

Wednesday was our Quarterly Court & it was
necessary for me to be there upon business for two
days & Friday was our Lodge both of which times
My house is filled with company and it has not
been clear of company until this evening about
midnight so you see all that my time has been
occupied ever since I came home. I have not
had time to call on any of my female acquaintances
James & tomorrow is our Circuit Court to which
I am summoned so it may be some days
before I see many of the Mountain Ladies who
are free from Chills & Fever & know but little
about the bad effects of Limestone Water
My Hop was very inferior to what I expected to see
Knowing my Chills turned out last fall were
much better than the year before but Alas says the
Cholera has been among them and did not imp
sore. My Crop of Corn is very good and the Oat was
excellent. I have not had time to try Kaffir but
understand that we have some several flocks
of Birds on our Farm, if so will give him a claim
be immediately after Court. Give my regards to Mr. Mrs
& young Woodfolds also to Miss Callie & say to her my present
has given her much pleasure & very highly
Since reaching home I find that the Sales have not
more than met the necessary expenses of the
Farm and the Lan on the Bounty will be

Bachelors Day November 18th 1860
And John C. Stephens
Dear John

No doubt you think
me remiss but pardon until you can hear &
then I know your decision will not be wrong
I arrived at Frankfort about 6 o'clock next
A.M. at the W.P. in good health in fact he was
more robust than I ever saw him & I think with
proper care will be quite stout, the only defect I
could see in his health was sore eyes & a slight
cough which I thought was the effects of night
studying & advised against it but of fear without
effect. We spent his birth day very pleasantly
in conversation looking at the Society Talents of
Nature as they appeared; with a few comments
occasionally of their appearance; & then played Billi
ards until we tired. He seemed very much pleased
with every thing sent him & particularly his Corn
& trapping; he promised to write in some short time
& expect a letter to-morrow because he has given
you a full account of my trip so what I am say-
ing is only a repetition of what you have already
heard

When I reached Washington I saw a different
people from all the rest I was thrown with.
Every one seemed to be persons that enjoyed soci-
-ation and met each other as though they were
in meeting their friends. Looked independent and free
neat and not gaudy and showed the evidence of
a willing ness to make me feel easy as though I was
with true and tried friends. Now whether that was from
the fact of my being from Virginia I cannot tell but
certainly there was nothing about me so impos-
-sible to have several Gentlemen to offer me any aid
in any business transaction that I might have on
hand. I thanked each one and said, was only
returning home from a trip west. The Hotel
was a good one and kept the way best of every
thing the Country afforded. I had it in good
order. On my way to Cincinnati I got in con-
-versation with an individual who said he was
going through and we would have to remain there
until 4 o'clock in the evening so we would put up
at the same Hotel. I do not know when I ever
witnessed such a change in the manners and customs
of the people in such a short trip. If the freedom
is compelled to make us such happy beings of her
manity as the Citizens of that City I say let this
Republic be the home of a King with all his Royalty.

I had rather be a subject of the Crown than a
seaman. I left about three and arrived in Columbus
about 7 where I thought there was some improve-
-ment. but much room for more left at five next
morning and reached Washington City the follow-
-ing evening one and a half hour too late to make
the Convention so I spent the day looking at the
city and sleeping. On Saturday morning left for
Cordoverille where I saw several of our relatives amo-
-ng the number was James Scott. I thinking there
might be some difficulty about my seeing Leasing
Nelly as soon as she would like to leave the money
sent it by him and left for Jack's Shop on Stage when
we landed time enough to walk to Mayor King's before
night when I was cordially greeted and remained un-
-till next morning (Sunday) then for home Major accom-
-panying me when we reached about ten o'clock. I by
-night I had seen some half dozen friends and have
-had company ever since when I was at hand. Mr
-Admir Boston was unwell and I had to visit him by
-request as to-day fearing from the message he was very
-low but was pleased to see him able to walk a cross
-the room. Major D. Myself on leaving have opened
-a full barrel and drank for a health and wished for
-Bourgeoisie so every one who knows you here had
-agreed to be remembered to you.

due in a short time which will be about
two hundred and Sixty five Dollars so I
have determined to keep the amount of Money
you gave me reserving enough for the expenses
of Yudenik and Family should they agree
to live with you; & which I will be able to in-
form you on the next, but I understand
that he has made arrangements to cultivate
some Land belonging to Mr James Walker
On Sheas, should this prove true I fear that
the chance for his removal will be very
poor, yet I will do my best and represent
to him the probability of the great advantage
he may derive from it. These as I have said
are good Servants and will please you better
than any of my acquaintances.

I hope you have gotten entirely well and
enjoying life to its full extent. Have you
received that Wagon Load of Kips & Car Load of
Love I saw in a vision going to you?

Have you ascertained to your satisfaction

that the visit of an individual was intended for yourself?

I presume Mr Woolfolk is making preparation to move as he informed me that he and Mr A Knitchfield intended to purchase his Mother's tract of Land for twenty two thousand Dollars that he had in St Louis \$5,500 & Mr Knitchfield could raise about three thousand which would make the first payments

& arrangements could be made to meet the two defend payments. I paid Mr ^{that \$15 there} with enclose the receipt Bill gave Phil the \$10 you requested for which he thanked you & sent the \$30 as you directed me to Cousin Nellie.

The Community is very strongly in favour of Repudiation from what I can learn & I should not be surprised if some move is made in the Legislature this winter to carry it into effect.

Hoping if not restored to health that you may soon be entirely & permanently so I remain truly your friend & obd servt.

P. M. W. upon receipt of this

P. M. W.



Mr. John D. Bushner
Cushing
Oldham County
Kentucky

He left my House this morning which prevented me from sending this letter to the post office on yesterday; this delay will be for some several days which I regret very much not for the news it contains but to relieve your anxiety which if like mine when unwell is almost an annoyance.

I commenced ploughing on yesterday and sowed my Cabbage seed today not one Cat sown nor no Land flushed for that purpose under the Circumstances I intend to use the Iron side-wipers to put them in. besides I have about twenty Bands of Corn in the field on the Stack. I am so busy that I scarcely know what to do first.

My Mind is pretty well made up to rent the most of my Farm out next year finding that it is a matter of impossibility for me to make any money the way I am going on. The Snow upon the Mountains does not look like April though it is rapidly disappearing and it is to be hoped this is the last we will see during the season.

Please remember me to Cousin Caligabath & Phil and tell him I will answer his letter. Hoping you may speedily recover & enjoy good health the remainder of your days I remain truly your Brother-in-law
J. B. Davis

March 30th 1867.

