed by you sufficient authority to send it. It seems however you either doubt the authenticity of the promise or question the policy of giving up the Picture as you prefer to "let remain (in his closet where he left it) until he comes home when he can dispose of it as he wishes."

The Portrait is not a keepsake from Cherokee, it was painted at Burwells instance from an ambrotype obtained for a very different purpose as alleged at the time. It was painted without her consent or even her knowledge; and when she asked a return of her letters & Ambrotype from motives of delicacy (the Portrait being painted at his cost) she did not ask for or even mention it. In his reply he reminds her of the omission & proposes to "return or destroy it" as she may desire. The Picture though obtained as stated is in supposition of law his property having paid a valuable consideration for it. Obtained as it was it has no value as a keep sake. Nor can it in good faith be held or treated as the evidence of past engagements, broken vows or any thing of that sort. Why then is it retained. Is it so highly prized as a work of Art? or is a restoration of past relations between the parties looked to, or hoped for? Had Burwell refused its delivery there are circumstances connected with this unwise & ill-advised Courtship that might induce the suspicion that its retention was for the sinister purpose of keeping off the addresses of future rivals; but when you after he has, unasked proposed to return or destroy it decline to give it up, neither the fond solicitude nor wary apprehensions of the Father for his only child can conjecture a reason for its retention.

When I appealed to you Jabez as a Brother & Father for your friendly influence & authority to put a quietus to this matter I expected a very different response from what you have given. Notwithstanding the known difference in our views as to the policy & moral fitness of the intermarriage of cousins I never imagined I could not have believed that you would have avowed that you conceived it to be the duty of any member of your family to aid & encourage a match between Cherokee and Burwell in opposition to the known wishes of her Parents. However displeasing such alliances are in the sight of God as is too frequently evidenced by the afflictions visited upon the offspring, the parties themselves might plead long & general usage in extenuation & excuse for their unnatural and forbidden affection: But with you other consideration must have operated. Cupid has long since lost his sway over you. At our time of life we should bow the knee to the True Deity. Neither Cupid nor Mammon, or any other Divinity should make us forget or treat lightly the sacred relation of Father & child. Let noone, last of all a father sanction interference in this holy relationship.

Very truly

Yr Brother

R. Jemison Jr

Mr. Jabez Curry

near Greensboro
Ala.

P.S. Since writing above I learn through Mr. Taylor that Burwell has returned Home. He may not have read my letter sent him by his Uncle Mack. If not say to him Cherokee sent his Ambrotype by her Uncle & through the same medium asks return of hers.

Luxapellila Mills Missi
9 Jany 1869.

Mr Johnathan Bliss
Gainesville Ala. DrSir

Judge Kings letter. From its statements you percieve the distance from Marion to New Prospect 34.22 miles thence to Eutaw 9 miles the track of the Ala. & Chattanooga R. Road would be used, which extending(?) the [? 1 word] from Eutaw to Gainesville at 16 miles would give the entire distance to be built to complete the connection between Marion & Gainesville 50.32 miles of which there has been 3/4 of the grading of 18 miles done. To complete Balance of the work & equip the Road the company would be entitled (including the Road completed at back end) to an endorsement by the [? 1 word] of R.Roads of \$4.376.000 or over 27.500 pr mile for the unfinished 50 miles. Now if the [? 1 word] Bonds endorsed by the State can be negotiated at all, who cannot we build the Road as well as others. I would like to hear what Mr. Lewis & you think of it. Write to Tuaka.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 189]

Luxapellila Mills
13 Jany 1869

Col. J.A. Burgen
Mayhew Missi

DrSir

Ys. 10th Inst recd here last evening. Send draft by mail as you propose. Can't ;you make it for one half the amt \$315.20 payable say 20th March. If you can it will greatly oblige me on the R.Road. Let me know. I will see both Murdock and Col. Rushing the V Prest in your behalf & will take much pleasure in commending you to them. The latter by the way is the man of details & who will have more influence than the Prest. With him my personal & business relations for some time past have been very intimate & kind. I think I can be of service to you with him.

My kind regards to yr. family.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

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[letterbook 12, p. 178]

Luxapellila Mills

9 Decr 1847

My Dear Wife

If I have not written to you immediately on the organization of the two Houses it has not been for the want of a disposition to do so. I arrived here about noon on Sabbath, found the city full to overflowing. General Dent who had preceded me by two days had been fortunate enough to engage me a room at the Exchange, of which I have not been enabled to get possession until this evening. The Exchange is a very large & commodious Hotel recently built or rather now building for it is in an unfinished state. It is very tastefully & conveniently arranged and will when completed take precedence of the Hall. We have now a perfect jam. The dining Room is as large or larger than that of the Washington Hall & two tables set its full length are more than filled at each meal. I am very conveniently & comfortably located on the first floor, except that my Room is too small. Mr Stewart who beside being a most excellent Landlord is a very clever gentleman thinks in eight or ten days he can furnish me with comfortable family rooms. The difficulty in getting located the great press of candidates &c has prevented me from writing to you earlier.

Since I have been here I have met a number of relatives whom I have not seen for years some [of] whom I have never seen before. Dr Ball is now here & yr brother Jno looked for by every boat.

In the Senate L.A. Winston was elected President without opposition. Jennings Marast Secretary. In the House L.P. Walker a Chivalry[?] Democrat was elected Speaker and A.B. Clitherrall Chief Clerk. The standing Committees in our House have not yet been announced. They will it is expected be made known in the morning. I cannot say how I may be located but have had it hinted to me that I will be put at the head of the Committee of ways & means. This is always one of the most important committees but at the present time is peculiarly so. Its duties will be much more laborious & far more responsible than at any time heretofore. Should I be made its Chairman I will not shirk either from its labours or responsibilities. I have neither sought or desired so responsible a position, but if my political opponents think proper to place me in it whether from the conviction of my ability to discharge its duties or from the disposition to shift in some degree its very heavy responsibilities on to me & the party with which I am acting I will assume its duties determined to perform them to the full extent of my ability & with a view only to the future interest & honour of the State.

As yet none of our Tuscaloosa ladies have arrived except Miss Marr & Judge Porters daughter. Miss Ormond &c looked for daily. They have engaged rooms at the Exchange. Mrs Oliver Cox & others of yr friends have enquired very specially after you.

Pa's love & a kiss for our little daughter. Impress it upon her to be a good girl & to mind her studies so she may soon be able with ease to read a letter from Pa & to write him one. My respects to Helen & Miss Casey & present me kindly to the Dr and Mrs Jennings. Tell the Dr he need not be in a very great hurry to get here, as the Senatorial election between King & Lewis is over shadowing & swallowing up every other subject. While the present state of excitement, anxiety & alarm between those two men & their friends continue it would be unnecessary to attempt an audience to listen to any new view [on the] healing art or on any other subject.

Yr Aff Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. Since writing the above the standing committees have been made known. I am as had been intimated put at the head of the Committee on ways & means. The committee consists of nine members as follows. Jemison, Scott, Ware, Hewlett, Mudd, Fate Phillips Moore and Hamilton of Mobile.

Those underscored are Whigs.

Pontotoc 13th Decr 1842

My Dear Wife

My suit is at length decided & I am enabled to say to you as did Ableard to his friend as to his polemic controversy with Anselman "I was not vanquished by the mighty foe." The cause came on for trial yesterday forenoon & after a long and laboured argument on the side of the defendant was under the charge of the court submitted to the Jury, who after a short retirement (not long enough it seems to calculate the interest correctly) returned a verdict in my favour for \$3.452.88/100. This is short the true amount & less than was intended by the Jury \$273.77/100. To this loss through the inadvertance of the Jury in their interest calculations or inattention of my council I have to submit or seek a remedy by a new trial. This remedy beside the delay attendant upon such a course to say nothing of the uncertainty of the verdict of a petit Jury, would require my presence again to attend court here. I need not therefore say to you that I shall abide the verdict as it is. The trifling amount of error weighs not a feather when compared with my anxiety to enjoy the society of a beloved wife & child. The testimony elicited on the trial of this cause places beyond any reasonable doubt my success in a suit I have pending before the circuit court in Tuscaloosa County for about \$4450.00/100 growing out of the same cause of action with one just decided but against a different party. My adversary was most sadly disappointed & for a man of wealth more mortified & choppfallen than I could have imagined he would have been under the circumstances. To avoid litigation I had offered many & various favourable propositions to compromise the case; all of which were not only rejected but treated with indifference & even with disdain & scorn. But now when the die is cast against him & he sees little or no chance to escape payment he proposes to accept a compromise I offered him but a week since by which he could have paid the debt with about fifty cents in the dollar. This proposition made through his council & mine so to make it come in as imposing a shape as possible was rejected. He then applied to me in person & with tears in his eyes & many false protestations of what he had ever been willing to do. He urged me to accept it. I could not sympathise with him. While I saw his crocodile tears so quick to flow at his own disappointment I could but think the misfortunes of another would never have called them fourth. I could but wonder at the magical, mysterious & wonderful influence of gold as frequently exhibited amongst men. Here is a man whose whole course has shown that his only measure of justice is the sentence of the law. Deaf & silent as to every proposition heretofore however generous or liberal as soon as the law has pronounced its judgment against him all his faculties, all his perceptions seem to have been quickened. He finds it his interest now to do what he heretofore might have done. He did not understand those propositions of settlement at the time, but the judgment of the law seems to have revived

his memory of past events so as now in his turn to make his propositions in accordance with terms of settlement he has heretofore rejected. Money truly seems a mighty refresher of memory, a mighty quickener of perceptions. It finds ready access to a heart that never felt for another's woe, will make the tears course down those cheeks that never blushed at any injustice. Well did the wise man say "Money is the root of all evil". I gazed upon the tear that glistened in his eye & thought upon the sordidness & littleness of man. I felt at the spectacle of a man a business man, one who had grown rich by trading & who had seen & known the ways & fate of trading men without having felt a spirit of liberality or even learned to act justly shedding tears like a child that had lost his rattle. At such a spectacle I say I could feel no other emotion than contempt for the sordid wretch who would so far belittle & degrade the dignity of his nature. The very tears that seemed so strangely to mock every sentiment of charity as well as every idea of manliness of character told me but too plainly that if the issue of the suit had beggared me & mine he would have passed my wife & child cold & hungered by the way side. Nay he would have seen them in the extremity of want & suffering & would never have shed a tear or even contributed a farthing to their relief out of the fund that had been cast upon him by the mere quibble or technicality of the law. I will not trouble you longer with this picture of human littleness. I should not have indulged thus far in my speculations upon the power of gold over the faculties, energies, hopes, views, interests, feelings and affections of some of the human family but that I am left all alone & now freed from all care, doubt, or anxiety as to the issue of the suit that brought me here, I have shewn by the verdict of a Jury of strangers that I did not demand more than was my right. There were only two of the original panel of the Jury whom I had ever seen & with neither of them had I ever any intimate acquaintance. Both of these men challenged by the opposite party & two of his neighbours filled their places. From the force of the circumstances that have surrounded me I have been thrown amongst those who have been engaged in the pursuit of this "root of all evil" & have perhaps been classed amongst those who have sacrificed at the shrine of Mammon many of the better & nobler feelings of my nature. But I surely have never loved money as this man.

I have said that I am all alone. My company have all left me. I am here dependant on the stage to get away. This will leave tomorrow morning when I shall certainly start homeward. I wish I could come directly on but I must visit Coalfire & the Garden before my return. I need not say to my Dear Wife that I will be at home as early as my business will allow, or repeat to her my great anxiety to be with her & the dear little girl. You must pardon my long & frequent absence. I trust the time is not far distant when I shall be permitted to enjoy more of their society.

(this from Pontitoc)

If your Brother Jno is in Tuskaalooza say to him I regret I have not been enabled to be in Tuskaalooza before this. When I left I did not expect to make my visit to Pontitoc. I thought court came on there next month, & that I would have returned home before I would have to attend court. I hope he is getting on well with both Whig & Democrat & that he may succeed without difficulty. I fear though he will not be enabled to rally his own party & that the whigs cannot amid the number of candidates there will be on the track be united on him. They are so far in the minority that they can accomplish nothing except by management in swapping. This will operate against him.

I write you now lest I may not have time when I reach Columbus. I do not think I will reach home much before Christmas particularly if I hear that the health of my Dearest &

the little girl is good. I will not close until I get to Columbus where I will mail this and where I expect certainly to hear from you.

Columbus 7. o'clock P.M. 16th Dec. I reached here last evening in fine health and had the pleasure of finding yr very kind & acct. favour of the 8th waiting my arrival. I see from it that my misgivings as to yr health was not without foundation but am gratified to learn it has been restored. My anxiety & apprehensions on this subject has given constant uneasiness when absent & frequently unfitted me for a prompt & efficient attention to my business. Whenever I do not hear frequently & regularly from you my fears are excited. I know how delicate & how easily yr health is affected by the slightest imprudence, neglect or exposure & am therefore the more readily alarmed. Let me then the more earnestly urge upon you to write me often. I expected when I reached here to have found three or four letters from my Dearest. I found but one & it a week old. By this evenings mail I thought certain I should hear from you but was disappointed. I however had a letter from Mr. Templeton of the 13th in which he says "Yr family are well so far as I know." I would rather have had a letter from my Dear wife, then there would have been no qualification of "so far as I know". Ma & the little girl are not more anxious for the enjoyment of Pa's society at home than he is for the enjoyment of theirs. But they or at least Ma will recollect that Pa's lot is that of the man of business and that his has been & is for a time yet destined to be a sort of mill horse round. He longs most ardently to see the end of the circle. Before he had Ma & the little girl he knew not, felt not, that his was a life of absence from home. He had a home but it had few or no attractions. He visited it as another place in the way of his business round. It is different, far different now. There is one point now where his hopes & his affections centre. To this his heart & his mind are ever turned. Since Ma's great anxiety to give every attraction to this home of his heart Pa feels the more anxious to contribute his share and to participate with her in its enjoyment & pleasure. Nothing could afford him so great happiness.

I am very sorry to hear that John is doubtful of his prospects. It is a bad omen I truly regret it has not been in my power to be there as I think I might have been of service amongst my whig brethren & think also I might have taught him how to guard against some of the tricks of Democrats, for I think I know the ways of his own party better than he does himself particularly in their electioneering.

I shall go tomorrow night to Coalfire.

Pa's love to the Dear little girl & his Respect to Aunt K. Tell his Dear Daughter he will be at home to get that Christmas gift he has promised if she is a good girl.

To Dearest Ma he tenders the sincerest regards of an

Aff Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

Montgomery 13 Decr. 1857.

My Dear Ma.

I am in receipt of a new copying press & letter book. For the first page of the latter I know of no communication so fit as an offering to her who is always first in thought &

first in affection not forgetting our dear Daughter who is always coupled with her Ma in remembrance and affection. I am not entirely relieved from the attack of diarrhea, but am better and with prudence apprehend no further inconvenience.

The House yesterday passed a resolution to adjourn on Saturday next & meet again 8 Jany in which the Senate will no doubt concur. I will therefore leave for Home on Saturday next. Expect to return by Greensboro but will write you to Tusk. I have letters this morning from Burgin Templeton, & Little. They say all is well.

Nothing new here since you left. Hope before recpt have arrived safely & had a pleasant trip.

Remember me kindly to Ino & family and respects to Eliza. Make daughter write.

Love to Ma & Daughter. Let them kiss each other for Pa.

Yr. aft. Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 8, p. 2]

Montgomery 17 Decr 1868

My Dear Ma,

My last was to Daughter of day before yesterday. Our Rail Road parties are all here, that is the two Stanton's Burr & Carlton of Boston and Govnr Patton. The latter begins to see or rather fear what I have thought I could see for sometime. That his connection with the Presidency of the Company is drawing to a close. The new Company of which he is a member holds here a meeting to day to elect new Directors & new Officers. If I dont mistake the signs of the times the Govnr. will be thrown overboard as President. It is not improbable that I may be one of the Directors in the New Company & that I will have Charge of the lower end of the Road from Meridian to Elyton & Govnr Patton have charge of the upper end, as Vice President. All this is in some degree mere speculation but based upon pretty good & sound premises. I may be enabled to let you know the result before closing.

The R Road was sold yesterday for \$318,000 the amt of the state debt. As soon as the Deeds & other papers can be drawn up I will leave here for home unless something transpires to send me in another direction or detain me here and I know of nothing that will cause either; But I will have to return soon as we cannot for want of Mr Adams Power of Attorney which Mr Scott omitted to bring close matters finally. Mr Rushing also who was expected here is sick. We have telegraphed for his power of attorney and may get it in time.

I clip from the Mornings Mail the inclosed slip as well for its article as to the Road as the honorable notice of my humble self.

Since writing above I met Mr Stanton at Dinner who informs me of my election as Director. I do not know what will be the duties expected of me or the Compensation that will be allowed. I shall be very certain not to accept unless there is money in it. I cannot work at my time of life for mere fame. The Balance of my time so far as this world is concerned must be devoted to my family & my creditors mainly. If incidentally I can benefit the public I shall be gratified to do so but I cannot as in the past neglect my private business for the public

service.

Govrn Patton as predicted was ousted from the Presidency. W. N. Stanton is the President. The Govnr & myself are the only directors in Ala. There is one [in] Chattanooga, eight in Massachusetts, making eleven in all. Govnr Patton I understand takes his defeat very hard. I have not yet seen him. As yet he holds no position except as a Director. There is a disposition to make him Vice President, but I should not be surprised if he talks himself even out of this position, which will be a mere honourable office in this case.

My next will be to Mr Hargrove. If at home you may tell him I am about to collect \$225.00 for him which will come in mighty good time for I am reduced in my finances to \$1.40 and owe my Board Bill when here before.

Tell Minnie Grand Pa will be home soon. He wants to see all; none more than his little Minnie. Love for you all. Hope to hear from some by tomorrows mail. Have had no letter here.

Yr. Aftr. Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Montgomery Ala
19 Decr 1847

My Dear Wife

Your kind & very welcome letter of 12 Inst did not come to hand until this morning. It was the more welcome as it was the first direct information from my home & family since I left them. I had heard of heavy rains & a destructive tornado (of which latter you make no mention) in the vicinity of Tuskaaloosa. I hear from both your letter & Mrs Dents to the Genrl that the freshet has seriously injured not only me but the Planters on the river generally. I have been & am quite apprehensive that my Bro. William or Mack or both of them are in the track of the tornado of whose destructive ravages we are daily hearing so much.

You tell me in ys that up to the time of its date you had had nothing from me. This was not my fault. I did not it is true for reasons of which I informed you write immediately on the organization of the two Houses. Yet I wrote early enough for you to have heard from me before the date of ys. This is my second, only I have frequently attempted to write you, but such has been the constant, untiring & unremitting importunities of Candidates that the poor beset member has no time allowed him to attend even to those demands which are strongest & sternest in life upon the husband & father. There is a class of Candidates who seem to think that it is the peculiar & especial province of the Legislature to provide for the maintenance of themselves & families. These have an impudence more unblushing than brass itself, & from their importunities there is scarcely any escape. I am with my door locked, the key in my pocket & the key hole stopped that I may secure to myself a moments privacy to hold communion with my family & as I write these words there is one thumping at my door. Let him thump.

I wrote you Mr. Stewart had promised me comfortable family rooms. He lets me have two very convenient & comfortable rooms on the first floor connecting with each other by large folding doors. They are convenient to the ladies entrance immediately fronting

it near the dining Room & convenient also to the Ladies parlour. They are I think the choice Rooms in the House. I am much pleased with the Exchange as a Hotel. I think it decidedly preferable to the Hall. They are already beginning to quit the Hall & come here. Our landlord is a most excellent host beside a most estimable gentleman. There is one incident in his history that deserves mention and is worthy of all praise. He failed in business for a large amount took the benefit of the bankrupt law. He has since his discharge in Bankruptcy been successful in business & has paid off every debt principal & interest from which he was released by his certificate in Bankruptcy. He is I am proud to say a Whig.

We have as yet made but little progress in the more important business of the Session. Two Legislative days were pretty much lost from our regular business by the reception of Genl Shields on his way from Mexico with despatches to his Government. Another in the Election of U.S. Senator which after 18 ballotings resulted in election of D.H. Lewis.

This morning another of the Mexican Lions Maj. General Quitman arrives with other despatches for his Government. We have adjourned to witness his reception by the city & tomorrow he will be received by the two Houses of the General Assembly. Thus will have passed two more legislative days without much progress in Legislation. I should not forget the least & most monkey-like Lion of the times his Excellency Gov. Chapman. He was inaugurated yesterday with grand parade & ceremony. He delivered or rather read to the assembled multitude a very prolix & common place Inaugural. I did not hear it for such was the crowd of ladies in the Hall that when the procession entered members found their seats usurped by the gentler sex. And though our Constitution requires that the Governor be inaugurated in the presence of the two houses of the General Assembly, such was the gallantry of an Ala. legislature that they would rather wink at a neglect of this Constitutional form than intimate to the ladies they were out of place.

But I have not told you what I was most anxious to tell you. Our Rooms will be ready for yr reception whenever it may be in yr power to come. I am most anxious for yr coming. Could I have foreseen events I would have been anxious for you to have come with me. Yet I doubt not you will enjoy yrself better by arriving a little later than if you had been here in the midst of the squeeze. You will have missed the grand pageants of the inauguration & Inauguration Ball & the ceremonies of the reception's of Genl's Shields & Quitman. But you will find things much more comfortably arranged so far as pertains to yr own reception than if you had arrived at the Commencement of the Session. We are not crowded now yet every night the floors of both Ladies & gentlemen's parlours are covered with beds & he who gets a seat at first table thinks himself fortunate.

