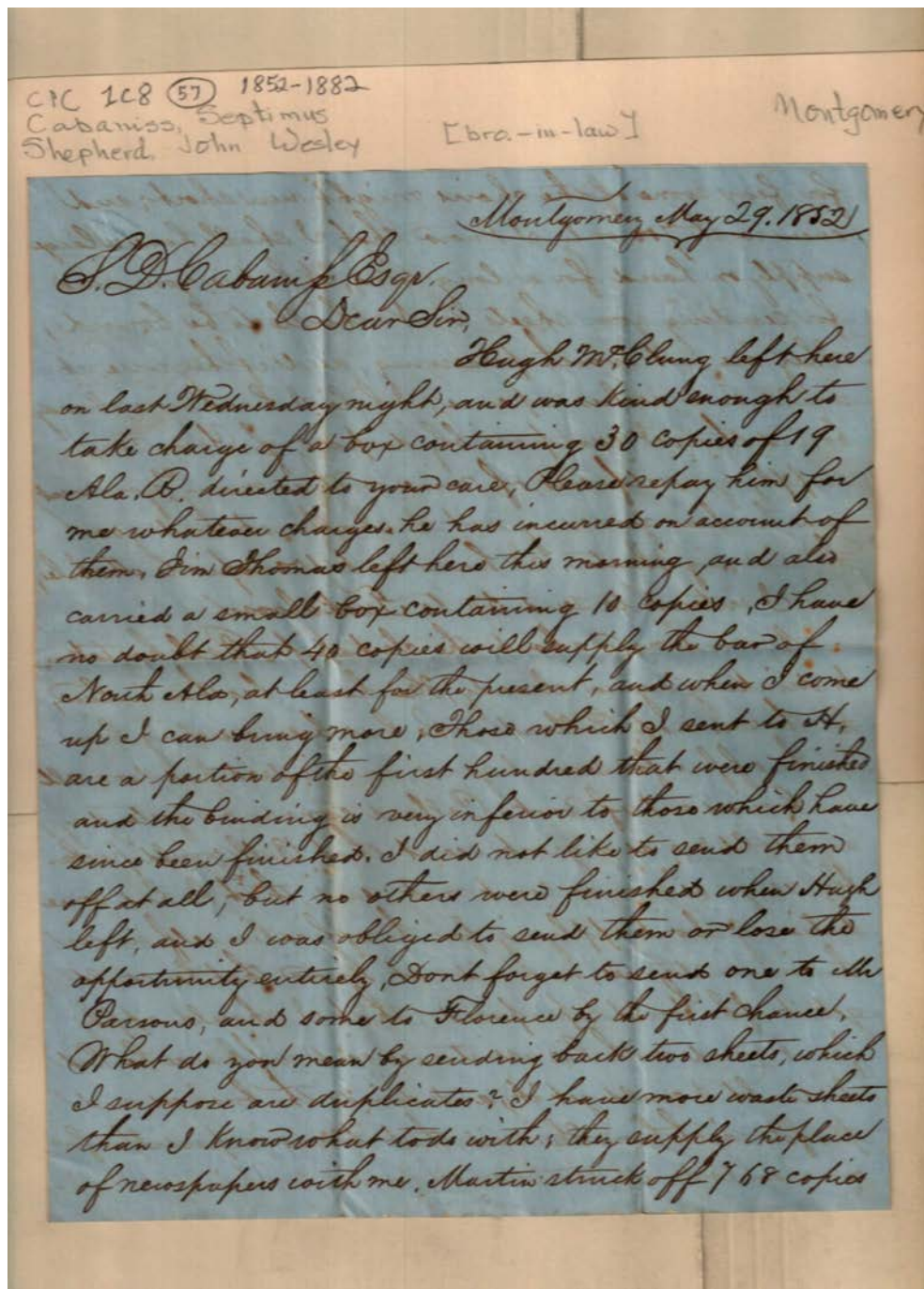


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Names:

Cabaniss, Septimus
D.
Martin,

McClung, Hugh
Parsons,

Shepherd, John
Wesley
Thomas, Jim

Places:

Montgomery, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 29, 1852

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Shepherd, John Wesley [bra-m-law] Montgomery

for fear some of the choir might run short; and even with you only. I know that I shall have a large supply on hand for a long time. What is your idea for sending you sheets to Nashville to be bound, they are not worth preserving, and if they were, it would be a useless expense, while I have more already bound than I can possibly dispose of. You can supply yourself out of mine with as many ^{as} you want and for fear you may not I shall not send you the missing sheets. I have sent 100 copies to Mobile, and I intend to send 50 to Tuscaloosa.

