

Names:

Cabaniss, S. D.

Turner, D. B.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

telegram

Dates:

Mar 6, 1858

Townsend 1822 CPB
Chadwick, Rev. W. D. ①

Cincinnati Mar. 2^d 1858

S. D. Cabaniss Esq.

Arrived last night - have made location near Albany Athens County Ohio

Send them immediately, have seven hundred fifty dollars left - ought to have some more Houses corn bacon sent

met your last dispatch here. Arrangements meet your directions. Shall I remain till they come? I think it best, answer promptly by telegraph

Wm D. Chadick

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Cabaniss, S. D.

Chadick, William D.

Places:

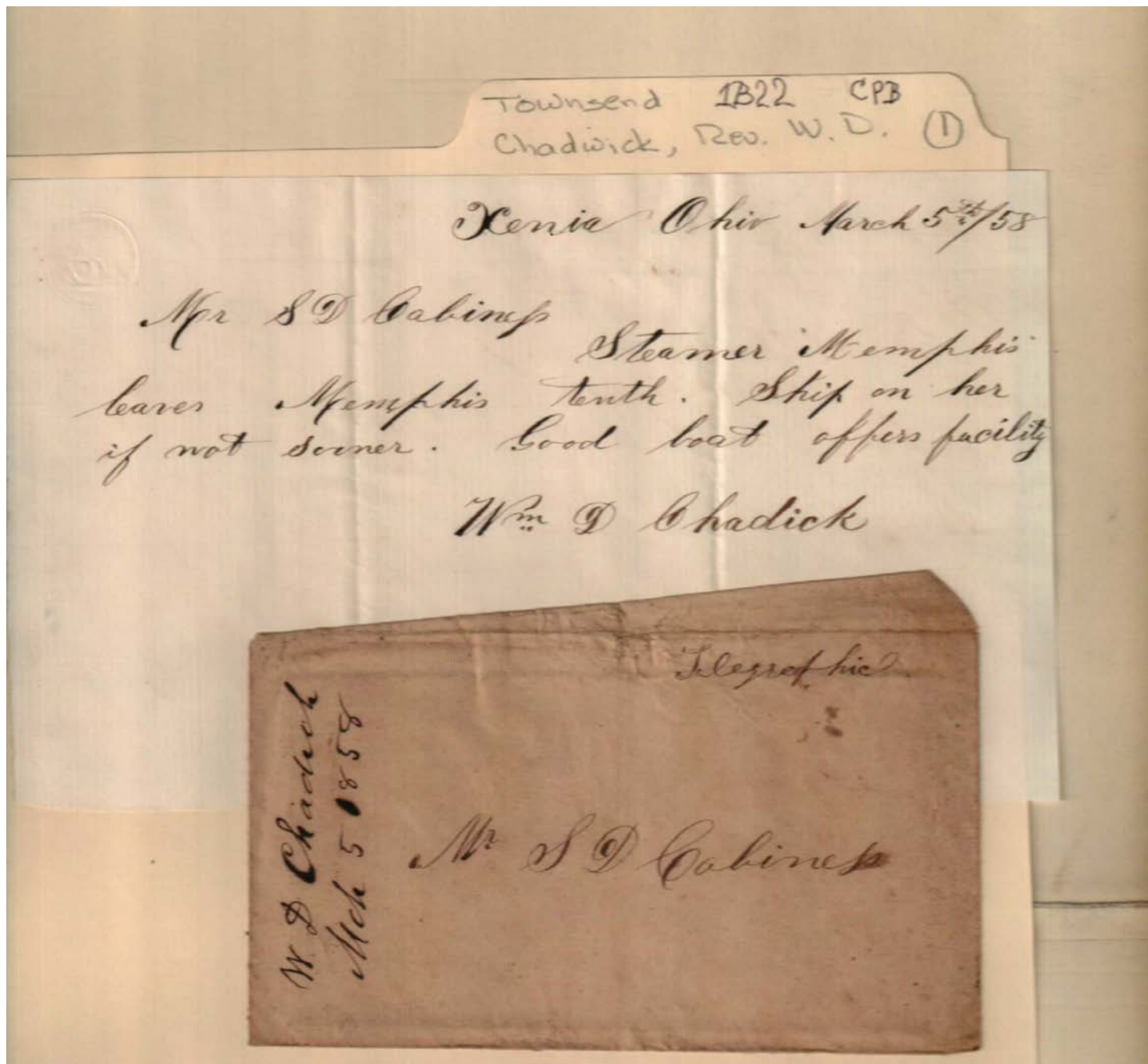
Cincinnati, OH

Types:

telegram

Dates:

Mar 2, 1858



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Chadick, William D.

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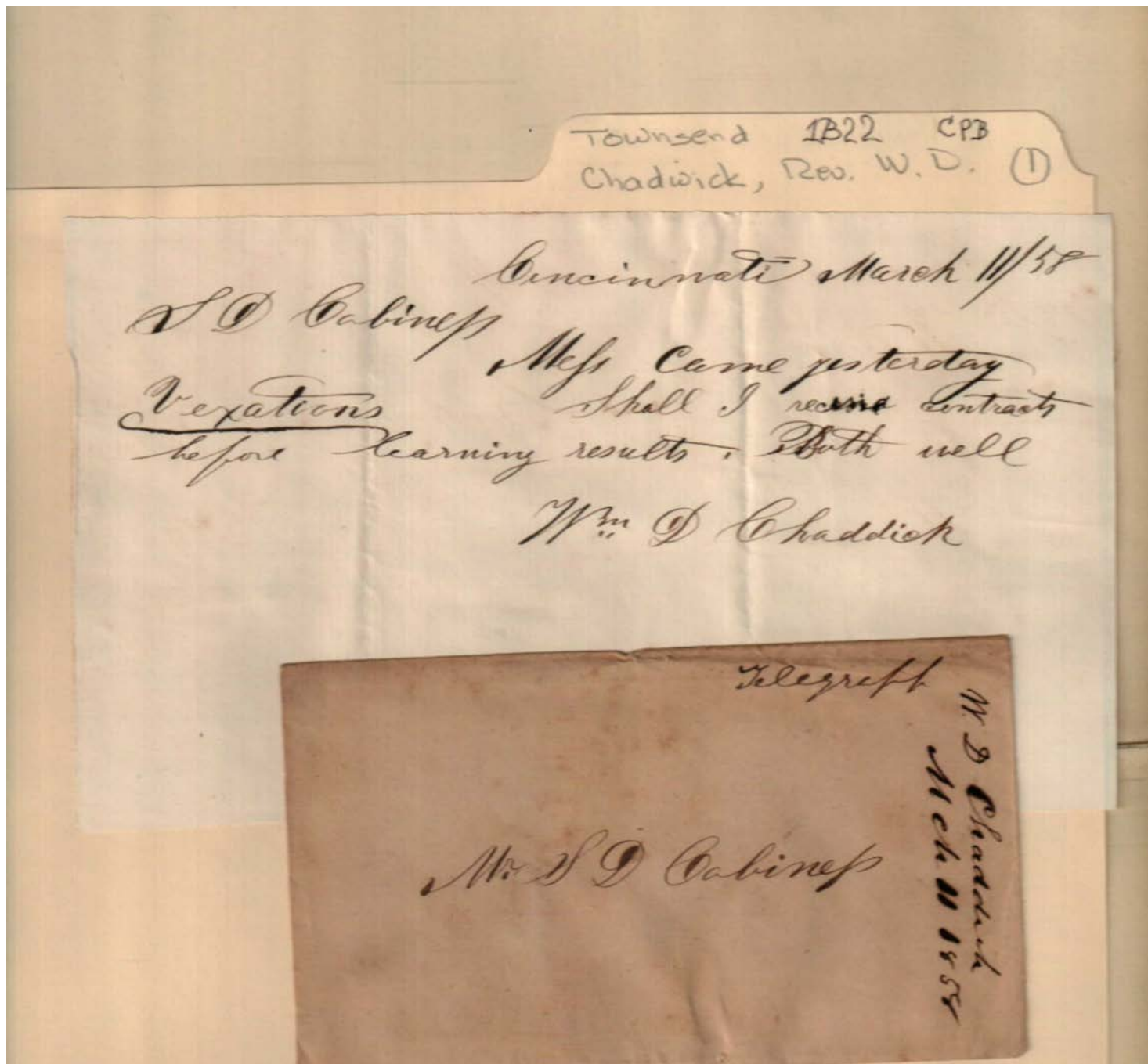
Xenia, OH