Let me again repeat my anxiety for yr arrival. My situation in Committee when we get regularly to work will require all my time & all my energies. I shall not have much time to devote to my domestic relation & am therefore the more anxious to have you near me.

Pa's warmest love to his dear daughter & his most anxious solicitude for both her's & Ma's health & happiness. Respect to others &c &c

Yr Afct. Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

[top portion of this three-page letter from Robert Jemison to Priscilla Cherokee Taylor

missing; this letter was apparently written in Dec 1835, indicating that Greenberry Taylor died, probably of some contagious disease, in Nov or Dec of 1835.]

left, particularly if by that time you should have any intelligence from home; I therefore had a hope that on reaching here I should hear from you. I was however disappointed. Another & another mail has arrived and still not a word from you. My anxiety to hear from you before the arrival of this mornings stage was greater than on any former occasion. To account for yr. continued silence has created a perplexity that has still further increased this anxiety. When I last parted from you it was with more reluctance & with feelings of deeper regret than I had ever parted with you. I left you sorrowing for the death of one parent and we knew not how soon you might be called upon to mourn the loss of the other. I trust in Heaven that it is not this melancholy intelligence that has been the cause of yr. not writing and yet from your silence I can but fear this double affliction. I some times think you have perhaps repented Tuscaloosa but in that event I should surely have heard from you. I have frequently repented me of leaving you when I did. Indeed nothing but the urgency & importance of my engagements could

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until now. This I am confident would have been the case could I have foretold or foreseen the situation of my business here. Before my arrival all my company had left, leaving nothing for me to do (or which as yet has required my presence) nor any information whither they had gone or when they would return. They presumed I suppose that agreeable to promise & according to the arrangement & understanding before I left that I would be found at my post ready to receive & act upon any communication that might be addressed to me. As yet I have had nothing to attend to. Nothing to do. No companion for me thoughts save only her whose lovely image is ever present to the imagination, whose charms and whose excellence is told in every pulsation of the heart. How often Priscilla have I within the last ten days recalled past scenes? The agreeable tete-a-tetes we have had, the pleasures of our many moon light walks, the more tender & heart-felt emotions of those moments of expressive silence which told a tale of deeper and more enduring attachment than all the

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is denied us: In that moment when the soul wings its flight to another world[?]. Then -- even then the last fond gaze of the eye shall single out the object of its nearest, dearest, fondest & strongest attachment, shall tell even as it closes in death the last earthly tie that is dissolved.

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left, particularly if by that time you should have any intelligence from home; I therefore had a hope that on reaching here I should hear from you. I was however disappointed. Another & another mail has arrived and still not a word from you. My anxiety to hear from you before the arrival of this mornings stage was greater than on any former occasion. To account for yr. continued silence has created a perplexity that has still further increased this anxiety. When I last parted from you it was with more reluctance & with feelings of deeper regret than I had ever parted with you. I left you sorrowing for the death of one parent and we knew not how soon you might be called upon to mourn the loss of the other. I trust in Heaven that it is not this melancholy intelligence that has been the cause of yr. not writing and yet from your silence I can but fear this double affliction. I some times think you have perhaps left Tuscaloosa but in that event I should surely have heard from you. I have frequently repented me of leaving you when I did. Indeed nothing but the urgency & importance of my engagements could

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untill now. This I am confident would have been the case could I have foretold or foreseen the situation of my business here. Before my arrival all my company had left, leaving nothing for me to do (or which as yet has required my presence) nor any information whither they had gone or when they would return. They presumed I suppose that agreeable to promise & according to the arrangement & understanding before I left that I would be found at my post ready to receive & act upon any communication that might be addressed to me. As yet I have had nothing to attend to. Nothing to do. No companion for me thoughts save only her whose lovely image is ever present to the imagination, whose charms and whose excellence is told in every pulsation of the heart. How often Priscilla have I within the last ten days recalled past scenes? The agreeable te-te-a-tetes we have had, the pleasures of our many moon light walks, the more tender & heart-felt emotions of those moments of expressive silence which told a tale of deeper and more enduring attachment than all the

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I am sincerely and affectionately thine

R. Jemison Jr

Miss Priscilla Taylor

Luxapellila Mills near
Columbus Missi 9 Jany 1869

Honrl Porter King
Marion Ala. Dear Sir

I recd day before yesterday in Mobile vs. 30 ult written to Meredian. Your Memoranda & Statistics are quite full & satisfactory except that I think you have made a mistake in your referrence to the Act increasing Capital Stock of yr Company to three millions & authorizing extension of yr road in direction Okalona. You refer to Act166(?) page 61(?) to which I have turned but do not find the Act. You also omit statement of yr. liabilities and do not give any intimation of the price & terms on which your Road can be purchased. You'll oblige me by giving these additional items that I may submit them in connection with other information furnished to Mr Stanton, whom I have not yet met as expected when I saw you.

Was there any action & what at the interview with Genrl Forrest & others on 7th Inst?
I will be here 'till end of next week when I will return home where you'll direct yr letter.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 186]

Tuskaloosa. 29 Jany 1869

Honrl Porter King
Marion Ala. DrSir

On preceding page I hand you copy of a letter to which I have had no response and think perhaps may not have been recd.

If yr Company has made no arrangements for the extension of its road I think I can make negotiations for its extension to Gainesville & perhaps to the State line in a direction for Okalona. If satisfactory terms can be made with yr Company I am very cinfidant the first connection may be made & I think also the latter.

If no arrangements have been made as to an extension of your road as indicated I would be pleased to hear further from [you] as to the terms on which yr. road may be had and if necessary I will call. I see you & yr. Brother Will leave tomorrow for Mobile where I will remain a few days. A letter addressed to care of Jno T. Taylor if it should not reach me before leaving there will be forwarded so as to reach me without delay.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 219]

Tuskaloosa, Ala.
26 Decr 1868.

Honrl Porter King
Marion Ala. Dear Sir

Ys. 24 recd yesterday the one addressed to me at Greensboro not yet recd. I am next week to meet with Mr. J.C. Stanton at Meredian to make arrangements for commencement of work on that end of the Ala. & Chataooga Road (as now called) arrangements having been made for the commencement of work at the upper end. I do not know whether Mr S's engagements will allow him to visit Marion as you suggest, am inclined to think they will not. I will be in Greensboro on next Tuesday night on my way. Cant you meet me there? In addition to the Statistics furnished in you letter before me we would like to know the R.R. distances from Selma to the Marion Junction, thence to Marion, [? 2 or 3 words] Marion Road, its liabilities & to whom & in what shape they exist, hyow the indebtedness of Company stand as to priority of lein &c. Also at what price your Company will sell the Road with a guarantee of its extension. If you have a pamphlet copy of your charter and amendments made to it from time to time would be [? 1 word] to get it. Did not your Company at one time [? 2 or 3 words]ment or supplemental act authorizing an extension of your Road to the State in direction of Columbus or Aberdeen Missi. If so where will that Act be found?

If you cannot meet me in Greensboro as proposed will you write me fully on the aforementioned points and all other matters touching the proposed scheme of extension that may occur to you. Address me care of Ragsdale House Meredian.

I do not know whether the Boston parties will prefer a purchase, or a consolidation & if a purchase whether they will desire to pay in the stock of the amalgimated company, its Bonds or money. If in Bonds it would necessarily be in Bonds subject to a prior lein of the State to the extent of her endorsement of the Company's Bonds. It would be well for yr. Board to consider the matter in reference to these several points of view.

We would like to know what is the present gross earnings of the Road & the expense of operating it in addition to the information before asked.

Hoping to meet you in Greensboro at the time named.

I am Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. If any thing turns up to delay my reaching Greensboro will advise you.

[letterbook 13, p. 182-183]

Marion Dec 30th 1868

Col. R. Jemison Jr.
Dear Sir

Our road was incorporated under the name of the Marion & Alabama river transportation Co on 9th Feby 1850 see ach. 49-50 page 212. Charter amended & name changed to Marion R.R. Co Feb 2nd(?) 1854 - Act 534 pages 393-482.

" " Cahaba Marion & Gbro -" 59-60 " 311012 Capital stock increased to three millions with authority to extend to any point on western(?) line of the state in direction of Okolona - acts 166 page 61. County prisoners may be hired in Perry, Greene & Pickens to work on R.R. Act 66 page 183. W.W.(?)R.R. (Newberne) authorised to sell acts 66-107 - the above comprises a list of all the Acts relating to our road. The charter as amended is liberal and comprehensive.

[? 1 word] Junction to Marion 14 miles cost \$206,933.00
Marion to Greensboro 18.56 expended 143,645.00
Greensboro [? several words]

[page 188 almost unreadably light]

I am very truly yrs
Porter King

[letterbook 13, pp. 187-188]

Columbus Oct. 25th 1867

Maj L.C. Allen Treas.

Dear Sir

The firm of A.R. & Co. (Yorkville Mills) owe R. Jemison Jr. about 150 Bales assorted yarn for a Engine. Mr. Merritt has the obligation of Jemisons & wants the thread as early as possible. please forwd the thread so soon as you can. The amt will be shown when you come down due Jemison.

Bring down the amt delivered at factory to him.
Yours &c
J.C. Ramsey

Yorkville Factory Ala. June 5th 1865

R. Jemison

To Allen Ramsey & Co.

For 50 Bales 400 thread
" 10 " 700 "
" 15 " 600 "
" <u>25</u> " 500 "
100

[letterbook 12, p. 184]

Mr R. Blair
Tuskaloosa

Dear Sir

Luxapelila 11(?) Decr 1868

I recd. among other letters

forwarded from Tuscaloosa last evening the inclosed from Dr Cloud which explains itself. I leave Columbus to nights train for Mtgomery via Mobile. I will reach Mtgomery Monday morning if no detention. Yourself & Judge Miller(?) will take the necessary action under [? 2 or 3 words]. I will write you from Mtgomery as soon as the Board of regents take action what it is. I will not be in Tuscaloosa before 20th perhaps not before Jany. I will not think our Rail Road negotiations will work out right in the end. In very great haste

I am Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 181]

Office of the NE & SW Ala. R.R Co.
Tuscaloosa Ala. 28 Oct 1868.

Honrl R. Chapman
Huntsville Ala.

DrSir

This company has entered into a contract of Consolidation & amalgamation with the Wills Valley RR Co whereby both Roads passed into the hands of a Company of Boston Capitalists & will be under the immediate direction of ExGovnr Patton as Prest. One of the terms of Consolidation is this Co. must get a relinquishment as far as practicable from each Stock holder. I see you subscribed for ten shares or \$1000.00 of the Stock. I send you blank form of relinquishment: will you oblige this community so far as to sign & return the same. The Stock entirely valueless. That part of the Road lying in Missi 18 1/2 miles has been sold by the Shiff & the Bal. advertised for sale under a Mortgage to the State.

If we can get a general relinquishment of Stock there is a good prospect for Tuska, yet to get ou of the woods. Your compliance will greatly oblige many friends here & along the line & be esteemed an especial favour by the writer. Hoping soon to hear from you,

I am Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr..
Prest.

[letterbook 13, p. 155]

Tuska
Tuskaloosa 11. June 1860.

Mr. James Gray

Dear Sir I have an opportunity of renting the House you are occupying at Eighty dollars pr. year. Are you willing to retain [? 1 word] at that price. Please return and answer by the Boy.

Very truly

R. Jemison Jr

[letterbook 9, p. 182]

[letterbook 9, p. 186]

Tuskaloosa. 26. Decr 1860.

Gent

I had a letter from our [? 1 word] a few days since saying he would be at Columbus about this time & urging my presence. This will not be practicable as I am engaged in canvassing our county for a seat in our State Convention to assemble 7 Proximo. Election on Monday 24th Inst.. I can say with truth I have never had such a canvass. I have to contend with the entire clergy, the faculty of the University, the Democratic leaders, with the press of the state with one or two exceptions. Yet with all the odds against me, I am sanguine of success.

But politicks is not the object of this letter. These secession times have made money matters tight, tight with me, and I write to say I wish you to make provision to pay me, not only my negro hire but my dividend if any. Should other partners pay up of course I should also pay my balance. I think this should be done.

I shall expect a statement of the companies operations lince last settlement shewing how we have done, how we now stand as to each other and the world.

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You ask me for the proposed rate for the year they are as follows to wit

Man & horse 5 cents
2 horse wagon 10
2 horse wagon 10
4 horse 15

All footmen to subscribers fare(?)

You can make any reduction in above rate you think best. All I [? 1 word] is to keep the Ferry from running me in debt. Do business [? 1 word] on the cash principle, and [? several words] low so you pay expenses. I want to [? 1 word] out the upper ferry. In time of higher water make those who dont patronize you in low pay full rates.

If you think it would be desirable I think I can after a little let you have a negro man in place of Jones. If Jones keeps sober I think perhaps [? several words]

I leave for Montgomery in the morning to which place you will write me until otherwise directed.

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Horse & Buggy	10	4 horse wagon	12
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Tuskaloosa. 20 June 1861.

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send two warrant on Comptroller, one for \$500.00 the other \$654.68, which please collect & place to my credit.

I have two thousand dollars N. York Exchange. Can I in any way make it available in paymt of my Bill to Central Bank. I see no chance of converting it here.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. Jno. Whiting
Montgomery

[letterbook 9, p. 413]

Tuskaloosa. 25 July 1861.

Dear Sir

Under the late Proclamation of Gov. Moore a volunteer Company in the upper part of our County has been raised organised & reported and a letter is received here this morning from the Governor declining to accept them on the Ground that South Ala. has already furnished her quota of men. This company is composed mostly of men who volunteered sometime back under the call of the Gov. for 12 ms. men which was then rejected, as they would not go for the war. When the Company was disbanded I at the instance of some of the leading members applied to the Sec. of War to know if they would raise a company for the war they would be accepted & ordered into service within any reasonable time. He replied he could not accept them unless they were armed & equipped. Immediately upon the appearance of the late call they organised & reported themselves and are now rejected again because they are in S. Ala. This Sir is nothing short of tantailizing the patriotism of our brave people. If the Governor had intended to relieve no Companies except from particular localities he should have so stated in his proclamation. If our patriotic citizens are to be thus trifled with it will deter them from offering their services in future. What encouragement have those of us who may have influence amongst our fellow citizens to ask & to urge them to volunteer? We can give them no assurance that when they have organized with all the letters & requirements of their country s call upon them they will be accepted.

Now Sir will you and other friends in Congress use your efforts with the Sec. of War to have this Company recd. The name of the Company is "Tuskaloosa Plough Boys" commanded by Capt. Mayfield. If it will be recd by the Sec. please inform us the steps necessary to be taken. Return answer by early mail as the Officers & men are anxious to know if they must again disband.

The news of our late fight & most glorious victory has caused the greatest excitement here, and with many the deepest anxiety for the welfare of friends & relatives in the army. As yet we hear nothing as to our immediate friends, do not know certainly whether they were in any of the engagements but feel confident the Warrior Guards were in the fight. The uncertainty increases our anxiety.

I learn there are four Company s raising in Fayette. I shall be up amongst them by invitation next week. I yesterday addressed a meeting 16 miles north of here in direction of Fayette, the largest I have ever addressed in the country out of the City.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Honri H.C. Jones, or
Honri. Nick Davis Esq
Richmond Va.

[letterbook 9, p. 434-435]

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I have heard nothing of my business since I left. How are your collections? Will you collect enough to meet my engagements? You must not suffer any of my paper protested! If you cannot get along without draw on me for \$1000. Do not draw if you can avoid it. You ought to [?] 2 words] case collect enough to keep [?] 1 word] from protest.

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Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr J. A. Burgin
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Let my family know I am quite well.

[letterbook 9, p 56]

Dr Sir

Montgomery. Feb 1860.

Ys 30 ult informing me of your contemplated visit to Missi is just recd. I inclose you two letters as to my Oaktibshat[?] lands. The lands applied for by Burrell Sims & others if I recollect you think ought to be sold at the price offered. You will sell them or any others you may think ought to be sold, binding me only for a quit claim title. Or more properly I will warrant against all claims except Tax titles - and would warrant against tax titles but that I would not be involved in litigation at my age so far from home. hence will not make any sale that can so involve me. Very truly,
We adjourn 17th Inst.

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[letterbook 9 p. 90]

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party differences buried and (as a means of affecting an end so desirable) your intention to make your appointments without reference to old party lines. You also did me the honour to ask that if any of my cooperation friends whom I knew to be capable and worthy wished appointment under your administration that I would bring their claims to your notice. Under this friendly permission I take great pleasure in bringing to your favourable consideration the claims of Capt Robt. E. Rhodes of our City (in whose behalf application has already been made to the Department of War by other friends).

Capt. Rhodes is a native of Lynchburg Va. His father served in the Va. troops under Genl Cooke in the War of 1812. The Capt was educated at the Military Institute at Lexington where he graduated in 1848[?] and was appointed graduate Professor of Mathematics Chemistry and Tactics in which capacity he served two years, then resigning his place to engage in [?] engineering to which he has devoted most of his time since. He has for several years past been President of our N.E. & S.W. Ala. R.R. in which position he has given entire satisfaction. Last fall the Board of Visitors of the Va Institute of which he was a graduate without solicitation on his part tendered him the professorship of applied mechanics which position on account of his duties to the R.R. Company he declined. The place is still until June next held open to him. His name appears as one of their Faculty in the Catalogue of the Institute for 1860. His education, [?] and feeling led[?] him to prefer an active military life where he can be of actual service. The foregoing facts are mentioned to show the high estimate in which he is held as a gentleman of high military attainment by those to whom he is best known & who are best qualified to judge. His education, experience & [?] induce him to desire the position of Major of Engineers in which he would no doubt ably & fully sustain himself.

For the last six years I have been personally acquainted with Capt. R. and during much of that time our relations personally & politically have been not only friendly but intimate and I do most cordially & confidently recommend him to your most favourable consideration as one whom I think you will find a most efficient & valuable officer.

I have spoken of Capt R. as a political friend. He was an old line Whig and a cooperationist. Now he is as we all are or should be, the warm friend & supporter of the Government of the Confederate States. He was amongst the first with as fine a volunteer company as was mustered into service to repair to Fort Morgan. He has now a full company ready at a moments call of the Gov. to enter the Service of the Confederate States. Hoping it may be practicable & consistent with your views to give Capt. R. an eligible appointment, I am with considerations of high regard,

Very Respectfully

& Truly Yr. Obit. Svrt.

R. Jemison Jr.

To his Excellency

Jeff. Davis, Prest.

C.S.A.

Montgomery Ala

[letterbook 9, p. 364]

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R. Jemison Jr.

J.C. Spencer, Esqr.

Tuskalooosa

P.S. Our mails are so irregular I would[?] you to acknowledge receipt by early mail
Jemison

[letterbook 9, p. 65]

Tuskalooosa 12 May 1860.

Dear Sir

Ys in reply to mine, next before last, is this morning recd. Mr. Lewis leaves on a visit home. Say's he will be back in about four weeks, by which time I think we will recommence our brick-laying by that time.

I want one or two good workmen, carpenters, about the Hospital. Would like them immediately for I am exceedingly anxious to get through with that building. Can you send them to me? If Mr Lewis brings out a man with him, I can use him at the Hospital until it is completed, before which I will not need him. In that event I will not want more than one man. We cant gt here such are wanted here. They are not to be had. They are not here. For conditions of things about my own building I refer you to Mr Lewis.

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R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. John Steward

Architect.

Philadelphia

[letterbook 9, p. 136]

Montgomery 15 Decr. 1859

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mortar was all frozed nd crumbling out of the joints as it thawed. As far in as frozen it will have to be picked out & new mortar put in. This is what I have feared all along. As I could not in any even get the Brickwork done so as to put out any shruberry &c next spring it thought best to suspend the Brick work until the spring -- to which Mr Robinson readily consented.

It will be necessary to lay in & ship all my hard war during the spring. You will please advise me with amount of funds or as nearly as you can estimate I will have to furnish for that purpose that I may provide therefore.

How many marble mantles do you recommend & what will they cost. I would prefer all especially on first floor of marble if not too costly. [? several lines]

I have been in correspondence with the Gas generating [? several words] as to cost & practicability of lighting my House and Mills by gas and am inclined to think favourably and would like if convenient you could examine their apparatus as I presume it would be well to decide whether we light by gas or not before the building is too far advanced.

Our General Assembly will adjourn for recess on day after tomorrow when I shall return home and not be back before the 9th next month. You will therefore write me accordingly.

The Trustees of our Insane Hospital have just sent in their report, it is very brief and unsatisfactory.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. Jno. Stewart
Architect
Philadelphia

[letterbook 9, p. 24]

Dear Sir

Senate Chamber, Montgomery Ala.

I have before me yr two favours 3 & 11 Inst. with former[?] recd plan of Stables & the perspective &c previous to leaving Home recieved your estimate of Hardware for Home which foots up much less than I had calculated. So much so that I fear you have either not included all or have not adopted as good an article as I had expected or desired. I have neither your letter giving prices of Mantles grades &c on hardware. If I recollect right you put down mantles 20 to 100. dollars.

Say for two Parlours 2 Mantles \$ 100 =	\$200.00
Dining Room 1 "	75.00
But. Chamber 1 "	50.00
Library 1 "	50.00
Office & [? 1 word] chamber 40 each	80.00
Grates	455.00
For Parlours 2 @ \$50	100.00
Dining Room 40	40.00



Tisha >



Sis what's your address again? Not in my USPS address book Arrgh

Today 1:59 PM

20241 NW 27th Court
Miami Gardens, FL
33056

It's on mommy's license

Ok Love...back on campus so I only went to fed ex to send escrow. Long day tomorrow but we're in good shape. That was most urgent. Will send rest



iMessage



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Mr. Jno. T. Taylor
Mobile, Ala.

