

(Confidential)

My Dear Friend Brother Louisville 18 April 1842

Some time ago you wrote to me that it was better for me not to engage in trading and I have accordingly quite it and worked along thus far - But I find the times so hard that I am in constant apprehension of finding myself cornered unless I have a chance like the days to fly a kite & run with all my might and I know of no body now at all with whom I should be willing to try such a thing except you - The exchanges are so that if I were to let some friend draw for me it would be at too heavy an expense - Bank of London the exchanges are now heavy & probably in a few months will be at par - The advance for a bill on Liverpool would not be so high that it could not be cleared - I know your caution in such matters and I apprehend that you have your hands full in trying to secure your outstanding my debt and therefore do not expect that you can in in these times collect more than you want for your speculations - But if you are not afraid to let me have a general permit to draw on you from time to time in amounts not to exceed \$2000 to \$3000 at any time to be attended to by me it would be of great service I think to me without subjecting you either to loss or inconvenience

My friend Beckwith would draw for me on Liverpool but I fear the tariff would be too high - My condition is this that I can borrow money on a note but it must be paid in full and then I wish to pay it off so that afterwards I can go forward with a good grace I ask again and the same to get - I have some such to pay on the 2nd may & must guarantee for them for to collect or sell property you know there is a bad chance -

I wish you to consider this request & to respond to it immediately - If you can stand it I shall be at ease - If you cannot I wish to be on the alert in some other quarter for my credit is too good & worth too much to lose it - I hope you

W. H. Harrison

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will be satisfied to let me know whenever I want
to do so within specified bounds with the understanding
that I am to attend to them - The bounds I set myself
would be for any not to exceed say \$2500 - but if you
pay a sum for me & give an order I will not take
an ell -

With respect &c.
Garnett Linn

P.S.
I've known some poor down weeks ago down
Caldwells & my own
I sent them with post up by the
stage line of before you - G.L. Linn
S.D.

in the County I feel very anxious to hear from
all my relations in these sickly times;) —
Mr Bullock has been to see me & told me you
had sent him a Check for to pay for the repairs
of this house & let ^{boards} would feel to express
all my feelings of gratitude to you My more
than Son just to think how you have relieved
me this summer & what would I have done
if you had not as Shelton is been sick for
the last six or eight week in Louisville he
had a very severe attack of Cholera. Hannah
Flint wrote me she did not think he could
possibly recover but by the kind ^{skillful} attention of
Dr Flint he has now recovered I wrote Dr Flint
to send him home if he did not think there
was no danger of his giving it to our family
now I am most afraid for him to come tho
he is now so far recovered as to go about &
work a little occasionally and as I have a small
kitchen it would be too confined for them all
to sleep in. ^{and} his wife is living in Louisville
I scarcely know what to do to send for him or
not — My Dear Nephew your kind presents
of Sugar & Coffee I have you sent me this
Spring could not have come in a better time
it is our principle diet ^{now} your good old ham
are the best I ever saw ^{tho} this Dupuy & Mrs. Carter
came down & took tea with us soon after I recd

your ~~kind~~ present & I had some nice good Cold ham
for supper I tell you they all enjoyed it finely
and said it was the best they ever eat you
were the subject of our tea table all that
Evening — dont you think the Bill for the
repairs of the fence & other little things too
high I think it was but I had Mr Rice
another workman to judge it and they
said the reason it was so high now was
from the scarcity of timber lumber & the
great demand for Carpenters as there was
so many building to repair & rebuild
and they all took advantage of the times & asked
a high price I had the Cow house & Shed
made quite small it was not as large as the
stable that was blown down only a shed & small
room to hold food in for my Cows & the fence
next to the alley is put up with the same plank
that came off it took all the best of it & the
new fence is between Mr. Wm. O'Neal & my side
of the house had to be shingled as all the shingled
was loosen by the storm the fence is very nice
painted fence I had it sawed painted to be more
secure from intruders and it looks very well indeed
I hope more to get along pretty well if we have
no more storm — I hope to hear from you
soon — I hear you all are well Mrs. Susan & Mary
united with me in much Love to you & Eliza & Children
(I would my Dear Nephew may the good Lord
pardon you all — ever your affectionate
Aunt Rebecca & Family
Henry & Mary is he still at New York

Confidential



Mr Henry T Duncan.
Lexington
Ky.

again with the lameness which
confined me last winter.