Types:

telegram

Dates:

Mar 5, 1858



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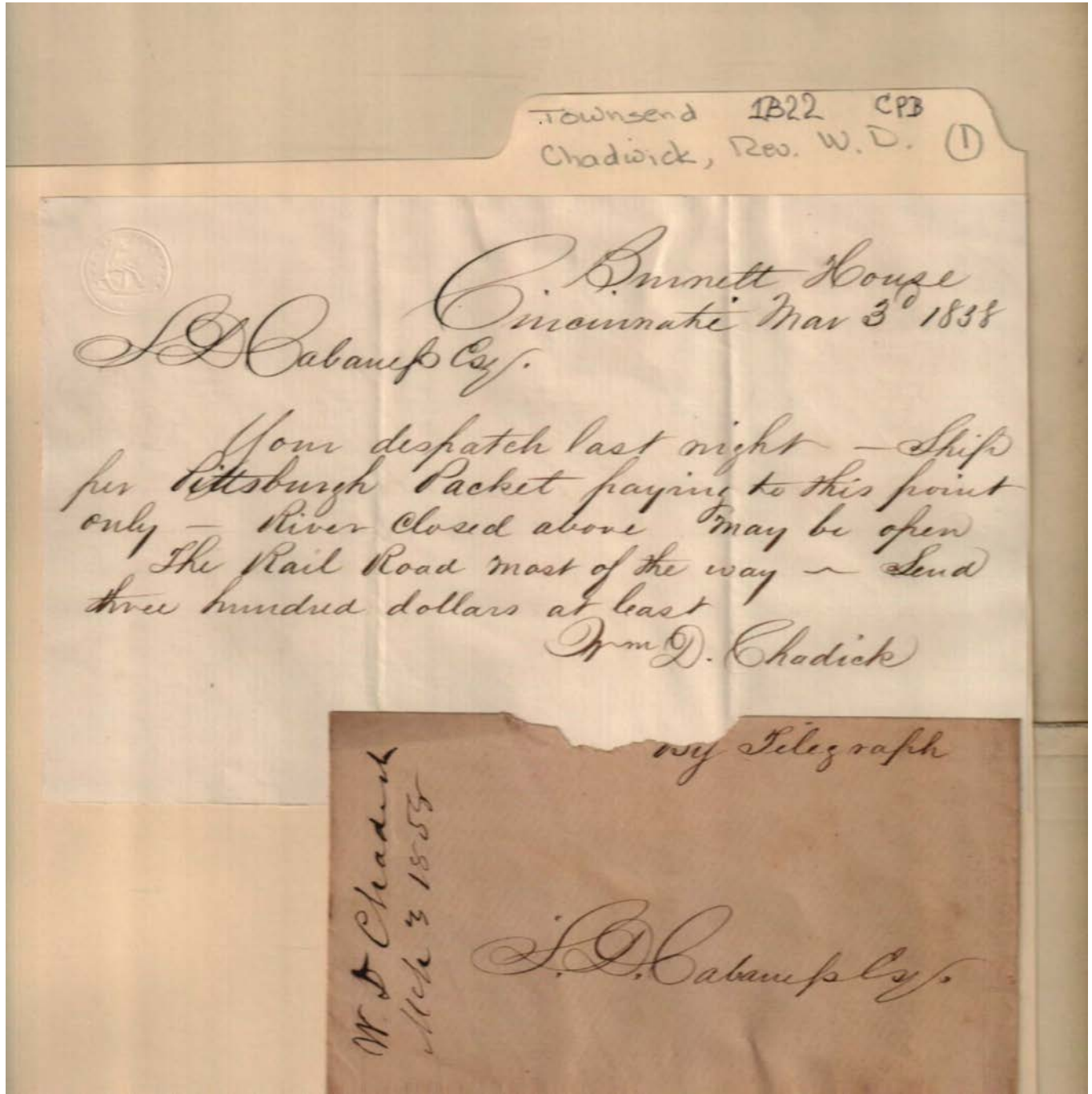
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Types:

