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Fearn and Donegan Correspondence - New Orleans, 1852

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Mail
New Orleans 23 Sept 1852.

Wmth Fearn Donegan & Co.
Huntsville
Dear Sirs

We had the pleasure on the 18th inst. and have since received your favour of 15th inst. - contents noted and entries made as advised.

Mr Bibb's account will be sent up by the first favourable opportunity.

We enclose a statement showing the amount of cotton received by Cloyd & Kellys, & also their account showing a balance due them of \$35.51 which will give them all the information they desire relative to their business.

We also enclose statement of charges on goods forwarded for Wm C. C. Clay in 1850 amounting to ten ²⁰ papers & charges.

The cost of \$2000 which you point out on the third page of the balance sheet was in copying. In Mr Sanford's account should be \$261.85. The Profit & Loss account was reduced by carrying the Clerk's Salary & other expenses to it after the balance sheet was made out. - The change in C. W. Cross' account grew out of a change of cotton, between him and Mackin Cross & which is not yet settled as soon as we can get it settled correctly will send

Names:

Bibb,
Clay, C. C.

Cloyd & Kellys
Cross, C. M.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Maclin,
Sanford, L. M.

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you another account. Ligon is now
in charge of the Press.

Since our last the demand for Cotton
has gone, but prices have not improved
they being the same as then, although
the quotations are 1/4 lower - the differ-
-ence being in the classification.

We continue to have unfavorable
reports of the crop but they go on.

Yours truly
Johns Fearn
Wm Donegan

P.S. Saturday we sold 45 bales @ 9 1/2
and fifty four at 10 1/4.

(J.F.)

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Ligon,

Patton,

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Mail
New Orleans 18 Sept 1852

Mrs Fearn Donegan & Co
Huntsville
Ala

We write you on the 15th inst and have not received any of your favours since.

Please say to Dr Watkins that his favours of 31st inst & 8th inst have both been received & contents particularly noted, and that we have our best attention, but we must say that he places us in an awkward position - The expression of his views, as he gives them are tantamount to instructions, and then he closes by stating that he leaves the sale of his cotton discretionary - However we will do the best we can for him & hope to be able to leave him satisfaction.

In the last few days, the demand for cotton has fallen off & prices have given way, and a good style of middling can ^{now} be bought for 10^{cts}. We were at that we had 109 bales on the 14th at 10^{cts} - We have now, or will have shortly in to day, about 100 bales more, we shall not offer for a few ~~the~~ days, which are 9 bales of Dr Watkins's. The market will watch. Yours & Glad

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Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Watkins, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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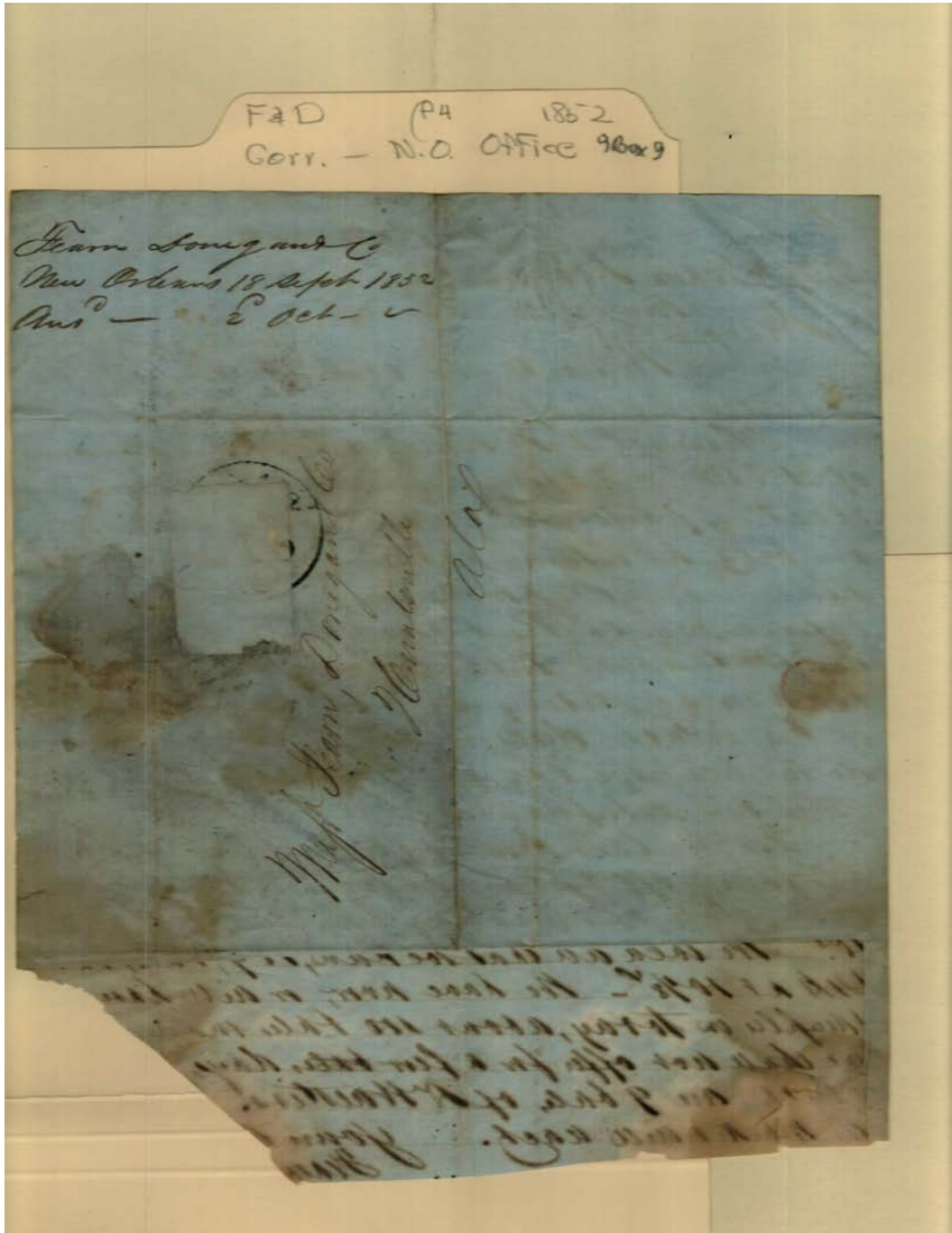
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Sept 13, 1852

