

F&D (F10) 1853 9Box9 N.O. Corr. 2/2

Mail  
New Orleans 26 Aug 1853

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs

We wrote you last on the 14th inst  
that we had received any of your favours  
since.

Enclosed we have your balance sheet  
made up to the 13th inst - there is a small  
error of \$1.77 which we hope to find  
soon. There has been little or  
nothing doing since on our part, in the  
way of business - the yellow fever  
has gripped every thing it has been very  
bad during the last seven days, &  
although during the last three days  
the daily number of deaths has de-  
creased, it has been more for the want  
of subjects, than from any diminution  
in the virulence of the disease.

We are all well in the office.

Yours truly  
J. Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL                      New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Aug 26, 1853

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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

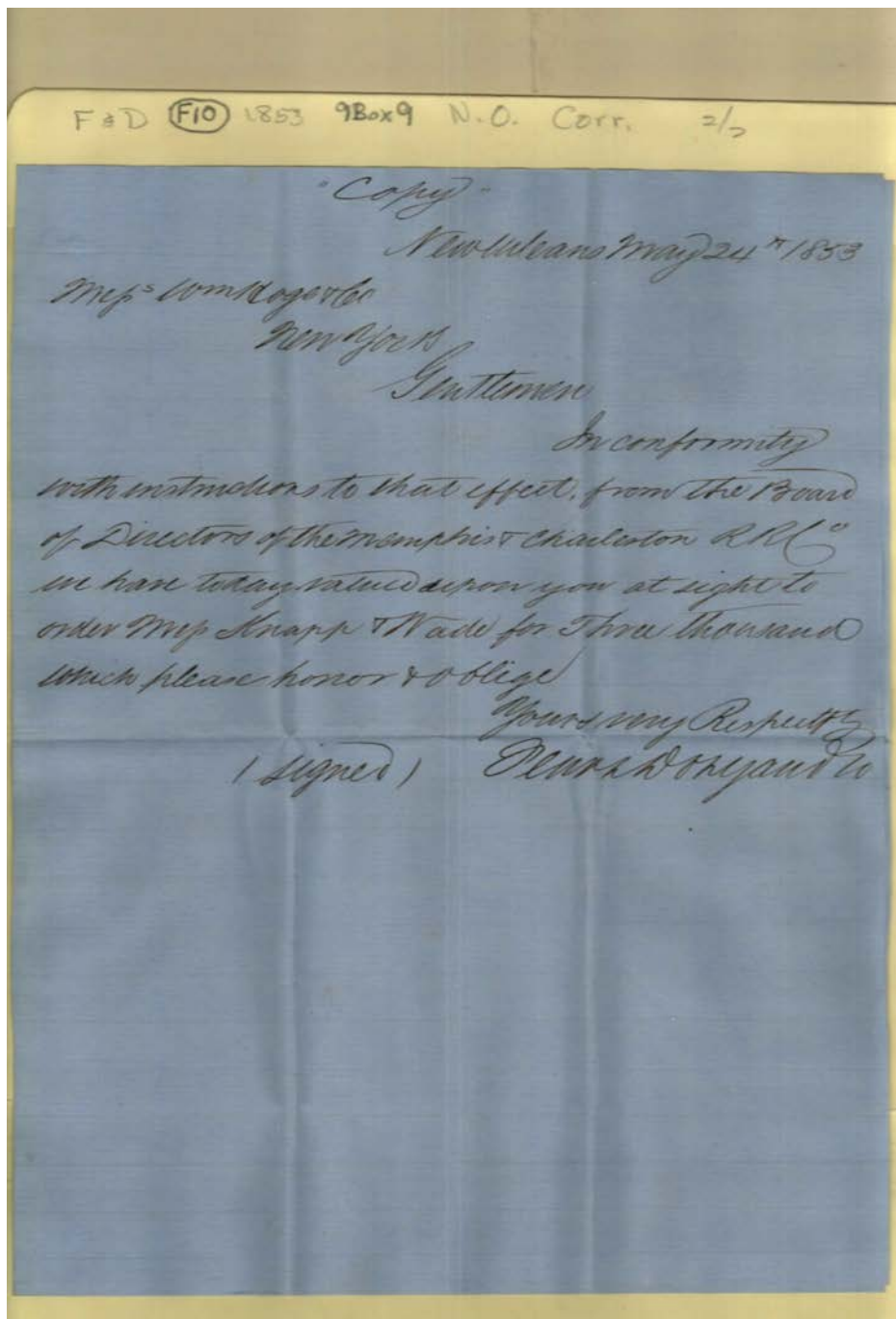
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**Dates:**

Aug 26, 1853



**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Hoge, William & Co.  
Knapp & Wade

Memphis & Charleston RR Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

New York, NY

**Types:**

correspondence

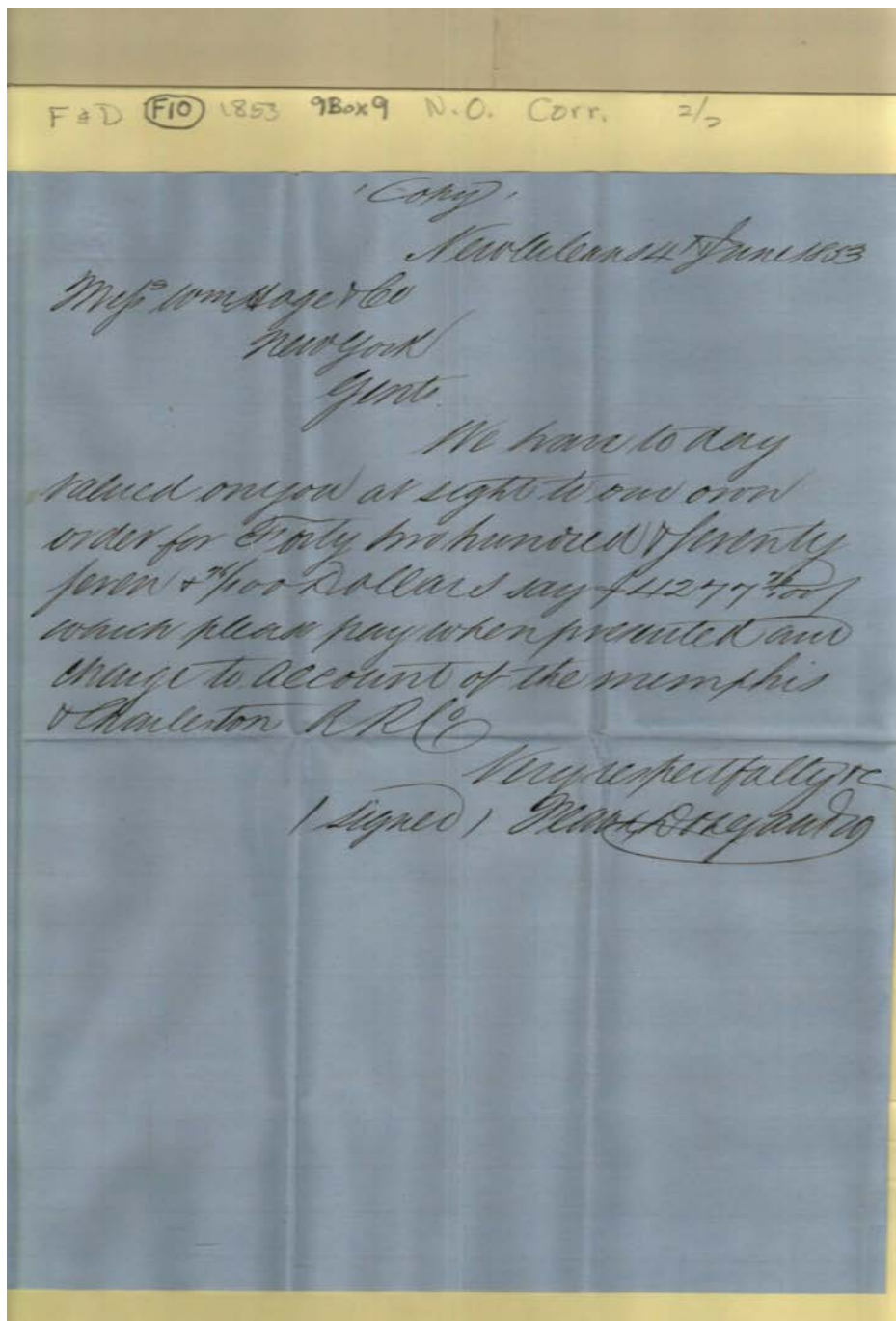
**Dates:**

May 24, 1853

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hoge, William & Co.

Memphis &  
Charleston RR Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

New York, NY

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

June 4, 1853

F&D (F10) 1853 9Box9 N.O. Corr. 2/2

Dear Sir  
New Orleans 3 Novr 1853.

My Dear Mr. Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs  
We had this pleasure on the 29  
Uth inst to receive from Mr. D's  
letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst to the writer and  
have acted in accordance with his  
suggestions.

After a long time of dullness and  
stagnation in the Cotton market, the  
day before yesterday, there sprung up  
an active demand in the two days  
12,000 bales were sold. Today the  
demand continues, but we cannot  
yet report the extent of transactions.