When you come to Paris, I
would be glad to see you.

You will never speak of
this meddling business, of mine
of course. I could not resist it
yours very affectionately

Eliza D Arnold

Confidential

Paris Oct 5/38

Dear Cousin Henry

You are aware that
Chadron Alexander, gives up
his place, (in our Bank
next month, there are many
applicants for the office, among
them James Arnold, who
is here with his family,
(having abandoned Superior.)
The salary the office yields,
is not large, but Mr Arnold
needs it. Now to the main
point, the majority of the
directors are his friends, but,
for some reason (I can not
imagine what, unless, there
be a virtue in ingratitude)

Mr Raine has expressed some objections to him, such as "want of capacity. if I believed that to be the case, I know I would be equally conscientious, you, ~~we~~ are a better judge, and if you do not join me in the sympathy I feel for Mr A, I will not think unkindly of you. but hoping that you will do a kind a kind act, when a friend needs it, I now wish to ask your influence. You are the only person I believe could induce Mr Raine to think it his duty to give Mr Arnold the office. My husband tells me that he can decide the matter. Now will you come down, or write to Mr Raine, and do all you can. This is between

you and me only. my own husband, nor any other persons, have ~~no~~ knowledge of this communication.

You know how much James Arnold has done for Raine, it was through his influence that he was made President of this Bank. and now, when his life long friend needs his influence he is about to refuse it.

please reply to this very soon, that I may know that my confidential letter fell into no other hands, than your own. I presume the appointment will be made pretty soon.

I would love to come up to see you. but my health is very poor. I am suffering

Louisville 11. 1858

My dear Cousin—

I am much disappointed you will not come down for Mary as you anticipated, had wanted to give you an account of how I used the money you allowed me, but had no opportunity when you were here, but I assure you I used it to the way best advantage, I write now to solicit you if you possibly can furnish me to means to get the children winter clothing.

Mr Timberlake continues to work & struggle to make a support, but can only make

out to keep us from starving
the river is so low there is very
little insurance he can get.
Mrs Field is in distress & I ~~early~~
paid her part that I owed for
Clara. I feel inclined to take her
away as \$60 is certainly a high
price & if you think best I will do
so. I try to teach her this winter
although I know it will be a great
disadvantage to the child, I am
rather better, but cannot sit up,
consequently I will be obliged to
hire a woman when James is
sick (which we look for this month)
as I cannot take her place in
the kitchen as I did the last
time she was confined. I am
too tired to write more, but

know dearest friends if
if you have any money
of the childrens you will
let me have it to allow me,
best love to all, and
accept assurance of devoted
affection from Mary S. J.

Graftlad March 21th 1859

Dear Uncle

I received your very
kind letter and handsome
present consisting of 98 books &
one pamphlet about a week ago.
We are very thankful for the
kind advice of your letter
and we promise to try to do as
you say - and we are all very
glad to get ^{the books} and hope they will
do us good. I have taken a
list of them and as soon as
I get a case will open our

library for the use of my
brothers & cousins - I have
read some of the book
and found them quite
interesting My cousins
have not seen the books yet
but I think they
will like them very much.

Seth is almost well and
goes to school every day

It is very muddy and rains
almost every day

Mother & aunt Carrie are
going to St Louis
this week and aunt Grace

will go with them

I go to Sunday School at
Pleasant Grove now

My Pa is superintendant

You must come to see us
soon again as ~~we~~ all want
to see you very much

I must not tire you with a
long letter so I will
close by saying Grana ma & all
join me in much
love to you & your family

Your affectionate nephew
Charles Goodrich Singleton



H. J. Duncan Esq.

Lexington

Kentucky

Woodward

Lt Col
W S King
Roxbury
Mass

My Dear Friend.

W. D. Washington Aug
April 17th 1864

I rec^d. just received your letter of 14th enclosing Rec^t. of Adams Exp^{ts} ^{Co}, for a jug of Old Bourbon, which I assure you, will be most acceptable.

