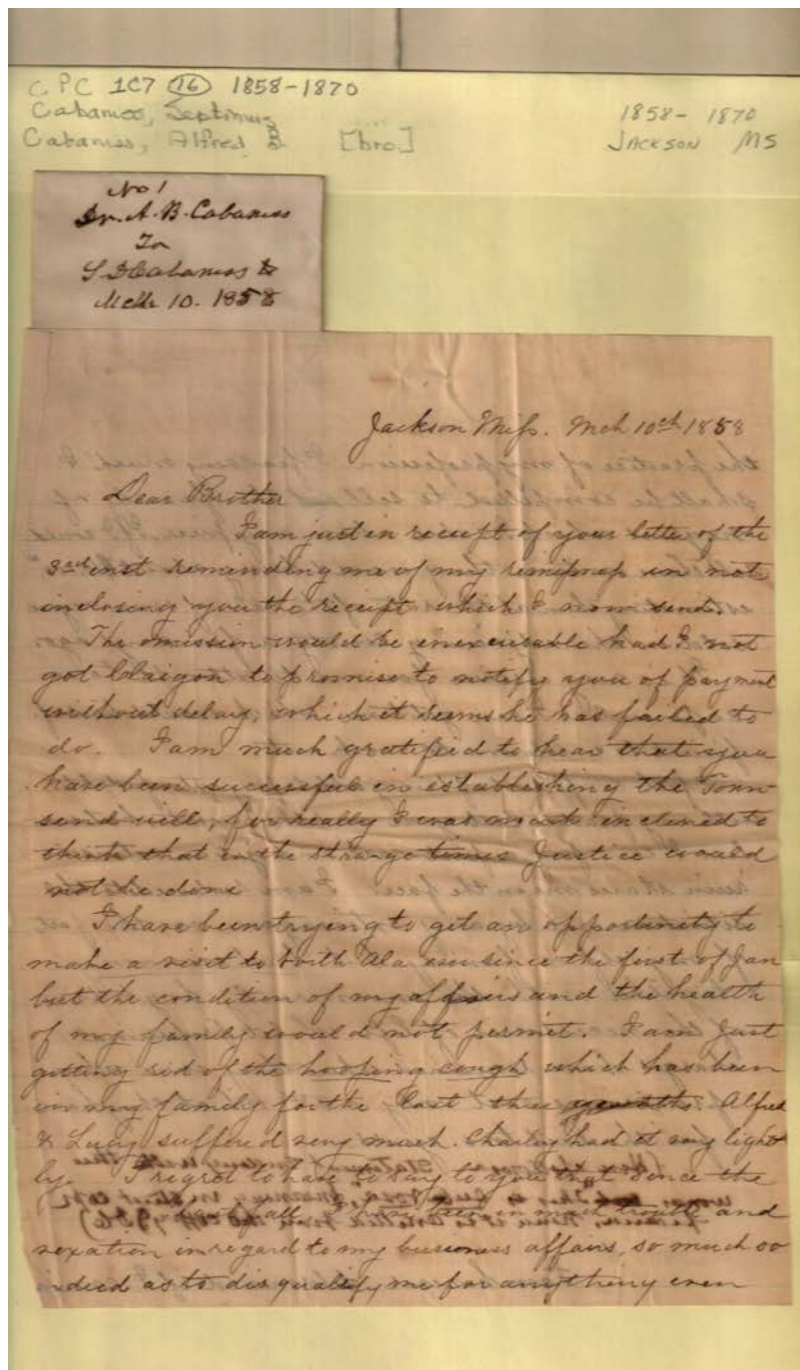


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Cabaniss, Alfred B.,
Dr.

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Cabaniss, Lucy

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Townsend,

Places:

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the practice of my profession. I fear very much & shall be compelled to sell and the family of negroes which I value at any price. If I could sell them on time they would bring about \$10,000, estimating them at the rate of the sale of some negroes sold in the adjoining County a few days ago. It is very useless for me to attempt to escape unless I can get time which would be sufficient to enable me to catch out.

I feel confident of being able to pay out of debt with my practice last year and the present, but unless I can pay a part cash and get an extension ruin stares me in the face. I am reduced to this situation not by any extravagance on the part of myself or family but bad economy together with the evermounting high price of the necessities of life whilst professional charges have remained where they were when provisions cost only a 3rd what they have for the last two years.

(Here follows a Statement ending with the words "This is Sub Rosa", meaning in strict confidence, hence it is omitted from the copy 4956)

I am however determined if I cannot

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get out of my embarrassment to do as much as I can
towards educating Lucy Davis' children. I have
been a profligate to in the most touching manner
any recently. If I could effect a loan of four
or five thousand dollars on one or two years I
could pay very well. I am sure I could then be able to
make by my practice at least one third more of net
double for I am confident to practice medicine as opposed
as I am with ease. Although my practice is with the
most elite and talented portion of our citizens,
as yet I have made but collections than meets
the eye to the moral panic. I am determined not
to spare means to have them well deserved if I
can't do it myself. I have little hope of getting
much money now as many of those who are
panicked usually are settling by winter.
I have but little hope either of being able to get
a loan without your assistance. Should you
think proper to give me your aid, I will
indemnify you by a deed of trust on all
my property which is worth from 12 to
15 thousand dollars consisting of negroes
& town property and some stock. Should
you conclude to come to my rescue I much
prefer that you would pay me an early visit

Names:

Davis, Lucy

Places:

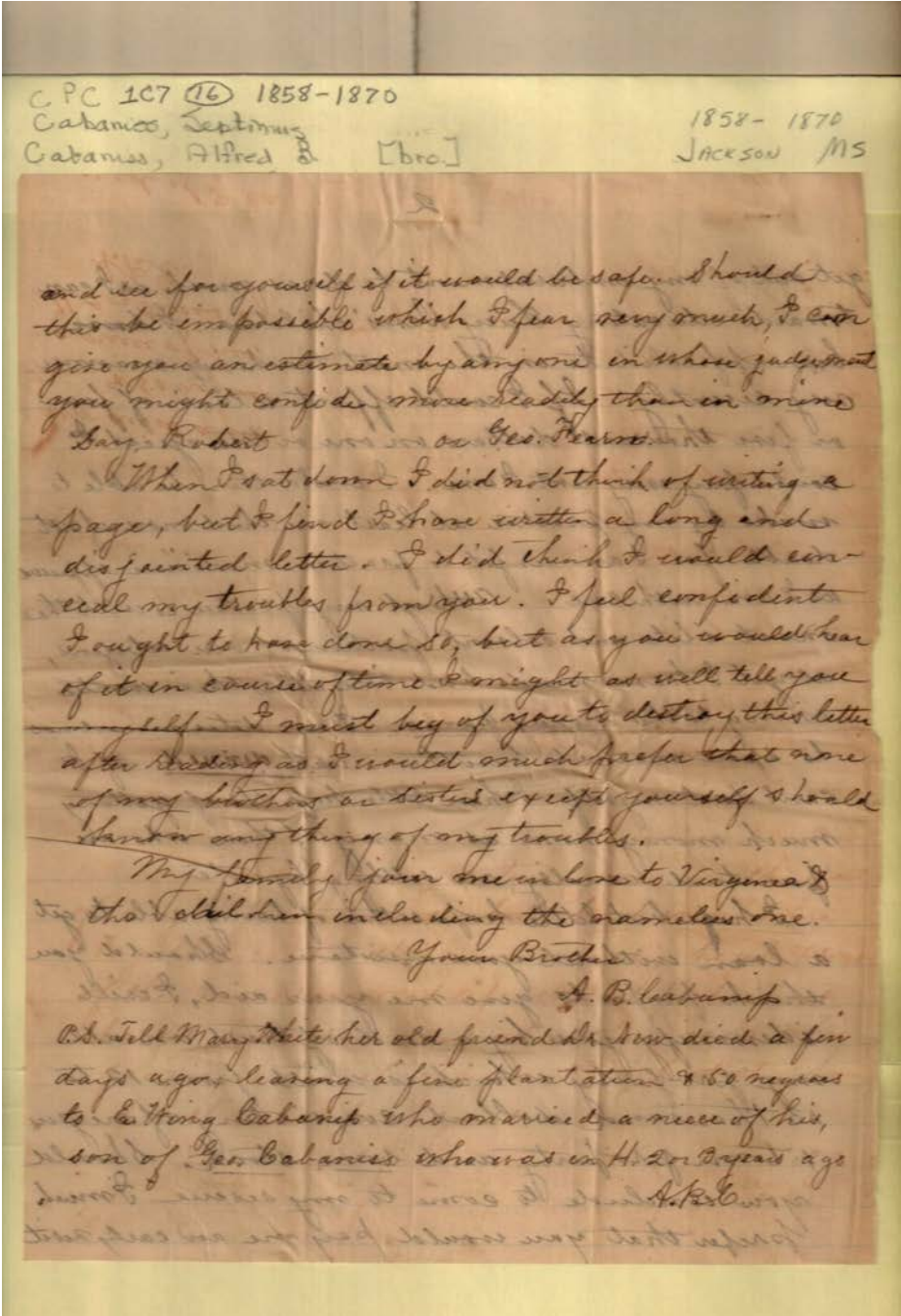
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Names:

, Robert	Cabaniss, E. Wing	Cabaniss, Virginia	New, Dr.
Cabaniss, A. B.	Cabaniss, George	Fearn, George	White, Mary

Places:

Jackson, MS

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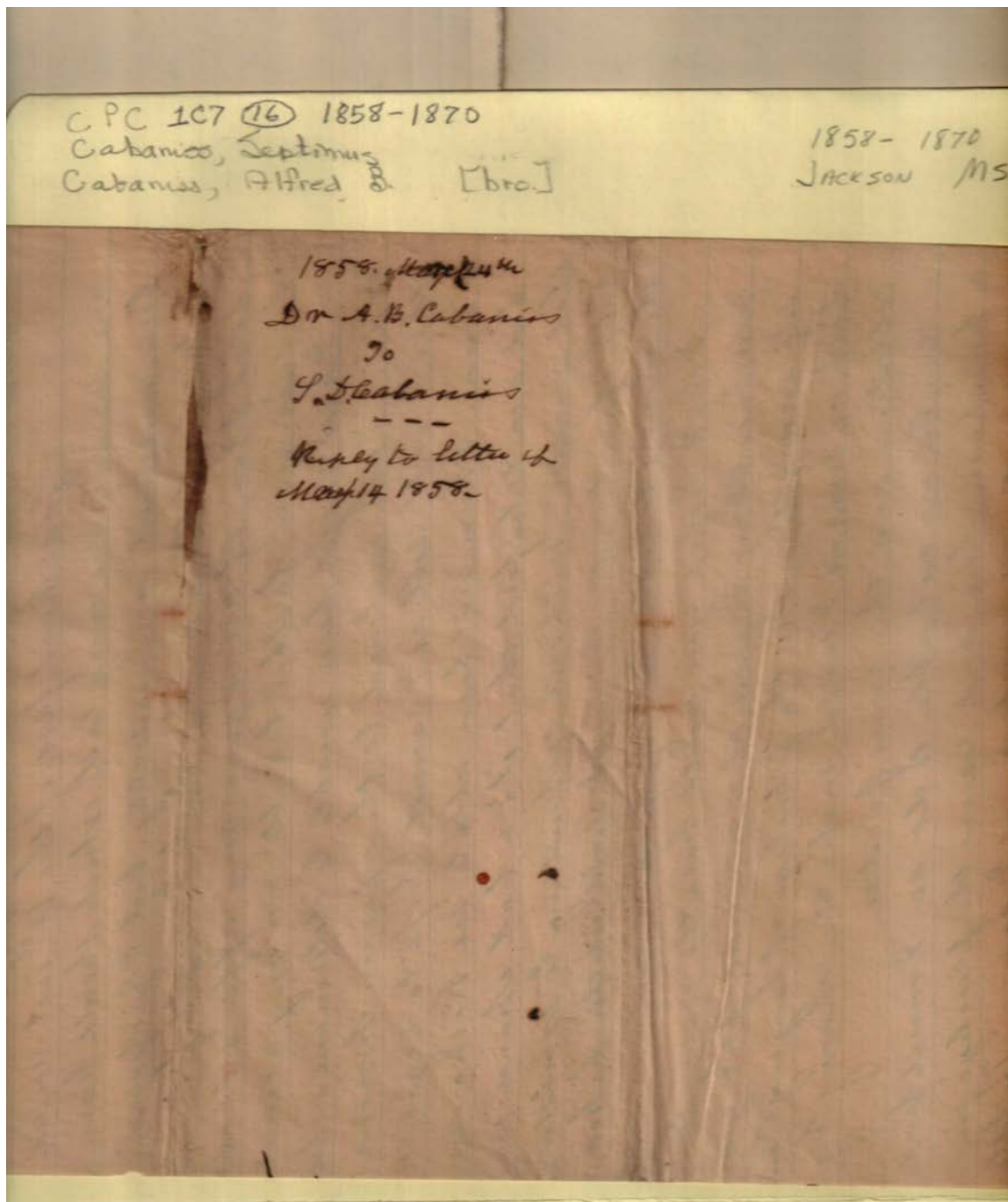
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Dr.