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Mail New Orleans 11 Sept 1852.
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co
Dear Sirs
We had this pleasure on the 7th inst and
have not received any of your favours
since. The letter returned from Brandon
yesterday evening, and is glad to say
that he found Mr Williamson's affairs in
a very good condition, and is satisfied
that our debt against him is perfectly
safe, even if a dollar of the debts accepted
by the insurance company should not
be paid. The property that he purchased
he has been selling and says that he will
continue to do so until he gets rid of
most of it. He will ship Cotton as
usual. The Cotton market has
been very dull for two days and prices
have declined fully 1/8¢.
The crop on the river as far up as Lake
Providence has suffered severely from the
wet and the interior is suffering from
the boll worm. They attack the cotton
and destroy them rapidly. The fields look
spotted with the black forms & holes.
Many planters have lost half crop, &
the injury is still going on and may
result very seriously. We are decidedly

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Brandon,

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Williamson,

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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of the opinion that the crop cannot be as large
as the last one, even under the most
favorable circumstances.

Please say to Mr Beirne that the
ship 'Chimera' upon which the rail road
company have over three hundred tons
of cast iron has not arrived yet
& that is no telling when she will. As we
have heard that she has been attacked
in Liverpool for running down some
vessel soon after she left port, which
accident caused her to return for
repairs, when she was attacked.

Mr Peabody should form an other
iron in place of it, as the time has
long since expired, by which, according
to the contract he was to have had it
all delivered here. Mr Beirne had
better write to him on the subject.

Yours truly
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Names:

Beirne,

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Peabody,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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New Orleans Dec 20 1852

Mr J. J. Donegan & Co
Dear Sirs

We wrote you last on
31th Dec & have with acknowledge receipt of your
favours of 22nd 24th & 26th same: contents noted ind.
-sures as stated & entries made as above

We bind you herewith account sales

"J & J. B. R."	43	bales Cotton	of J. J. B. Robinson
"J & J. B. R."	11		
"W. T. Read adm ^r "	6		
"J. L. Watkins"	50		

which we wish safe to bind - The first & last sale
were delayed in closure in consequence of the
absence of the writer on a visit to friend Rand
at Gretna - His delatorship in shipping Cotton
& replying to our letters proved to be not without a
reason as his liabilities upon examination turned
out to be much larger than his ability to pay -
His debts according to the showing made add up about
\$54,000 - while the sum of what are supposed to
be good assets does not exceed \$34,000 - The assets
consist in Read's estate, Negro property, Steamboat
stock & notes representing store accounts, which

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Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Read, W. T., adm.
Robinson, J. & J. B.

Watkins, J. L.

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will of course, notwithstanding their being in the hands
of a trustee require some time to be converted into
money - The expenses of collection will have to
be deducted & some allowance for excessive expenses
estimated to be made: so that in the opinion of the
writer 50^{cts} on the 100^{cts} will not be an improvable
estimate of the amount which will finally be
paid over - Strange to say not a single person
in Grenada had any idea of his true condition
until after the expose made to the writer, not
even Mr Coffman a partner in the house
of McRae & Coffman, to whom I had owed
a very large debt, & who was in constant & daily
association with him -

You were very wright in advising Judge Weakley
to discountenance any depreciation on the part
of our friends to ship cotton all the way by flat
boats, as the insurance companies positively
refuse to take more than 1/2 the risk upon such
shipments - We have not heard from any of our
No Ala houses whether they have adopted the
system of taking the remaining 1/2 risk or not
Will inquire of them & let you know - From the
encls sent up you will see that we have fixed our

Names:

Coffman,

McRae & Coffman

Weakley, Judge

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... insurance at the value of ... per ton
During the week in consequence of favorable
foreign advices the demand for cotton has been
good & prices have advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$. We quote
middlings $8\frac{5}{8}$ to $8\frac{7}{8}$

We hand you herewith originals of exchange
drawn by Jas Robb & Co on Wm Hoge & Co New York
dated ~~to pay~~ ^{to order} payable @ 70 d/d to order of Mr
J. J. Donegan for \$1000. \$500. \$500. & \$500.⁰⁰ in all
Twenty five hundred & fifty one ⁰⁰ dollars, being
for Twenty five hundred invested @ 2% dis
& charged to ac Mr Donegan to whom please
hand the bills -

Yours very truly
James Donegan & Co

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

James Robb & Co.
William Hoge & Co.

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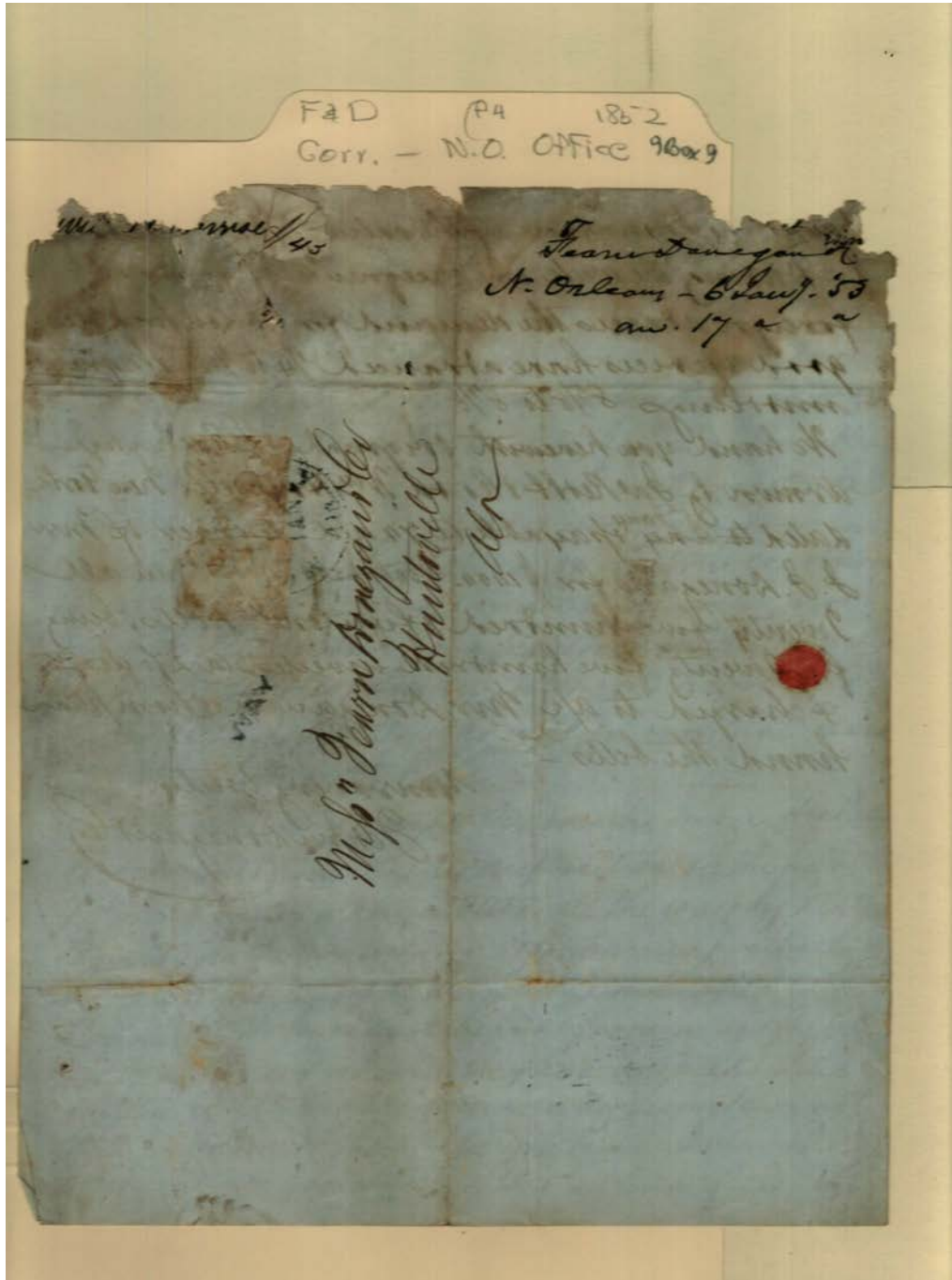
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Collection Scope and Content: The Collection of 114 Linear ft. includes a total of 156 Archival Boxes. The Frances Cabaniss Roberts collection covers the historical records of the Cabaniss Roberts family. This collection contains extensive correspondence records of the Cabaniss Roberts family circa 1830 to 1930.

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