

from son James H. Donegan

Names:

Donegan, James J.,
Col.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

June 10, 1850

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New Orleans June 10th 1850

My dear Father

Since I last wrote you I have paid a short visit to Mr Bibb at his plantation on his farm in company with Mr Atwood, who went down to take some mortgages & attend to some business connected with the estates of John M Williams & Thomas Williams sen^r. The few days of my stay there were passed very pleasantly in riding about the country, visiting our planter friends, and enjoying the luxury of breathing fresh air & indulging in the rarities of country living - such for instance as butter, milk & fresh chickens.!!

The crops of your friends, & indeed of the whole section of country in that neighborhood, look very promising & they are all sanguine of a big yield & as wheat very anxious for a heavy price. Had the recent expectation been fulfilled the expectations of its friends, & those who were engaged in it, there would have been ample ground on which to build up such hopes for the next two years, but as things have turned out, I can not see that the prospect at present is any better than its usually is.

Our city at present is not suffering by any means from a scarcity of military heroes. In fact not to mention the minor characters, the presence of

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Gen. Lopez" self, the "very head & front" of the undertaking, who is at present undergoing a preliminary examination, previous to a criminal prosecution, has given us matter of conversation for several days past. There is considerable excitement here in his favour among those free born spirits of the present age, who disdain all idea of accommodation, themselves to the law as it exists, & who seem to think in this particular, as the abolitionists do not in regard to slavery, that there is a law which is higher than that of the land, - the law of humanity & civilization!!! This is, they say, the law which is to be looked to, & thus they apologize for an attempt, to say the very best of it, to act the military propagandism of liberty - Whenever the general assembly is greeted with cheers & plaudits, & on one occasion she was regaled with a very fine sermon. His speeches, which are delivered in Spanish & translated into English for the benefit of his hearers by Señor, one of the editors of the Delta, are quite accurately received. Their substance is merely a declaration of his devotion to the cause of liberty, & an expression of his determination to prosecute at all hazards, until its completion or his death, the sacred cause of Cuba's independence, which to judge from its appearances, it would seem he is more interested in than Cuba herself. What the event of the prosecution will be, no one as yet can tell, as

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It has proceeded a very short way: all present appearances seem to indicate that it will be as complex & as tedious as was the Key affair, & that it will extend itself far into the summer, which will be a severe trial both to Judge, Jury & Prisoner. The great mass of the people, really intelligent & well informed part of the population, do not seem inclined to believe look upon the expedition with by any means a favourable eye.

Mr Hopkins who is over in Mobile will leave here to morrow for home via Jackson the Yazoo country &c. He says your views are entirely right, & that he is perfectly willing so far as he is concerned to conform them, but he does not think that Mr A. in consequence of his being a more expensive than any of us, having the bulk of the business to attend to, ought to be bound in the same way: perhaps he is right & as Mr A. seems to think as himself, it might be as well to let the matter rest as it is, particularly as peculiarly it is after all too little small a matter to make a fuss about.

My own health continues to be an exception to the general health of the city, which is very good. The fact is there is very little chance for disease at present as the city is almost deserted. The only thing that troubles us much "save the mosquitoes" is the cotton market, which is the very support for a large part of our lives. We hope the course of the next few days will materially & fortunately change this state of things. Give my love to one & all. M. Donegan