Dear John,

Yours of the 16th is just received and I am very sorry to hear of your illness knowing how much you must have suffered & the knowledge that time must cure the disease or at least it requires patience with remedies and as the Dr. says you are improving a little Caution ought to be taken to prevent you from taking Cold which if you succeed in doing will greatly facilitate the return of health which I hope will be permanent for your misfortunes & illness have been sufficient to make the best of mankind complain; the idea of being housed when one's exertions are needed is well calculated to try the patience of most men yet we must conform to circumstances & bear with fortitude the afflictions & misfortunes that befall us. We have been considerably exercised at the action of Lungs for some time but now begin to be better use to such things

Some of our best and most prominent
Citizens have very long and sad faces as
though they thought that would aid their cau-
se or feelings, which I think is very wrong.
It is the teachings of the Good Book that
"Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof" &
upon that Rock I build my habitations.
Yet some say they cannot see a distinction
staring them in the face & be callous to it;
& another view is that we have had had
trouble long enough for a change to take
place provided we as a nation have not
been guilty of an unpardonable crime in
the sight of Him who rules the destinies of
all created beings. I hope this is not the case
& that the time is not far distant when
we will again be in a prosperous condition en-
joying all the Rights and Privileges we
ever possessed. Is this wishing for too much?
Mr Cobden is coming & I must stop for a wh-
ile

April 2nd 1861

I was unexpectedly called away & did not
return until Sunday evening when I found

the agents of the Freedmen's Bureau and
the Agents of the County desiring that I should
act as one of the Registrars of Votes but
I had previously requested Messrs Arthur
Stephens & Thos J. Adams to assist and they
had promised to do so. I had several reasons
for Mr Adams acting the first and most im-
portant was that the Negro selected him as
their choice when the first Court was formed
after the surrender & I thought selecting him
now would show the authorities that
we had no disposition to put men on
the Board who are hostile to the Negro
besides we could not select a better man
or one who would give more universal
satisfaction. Capt Carpenter who is the
agent of the Freedmen's Bureau seems very
conservative in his views and condemns the
action of Congress says there is not the slight-
est probability of confiscating the Lands &
he is satisfied that there is such a large
element in the North entertaining such
views that it would not pass the Congress
by the required majority

alone can afford

I am pleased to hear that Alie
has been able to stand to his feet so
well and with such cheerfulness it
makes me wish I was there to aid him
a few days. I cannot answer your ques-
-tion about the Moons for neither has a
claim to me yet but do not know how soon.

That wool pulling Company must be
in a bad fix. I am sorry that Miss Sullivan
did not succeed in winning the affection
of her Beau. Possibly you might get a check
from Jimmy for the amount he is owing
on ^{his} Banker in St Louis as he told me
he had five Thousand deposited there.

I saw Rosalee a few days since but
did not see Frederick. She has another son
lost her Mother in January and but
for her unfortunate Children could
not have any excuse. I have been at work
to day and my hand is by no means in
a condition for writing. We have not had
any rain for some time the Road are getting
very dry & the Ground is very hard to plough
My regards to all yours as ever
M B Davis

W. B. Davis Len. Apr 15th 1867

Dear John

Yours of the 29th at last
come to hand. Some few days since
I was truly pleased to hear that you were
improving and able to walk about the
House. I sympathize with you in your
affliction. Knowing how it affects persons
but you must be cautious and in a
few more days you will be able to
move in your usual manner un-
less you have fattened too much which
I presume is not the case for pain does
not increase one's flesh. Through the kind
attention of Cousin Elizabeth I have moder-
ately alleviated your suffering very much.
What a consolation it is to know that our
kind and affectionate friends surround
him in his hour of suffering.

You think me inconsistent to advise
you to remain on your Farm & not
break up. Now compare the two and

Calculate the advantage and incon-
-veniences the proceeds from the same
number of Acres of Land, the distance
from Market the natural turfy of
one whilst the other requires years to
Coast with blue grass & then how much
inferior to Grass. You can deliver a Crop
of Wheat say one thousand Bushels
at the cropping in two days when the
same amount would take me just
forty days deliver'd at Coramsville
then the difference in the freight would
be a considerable sum in these days of
want. The same cause do not always
exist & what would be the interest of
one would not be so for the other in
different Locatities. But I have made
up my mind to quit farming after
this year for the Labour is growing so
se every day & to be compelled to find
fault constantly is more than my
nature will bear. I had rather go
and work for my own clothing than

to be continually vex'd. My plan
is to keep about fifteen or twenty acres
around my house & amuse myself with
that whilst the tenant will have full
control over all the rest but will be sub-
ject to my selection for Crops & will
have an eye to the working of the
Land. I am thankful for your
kind offer & invitation to make your
house my home for if I had all the
world to select from with my present
feeling would most assuredly choose
that identical one. But John I am not
disposed to fore my arms yet & live on
the charity of others for I look forward
to a brighter day & am determin'd to
have some business whilst I am ab-
le to employ my mind. Although
I have been a drom in the Air of
nature yet I have a great inclin-
-ation to be useful to my fellow creat-
-ure & I repeat that your kind offer is
treasur'd in my memory which time

Standardsville Va
April 16th 1867



Mr John S. Henshaw
Goshen
Cahoon County
Kentucky

Please say to Cousin Elizabeth that I
do not understand her message but I
hope she will not put off her visit much
longer or will determine not to make the
visit and write immediately.

I will go and see Bedeek this week
provided he does not come here as he has
promised to do, and know positively what
you may depend upon; and will write
certainly next week that you may have
a couple lines for your arrangements.

I am puzzled to know how you heard
of a young Lady who has visited Pa
and expressed so much fondness for the
State. Did I write that? Well if I did
she has since married & it was not inten-
ded as a compliment to any ^{one} of the Va
Gentlemen as she married a native of
her own State.

Give my Love to all. I have one true
of good speeches and only one the other
have all blasted wish you were here to per-
take of them. The Birds are scarce only one
flock has been seen on the farm.

Yours truly
D. B. Davis

Sept 2nd 1787
John Henshaw Esq
Dear John

Yours of the 22nd

August just received and I wish to say
first and foremost that you must see
Phil that our Stage leave Goodsville
every Monday and Friday so he can leave
home to connect with them and I will be
in Stanardside with a conveyance to take
him home with me so he can visit
Crump whenever he wishes as I can furn-
ish him with an idle horse that he can
use whenever he wishes.

Our Association or rather the Bapt-
ist Association has just ended last Friday
and I am certain most of the Ladies
who were immediately in the neighborhood
were pleased when it closed for the congre-
gation was quite large and all of the persons
from a distance stayed with those who were
nearest to the Ground consequently all
near had to spread clothing upon the

the floor to accommodate the directors

We have been seasons immediately in this section all the season save about the time we ploughed our corn the last time; but other sections have suffered very much even in our small county some farmers are complaining that they will not make enough corn to feed their stock. I have not finished following for wheat although I did not intend to plough more than 12 acres yet the Land is so troublesome to break from the fact that it does not slip that it is a very tedious work and whilst I am on this subject I will try and make myself understood by being more explicit about my farming operations which seems to be a difficulty you cannot comprehend from my previous letters.

Mr Crooks does not take possession here until Christmas so I said and gather the crop and control every thing until that time; but he wishes


to have the Land broken up that is to go in Tobacco next year as soon as he can spare his son from his crop so he will be here in a very few days to commence that work in order to make the work lighter during the winter I am to control as to what Land is to be cultivated but I have nothing to account the work or Labour of the firm except that I require that not less than five able bodied men are to be constant labourers. I reserve enough land around my house to keep me from Idleness but who will work it is a matter yet to be determined possibly if I should be successful enough to succeed in selecting a partner for life I may be more satisfied to do the Labour myself or it may so alter and change my mind when the Negroes leave which I hope will be at New year that I may be willing to work knowing there is no one else to attend to it.