Prices for Middling Supra and  
very firm, while for the lower qualities  
they are very irregular. The market  
is reaching 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. If there was  
sufficient shipping in port, an active  
business would be going. They are  
now 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

We sold today a small lot of  
102 bales @ 29<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

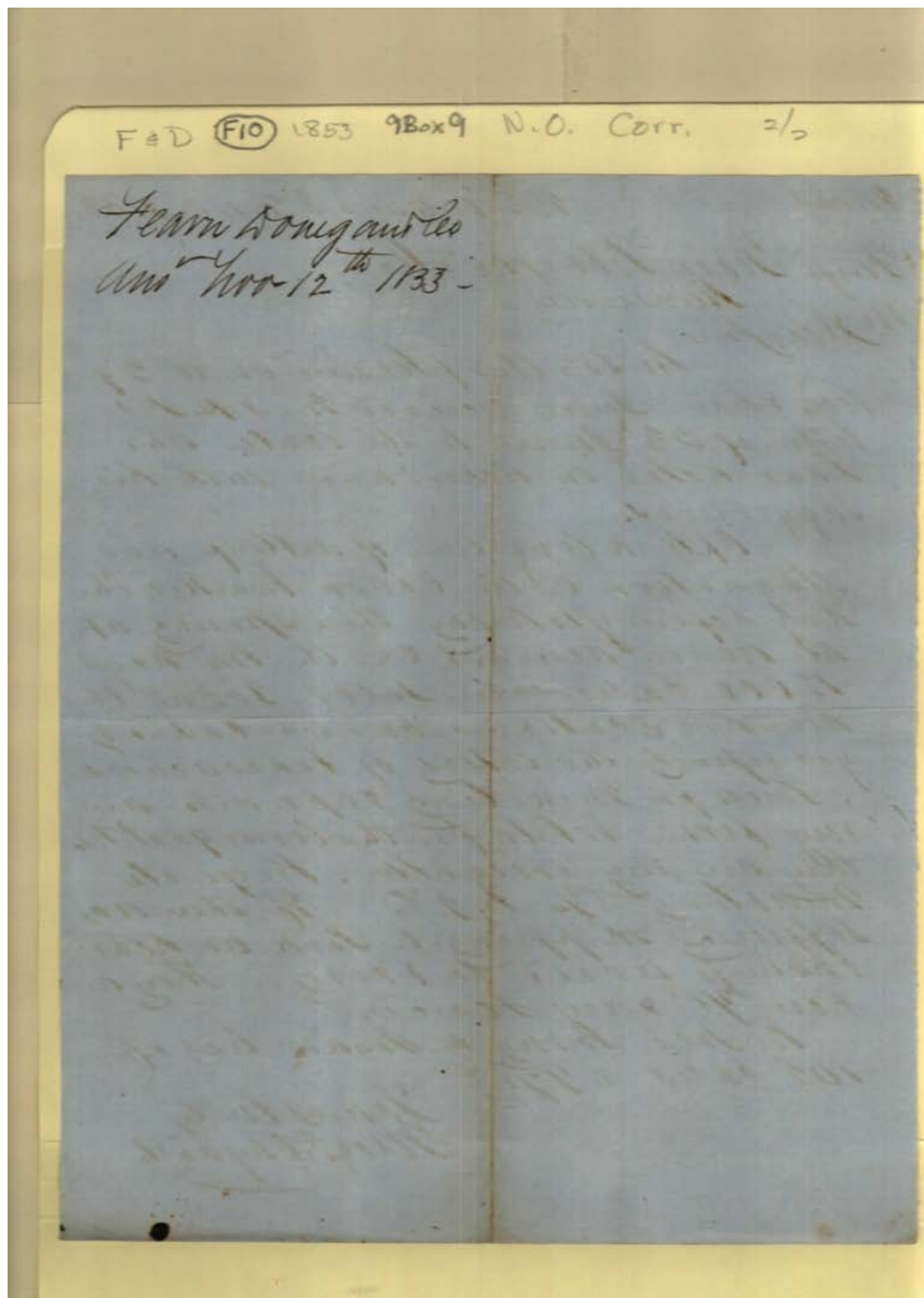
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Nov 3, 1853

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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Nov 12, 1853

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Dear Sir  
New Orleans 19 Nov 1853  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sir  
We write you last on the 8th inst  
that since we had your favours of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
June & that contains.

We have forwarded to Mr Steele at Memphis  
copies of accounts & invoices furnished by  
Mr Saml Tate & instructed us to  
notify Mr Hoge also of the arrival of the  
iron & we have always been under the  
impression that we telegraphed him of  
the fact, though we do not find copies  
of them in the book - The despatch  
announcing the arrival of the first cargo  
was not copied & it is a fair inference  
that the others were not also. Our  
letters advising our receipts for the freight  
was not copied - beside, they ought  
to have known that the vessel would  
arrive within five weeks of a usual  
voyage without accident & they had  
the Bill Lading & invoice & could  
have calculated the time at which  
they ought to be here.

There has been a fair demand for  
all quantities of Cotton about Low 3/4's.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hoge, William & Co.  
Steele, George

Tate, Samuel

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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Prices for them have advanced.  
The new grate for the 28<sup>th</sup> to  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> streets is 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.  
The cottons are becoming very  
scarce & we hope soon the lower  
grades will meet some notice.  
We have as yet received but little  
cotton & of course are now very busily  
occupied.

Yours truly  
John Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

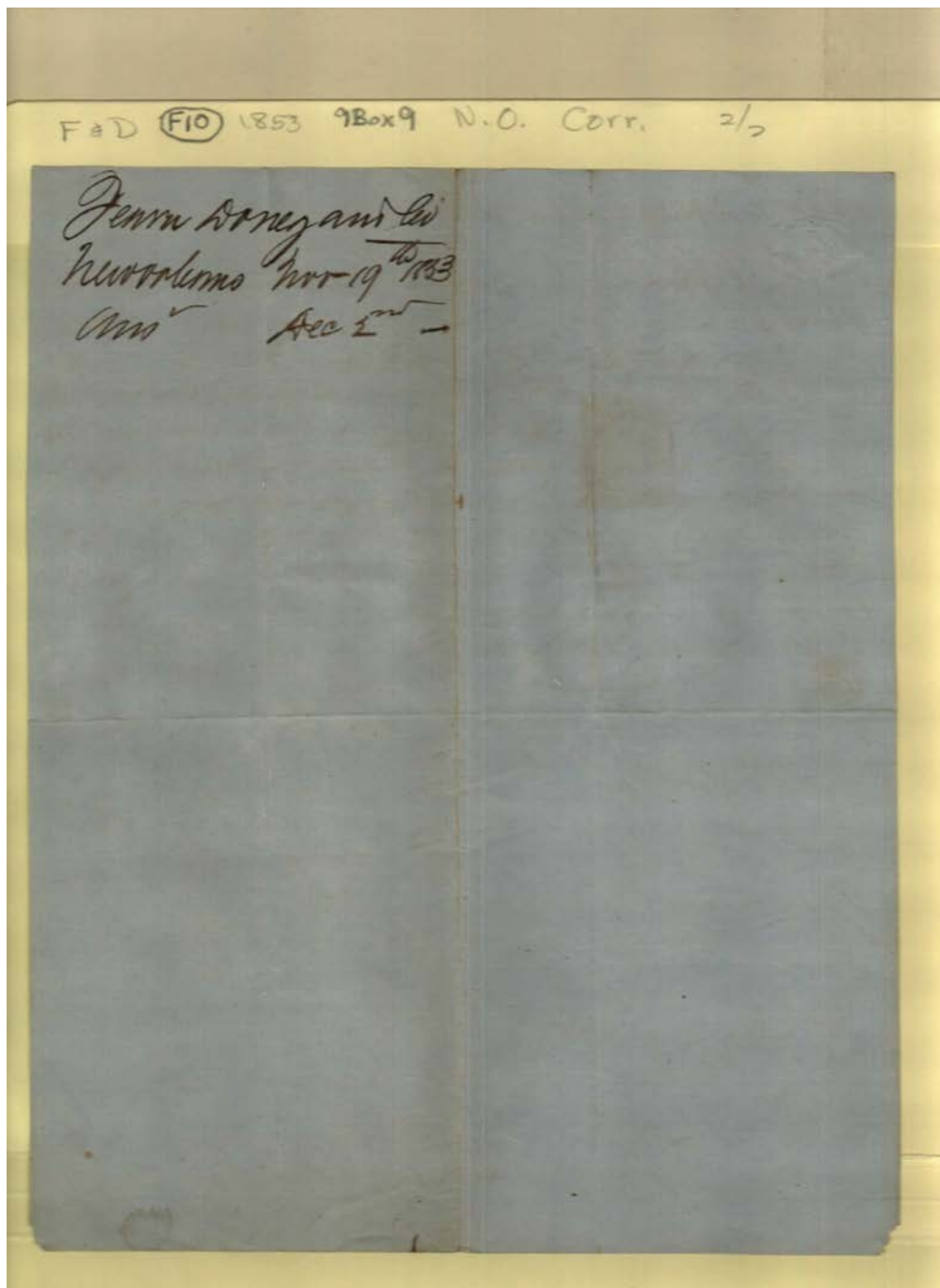
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Jenn Donegan Co  
New Orleans Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Am<sup>r</sup> Acc 2<sup>nd</sup> -

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

memo

**Dates:**

Nov 19, 1853

F&D (F10) 1853 9Box9 N.O. Corr. 2/3

Mail  
 New Orleans 24th Nov 53.  
 Mr J. Fearn & Donegan  
 Huntsville

Dear Sirs  
 We write you last on the 12th inst &  
 have since received your favour of 24th inst  
 contents.