Tuskaloosa 16 May 1860

Dr Sir

I mentioned to my lawyer an opinion you had expressed to me as to a chancery suit I have pending. The opinion expressed by you was an incidental & impromptu opinion without any examination. The facts of the case are these. S. King & myself referred under the provisions of the Code certain matters of difficulty between us to arbitration. On the award of the arbitrators judgment was entered up in my favour for over \$8000.00 from which an appeal (there being no supercedial) was taken to Supr. Court. Upon execution being returned nulla bono I filed my Bill to enjoin the sale of certain Bridge Stocks & to subject them to the payment of the debt. While the appeal was pending before the Supr Court & only a few day's before the affirmance in my favour the Chancellor dissolved the injunction and dismissed my Bill. In the interim between the dismissal of my Bill & the affirmance by the Supr Court King executes sundry hypothecations & leins on the stock enjoined. At the next term of the Court the Chancellor reinstated the case & restored the injunction. Now the opinion I understood you to express was that upon the reinstatement of the case & restoration of the injunction that every thing was as though there had been no dissolution of the injunction. In other words that my rights could not be prejudiced by hypothecations or leins executed in the interim.

Judge Moody my attorney in the case asks that I inquire of you if you can cite to any authorities on the subject. If you can cite to any without too far encroaching upon your time, I shall be greatly obliged as the case is one of very considerable importance to me as you see from amt of Judgment which by interest, cost &c will be greatly increased. Our court comes on last of next month.

Very Truly
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John T. Taylor Esqr
Mobile Ala.

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[letterbook 9, p. 143]

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Tuskaloosa. 4 June 1860.

[letterbook 9, p. 419]

Tuskaloosa 26 Oct. 1860

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Ys 14 ult would have been sooner ansered but for the hope by this time to have recd all my wheat left at Demopolis, but there is yet near 300 sack remaining. Until all are taken away the damages cannot be so definitely ascertained. I will get all away by 15 Nov prox. at which time we could take the testimony of Godleip[?] [? name] as to the haul charges, wastage &c &c.

In answer to their defence that I represented [?] 1 word] great [?] 1 word] in the River &c, I send herewith copies of letters from 12 to 14 May which are all the letters [written on] that subject prior to the Fall City's departure from Mobile. It will not be necessary for me [to show] what I did or did not write, except in the [course] perhaps of rebutting testimony. That enclosed letters [show] what I did write & all that I did write on that subject I can prove by Columbus Templeton that I was at home for some weeks previous to 19 May, date of B/L and that these are all the letters shewn by my letter book. He will also prove that he has been in my office 18 years & that he has never when at home known me to write a business letter however unimportant that was not copied in my letter book.

As to my own time & expense &c. I made one trip to Demopolis 4 days, had 2 hours buggy & servant [?] several words] paid of which no memorandum was kept. [?] name] can prove my visit.

The loss in [?] 1 word] cannot be ascertained with certainty as it was not weighed when put on the Boat or when recd or taken from the Ware House at Demopolis

[letterbook 9, p. 292; last page not entered]

Montgomery 6 Feb. 1860

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Very Truly,

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[letterbook 9, p. 99]

Tuskaloosa. 24 Oct 1868.

J.C. Stanton Esqr.
23 & 25 Merchants Exchange
Boston Mass

Dr Sir - On my return home last evening after an absence of two weeks on R.R. business, I found yr favour 12 Inst. Thus far things have progressed very favourable and satisfactorily. We have made very good work in getting getting the relinquishment of Stock. We have in this county gotten transfers of more than two thirds of the paid stock, will get half of the Balance, will get half of the Balance. Of the residue three fourths is in the hands of parties removed, dead & no legal representative authorized to act & returned(?) in Bankruptcy. The large stockholders have without an exception signed and pledged themselves to do so. Capt Jones [says] he has no trouble in his County & apprehends none so far as the Stock is concerned. Our agent the old Collector for the Company is now in Greene County, getting relinquishments. I think will meet with like success. There was not a large amount of stock subscribed in other counties & very little of that paid.

In getting up the indebtedness of the Company our progress has not been so good, mainly for the want of funds. The trouble you will recollect I mentioned to you & asked if you could not aid us in this behalf, and you kindly promised to bring the matter to the notice of your associates and expressed the opinion that you could have the thing satisfactorily arranged. With a little money we could soon have all the debts retired and everything ready for you to go to work with a Clean Record.

Judge Walker writes me (which was also rece last evening) the suits against this Company for Iron taken by the Confederate Govt off the Ala. & Pen. RR of Fla & laid on the NE & SW Ala R.R. can be compromised for five thousand dollars. He thinks both suits may be defeated but advises an acceptance of such a compromise, in which I fully concur with him. It would be even better to make such a compromise than to have to litigate with certainty of success. We will want about four thousand dollars to fund the Company's claims say \$40,000.00 of Bonds of the Selma & Meridian R. Co & about the same amt for balance of Rent unpaid. Under the plan of reorganization proposed by Mr. James Robb of New York, copy of which I send you by this mail for your further information, we will also want a few thousand more in retiring the general indebtedness of the Company, not exceeding in all ten or twelve thousand dollars for this purpose. We will secure you in any sums advanced either by Hypothecating the Second Mortgage Bonds we are to receive or the Interest notes. Can you give us the help asked? With it we will have no trouble and can in six weeks retire pretty well all indebtedness and quiet every claim. Without we shall I fear meet with delays & other difficulties.

I will keep you advised of our progress. Hoping to hear from you soon & frequently

I am Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. For your kindly feeling towards the Boy of whom I spoke to you please accept my thanks. He is a good Boy & anxious to get a common business education which he cannot procure here.

Jemison

[letterbook 13, pp. 132-134]

Tuskaloosa. 24th Jany 1869.

Mr. James Dellett Porter
Greensboro Ala.

Dear Sir

Ys. 30th recd on my return home
last evening. You say you are aware of the conflicting opinions of your father
& myself, but cannot understand why I have never rendered any account showing my
receipts from the sale of his property and the amount expended by Genrl. Dent &
myself and still more so why you failed or refused to give your mother and Benj.
M. Murphy any satisfaction in regard to the matter when they called on me in
Tuska some years ago.

I am somewhat at a loss how to understand or reply to so strange an
announcement. In the first place I never knew before that there was any material
conflict of opinion between your father & myself. Secondly the property was sold
by a trustee whose duty it was to recieve and apply the proceeds of sale
agreeable to the terms of the trust, and to account to your father for the
application thereof. If you are not a lawyer, I would judge from your letter
that you know enough of business to know that the creditor or beneficiary in a
deed of trust is not responsible for a statement as to the funds that are
recieved & disbursed by the

[evidently not finished at this time, cf. pp. 222-225; p. 209 is just a faint
copy of p. 208]

[letterbook 13, p. 208]

Tuskaloosa 27 Jany 1869

Mr. Jno P. Evans
Columbus Missi

Dear Sir

Ys. pr. Hack with accompanying statements recd all of which are very satisfactory so far as they go. In your future in your future [sic] trials to ascertain the product or turn out of wheat in grinding carefully measure & weigh after [? i word] a bushel so as to ascertain whether it is above or below standard weight which is 60 lbs pr bushel.

In looking over your statement of grinding it strikes me a full account of all grain ground does not appear for instance I do not notice any item or amount that does(?) likely embrace the load of corn bought of Merritt, I mean the load ground before I left.

Let your weekly statements hereafter embrace amt. of grain purchased and amt of meal flour and lumber sold and the prices at which purchased & sold. Also amount of cash recd & paid out.

In taking stock on hand first of(?) January let it embrace every thing on the place on that day whether grain, lumber, hogs, corn, oxen, mules, wagons, tools &c &c.

I leave Saturdays Boat with my wife & daughter for Mobile. Will remain there a few days, expect to go thence to Montgomery & Selma. Will try to get round to you by either 15th or 20th proximo.

Has King done any thing in the way of hauling or braking up land. Preparation should be making for sowing oats. Whenever your mules are not hauling meal or grain to or from town they should be plowing if the weather & land will permit.

The Sawyer I expected to send over is engaged until last of next month when he says he will come at \$1 pr day & fund(?) himself, and when not engaged at the saw mill work at any thing else if it is ditching. He is a sober & working man.

Kind Regards & love to all

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[letterbook 13, pp. 214-215]

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I have had to abandon my man Pierce and take charge of [the brick-making myself. The non-compliance of Mr. Robinson has given me beside the delay, much vexation & annoyance but my jobs(?) will be enough better to pay for all and the additional cost.

Dr Bryce the superintending Physician of our Insane Hospital is now with us. You ll likely see him soon as he speaks of visiting Philadelphia shortly. He can tell you more of the condition of things within Buildings than I can write.

The lot of Cement you sent was damaged. One half of each Barrel was caked from having been wet. At the time of inquiry the Barrels were standing on end. When or where damaged cant tell. The damage was certainly before it arrived here & from the appearances before it left Philadelphia.

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[letterbook 9, p. 265]

Mr. Jno. Waiting

Montgomery

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[letterbook 9, pp. 301-302]

Tuscaloosa. 21 Nov. 1860

Dear Sir

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You are pleased to express the hope [I may be a delegate to the State Convention to be assembled] 7 Jany in yr. city. For this expression of confidence [in my] judgment & patriotism I am truly oblig[ed] & surpris[ed], the more coming from the quar[ter]s [?] I word]. I cannot say whether I should be a member of the convention or not. It is likely I shall [?] I word] run as one of the Candidates on the part of [the] more Conservative portion of our people, but [in these] days of ex[?]lent when ultraism is the test of Patriotism [?] I or 2 words] it is impossible to say what is to be the [result] of the election. Upon one point all agree, that the South must act! She can no longer remain passive. Many are for immediate separte Secession. In this position I do not concur. The slave holding states have a common interest. A common destiny awaits them. They should make common cause & take common action. I cannot agree with his Excellency Gov. Moore that the slave or cotton states should secede first & cooperate after. In this plan of Secession first & union after I fear its friends will disappoint. There will be too many rival interests, too many jealousies, too many great men to reconcile harmonize & satisfy. I think such of the lave holding states as are determined to secede rather [than] submit to the rule of Lincoln (and in [this] I think all may be brought to concur except perhaps Missouri) should before secession invite a Southern Convention including all the Slave States. Let th[em] there consult together, and agree on the time [of] Secession and the terms of Confederation.

As I cannot at present give you [more] fully my views & the reasons therefor & as I shall from [the] movjments now making have in a very few [days] to]o define my position I will send yo[u] them] more in. extenso, when defined.

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My Dear Friend

On my return from Missi a few days since I found Yr favour 15th Inst in which you ask my opinion of the present state of our political affairs which you say have great weight & influence with you. While it is very gratifying to have [? 1 word] expression of confidence in my opinions from a [good] friend I fear personal partialities have given [to the] a weight & an influence of which they [are not] worthy. They are given therefore with distrust, [? 2 or 3 words] error in their correctness, as many of [those] who talk flippantly on the rights & duties [of the] South who know or profess to know & foresee the future advantages & disadvantages of disunion to both north & south, and to point them out with as much confidence & certainty as they would speak of our past political history. Indeed there are those who set themselves up as political lights & teachers in these days who are about as familiar with coming as past events. I claim nor pretend to no such political [? 1 word]. Though I have thought much & have given the subject the best consideration of which I am capable, I cannot bring my mind to the conclusion to which a majority and a very decided majority of the cotton growing states seem to have come. The election of Lincoln has not materially changed any political opinions previously entertained or expressed. Indeed it has rather confirmed them. I have believed for the last eight or ten years that the slave state should instead of their high sounding denunciations & threatening Resolves, have met in Convention, amongst themselves, and there & then in a firm & manly manner have asked of the non-slave holding states a Convention of all the States of the Union with the view of settling the slavery, Tariff & Internal Improvement questions. The nullification of the fugitive slave law by a majority of the free states, the discriminations of the Tariff in favour of free labour, & the unequal distribution of [the] public funds in works of internal improvements [? several words] have for the last ten years furnished [? several words] cause for the South to have pursued the course indicated, and failing to redress her [? 1 word] & wrongs in the Union, her interest, her safety [& her] honour demanded that she should go out. [These] views I have frequently expressed to my friends [? 1 word], to you amongst others. If instead of [? several words] making Resolutions & platforms that have lost us the respect of the non-slaveholding States & kept us divided amongst ourselves, we had [a] one man adopted the course here suggested, or some other equally decided & determined, we might have righted ourselves in the Union. But such a course did not meet the views of a party held together by the cohesive power of public plunder. It was not their policy to place the institution of slavery on a more permanent basis. To them it was the harp with a thousand strings upon which political Inglers(?) have played most successfully in each succeeding presidential canvass. Indeed the never ending strains of this party cry have too frequently grated on the ear of the Patriot even in our elections in the Slave holding states. But Sir I am speaking of the causes of our troubles not their remedy, as to which you have asked my opinion.

With you then I think the time has arrived when the South must act & act with manliness & firmness. To remain longer passive & quiet we would loose the respect [? 1 word] of mankind. We would loose all self respect. [What] then are we to do? In the days of Jefferson & the Republicans of his time as well as with Calhoun & his School of Politicians, Nullification was the rightful remedy. In the present case however we cannot well apply this remedy. We have no law to nullify. We are the victims of the Doctrine. The non-slave holding states have applied it to the destruction of our rights, and the Federal Executives have winked at its exercise, unrebuked by those who placed them in power. Nullification out of the question, what next? Is Secession the only remaining

remedy? I fear it is. I fear the day has passed when we can find a remedy within the Union. Yet I think before separation finally, before casting off that Government left us by our revolutionary fathers, we should make an effort for the recognition & maintenance of our rights in the Union. I cannot agree with Gov. Moore that the several southern states secede first & cooperate after. The Election of Lincoln is no new cause why we secede. He has been elected [? 2 words] to the forms of law & constitution. To resist by force of arms his inauguration would be impracticable if not treasonable. Yet we may before his inauguration ask on the part of the several slave states in Convention, a general Convention of all the States called in conformity to the Constitution and in failing to get this or getting it we fail in obtaining a full clear & explicit recognition of our rights with such guarantees thereof as shall be satisfactory let us secede, let us dissolve all political connection with the free states, peaceably if we can, otherwise if we must.

This course will delay the final [?] no very great while. Having made this last appeal to the free States & failing to obtain redress of our grievances we shall stand justified in our separation by our own consciences - the sight of God & Man. Our course will be approved by the immortal [?] of Washington and his compatriots of the Revolution, and if permitted to take interest in the affairs of a nation] made free & happy by their arms & their Blood, [we] shall have the intercession of these departed spirits around the throne of Heaven, in our behalf. The God of Heaven & earth, who directs the affairs of Nations as well as of individuals will be with us.

I have very hastily, too hastily to be brief as I would have liked & amid frequent interruptions given you my views. If I had leisure I would like to give my reasons for them. This I may do hereafter. Let me now have your views. The times demand a free frank and calm interchange of opinions.

Very truly
Yr friend, R. Jemison Jr.

J.D. Webb, Esqr
Greensboro, Ala.

[letterbook 9, pp. 303-306]

Deduct amount paid Dean which included amount bill 15th paid Moody as per agreement
Deduct amt. of valuation of House A let the House I resided in at time of making Contract
Deduct (or 2000?) about 1000.
Tuskaloosa, 22 July 1861.

Dear Sir
On leaving for Missi 3rd Inst I wrote you requesting that Mr Goodwin & Mr Roper would come up by 15th Inst. Since my return Mr Slocum has agreed to remain in my sash(?) shop till the end(?) of the [? word missing?] and I have closed contract with him to that effect as Mr. Roper neither came or let me hear from him. Does Mr Goodwin the pipe fitter decline to come? I heard nothing from him either. We are now ready as soon as the matter is suitable to lay our floors & would like to have the pipes inbefore laying them. Will you do me the favour to see him & inform me whether he will come & when. Would like to have him come at once as I will perhaps leave home again next week.

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R. Jemison Jr.

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Selma Ala.
[letterbook 9, p. 433]

Transactions Sept. 1, 1861

6350.00
Dec(?) D.J. Preface Three Hundred and fifty dollars - value recd.
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Dear 17 1859 (Signed) Jemison & Sloan.

Discontinuation of Partnership
The Partnership heretofore existing between Jemison & Sloan was dissolved on the 1st January next. All contracts prior to that date will be finished by the firm. All profits incident to the firm will make payment to R. Jemison Jr. and those heretofore made to the firm present to him for settlement
(Signed) R. Jemison Jr.

Tuskaloosa
This 4th July 1860,
(Witnessed) J. 44-4511

Deduct amount paid Sloan which included
amount Bill Exh. paid Moody as pr Agreement \$2000.
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E. Sloan

Tuskaloosa

27th Feb. 1860.

[letterbook p. 449-451]

Tuskaloosa 26 Mch 1869.

Mr. C.E. Rushing
Mobile Ala.

Dear Sir

The inclosed packages you will please hand Capt. Jones. He has been advised of their having been sent to your care.

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[letterbook 13, p. 258]

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[letterbook 13, p. 258]

Tuskaloosa 12 Aug 1868.

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As soon as returned will send it to Judge Coleman that he may make the necessary transfer & forward it.

Very truly
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[letterbook 9, p. 4]

Luxapellila Mills near Columbus Missi
22 Aug 1868.

Dr Sir

I am in recpt of vs. having the double date of Mobile(?) 20 & Meridian Aug 21. I hope you can be at the sale on 27th Inst. Govnr Patton through his letter to J.H. Fitts has impressed(?) Fitts with the belief that through him is the only means of building our road & that this will be defeated by the policy of Scott & associates aided by me. He has also managed to produce an impression on the minds of our Directory Whitfield & Jack(?) among others that Scott & associates in their efforts to secure themselves, have & are acting in bad faith in advertising the

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lands & suing on the coupons in Missi & buying(?) judgments &c. I have said to them that all that has been done in their behalf has been done under my advice & recommendation, with a view to head off Govnr Patton and if there by any wrong in the matter I am chargeable therewith & responsible therefor. That I had advised & recommended this course fully aware of the delicacy of my position as Prest of the company & Genrl Agent of the principal Bondholders; satisfied it was best for both & the only means likely to secure(?) the building of the road, and that I was willing to let time prove the correctness of my policy. Their excitement or more properly their suspicions has been greater than I at first thought and I fear is not fully abated. To confirm their suspicions Govnr Patton has written a recent letter to Fitts from Boston after conferring with his Boston friends & Messrs(?) Raynor & Co. of the N Orleans, Mobile & Chattanooqa R.R. Co. in which he holds out the idea that his Boston associates are very anxious to make terms with the NE & SW Ala R.R.Co & if they cant do this they may listen to the suggestions of Messrs Raynor & Co. This letter was never intended for my eye very evidently; but Mr Fitts submitted it to me & I immediately wrote to Govnr. P a letter that will make him show the faith that is in him & the stuff of which he is made. I have am tired & disgusted at his ill concealed Talerandism. I would be (though in respectful terms) written him accordingly. I would be glad to send you a copy of my letter but it is long I have no amenuensis.

I have had a letter from Mr Whiting which contains some matters in connection with our private matters. These of course you'll properly appreciate & regard as confidential.

[page 32 of letterbook is faint repetition of page 31] From his letter you'll see Mr Whiting is utterly in favour of my poroposition and I am satisfied his Board would be so, but for the interference of Govnr P. and the advise of Council who expect a large fee. The fee in a case involving \$3,000,000.00 and [? 1 word] & including other Roads perhaps \$500,000.00 is no small temptation.)

I saw Hamlin yesterday. He thinks the act of our Legislature suspending the sale under the Mortgage to the State forfeits its prior lein. His opinion was given without examination of authority but he seemed pretty confident. Such has been the opinion of other lawyers. If this be so we are right side up.

I trust you'll be at the sales. Come to my House & be my guest while in Tuskalooza. Leave Mobile Tuesday night. You'll reach Tuska. on thursday morning 11 or 12 am(?) via Newbern. By way of Gainesville [? 1 or 2 words] private conveyance which will cost about same & you'll be in Tuska wednesday to tea. I would advise the latter as we will want some consultation before the sale.

I am very unwell from diarhaea. Scarcely able to sit up.

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[letterbook 13, pp.30-34]

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The resignation of Fitts will devolve upon McDaniel the further execution of the trust as from the peculiar wording of the deed no vacancy occurring among the trustees can be filled until there shall be a vacancy as to all. Agreeable to the provisions of the Deed he may act by an agent. Had we not best get him to appoint such Agent. I think the entire trust should be executed without delay, before if practicable the reassembling of the [? 1 word] Legislature in November. Sale under the Execution in the Lauderdale should be made of the Road in Missi at the earliest day practicable say 1st Monday of Oct.

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My only chance to be heard is to resort to publication in hand-bill or pamphlet form. I do not know that I shall ever do this. If I wished to do so I have no money at this time to spend for such a purpose. If I should at any time make such a publication I will that my readers may fully understand the matters at issue publish both sides of the question. In event of such a publication I would like a suitable frontespiece. If you will furnish me your photograph for that purpose I will have your head & face placed upon the body of the Polecat and get it handsomely lithographed head & tail up squirting the foul & fortified(?) liquor peculiar to the animal. As you are fond of notoriety and have a fancy for cartoons & caricatures I hope you will furnish me with yr. likeness. If used for the purpose indicated I promise you the picture shall be gotten up in true artistic style, such as shall do ample justice to both yourself & yr. quadrupedal prototype.

You have twice alluded to my gray hairs as answering me in place of a white flag and exempting me from being held strictly responsible for words which those of lesser years could not use with impunity. I have not held forth my gray hairs as a white flag nor have I asked any exemption or protection on account of age.