Cabaniss, Septimus
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March 24, 1858

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March 24th 1858

Dear Brother

Your kind favor of the 14th inst reached me Sunday morning last which should have been answered immediately but I proposed taking a little time by which I might fall on some plan of arranging my affairs so as to save you further trouble on my account.

I have as yet been unable to determine what to do. I am inclined to the opinion however that I will sell as I cannot hope to negotiate a loan. I have not been able to see Richardson but am satisfied that it's a bad chance in that quarter without submitting to exorbitant rates of interest. Indeed I doubt whether he had the money to loan at any price.

I had hoped you would have the money to purchase ~~my~~ negroes at a nominal price yourself and allow me the privilege of buying them back as soon as I could make the money by collecting and this years practice.

As you are not able to do so I must find a purchaser here and reserve the privilege in writing to redeem them if I can. The title

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D.

Richardson,

Places:

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Cabaniss, Alfred B. [bro.] 1858-1870
JACKSON MS

and my sister at my age I wish it was possible
to be in my wife who would make paper you as
a purchase as it would release us of all danger
of ultimately losing the negroes. As soon as
I can get my matter settled, which I am
resolved to do, I can make much more by my prof-
ession and will show those who have my services
that they will have to settle. Upon looking over
my accounts I find it difficult to estimate
how much I have lost on the credit system.
I am convinced that one who has no better character
for system than I have, would do much better
by never permitting his accounts go on any one's
books. I shall adopt this system in future
and adhere to it most tenaciously.
I was much in hopes that I would be able this
year to settle my negroes on a little farm - now com-
pete the change in the times prevents.
I would have been greatly to my advantage if I
could have done so in many respects.
I could collect a good many fees which I now lose
in stock of different kinds. which will find a ready
market in New Orleans, as our cars will soon run through.
The connection will be made this week. In conclusion

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Dr.

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allow me to thank you for the interest you have
 taken in my welfare and assure you that as soon as
 I can dispose of a sufficient amount of property to meet
 my liabilities my indebtedness to you shall be among
 the first attended to.

Yrs affectionately
 A. B. Cabaniss

The title of the property which I possess is for Susan
 my wife which she is perfectly willing to relinquish
 whenever I desire it. The contents of town lots containing
 3 acres with outbuildings, doveling and out houses worth
 about \$4,000. Susan 10 years, Martha 8 years, age
 32 John 16. Maria 14. Louisa 12. Allen 10. Joe between 7 & 8
 Mary 6. Buck about 4 & infant six months of age. All
 one family very likely and in perfect health.
 All had yellow fever except infant.
 This property is liable for \$1,500. Should I get a loan
 on it, it shall be the first debt cancelled.
 Susan is willing to give a lien on the property
 she holds in her name to further my interest.

A. B. Cabaniss
 Jackson Miss

Names:

, Allen (slave)	, Joe (slave)	, Martha (slave)	Cabaniss, Susan
, Buck (slave)	, John (slave)	, Mary (slave)	
, Frank (slave)	, Louisa (slave)	Cabaniss, A. B.	

Places:

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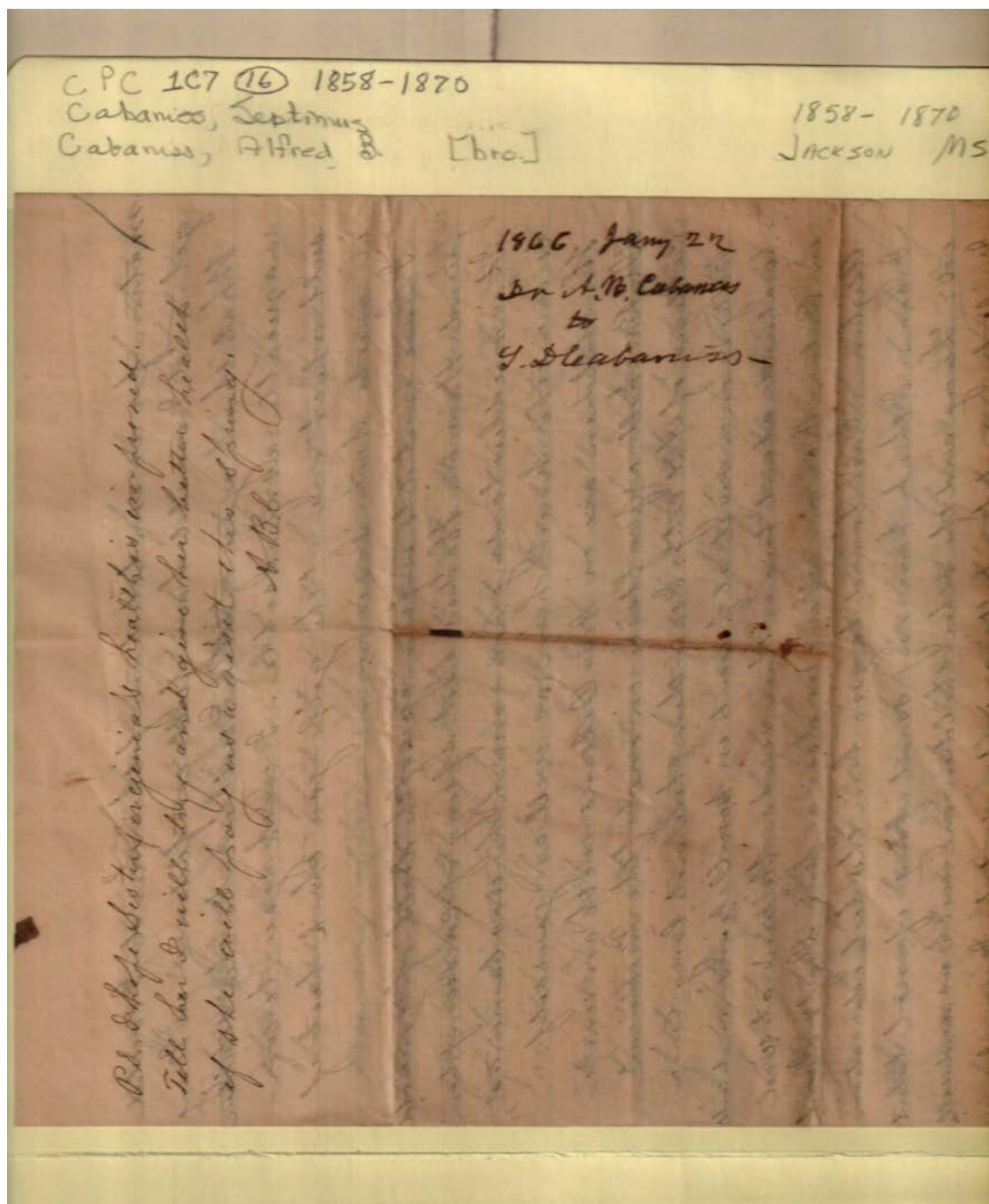
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Dr.