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Mar 11, 1858



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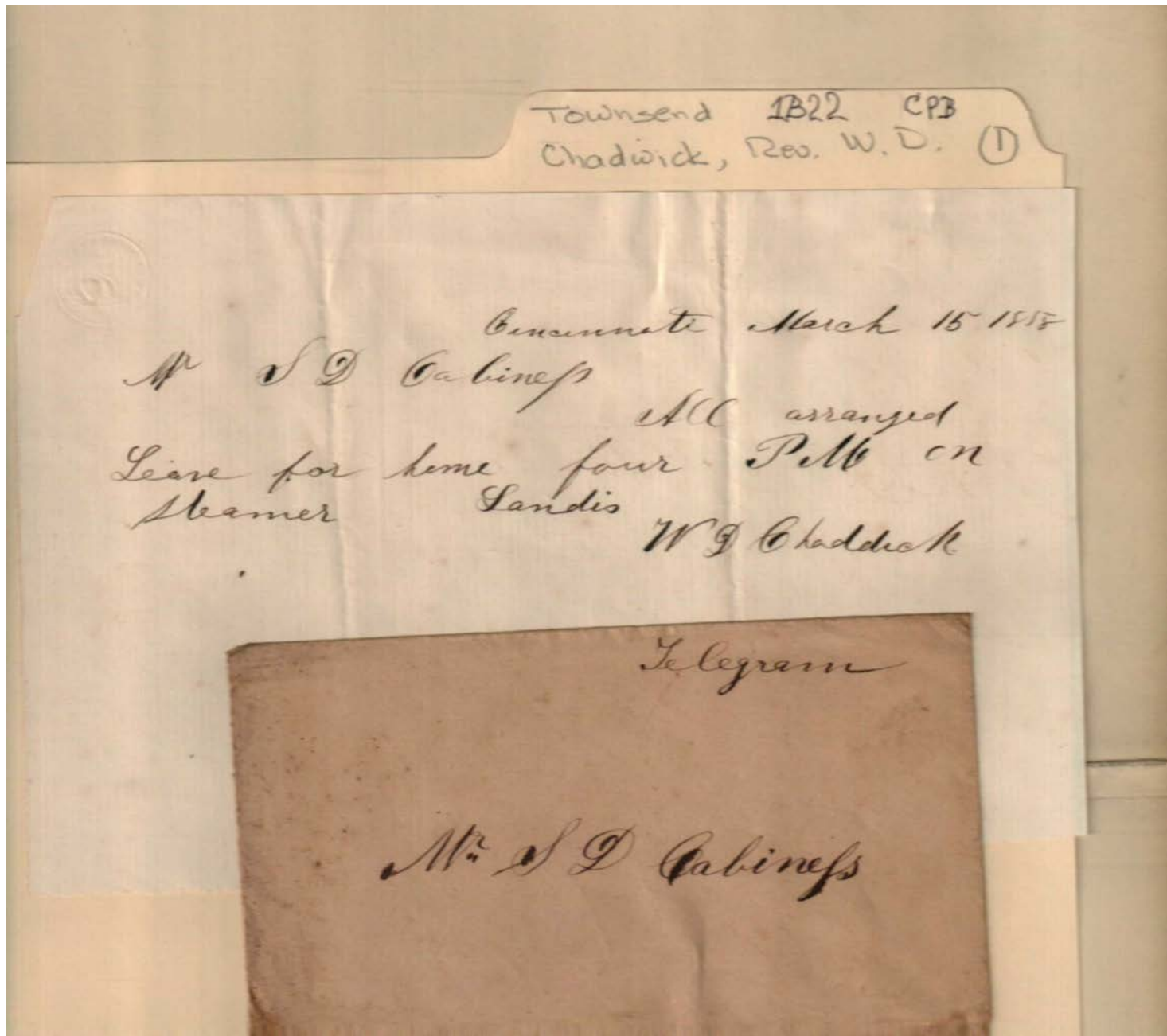
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Dates:

Mar 3, 1858



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Chadick, W. D.

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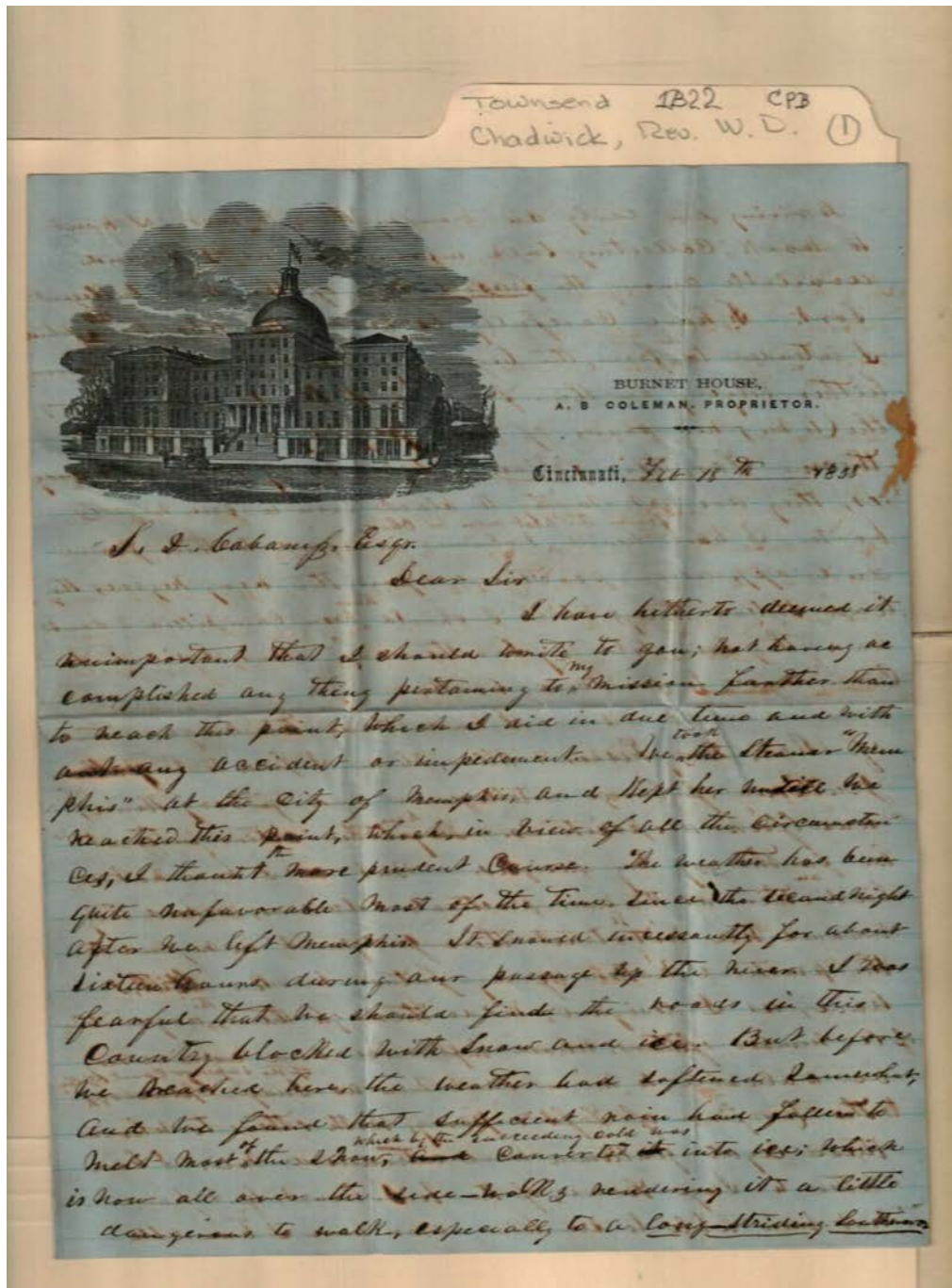
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Mar 15, 1858