Mr John Henshaw
Goshin
Coburn County
Kentucky

Here she has a warm friend in her
Old Mistress and her daughters and her
sons she will never suffer for anything
she may want during their life.

A great many Hogs have died
from the Cholera this Summer and
fall and the disease is still raging if
it proves as fatal in all sections of the
Community it will make Bacon very
scarce & high. Corn has improved in
price now worth \$1.27 in Richmond
for the Best Quality. Bacon is \$1.18^{cts}
Hog around but this advance came
after every person has disposed of the
Major portion of what they had for
market consequently no one will be
made Rich in our market by the advance
We had a negro here speaking to the
others admonishing them to behave and
not Labour for less than \$1.00 per day and
contend for their right. All of which they were
well pleased but as they did not give him mo-
ney to gratify his covetousness he procured a
warrant from the Agent he had lived with during
his detention in St. Louisville. As soon as he started
a warrant was issued for his arrest & whilst the officer


was reading the warrant he was
told of the arrival of a man
from the South. He would not
believe it until he saw the man
himself. He was a white man
about 30 years of age, tall, thin,
and well dressed. He had a
kind of feverish appearance
and was very nervous. He
said he had been in the South
for some time and had seen
many strange things. He had
heard of a man who had been
killed by a bear and had seen
the bear's den. He had also
seen a man who had been
killed by a snake and had seen
the snake's hole. He had also
seen a man who had been
killed by a wolf and had seen
the wolf's den. He had also
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seen a man who had been
killed by a lion and had seen
the lion's den.

A Student by the name of W. A. Smith from Columbia Tennessee took Quarters with him, and when we reached there on the 30th of Sept. found his Books upon the Table. In a short time he came in and seemed to be pleased to know that I did come for the purpose of studying diligently for that was his purpose and thought they would get along finely & I am doubt they will for he seems to be a very pleasant gentleman. I paid out of the Chick that I'd brought \$220 to the Proctor & gave him \$20 making \$240 the remainder or \$255 I have and told him to draw on me as necessity required. He paid out of the money I gave him \$9.25 for notes & books & pencil & paper &c.

I came from there in the 1st week to Greenville & from thence by Dr. Jones's where Lewis in Jones's Company was invited to dine found all in good health & spirits & Cousin Frank very much

improved, in fact I thought all of the Ry Company looked very much better than when I left them having recovered from their fatigue. I came home that evening and promised to return as soon as Circumstances would allow which will be sometime the latter part of the week provided I finish sewing which will not require more than four days. My present crop of wheat was so bad that my next one will be sown on about 16 or 17 Aers of my choice Land.

Cousin Elizabeth says that you have improved so much recently that I begin to think you are becoming acclimated to the fields. I saw Swedenbom some time since & he positively declined to accept of your offer as it was in direct opposition to the wish of his wife. The day if she was to go there and Swedenbom should die she would be left alone far from all her kin and acquainted with Dr. Neal Chilton and probably with ^{out} any means of returning and



Mr John P. Henshaw
Roanoke
Roanoke County

August 1st 1870.

Mr John S Henshaw

Dear John.

I do not know whether you or myself is the debtor - but I have thought you were & have waited until I am tired of expectancy, both from you and Phil and have concluded to make you the debtor so I commence with the health of our neighborhood which has been good except some few families who have been afflicted with fever and it has been very fatal; some 8 or ten persons have died and this morning an old maid by the name of Quinn died at Mrs. Wilbur's about two miles below me with rather a curious affliction, one of her legs commenced swelling and continued until it reached her body and death ensued immediately; during its approach towards the body she suffered very much and complained of extreme colic & as it continued the swelling would advance ahead of it and she would not suffer a touch from any one.

We suffered from drought until last Thursday when we had a seven storm & heavy rain which lasted for one hour and at night we had the same thing repeated. It blew our corn and tobacco very badly injuring the

Crops materially; Could we have had the rain alone
we would have been benefited, to a considerable amount
but the storm has injured, as I before stated very much.

The foreign news has given an impetus to the grain
market and I sincerely hope it may be the cause of a
great demand and a much larger advance in the market
for if ever there was a people under the sun who were
enslaved and abused, abused and persecuted by any power
it is us, and although our time seems to be a long time
coming I still hope for the glorious return of better
days than ever and then "Richard will be himself
again" Our grain crops have been reaped and I
am of the opinion that they will not be as good as
we anticipated when harvested, but it may come
near an average crop.

Our grapes was good, and those who could save
in proper time have made quite an abundant
supply; but generally the crop of tobacco needed work,
as the grapes was neglected.

The mail has come and I must close
give my respects to all & tell Phil I would like
to hear from him, unless that sweetheart has destroyed his
mind. Please tell cousin Elizabeth to write.

I am yours as ever

J. B. Davis

Hammondsville Va
August 2ⁿ 1878



Mr. James S. Hendrix
Galesburg
William County
Va

Received
Aug 14th 1878

February 4th 1870

Mr John S. Menshaw
Dear Sir,

I came home last Monday week and did not go to the Post Office on last Monday consequently do not know whether you have written to me but suppose you have: was down at Major Trip's on last Tuesday all well except himself and unless some change is wrought in some few months he must inevitably pass off this mortal scene of action; the Doctor says he has the Diabetes (I do not know that I spell the word right) and he is looking very much pained since I went west, has a sore mouth and digestion bad, he enquired very particularly about you and said he would be pleased to see you if you should come to Virginia this summer: desired to be remembered to you when I wrote; says he has not entirely given up all hope of marrying but unless his health improves he would have little or no use for one.

I met with my commission Merchant on the leave from Washington & he informed me that I was due him a bill that would be very acceptable and having the money you handed me enabled me to pay the debt so after all if it did not inconvenience you I was benefited greatly by your kindness.

Mr Adams has hired two negro men at \$10 per month by the year they agreeing to remain during

the year and I have bind Jim the Boy that
I raised at the same time. I have also deter-
-mined to move Sarah and the children to Stand-
-ville when the children can go to School; but she
informed me yesterday that some persons had said
she was going to that place and she said she could
not move there, meaning I suppose to do as she
wishes but that is all in my eye as the Deacon
said when he was stung up for I think I have a
will of my own and when once formed, the very
Deacon from the pit himself cannot change it
n sorry that it is so but such is life and I am
preparing to have her to move next week.

Abt says if a man wants to see trouble just
let him get a wife and she is in for it the remainder
of his days, so this shocks me about the widow but
not sufficiently enough to change my opinion about
a twin's life for I am persuaded that it is certainly
more agreeable to every person who desires to be a gentleman.
I have not heard one word from Alie although I wrote
to him from Washington. Tell Cousin Elizabeth that
I will write to her by Monday's mail My face is very much
swollen from the neuralgia more than it has been during the
winter. Write soon to your Brother in-law
D B Davis

March 19th 1869.

Dear John.