I have not answered your former letter, for the reason that, ever since its rec^t., I have been sadly under the weather. Without being absolutely sick, I have had many complaints, which have rendered me uncomfortable; & which I have feared, tend to the development, of an early breaking up of the system. I have seen you daughters but twice, since they have been here; & on both occasions - when out of sorts both in health & spirits. Mrs. J., has doubtless informed you of her failure to see her husband. But she is fortunate in being able to communicate with him by letter, & to receive from him, assurances of his good health & independence. They are isolated occupants - as almost all women from the South are. But they are prudent,

I think the prospect of attainment of the war, is left proportionally now, than ^{at} any time, for the last three years. It is now then falling, to effect, a reconstruction of the Union, under the President's authority & approval. It would be idle to hope, to reconstruct a Union, so long as the people of the South, are denied all equality of rights; and deprived of all State rights, & all individual property. Such a reconstruction - must be but temporary in duration, & unproductive of benefit - to either section. I still love the Union. I wish it restored, - but not without a provision, for equality of rights - except

so far as relates to our rights in the Constitution. This
to an abstraction - raised on the Southern Constitution, for
the purpose of dissolving the Union. - An equality
of rights, in other respects, ought to be acknowledged.
No man of sense or honor, can justify the course of the
present administration. It is corrupt - & unwholesome,
cannot bring Peace. The Military Constitution of the
South, may be broken up: - May the confederate Govt
itself, may be broken up; but neither will be urgent;
both, cannot bring Peace: for there will be still
left, military strength & spirit, to many as a few;
- destroy men, of endrass education: or, at least, long
enough, to bring the South to the same level with
the South, in other & irremediable views. I think it
seen otherwise, - but I see no ground of hope for
any other result. The Independence of the South, will
not be acknowledged!! If it was acknowledged tomorrow,
I could never return to it - not care to see the
entire distribution of all I own held, - & it committed
to Williams. I hate success, with as little as
I could, as men. It was unprovoked: without any
: hostility: and unjustifiable - may count as a crime
: too. It was the most wantonly wicked - & unwise
measures, that ever were perpetrated, but no
man of them.

We have had a very disagreeable & cold winter
: the Spring, thus far. I hope, when the weather
comes more genial, I shall have better health.

74, although not old - I am not well. And yet,
I probably am as well, as any man, in his
78th year, - who has lived 56 years in the South,
ought to expect to be. But a lingering feeble old
age, I never not been found for. I always expected, to
be taken off suddenly. And this, after all - is
possible. But, God's will be done.

There is, unquestionably, - a great change in political
sentiment going on here. I must - who, who I have
: met, were real black Republicans, are now strongly
conservative. And I think the chance for Mr.
Callow's election are improving. Nothing can save
this country from ruin, but a change of admini:
:stration!!

Regards for your family.

I am truly yours

Atcheson

Mr R J Duncan

Lyonsville Ky

Box
Mr R J Ansell

1865

Louisville March 2

Dear Cousin

I send up by Trimble
Smith, your note I hold, I would
like you to pay to him the value
of it. I take in exchange bank
stock for him, I would have been
glad if you could have been
willing to have made the same
same equal to its original value.

I suppose I will have
to take it on greenbacks, and
if that is agreeable to you please
let Trimble have it right away.

You will do me a favor
to send me down a note for the
interest of the last year, which
is due on the 10 of the present
month.

I am still at Mr Fads. The
family are absent, but I look
a little for them this week.

All those I missed the
sweet company very much, I had
had Ed Hunt and two of his
Daughters with me ever since the
left. Jim Arnold will tell
you all about the Fads. Robert
and Family have sailed for Europe.

We are all well except
an ill throat with swollen glands,

My kind remembrance and
love to your white horse hill, and
to Cousin Dollo. I hope Mary Cooper
is quite well again.

Write me what you
will do, I want Jim to have
the money with any.

Your affe Cousin
Nannie Flint

Military Order from Gen. Burnside.
HEADQUARTERS, DEP'T OF THE OHIO,
CINCINNATI, O., April 21, 1863.
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 47.
The traffic carried on in Confederate scrip
by some persons in this department, is recog-
nized as a direct violation of General Orders
No. 38, and all parties detected in engaging
in it will be dealt with in accordance with
the provisions of that order.
By command of MAJ. GEN. BURNSIDE.
LEWIS RICHMOND, A. A. Gen.