A word now about the clerkship. Ball has taken to drinking again already. He has a brother-in-law, by the name of Pollard, who has been assisting him in the office for several years, and indeed has done all the business out of Court. Pollard came to me yesterday, and told me as a great secret that Ball would probably resign as soon as Court met; said, that he had some hesitancy about applying for the office himself under the circumstances, and did not know that he could get it if he could; proposed, that I should apply for it (and with his assistance and influence he had no doubt I could get it), and divide the business and profits with him. He said that it was impossible for one man to do all the business during Court time, and

Names:

Ball,

Pollard,

Places:

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Shepherd, John Wesley [bro.-in-law] Montgomery

that he would be willing, for one half the profits, to do all the drudgery and out of door work, leading me to attend on the Court and to write out the judgment entries. He said that the office was worth \$3000, and, to prove it, showed me a calculation of the fees of the last January term, under the new law, amounting in the aggregate to \$1500. Deducting 25 or 25 per cent of this amount for bad debts, it still makes the office more lucrative than I thought it. Pollard is a clever fellow, but he is not a lawyer even by profession, and notwithstanding his long experience, is yet ignorant of the plainest duties of the clerk. He used to bother me continually last winter with questions that any man ought to be able to answer who had ever seen the inside of a clerk's office. The notion of his applying for the office, or assisting me to get it, is all nonsense, and though I did not tell him so, yet I declined his proposal. I only mention this as a circumstance to show how the affair is working. The next time I write I hope to sign my name Clk. Sup. Ct. If not successful in that, I shall try to persuade the judges that they have the power under the Code to appoint me reporter again as under the old law. I would be satisfied with the office of reporter, so far as I am concerned myself.

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Pollard,

Places:

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but I would prefer the clerkship for Charles's benefit,
I shall say nothing about the reporting, until the
matter of the clerkship is decided.

I received your letter of the 21. on Wednesday evening,
and at the same time one from Young, if you both had
plagiarized from the same book, your letters could not
have been more alike. You both mention the same items
of news, in the same order, and with the same comments,
each of you doubts the truth of the report that Ellen
Lewis is to be married to Jordan, and inclines to the
opinion that Jim Pleasants will never astonish the
world with his legal lore. I suppose there must be
some truth in the report about Ellen Lewis and Jordan,
for I heard it a few days ago as coming from the Times,
who learned it by letter from John W. himself.

The Code is not yet finished. I learned today
from the printers that they could not finish the
printing until June 14. It is impossible to get the
sheets. I have not been able to get them all for my
own use. I don't know when I shall have a
chance to read it. If I get the clerkship, I shall
be obliged to postpone the publication of my next
volume of reports until the adjournment of Court,
and then farewell to my visit to North Ala.
this summer. Excuse this brief epistle, I will
do better the next time. Yours &c. J. W. Shepherd

Names:

, Charles
Jordan,
Knox, Mrs.

Lewis, Ellen
Pleasants, Jim

Shepherd, John
Wesley
Young,

Places:

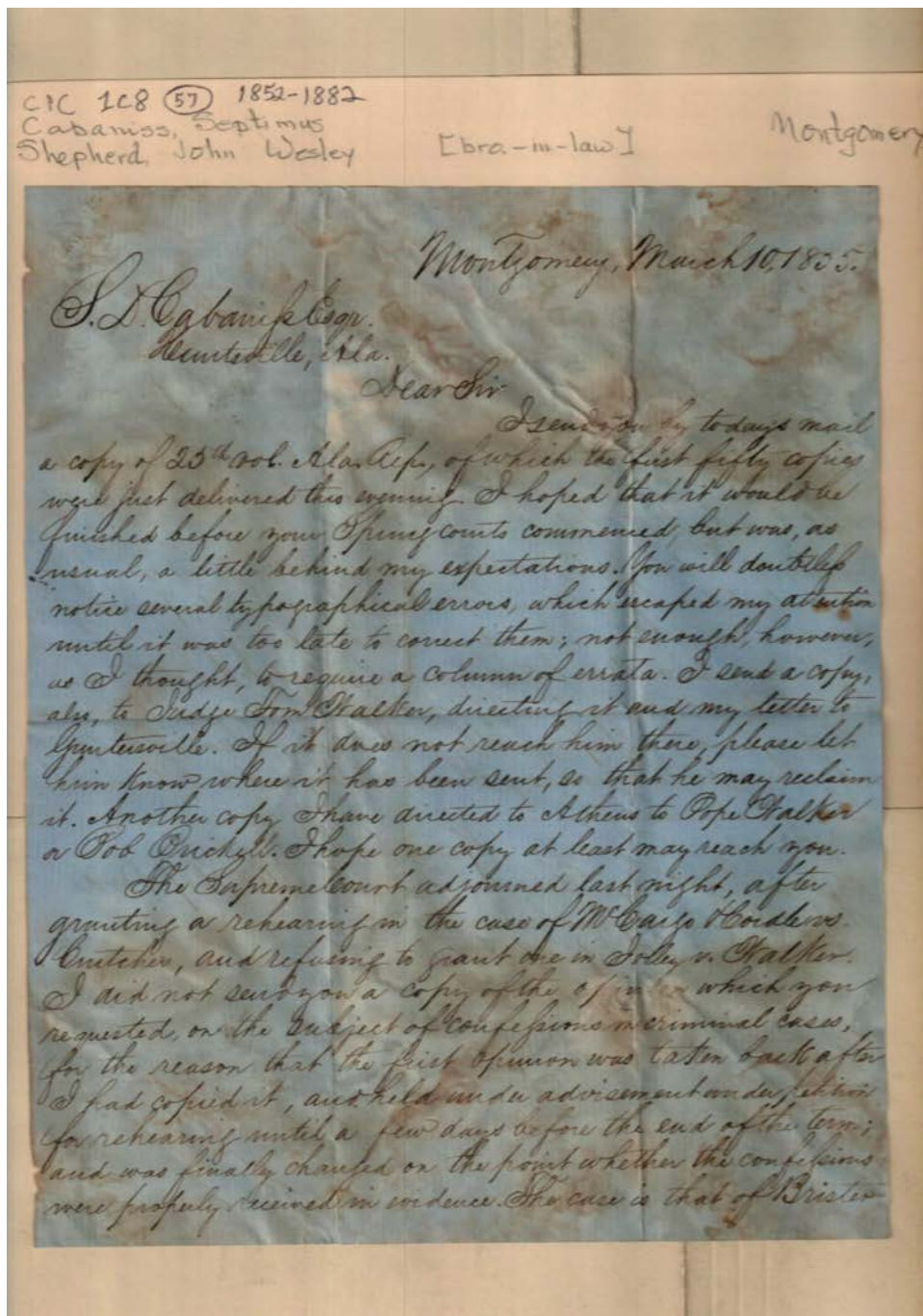
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Names:

Brickell, Bob
Brister
Cabaniss, Septimus
D.

Cordle
Crutcher
Jolley
McCargo

Shepherd, John
Wesley
Walker
Walker, Pope

Walker, Tom, Judge

Places:

Huntsville, AL

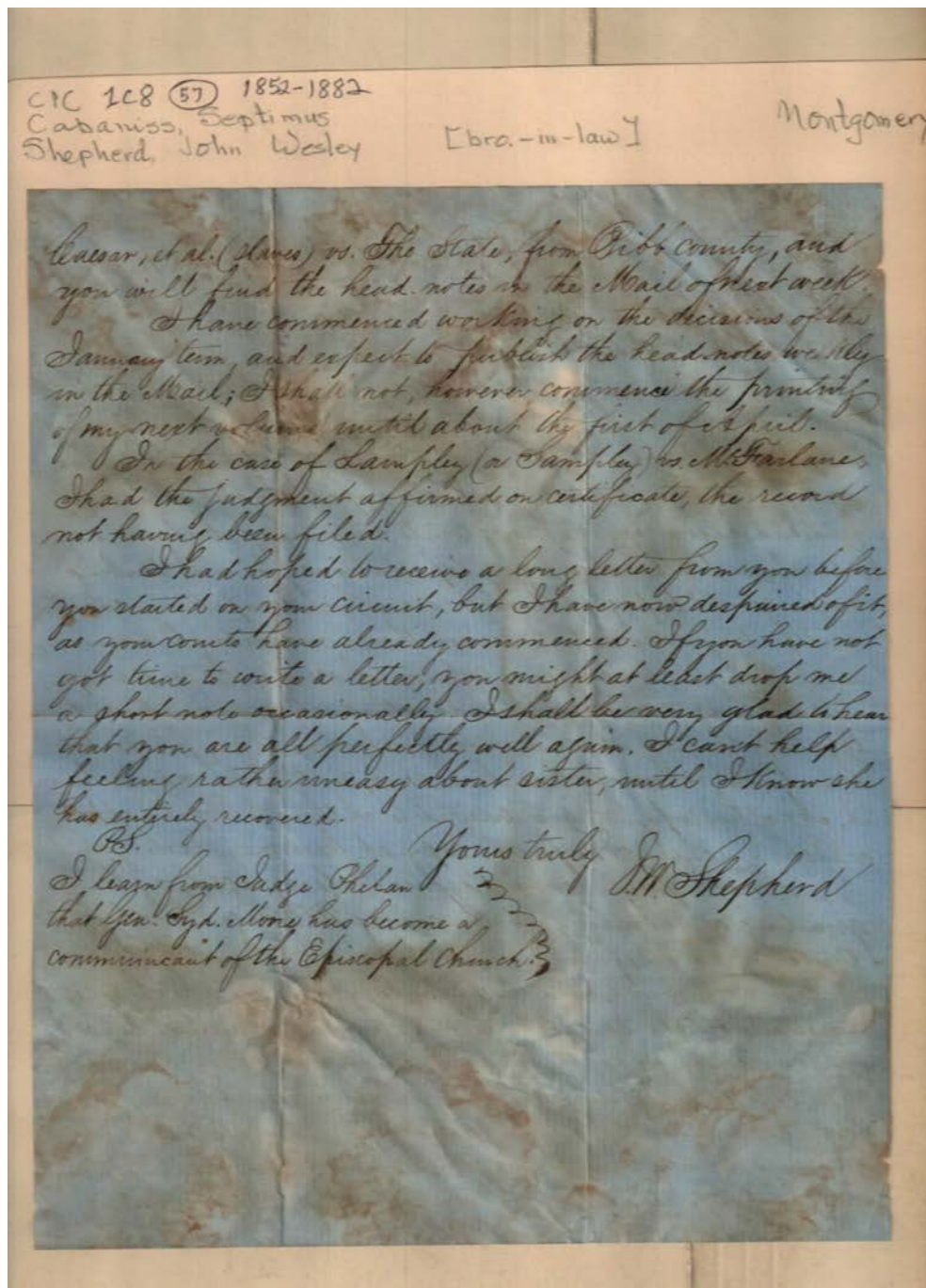
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Dates:

March 10, 1855



Names:

, Caesar (slave)
Lampley

McFarlane
Moore, Syd., Gen.

Phelan, Judge

Shepherd, John
Wesley

Places:

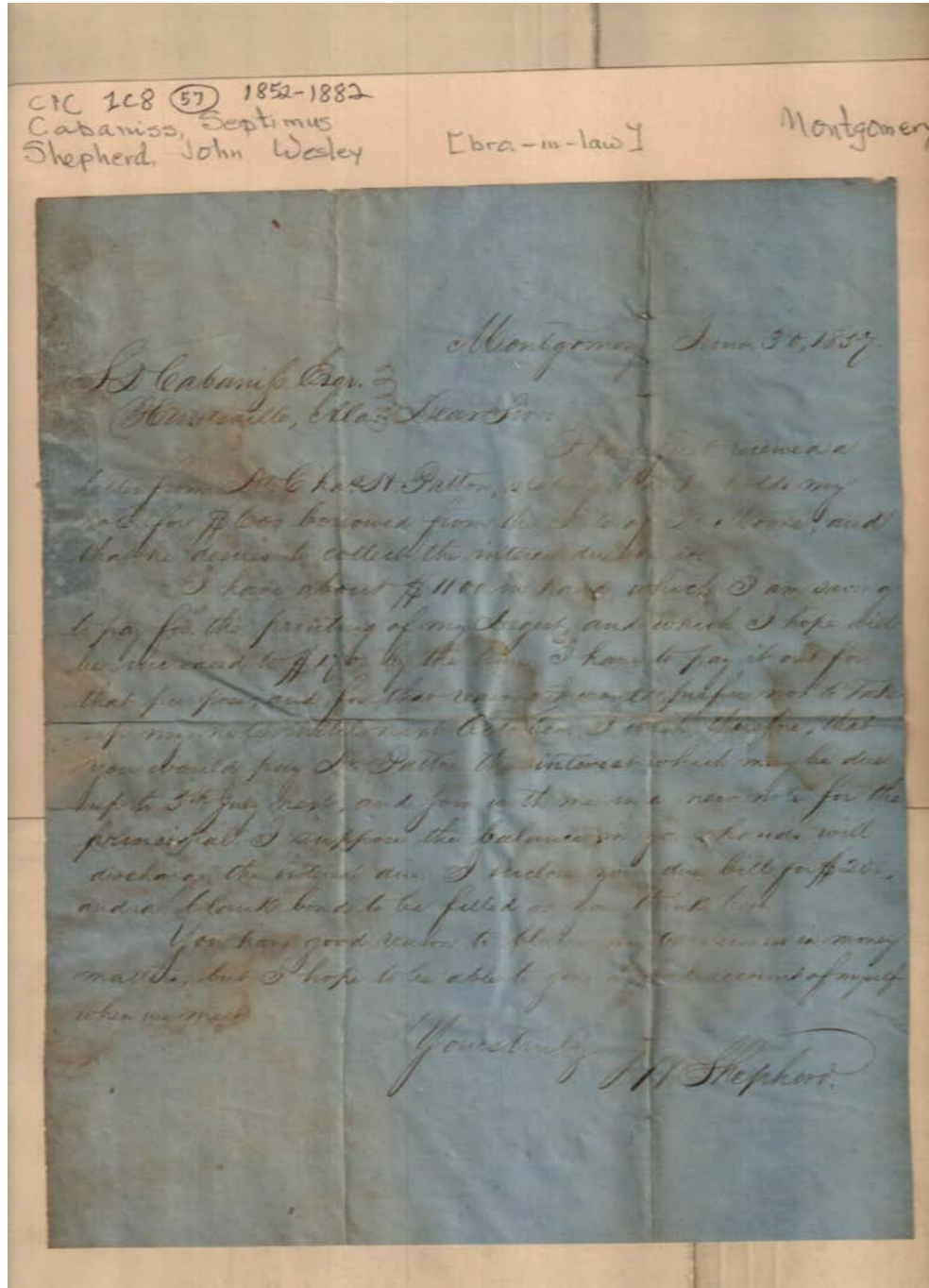
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March 10, 1855



Names:

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Patton, Charles H.,
Dr.