Chadick sent to Ohio to look into settlement of soon to be freed slaves. These were slaves of Samuel Townsend.

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Chadick, W. D.

Places:

Cincinnati, OH

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 15, 1858

Townsend 1B22 CPB
Chadwick, Rev. W. D. (1)

Arriving here early on Monday the 15th inst. I went to work, collecting such information as I found available among the free-soil men of the more intelligent sort. I have carefully eschewed the abolitionists, ^{whom} I intended to ^{do} from the beginning. But if I had come hither relying on them for aid, I should, after learning the (to me) new phases of their perfidy, have ignored them. For, their fellow Citizens being witnesses & judges, they are not worthy to black even a free negro's boots. I have heard ^{from the abt men in Ohio,} volumes in regard to their fraud and oppression, practiced upon the very negroes they had stolen - things which I should ^{have} been compelled to doubt had they been told by southerners. But I did not commence to write a book.

I have made the acquaintance of Revs. Esq. Fisher & Allen, whom I find to be gentlemen of large intelligence and of very kind, unselfish dispositions. They ^{have} taken active interest in furthering my designs. But ~~as~~ I have not relied ^{on} them as the most practical advisors; indeed they would not ⁱⁿ trust their judgment in regard to the practical matters of my future work. Still, I have, as I designed, made through them, ^{the} acquaintance of a number of others, whose influence and advice may be valuable to me - such men as Judge Spencer, ^{of the Superior Court, N. Y.} The law firm of Loft & Perry, with others to whom these legal gentlemen have introduced me. I have written to Judge Howe, of the U. S. Court, but have not been able to see him. Nor have I been able

Names:

Allen, Rev.

Fisher, Rev.

Howe, Judge

Places:

Cincinnati, OH

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 15, 1858

Townsend 1822 CPB
Chadwick, Rev. W. D. ①

to meet Judge Gholson. I have however
 seen ^{and lawyers} Judges enough, so far as Cincinnati is con-
 cerned. All of them whom I have seen ~~excepting~~
 Perry, seem to be like the Ministers, so engaged
 with the peculiar duties of their professions that
 they know but little and care for but little, out
 side of the Office and the Court house. Perry
 however, - one of the best Lawyers in the City has
 lived in Columbus and knows a great deal
 of the different localities in the State. He
 gives me letters to such Gentlemen as I trust
 will be of service to me. His own sugges-
 tions are important. By his directions and
 those of others, I have determined to visit Delaware,
Mercer and Barth Counties, with others, in the
 Central, Western and North Western portions
 of the State. I hear of some Quakers, and other
 settlements in these Counties, where the people are
^{said to be} kindly disposed towards the free negroes and
 where the moral and social influences
 around them ^{would be} ~~will be~~ good. These two points
 of consideration, form the basis of the diffi-
 culty I am destined to encounter. There are
 Colonies of free negroes here in connection with
 which I could readily locate these, but such is
 their moral and social debasement that it
 would, in every probability, be the ruin of yours
 to place them in such districts. While, at the same
 time, these mean negroes ~~with~~ and their prototypes