We have your enclosed copies of Mr  
 Tate's letter to us relative to the iron for ships  
 Benzab & Globe, also copies of our letters  
 to Mr Page & Co advising our terms for  
 the freight.

The market opened with a very active  
 demand for Cotton & continued up to  
 yesterday morning, with sales of 25,000  
 bales at advancing prices, when the  
 Cotton's accounts were received which  
 further stimulated the demand & the  
 market closed after sales of 14,000 bales  
 low bid made - an advance of 1/4  
 has been established & we now quote  
 middling 9 1/4 to 9 1/2. The lower  
 grades <sup>have</sup> been somewhat in demand  
 & they cannot now be bought within  
 1/2 of what they could ten days ago.

Please advise Mr W. T. Read that we  
 have received orders of Cotton for his

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Hoge, William & Co.  
Read, W. T.

Tate, Samuel

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

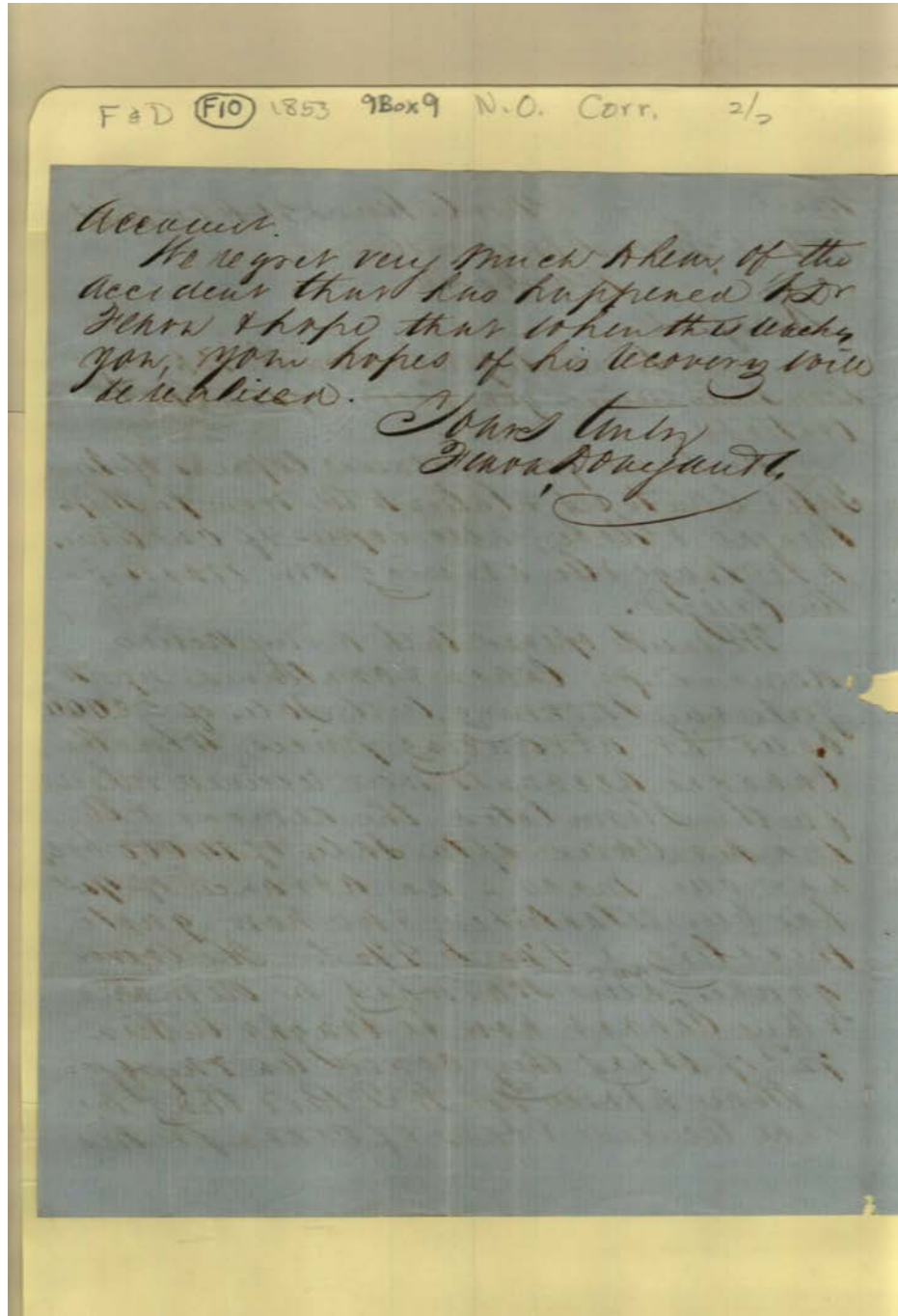
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

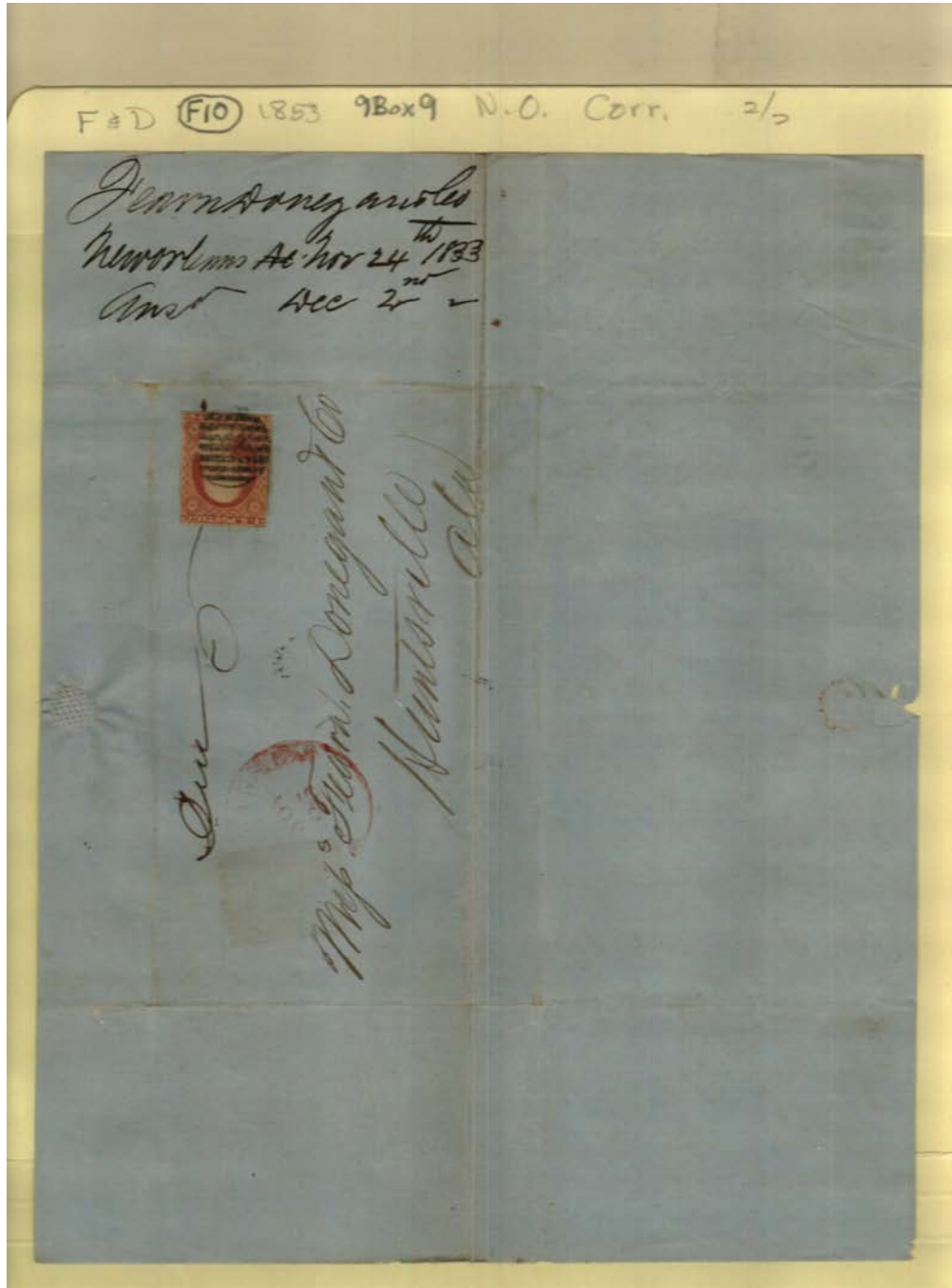
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Co.