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[letterbook 13, pp. 283-285]

Tuskaloosa 1 Feb 1852.

Dr Sir

Ys dated 12 Inst came to hand yesterdays mail. The Deed to the Spring Hill place was sent at yr Brothers request some time since, but as I have recd no acknow/edgment of its receipt it may have miscarried. I will write by this mail to know if it has come to hand if not another shall be sent immediately.

I am much gratified to hear of your prosperity in business and hope your most sanguine expectations of the future will be realized. We have made quite a good crop the last year equal to about 5 bushels of cotton to the hand & some two hundred & fifty [? 2 words] of corn to the hand more than will do the blace, besides a very heavy crop of oats & potatoes.

We are all in fine health. Yr Sister's health is better than for years. Give my kindest regards to yr. Mother & Sister and little Christopher.

Very Respectfully & truly
Yr Friend

R. Jemison Jr

Mr. C. H. Taylor
Round Top
Texas

[letterbook 4, p. 163]

Tuskaloosa. 16 August 68

Col. C. H. Taylor
Eutaw Ala

Dear Sir

Ys 12th Inst just recd & contents noted. I will look into the assessment of my City Taxes in due time. Fitts has paid your proportion of the assessment to Moody out of funds left with him which will be a charge on the property. The \$1012.00 is the Tax on the whole of the City property formerly owned by me of which the property bought by you of Moody's only about half in value.

The four hundred & odd Dollars for which the House & lot was sold was for my entire State & County tax if I understand the matter correctly. I will look into the matter fully & try & get it all straightened up. I cannot imagine any other incumbrances Hence dont know where to look for them.

I leave perhaps tomorrow for Columbus Missi, will be back [? or 2 words] by 27th Inst. If you are not satisfied I am right in my views as to the way things now stand write me on receipt to Columbus Missi and I will with what money I find on hand try & raise amount to pay out the lands on the other side of the River. Your Sister & I fully appreciate your kindness intended for us in our adversity and we trust you will also fully understand & appreciate our desire to prevent this kindness & noble kindheartedness on yr part from placing us in a worse condition than we were.

That you may fully understand whence arises my apprehensions I will here state

the ground of them (to wit)

Your sister being a feme[?] Court[?] without any sepearte estate cannot legally by note or otherwise bind herself for the payment of money. This being the case any contract made with her whereby she promises to pay money for land or otherwise for her sole & sepearte use is void as to all parties. On the other hand if there be an absolute and unconditional conveyance to her of the lands &c she thereby becomes possessed of a Seperate Estate in her own right & name which she may mortgage to pay her debts.

Do not fail to write me to Columbus Missi

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

[letter book 13 p. 18-19]

Luxapellila Mills Missi
26 Jan'y 1868

My Dear Ma

I have an engagement in town tomorrow & write to night both to you & daughter. One letter will be sent by the hack[?] driver if he goes out tomorrow which Greene told me he would do, and the other I will send via Meridian that you may stand the better chance of getting one of them.

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Since writing to him nothing of note has transpired amongst us either as to health or business. Greene has remitted[?] his chills & Jessie is quite well again; she is now here & will return with me in the morning. Slocum & Priscilla are both in good health & so I believe are all on the place except a case of croup[?] & one of labour. Priscilla's white cook is here & cook has three children, one of them an infant. We have had three days pleasant wweather, but it is now[?] raining & promises continued rains for several days. The waters had only [?] 1 word] begun to subside -- but from present indications will go back quite as high as they have been. My health is quite good, have had no trouble with bowels or otherwise except from bad cold from which I am pretty well recovered.

Priscilla & Jessie join me in love to all & kisses to Dear little Minnie.

You & Cherokee must write frequently. I have had only one letter from each of you & none from Mr Hargrove. You can send your letters via Greensboro. They will reach me about as soon as by the Hack direct.

I hope you & Cherokee will visit Bettie Jones as often as convenient. It will have a good effect in keeping her satisfied with her situation & counteracting any improper efforts to dissatisfy her with it or with us.

Yr. Aft Husband
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[letterbook 12, p. 89]

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Propositions of R. Jemison for his negroes on Cherokee Place

The Yankees have issued proclamations and military orders declaring you free. Yet they prescribe the terms on which you shall work, requiring in all cases you shall work whether with your master or otherwise. If you do not make a support or [? 2 words] voluntary labour, they force you on to Government plantations to labour without pay or put you into the Army.

They have stripped us of the meat intended for your support and taken all the best horses & mules, leaving us without the means of carrying on the farm as heretofore. The money that I have has become entirely valueless. Under these circumstances it [is] impossible to feed you as I have fed you heretofore or as I would wish. If our corn is not taken by Yankees or our own people you will have plenty of bread & a good portion of milk. I have bought some meat & may be able to buy some more. By proper industry & attention to business you can make an ample supply of bread for another year & if thye Hogs do not die up with disease or are not killed to supply the present scarcity of meat you may make a moderate share of meat for another year.

Heretofore I have done or endeavoured to do a good part by you in feeding & clothing you properly and otherwise making your situation as comfortable & happy as a condition of slavery would allow. I yet feel an interest in your welfare whether our former relation of master & slave is to be immediately dissolved or not. And I shall continue to have an interest in your welfare until you forfeit all claim to my care & protection by your conduct. Some of your number have already left me. Of these one (Nathan) was recaptured by the Confederates & hung. Another (Emanuel) we learn was shot by the enemy. The others are yet out. Some with the Yankees, others in the woods. Those that left to go with the enemy have chosen their lot & must abide it. They will not be permitted to return or visit the place. The same rule will be observed as to all who hereafter leave me voluntarily. To such of you as have not left, I propose the following arrangement, to wit.

1st Each of you who desires to go to the Yankees or set up for yourselves may do so but al who leave must take their families.
2nd. Those wishing to remain can do so on the following terms. They may have the use of the plantation stock, tools &c this year for which they shall allow me the small grain on the place which shall be harvested and sowed(?) properly, and in the fall shall sow a crop of small grain for the next year. At such times as the hands are not necessarily employed in cultivating gathering or saving the crop they shall be making the needful repairs on the place and in such jobs as are customary & necessary.

The plantation shall be returned in as good repair & condition as received. Proper care shall be taken of all stock which with all increase shall be returned except Pork Hogs, and such stock as may be killed for the use of the place or the family. All expenses of the plantation including overseers wages shall be paid & all tools, wagons &c returned in as good

condition as recieved. There shall also be returned an equal amount of provisions & forage as has been consumed for the year. And the Hogs after killing the Pork shall in number & value be equal to what they were after killing the Pork of last season.

When the aforementioned payments, expenses and returns are made as herein stipulated, there shall be a division of the remaining products & proceeds of the farm amongst the hands fairly & equitably agreeable to their respective services & merits that services & merit may be properly & fairly estimated an account of all lost time shall be kept as well as the anner that each one has done his or her work & their faithful attention to business as well as general conduct all of which shall be considered in the general division. The division so far as practicable shall be made to families and the part of the several members of the family paid to its head for the use of the family.

If any one leaves before the end of the year, he or she shall forfeit all interest in the crop.

If any one from idleness, inattention or other voluntary conduct prove not worth his or her support or who from disorderly, disobedient or other improper examples or inference(?) create dissatisfaction or disturbance amongst the people fo the place he or she will be required to leave and shall forfeit allshare or interest in what may be made.

Each & every one of you pledge yourselves to be industrious regular & attentive to your business to conform in all respects to the usual hours of work together with all the other rules & regulations heretofore observed on the place.

If at the end of the year your status or the terms & conditions of your freedom shall be clearly & definitely defined we can then better decide the proper course for each. If you desire then to remain longer with me to those of you who behave & conduct yourselves orderly & properly I will be disposed to aid & assist you as far as can be done in justice to myself & family.

All who are not engaged on the farm shall have a fair share of the products of their labour.

This arrangement shall be binding for the year whether you are immediately freed or not.

The word taxes on third page interlined before submitted).

Agreement with R. Jemison Jr and Servant Robin.
R. Jemison agrees to furnish Robin with a Room for himself & wife from this until Christmas for which and supplies heretofore furnished him Robin shall when called upon make the shoes for the plantation, Mills & servants of the family for this year.

[letterbook 10, p. 385-389]

P.G. Washington Esq.
Dr Sir

Tuskaloosa Ala.
15th Jany 1851

Luxapelila Missi near Columbus
29 Febr 1868.

Dear Sir

Ys. 12th Inst was forwarded here where I have not & cannot get the necessary data to answer it. I have forwarded it to Dr. Bryce, Superintendent of the ala. Hospital for the Insane who will no doubt give prompt attention.

I am Sir Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Co. Robt W. [? name]
Huntsville, Ala.

[letterbook 12, p. 109]

Tuskaloosa

22 Decr. 1850

Dr. Sir

Your favour 22nd ult. in consequence of my absence was not recd 'till 19th Inst, since when I have not untill now had a moment leisure to reply. I am proud of and grateful for the good opinion & confidence of my political friends; but Sir on the subject of my running for Congress next canvass my views have undergone no change since I consulted with you on that subject. I have not "the [? 1 word] I did of running." No state of circumstances in the range of human probability can turn up to induce me to run. I would be glad to gratify my political friends, but cannot think of doing so at the heavy & ruinous pecuniary sacrifice that would be involved. The Whigs therefore should no longer speak of me as the probable candidate. It will weaken whoever may run should they determine to run a candidate for it to be understood he was a second choice.

If we can make the issue of the compromise as you suggest, any Whig of ability & character can be elected. Without this issue we cant elect a Whig. If we run a Democrat I know of none more suitable than the one you name.

Yr Friend

R. Jemison Jr.

S.S. [?] Gilkey Esqr

Carrollton
Pickens Co.
Ala.

[letterbook 2, p. 355]

Tuskaloosa 18 June 1865.

Dear Sir

My Brother (W.H. Jemison) tells me you have established your self in Mobile in the Commission and Factorage business and will give special attention to consignments of Cotton. The old firm of W.H. & R. Jemison have most of the crop of 1863 on hand. I have

some individual cotton and am agent for an old partner and friend for whom I hold several hundred Bales with full power to manage & dispose of the same at my own discretion & pleasure. You will oblige me by giving me from time to time information as to the cotton market accompanied by your advice as to what course you would recommend me to pursue.

Of my own relation to the confederate Government and the part I have taken in the rebellion you are advised. Will the confiscation laws of the U.S. embrace what cotton I hold individually before proceedings for confiscation and a decree of confiscation is had? Can you send me a copy of the confiscation act and the orders & decisions under it..

Where parties have subscribed cotton to the Confederate loan & the same has been paid for but not delivered what becomes of the cotton, the consideration having entirely failed?

Where the cotton has neither been paid for or delivered does the U.S. hold(?) up any claim? Through what hands must cotton pass & to what (? word) port a/& other dues & charges is it subject before sale? If the Owner desires to ship to a Foreign Port what steps will be necessary & what duties & charges incurred? I understand one fourth the part of the cotton or the fourth of the sale is claimed by the Govt. Is this under any act of Congress or is it a mere military or departmental regulation?

I wish to be fully advised upon all subjects connected with the cotton trade. Who may sell or buy and what it takes to constitute a valid sale. There is no money in the country & there are parties owing me who may desire to pay in cotton.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience. I am
Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

Mr. Stephen Potts(?)
Mobile Ala.

[letterbook 10, p. 397]

Tuskaloosa 26 June 1865

Dear Sir

I wrote you on 18th Inst. Lest you may not have recd that letter I write you this. My object is to get some reliable information on the subject of cotton.

The old firm of W.H. & R. Jemison have the most of the crop of 1863 on hand. I have some individual cotton made since the dissolution. I also as agent have the controul of several hundred Bales bought on account of a former partner in staging.

You know my relation to the Confederate Govt. and the part I have acted in the Rebellion. Will the Confiscation laws of the US embrace what cotton or other property I have before conviction of Treason & proceedings to obtain a decree of confiscation? In case of confiscation will the rights of creditors be respected? When parties have subscribed to the confederate cotton loan, the cotton paid for but not delivered, the consideration having failed will the Cotton be claimed as Confederate property? Or

find obstacles thrown in the way by M. & his friends so as to keep back the truth as far as possible. In haste,

Yr. brother, Robert

The State of Alabama
Tuskalooosa County

Personally appeared before me (F.R. Baker an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County) W. M. King, a resident Citizen of said County who being duly sworn, deposed and saith that about the last of [?] 1 word] last past William P. Merriwether came to his House and then and there had the following conversation as hear as recollected. Mr. Merriwether in reference to the white Basis Law said that the Whigs wanted the State districted including three fifths of the black population, if so districted there was Mr Prince one of the Whig candidates who owns one hundred Negroes would be entitled to sixty votes for his Negroes and one for himself, and there was Mr Jemison who he Merriwether supposed owned near two hundred Negroes, what weight would he Jemison have against a Poor Man. He Merriwether stated that he asked Mr. Deason[?] how he would like to come under such Law. Mr. Merriwether stated that a poor white man living in a District where there were but few Negroes [?] 1 word] to a district where there were many negroes would be deprived of half his weight at the Ballot Box. Mr Merriwether stated that if the Whigs were all Elected, they would carry out the above stated policy, and further this deponent saith not.

(Signed) W. M. King

Sworn and subscribed to
this 10th day September A.D
1844 before me

(Signed) F. R. Baker J.P.

[letterbook 1, pp. 9 and 10]

Cherokee Place Near Tuskalooosa

11. Aug. 1846

Wm M. Lewis, Esqr.

Dr Sir

Ys. 11th ult. is now before me. It was recd. during a great press of busines & just in the act of leaving home & thus remained unanswered till the present. You inform me an emigration is expected to take place about 1. Oct. & ask if I can have matters so arranged as to go 15. Sept & stay 20 days. I fear I shall not be enabled to do so. I am pretty well worn down with cronic diarrhoea of two years standing. Tomorrow I set out with my family for Blount Springs &c. What effect the water & travel may have I cannot foretell. I hope favourable. If not it will be wholly out of my power to be with you which I have greatly desired. I am so far worse out[?] I can not get into my plantation except in the cool of the morning or evening & very frequently too feeble for that, to travel any distance on horseback or be subjected to any exposure is more than I could stand. If however contrary to my most

sanguine hopes my health should be so far restored as to allow me to be with you, I shall most certainly be with you. You will therefore keep me advised of how things progress. Still address me at Tuskaalooa whence my letters will be forwarded as I shall from time to time direct. I expect to be absent from the middle to last of next month.

Very Respectfully

Yr. friend &c

R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 2, p. 89+]

Tuskaalooa, 16 June 1858.

Dear Sir

Ys 12th was recd yesterday. I had recently had two others from you, the first of which was answered receipt of which you make no mention.

I mail with this five hundred dollars to [?] I word] of the Central Bk Montgomery, with instructions to place to yr credit & advise you thereof. This [is] all I can do at present. Hope it will afford some relief.

Priscilla & Cherokee left for [?] name] Springs in N. Ala. on thursday last. Neither very well, but each in about their usual health. Miss Casey remained to sow some Garden seed & to go on with me in about 8 to 10 days, but monday she had an attack of congestion of the Brain & fell in the Garden senseless from which she is recovering very slowly. She is quite low and her situation very precarious. Her attack will be tedious under most favourable circumstances.

Money matters are tight with us. So far however as to my future prospects are concerned, they are brighter than heretofore. Our crop not so good as we have had but as good as our neighbours. Hope I can soon make you a further remittance. Please acknowledge receipt from Central Bk.

My kindest regards to Helen.

Very truly

R. Jemison Jr.

W.F. Plane Esqr
Columbia Ga.

[letterbook 6, p. 400]

Cherokee Place 16. Oct. 1846

Mr Wm Reynolds

Dr Sir

I have found a man who I think will suit as a clerk & assistant in the Mill next year. It is a Mr. Ryland formerly of Wetumpka now of Tuskaalooa. He has been raised to labour, a part of his time has worked at the House Carpenters trade, got to be a Tavern Keeper in Wetumpka & failed & the last two years been Bar Keeper in Tuskaalooa, during which time he has learned enough of Book Keeping to answer our purpose. He is a man of good sense &

been most truly[?] blessed. We have not[?] yet felt its ills. We have yet seen[?] nothing of its separations[?], its desolations, its insults & barbarities. From all these we have been free[?]. May Heaven still preserve us & our Homes from its blighting effects. I meet here every day with persons who have lost everything. Where husband & wife, Brother & Sister parent & child have been separated. I have frequently been struck with wonder & even admiration of the fortitude & philosophy with which these bitter trials are sometimes borne, particularly by ladies.

I must close. Kind regards to Coz. & Jessie & the same to others of the household. Tell Coz. I will write her in a few days. Much love & many kisses for Ma & Daughter

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31st May 1835 Columbus Miss.

Dear Priscilla

On leaving Tuscaloosa I expected to have returned before this, but business has quite unexpectedly called me to this place where I shall have to remain yet several days, and possibly may have to go as far west as Choctumma. To this unexpected detention are you indebted for the present letter, be it a welcome or an unwelcome visitor. I know it will come unlocked for, yet I hope it will not be viewed altogether as an intruder. If you can not receive it as an esteemed & valued companion, let the more than friendly spirit in which it is written secure to it at least the hospitable welcome of the stranger. On parting with you, you were pleased to express a solicitude for my speedy return. Rest assured that nothing but the most urgent & imperious necessity shall detain me. I can not now say before when I will be in Tuscaloosa but saving providential interposition I will see you by or before the 20th proximo. In the mean time I trust you will have decided upon my suit & be prepared to relieve my suspense & anxiety on a subject now identified with every hope & every thought. Do not imagine however that I would hurry you into a premature decision in affair wherein yr. own weal or woe is so intimately & immediately concerned. On the contrary I would have you give the subject that mature & deliberate consideration its importance demands. If yr. assent spring not from the dictates of yr. own judgment & the guidance of yr. own feelings I would not procure it by other means. You remarked to me that my addresses came altogether unlocked for, that they had never been anticipated or thought of yr. part. In this particular then I occupy the vantage ground of you. I have had full time for reflection. I have weighed the subject in all its different bearings. My attachment for you is not of yesterday, it is not the offspring of youthful ardour nor has it had its origin in a slight or partial acquaintance. When

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I believed yr affections preengaged & looked upon you as betrothed to another even the blighting reflection that I cherished a bootless flame could not extinguish it. Those prepossessions formed at an early period of our acquaintance soon ripened into feelings & sentiments of a higher & nobler character than those of mere esteem. They terminated in an attachment that sprang warm & free from a heart which has thus far been faithful to its fires. Yes it has borne the probation of time & of absence & in despite of the idea that you could never be mine, it has only "grown with growth and strengthened with strength". With an attachment thus sincere and undivided I have ventured to address you & yet I fear you have been disposed to look upon me as the coldly platonic lover. I have made it is true no extravagant protestations, no impious vows. I have indulged in no common place flatteries, have paid no fulsome compliments to yr beauty. My professions have been fiery[?] & though they may not have partaken enough of the romantic to suit the fashion of the times, they have not been the less sincere. She who places a higher estimate on her personal charms than upon the improvement & cultivation of her mental morals faculties, who is pleased only so far as she is caressed and flattered upon the possession of those charms can never be the object of a generous affection, and if such are the means by which you are to be won I have mistaken the character of her whom I have loved. I would as soon think of falling in love with a statue as with such an one. Mere personal attractions Priscilla could never have inspired the sentiments I entertain toward you. They are of a higher & holier order. I have loved you not for personal attractions only but for that happy combination of mental & moral worth which alone can give dignity & permanence to the noblest of human passions.

These are the considerations that have induced me to select you from amongst yr sex as her with whom I would wish to partake in the joys & sorrows the good & ills of this life. Permit me therefore to indulge the hope that I may find a kindred sentiment on your part.

I am in sincerity & affection
Ys.
R. Jemison Jr.

Columbus Missi Sunday 17 July 1870

My Dear Daughter

This the first employment of my pen in an effort at letter writing since Dear Ma's arrival is given to the loved ones at Home.

My life since I left Home has been one of constant suffering and part of the time of most acute & intense pain -- such as cannot be described or well imagined by those who have not passed through like troubles & trials. The worst I hope is past. I am comfortable, suffering little or no pain.

Dr McCabe who seems thoroughly to understand my disease and who thus far has been very successful in its treatment says my improvement is very satisfactory and the indications favourable.

possession of Carolina Soil by the Lincoln fleet has caused much excitement & anxiety in the public mind not only here but elsewhere. This place is the great thoroughfare for the passing and repassing of troops to & from different points. Some are going to and some from Pensacola. Some since we have been here have been ordered to Huntsville & thence the same Troops sent to Mobile. There are a number of Companies here not yet organised into Regiments & I have seen a number of other Companies in passing. None of them, not a single company are so well informed as those we have sent from our county.

Hon. J. L. M. Curry arrived here last evening. He is unaccompanied by any of his family. He will leave for Richmond day after tomorrow morning. As I wrote you previously if he and his friends adhere to the principle of selecting one Senator from each of the old political parties that this will rule him out, as the election of Mr. Yancy is a foregone conclusion. Upon enquiry I find that there is a very large and overwhelming majority of Secessionists, perhaps as much as 50 votes on joint ballot; if therefore there be a disposition on the part of the majority to visit upon the minority their former party differences as unpardonable sins then election of any one of the minority [? is impossible]. There are many of the majority disposed to take one Senator from each of the old parties but this unanimity with many is made to yield to their preference for their own particular favourite. For instance the friends of Curry would be willing to take with him some minority man, and elect both but the election of Yancy being sure, they would take Curry & Yancy rather than not get him. If any one is taken from the minority party, I have very little doubt that I will be the one selected, but of this I have very little hope.