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JACKSON MS

Miss. State Lunatic Asylum
Jan 22nd 1866

Dear Brother,

I have no other apology for not writing to you ~~than~~ that of waiting for the result of the election to this institution of Physician & Superintendent. & after the election of course the professional & official crowded on me so heavily I really had not time. I hope in future I will learn to be more punctual as better writing is one of the heaviest duties which I have to perform. It will become a habit in spite of me.

I am elected for four years and if I retain my health I have but little doubt I can retain the position as long as I am able to attend to the duties. The salary is \$2500. with quarters, & a domestic servant here which is really equivalent to at least \$4000. I shall make myself a ~~man~~ and spare no pains to qualify for the discharge of the responsible and delicate duties devolving upon me. This asylum is situated about two miles north of Jackson and is filled for about

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Lunatic Asylum

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140 patients. The building is the finest in the state.
In regard to my indebtedness to you, I hope to
be able to make it good as it is the only debt
of any consequence which I owe. You may
be assured that it shall have the precedence
over any other. Should you desire it the
debt of trust can be closed at any time
you wish, although I think in the present condition
of the country the house & lot would not bring
anything like its value. Real estate is low
here in Jackson and I think will continue
to rise as the country recovers from the brui-
ses of the war. You ask me what I think of Charles
adopting medicine as a profession. As I
hope to see you before long I will not advise
you till then. Should the doctor business
invite him to come and study with me and
he may become by industry & hard study
eminent in the treatment of insanity
(an interesting and wide field for study).
I have some thought of asking Mary White
or some one of Sister's daughters to come and
live with me. I am sure they could be of
service to me and make it pay perhaps better
well. I think Caroline would make the best

Names:

, Caroline

Cabaniss, Charles

White, Mary

Places:

Jackson, MS

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

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mation for an institution of this kind, I could
 get and I would have full confidence in Mary
 What think you of it? I will make the situation
 as agreeable as possible. I wish you to con-
 sult which one of the girls you think best if
 it meets Sister's views.

I have omitted to inform you of the death of your old
 friend Harner. He died last spring of consumption.
 It is needless to say how much he was lamented,
 as one who knew him as well as yourself.

Mr. White is in New Orleans with an uncle
 Dr. Batchell a professor in one of the Medical
 Colleges of that city. I saw them there not long since.
 Willie is on a visit at present in New Orleans and will
 be about about two or three weeks. Willie is at school
 in Baton Rouge where we have a fine Draft & Hunt
 Academy. I am bound to give him the best education
 I can. I think him very smart if not talent-
 ed. Lucy and the other children are with us and well.
 I will try and be a better correspondent for I am always
 glad to hear for you. Write to me on the receipt of this
 and tell Brother Charles I would like him to write to me
 on some one of the family occasions.

Your Brother
 A. B. Cabaniss

Names:

, Homer
 , Willie

Brickell, Dr.
 Cabaniss, A. B.

Cabaniss, Charles P.
 Cabaniss, Lucy

White, Mary

Places:

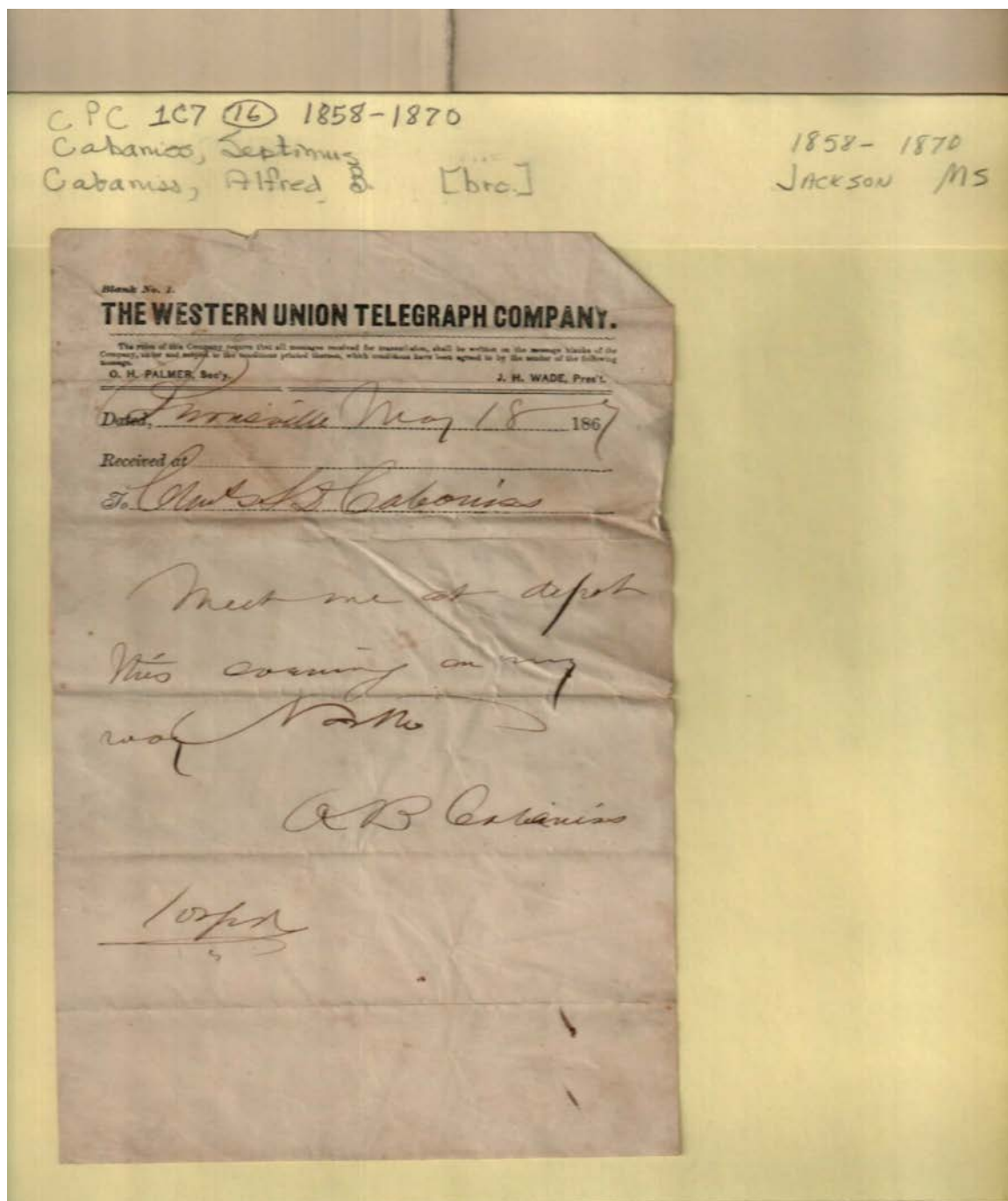
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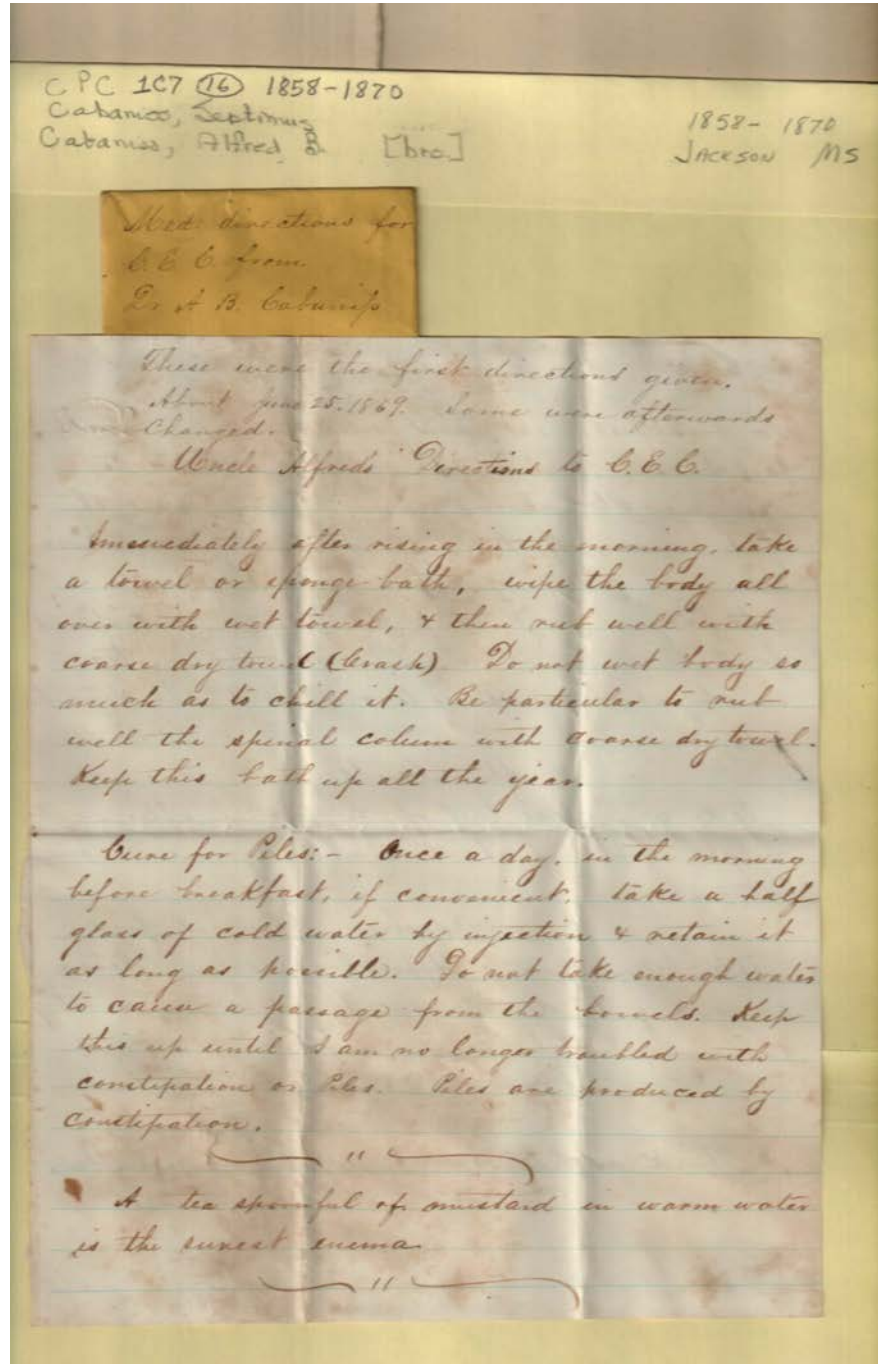
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Dr.

Cabaniss, Charles E.