**Places:**

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New Orleans, LA

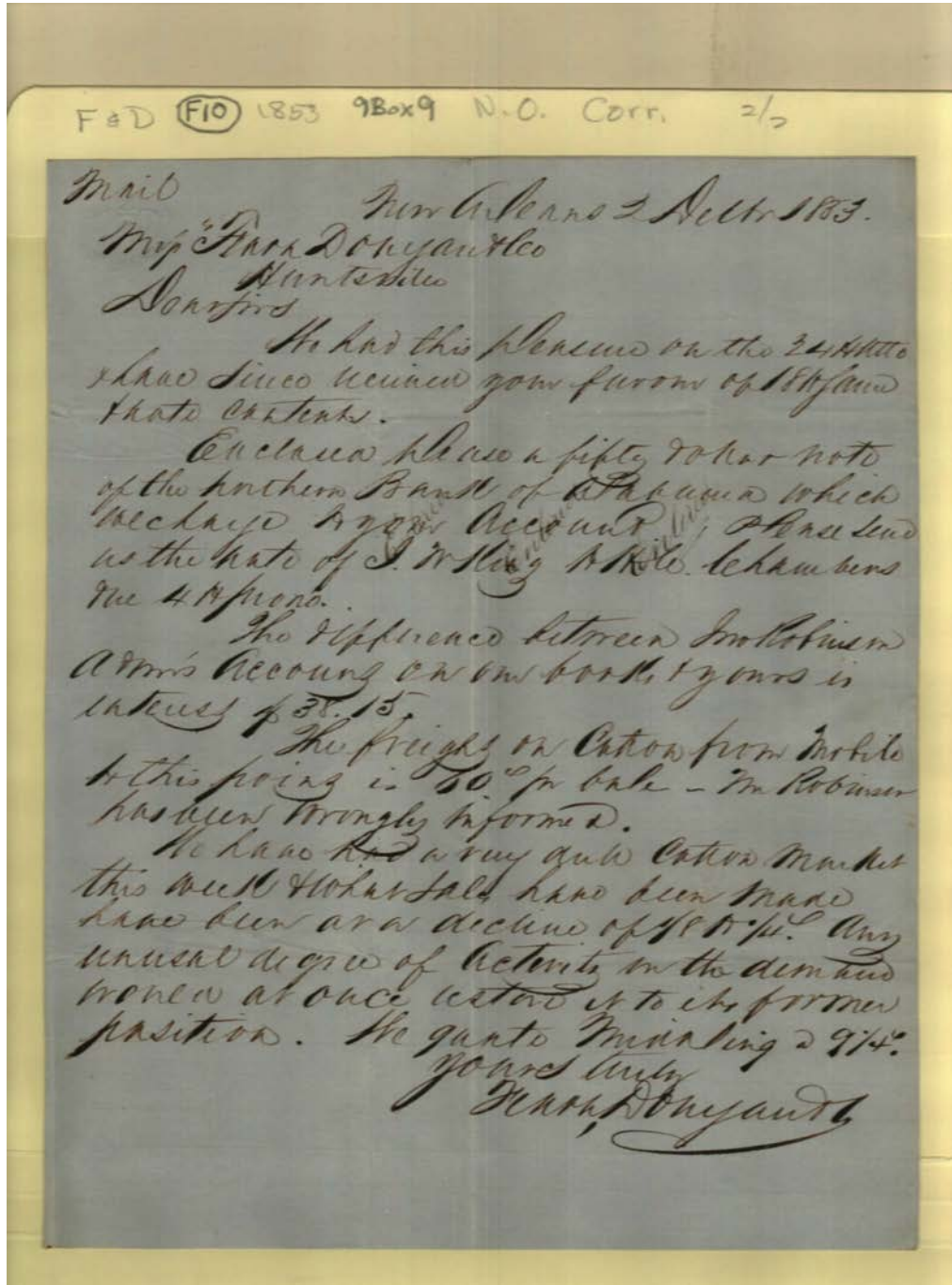
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**Dates:**

Nov 24, 1853



**Names:**

Chambers, H. C.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

King, J. W.  
Robinson, John, adm.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

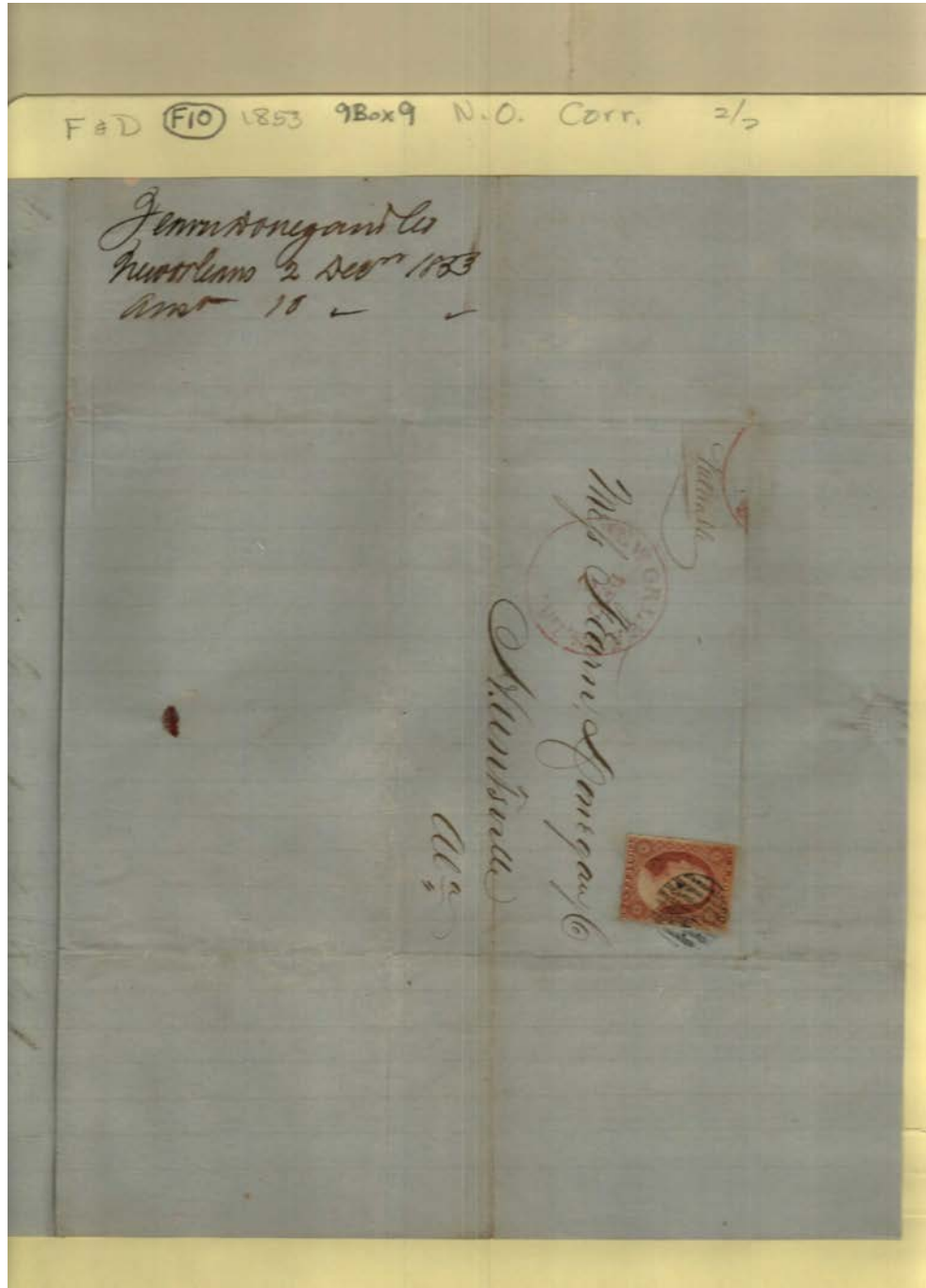
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

memo

**Dates:**

Dec 2, 1853

F&D (F10) 1853 9Box9 N.O. Corr. 2/5

Mail  
New Orleans 12th Decr 1853.  
Wm Fearn & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs

We wrote you last on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst & have since received your favour of same date & the Mr Stiles of LA send from Memphis - contents noted.

We fear that Mr Read will be disappointed in the price of his first shipment of 8 bales of Cotton - We no doubt gave instructions to have particular attention given to it, but they have certainly been neglected. The light class & long fibre and of low price & have been sold at 8 3/4<sup>c</sup> - we have received \$2 more but have not got the samples in yet. We shall be very particular with his Cotton & get every cent that it is worth.

Mr Gays baggy will be shipped in accordance with his instructions.

We would express that 10 1/4<sup>c</sup> for No 10 class Cotton in Charleston is better than we can do at present unless it be for the best of our crops. Since our last letter there has been a good demand for Cotton & prices have advanced to full 1/4<sup>c</sup> - we quote 10 1/4<sup>c</sup> & 11 1/4<sup>c</sup>.