Dear Father -

I have just cut the
above order from yesterday's Cin-
cinnati's Commercial by which
dealing in Confed Money is
prohibited - I think you
had better see Genl Burnside
in reference to your trade
with Cox. has his order a
retro active effect - your trade
is made with a Secessionist and
if carried out would very
nearly cover your loss on
Cattle stolen - By destroying
the Confed money it would
practically aid them, just by
the amount destroyed, for it would
renew their remaining cir-
culation to that amount

For example suppose their circulation to be 1,000,000. & its value reduced to one half - Now in case Uncle Sam should get hold of 500,000 of this 1,000,000 & burn it - of course the remaining 500,000 would be enhanced in value one half & worth par - So it seems to me that Uncle Sam can do the Rebels a great deal of good by destroying just as much of the Rebel Currency as ~~they~~^{he} can -

All are well -

Your Aff Svr



Mr. Henry S. Duncan.
Lexington,
Ky.

Spineville

Feb 15 "66.

Dear Cousin Henry

Each & every week I have earnestly expected to hear from you. I will not apply the old adage, as I earnestly wish you to be brought very forcibly to mind, though you may offer the gallant excuse of "business before pleasure". Such a saying only strengthens my claim & encourages me to press on to the point to be gained - Cousin Henry it is useless for me to repeat my actual wants to you, & I hope you have confidence enough in me to know, if it were not

necessary I would not trouble you.
I am extremely anxious to settle
Dr. Rogers bill, already due one year.
you know how anxious I am about
any task being forced, yet I would
not ask you for the advance, were
I not assured, it will not inessenti-
ally come you, & be a favor to me for
which I shall ever be greatly obliged.
Love to cousin Eliza & family.
we were all rejoiced to hear of Mr.
Petersons escape. Trusting I will
very soon hear from you, believe
me sincerely your cousin
Amelia D. Lumsden.

Cairo - & brought from the plantation
by Capt. De Camp of the Gunboat
"Chey Higgins" - It would be some
kind of writing Duncan, as I know
of no way of forwarding letters via
New Orleans. But I will see a line
in answer from Mr Duncan, at
your earliest convenience, with
love to the family - believe me
Yours faithfully
Mary Duncan

That so soon as my husband can
command his "tick up" funds - I
shall go to Europe - you know perhaps
that Dr D. divided his estate (with
a handsome annuity for himself)
among his children about a year ago.
& if we ever get out of this national
trouble - we ought to be so free
to go where we please.
Be sure & tell me all about Lord
Lygon (or St Maurice as it is
pronounced sometimes) & be sure to
this morning's letter to my pen.

Staten Island
July 17th 1776

Dear Mr Duncan
It is a long time
since my last - but I had heartily
had reason to write - when this week or so
quite bright & pleasant to write - but
still - you must not be allowed to fancy
that forgetfulness has any share in my
silence. & I therefore send a few lines
to convey assurance of affectionate remembrance
& interest. I was in Boston
but long since - & there heard from Mrs
Spurke. I hope family health &
happiness. I was still with my brother
& we are spending the summer as
quaintly at Mr Duncan's pretty place
on the Island. Indeed - I feel not
the least disposition for quietude, as we
have had such ill news from the
South. I had a letter from Henry
of very recent date. His cotton had
all been burnt by rebel thieves. &
Mr Duncan had had nearly three
thousand bales destroyed by Confederates

... & the poor red gentleman
writes to Mr Loversick in a very
despairing tone. saying that he had
not ready money enough to pay his
batches bills. & that planting & any
what is prohibited. & what are the
planters & or? What can the North
do but either with such a set of facts
in view? If we only had decent men
in power! but really things are so
hopelessly mismanaged. that I can
see no prospect of peace or success
except the fact that our own. My
husband has been on his feet a few
months. & insists upon it that I shall
not attempt to go South. The expectation
is painful enough - as you can readily
imagine. But what can one or but
suffer in these awful times! Have
you any hope? & what is the general
tone of feeling in your State.
I should you to write me soon. &
try to tell me whether the report of
Miss Weston's engagement to
Lord Seymour (son of the Duke of
Somerset) is true? as I hear that

... has been out in serving her
... have you heard anything by it of
... & how long has he been there? I have a
... written over something to him. I think
... & say that you will write me all good
... & so quite a youth. and I am in
... I have that my father would not have
... & what for him. & in the same
... the very best of me. & the
... that he came to America wholly
... did he stay with the
... time? I would you to
... heart. & my
... confidential. - I
... a few times for me to
... of the
... you
... my
... that



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Ky

Cin. July 24.