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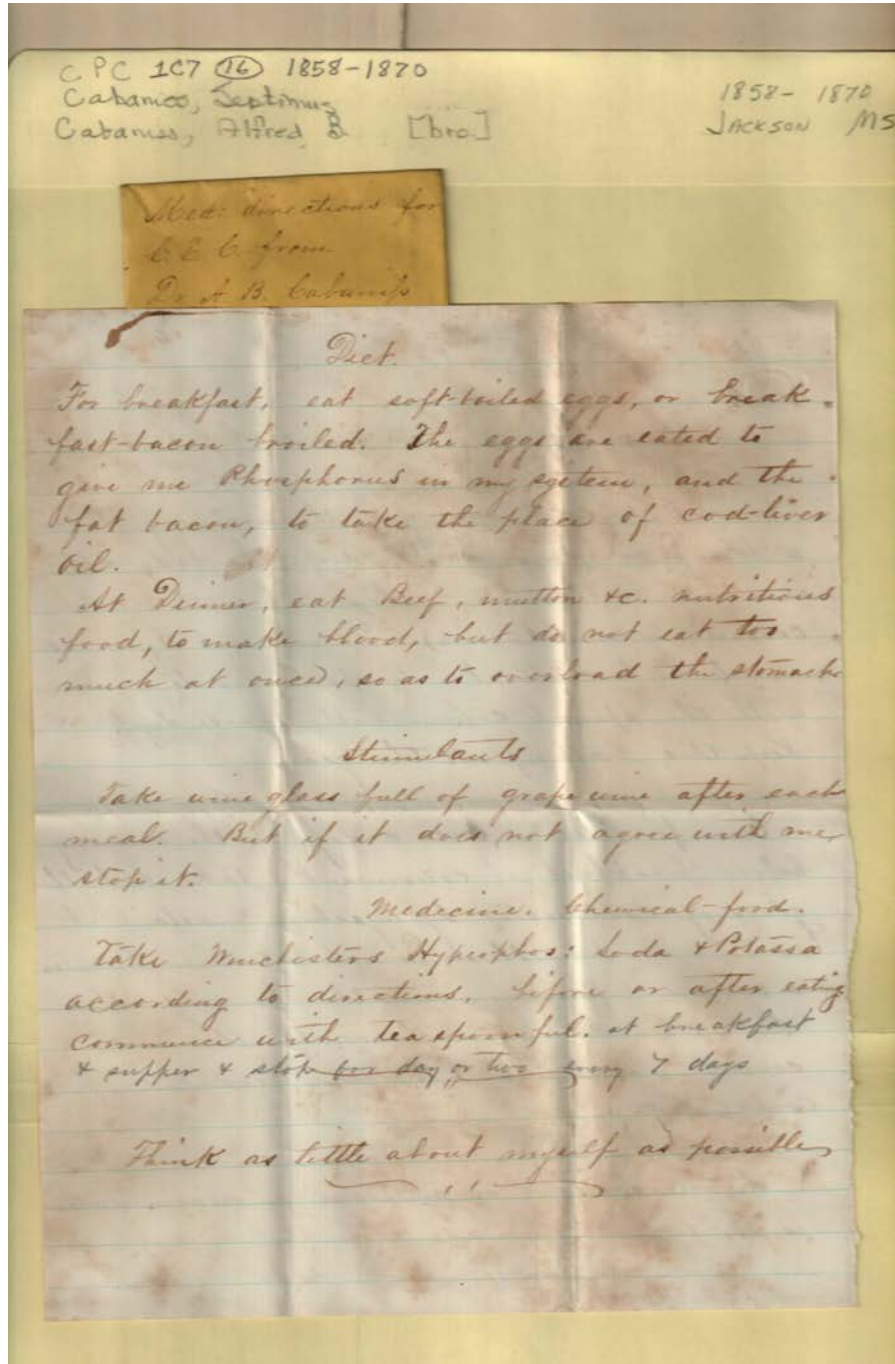
Jackson, MS

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Dates:

June 25, 1869



Names:

Cabaniss, Alfred B.,
Dr.

Cabaniss, Charles E.

Places:

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Types:

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Dates:

June 25, 1869

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1858-1870
JACKSON MS

Directions from Dr. A. B. Cabaniss in letter dated Augt 27th 1869.

"I would advise you to discontinue the hydropathics until you have tried the effect of the regimen recommended by Mr. Fearn. I think well of it, and I want you to give it a fair trial & let our heads hear from you as often as you think it necessary.

The subject of diet in your case is really of the utmost importance & the same behavior for a restoration to health; still you must rely on your own feelings & appetite to direct you in the selection of the articles of food. My opinion is that the system most generally calls for that which is most nourishing & the stomach is more apt to digest that which it likes than that which it revolts at because the former acts as a stimulus to digestion.

Hence a diet that might suit one might not be as suitable for another. I have always regarded it as injudicious to observe a strict routine in prescribing diet.

You must be patient & select those articles which are most easily digested. Animal food is very important for you if you have power to digest it, such as turkeys, beef, mutton & any kind of game you can get.

I think good claret wine at meals would be good & might aid digestion, if the brandy or whiskey should fail.

I attach much importance to

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Dr.

Fearn,

Places:

Jackson, MS

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June 27, 1869

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Jackson MS

exercise, but in moderation: taking care to
avoid exhaustion or too much fatigue.

If you do not improve under Mr.
Leavis' prescription, I advise you to use cod-liver oil
with the Phosphites, nourishing diet, &
towel-bath which you need not discontinue.

You may also sometimes be too much
constipated. Help with stimulating soap
will answer the purpose. When troubled
with acidity of the stomach take from a
scruple to a drachm of decoction of Card. of Soda
as a corrective.

You can indulge in titillation
in any of the light wines, if fresh, when not
taking other stimulants. Write soon & let
me know further suggestions if necessary.

In case you should use the oil, take
with it or about the time, a teaspoonful of
the Phosphite of Lime & Soda & a tablespoonful
of Cod-liver Oil three times a day.

When you take milk as a diet you
might combine with it a full tablespoonful
of lime-water to prevent acidity.

To relieve the last (I suppose he
means unpleasant taste) it is best to take
cod-liver oil in porters, with the broth, say
1/2 of a tumbler if you like or more.

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Dr.

