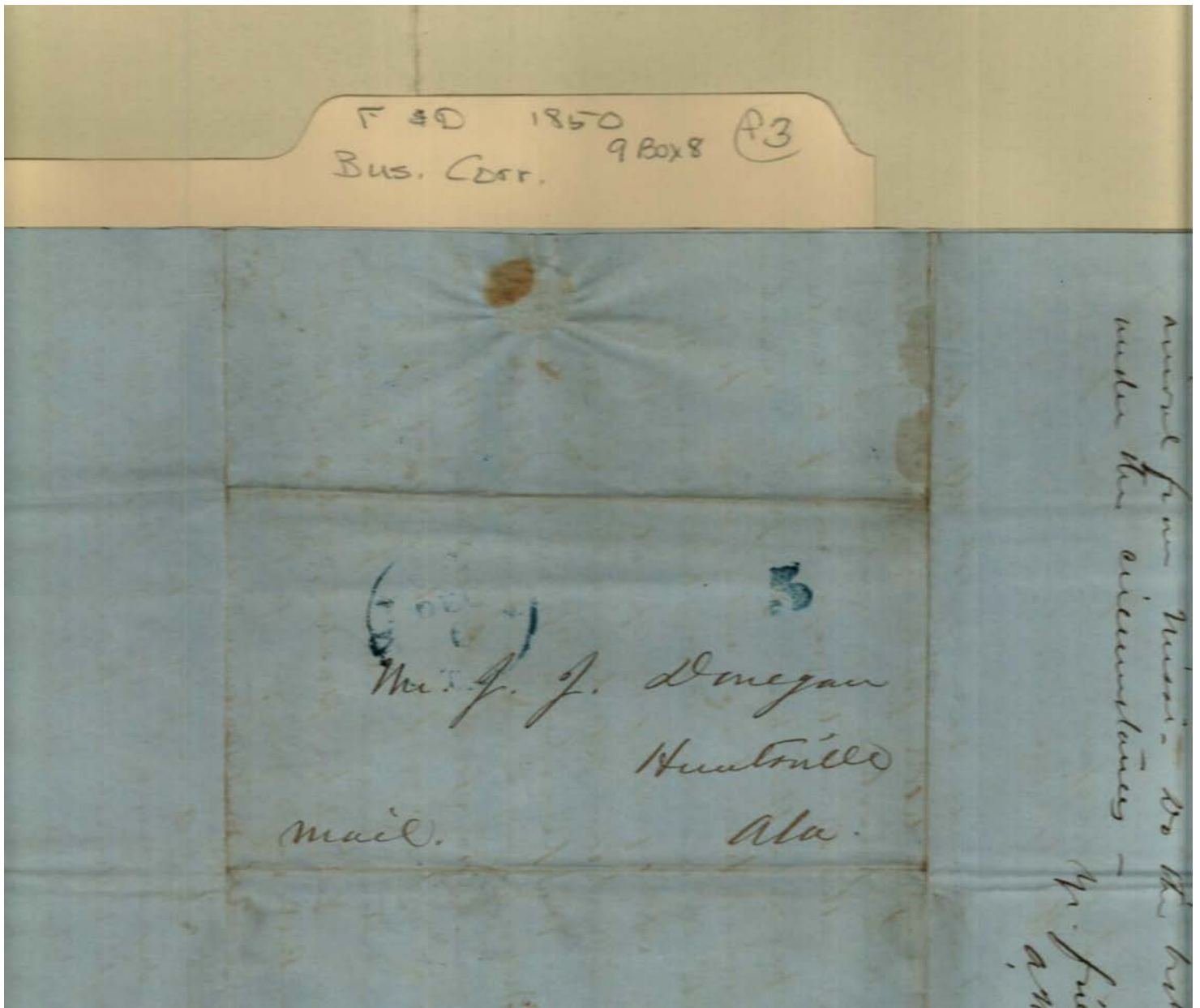


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Fearn and Donegan Business Correspondence, 1850

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from Dr. Thomas Fearn

Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Nov 5, 1850

F 40 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 P3

Memphis Nov. 5th 1850

My dear Sir

As it is expected that I shall report progress to some of my friends, I beg, ~~the first~~ to do so through you. We left Tusculum, as anticipated, having been joined by my boy Burton, on Monday - with a crowded stage - and although we had occasional showers & very muddy roads, as we approached the impetuans, we arrived here last night all in good health as when we left home - myself not excepted. We found Mrs. Hopkins on the pavement, ready to receive us at the bank. although, he was in great doubt whether we would come at all, as he had countermanded "the order" to his wife. The steamer America was up for N Orleans, to leave about the time we arrived. I did not, however, go until 11 o'clock this morning, if Kate ~~did not leave she may have written her name~~ & myself, should have taken passage on her, had a carriage at the door & our baggage carried down, as soon as we learned she was still here, but our "looker out" informed us, she had put out & we saw her steaming down the river. As Kate is very impatient, we shall take our lodging on the Wharf boat tonight, ready for any good boat. Your package to Clap & Strickland, I put in the letter box at Holly Springs P.O., about 12 o'clock night before last.