I received your some days since and have intended writing every mail since I wrote to Cousin Elizabeth but have not felt well for the last six weeks and when I felt well enough was either out of place or from some other cause unknown neglected it until the present & allow me to say just hear that you need not fix your feet on a prop to read a lengthy epistle for I am now engaged in a business that requires my almost entire attention. & you must remember that it is no low profession but one of great importance which every person cannot follow & besides it is a wonderful popular employment such as makes a man noted.

Among Strangers as well as friends. Now what
do you expect it is?

Why a Stud Horse Keeper. Don't you think I have
touched upon the right string at last?

It would do you good to see me promiscuously with
him when he puts on his fancy ways.

I have not heard from Phil since the 1st of the month
when I saw him but expect to get a letter this evening.

Our entire Civil Officers throughout the State were by
the Order of General Sherman removed from office ^{on yesterday} and

no one now has the right either to release the prisoners
or criminals or to feed them, but some expect over tonight

as I anticipate something fresh must close and go for
the mail. And I not rising in the world? Capt Wm Collins

sold his farm near Stanardsville for \$30 per acre. Was better so soon as the
honors of my office wear off a little for I am too proud to be obtained in one place.
Long write to your sis Mrs J B Davis

St. Marysville Va.
March 20th 69



Mr. John S. Henderson,
Ashburn
Coburn
Coburn County
Kentucky

Stamansville Feb 8th 1869

Mr John S. Henshaw

Dear John.

I received yours by last mail and first and foremost will say that I have furnished Hill without any inconvenience, & Dr. Anderson has paid one hundred Dollars and promised to pay another hundred during the present month and the Auditor has paid \$48.00 I presumed the Commission Merchant took what was offered not knowing that another Bond had been given for eight hundred more, but will see him at our Court and understand the particulars of which I will write you in future.

You speak of the intolerable weather since Christmas with you in Kentucky, the sincerity of my former complaint about your Tex weather is being fully realized by yourself, for we have not had such a January since I was a child, which has not been in the last five or six years: even the closest Citizens praise it as one of the finest, Januaries they ever knew, so do not be obstinate ^{but} ~~some~~, say that Va is the place for health, pure air and good water.

We have been feeding eight hogs for the last 7 months and it seems to me that the more they eat the poorer they get, and I tried to say that I have fed them Copperas and Sulphur as usual and without effect. What can the matter be? The wheat is improving and bids fair to make a better crop than any we have had for several years past. Oats have advanced about 10 cents in the bushel and hope they may reach one dollar, now 72 cents, You know one is apt to wish to get a good price for his produce and we need it as much as ever from labourers & so on.

I was with Phil last week and he is looking decidedly better than I ever saw him and seems to be well pleased; is looking with some interest to his vacation, and spoke of the dullness of his Christmas at the university; wished he had have taken my offer

I have not been able to find out whether the man that rented Patsy's Land is an industrious and energetic one or not but from the reputation he bears from those who knew him previous to the war speaks very flatteringly of his qualities, hope he may so report himself as to demand a continuance of their good opinion.

I do not presume for a moment that Patsy would consent, under any circumstances to leave her home with her children to live any where and I am certain that I could not think of leaving mine to become the boarder of any one unless there was a man at the head of affairs, and then it would have to be from this neighbourhood, the truth is I have lived a bachelor's life so long I am frank to say that I would not be satisfied to live with a family unless I had me a wife which may be soon as things change so frequently. I am almost inclined to affirm that I really do not know that I ever met many that old half man half woman half horse and half alligator (if there can be as many halbs) of whom you sent me a description for I think no one human who could trace her lineage back to a pure anglo-saxon race could accomplish so much in the same time; and all the negroes (I mean women) when they marry think they have bought a negro and I do not see but what it would be a good investment for myself as I am in want of such a labourer. I am truly your brother in Law

D. B. Davis.

PIANARUSVILLE
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VA.



Mr John Aenshara
Goshen
Olabam County
Kentucky

Decr 18th 1871.

Mr John S Newshaw

Dear John,

Your earnest
hand by last mail and I go to the
City tomorrow to have the amount
of the Bonds funded in Coupons if
it can be done in the whole and
put in one provided it is the pleasure
of Auditor to do so.

There has been a resolution before the
House of Delegates authorizing the
2nd Auditor not to fund any
more of the Bonds required by the
funding act until further in-
structed to do so; but my impression
is that no final action has been taken
on it yet and I may be in time.

I would have gone today but E K R
writt had a Bond of \$800. as Guard¹⁴⁵

of Thomas Davis and I went there
today to get it but he had gone from
home so I will write you from
Richmond as soon as I attend to the
matter & if successful will express
the Bond to you.

I had the Andersons sued some
time since and I presume they have
given a forthcoming Bond which
will put off the payment for two
or three months, but will see Judge
Green & know the particulars and
inform you. I am very sorry to hear of
Cousin James illness & hope she will
soon improve & be herself again.

Hope some good place can be found for
Phil. did not suppose the Co. would
cost such an enormous sum.

My love to all. I will write to Phil whilst
I am in the City. Tell Cousin Elizabeth I think
she is in my debt & pay it. Amanda joins
me in kindest regards. J. B. Davis.

1871. Richmond, Va. 20th
If you can give me in a few days for the above items a copy of
the amount of the same I will be glad to pay for them in my hands
I don't know anything about the other items in my hands
I don't know anything about the other items in my hands

Mr. John S. Newkirk
Dear John.

I have succeeded in getting the Bonds funded according to your direction, except they gave me six Bonds which they say was the best that could be done instead of one as you requested.

The Legislature is very much divided as to the propriety of funding the debt and in fact the House of Delegates has passed a resolution stopping the further funding but the Senate is still discussing the merits of the question and it is a matter of impossibility to say what will be done with the debt of the State before the Legislature comes to a full adjustment of the question. but the strong feeling is to keep the faith of the State preserved to its national purity; should this be done our Bonds will increase in value rapidly. I am so well convinced that the debt will be paid that I would not sell bonds against the State if I had them unless compelled to do so.

I will forward your Bonds by express immediately and hope they will arrive safe and give satisfaction. I got the auditor to give a statement showing the amount of interest due and it may so happen that you may get some of the amount paid if Gen. Kinsler succeeds in getting his Bill through for the payment of interest, which he speaks of having introduced as soon as the fup is over, but I will see him again in some short time and I presume it will be necessary for me to write to you after conference with him.

Now if the matter has not been attended to as you wished it has been for the want of better judgment and you may rest assured that it will give me the greatest pleasure to have it changed to your notion if possible.

The Bonds are numbered as follows 10907, 10908, 1314, 3954, 2982, & 4567, for the third of the amount \$1317.76. So if they get lost you can have them advertised immediately.

The funding Bill as I before stated is engrossing the attention of the Legislature entirely.

Write as soon as you get the Bonds by express
Wishing you a merry Christmas and good health & fortune.

I am as ever your friend,
J. H. Davis

Davis

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Account
of
Mr. John S. Newhall,
Goshen,
Olahan County,
Kentucky

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6400

3515

I will stir up the Andersons with a
lay stick and a sharp one and if that
won't answer I will see a few short
ones in the ribs and back.