Shepherd, John
Wesley

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Huntsville, AL

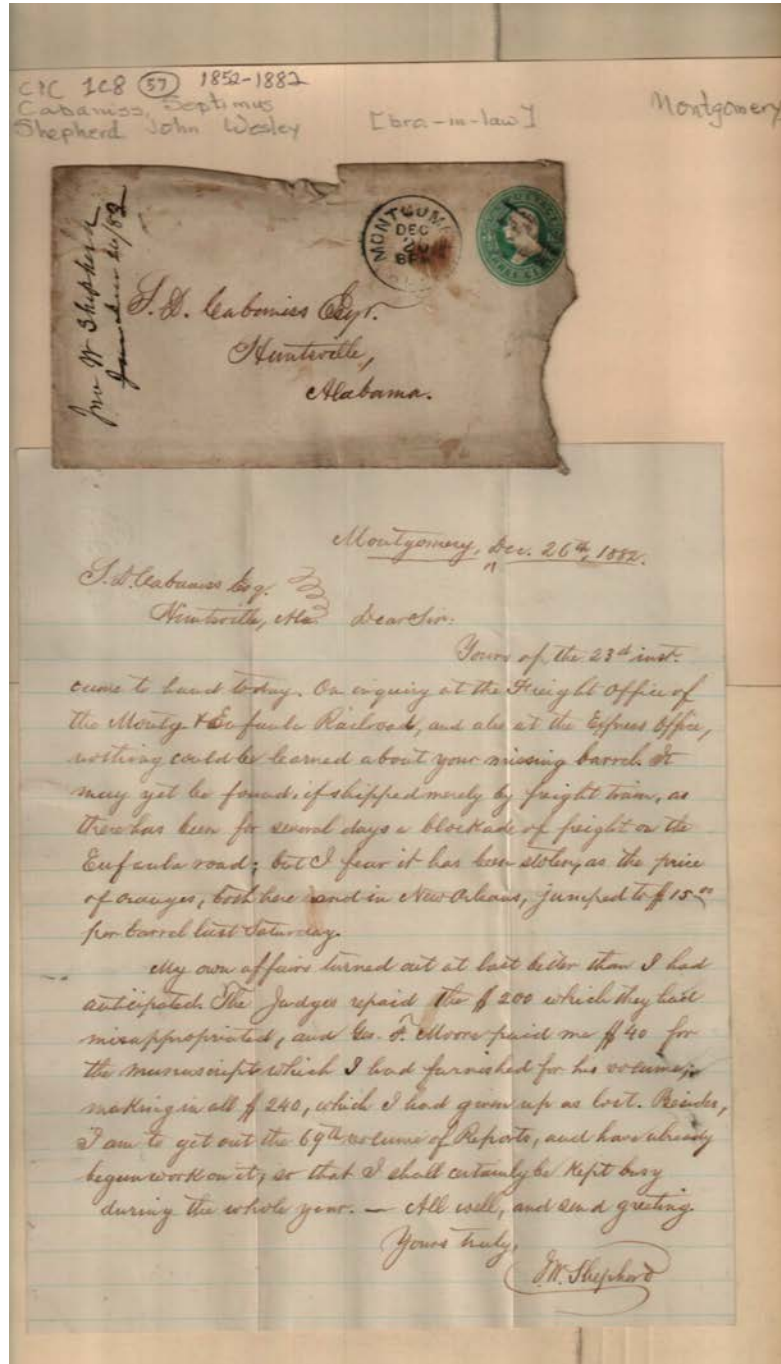
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Dates:

June 30, 1858



Names:

Cabaniss, S. D.

Moore, George F.

Shepherd, John W.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Montgomery, AL

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envelope

Dates:

Dec 26, 1882

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Shepherd, John Wesley
[bra-in-law]
Montgomery

Montgomery Alabama
December 4th 1870.

J. D. Cabaniss Esq.
Huntsville Ala.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 1st inst. by Mr. J. F. Mayhew came to hand last night, and I hasten to reply. My health has been very poor since my arrival here. I am now however enjoying my usual health. And our journey here we had quite a pleasant time. Your two daughters are very agreeable traveling companions, and by their unassuming kindness and purity of conduct, will always have friends. The Bill for the relief of delinquent tax payers, pending until the 1st of January 1871 the 10 per cent penalty has become a law; and is the only one passed or introduced into the Senate since the Legislature convened. The Bill in regard to the chancery Courts of Madison and Jackson as drawn up by S. M. Walker has passed the House, and should the Senate do anything, when it is called up in that body Mr. Lile will have it amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Huntsville and Jackson Bar (which are to the same) and the House will readily concur. For the present however you have no relief. After receiving your letter last night I went to the telegraph office, but being unable to gain admittance could not dispatch you. These are strange and troublous times, events unlooked for and anomalous in their character break in upon us almost every day & there can only be a ^{little} relief.

Names:

Cabaniss, Septimus
D.

Mahew, S. J., Mrs.