Yours truly  
Wm Fearn & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Lay, Read,

Steele, George

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

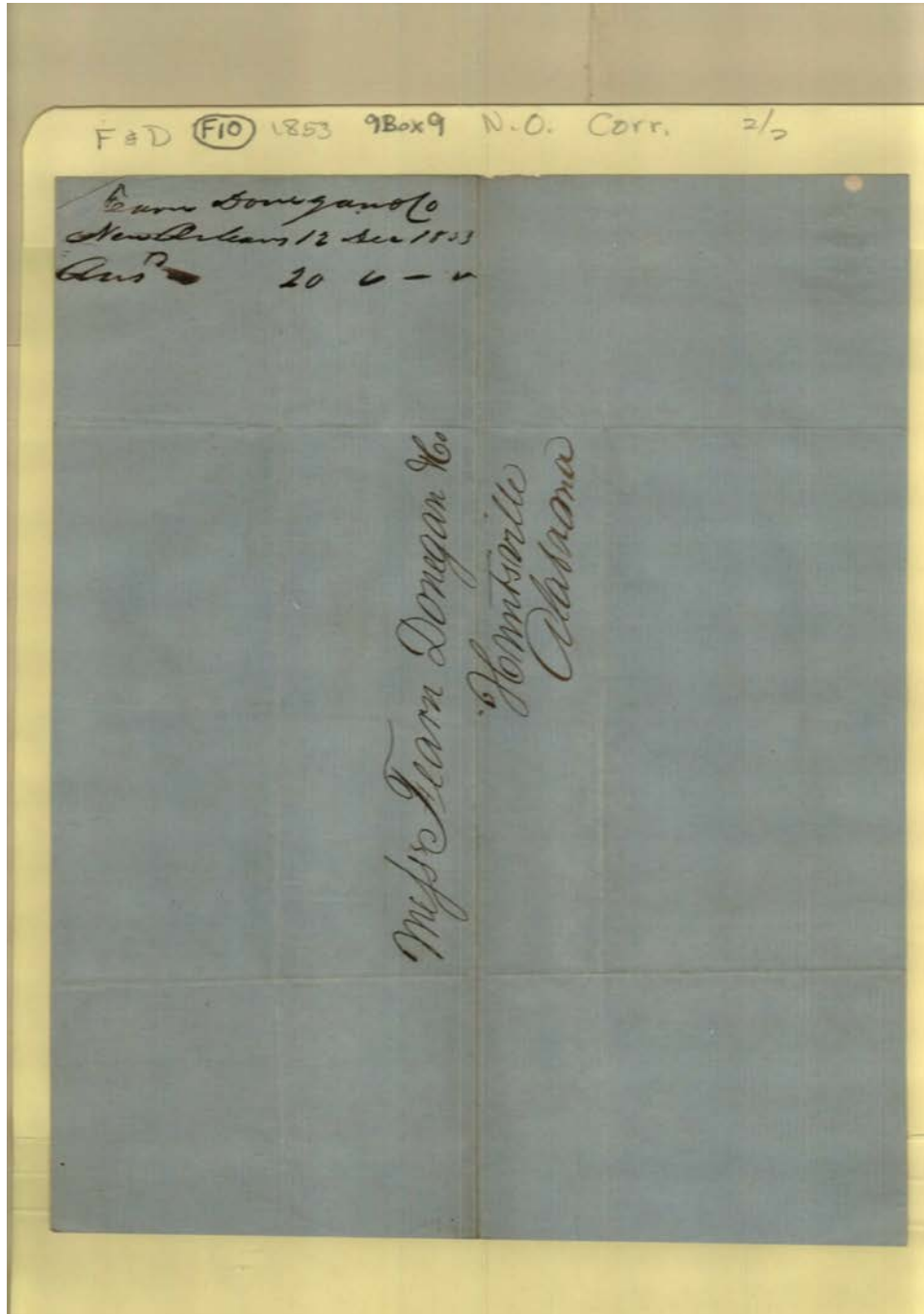
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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

memo

**Dates:**

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Miss. New Orleans 17th Decr 53.  
 Messrs Fearn & Donegan  
 Huntsville

Receipt

We recd you last on the 12th inst & have since recd your favour of 10th inst & note contents.

We have today forwarded the goods ordered for Mrs Mary P. Rice by the "Plantation No 2" to the care of the Rail Road agent at Tuscombia, will send invoice in our next. Enclosed please find Mr Hugh Henrys Account Current amount at his debit \$4087.00.

Our last reports represented the Cotton market as having advanced 1/4<sup>c</sup> on the day following the high date. As it advanced in freight. Checked the demand, & since then until this morning the market has been heavy & prices declined 1/8<sup>c</sup> today the demand has ~~not~~ been good & although the sales have not been large, prices have recovered & we retain our old quotations of 9 1/4 to 1/2 for Middling & strictly Middling. The sales today of 232 bales today @ 8 1/4 & 4 bales of 189 @ 9 1/2 in the latter was included 10 bales of M. V. Shaw's but they will class considerably below the average. We have reports of short crop, from

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Henry, Hugh  
Read, W. T.

Rice, Mary P., Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Dec 17, 1853

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all sections of the Country except the Atlantic States, & Alabama, & Texas - in the above mentioned places they do not apprehend that the crop will be more than last year except Texas - that will undoubtedly be much larger, from the increase in cultivation as well as the fine season that they have had. We think the falling off has not been more than 34400000 bales, that the entire crop will be between 287 2900,000 bales.

In the unsettled state of things in the manufacturing districts of England together with the trouble in the East we cannot see that this reduction should do so much effect in the present. We have freight now at  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the sea no prospect of their being below  $\frac{3}{4}$  for some time to come, & when they rise an up & the produce of the land is thrown in with the Cotton from the tributaries of the Mississippi, the probability is that they will go to 100 without any favorable accounts from abroad, the market has the appearance of going lower, we are therefore in favor of prompt sales, and

**Names:**

cotton market

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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what Cotton we get we are selling, except  
when we have some to hold.

We enclose by sale, viz by bill, Account  
of Wm W. J. Read adm, <sup>re</sup> appears this  
month & amount <sup>to</sup> be \$900 dollars, as  
your <sup>own</sup> credit in Account Current.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Read, W. T., adm.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

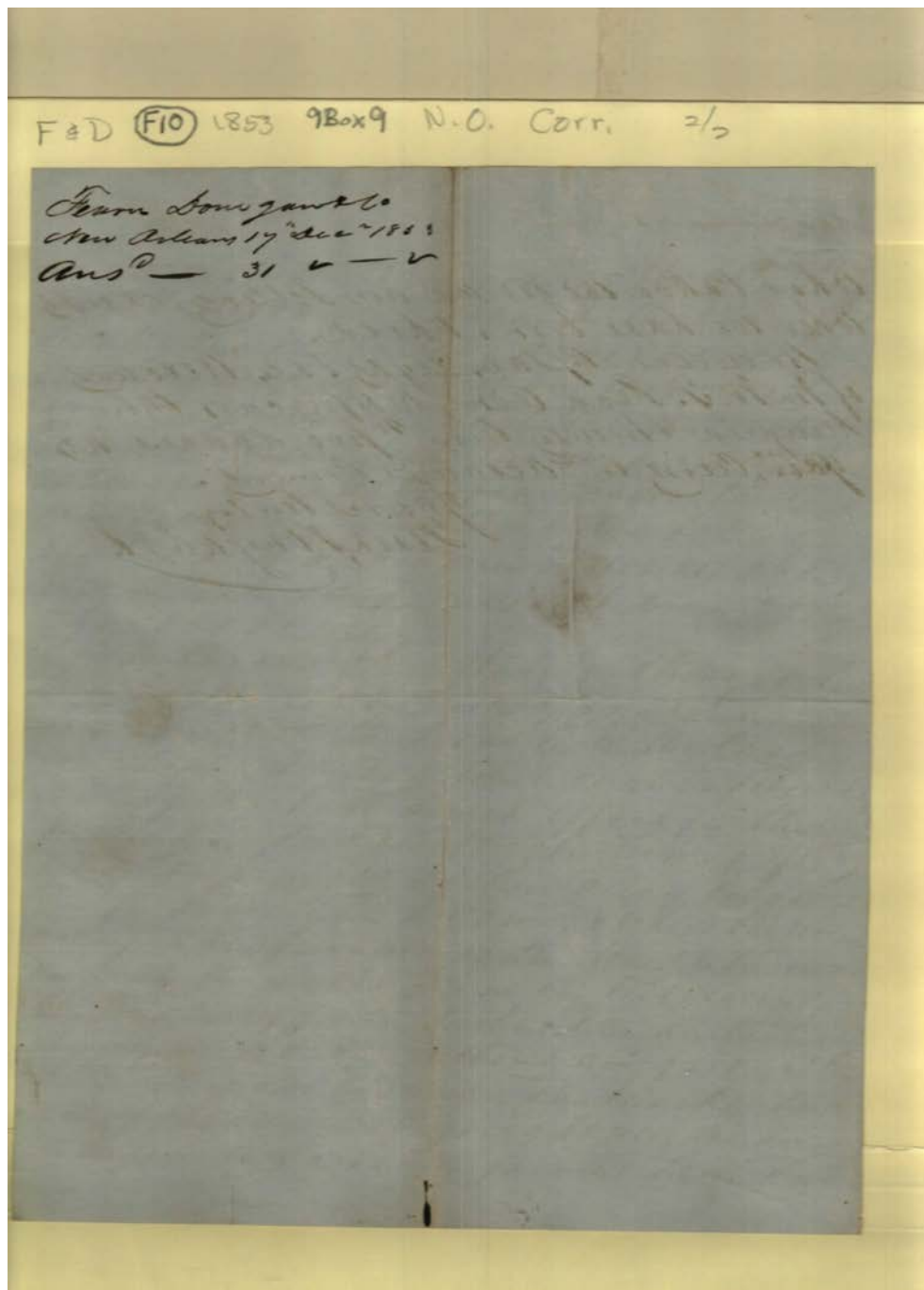
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