We are as dry as the ground can
well get as we have not had rain more
to prevent plowing at any time
since the corn was planted. You may
know the ground must be very dry
as my well which was cleaned out
this Spring is now getting muddy
when the bucket is lowered for water.

Our Beans are dried up and the
Sweet Potatoes are very indifferent
The an cutting Corn and the fodder is
very near burnt up.

Give my respects to Cousin Elizabeth
& Phil and tell him to write to me
Amanna wishes to be remembered to
you all yours truly J. B. Lewis.

Sept. 6th 1871.

Dear John

Yours dated the 13th
ultimo came to hand some time
since and although I wished to
answer it at Oneget. I was
very much interested in the Sale
Sale of Land ^{which was} about to take place
on the 29th ultimo and of course had
to fly around and make all the
necessary arrangements to prevent
a great sacrifice and after I had
seen some parties and written a
number of letters to try to induce
brooks to come and see the Land
I was amply paid as I think by
showing a bold front and brooking
the Land to \$15.00 per acre when
the purchaser gave one cent more
I let him have it. It cost \$16.20

per cent, but Elijah had paid the
cost which amounted to \$570.00 &
that reduced the amount some way
if the interest was paid it would
not be so bad but that Henry anno
unts to the sum of \$1170.
00 and makes the total about
\$1700.00 all save the taxes.

I am prepared to inform you that
the State Bonds have been legislated
upon and the time for paying them
extended thirty years longer, so you
need not expect any ready cash
from them, not even interest,
as the state is not paying any money
on her original indebtedness.

It may be possible that the Legislature
may make an appropriation during
this winter for the payment of the
interest, but nothing certain.

I was at Crump Court last Monday
week saw Col Scott & for the first time

heard of Phil Scott's death, said all
the rest were well, I also saw Cousin
James Newman but was very much
engaged at the time and of course did
not speak to him, after that did not
meet him and as I had to come home
could not hunt him up.

Young Valafino son of Dr Edmund
Valafino is a candidate for the House
of Delegates and he & Dr Parnier had
quite a spicy debate but I did not hear
the end. Dr W. Linnell, Top Hill and
Young Grimsley (the present senator) are
candidates for the Senate and it is
impossible to say what the people will
do, but do not think the Old Dr has
any chance. Our County has one
Candidate announced, a gentleman
by the name of Linn Mc Mullan
& Dr Shearman was elected at the
last election but do not know whether
he wishes to be returned.

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VA



Alvin
Mr John S. Newkirk
Goshen
Clatsop County
Kentucky

fruit and berries: the crop of 1871
Dennis not being in such demand
from the fact of the market is so
far off.

I know of but very little that is
going on in the country as I have
remained very close at home since
my return and Duke Dawson ac-
cuses me of being either on one entrance
or the other by running about or stay-
ing constantly at home.

Has Phil gotten home? Tell him I will
write to him by next mail as he seems
to be waiting for me to do so before I hear
from him.

Give my regards to cousin Elizabeth and
ask her if she got my letter written at home
is well. Do not put off writing but answer
promptly your Brother in Law

P. B. Hard...

July 31st 1871.
Mr John S. Hinkley
Dear John,

Some time
after I got home say 3 days I wrote
to you and told Tommy to carry it to
the mail but he did not hear me
and some time yesterday being Sunday
I put on the coat and found
the identical letter I thought you had
some weeks since; but as you think
I am in fault and under the circum-
stances I am and will say I am
very sorry for it; as you would think
I do not act as I preach but I really
am not to blame under the existing
circumstances.

Well I had quite a pleasant trip home
except I had to remain in Washington
from 10 o'clock until next morning

at 7 o'clock but I came home safe
and sound and although a little un-
der the weather have nearly recuperated;
we will have thrashed our wheat
and although Mr Ewins thought it
was a good crop it yielded very badly
making about 300 bushels.

When I came home I thought we
had the poorest crop of Corn I had
seen this side of Texas; but the
continued drought has so injured it
that it is the worse crop I ever had on
the same land; it is impossible to
tell the extent it has shortened the
crop: Mr Leaway my neighbour
told me and others it was the least
growth he ever saw on land; as did
many others who passed by the
road near it; I had better have
staid with you unless my presence
would have caused you to leave had
New York by reason to your injury.

Our tobacco crop is very small and
the plants are very small to compare
with the size of the crop, and truly it is
like a man trying to do something
he is not familiar with, and his
ability is not equal to the task.

We had a little shower of rain here on
yesterday and to day we have done
enough work on a piece of ground to
sow turnip seed to cover an acre.

Our oat crop in this section is worth
less and many persons did not cut
enough for seed, as all crops are short
I presume we will have quite an
easy time of harvesting and eating
out before another is made.

Our fruit trees have failed
entirely in many sections of the
country and it is a very heavy
loss to the poor people along the Moun-
tains as they purchased a great
deal of their groceries with their and

STANARD
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1871



Wm. H. ...
Mr. John S. Henshaw
Goshen
Oliver County
Kentucky

have in hand, think it very far
more than that the people have
determined to raise land to feed
themselves & stock instead of
purchasing it from other States.
I was very glad to hear that you
had finished planting land, &
had hands to help you, for a num-
ber of farmers in this State com-
plain of the labour very much.
The farmers are laying by their
own crop now in this State, & say
the Cotton must have work.
Since I came here it has raised
up than any section of country I ever
visited. Give my respects to Cousin
Elizabeth Jane & children,
I am making arrangements to
visit the State fair at Houston
next Monday week, & hope to be
able to inform you after that time when
I will leave Texas. Give my love to Mrs. Davis.

I will write to day for the letter you sent to
Zigwin & hope to get it.

Twelfth Legislature of Texas,

SENATE CHAMBER,

Houston, May 14th 1871.

Mr John S. Stephens
Dear John,

Your card
to hand on yesterday and as you
seem to think my stay from
home to see my Uncle is a very
protracted one; would you permit
me to say the Uncle's company
ain't no when to home now.
I presume it would be useless
for me to try to convince a man
who had been married and proba-
bly did take such a trip himself
that I did not leave to see my
Uncle but upon some important
business. As you are the first one
to accuse me the idea is suggested
to me that you do not know me as

well as my home friends, for
I have always been accused of
growing in flesh since I was mar-
ried.

I have forgotten what I wrote
to Saliafens & Co, possibly they have
sent a check for the Anderson debt
You had better open the letter and if
they have sent any check either
Wheat or for any Tobacco use it if
you want to send it to Phil, &
be careful to sign my name on
the Back as it is written on the
inside or the Bankers will refuse
to pay the amount.

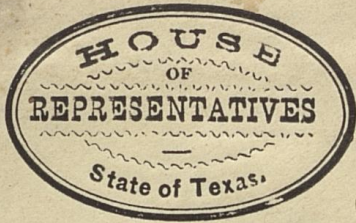
It may be that they have
not sent a check at all but it
will be best for you to examine
the letter.

I cannot tell when I will be
able to get off from this place,
for I think every week will be

my last winter I have made
up my mind to take the world
quiet and do as circumstances
require without troubling my
brain with disappointment.