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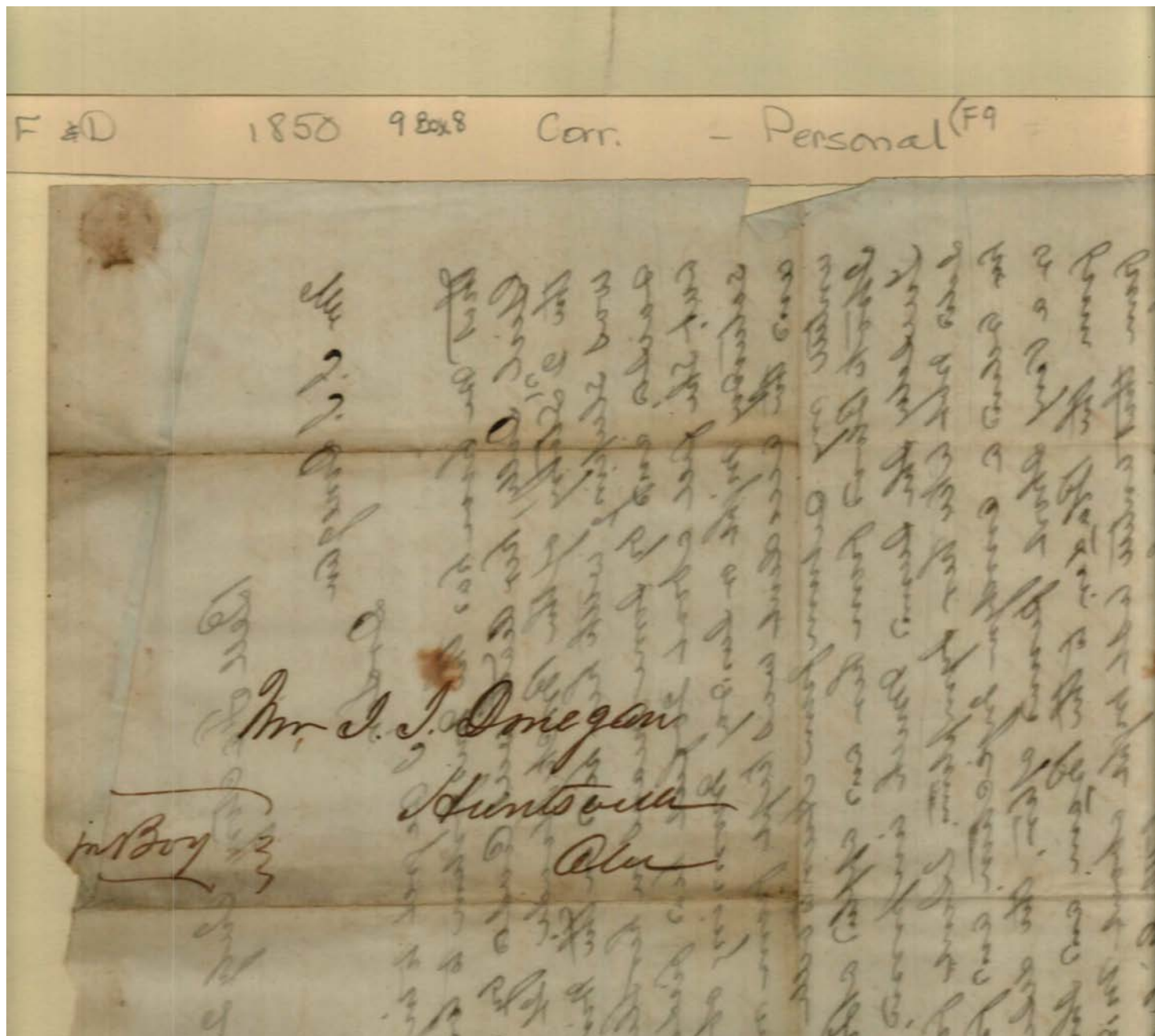
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Bell Factory July 26. 1850.

Mr J. J. Donegan
Order

I regret to inform you that we have had the misfortune to lose a little girl Dolly, her death was caused by a fall from the 2^d story of the Brick House. It appears she was sleeping with her head in the window that being said, and by some means in her sleep worked herself out. She fell about 20 feet high. It happened on Saturday night or Sunday morning about two o'clock and the accident was kept from me, the father, until my return from Huntsville Monday night. Shocked blood from her ear applied a bloodlet and on Tuesday she seemed much improved, on Wednesday she was not like her symptoms. I went for Dr Jordan in order a mercury injection, and from that time a very short period after, the disease terminated from the bladder to the brain and she was under the care that until last night about midnight when she died. We have now a little girl about 5 years old very sick with the Bowel Complaint, the cholerae are all tolerably well except myself, I attribute my complaining to my neglect and attention to the girl that died. I trust I will improve -

Very Respectfully
Yours
W. B. Taber

death

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