I had a letter from Templeton this morning saying you would write on the next day which letter I will get by due course of mail tomorrow morning. I will write no more at present, and shall wait with great anxiety to hear in person from you as I have not had that pleasure for several days.

I was gratified to hear of the success of your Tableau, through a letter from Jinny to her father. Love for daughter & Ma & Kind regards for Coz. & all friends with you.

Yr Aft. Father
R. Jemison Jr.

Senate Chamber Montgomery
23 Nov. 1861.

My Dearest Daughter,

I wrote you yesterday from my Desk during an animated & excited debate in which I was frequently called on to take part and for information as it was on one of my own reports. We continued in Session yesterday until night and I had to attend two Committees after night, so you perceive I have not very much time left for correspondence even with those who are nearest & dearest to me.

We are here under great excitement on account of the attack made yesterday at Pensacola by the enemy which commenced at 9 A.M. and continued until 6 1/4 P.M. when it was terminated by a heavy rain storm. Whether renewed since we have not heard as the wires are down either from the storm or some other cause and communication cut off. The latest news is by passengers leaving at 7 P.M. who report one killed and two or three wounded on our side. One wooden building was fired by an enemies shell about the close of the firing but was extinguished. The Niagara one of the enemies vessels is said to have been crippled and grounded and that a breach had been made [by] our guns in Fort Pickens. Many are speaking of going down to Pensacola this evening. If I knew what to calculate on as to yours & Ma's movements & they should not interfere I would go with them to witness the Battle as it will no doubt be a most sanguine & bloody battle.

I expected this morning to have heard either from Yr Uncle William, Templeton, you or your Ma something more whether you started as stated in Mr Templeton's letter of 20th saying you would start next day. I hope before night to hear by telegram that you are on Yr way. In that event I will certainly not go to Pensacola. Indeed, my anxiety to hear from you is such if I do not hear this evening I will remain till morning's mail.

There is nothing new except the Battle, from which nothing is heard since I commenced this at 10. A.M. & it is now 2 P.M.

Love to Ma & Daughter & kind regards to others

Yr Aft. Father

R. Jemison Jr.

Coalfire 18 Decr. 1848

My Dear Daughter

Pa has not recieved the promised and expected from you. He fears you are thinking so much of your own ease & amusements that your Pa recieves but an occasional thought. Though his body & mind are constantly & intensely engaged his Dear Child & her Ma are always present to his mind and paramount in his affections. He has not one tythe of the time to write that you have. He is now up at 4 Oclock in the morning that he may before entering on the regular work of the day devote a few moments to communion with those who are always dearest to him and with him.

Pa has for some time been engaged as Ma knows in having made a parcel of Model wheels for the purpose of ascertaining by experiment what particular style of wheel will do most work with the same quantity of water. He has just got them in operation, seven different wheels. Amongst them is one of his own construction or invention which is like to prove greatly superior to any of them or to any wheel heretofore used. We have not yet got every thing ready to measure with accuracy the relative difference of the several wheels. We have some pulleys & chords to locate which we will do in the course of this forenoon. We can however without these fixtures discover by the eye and the touch a manifest and decided superiority in the wheel of my own invention over all the others, both as to velocity and power. By

[letterbook 9, p. 480]

Tuskaloosa 1. Oct 1861.

Mr. C.W. Shedd
Columbus Missi

Dr Sir

Ys last mail duly recd. Should have been recd mail before however. The further information as to my business that you said therein I would wet from another source, none has not been recd but ommissions &c have increased my apprehensions. I have written Mr Little to say to buy no more grain or sell any thing more on a credit. I am so situated I cannot leave just now but will be over just as soon as I can come. Would have been over before but Adams has for three weeks & more been off after his wife & Burgin has had more of his own matters than he could [do] so every thing has devolved on me. Slocum too has been sick a good part of the time.
In great haste

Very truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 9, p. 461]

Tuskaloosa 14 Oct. 1861.

Dr Sir

Ys. 10 Inst just recd. The Tuskaloosa & North Port Cotton Mill Machinery are offered for sale at twenty thousand dollars in four annual payments interest at 8% on the entire sum unpaid payable annally. I inclose a list of Machinery &c as furnished by the late superintendent. The Buildings & Real Estate cost in round numbers (\$38,000) Thirty eight thousand dollars. The Machinery about (\$60,000) Sixty thousand. The Mill & Machinery cannot be sold seperately at present. If not sold together however the trustees are authorised after the 1st Decr are authorised to sell seperately.
If purchased all together a much better bargain can be had than for machinery alone.

Very truly
R. Jemison Jr.

Honrl Daniel Pratt,
Prattsville. Ala.

[letterbook 9, p. 474]

Tuskaloosa 30 Jany 1862.

Dear Sir

Yr favour 22 Inst is just recieved. It will not suit me to take negroes in payment of yr. notes, unless I can use them to pay my debts.

Very Truly

[addressed to:

Miss Caroline H. Jemison
Care of Ira E. Fort Esq.
Macon Georgia]

Tuskaloosa Ala. Jany 17th 1841.

My Dear Helen

Some weeks since I learned from an obituary notice in a Macon paper of your mothers death & would have written you immediately but for the multiplicity of my engagements & the feeble state of my health which has not been good since a severe attack of congestive fever in August which was followed by an attack of bilious fever in November. I will not offer you my fruitless condolence on the death of the only parent whose kind attentions you have ever experienced, the only parent whom you have ever known. In earliest infancy before the faintest recollection of a single lineament or feature of your father had been impressed on your tender mind this parent was taken from you. The other seems left only to watch over the tender age of infancy & then to follow. To the loss of the former you were insensible but the loss of the latter you must feel most sensibly. With her lies buried the last fond hope of a mothers council & a mothers affections. You are no more to share a parents fondness or a parents care. This Helen is orphanage indeed. To be left at your age without the affectionate tuition & guidance of a mother is the heaviest and severest bereavement with which an All wise Providence in his mercy could have visited you. You have it is true Brothers & Sisters each of whom would cheerfully & gladly act toward you a parents part. So Sister can fill a mothers place as a Mother would herself. However near & strong the ties between Brothers & Sisters Nature has for wise purposes placed between parent & child & above all between Mother & daughter a nearer, a stronger & a dearer affection than exists in any other degree of consanguinity. It is the mothers peculiar province when she has watched us through the tender years of infancy to fashion & form our young idea's & as has been so beautifully expressed "To teach them how to shoot". Let therefore my Dear Sister the kind admonitions & affectionate injunctions of her whom you have so lately followed to the grave be & remain fresh in your memory. Let them be a Light to you! feet through the thorny & desolate path of orphanage which lies before you. I fear you are too young to fully understand or properly appreciate the irreparable loss that has befallen you. Let me therefore impress it upon you that you are now of an age when those habits of thinking & acting begin to be formed upon the development of which depend in a great degree your future prosperity, happiness & character. Nor does the influence of early education stop here. It extends beyond this life to the fixing of our destiny in the life to come. The importance then of a proper foundation in early youth cannot too seriously engage your attention. A false or an improper step in the beginning will be difficult, Yeal may be impossible to retrace. There is perhaps no task or duty of the parent or guardian so important and yet so difficult as to impress properly & effectually upon the mind of one at your tender age the proper bearing & just connection of your present conduct with & its ultimate influence over your subsequent life. As to the great importance of your present conduct & a proper use of time beyond any idea which youthful

inexperience can present to you I trust my Sister you will listen to the admonitions of a Brother who has passed the fickle & perilous period of youth & whose experience bids him in all the candour of fraternal affection to warn you of the temptations & dangers that lie before you. I now look back with deep regret & even shame upon many acts which the thoughtlessness & inexperience of youth held forth as innocent or even praiseworthy. Such is the experience of all upon a retrospect of their past lives & such no doubt to some extent will be the experience [of] my Helen but I trust that she may pass unharmed this most perilous part of lifes voyage & that she may look back from an honourable, mature age with a joyous & grateful heart for her fortunate & safe deliverance from the danger that beset her barque amongst the shoals & shallows of youth. I recieved a letter a few days since from Mr Fort (which tell him I will answer soon) in which he expresses a wish that I will permit you to remain with your Sister Laura & says also that it is your wish to do so. For this affectionate & brotherly offer of Mr Fort towards you he deserves both yours & my warmest thanks. I am proud too Helen to find you so much a favorite. It speaks favourably of you not only as an affectionate sister but as a good & dutiful girl. So much so that I fear I shall be the more reluctant to give you up. I had intended pretty early this spring to have visited Georgia with a view of bringing you out with me but since the receipt of Mr Forts letter I may not come so soon as I had expected. He informs me that you are at a fine school where you are doing well. We have here very fine female schools; as fine I expect as any in [the South] and have beside as healthy a situation as may be found any [where.] I have been since hearing of the death of your mother & still [am eager] to have you with me. Your Sister Priscilla too is also desirous to have you with us & offers a sisters affection & a sisters care. We have with [us a] niece of hers a very amiable & interesting girl about your age [and] whom you would find an agreeable companion at school [and with] whose company you would be pleased at home. There [are other] considerations why I wish you with me more than I [can write] in this letter (with which I expect you are already worri[missing words] some of which perhaps you would when told [missing words] or propriety of. With my reasons for wish[missing words] why I think it proper you should be with [me I will acquaint you] either in a future letter or when I see you which I hope will be in spring or early in the Summer.

I have not forgotten the promise you made me of writing when I saw you last summer. I hope on receipt of this you will redeem it. Let me hear from you frequently. I do not expect you to write so long a letter as I have written but I care not how long it may be. I will read any thing from My Helen with attention & pride because it comes from a sister, who at the most critical and important period of life has been deprived of the advice & tuition of the only remaining parent. Remember me to Laura & Ezekiel

R. Jemison Jr.

[several experimental signatures; perhaps done by Helen, as the letter was evidently sent to her, since it has a postal cancellation and a number in right hand corner indicating postage was paid]

and present my best respects to Mr. Fort, Mr. Wimberly & your uncle John. Do not fail to write. Remember me also to Mr & Mrs Hardeman

Yr Afect Brother
R. Jemison Jr.

Tuskaloosa. 28. April 1866.

My Dear Helen.

On my return home a few days since after an absence of three weeks I found your letter of 6th April Inst. The one to which you refer as written after the Surrender was also read and is now before me. It came while I was perplexed and oppressed by Federal Rule, and I suppose amid the troubles & excitement of the day was not answered as you recd none and as my letter Book shows no evidence of the fact. I am sorry to hear of your losses and sufferings in our late unfortunate & disastrous struggle. You have the Sympathies of a Brother in Suffering as well as blood. My losses have been heavier than almost any other in our community. Beside my negroes, I lost my stock of mules & horses. My Bridge & my mills were burned. My farm last year brought me several thousand dollars in debt. All together my losses amount to between three & four hundred thousand dollars at specie value. I have very little left except my real estate, a large portion of which is unproductive and not available. I am left too with an indebtedness of over one hundred thousand dollars, and upon such of it as they can sue most of my creditors are disposed indeed have commenced suit. How I shall weather the Storm the future can only reveal. If life & health be spared me a few years, I have hope and even confidence that I will not only pay all debts but leave a decent competency to my wife & child. As to the latter if she will do her part she is provided for. In her husband she has one though like many others left poor by the war, who with his habits of sobriety, industry, frugality and economy will keep her above want. I have let out my farm & rented my lands for the present year on favourable terms. If the freedman continues to do well of which I have my misgivings & the price of cotton keeps up the net proceeds of my farm & lands will be equal to what they were in peace times. With my farm & lands I have very little to do. With the Freedman less. I am now giving almost my entire time to the business of the NE & SW Ala. R. R. of which I am President with a fixed salary of \$5000.00 and contingent compensation dependent upon my success in carrying on the work that may amount to something handsome. My engagements in this connection has & will keep me much from home, particularly during this year.

So much for my present condition & future prospects. Now, Helen for your letters. Their general tenor & especially some passages in them give me much pain & regret. I will not quote or refer to all those portions that have surprised & grieved me. I will only call your attention to a few. In the first after citing Genl Colquits liberality in repaying to the Orphan daughter of Paul Tarver(?) \$27000.00 that had been paid in Confederate money by consent of the guardian &c you say "I know I asked the money in view of increasing the force on the Cook place. When you offered it I was loth to take it having found it impossible to buy negroes at a fair price & feeling too that they were uncertain property. But you told me that you had been at some trouble in getting the money, that I could buy Bonds & they would be better than your notes in the event of our success; but if we failed neither would be of value. Poor Mr Plane was not pleased at my taking the money & would have had me offer you the Bonds for your notes". And in your last "My friends here all try to comfort me by saying that you will be perfectly ready & willing to pay me a half or the whole since it was a debt of such long standing & was paid without Mr Planes consent". These statements would bear the inference if they do not necessarily bear the construction that I sought & took advantage of

your husbands absence in the army to persuade & induce you to receive in depreciated paper a debt that had been long delayed & withheld. The best answer to any such inference or imputation will be found in the letters of yourself & Mr Plane copies of two of which you will find inclosed. They speak for themselves, they need no comment from me. If there was any loathness or reluctance on your part in receiving the money when offered it was not intimated to me. That I may & did when speaking of the most judicious investment of the money say you "could buy bonds, &c" I do not doubt. But the whole correspondence between us embracing a letter of yours dated a few days before the payment acknowledging my letters informing you that I had succeeded in raising the money & of the time I would be in Macon negatives[?] the idea that the money was recd unwillingly. When it was paid to you I could have used it with other parties in payment of my debts at 100 cents in the dollar. Nine months after I paid with confederate money Sixty thousand dollars of debts contracted before the war. In Sept 1863 I paid \$13000. As late as January 1864 I paid \$5000, all on debts contracted before the war. These facts show, Helen, that there could have been no selfish or sordid motive to induce me to take advantage of your husbands absence to make payment to you. Why should I have lost the time & expenses of a trip to Georgia to make this payment when there were creditors at home who would have been willing and glad to receive it? It was as I thought for your accommodation. It was at the urgent & strong request of yourself & husband that it was paid. The letters of Mr Plane & yourself during the whole period of my indebtedness show an apprehension as to the safety of the debt. A portion of what was collected of me as I subsequently learned was loaned to parties at six per cent interest instead of 8% who never paid either principal or interest. I can not Helen hold myself either legally or in good conscience responsible for these or any other injudicious investments of monies paid by me. It is true I did not pay the money when due, but I paid it with compound interest on every dollar up to the time of payment. Your distributive share of your fathers estate including the land was \$12225.00 or thereabouts. Out of this you were educated & supported in as good style as almost any young lady in the Country and when you married your estate had doubled. Not one cent was ever charged you for its management.

The most surprizing portion of the passages quoted is that the money was paid without Mr Planes consent, that he was not pleased at your taking the money, that he would have had you offer the Bonds for my notes. Have you not Helen suffered your imagination to get the better of your memory. Would your husband have reproached you for an act he had so strongly urged upon me & for which he had expressed so great solicitude? Besides the money was paid late in Aug & he was killed if I mistake not about 17. Sept. For some time before his death, before even the payment, our army was within territory occupied by the enemy and in constant & rapid movements & almost daily skirmishing & fighting. It is not probable that news of the payment would have reached him & he made reply under the rapid movements and the trying & exciting events of these times. And furthermore your letters through they do not expressly say you had heard nothing from him after my leaving you in Macon, produces such an inference. And again you will perhaps recollect that when I paid my debt you did not have the notes which were to be sent to me. This was not done until Decr. after. Is it probable that if your husband had so recently before he fell expressed his displeasure at what you had done that you would have made no allusion to this fact in a letter inclosing the notes of the payment of which he complained, and in which you give me a long and detailed account of his death? Such an omission would have been improbable, and have

done great injustice to the dead & the living. Had you then made known the fact the payment was not approved by your husband I could & would have taken back the funds, for as before stated I could & did without trouble or difficulty have made such funds quite as available to me in payment of other debts. I ask of you Helen to review calmly the facts in this case. It strikes me you will find your imagination has gotten the better both of your memory & your judgment. I ask also that in your retrospect you will scrutinize with an impartial & unselfish eye my whole course as to you both as a Guardian & Brother. You and your husband seem at all times to have had plenty of willing advisers to my prejudice, and against your own comfort & happiness. I have long been used to the uncharitableness of such advisers. It has had but little effect upon me only so far as it has warped & poisoned your mind against me. The opinions of such advisers & comforters have no impression upon me in forming my judgment of what is my duty as a man, a Guardian or a Brother. I can conscientiously in presence of my God say that so far as has lain in my power I [have] done what I thought best for you. We are prone to charge our faults & our failures to some body else or to some other cause than ourselves or our errors. It is easy to look back and see where fortunes might have been made & we are surprized we did not embrace such plain & certain opportunities of enriching ourselves. Or if we had not the means we easily persuade ourselves that if we had had means we would certainly not have let the golden chance slip. Many such chances as you look back upon the past rise up before you & tend to make you dissatisfied with me & all who stood or seem to have stood in the way of these Golden visions of the past. For the failure of these speculative & theoretical fortunes I do not feel that I am in any way responsible. Your patrimony was paid to you in sums of from \$1000. to \$10,000. but little of this from your own account seems to have been profitably and safely invested. For the loose or failure of any of these investments I surely cannot be held responsible. None of them were made upon my judgment. As to none did I ever express even an opinion except the last and if you recollect my preference was for cotton rather than Bonds. So far as I recollect I never seriously & earnestly advised or urged the investment of any portion of your funds except on one occasion; that was in the purchase of the cotton factory at this place. There I thought I saw a future & proposed to Mr Plane that we would purchase it jointly. Had we made the purchase & been as fortunate as those who did make it you would now have been a millionaire instead of the poor dependent widow that you are. Instead of that we are both left poor. Let us not reproach each other with our poverty. If I were rich Helen you might draw on me as a Brother. I wish that I were rich that I could help you & other relatives and friends. Your claims as a Sister for brotherly love & aid I acknowledge to the fullest extent, but cannot acknowledge or admit any obligation on the score of your having failed to make profitable investments of what I at any time paid you. I too am poor. I have seen the earnings of a life swept away by a revolution I had no hand in bringing about, the madness & folly of which I did my utmost to prevent. The balance of my life I expect to spend in efforts to pay my debts and the support of my family with a hope [of] paying off what I owe & leaving a comfortable support to those of my family who survive me. If life & health are spared me I have hope & confidence I will do this. If I were younger I should seek my fortune in another country but your Sister & I are both too old for this. We must make the best of things as they are & submit to the rule of our conquerors whatever may be our fate. I am not sanguine, not very hopeful of the future of our country. The war is ended, the President has issued his proclamation of peace. But the end I fear is not come. Negro equality seems to be not only demanded by Northern fanatics but to be admitted

and believed in by very honest & good men at the South. This can never be. Neither political or social equality can ever exist between races so different in colour, intellect, instincts & habits. There is not that I know of on record an instance of two races so nearly equal in numbers and dissimilar in character ever having lived together as freemen. There must & will be another Revolution that will end in the political superiority or extinction of one or the other race. Whether this revolution is to be peaceable I will not say. Nor will I predict its beginning or its end. But that come it must and will I feel confident. I may live to see its beginning but have no hope to see its end. Indeed I have little wish to witness either the beginning or the end. I have lived to see the noblest spirits of my country fall, to see its cherished institutions pass away, its constitution violated & disregarded. I have seen my countrymen once proud or boastful of their rights & their freedom bow their necks to the yoke of the Conqueror and smile and fawn upon their oppressors. Is not this enough to one of my views without wishing to unveil the future. Sufficient for the day will be the evil thereof. There is a consolation though sad in the belief that I shall not live to witness the end for I have a presentiment it will be written in blood, and end in oppression but little short of Egyptian bondage. I hope I may be mistaken, I strive hard and earnestly to bring myself to the hopeful belief that many of our people entertain of the future. I act as though such were my belief, and at times even think I believe as they, but I cannot rid myself of these forebodings.

A truce with these gloomy reflections. They come unbidden, and are hard to shake off.

A word as to the family before I close. Cherokee was married 5th Decr to Mr A. C. Hargrove a young man born & raised in the county, a graduate of our University, studied law with Judge Peck and at the law school in Cambridge, Mass, had just commenced the practice of his profession at the breaking out of the war when he entered the service & continued until the last Gun was fired. He had a very handsome estate in the beginning but it is all gone. He is a strict & truly good and pious member of the Methodist Church. His habits are all good, and I have no fears as to her being provided for if he lives.

Sallie, Bro. Williams second daughter is married to Lieut Cade of Marengo County who has a fine black land plantation left him. The rest of the girls all single. Mack is completely broke up has little or nothing left him & is in debt \$12,000 to \$15,000. He is making his arrangements to go to Mexico. William has fared very little better. He has left his house & lot where he lives and one other home & lot in the edge of town of little value. My own situation I have already told you. If forced now to pay my debts my property would not pay them out but if life & health are spared me & I am permitted to manage my own property I can in a few years pay out & have a decent support for my family provided we do not have further troubles.

I have said if younger I would seek an assylum in an other Country. I am not sure but I may do it any way. The graves of my parents & kindred are now about all the ties that bind me [to] the land of my birth. There is nothing in its Government. Nothing in its institutions that has any charms for me.

I expect before a great while to visit Washington City and the North on R. Road business and if I can so arrange it will take Macon in my way and will stop & spend a day or two with you.

I infer from your last that you are boarding at the Lanier House, if so present my kind regards to Pauline & to her Mother & family.

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I may take I will be sure to be in a situation to keep whatever wits I have. I have been uneasy ever since I left about the dear little girl. Do not fail to let me hear from her by return coach. My uneasiness will not be relieved until I hear. Kiss her for Dear Pa.