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Perry, Judge

Places:

Cincinnati, OH

Types:

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Chadwick, Rev. W. D. ①

the abolitionists, have been the sustenance of a
 general prejudice among the better sort of the white people
 against the migrating free persons, of color.

On the whole, I am encouraged to
 hope for good success. With this hope I expect to go tomorrow
 morning at 9 o'clock. I have letters to go, to the Cape
 (to be) and other dignitaries there, both of Church & State.

For day I completed the legal formalities of
 Wesley's emancipation, "according to the laws of Ohio," and
 he sits by me now, with the broad grin of a pleasant,
 noble free negro on his fat face. The process of filing his
 petition and the answer thereto, making out the order for
 his emancipation and recording the whole in the Court
 of Common Pleas, cost me \$22.65. There is a differ-
 ence of opinion here, among the Judges and Lawyers, as
 to whether such a process is necessary. One party contend
 ing that for a negro to come to Chadwick, is all that is required.
 That he is to be free by apprentice law. The other, that in
 view of the difficulties of the "great Scott case" and others
~~that~~ they have known, it is best to have the negro
 to be formally emancipated, have the order for such
 emancipation recorded and let him carry a copy of
 it in his pocket. I ~~was~~ thought proper to follow the
 advice of the latter. I mention these facts simply to
 call your attention to them, so that you may instruct
 me as to whether I shall proceed in a similar way in
 regard to the others, provided they come to this State,
 or whether I shall ~~follow~~ be governed by the opinion
 of those first mentioned. The cost of emancipating
 the others, or each of them, would not be near so much
 as for Wesley, for the same petition and answer would
 do for all. The orders for his or her emancipation
 would be the only separate paper required in the case
 of each of them & ask pardon, I was about to forget that you
 are on the danger yourself.

I trust you will pardon the
 the clumsy manner in which this is written
 & thus been done hurriedly. It is late at night
 and I have little cart to tomorrow, if spared. There is

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One other thing I must say a few words
about. Viz: the Case of that boy, Woodson.
I have been questioning Wesley a great deal about the
different families and individuals of those sects
to be let free. From his story, Woodson is one of the best
men, white or black that I have ever heard of. - A
demon in human shape. I am fearful that if he comes
here or goes any where else with the others, he will
be ^{the} ruin of all of them. From ^{what} he has already been guilty
of, while a slave and under the lash, I think he
would be intolerable if let free. He horribly abuses
his wife keeps a mistress under ^{his} eye, has been guilty
of murder, spends all he can get for parties
~~and~~ and their appetencies. But you
know all about him. The question is can he
be kept away from the others? If not he will
sadly prejudice the interests of the whole Colony.
Wesley most earnestly ^{deprecates} ~~denounces~~ his coming. - says
that Woodson's wife and all the others save his
concubine, want him left behind. If you
can make any other disposition of him consistent
with the will, it should by all means, be
be done.

Please ^{call} and see ^{my} wife when you get this I have
written to her, and will write again when I reach
Columbus. I have not heard a word from home
Please write on the report of this. Address
me at Columbus Ohio

Yours truly
Wm. D. Chadick

Names:

(slave), Woodson

Chadick, William D.