Shepherd, John
Wesley

Sibly,
Walker, R. W.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Montgomery, AL

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correspondence

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The action of the Senate in becoming a party to the conspiracy to defeat or set at defiance the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box on the 8th of Nov. past, was anticipated by the House, as such we were ready to meet them at the threshold, and oppose their usurpation. They delayed the count to the latest hour possible, for the double purpose of perfecting their plans and preventing us for the want of time from finishing the count of the vote.

The two houses met in Convention at 1 P.M., when Mr. Barr presiding, officer of the Senate announced that he had been enjoined from ^{opening and} counting the vote for Governor and Treasurer, but would proceed to open and count the vote for Lieut. Gov. Attorney Gen. & Secretary of State, which he did. The count was completed and the result declared as to nine after 4 P.M. Senator Mabry then offered a resolution to the effect that a committee be appointed to inform Mr. Moran of his election, conduct him to the Chair, that he then receive the oath of office and take his seat as President of the Convention.

Mr. Barr ruled the resolutions out of order and gave as a reason that Mr. Moran would first have to wait upon the Secretary of State and get a certificate of election. Mr. Moran appealed from the decision of the Chair and said the Convention had not the Secretary of State would attest his election - Some Republicans then moved that the Convention adjourn, which motion was lost whereupon Senator McAfee seeing the trouble his pet was in, rose and said, "Mr. President it is your duty sir, to order the Senate to retire, we having performed the duty for which we came in here."

Names:

Barr, Mr.
 Lowe, Mr.

Mabry, state senator
 McAfee, state senator

Moran, Mr.

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Mr. Barr then said "Senators retire!" and left the chair following them.
Mr. Hubbard, speaker of the house then assumed the responsibility of presiding officer of the Convention, and announced the resolution of Mr. Mabry then in order which on motion was adopted & the Committee appointed.
In a few minutes the Gov. was seen making his way to the Speakers Stand, on ascending he informed the Convention that he had just taken the oath of office in the other end of the Capitol. That he was Gov. of Alabama, would then take his seat as presiding officer of the Convention and proceed at once to complete the business for which the Gov. Assembly was then convened. He then sent a written order to the Secretary of State for the Returns which Mr. Barr had taken the precaution to return to the Secretaries office. The Returns were promptly delivered to the Gov. and the Count at once commenced (there being a majority of the General Assembly 70 members and 2 Senators present) which was concluded and adjourned at 10 minutes past 6 P.M. On motion the Gov. Dr. R. B. Lindsey was immediately conducted to the Stand, delivered his inaugural and received the oath of office.
Thus ended perhaps one of the most eventful days in the history of Alabama. The business of the day soon we adjourned, and retired to our boarding houses, and found to our surprise that a cloud of gloom, melancholy and anxious forebodings, had pervaded the city the entire day, fearing that

Names:

Barr, Mr.

Hubbard, Mr.,
speaker of the

house
Lindsey, R. B.

Mabry, state senator

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we were not aware from personal violence
Being well assured however, that we had faithfully
by discharged a severe Constitutional, our consciences
were easy, consequently feared no danger.
From the beginning (and even now) many men (whose
opinions are entitled to respect) looked upon this as a
manly face that would soon blow over and be
forgotten. I cannot have so hopeful a view,
for the garbage upon which the party to whom these
conspirators belong, have been nurtured into manhood,
has so blunted their sensitivities and eradicated all
the finer feelings of their nature as to
include the possibility of their sustaining any
assistance for even a short period, however the
miseries and misfortunes of their fellow-men.
The question is asked What sense is there in their
impudence? answer None. Mr. Lindsey is not made
a party to it. What sense is there in their aiding
violation of all law the Military? None. No violence
was offered or intended them. The Military having
been warned what sense is there in their now facing
themselves guard in their rooms by a posse of
deputy sheriffs? None for no violence has
been yet been offered, intended or intended.
Finally what sense is all this when set aside
made has for its object or any tendency to bring
about a settlement of this question, restore peace
and quiet to the country and declare the ballot
superior to the bayonet? Answer They belong to
that class deformed fools and thieves and
true to the instincts of their nature ~~we~~
can exist in no other way

Names:

Lindsey, R. B.

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