I got a letter from Abb today &
he praises my wheat crop very
much; so it seems with me when
I have only a small crop sown
it turns out well, and when I
have more it falls far short of
an average crop.

We have been using vegetables for
some time and have had bumper
crops for the last 10 days. On yester-
day I saw corn old enough for row-
ting ears; but it is done & should
say it is the little early Syrian
Corn. The papers represent the
crops in the State being very
good, and they boast very much
about the quantity of Land they



Wm. J. Henshaw
Wm. J. Henshaw
Mr. John J. Henshaw,
Goshen,
Alabama City, Ala.

tenacious and has to be ploughed with
a Flat Mould Board.

We have had Potatoes I mean new Irish,
Red Rashes & Onions. Lettuce &c

I have seen corn about 12 inches tall
and looked as flourishing as any I
ever saw.

If I had a family here and well
finer as I am at my own home
with good water I think I could make
money, but it is a Herculean underta-
king to move a family here and commu-
nate a new life for one of my age.

I hope you had a pleasant trip to
Frankfurt if not a profitable one.
Write as soon as you get this so as to let
me know how long it is required to
make the trip and I can tell when to
write again.

Please give my regards to Cousin Elijah
& say I am very glad to hear from him & will
answer in a few days truly your Brother
E. B. Devine



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE.

AUSTIN, TEXAS. March 23rd 1871.

Mr. John S. Hencham.

Dear John:

Your friend from Frankfurt
came to hand yesterday and as I expect
to leave here on tomorrow for Seguin to see
Thomas Hencham shall write you that I
have any special matter to communicate,
but merely to let you know that your letter has been
received and to say that, I shall be governed by
any contract you may or have made with
Col. Conklin. I think he ought to pay all
expense for one fourth of the amount
received, would receive the sum very consider-
able, if he were to take from the crop proceeds

I shall so arrange my business as to make my trip home through Kentucky, but how soon I am not able to say. I wanted to stop and see Edmund Stuchars on my return and possibly I would stay with him some few days.

I leave this place tomorrow for Sequin in the County of Carroll to see Thomas Allen Shaw Patsey O'Leary's son who came here in 1866, and from the information I have received from the Representative of the county I think he has been very dissipated and of course has not made any money.

Nothing of importance before the Legislature in this State, some R. R. bills and some others such as the free school and one to prevent carrying side arms. The others are local & refer to certain interests, except the one now under consideration of a committee to divide the State, but has not been reported on.

The general election will take place during this fall and my impression is that the

Democrats will elect a large majority of Senators and Members to the House of Representatives, whilst others differ very widely and in fact a great many are of opinion that the Administration is gaining every day and will increase in numbers largely.

This place has become very quiet since Lent commenced and the denouncing community have all taken their pumps off and put on their brogues and are very attentive to their domestic matters never mention north.

I have only been fishing once and then did not catch but one trout & that the only one that was caught by the party.

I have not been over the County since I came here more than three or four miles but some portion of it is beautiful and seems to be as easily worked as any other River Bottom I ever saw; but the black loam soil is very



Senate Chamber

Answer
Mr. John C. Aenshaw.
Wash.
Alabama Co.
Kentucky.

I have written home several times say about
6 times and I am informed that only one of
my letters has been received, why the delay
I cannot for the life of me see.

I have seen English Peas growing and raised
large enough to eat, we have had lettuce. The
Trees are putting forth leaves firm and
the Peach are dropping their bloom.

Tell Cousin Elizabeth I sent her a newspaper
in one of your letters to write to me and I have
been expecting to hear from her, but have not
will write to her in a day or two.

I had been led to believe that the Muscovian
Ladies were the most voluptuous looking
and most beautiful of all Gods creation
but I have not seen them. My regards to all
and believe me truly
Yours
Brother in Law
D. B. Davis.

Austin Texas
March 8th 1871.

Mr John S. Shushan.
Dear John.

Your letter dated the 27th
ultimo has just reached me and I am
sorry that you have concluded to put your
self to any inconvenience to attend to the
Grayson Land during your absence.

I am compelled to inform you that
I have made application to a friend
of whom I thought there would be no
difficulty of getting the amount of
Money I wished to lay out in Land
and he has informed me that he
has no money at command and
does not know when he will have,
equivalent to saying he does not wish
for me to have his means, so I have
abandoned all idea of any investment.

untill I can raise means of my own.
I wrote to you since the date of yours and
I hope you have received it, but if not it
will reach you on your return from Gray
-son and you will see in that letter what
are my views without repeating them
in this relative to the matter.

This town is much smaller than it
was when I first came many of
the lobby members have gone home
and the taxes of the state were neglected
to have been apportioned and collected, that
no money can be drawn from the
Treasury by the members of the Legis-
-lature and when they want money
have to give from 2 1/2 per cent to 5 for
cashing the amount of their warrants.
I have more enough money to pay
my board but am now doing nothing
but shall leave here next week for

Dequame, when Thomas Sinclair (Cassidy's
son) is and see what he is engaged in, for
I very much fear he has not departed him-
self in a way to accumulate any amount
since he came here, and I am very sorry
that I am compelled to come to that con-
-clusion, yet nevertheless it is true.

I want to go to San Antonio and to
Bastrop and to Lockhart before I leave
for home, and when I get ready will
inform you but it may be two or three
weeks or more. This must not keep
you from writing to me at any time
and more especially upon the receipt of
this.

I know you complain of warm weather
but I am compelled to believe this climate
would suit both of us much better than
our homes, for we have thoroughly con-
-vinced, if I had my way would live here



Senate Chamber



Mr. J. S. Menahan.
Boston.
Alabama Court.
Kentucky.

at one time that there was great difficulty about making the trip at all.

I sent you the Papers by express of the Walker land in Grayson County stating that you; & I would share and share alike if you wished, to attend to the matter and have it closed, in some way. Now if you attempt to do anything and want any information upon the subject you can get the required information from General James L. Kemper of Madison Lithouse W. Va.

I shall be pleased to hear from you about the matter at once and if it is necessary I will come around that way on my return home. But as I stated in my former letter if you do not wish to take no hand in the matter just retain the papers and I will be there sometime during the Spring.

I have seen a great many large cattle and small ones but none fat which was very surprising to me for I thought they kept fat all the time here but the grazing over the country I have passed is very poor and seems to me almost too bad to keep the cattle alive I have seen more bones of cattle since I left Galveston in the Prairie than I could imagine it possible for a paper to have seen.

Give my kindest regards to Cousin Elizabeth & my family and write to your Mother in Law
S. B. Davis.

Austin Texas July 4th 1871

Mr John S. Henshaw.

Dear John.