memo

**Dates:**

Dec 17, 1853

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Mail New Orleans 26 Decr 1853.  
Dear Sirs  
I have the pleasure to receive your favor of  
17th inst. & have today received your favor of  
20th inst. & have enclosed.  
Enclosed we have your order of 13 bales of  
Cotton, the purchase price being fifty eight  
2<sup>2</sup> per bales at the rate of Mr. J. Read's  
We have ordered 29 bales more for his  
account.  
The goods for Mr. Arasco will be forwarded  
by the first opportunity & we will give our best  
attention to his Cotton & hope to make him a  
satisfactory sale.  
The Cotton Market remains in pretty  
much the same state as when we wrote you  
last - There has been some fluctuations  
during the week, but we quote today our  
last of 9 1/4 & 1/2 for Middling & the best  
Middling. The Mobile Market is esti-  
-mated to be 3/4 lower than ours.  
Yours truly  
Wm. F. Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Read, William T.,  
adm.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Dec 26, 1853

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

memo

**Dates:**

Dec 26, 1853

F&D (F10) 1853 9Box9 N.O. Corr. 2/2

Mail New Orleans 31<sup>st</sup> Decr 1853.  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Acropolis

As you have not received any of your former  
Invoices.

Enclosed we hand you invoice of goods  
amounting to two hundred & thirty two<sup>22</sup> \$  
addressed at our option Mary P. Rice in  
Account also invoice of goods account  
of Mr. A. Drake, thirty<sup>77</sup> \$ for dollars at his  
debit in Account.

We have sold Mr. W. T. Read's last ship-  
ment of 29 bales in which of 166 @ 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
round - they are of better quality than  
his first shipments.

Since now they there has been a good  
demand for cotton at full price & our  
last quotation of 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> @ 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> for Minkling has  
been well sustained.

We have sold the lowest 255 bales @ 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
166 @ 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 115 @ 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> + 243 @ 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The tributaries of the Mississippi continue  
very low & cotton consequently comes in very  
slow, which has helped to affect the market to  
keep the market up. We expect our market  
to rise.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Drake, A.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Read, W. T.  
Rice, Mary P., Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Dec 31, 1853

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

memo

**Dates:**

Dec 31, 1853

Jan 9, 1854



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New Orleans Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co  
New York

Our last respects to you  
were under date 6<sup>th</sup> Inst, since when your favour of 29<sup>th</sup>  
& 30<sup>th</sup> Acc<sup>ts</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. have been received & every ende-  
-vour as stated: contents voted & entries made as advised  
Please find enclosed statement of Mr J. L. Watkins  
account, showing balance due him of \$485<sup>00</sup> for which  
we hand you herewith originals of exchange drawn  
by Jas Robt & Co upon Wm Hoge & Co New York dated  
19<sup>th</sup> Inst payable @ 60 days to his order for \$500 &  
\$485<sup>00</sup> in all three hundred & sixty five<sup>00</sup> bolls  
invoiced @ 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> % discot.

The guns ordered for Mr Peete can be purchased  
here @ 3 per % - Will forward as directed by first  
Tennessee Review that - none here at present

We also enclose you account sales of W Weeden<sup>s</sup> 68 bolls  
cotton, nett proceed of twenty eight hundred & thirty  
seven<sup>00</sup> bolls. to credit of W D Head adm<sup>r</sup> from the  
Alabama Review, or rather by way of Mobile we are in  
receipt of "D D" 50 & "T I" 40 bolls cotton, for which  
we are not advised as to the owners. Can you enlighten  
us upon the subject -

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hoge, William & Co.  
New York  
Peete,

Read, W. T., adm.  
Robb, James & Co.  
Watkins, J. L.

Weeden, W.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

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Connected with the Cotton market we have nothing of  
interest to report. Since our last reports there has  
been very little activity in the demand & the sales  
have been quite light. Buyers are waiting for later  
advices & are indisposed to pay the rates demanded  
by Factors. Prices are consequently almost nominal  
at the quotations for middlings: 1-8/2 to 9

Yours very truly  
Fearn & Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

memo

**Dates:**

Jan 10, 1853

Jan 20, 1853

F&D (F10) 1853 9Box9 N.O. Corr. 2/2

New Orleans Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1853 -  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville Ala.

Sirs -

Our last respects to you were under date  
31<sup>st</sup> Dec & we are since in receipt of your favor of  
same date covering enclosure as stated, which has been  
collected: contents noted & entry as advised.

Among last week the demand for cotton  
continued good, which combined with light  
receipts & small stock in port had the effect of  
stiffening up prices & the current quotations for  
Saturday were for Midds to Strict Midds 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
Yesterday 4000 bales were disposed of at the same  
rates & as there is a fair enquiry to day we presume  
sales to an equal extent will be made.

The business of the city as you are aware  
has been much impaired by the continued low stage  
of water in the various tributaries of the city Mississippi  
& we are very much in hopes that the prospects for a  
tide in the Tenn, which you mention to be indicated  
will be actualized. There is more confidence in the  
money market since the very general payments of

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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

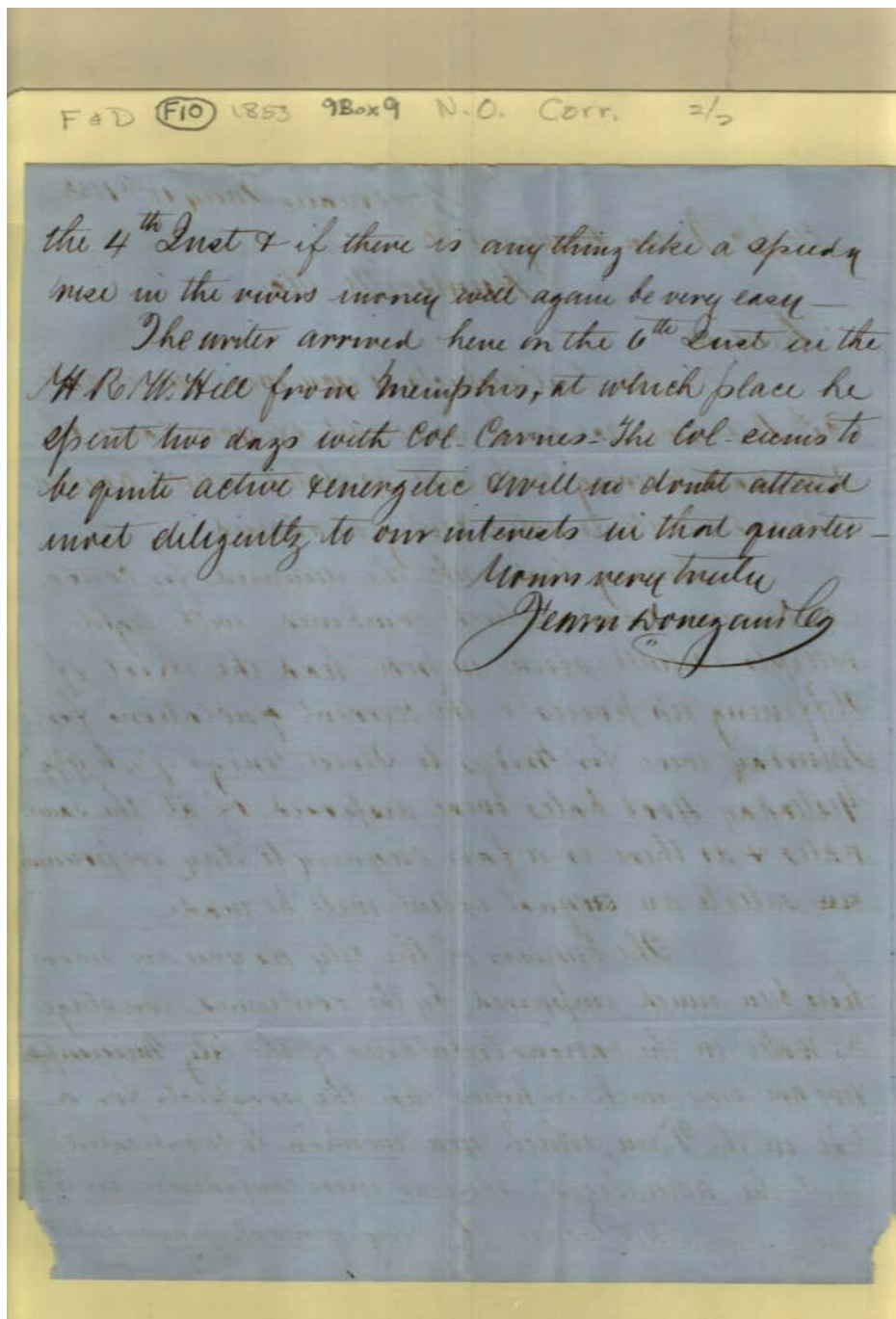
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Jan 10, 1853



from Memphis

**Names:**

Carnes, Col.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hill, H. R. W.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