Purdom, Wesley

Places:

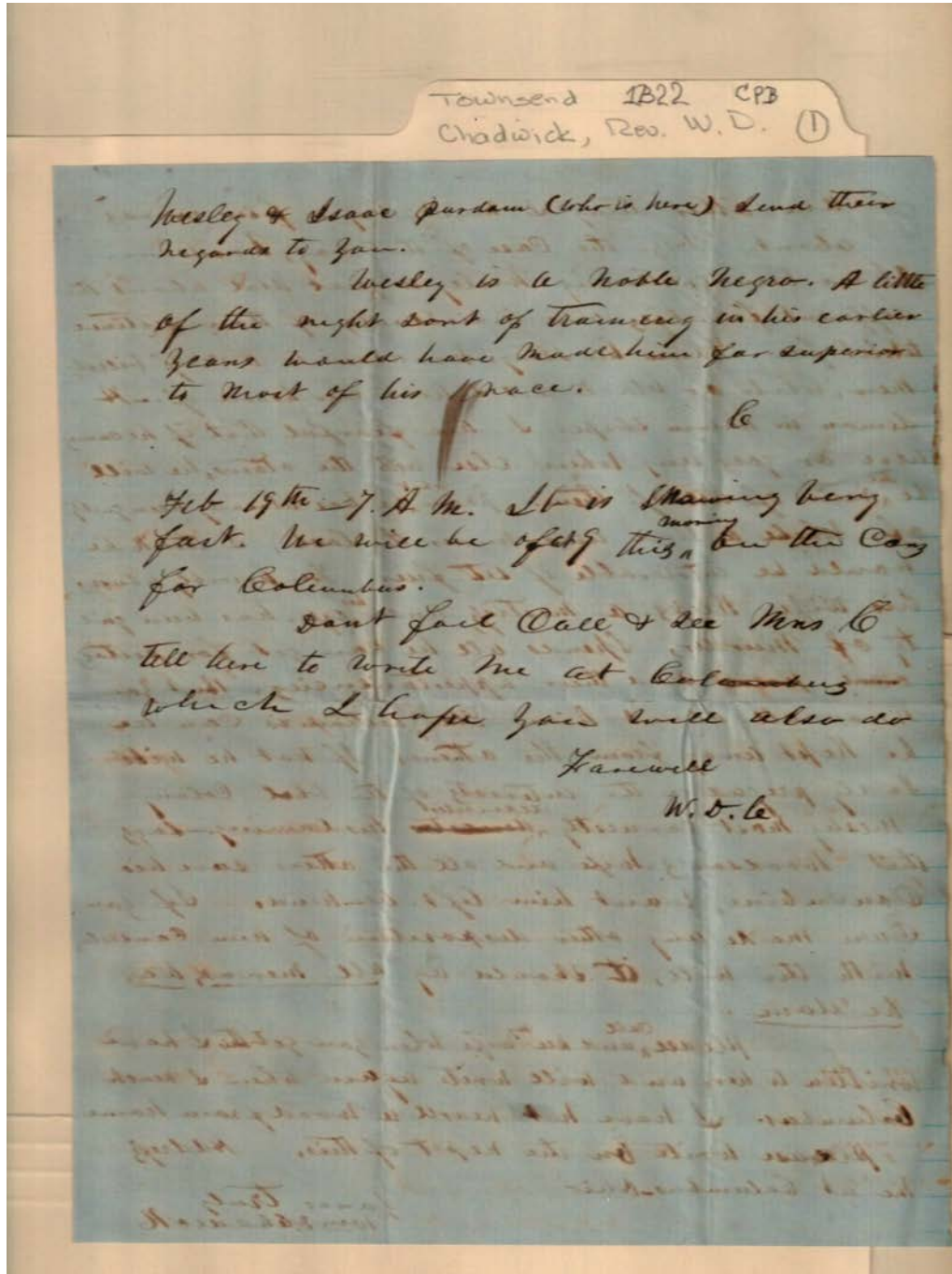
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Names:

Chadick, W. D.

Purdom, Isaac

Purdom, Wesley

(negro)

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Cincinnati, OH

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Feb 19, 1858

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