I arrived here on wires day evening last all safe and sound, and desire to give you some of the details of my journey and circumstances connected with it. I really left home for Kentucky but was promised by telegraph a place as clerk here at the rate of \$240 per month and such an inducement as that struck me very forcibly as one of considerable interest to a man who wanted money as bad as I do, but upon my arrival it had been obtained by another individual and I am left out; but this has not dismayed me in the least; I know when a man is in a new country he must not expect to have such an easy time as the more refined society would bestow upon him and I shall work it in the best way I am capable of to promote my interest by all fair and honest means I anticipated the land here could be purchased for a few dollars per acre say

*of my own mind, but I have not
written to you before, but I have
written to you before, but I have not
written to you before, but I have not*

from 4 to 5 Dollars per acre; but upon my
arrival and in conversation with some
friends I spoke of the beautiful situation
of the City when I was asked the question
by one of the party if I was enough pleased
to wish to purchase Land in the vicinity
I answered in the affirmative; and a German
standing by who had heard the conversation
stepped up and said he had a garden about 4
miles west of the City containing 60 acres in
the most beautiful soil and had been offered
\$100 per acre for half of it but would not
take that price unless he could dispose of all
the tract and if I would like to go into the
business of Gardening he would take pleasure
in showing it to me. I thanked him and
said I wanted \$4,000 to purchase at least
3,000 acres. Next day he came to my room
and asked me to go out to his house and
look at the premises saying perhaps we
might strike a trade; I asked him if his figure
was the best he could do for me; he said no

I told him candidly requiring I should say
to him my trip would be attended with exp
ence and could not profit him in any way
He said he let me introduce you to Mr
Carrington who has a number of tracts to
sell and who can give you all the informa-
tion that any other one man can about
lands of course I went to his office and he
very soon began to praise a piece of Land
he had lying about 14 miles on Wilber's
Creek containing 1039 acres for which he
would take \$6 per acre, & proposed to carry
me out in his Buggy on Monday next
but the figure is too much & the location is
dangerous to me as the Chills & fever raged
in the bottom. I traveled from the terminus
of the Rail Road with a gentleman by the
name of Mr Taylor a citizen of this State and
the Road was the worst I ever rode through
It took us four days to make one hundred
miles and we walked enough of the way to
count 100 miles that we walked and thought

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas.



Delivered

*Mr. John S. Henshaw.
Lisken
Alabama County
Kentucky*

One of the Senators died here on the 20th instant, and was interred on the 21st on the day of his death the Senate & House of Representatives met pursuant to adjournment & after the usual resolution for the necessary adjournment of the course to be pursued, adjourned until 11 O'clock on the 21st & at 3 O'clock the 20th the Body was taken to the hospital when it laid in state until 11 O'clock the 21st when the Senate & House of Representatives met passed the complimentary resolutions former, a procession & conveyed the remains to the cemetery where it now rests in peace. His name was Aaron Delaster 77 years of age & had been in public life in different states for the last 40 years & had been married for upwards of 50 years & left a widow to mourn his loss.

I have found the land much less than I had been informed it was prior to my coming to this country, I could find no land on the Colorado River that could be purchased for \$10 per acre with a good comfortable dwelling on it but the chills & fevers would soon destroy the constitution of any one from the Mountains of Va. as it has been left by the former owners from the fact that the overflows for the last two summers has caused more sickness than ever known.

Give my love to all & let me hear from you & I will of course be of my departure from this place when I determine to leave, Write to your brother in law
S. B. Davis

Twelfth Legislature, State of Texas,
SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, February 22nd 1871.

Mr. John S. Henshaw.

Dear John,

Your note the 15th instant has just been received and I am astonished both to hear that you had not received my letter and that Phil had not received the money or check for the interest on the state bonds as you requested he should have, for I wrote to Meyer Cox & Miller & requested them to take the Order and collect the amount and forward the check to him on one of the Banks at Charlottesville; & from their punctuality about other business I had taken it for granted that he had received the check in a day or two after I wrote to the firm.

I will write to them tonight and ask why the matter has been delayed, and where it will be paid.

I am very sorry to hear of your illness and particularly of your suffering & the Son which you have.

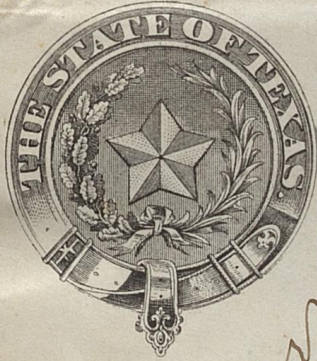
I write to you that I thought it most
advisable for you to see the Agent at
Frankfort of the Land Office and procure
from him the copies of the Deeds to the
different surveys as this is a matter of
very doubtful honesty when the temptation
of pecuniary gain is offered to those who
can without suspicion of the opposite
party feather his nest; Now I do not
know that any thing of this kind would
be resorted to but to prevent all difficulty
to make assurance doubly sure I think
it most prudent that you should get the
copy of the Deeds from Frankfort before
you say one word to any person relative
to the matter & this would surmount the title
to the 1000 acres leased beyond a doubt.

It will be very essential for you to study
the correspondence in the matter and un-
derstand it accurately before you can
comprehend the entire subject as I
think I do. & when you do see & un-
derstand all of the bearings on the subject
I am disposed to think that you will
agree with me about the course to be

adopted and plan for success.

I do not recollect the date of my
letter written to you but I think you ought
to have gotten it about the 10th inst.

If you want any other paper not to be
had at Frankfort please write to General
James E. Kempfer at Madison County
near Virginia and he will give you all
the information that can be had as he
has been my attorney in arranging the
papers and selecting the witnesses necessary
to establish the heirs of John Walker and
I do not know what to advise you to do in
regard to the fee but you must make
such an arrangement as you would
be disposed to do for yourself and I will
be satisfied to ratify whatever you may
do, now if you think proper you can write
to Kempfer and hear any suggestion he may
have to make relative to the matter; it
may contribute something to your own
knowledge as to what will be the most
advisable course to pursue; and from the
Records at Frankfort you may glean some
information that will be of importance



Senate Chamber



Wm. J. Mansfield
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Wm. J. Mansfield,
Coshier,
Oraham County,
Kentucky

on the cap of the still that is hot & apply the lited towel the same in stant & you will soon learn to tell when it ought to stop.

6th Still clean & bright & never have it fuller than you can touch with your longest finger when your thumb is on the out side of the still & your fingers stretched down in the still to touch the pumace or low wine. 7th To Make Brandy: fill your still as above directed ~~was~~ with brownies exclusively apply the fire and be cautious not to let the brandy run so fast as to show any steam escaping or to feel even warm and so soon as the head stops to stand on the Brandy in a vice that you will have to try the head take it away & you have the best brandy. Do not throw away the brownies but put the pumace in the still & you will find the low wine will be much stronger

August 26th 1872

Mr John S. Henshaw

Dear John,

Yours dated the 11th inst came to hand on yesterday and I reply by the first mail. It is impossible for me to come to Kentucky this fall and would be beyond my power to take charge of your farm so long as I own mine, as I would be compelled to sacrifice my entire estate and take chances for something that would possibly not recititate me. I would to God that I could see my land for any thing like its value I would be with you and take your proposition at once. I have been making wine to day and I am now writing at

telegraph Spud.