Fearn,

Places:

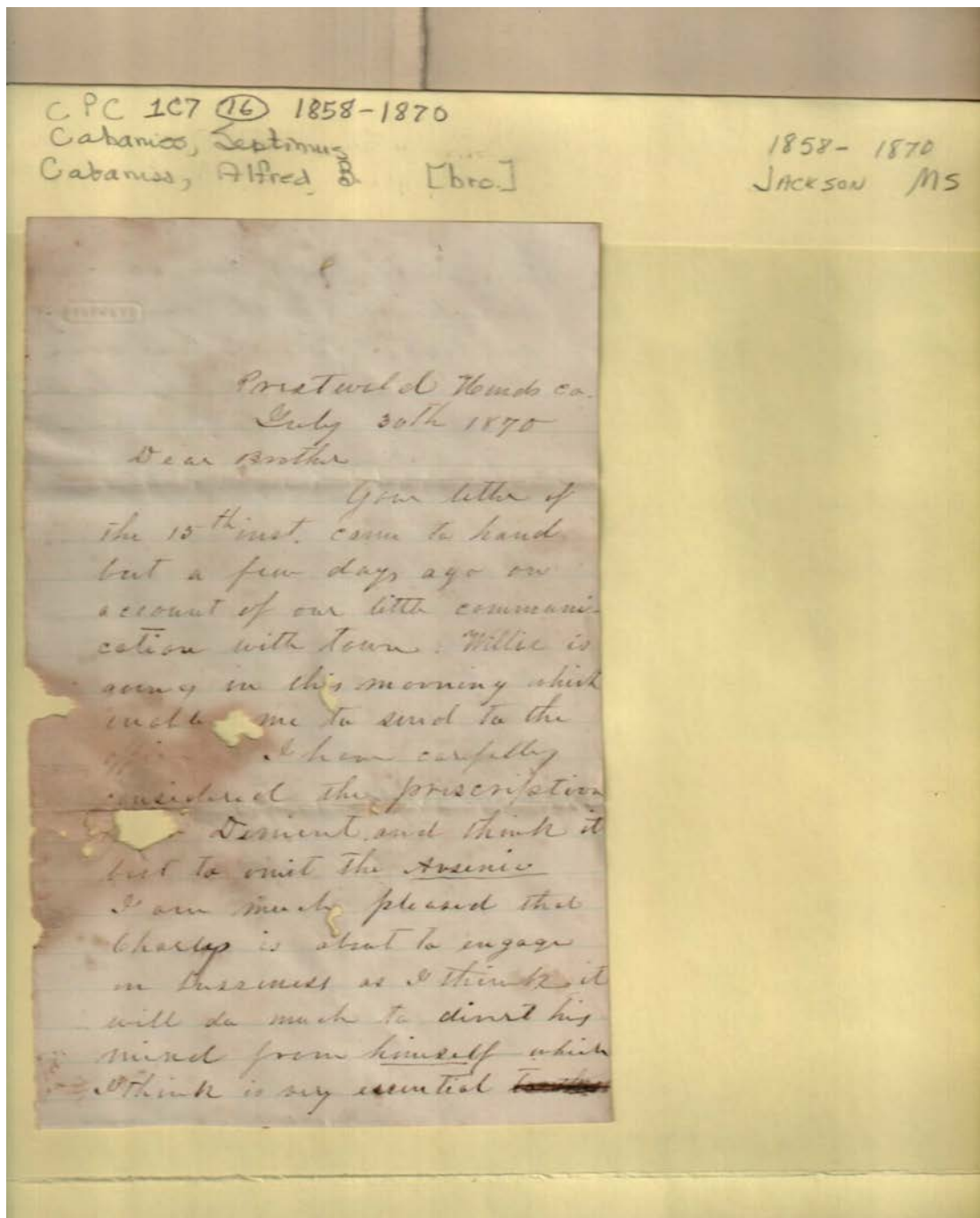
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June 27, 1869



Names:

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Dr.

Cabaniss, Charles

Cabaniss, Septimus
D.

Cabaniss, Willie
Dement, Dr.

Places:

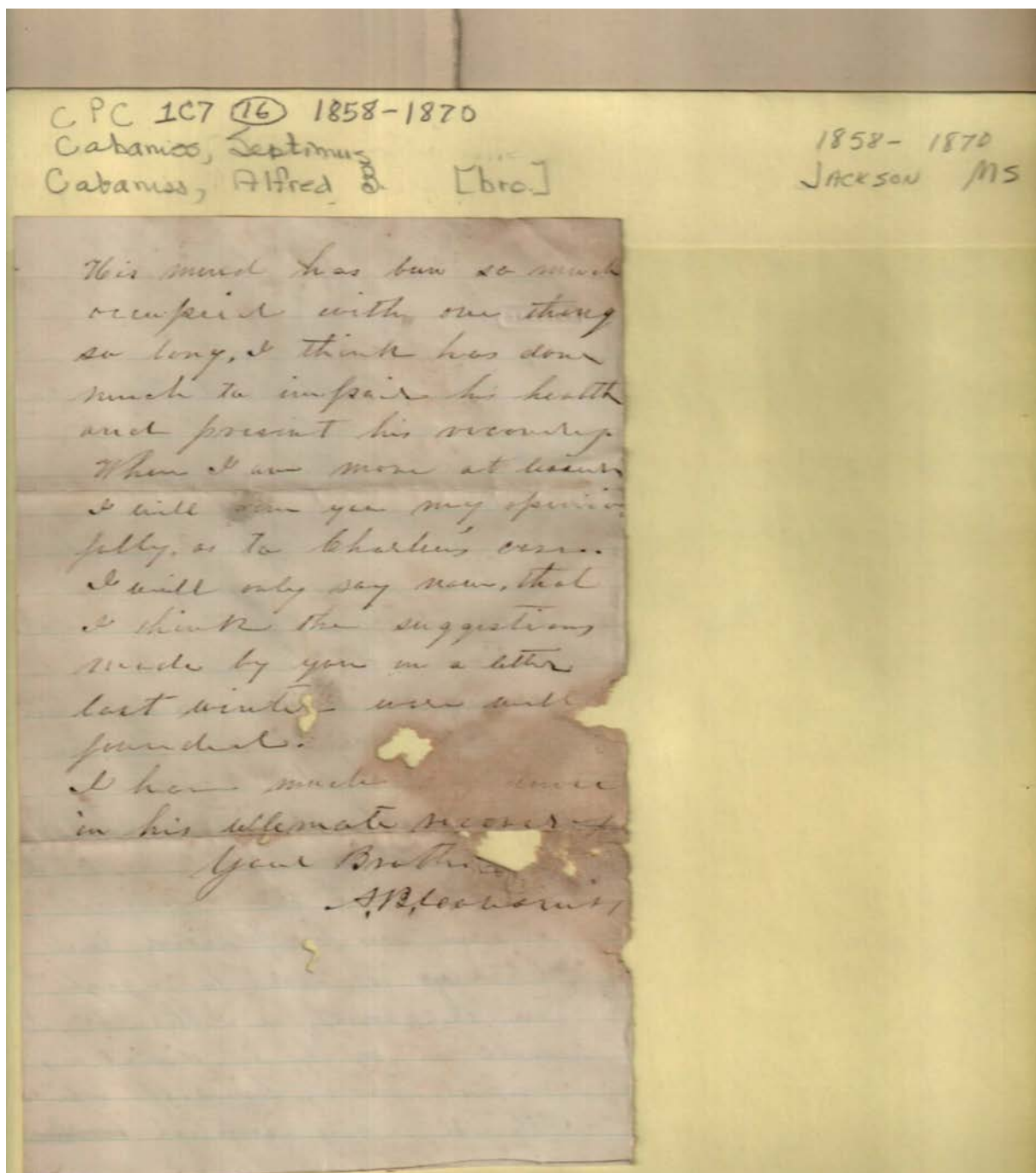
Prestwald, Hinds Co.,
MS

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Dr.

Cabaniss, Charles

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D.

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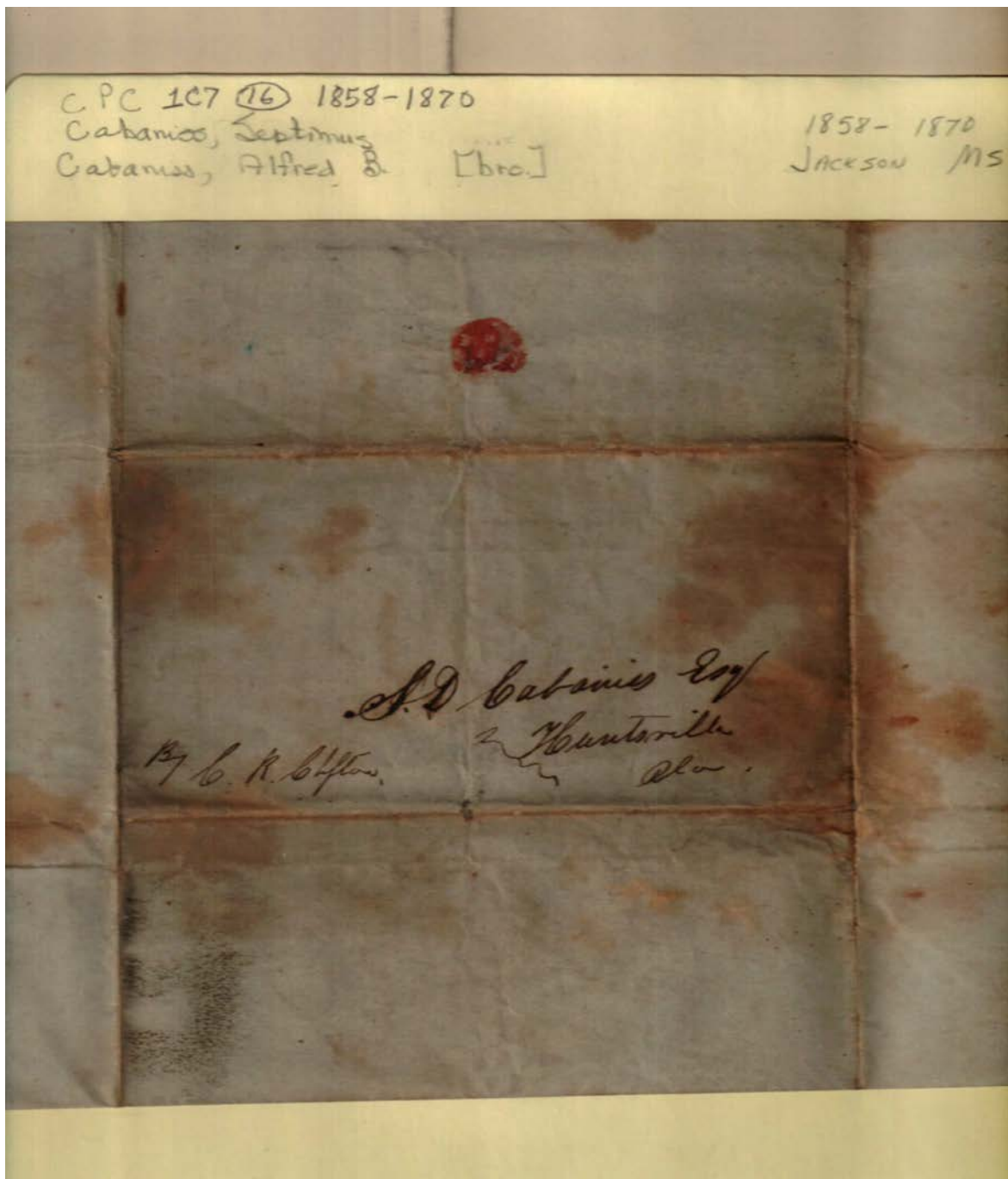
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Clifton, C. R.

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Huntsville, AL

Types:

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 JACKSON MS

Dear Mother

I write you a few lines in much haste merely for the sake of writing by my friend Judge Clifton who has kindly offered to be the bearer of any thing I wished to send to you.

It affords me much pleasure to inform you that as we are quite well, our little daughter having just recovered from a very severe fever. The first serious illness she has had. For two days I was quite unhappy on her account, fearing we should lose her. Susan's health is not very good though it is better than it has been for many months.

Judge Clifton is quite pleasant on a hope of pleasure and for the health of his family I must ask you to contribute as much as you can in the way of making his visit to Washington agreeable. He is one of my very best friends. I speak dear for Mrs. Clifton. I feel under very great obligations to both of them for their kind hospitality for some time I have lived in this place. My love to Benjamin my brother & sister.

Write without delay, I shall write again in a few days, when I shall not be so much hurried.

A. B. Cabaniss.

Names:

, Mary
 Cabaniss, A. B.

Cabaniss, Alfred B.,
 Dr.

Cabaniss, Susan
 Cabaniss, Virginia

Clifton, C. R., Judge

Places:

Jackson, MS

Types:

correspondence

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