I called in a few moments to see Mr Calhoun. He is very low. He speaks of leaving for Orleans on Friday next to place himself under the care of some physician there very eminent in consumption cases. But he goes too late. I doubt whether he reaches there. I have promised him to go & stay with him to night & see if we can right up our business. It is a most delicate task but both his wife & his physician says he is adequate to it. He has promised me he will not talk or otherwise exert himself.

Do not fail to write.

Yr. Aft Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Columbus Missi 21. Feb 1869

My Dear Ma.

I came into town last evening confidently expecting to get a letter from some of you, but was doomed to disappointment. I reached the Mills Tuesday evening late found Priscilla abed from violent cold & severe sore throat which seems to be prevailing as an epidemic. She is now up but still suffering. The rest are all well, Mr. Slocum having nursed his chill for more than three weeks. Things seemed somewhat in better fix than heretofore but there is much room for further improvement.

I had by yesterdays mail a package from Mr Hargrove inclosing my letters but not a word from himself. I am just from Greene's all are well there. Kate was just in from the Country found her sister the House woman aside to lecture her. She then took her sister the House woman aside to lecture her. She then gave attention to me. They are all well there.

Col. Harris tells me he had a letter yesterday from Mrs H. in which she stated Cherokee was about changing her quarters but did not say where to. This is all I have heard from you since I left. Hope I will hear by to days mail. Will keep this open until the train comes in, which is now past due.

Have no Rail Road news since I left you. Think I will go to Gainesville next week to see Capt. Childs late Engineer of Gainesville & Tuska. R. Road. If so will try & run down & spend a day in Mobile as I am very anxious to see daughter & know how she is doing. Tell her she knows not the extent of my anxiety on her account. I will write her in a few days.

Love to her & Minnie. Kiss both for Grandpa and kind regards to others.

Yr. Aft. Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Columbus. Missi

Pa's Love to the little girl & tell [her] to kiss dear Ma for Pa, to be a good daughter & learn well. I have not time to say more.

Yr Aft. Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Luxapellia. 15 May 1869.

My Dear Ma.

On my arrival here found all well and the business of the Mills no worse than I expected. I find owing to hands \$150 to \$200 exclusive of the Balance due Slocum. And more due the place than will pay its debts of all kinds Slocums excepted but no effort making to collect. As to Merritts taking possession of the place, I have had no conversation with him. I go into town this morning for that purpose. I fear that Slocum became alarmed as to amount due him and has talked so as reach Merritts ears, and alarmed him. And Merritt with the instincts of a Yankee has become alarmed & besides would be glad of a pretext to take all advantages the law will allow him. I think however he will find he had not got me so much in his power as he imagined if such has been the case. Slocum is anxious to quit. As soon as I can get the money to pay him I will do so & let him set up for himself which he seems very anxious to do.

Greene's family are well. It has rained every day since I have been here, got wet coming out on Tuesday and have had cold showery weather since. The Sun is now shining very brightly & almost cold enough for frost. The peaches on this place all killed not one I am told left. This is the case no where else that we hear of.

I have had no letter from you since I left got my mail last evening by one of the neighbors. Amongst it a letter from Mr Hargrove dated 10th. He was in the act of leaving for Carrollton but I suppose he wrote Cherokee by Virginia. I am exceedingly anxious to hear from Daughter as well as the rest of you. If I do not get a letter from some of you informing me how she is to day I shall be very uneasy about her. My love to her & Minnie. Hope all are doing well. Will keep this open till I go to town &c.

Yr. Aft Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

3. P.M. Have had an interview with Merritt find I am right as to the cause of the alarm & trouble with Merritt. It all grew out of Slocums apprehensions & Merritts desire to make the most he can out of my condition.

Hearing nothing from you or Cherokee, telegraphed about 12 M. & have just read a reply from Dr Webb. Am glad to hear she is no [incomplete, next page missing]

My Dear Ma.

I am in receipt of yr kind and esteemed favour of 29 Ult and am very much gratified to hear of yr good health and prospect of further improvement, hope[?] you will not

Tuskaloosa. 16 May 1867

only become entirely stout but grow fat.

This is my fourth letter since you left all through yr Br. John as I was not sure as to "Kits" P. Office. My health is pretty good have had no attack except the attack of Cholera Morbus in Montgomery of which I wrote you in my last, but am not feeling altogether so stout & robust as usual. Yet I am able to attend to my business every day. I am now writing in the morning by Lamp light waiting for early breakfast that I may get out to where my hands are at work, but an early breakfast or a well prepared meal is a hopeless case with Antoinette. I think I will get rid of her soon, substitute old Dinah in her place if I can do no better. Georgia Ann, Col Blockers old dining Room servant applied yesterday, says she can do the House work washing & attend dining Room at \$6 pr. month. She is to come this morning I will try her. Ann has got a very smart little girl daughter of Mrs Eddins Carriage driver Lewis a little under the age & size of Silea for her victuals & clothes. She came last evening. I will not however keep her unless bound to me for a term of years. Ann has some young Turkey's but I dont know how many.

Cherokee has not returned yet, looked for on Monday next. Buena will come with her. The Babe was not right well when she wrote last. Say's Dr Walkley thinks or say's her health will be entirely reestablished. Mr. Hargrove is here quite well. Bettie came home last evening with a chill the first she has had for 3 or 4 weeks. Mr. Hargroves crop is in fine fix but backward & wanting rain which gives him the hyps.

There is a good deal of news about town of one sort or another but none in which you will be particularly interested except it's rumored that old man Vaughn & Mrs. Casaday are to be married.

The Invalids who visited Dr Perrins[?] of N. Orleans have returned, most of them cured, all benefitted. Miss Ellen Gile left not benefitted by his manipulations but has since her return (as she writes from Marion where she stopped with her Sister Mrs Battle) entirely recovered her hearing. Other's are leaving to place themselves under his treatment at Memphis. Mrs Kenady & perhaps some others as Ann tells me leave to day.

As to my pecuniary matters they remain pretty much as when you left. No change that I can see for the better. You remark "Kit say's these times are such that every man is suspected of being broke & that Mr Jemison certainly does know that he can go to Mobile & make any arrangement he wants -- He can get his paper for \$8000 worth of land easy, business men will settle up with any thing they can get that is of value -- He Kit does not doubt that he could buy the paper for \$5000.00 cash, thinks you ought to wind up now -- Let them Sell, unless they will act better -- Save yr. property -- Make money out of it at yr. leisure" &c. How all this is to be done by a man who has neither money nor friends I must acknowledge that with all "my intelligence and superior ability I can not perceive. But with neither I see no escape from utter Bankruptcy & ruin. Whatever I can honestly & honourably do under the circumstances shall as far as I am capable be done. At last Court judgments were obtained against me for some \$14,000.00 at the Federal Court commencing 4th Monday of this month there will be a judgment for some \$6000.00 in all \$20,000.00. My entire property in Ala. will perhaps not sell for enough to pay these judgments, though worth before the war more than \$200,000.00 If my "fore sights had been so good as my hind sights I might have escaped my present fix & been a millionaire instead of a Bankrupt. But the past cannot be recalled. Though I may regret not acting upon the promptings of my judgment yet I have no compunctions of conscience as to my error and will bow to my fate however hard it may be

with I hope becoming resignation and fortitude.

Write to me frequently and do not be uneasy as to Pa Pa. He will take care of himself & be prudent. Do not shorten yr visit on our account. We will do the best we can in yr. absence.

My Love to Ma Ma and kind regards to Kit & family Alan[?] Eliza & Kit & his wife as well as Robt & his.

Bettie sends her love, say's she will write soon.

Very affectionately

Yr Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. I have not time to read over & correct.

Meridian 20 May 1868

Dear Ma.

Wrote you by last mail, have closed a contract with Mr. C. E. Rushing & associates for lease of that portion of our Road heretofore operated by the Selma & Meridian R Road. Have been engaged to day with Capt Jones one of the associates writing out the contract. He is now 11 P.M. engaged in copying it. Mr Rushing is up the Mobile & Ohio Road, will be down to night on his way to Mobile. Capt. Jones & I will accompany him for the purpose of a final closing of the contract. They are to make much more favourable payments than under the old contract pay four thousand dollars more pr year & a good portion of that in advance.

I may be detained in Mobile 'til Friday evening but [I word ?] I will return tomorrow night. Will go directly to the Mills. If I have time will write you again from Mobile. My health continues to improve. Love to all. Have had no letter from any of you since I left home.

Yr. Aft Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

Cherokee Place

24 May 1843.

My Dear Wife

Yr welcome & affectionate favour without date postmarked 17th Inst met me on my return from a short visit to Greene County of the object of which you were informed in my last. The intelligence of yr continued convalescence afforded me much gratification but I regretted to learn that yr situation otherwise was not so pleasant as could have been wished or as perhaps had been anticipated. Aware of what a school of slander you would be located in to the envious small talk & malicious whisperings of which you would necessarily be compelled to listen I feared you would not realise that pleasure which a visit to an only surviving parent from whom you had been longer seperated than at any former period of yr life would under

more favourable circumstances, have afforded. The uncharitable gossip of the strange & petty rivalships with which I knew you would be surrounded I had expected would be a source of annoyance & unhappiness to you. Of what you might expect to encounter I had endeavoured to forewarn & thereby prepare my Dearest for the trial. I am pleased to see that she has taken so just & philosophical a view of these specimens of city life & city morals. That you would find out facts & meet with incidents that would astound you was but what I had foreseen. Yes, instead of that fine & easy communion of hearts as you have expressed it & which you had fancied you would find without guile in refined & polished society I knew you were destined to meet not only hollowiness & deceit but the vilest and most premeditated detraction. The code of morals that nowadays prevails in fashionable society does not enjoin even, much less does it enforce the christian virtues of truth & good will toward mankind. These as well as many others of the cardinal duties that are specially & emphatically enjoined upon us in the Divine Code, have become obsolete & have long since been banished from the beau monde as unfashionable. Plain, unassuming, retiring modesty once reckoned as the fairest, brightest gem, yea esteemed the ruby without price in the estimate of female character, is now out of vogue, is held as ungentle. You need not then wonder at the strange things you see & hear. These are the fashions & "better" says the old adage "be out of the world than out of the Fashion". What would yr neat Philadelphia quakeress in all the modesty, innocence and loveliness of her sex be amidst a bevy of rival belles. No personal charms, no mental or moral superiority would command for her in such an assemblage half the notice of some jewelled gewgaws[] or some overgrown bustle. A sensible or instructive conversation in such a crowd would be as much out of place & as illtimed as meritment in the house of mourning. Indeed I have some times listened to the small talk of a fashionable Belle until I have reckoned her as so near the Pol. Parrott that I questioned whether Deity had given her brains enough to constitute her an accountable being. She has learned to imitate it is all she has learned & like Poor Pol she has learned more of the vices than of the virtues of her superiors. I do not deny but there are in "polished society" as you term it male as well as female Parrots. Have you never witnessed a colloquy between two of these fashionable brainless Pol. Parrots male & female. What an intellectual refined treat? How interesting to the reflective, philosophical mind? Can we wonder that they should have so many admirers & meet with such universal favour in the eyes of all persons of taste & refinement. There is yet another a higher, more refined & accomplished order of these fashionables, the leading spirits of the town[], who direct its movements & prescribe its laws, who concoct, serve up & distribute those precious morceaus of destruction & slander that give zest & relish to all the other enjoyments & refinements of "polished society". When you hear that free, easy, graceful, unrestrained intercourse which disregards alike all ties of Kinship & friendship, which sets at naught all the social & moral obligations, laughs at all mental improvement or intellectual enjoyment. Need a rational mind & a virtuous heart look for happiness with such companions. For such society we should never attempt to fit our children or to attach much value to either its praises or censures either of ourselves or others. We should not provoke unnecessarily its unfeeling & illnatured criticisms yet we should not timidly & meanly fear them. When you shall have known as much of fashionable life as I have been compelled from my intercourse with the world to learn, when you shall have seen as I have the hollowness of its warmest professions, the deceit of its sweetest accents & the treachery of its blindest smile, the falsehood of its most candid statements & the ingratitude of its most disinterested acts you will perhaps not consider my

opinions of the Beaumonde so much the result of selfish views or vulgar prejudices as they may have seemed. You have heretofore seen Fashion as a goddess arrayed in the borrowed robes of innocence & virtue. She has heretofore shed on you her blandest smile, saluted you in her sweetest accents. She has sought to convert you by her blandishments. You stood amongst her cortege not as an rival. Though possessing personal charms that they might envy they could but admire they saw in the innate unsophisticated virtue of yr nature sustained by that sensitiveness of character peculiarly yr own that they must treat you delicately or they could not secure you as their victim. You read not long since the tales of the one handed Lady published in the Inquirer. If your sensitive nature were not too much shocked at the picture, you might have recognised the original. The portrait was a most graphic likeness, one that did credit to the artist. This One handed Lady was none other than the Goddess of Fashion.

I have almost filled my sheet without giving you one word of news, of which by the by I have not much to give. I believe yr poultry, cows & Garden are doing about as when I last wrote. The Garden is in better condition. Jno & Priscilla have returned. The wedding took place last thursday week. I have made enquiry as to the man whom Mary has married & am fearful from what I can learn of him that she & her parents will not find their expectations fully realised. I fear in judging of him they have been governed too much by his own account of himself. From what Mr Hill told me they are certainly deceived on one point or those who have known him longest have either mistaken or misrepresented him. I mean as to his property. There is one favourable trait that all accede to him. His habits are not dissipated.

For my Dear daughter there is more bad news, her Patty Rabbit died last Sunday night. She had young ones all of which likewise died. By the Telegraph we received the tin stand two jars & one small trunk. The Clerk of the Boat said he thought there were two trunks but we could identify only the one. Since seeing Dr Withers I am undetermined when I shall visit Miss. I learn from him the Commissioners are at Garlandsville in the lower part of the Chocataw purchase & I am not decided whether I shall go there or wait their return to Yazoo old town. Remember me to all & kiss the dear little girl for Pa. Tell her she must be a good daughter. Yr. Aft Husband

R Jemison Jr.

While writing this morning at home I heard a boat passing up. I felt confident I should hear from you, but I recd no letter. Mr Cummins who came up can tell me nothing of you whether in Mobile or not. Do not fail to write me more frequently.

Again Yr. Aft
R.J.

[on envelope:
Pascagoula Miss
June 7th

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Forwarded
18 3/4
28 3/4

Mrs Priscilla C. Jemison

Care of Jemison & Ulrich [crossed out]

Tuskaloosa
Mobile[crossed out] Ala
East Pascagoula[crossed out]

Richmond Va. 2 June 1864

My Dear Ma.

I wrote daughter two days ago. My last letters from her, Priscilla & Slocum all speak of your being sick, which from the long continuance of your indisposition has given me much anxiety and uneasiness particularly as I have no very recent letters except one yesterday from Slocum which was dated 24 ult and representing you as then sick & your Sister with you for several days. I hope I will hear something more definite to day. Slocum in his last says (if I make out correctly his spelling) there are several cases of (Cholera) in Tuskaloosa. I suppose it is nothing more than an aggravated type of dysentery or flux.

The two great armies (Lees & Grants) confront each other in Battle array; the great Battle looked for daily, yes hourly! It is perhaps now raging though we do no hear the roar of Cannon as was very distinctly heard yesterday. There seems now a feeling of entire Confidence & Security. No body here doubts the success of our arms. God grant that our Confidence & our hopes may soon be fully verified and realized. There is a growing confidence in the success of Genl Johnson. If we are successful in both these campaigns it seems to me the tide of this bloody war must be stayed for a time. But still there will lie many, very many obstacles in the way of our full recognition & a permanent peace. The moral sense of the civilized world is against us. There is a national outlawry[?] against the institution of Slavery. The diplomacy of every European Government has been especially directed to its extinction and even though our arms may be victorious in the present campaign, though we may conquer on a thousand Battle fields yet European Powers particularly England & France will be slow & reluctant to recognise our independence. Diplomacy will avail itself of the influence of the religious fanaticism & bigotry of the world to crush out the institution of slavery and with it republican and democratic Government. I am sometimes afraid that this revolution will end in the extinction of Slavery and the form of involuntary servitude & the downfall of the Republican Government. The effusion of blood & carnage has no parallel in modern times. If it continues even for a brief period, more than half our arms bearing population will have fallen on the battle field & from sickness and we shall have returned to their families & homes an army of invalids greater in number than our army in the field. It is appalling it is revolting to the feelings of humanity to look upon the wounded that are daily brought in from the battle field.

2 P.M. On reaching the Senate Chamber two hours ago the firing of Artillery was distinctly heard. It is believed a general engagement is going on.

The departmental Clerks are all ordered to the field. No letters will be distributed until they return.

No tax or appropriation Bill from the House yet. I doubt whether we can adjourn on Tuesday in consequence. It is most provoking and shameful to have to wait on & be delayed by such men as Govr. Foot and other Ishmaelistic Politicians. They are nuisances

in legislation and a curse to the cause. I will not pronounce them as traitors but they are most indiscreet friends, of whom it may well be said "Save me from my friends".

Cherrie wrote you wanted one of the new maps. I have neither seen nor heard of any recent maps of the seat of war, the late battles & those being fought cover pretty much the same ground as those around Richmond two years ago & the former battles on the Rapidan & Rappahannock from Chancellorsville to Fredericksburg.

I have made enquiry both for a Gardener and House Keeper but can get neither as yet. I would like very much to procure a good Housekeeper.

Col Foster & myself have broken up our messing for Breakfast & tea & are taking all our meals at Mrs. Southall's at \$18 pr. day. We still retain our rooms for which we pay \$4, making \$22 pr. diem each. Our dinners are good & plentiful consisting of meats and vegetables and very fine bread. Our Breakfasts & suppers are without meat of any kind but very fine bread & butter and moderately fair Coffee & tea.

Our City Post Office is again closed for want of Clerks. No letters to day and probably none till there is a close of hostilities for a time at least. Kind regards to relatives & friends. I hope your patient young Nickleson has improved. My love to Ma & Daughter. Kiss daughter for Pa and tell her he is so happy to hear she is such a good daughter. May Heaven guide and protect you both, and soon bring us together again in happy union.

Yr Aft. Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. Write me to Montgomery, for in the present condition of our Post Office I can get none of the late letters addressed to me here. I shall therefore be the more anxious to hear from you there.

Mobile 18th June 1868.

My Dear Ma.

I wrote you Saturday evening a few hours after my arrival when I had hope of getting away from here on Monday evening, but my R. Road friends are so slow in their movements we are not yet through. We have agreed upon terms & the writings all drawn ready for inspection & and final approval & signature. Each of the parties have seen them & consent to them or at least make no objection, but I have not been able to get all of them together at the same time so as to take action. I am momentarily expecting them this morning. The arrangement & agreement in all its features is such as I proposed & consequently altogether satisfactory to me. If I can succeed in what is proposed of which I am hopeful to say the least I will make something handsome by the operation and I think secure the building of the Road within a few years to Tuskalooosa.

As soon as I am through which I hope will be this evening I will come immediately home instead of going to Luxapellita will be at home Saturday or Sunday.

Tell Mr. Hargrove I have paid his Bill to Cribbs Davidson & Co.

Love to all & a kiss for Minnie

Yr. Aft. Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

Yr Afñ Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Ganesville
23rd June / 43

My Dear Wife

I have time & but time to write you a few lines. I arrived here about 12 o'clock (it being now 4 o'clock) to day have had an interview with Mr Lewis from which I learn many more details of our Choctaw business than I have heretofore learned but which would be uninteresting to you as they would without a whole quire of explanation be wholly unintelligible. Suffise it therefore to say I am not dispirited by what I have learned & yet am not so sanguine as to make any certain calculation of my interest.

Mr Lewis & myself leave here in a few moments and will reach our place of destination tomorrow evening (if I can whip my horse along) whence I will write you in a few days.

My health is good as when I left. I am glad to learn of Mr Lewis there is a P. Office within four miles of where we shall be located. I shall therefore be enabled to hear frequently from my Dearest & she from me. Direct to me at Yazoo Old Town near Herberts P. O. Kemper County Miss. via Livingston. Do not fail to write frequently. Respects to Aunt K. & love to the sweet little girl.

Yr Afñ Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Montgomery Sunday 28 June 1868

My Dear Ma

I promised to write you frequently. I wrote from Greensboro & again from Selma. And write now more in compliance with my promise than that I have any thing to communicate.

Arrived here about Sunrise this morning feeling better than at the time I wrote from Selma.

Have had an interview with Govnr Patton Sunday as it is. He seems very sanguine that things may be arranged all satisfactorily & that we will soon have a R Road. Says he has the promise of the incoming Govnr Smith to arrange the state debt in any way he may recommend; thinks we will have no trouble with Mr Whiting whose Road is the residuary beneficiary of the debt of our road to the State. Govnr Smith is not here, has gone with Genrl Shepard to Atlanta to get instructions as to organizing & reconstructing under the omnibus Bill. Will be here in a day or two; Suppose I will have to wait his return. I am not quite so sanguine as the Govnr but am in good spirits think prospects fair, but the thing is not yet a fixed fact. Will have in the morning an interview & conference with the Govnr & Mr Whiting, the result of which I will give you as soon as I have leisure, which may be some days as I expect as usual all the writing of contracts &c will fall to my lot.

Much Love to you all. Kiss Minnie for Grand Pa.
Yr Aff Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. If I knew where to tell you to write me I would do so. Cant say whence I will go from here but think to Luxapellila. Write me there.

City of Washington D. C.
June 1840.