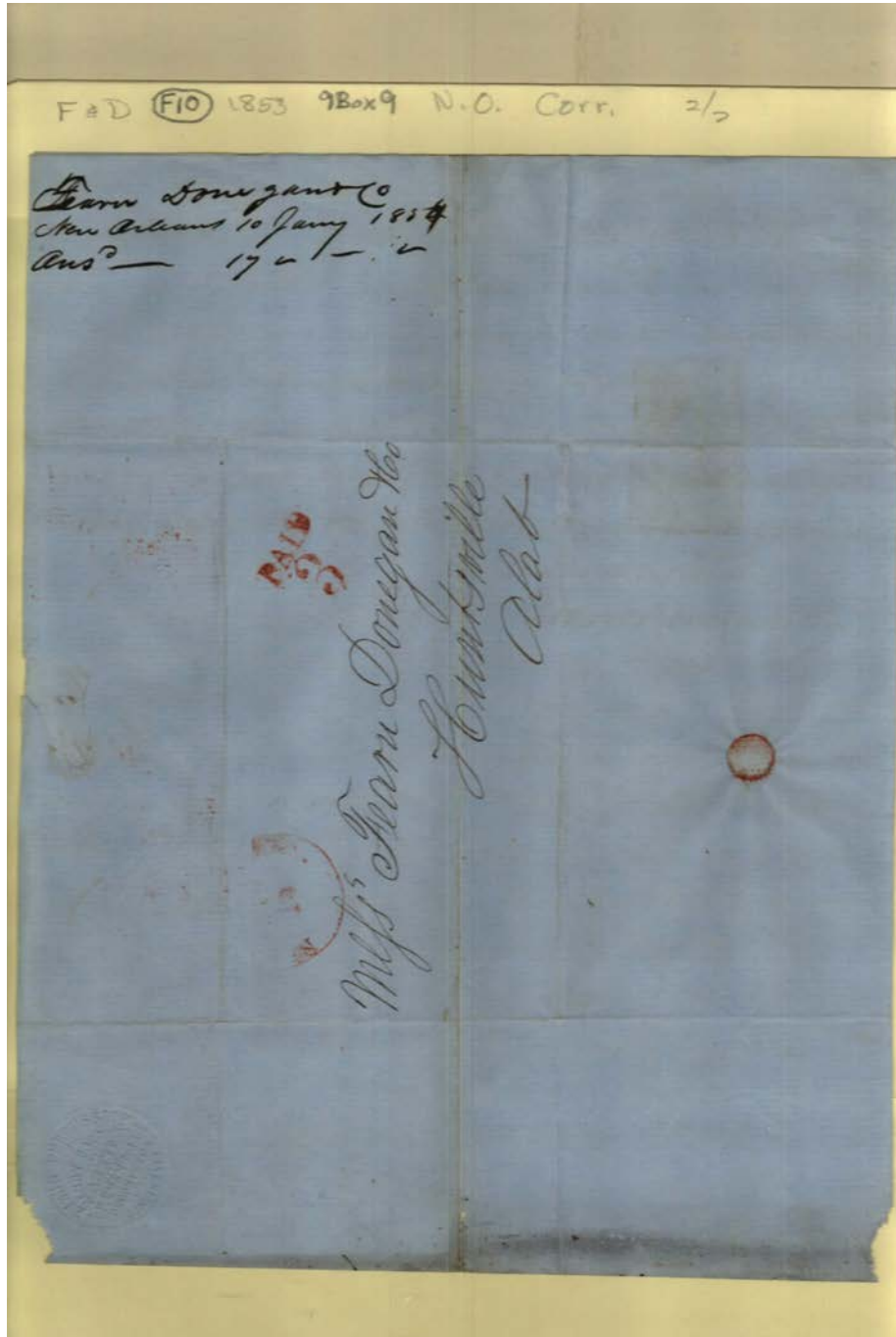
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

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New Orleans Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1853 -  
Messrs Fearn & Erskine  
Huntsville

We write you on 11<sup>th</sup> Inst  
& are since in receipt of your favor of 5<sup>th</sup> same con-  
-cerning enclosure as stated contents noted sending  
made as advised

We were in error in advising you the price of Guano  
per  $\#$ . It should have been stated to be worth  $3\frac{1}{2}$  &  
not 3 as advised. Enclosed you will find a circular  
relative to its preparation & application which should  
be handed to Mr Peete as it may be of some service  
to him. The Invoice is now on foot & the shipment  
will be made by her. We also hand duplicates  
of Exchange forwarded in our last for account  
Messrs J. L. Watkins, which we wish safely hand -  
The Invoice brought as our proportion of her  
cargo 195 Bales, among which are 90 bales of  
Fearn & Erskine 20 of R. Fearn, 16 of R. Fearn & Co.  
& 4 of S. Peete -

On yesterday in consequence of the American  
articles reporting an advance of  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  in the  
Liverpool market, quite an active demand for

**Names:**

Fearn & Erskine  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, R.  
Fearn, R., adm.  
Peete,

Peete, S.  
Watkins, J. L.

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Cotton in our market at 13500 bales were sold at very firm prices adding  $8\frac{3}{4}$ . We sold 617 bales in round, in which were included subject to clarification of Saml. Townsend 30 bales G. A. Wyche 10 Geo. W. Lane 100 & Geo. P. Beirne 65. The J.T.I. 40 bales as to the ownership of which we made enquiries in our last we sold on 10<sup>th</sup> Inst in a list of 156 bales @  $9\frac{1}{2}$  - also 14 bales "W.I." received per Huntsville, shipped by the M & O. R.R. for which we are not advised as to the owner.

To day & day later advices per the same to hand reporting the foreign markets dull & prices in favor of buyers - We have therefore been at a stand still to day & the only offers we have heard of are  $8\frac{1}{2}$  for middlings. The Arabian accounts will be in most probably to morrow, & the course of the market for the next few days must depend ~~very much~~ to some extent on the complexion of her reports -

We should have mentioned above that H. C. Chambers has 5 bales sold in the list of 617 - We also enclose duplicates of exchange for \$1000 - \$1000 - \$1000 & \$1264<sup>50/100</sup> remitted on 10<sup>th</sup> Inst to Patton Donegan & Co., to whom please hand these

Yours very truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Beirne, George P.  
Chambers, H. C.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.  
Lane, George W.

Patton, Donegan &  
Co.  
Townsend, Sam C.

Wyche, C. A.

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New Orleans, LA

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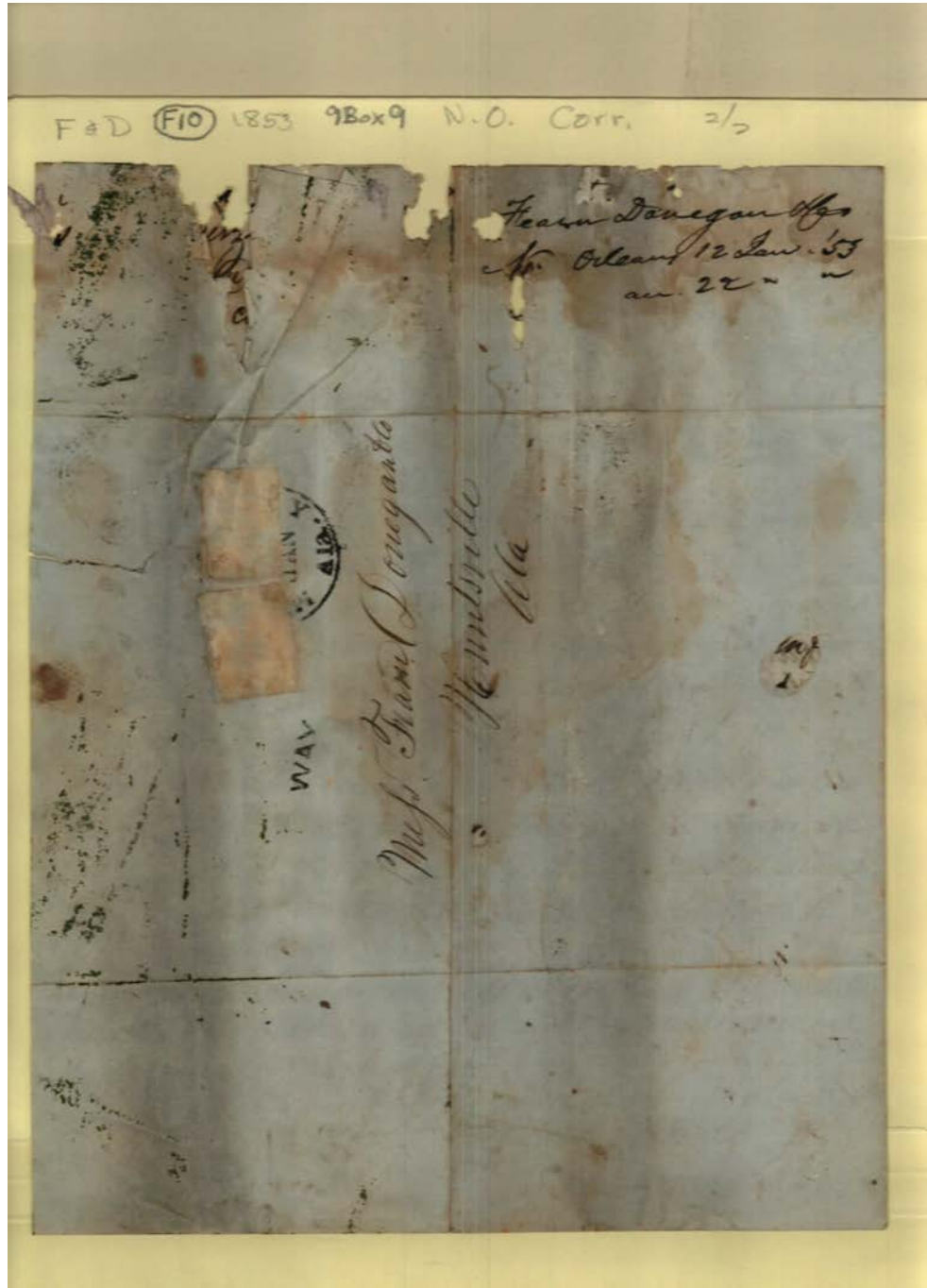
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New Orleans Jan<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1853 -