Dear Father -

I made every effort last night, to ascertain whether Hunt was among the Prisoners but failed to do so - so I remained over until today and have no better success - I have just seen Mr. Auduson & he tells me that you will find out by looking into the Cin. Comm. which will publish the names of all officers as they arrive - Cal. Snijdy is said to have been wounded.

I inclose Riley's muddle 12 in all \$1.00 -

If you hear of Hunt let me know -

Love & all

Your affectionate son

Burnside is sick - & allows no visiting of Prisoners in present - they

Office on 11th as per
from 11th to 12th

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H. J. Sweeney
Lexington
Kentucky





London -

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Monday -

Dear Cousin Henry -

I will leave

Friday afternoon for
Leamington, & send your
kind note, to beg you
will have the kindness
to meet me at the
Dept, as my present
intention is to travel
alone, with my
black bag, in the

Caribbean style. If
Ellen's marriage is
permitted, please
telegraph me. With
regards love to all
Jamaica.

Affectingly
Alice Ford.

Paris Monday April 4th Dear Cousin Henry I

am a gain with my Leard till as to day makes four weeks from
the Seventh ^{of March} untill to day with a heart full of gratitude and many
most endearing thanks from the Core of my heart for past
favours I do sincerely implore for the present need O do
ful as a poor weak feeble vain mortal that the power of my
tounge nor pen have strength nor eloquence to write
or tell the love light and blightness of that Celestial
fire that may burn in your bosom and the shining
stars in your Crown of Gladness not only here on
earth but in the world to come or rather that time
is ~~as yet~~ as all to O what an immortal and most greatly
glorious thought to me not not another probationary
state to go in to O a most glorious thought to my
heart and feeling O my me just to think I will
not want any more Tea Oysters of Turkey O I will
be done with earth and all all earthly wants Care and
things O what glorious thoughts and feelings

Dear Cousin Henry perhaps in after days and years I may
be able to tell you the very great good your kind
and much welcome as well as highly appreciated letter
may be the means of doing to two suffering souls they
are Mrs Cunningham and Mary Badger O I do most
truly and sincerely hope they both may be greatly
improved and benefited Mrs Jolly Kelly is very grate
ful to you for the full explicit manner in which you
wrote it was your letter that induced Mary Badger to
let her Husband write to the PC when Mary Badger
gets an answer to her letter I will write and tell you if she
gets a favorable answer but you must not tell any person
that I will write to you for it will not do you can tell
Cousin Eliza if any person whispers in Lexington it can
and is sure to be heard in Paris so be ware how you talk

Falladege Ala. Feb 23. 1864
Henry T. Duncan
D^r Sir

Through a Runaway
I heard of You, and where You live. I write this. I
scarcely know why; except as my kindred die those who
survive are dearer to me.

I am one of the only two remaining
Children of Arnold Duncan. I was born in the
Town of Shippensburg Pa. My Father failed in
business, and removed to Virginia, thence to
Ala, where a few years since he died. I am a
Methodist Preacher, and ^{the last 5 yrs} Presiding Elder in the
Ala Conference. My family all grown. Two
Daughters married Eligibly - A Son promising in-
-deed 26 yrs of age a Student of Law. A little Boy
6 yrs old with my wife Campore my family.
All my Mrs & Sisters are dead save my Brother
Rev. Geo P Duncan of the Ga Conference

The War has left me well nigh pen-
-iless - Two raids having passed through our
Town

I am glad to learn that while you too
have suffered by the war that you are
better able to bear it.

Are we akin? Please write
me. I would like to see, to communicate
with any one that is of the blood of
my noble Father

Yrs Forever & ever
Paul Duncan