My Dear Wife

I arrived in this place on Friday last 2 h. O'clock P. M. I would have written you sooner but was anxious as early as practicable to get my business in a train for settlement. This I have now done but with what prospects of success I do not know. I fear I shall be troubled & perhaps have to leave the larger portion unsettled. Some part of it I know will be unsettled as they require testimony that can only be procured in Alabama. Since I have been here I have been at the Capitol and heard several speeches from members on the subject of the subtreasury but have heard none of the Lions of the house. The Subtreasury Bill will pass tomorrow or next day. I have not yet had a sight of his Majesty. Indeed I have seen but little of either men or things. On Saturday evening there were many of the ladies promenading in the capitol grounds. I remarked one thing of them that they were generally rough featured, coarse built & big feet & ancles. There was not a handsome one amongst them, that I saw. I was proud to see that in the person of Mrs Crabb our own Tuscaloosa could boast the finest looking lady decidedly on the ground. I have not seen what might be termed a splendid figure amongst the Washington ladies. Many of them to be sure have figures not objectionable the feet & ancles always excepted. I observed one thing however amongst them which in my estimation is much to their credit; there seemed a simplicity of & neatness of dress & an easy frank unostentatiousness of manners about them, that bespoke as the Phenologist would say a well balanced head. I did not see one that carried herself with that air of affection we too frequently meet with amongst Southern Belles. I inferred from this that most of the Southern ladies had left. I was this morning at the market which I found supplied bountifully with the finest meats & vegetables. The market is chiefly attended by the ladies. Many are there I presume for mere recreation. Many though I observed were laying in their supplies for the day & the morrow for they have market here only on every other day.

In my travel from Augusta here I passed generally through a very uninteresting country. A portion of the most interesting from Charleston to Willimington was passed in the night. This we passed in the steam packet Gov. Dudley. I expected to have been quite seasick but while all around particularly the ladies were casting up accounts I was unmoved & undisturbed by any nausea. We had a fine pleasant night, a smooth sea & upon the whole quite an agreeable passage. We also passed Richmond, Petersburg & all that portion of Virginia in the night. Fredricksburg was passed in the day, we also passed Mr Vernon, Fort Washington & Alexandria in day light, but we were hurried through the whole route with such rapidity that a satisfactory view of nothing was afforded. I took more interest in the view of Mt Vernon than in all the rest. It is a most beautiful & interesting view not only from the scenery but

from the associations connected with it as the residence of the father of American liberty. It is situated about fifteen miles below this place on the Virginia side of the Potomac, upon a most beautiful eminence exhibiting to the passenger a most charming & delightful Landscape and commanding a most noble & interesting view of the river & its adjacent & surrounding scenery. That the virtuous & great man should seek a respite from the turmoils of a warworn life and repose from the exciting & angry strife of political ambition in the quiet & solitude of such a situation is not to be wondered at except by those restless spirits who regard the pomp and honours of this world higher than those enobling & virtuous sentiments arising from a well cultivated mind & a pure & honest heart enjoying the beauties & sublimities of nature in her own calm & quiet retreats. The mansion house & out buildings are such as one who has closely studied the character of the great mind that planned & directed them would expect to see. The house is a frame building two story high a piazza fronting the river & one fronting the approach to it by land. On the top of the house is a kind of balcony or observatory. Every thing is kept as nearly as left by its great & good proprietor as possible doing only such repairs as to keep things in a proper state of preservation. But amid all the interesting associations connected with this spot there are some of a contrary character. Its present proprietor the nearest living relative of Genl Washington & bearing the family name is a mere cipher a complete blank in society. Has nothing about him of his noble ancestor but his name & his estate. He spends his time with his dogs & his guns, & knows or cares but little of fellow man. If he can be permitted to enjoy his sports & receive those honours which a grateful country is prompted to give the descendant of Washington he is content in the enjoyment of an estate which has been cast upon him by the force of Law & by accident, & in the possession of which he perhaps would not have remained until now had not the will of its former & original proprietor secured it in the family beyond the reach of creditors. Had his genealogy been unknown to the world & to himself he might have been thrown upon his own exertions & though possessing a mind that would not have rendered him conspicuous amongst men he might at least have been more useful to the world & himself. How humiliating must be the reflection to the descendant of a noble ancestry that he receives his only fame, his only distinction from his genealogy. The bottom of the last page of my sheet admonishes me to bring this letter to a close. I had intended giving you a description of the Metropolis of our country but I have neither space or leisure at this time. I may before I leave take occasion to give you some account of the city & other matters in which you would be likely to feel an interest but I hope to be enabled to leave here before another letter will be necessary. This however is uncertain. If I am not enabled to get off by the 4th proximo I will write you again. Write me on receipt to Columbus Georgia. In haste

Yr Aft Husband

R. Jemison Jr

P.S. 30th June. The Subtreasury Bill this evening passed the House of Representatives by a majority of seventeen votes. It now waits only the signature of the President to become the law of the Land. This has the adulterous intercourse heretofore existing between the executive and treasury departments of our Government been [? 1 word missing] & solemnly legalized. But this formal recognition & solemnization can neither justify or sanctify so unnatural & illicit alliance. In its offspring will its parents be cursed instead of blessed.

the shade over 100 ° 98 ° generally heard of one or two Sun strokes. Have suffered more with heat than for many years. My body is completely shingled round with large heat blisters. So are my legs. Dont think I ever perspired so much. My undershirt, drawers & shirt as wet generally as if just from the wash tub, even my coat & pants are damp all the time, sometimes wet. Otherwise I am quite well & comfortable.

Dont know when I will leave here. Not however before Friday unless I can get off Tuesday for we have only three Boats a week Tuesdays Friday's & Sunday's. I want to pay Govnr Patton's Monopoly some attention, as I am satisfied he wishes to use it as an Engine against our road either to kill or controul it. With all his disengueness he has not the shrewdness to hide his motives.

If I get off Tuesday will come directly home if later may go to Eutaw before coming home.

Yr. aft Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Love for all & many kisses for Minnie. Letter to Mr Robb was written in Mobile, find copy amongst the papers I have with me.

[Righthand corner of first page missing; the envelope indicates that this letter was written August 18, though the date-line seems to say Aug. 1; Aug. 18 seems more plausible, since Green Berry Taylor's letter agreeing to their marriage is dated Aug. 18 and Robert seems to speak as though their marriage is agreed upon]

Blount Springs 1 August 1835]

My Dear Priscilla

I promised to write you: Faithful to my promises as I trust you will in the end prove [also] I now enter on a compliance. It is not however [only] to save my promise that I write. Nol in my intercourse?] with you my acts are unconnected with & altogether independent of any considerations of ethical [? 1 word]. I feel myself united to you by considerations much stronger, by ties far more binding than even the solemn obligations of a promise. The philosophy of decayed love might create many doubts as to the binding force of former vows. Indeed had I no farther motive in writing to you than to escape a violation of my word I should consider that I had unwittingly entered into a promise in the making of which I had been more guilty than I should be in the breach of it. But "When thought meets thought ere from the lips it part -- And each warm wish springs mutual from the heart" affection has other & nobler motives to action. That mutuality of confidence, that unanimity of sentiment & that congruity of feeling which the Poet here so handsomely describes is I trust: I feel Priscilla to be ours. In our intercourse therefore now as well as in the more intimate & endearing connection to which we look forward with fondest anticipations, our every act instead of being governed by the cold & formal dictates of scolastic rules & precepts, I hope will proceed from the spontaneous biddings of a warm & generous love.

We now occupy a relation to each other which if not [the] most intimate is at least in many respects fraught with [the] most tender & endearing associations & pregnant with the [most] interesting consequences. I hope therefore Priscilla you [can] suffer yr prudence &

reserve, qualities the exercise of which under other circumstances, is so truly praise-worthy & commendable, to give place to a noble & generous confidence, for it is confidence alone that shall exalt us the [more in one another's estimation, that shall endear us the more to each others hearts & without which affection is the shadow of itself. Let us therefore cherish it. Let it "unreservedly reign & [? I word]". But why talk to you of the feelings that should actuate or the principles that should govern us in our correspondence & intercourse? Did I not fully confide in a liberal indulgence & encouragement on yr part I should do injustice to those attributes of mind & qualities of heart which have so much commanded my admiration. On this subject then I have no misgivings notwithstanding your occasional indications[?] of a voluntary & rational love. I must plague you as to yr. scepticisms or rather stoicisms in this particular and enquire whether you have yet commenced writing your thesis on this subject. You have promised me to write out a vindication of yr position. I must hold you to the promise, not merely for the purpose of seeing how far you are capable of exerting yr. abilities & ingenuity in sustaining the dogmas of Zeno, but also as a just & appropriate penance for yr. having sported with the better dictates of judgment as well as the finer & nobler sentiments of yr. heart.

You spoke when I left somewhat of visiting this place. I would be fond to have the pleasure of yr. company but the inducements for coming here at this time are few. The place is much crowded & the prospect of getting a comfortable room anything but good. Last night which was our first Pucker[?], Webster & myself were put into the cellar, to night they are promoted from Knights of the Cellar to Knights of the Kitchen & I am made Knight of the Garrett. We are tomorrow however promised more comfortable rooms. Only three young ladies at the place Miss Withers & the two Miss Drishes. An account of the place & surrounding scenery I will perhaps give you at some more leisure moment. I am now writing in the room of a friend the use of which I have got during his attendance at a small dancing party. I have not consequently time to correct or even transcribe this miserable scrawl. You will under such circumstances overlook its blots & other imperfections. I shall not return I think until about the first Sept. I must therefore ask of you in the event of your not coming up sooner to write me. Should you not come up I think I shall spend a few days at the Morgan Springs. Upon this point you will be enabled to inform me by next Sundays mail & yr. letter will reach me by this day week. Have you heard any thing from Wilcox.

Yr. ever faithful

R. Jemison Jr.

Miss P. C Taylor

Montgomery 21st July 1868

My Dear Ma.

Wrote you on Sunday, since when nothing material has occurred in which you would be likely to feel especial interest. The weather still very oppressively warm notwithstanding liberal rains. Last night the Democrats of the City & Surrounding Country had a grand Pow-Wow to ratify the nomination of Semour & Blair. I did not participate in the meeting. It was held sub dio at the Central Bank corner. From the mornings rain the Streets intersecting at that point were very muddy. I went out in the beginning about 10 minutes & at

being different from what they seem now to promise I will write you. My own health is quite good.

Again yr.

Most Aft. Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

19th September 1835
Garden Pickens County

My Dear Priscilla

You will perhaps wish to hear something from me while absent. To know at least that you are not forgotten. On the evening after leaving Tuscaloosa I arrived at home. Ah! Home! Sweet home. How tantalizing these words to the Bachelor? He meets not the tender greetings & fond embraces of an affectionate and confiding companion who has anxiously awaited his return. His ear is saluted not by the sweet & endearing voice of conjugate affection. The silent emptiness of his solitary mansion yields a reception cheerless & frozen as his own bosom. Should some latent spark of his nature have remained unextinguished, the echo of his own footsteps across his lonely hall perchance arouses him from his misanthropy. He reflects for a moment on his selfish, detached, unsocial & unnatural position, till sickened at the picture, he sinks upon his companionless couch tired & disgusted with his unprofitable existence. He finds not in them "nature's sweet repose". Nor sleep, nor "full of fearful dreams". He finds not in them "nature's sweet repose". Nor sleep, nor watchfulness can chase away his unpleasant fancies. The sunshine of peace or of happiness hath never illuminated his benighted mind or warmed his cold heart. Such Priscilla is a faint sketch of the home of a Bachelor; of what has been my home for nine years past. But though I am yet for a while to return to this dreary abode, I can enter its silent & empty walls with spirits more buoyant & elastic than before. The prospective has changed. Yea! a change has come o'er the spirit of my dreams. Yr. favorable reception of my addresses has relieved the mind from the thralldom of its fears & gloomy forebodings. New energies are inspired, new views presented new hopes created and other ties to existence formed. The assurance that I have the confidence and affection of her whom I have long & tenderly loved after having for years despaired that I should ever be the happy individual who would attain thereto was truly "glad tidings of great joy". Despite the lonely silence of a companionless roof I am cheered, comforted and encouraged by a confiding hope that it shall not always be thus. A firm & abiding reliance in her sincerity & constancy keeps ever in the in "the minds eye" her lovely image who has promised ere long to be the guardian angel of this comfortless mansion, whose virtuous presence shall convert this pandemonium of Bachelorism into a paradise of domestic felicity. Using the facetious words of Dr Franklin I feel that I am no longer the odd half of a pair of scissors or the stray volume of a set of books.

Your keepsake I have in full view before me. It is not worn as a common toy but is dearly prized and highly cherished as the testimonial of her attachment who gave it. From other hands it would have been admired for the beauty of its painting but coming from these it has charms the painters art could never give. Of its motto I can never be unmindful. "Forget me not". Did'st thou think I could forget thee. No! The colours of this little

memorial shall have faded when the recollection of her who gave it shall live undiminished fresh & dear ever. Yes Priscilla the sentiments I entertain toward you are not written on wax, they are graven on the tablets of a heart around which "ties are spun that cannot -- will not be undone". Death alone can erase their record. With this assurance I must bid you good bye.

Indeed I fear I have already said more than you will be willing to read unless it were more interesting. If however the frequency & monotony of my letters be so great a tax on your time & patience as to render them dull & uninteresting let their good intention & the purity of feeling in which they are written plead their excuse. Again goodbye, and accept the best wishes and warmest attachment of thy

Most faithful

R. Jemison Jr.

Miss P. C. Taylor

P.S. I shall not return to Tuscaloosa probably before 1st to 5th next month. I must therefore ask of you an answer directed to Pickensville. You will get this on Monday next but not probably in time for an answer by return mail. Your letter mailed on Thursday evening next will be received on this day week, when I shall expect at farthest to hear from you. Any news of the lost letter?

R.J.

Selma 26 Sept. 1868

My Dear Ma.

You will no doubt be somewhat surprized to know that I am here. I reached Mobile on Tuesday morning as expected, left there on Thursday for Montgomery, having seen that Mr Jones of Tuscaloosa had introduced a Bill to consolidate the NE & SW Ala. R.R. Co. & the Mills Valley R R Co. & that Govnr Patton had procured an amendment to the Act establishing a System of Internal Improvement for the State of Alabama. As to the character of neither could I get any information in Mobile. The former Bill Shandy informed me was drawn up by the attorney of Govnr Patton & associates & handed to him to offer with an assurance that it was agreeable to my wishes &c. This at least a Dozen other Members of both Houses informed me was the assurances from Govnr P. & others, made to them & which induced them to vote for the Bill. This is going beyond anything I thought Govnr P. was capable of doing, but I hope with the Poet "that whatever is is right" and with Predestinarian "that all things are for the best".

At Montgomery I learned that Govnr & associates with their attorney had left for Tuscaloosa to meet me. This was strange when the Govnr knew I was in Mobile to which place he wrote me, giving no intimation of the legislation he had procured & was seeking. Hoping I might reach Tuscaloosa unexpectedly to them left Montgomery last evening & am now here, where I meet all of the party but the Govnr whom they expect on this morning's train now due. If on his arrival they desire an interview I may not get off to day. Hence I write this letter that you may know where I am and what detains me.

Govnr Patten has come. Hoped [to] have given you some information. Will not get off this evening.

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I am now at Dr Jamisons the day being cold & windy & wood scarce & dear I am as a matter of economy as well as of comfort seated to write before the parlour fire the only one about the house, around which is assembled the whole family children & all. They & Sister Margaret all desire to be remembered to you. Remember me to Miss Casey & tell the little girl she must meet Pa & aunt Helen in town on Saturday. If I am detained at the R. Road I [will] write

Yr Aft Husband
R. Jemison Jr.

Montgomery 3 Nov 1868

My Dear Ma.

Arrived here 8 O'clock this morning find the City crowded with Negroes, pressing forward to the Poles to vote even at this early hour. There are five voting places in the City all thronged. From out door indications the negro vote will largely out number the white vote. But this may be on account of the whites being very generally attending to their business while the negroes are very generally in the street. Up to this hour (3 P.M.) every thing is entirely peaceable & quiet.

Last evening just on the departure of the Newborn train I wrote a very humid note to Mr Hartgrove as to sale of D.S. Walkers assets in Bankruptcy. Of the property as advertised Mims Walker bought every thing of value. For his notes of \$20,000.00 and the land bought of David he paid \$1,000.00, for the land bought of David and redeemed of mine, the Tuskalooosa & Wetumpka Bridge Stock & other assets sold he paid altogether some \$400.00 to \$500.00 making the gross sum at public sale not over 1,500.00. After public sale he bought at private sale the Judgment & Mortgage given by me to Woolsey, Walker & Co for which he paid \$1,500.00 footing up together some \$3,000.00. The Lawyers fees will amount to very nearly as much if not more than net proceeds of Sale. The lands omitted to be advertised will be advertised soon also the Piers & abutments of the Tuskalooosa Bridge all of which will sell for little or nothing. There was one 80 acre tract, lying near upper Hurricane Bridge bought by a Mr White at \$2.00 the poorest of my lands. All the rest of my property advertised was bought in by Mims. Tates[?] Lawyers were present & commenced bidding pretty brashly. Mims by my advice dropped the first tract on them and they soon quit and proposed to him to take it off their hands which he did.

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account of little Mims who was very sick, thought to be dangerously so but when her messenger left the Dr who had been with him all night thought the symptoms more favourable. My love for all. Tell Minnie Grandpa often thinks of her. She must be a good girl.

I write this expecting to send it by Father McDonald who came up on the Boat with me & returns this evening with a new consignment of Nims.

Yr. Aft Husband

R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. I have learned nothing as yet as to R R matters, am to have an interview with Judge Walker to night after tea. Will write again soon.

Macon Georgia

4th Nov 1842

My Dear Wife

I wrote you on the morning after my arrival here which if read by due course of mail came to hand last evening. From that it was probable I should have to proceed to Charleston for which place I left the house of Mr Hardeman with my baggage about 10 o'clock last night and had just reached the Tavern & stopped to the Post Office to inquire for letters & on my entering the Tavern door was met by Mr. Hardeman who informed me T. had arrived. I inquired where. He answered out here pointing into the middle of the broad street. I turned my eyes & unconsciously walked in the direction he had pointed & in the dim starlight aided by the dying glimmering of one of the street lamps, what did I behold. It was my brother whom I had passed as I left the house of my friend in such a miserable naked & destitute condition I had not known him. I was prepared I thought to meet him in almost any condition but my fancy had never presented him in wretched plight that he then stood before me in the cast off garments of the beggar. He had endeavoured to patch them up so as to hide his nakedness. The only covering to his head was the remains of a wool hat. He was entirely barefooted. In this naked and destitute condition with but two dollars to defray the expenses of his journey he had walked from Charleston to this place, a distance of two hundred & fifty miles sick too most of the journey. He had slept on the ground at night & had not infrequently passed the day without sustenance. We got a decent & comfortable suit of clothes for him from a neighbouring clothing store & returned with him to Mr. Hardemans where they had prepared for him a comfortable supper. From some directions the custom house officer had given for the detention of his baggage he became somewhat alarmed & left Charleston the day before the funds Mr H. had forwarded for his relief had reached there. Since he has shaved & got on his clothes he seems improved in appearance from what was before he left. He is evidently improved in mind and shows no evidences I can discover of recent dissipation. He seems willing to do whatever I may think best & to go wherever I may desire. We will leave here in the morning for Mr Walker's where I shall remain some days. What I shall do with him or where locate him I have not yet decided. Nor can I say whether I shall accompany him to his place of location or not. If I can make satisfactory arrangements otherwise I shall not. Should I go further you shall be immediately informed as soon as the fact is known to myself.

improves slowly;
Love to Priscilla & Jessie.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 247]

Tuskaloosa. 26 Aug. 1868

Dear Slocum

We reached Mrs Bells at 7 1/2 P.M. Yesterday Home at 11 AM. to day found Cherokee abed. She had a Click yesterday evening & another this evening. Mr Hartgrove left for Mtgomery Sunday will not be back before next Saturday or Sunday.

Since my return home have two letters from Mr. C.H. Taylor agreeing to arrange matters my way. So we may use the money in your hands as proposed.

There seems some doubt whether the sale of RR lands will take place tomorrow. What change this may make in my movements cannot now say. I will be over as soon as practicable. I am not so well this evening as last.

Love to Priscilla & Jessie

In great haste

I am very truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 41]

Tuskaloosa 2 sept 1868.

Mr M.L. Slocum

DrSir

I am in receipt of yrs pr sigh(?). Today is the first day since friday I have [been] out of Bed sice friday. I shall as soon as able be compelled to go to Mobile on RR matters & will be obliged to be here on the 15 Inst. If possible I will [go] from Mobile Via Luxapellila if I can spend only one day.

Let the next job after stopping yr. slough be to sink(?) the tail way below the Mill.

We are having considerable sickness here. I hear of some more distressing cases of sickness & destitution in the Hills(?) than any I have heard of.

I will write more fully when feeling stouter. Hope this will find all convalescent. Love to Pete(?) & Jessie.

Very Truly

R. Jemison Jr.

P.S. Have made no arrangement yet for a Miller. Think there will be a chance for both a good man at the saw & in the Grist Mill. Will see at Court if not before I leave. He [is] a man I know & I think will suit the place as well as any we can get.

Keep Miller if he returns for a month or until we can get an other in his place.

Rail Road lands bought by Scott & associates at 1/2 to 1 c. pr. acre. 289,000 acres [? 1 or 2 words] brought between \$2100 & \$2200\$.

The following Resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors held at Eutaw. 1868.
(Here insert Resolution)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting will take place as in said Resolution provided
By order of the Prest.

Secr

Mr. Burton
(Send copy to each Director, by early mail)
The meeting at Eutaw to [be] held [? 1 word] the inclosed resolution

Resolved. That if Scotts & Adams do not close their contract on or before the first of October next this Board will meet on that day to make if practicable arrangements to press(?) the building of the Road to a completion.