I will give you the right directions for making good Brandy provided your distiller will follow them & if fallow'd in the Brandy is not good I will pay the forfeit first have good ripe fruit. 2nd have the fruit clean & every thing connected with it. Sough, Mill Stands Still Bands and Clean Water to run to the Stills and keep every thing in the greatest order. 3rd The fruit after it is ground ought to stand until the juice will nearly all squeeze through your fingers & what is left will stick together in warm weather it will do in 8 or 10 days after it is ground, but the cider will sink after it stops working & the fruit will taste sour before any is sent in the Still throw the top of

the fruit away as it is rotten & not fit for use; say one or two Buckets full from each hoghead 4th Put in your Stills at least 2 thirds full of clean water then put in the juice until it gets thick enough for the paddle used to bark stand up after the fruit is well stirred. & as you get to run cider in the Hopshead put less water but be cautious not to have it too thick or it will burn & stick to the Stills & then you will see the Old Boy in getting your Stills clean. & you cannot make brandy good unless your Stills are kept as clean as a new pin Cap and worn included 5th As soon as the low wines refuse to burn take the vent away & empty the Still. The way to try when it was burn is to throw a little low wines

& will make much more
than from the pumpe put
in water.

The Brandy made in this
way will not taste so well
as if you weaken it with
Spring water unless it is
sealed to proof: but if you
make a tray of it & make
it very sweet it will be much
better & will continue to improve
on as it continues to grow
old.

You must recollect the weather
has a great deal to do with the
ripening of the fruit as the weather
sets colder the longer it will require
to become fit for stilling.

I think I have given you a minute
directions & if you find any difficulty

in understanding them with
back & I will do my best to make
myself understood.

Give my love to all relatives
& believe me truly and sincerely
Your friend & B in L
J. B. Lewis



Answered

*Mr. John S. Menahan
Goshen
Oldham County
Kentucky.*

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I hope you have better success than
us for carrying the money down
from the north in your
mind as the standard for the maps; yet
I am not so blind to self respect or to the
interest of justice to the Democratic party
as to agree to follow the direction of that body.
If the presidential election would make money
plentiful I would not care if they would
have an election every year.

Our neighborhood is as scarce of news as
hens teeth. nothing of interest except two
trunks for county offices. Some time since
you sent a message to Abt and he replied but
I failed to write it and have forgotten
what he said. but I remember it was
a very good reply.

Give my love to all. I have just been
sent for by Corwin Boston Corp of whom I spoke
to you about his copper mine & am to meet them
to day in his hutcheon. Kemper & Boston the
two first names from the city of New York though
I presume nothing will be accomplished.

May 27th 1872.

Mr John S. Henshaw
Dear John

I presume you have
found a good deal by this time and
as I am ashamed of myself for failing
to write I acknowledge my neglect and
ask your charity in my behalf.
Since I wrote our country has had two
small showers of rain not enough to raise
the branches in the slightest degree. Our
wheat of course is very low and cannot
in many places be harvested so as to
gather the entire crop; although the
heads look well and seem to be well
filled. The Oats are nothing on high
land and precious little on low wet
ground; so bad generally as to make
every person say it is a total failure.
The Corn failed to sprout in many

places, and others it sprouts and grows in every direction except towards the top of the earth. Consequently it withered and died; some other portion was totally destroyed by the cut worms; and in fact the latter cause of its being withering is worse than was ever known by me since I have been farming. Many persons delayed off their land and planted their entire crop the second time which I regard (Mr Coombs to do but he thought it would be best to replant and in one piece when we planted four bushels it took three to replant.

The crop is so short that it will not pay to cut unless to save the stock from starvation; now you think this a just but not one acre in five of my flat land will be worth cutting; the clover is in full bloom and the timothy is not so tall as the clover.

Now I have endeavored to give you a correct statement of our condition and

weather. How goes the world with you?

I hope much better in every respect.

If you remember my fields near the house are tolerably well taken in blue grass and I have been compelled to turn some stock in the old fields to graze to save life. I have a colt came last night and he is as evoked as you generally see them & if any marks of moving can be seen in a colt so young I imagine he has the best sign though I may be deceived and think myself a judge when I have no knowledge of what marks constitute a horse for rapid or good moving.

How do you think the Cincinnati nomination will do for the south?

I have not heard a great deal said about it; the people seem to be willing to wait the action of the Democratic Convention, & I presume it is best as the South ought to be a unit and whatever course is pursued by those assembled in convention ought to be reg-

*James
John A. Henshaw
Goshen
Adolphus Co
Kentucky*

STAN ARUSVILLE
MAY 18
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both from our own and from
our own in general & our own
of it & hope you may have a happy and prosperous
weather O. Ministers! I was felt.
But I had my horse then to be wanted
to come home as bad as myself & we came
not as rapidly as you drive but a boundless
beyond my zeal. I hope young B. will
not make his appearance; & I know he
will not if my prayers will be granted,
I know I would be lacking if you were in
one scale & I the other for it would take
several young Ministers to balance you.

We have had some most delightful weather
since + mas, and it is a little out way but
by no means unappreciable. What a country
yours would be had it such weather & water.
We have ploughed very little not enough for
Tobacco. E. R. Dummett's Personal property was
sold by an auction in Bank's Alley on the 5th
and it brought about \$2300.00. So goes the
world. My love to all. Write to your Mother.
J. B. Adams.

January 14. 1872.
Mr. John S. Adams
Dear John,

Yours under the
10th inst. came to hand by last mail
and I was really glad to hear of the
safe arrival of the Bonds "all safe & OK"
& allow me to express my gratification
for your acknowledgements.

I am much of Phil's opinion as
the farming interest is made the
task of servants for the balance of
the community. I sometimes think
if all the poor people in the world could
be provided for by the hand of Providence
for a sufficient length of time
to cause all the provisions to be secured
by those who have money, except
the Labouring class and the farmers
would not make more than enough

to feed their families & selves and could
not get it from the Sky-larks until some
far would almost make them spend
or offer the last cent they had for a
dinner our country might be in a more
prosperous condition, but as it is we are
made heirs of wood and arrows of
water for the rest of Mankind.

So I say with the knowledge of these
facts; I think Phil acted wisely in
rejecting the Barrack place when he
could get the notes that would pay in times
and he be admitted to make a living by
some of the ways the Gentlemen select.
I do not mean by the last remark that
Travellers are not Gentlemen, for I think
them the most reputable class of the
Community; but it was an expression
used by some of the Boys before the
War, when they saw a fine dressed
individual as still as an old broken
down horse after he had gotten cold

from his trip to say look at that noted
& fashionable Gentleman, he might not
or he might not have secured the
appellation. I hope Phil will make
good use of his time at the Commercial
College to qualify himself for any business
that has money in it by any honorable
means, as the man who knows how to
conduct business of different kinds has
a claim for a position in every kind
of business he is qualified to conduct.

I am truly pleased to hear of your good
luck in getting Labour and hope it may
prove satisfactory & be useful to you.

I am surprised to hear of your going on ice
unless you had four Barn doors nailed
together your weight being sufficient to
break it unless four successive weeks of
ice weather should come. I am glad that
you escaped the Rheumatism. I got the dogs
home safe & sound but had to carry them in
my arms from Cordova & the coast

Answer



Answer
Mr. John S. Ansham

Answer

Answer to you

Chatham County

Georgia