My dear "Fearn Donegan & Co"

Dear Sirs -

Your last respects to you were under date 12<sup>th</sup> Inst, since when none of your favors have been received - but Mr Steele arrived this morning per Lt<sup>l</sup> Bulletin from Memphis in good health - He intends remaining with us only a few days & expects then to return home -

We hand you herewith Invoice of Goods shipped per Lt<sup>l</sup> Mexican to address Mr Sam Peete, amount charged to him of 44<sup>95</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - Also find enclosed A/c Sales "T & BR" 5 bales cotton a/c J. & J. B. Robinson with proceeds to their credit in A/c current of 154<sup>99</sup>/<sub>100</sub> -

For the last four days the demand for cotton has been very active & 42,000 bales have changed hands We report prices very firm @ 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> for extreme lots of middling - The better qualities particularly are comparatively scarce & in much demand - The steamer arrived this morning bringing us 634 bales - If the present state of the market continues for a few days longer we hope to make a good report to our friends above -

Yours very truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Peete, Sam  
Robinson, J. & J. B.

Steele, George

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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Co.

**Places:**

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New Orleans, LA

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New Orleans Jan<sup>y</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1853 -

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co  
New Orleans

We had this pleasure last  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst, since when some of your favors  
have been received -

Enclosed please find account Sales' S. Peete's  
81 bales Cotton with proceeds Three thousand & one  
50<sup>cts</sup>/Dolls, at his credit in account current. We  
charge you 19<sup>th</sup> Inst with \$50<sup>00</sup>, money loaned  
by instructions Mr Steele to Mr E. Nichols, for which  
please find herewith his acc. bill. The gentleman  
we believe resides in Marshall County has promised  
to remit the amount to you on his return. In the  
absence of Mr Steele we are unable to give you any  
more definite information upon the subject. We  
presume however that he will comply with his promise.

The Cotton market for several days past has afforded  
but slight material for Correspondence. Sales have  
been light - 4000 to 6000 bales per day - Prices however  
continue to be reported without change & the quotations  
are for lots of low to strict, even receiving middling 8 1/2 to 9 1/2

Yours very truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

from Marshall Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Nichols, E.  
Peete, S.

Steele, George

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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incurring much if any risk. When Mr Steele returns from the beach the document such as he desires shall be prepared & signed & sent up to Mr Hopkins for his signature.

We regret very much that you did not state in your letter what Mr Peete supposed the price of Guano would be, as with our eyes opened to its relative value here and at other places, we might have exercised some discretion as to its purchase.

For the last few days the demand in the Cotton market has much improved & sales of the 26<sup>th</sup> reached 12500 bales & of yesterday 10000. To day there is an active enquiry & we presume a very respectable amount of business will be done. Prices under the Arctic advice have regained the slight decline caused by the dullness of last week & middlings are worth 9 to 9 1/4. We sold on 26<sup>th</sup> 338 bales @ 8 3/4, nearly all Tennessee & to day 609 bales @ 8 3/4, all Alabama; In this latter sale are included for account Messrs Ewing & Beirne 150 bales, whom please advise.

Yours very truly  
 Fearn, Donegan & Co.

P.S. In reply to your question as to a margin on purchases with you at 8 we would state that on the above list there are only 62 bales which we class at 8 and which will bring probably 9 1/2 & 164 7/8 which will average out @ 9 1/4.

Yours truly  
 F. D. F.

**Names:**

Ewing & Beirne

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Hopkins, Peete, Sam

Steele, George

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St Louis 20/2

Miss Fearn Donegan & Co  
 Breckers

We wrote you last on  
 25<sup>th</sup> Jan'y, since when we are in receipt of your  
 favor of 22<sup>nd</sup> same: contents noted & enclosed as  
 stated.

Please find enclosed account Sales

"SCT" 39 bales Cotton	with proceeds to G. W. Townsend	\$11,222
"BEB" 11	G. W. Wyche	355.31
"G. W. Lane" 100	G. W. Lane	2647.43

which we wish safely to hand. In our advice of the sale  
 of 69 bales @  $5\frac{3}{4}$  round we should have mentioned  
 that there were 26 bales for account ~~of~~ G. W. Lane

For the last few days the demand in the cotton  
 market has continued good & under the Africa  
 advices on yesterday 10500 bales found purchasers  
 at firm prices. The quote middling to strict mid-  
 -dling 9 to  $9\frac{1}{2}$  - but sales have been very light since  
 our last reports, only 99 bales Arkansas Cotton @  $9\frac{1}{8}$   
 We are now offering 1170 bales, mixed list - partly Ala-  
 bama & partly Miss, which we hope to advise sales  
 of in a few days at farthest

Yours very truly  
 Fearn Donegan & Co

P.S. We note your remarks about the information desired by  
 Mr Breck & will endeavor to obtain it at our earliest  
 convenience

Yours truly  
 J. D. Lee

**Names:**

Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &  
 Co.

Lane, George W.  
 Townsend, Sam C.

Wyche, G. H.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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Feb 1, 1853

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New Orleans Feby 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Christian & Mead

our last respects  
to you were under date 1<sup>st</sup> Decr, since when your  
favor of 27<sup>th</sup> Janry has been received covering  
inclosure as stated: contents noted & returns made  
as advised.

We charge the account of Christian &  
Mead to the Assurance office - You can accor-  
-dingly pay the amount over to those gentlemen  
& place same to our debit.

Upon enquiry we concluded that the  
most direct way to obtain the information desired  
by Mr Brock was to apply directly to the Clerk of the  
Court at Galveston, which we have done by letter.  
As soon as he responds to our <sup>request</sup> ~~request~~ we will advise  
you of the result, & if in compliance with our re-  
-quest will forward the papers by first opportunity.

The Canada<sup>n</sup> advices are to hand to this mor-  
-ning, & notwithstanding very inclement weather during  
the day, we have heard of 5000 bales sold for less  
unchanged from the quotations current for several  
days past, which are for middling 8<sup>ths</sup> to 9<sup>ths</sup>.

Nothing has been heard from Mr Steele since  
his departure for the byachute - We are expecting his return  
very day -

Yours very truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Breck, Dr.  
Christian & Mead

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Steele, George

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

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**Dates:**

Feb 5, 1853

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New Orleans Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1853

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co.

Dear Sirs

Since our  
receipt of 5<sup>th</sup> Inst your favor of 29<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>  
has been received: contents noted & enclosed  
as stated & entries made as advised -  
Please find herewith account Sales  
"G. W. Lane" 26 bales Cotton with proceeds some  
hundred & ninety three 07/100 bolls to credit  
of Geo. W. Lane in account current -  
We have paid over to Bradley Wilson & Co  
the proceeds Mr. J. J. Lowrie "Cotton, comm<sup>is</sup>  
-ions added - In rendering them however an  
account sale we have charged the full  
amount of expenses of re-shipments &c from  
Mobile say 26<sup>th</sup> part sale extra -  
For several days past up to this morning the  
Cotton market has been very dull & prices nom-  
-inal @ 8<sup>3/4</sup> to 9<sup>1/4</sup> for middlings to strict  
middlings. This morning however a more  
active demand has sprung up & several thousand  
bales will doubtless change hands - We have sold  
two small lots viz 108 bales @ 11<sup>1/2</sup> & 75 @ 9<sup>1/2</sup> all  
Imps - except 17 bales in the foret sale for account  
George W. Armistead Yours very truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Armistead, George G.

Bradley, Wilson &  
Co.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Lane, George W.  
Lowrie, J. T.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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