[letterbook 13, p. 116]

Office North East & South West Ala R R
Co. Resolved that George W. Robertson be authorised as the agent of this Company to settle all accounts between the Company and the Southern Rail Road Company for Bolts, Castings and Bridge timber and adjust and settle all the claims between the two Companies and report to this Board.

Mr. Geo.W. Robertson

DrSir

Above please find copy of Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the North East & South West Alabama Rail Road Corp. passed at their meeting on the 7th of Decr last.

I have sent you heretofore a Copy of the above, was not aware you had not recd it until Pres. Jemison wrote to Mr C.M. Foster
Tuskaloosa Feby 7 1866

Yours Truly

Wm.S. Foster Secy NE & SW A RR

[letterbook 13, p. 197]

R.M. Patton, Prest.
A. & N. (?) R.R. Co.

Dear Sir I am making efforts to compound with my creditors in which way I could use to advantage the 2nd mortgage Bonds of the Ala. & Chatta R.R. Co if they had any marketable value of the Ala. & Chatta are no sales quoted & as there has perhaps been none or any standard of value except that the state recd them at par, I would be glad you would give

Tuskaloosa. 21 June 1869.

"paper now out of place, the whole within about five or six miles of said Rail Road, to the NE & SW A. R.R. Company and they are to give me for said land a certificate of "of stock in their Road to the amount of this subscription "it being further understood that this subscription cancels "the original subscription of \$1000.00 made by me"

Signed, Drury McMillan
I send inclosed a copy of the caption as I cannot give you so clear an idea of its provisions by extracts or otherwise.
There is to the subscription of Saml. Chapman a similar condition to Drury McMillan's.

I will be in Selma on this day week, 2nd proximo where I think I will go to Montgomery, see Judge Walker & learn the status of things there generally. Lest you may not have seen it I inclose you a slip readvertising the Road for sale.

From Mtgomery I wish to write Mr Stanton of our progress & prospects. Will you inform me of the amt of relinquishments of Stock in yr. County & what debts arranged &c.

We ought to meet as early as practicable and contract agreeable to the terms of the Resolutions of Board on the subject of guarantee, a copy of which I will direct Mr Burton to send you. At what point shall we meet? From Mtgomery I expect to go to Mobile, be there say by about the 8th proximo. Will that point suit you?

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, pp. 142-145]

Tuskaloosa 29. Oct 1868

Capt. Wm.A.C. Jones

Dear Sir

I have heard nothing from you since we parted in Deopolis except yr letter to Mr Burton. I am to day in receipt of three letters from Judge Walker, in all of which he urges a compromise of the suit of the Bondholders of the Ala. & Pen RR. [Co] of Fla. He also says in one of them the Bostonians decline to advance money for the purpose. It is important we should see each other & confer on this & other subjects. Cant you meet me in Selma Monday next or in Montgomery about Wednesday or thursday of next week? I am in the act of starting & have not time to write more.

All accounts go to show Stanton & associates are determined & anxious to press forward with the work. If you cant come write me.

Very truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 165]

Luxapellila Mills Missi
17. January 1869

Tuskaloosa. 13 Sept 1868.

Dr Sir Since writing the enclosed I have talked with several leading & prominent Democrats and do not find that zeal & enthusiasm I had expected on the subject of a thorough organization. Not having mixed at all in politics I was not aware of the condition of things. There is no doubt but the white population of the County is thoroughly Democratic, but its elements are not homogenous. It is divided about thus. 1st Randolph & his followers. 2nd The more discrete & considerate portion of this class. 3rd there comes that class headed by Powell composed mostly of those who shirked the Confederate service & since the war many of them either belonged to, or deeply sympathized with the loyal league. The first class are wholly impracticable - and unmanageable. Their organ is doing more good service for the Radicals than all the Radical papers & speakers & writers of the State. The paper is not only a great party evil but a public nuisance.

On last night in the village on the opposite of the River was perpetrated one of the greatest outrages committed in any civilized community. The facts as I learn them from a man who lived a near neighbour was about these. About 2. A.M. a party of KuKlux or men disguised went to a House occupied by a Freedman called Moses Hughes wrapped at the door & demanded admittance. Hughes seeing the character of the party fired into or at them. Hughes made his escape up the chimney & was not discovered but his wife was killed, whether intentionally or accidentally is not known. Some of the negroes present say it was intentional, that they saw the man who shot her. There is no clew as to who the party were. Hughes is the negro who sometime since stabbed the man Hollinsworth, who was the instigator of the trouble when Randolph stopped the Freedman for which he was imprisoned.

The outrage last night is very probably the result of the teachings of Randolphs paper. The last issue of the paper published a black list of negroes who were marked advising them to emigrate to Liberia. On that list was the name of this man Hughes. There was an article similar [in] character threatening certain Radical negroes. No steps have been taken to find out & arrest the perpetrators. No public disclaimer of the act. It was proposed by a few that there should be such a disclaimer & also a calm dignified & respectful protest addressed to Mr Randolph as to the course of his paper, but the proposition particularly the latter branch of it met no favour. I think a meeting might have been had for the first but for fear the second would be introduced. I do not know which many of our citizens dread most, an outbreak of the negroes or the opening of the Batteries of the Monitor against them.

With such an Organ in our County, I have some doubt whether the Organization of a County Union, would do any good. If composed of the friends of the paper, it would certainly do mischief. If of its opponents it would be powerless for good.

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construction of the lower end of the road from Elyton to Meredian. I wish the fullest information as to and practicability of the route up the valley of the Warrior and through Dukes Valley from Tuska to Elyton as recommended by you. I am confident it will be to the interest of the present company to abandon the work & alignment above Tuska., and adopt yours, and I wish all the data and information to satisfy the present owners of that fact. You can judge from this what will be most serviceable to me. I would like also to have one of your printed Reports. For your very kind letter please accept my thanks. If I do not visit you as proposed, will write again. My kind regards to Mr Mobly.

Very Truly
R. Jemison Jr.

[letterbook 13, p. 229]

Luxapellia Mills Missi
near Columbus Feby [?]

Capt. W.H. Childs
Gainesville Ala.

Dr Sir

On account of sickness [I have] not been able to visit you as I wrote on the 17 [? 1 or 2 words] confined to my bed and may not be able to see [? 2 or 3 words] at Gainesville, which I very much regret [? 2 or 3 words] will be able to get for me the information [? several words] of the 19th. Address your letter to Columbus.

Very truly yours
R. Jemison Jr.
pr. J.P. Ewing(?)

[letterbook 13, p. 241]

Tuskaloosa 5 Sept 1868.

Dear Sir

The illness(?) of Mr Blair prevented the organization of the Executive Committee of the University until to day when it was duly organized by appointment of R Jemison Jr Chr. & Wm Miller Secr. The Architect submitted his account up to 1st Inst which was sustained in each item by proper and satisfactory vouchers. He also submitted his Report from which I make the following Extract to wit.

Twenty thousand feet of select kiln dried lumber for furniture should be secured immediately. It will cost \$25.00 at the Mill \$35 if delivered. It will require 10,000 ft fences & 200 cedar posts to enclose a garden for the Mess Hall. This lumber will cost \$15.00 at the mill. To make preparation for opening the College in January '69 about 3000 Bushells coal should be provided. All the coal & the price of coal hauled now before the Roads get too bad & the price of coal rises. Coal can now be bought for 12 1/2 c delivered here.

Justalosa

Nov 14 1852

Dear Horace,

I write you a few days since in reply to
 you from Tallahassee since when there has nothing further
 transpired on the subject of our Indian Hospital
 I am keeping a look out and gathering up all the
 information I can that will likely benefit us. I have
 picked up several items that may be of service to us.
 The Trustees have not yet procured an Architect. They
 are in correspondence with two Architects, one who is
 now engaged on the Major Indian Hospital near
 Jackson. The other is of Philadelphia, the latter from
 what I learn is most likely to receive the appointment.
 Would it not pay to put up a planing machine
 and to fix for making Sash, Blinds, Doors &c. by machinery
 if we get the contract? What would be the cost of a good
 planing machine and what the additional cost of the
 machinery for making Sash, Doors Blinds &c. If you
 can give me any information as to cost, utility profit
 &c. of such machinery I would be pleased to get as
 early as convenient as I am about rebuilding and
 remodeling my mill

In the way what has become of our Straw-Cotton?
 Yr friend

Wm. J. ...

Mr Horace King
 Girard. Russell county
 Fla.

St. Louis, Mo. 30 June 1853.

Dear Mother,

Some days since I recd. and answered you from
Grand in your return. The Trustees last evening had their first
meeting since you left. They give all the buildings to Miller &
Jinks, and use on them to put up their shanty at the other end
of the Court. They allot to you ground in the rear of the Garden
back from the Road on the west line of the lot. In this decision
was not altogether unexpected. I had often said by some
means they had been made in that way. I was sick
as to this in our names hoping it might be done in the
night and therefore that it might be done that our
buildings lots &c. be removed as fast as possible. I wrote
you that I believed I wish you concerned in it. I think it
is not unlikely that through his influence in one of the
Trustees (Capt. Deering) this idea of this nature has been
a kind of countermeasure. In the subject of an of course I am of
opinion we would do well to buy a few acres of land and
put our buildings, lots &c. on our own property. There is for
sale a corner of land lying between the County Court & Platte
Riv. containing a fine view of college & Allegheny.
and within 100 yards of our brick yard. This I think
may be had on reasonable terms. If we can get it we
can be quite as convenient to our work as to live at Miller
houses. We can put up cheap & comfortable buildings
that will when on an acre or two contract will sell for
hope for cost. or may be a profit when on the other hand
if we build on lands of the institution we are repaid our



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Mr. Wm. King
Guards
Rutland County

1733

As we have to build every thing I am desirous of building upon
our own strength. We can have every thing so much more con-
venient & comfortable, and less to depend upon in depen-
dents. If we can not get the labor & name I think we can get of
Maj. Allen on the bank or Mrs. Pratt on the river. I have written
Mr. Robinson in substance of above and incline to think it
will be an advantage for us to do as much of our work as con-
venient this season. For I am in a respect. But I am of
opinion that labor, provisions, & sundries will be a few
or less than next year or the year after. If you
keep forward the brick work. I am of opinion that
do it to come in for a part of the work. At present
there is little prospect of getting any more laboring
this I think we could not get at our time. In the
New York I see no prospect I mention no subject & discuss
as well as the making of the Lark & Co. I would not
worry without conferring with Smith and I think another
I look for and a settling of amongst partners. When con-
venient come in for a part of the carpenters work but not
likely before. If laborers can be hired in Jan or Feb. after
we have him then we have more boys to be had
ask me here from your frequently
may be had on reasonable terms. Yours
The Hon. Mr. King
Guard
Rutherford County Ala. a profit when on the other hand
hope for cost of the work. I am of opinion that
if we had the labor of the in tobacco we get a profit

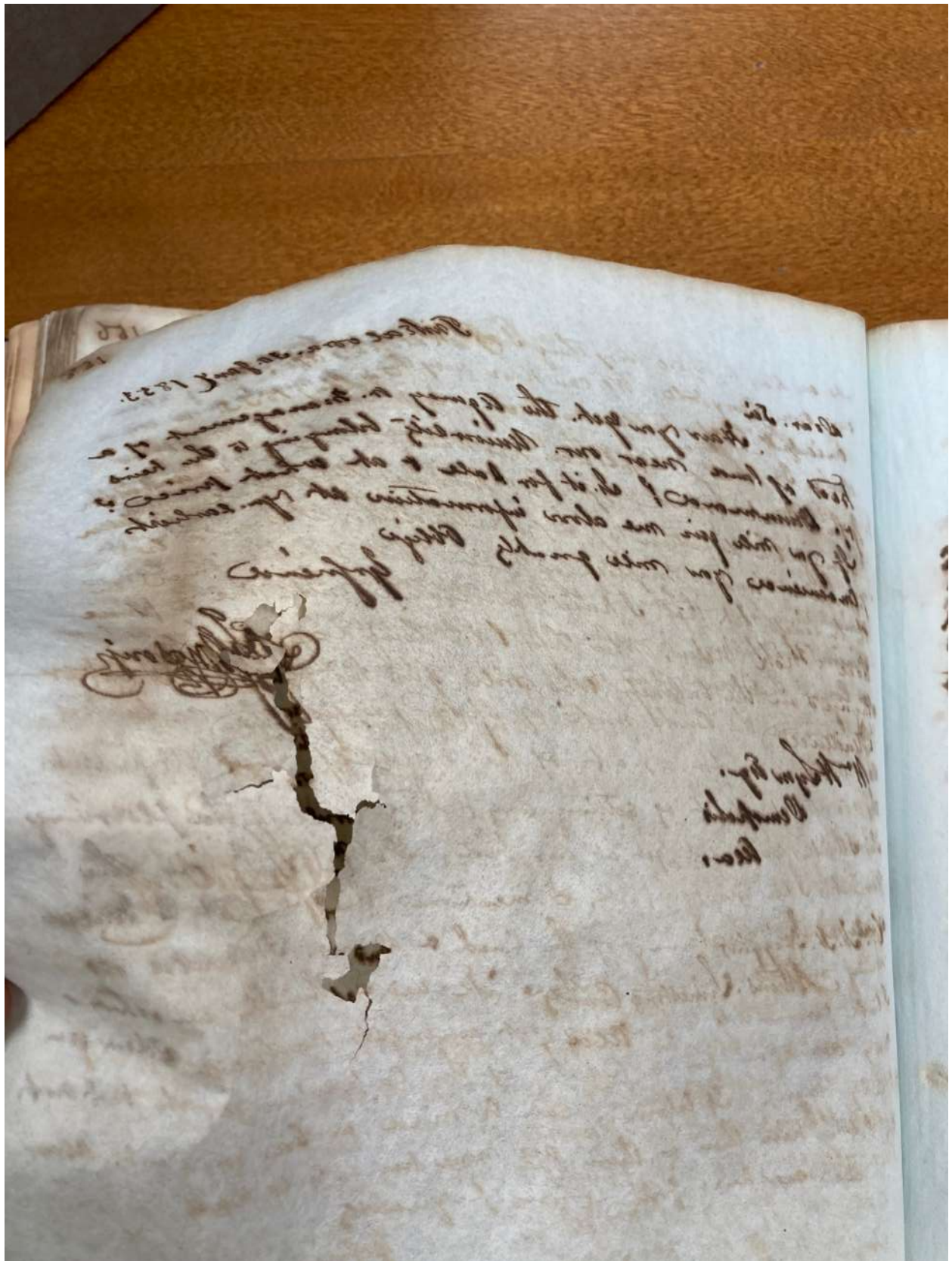
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 Secretary

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the best or best part as the rest. I have written
substance of about 1000 and inclined to think it
for us to do as much of our work as con-
venient for the winter. First I am of
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as possible at the year after. I shall if I
be able to do it.

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Yours
J. G. [Signature]



Pushalera. Ala
Feb 22 1853

Dear Sir,

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Sir,

Yours

Wm. J. ...

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Subaltern. Alva
20 Nov 1852.

Dear Sir,

I was a day or two since you 30 Nov. but and
have been too busy to answer on the 31st. but I write you
from Montgomery. and inform you thirty three dollars for
Hiram Cotton. In the way to my high streets irregular
I left the letter with Mr. [unclear] to be sent as soon
as in thing is possible.

Your note to Mr. [unclear] was unexpected to me and
I regret the circumstances that induced you to sell
and of course cannot be held liable for selling
Mr. [unclear] and myself. I am sorry for it.

Nothing in relation to [unclear] was done as
when I wrote you last. No proposition from them
has been let out the matter is hanging the sack at
the 5th and for rights. If they have a respectable
Contractor I should say this was pretty low.

I shall hear more from you with following machine
etc.

We will get to making [unclear] in a few days.

Yours

[Signature]

Mr. Hiram. King

[Signature]

Madell County. Ala.

If you in please the Plans sent in a sheet
of white paper they will show much plain
for you desire to have any thing to do with
me or with I or
I will do or w. of City 1853.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith copy of Plan
specifications and advertisement for an additional
Dormitory Building to be erected at our
University. If you are like to undertake the
Contract either on the whol or jointly with
me I would be pleased to see you as so. The
Job is small & easy therefore you best to be
connected with any other I have no
delicacy or hesitation in saying I will have
of my own and other jobs as much as one
hand can do. While you are engaged at that,
There is a prospect of a number of Jobs in
the Building line We have amongst us quite
a Rail Road spirit. We wish I trust connect
through our town the Rail Road eastward of us
this must be the case before a great while and if
Madalora is not harder to draw to a sense of
her own interest the work will go forward without
delay.

I would like you could find it convenient to
to your interest to get out here. Mr Robinson is also
desirous for you to come. I have no doubt we
could be mutually serviceable to each other
We are getting along with our contracts quite as
well as we expected,

If you will please the Plans sent on a sheet
of white paper they will show much plainer
Whether you desire to have any thing to do with the
Contract or not I would like you make and
send me as nearly as you can an estimate
of Carpenters work, Painting, Glazing, & all
materials furnished ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{work} ~~done~~ ^{done} &c.

Yours friend
John Horace King
Sicard
Russell County
Ala.
Without the intervention of Special Mail Agents.
I beg respectfully
Yours most obt. Servant

J. H. King
S. H. Carter of the Ala. Senate
Montgomery Ala.
R. L. ... Co

Dear Genl.

St. Albans. 10th April 1837

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I have had from Montgomery was not by
 yesterday's mail. The object of the opposition is just
 what I supposed, the parties however could have accom-
 plished their object more easily in another way.
 As to Mr. & Mrs. Leighton's friend a ship, & via connection with
 the opposition I believe as much of that as I chose
 He forgets that he told me long before Roman put on
 the opposition, before his letter was written, before there
 was any split as to payment of through tickets that
 Roman would be in opposition to as he had tried
 to prevent it, but could not that had no interest
 and would have never done then could my friend
 to answer his letter have induced the opposition.
 I will write him why I did not write.
 I wish you to give every attention to the matter in
 your power, a little or rather strict & close attention
 accompanied by the necessary energy will accomplish
 much. Keep our excursions as quiet as possible, but
 on Monday I had to do as to the other claims the
 go on to claims he has. He writes me he has been in the
 city for a day.
 My Respectful friend
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison
 I am, Sir, your obedient servant
 If Charles's health & my business permit I will be over
 to Montgomery soon.

Truro, 10th April 1854

Dear Sir,

Yr. letter from Montgomery was rec^d by
 yesterday's mail. The object of the opposition is just
 what I supposed, the station house could have accom-
 plished their object more easily in another way.
 As to Mr. Glasforth's friend ship, & his connection with
 the opposition I believe as much of that as I choose
 to say. He forgets that he told me long before Kemmer but on
 the opposition, before his letter was written, before there
 was any split as to payment of through tickets that
 Kemmer would be in opposition to us; he had tried
 to free it, but could not that had no interest
 and would have none. How then could my failure
 to answer his letter have induced the opposition.

I will write him why I did not write

I wish you to give every attention to the road in
 a little or rather strict & close attention
 as we improve by the necessary energy with accomplish
 our duties. Keep our engines as quiet as possible, take
 care on Murphy's books, &c. as to the other claims see Mr. W. H.
 go to claim he has. He writes me he has been in the
 opposition. Yours very Respectfully,
 W. H. W. H.

If Charles's health & my business permits I will be over
 to Montgomery soon. why your letter has

and your very assurance of your feeling a future judgment
We also agreed on the facts of the case through which
question. Dan says. It seems gone. but getting a. & says not
good. I of the is. but fit for service. Wangs. Grants of some
Serge. James he thinks value low enough. I don't know but one time
my. I take possession tomorrow. I don't know but one time
can buy horse but not exactly such as wanted. I don't know but one time
I know James is about noon will see them this evening but think
very fair. Will write again in a few days.

heard nothing yet from Peters. Very Respectfully
Yours

W. S. Stephens
Cincinnati
Ohio

W. S. Stephens

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ROBERT JEMISON PAPERS (MSS. 0753)

- TRANSCRIPTS BOX 0753.0006A

Montgomery, 28th / 38

Dear Sir,

I was distressed by the arbitrations of the Columbus Bridge case with thinking that I did not reach here till Monday last. He claimed of me \$11,000. The Arbitrators rendered an award in my favour against him for \$9,600. The Fiskaloon Bridge case not yet decided. He admits an indebtedness of \$116. I feel very confident of an award against him of between \$3,500 & \$4,000. In settling up his account, he charges the Fiskaloon Bridge Co with one thousand dollars for his services in rebuilding the Bridge and \$2,770 for two Piers one built 1838. The other in 1842. The necessity for ^{both} which was occasioned by his making the two centers reaches too long originally one 200 ft. the other 220 ft. and both required to save his guaranty of sufficiency of piers material and workmanship.

I have been expecting to hear from you but have had nothing since I saw you. Expect to visit Mr. Plover by Tuesday morning's Train will remain with him not longer than two perhaps not more than one day. And would like much to see you. They have raised nine thousand dollars to build a Bridge at Columbus Miss for to the citizens of the County and have given the privilege of building to a Company who to build it. This Company have written to parties

Orlando Fla May 1858

Dear Isaac.

Yes. I'm out with this evening. The reason why I have not written about the Columbus matter is, that I have not yet been over there, and have heard nothing special since I saw you. I think from what I do hear think the project is about being abandoned, about first of next month. Think I will about home, but my business is such can't say positively. Write me a few days before coming & I will endeavour to be at home, as I want to see you.

Very truly
Your friend
J. M. Drake

San Francisco, Cal.
Newman, Ga.