I have had a pretty full conversation with

Names:

, Kate

Class & Strickland

Fearn, Burton

Hopkins, Mrs.

Places:

Memphis, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Nov 5, 1850

F 3D 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (3)

Hopkins
on the subject of business, and have convinced myself more thoroughly, that we should not think of establishing a commission house here. He acquiesces & is perhaps also convinced. He will give you his views about business, therefore I need not. I have seen none of our business friends here. This morning, I found the ground covered with snow & the wind very bleak, so that I have prudently kept the horses.

Mr. Garnett & John Steele are here, Garnett I fear has not adhered to his good resolutions, for I understand, he was quite excited at a dinner party at Gov. Jones's yesterday or day before; but I have not learned, that he has taken any frolics on the way - Steele says, he has never been unfit for business, & he thinks no man knows better what he is about - Neither Jones or Brinkley have been here, & I can say but little about the R. Road. The board has, I understand, appointed a meeting at Huntsville on the 15th Inst. when they expect to have all necessary data ready for making a location, at least of this end of the line. Garnett says, a party of engineers will be sent to Ala. to make the surveys thought necessary there, & that his brother will be there to superintend them.

Every thing I hear convinces me, that the very best feeling exists every where along the line, in relation to the road; but that some distrust exists, as to the management.

Names:

Brinkley,
Garnett,

Hopkins, A. M.
Jones, Gov.

Steele, John

Places:

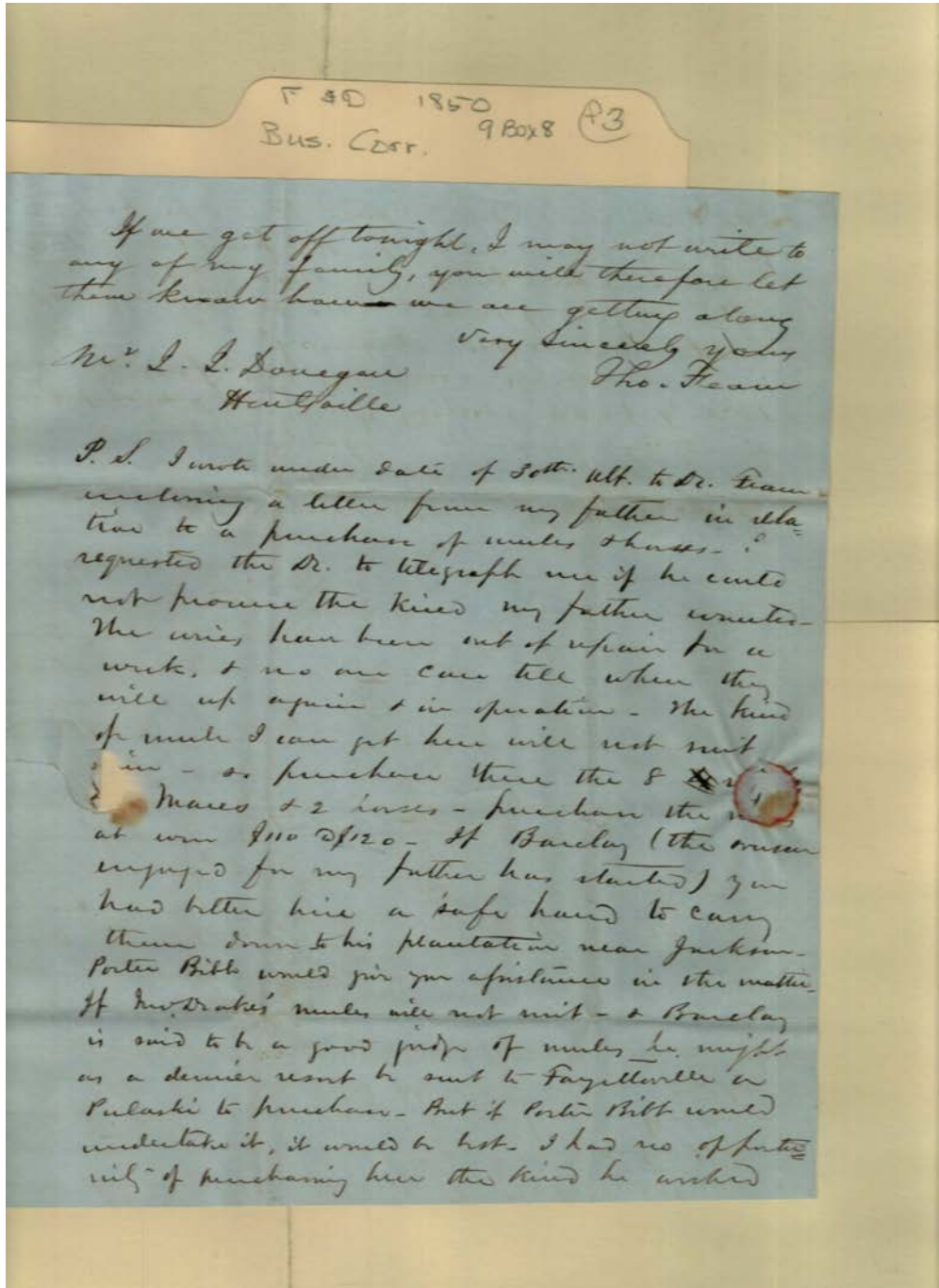
Memphis, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Nov 5, 1850



from A. M. Hopkins

Names:

Barclay,
Bibb, Porter

Donegan, J. J.
Drake, John

Fearn, Dr.
Fearn, Thomas

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Memphis, TN

Types:

correspondence

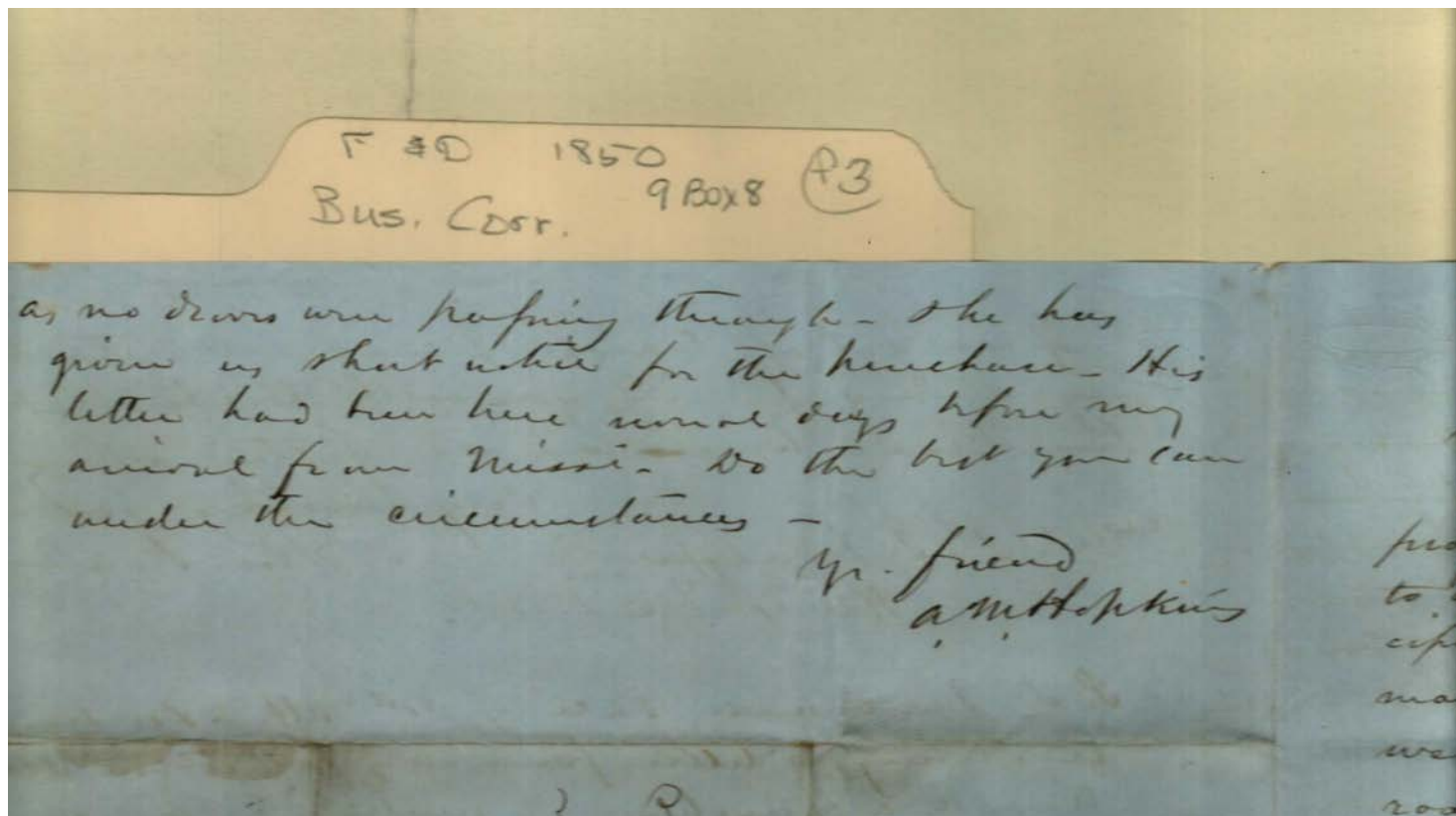
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Names:

Hopkins, A. M.

Places:

Memphis, TN

Types:

correspondence

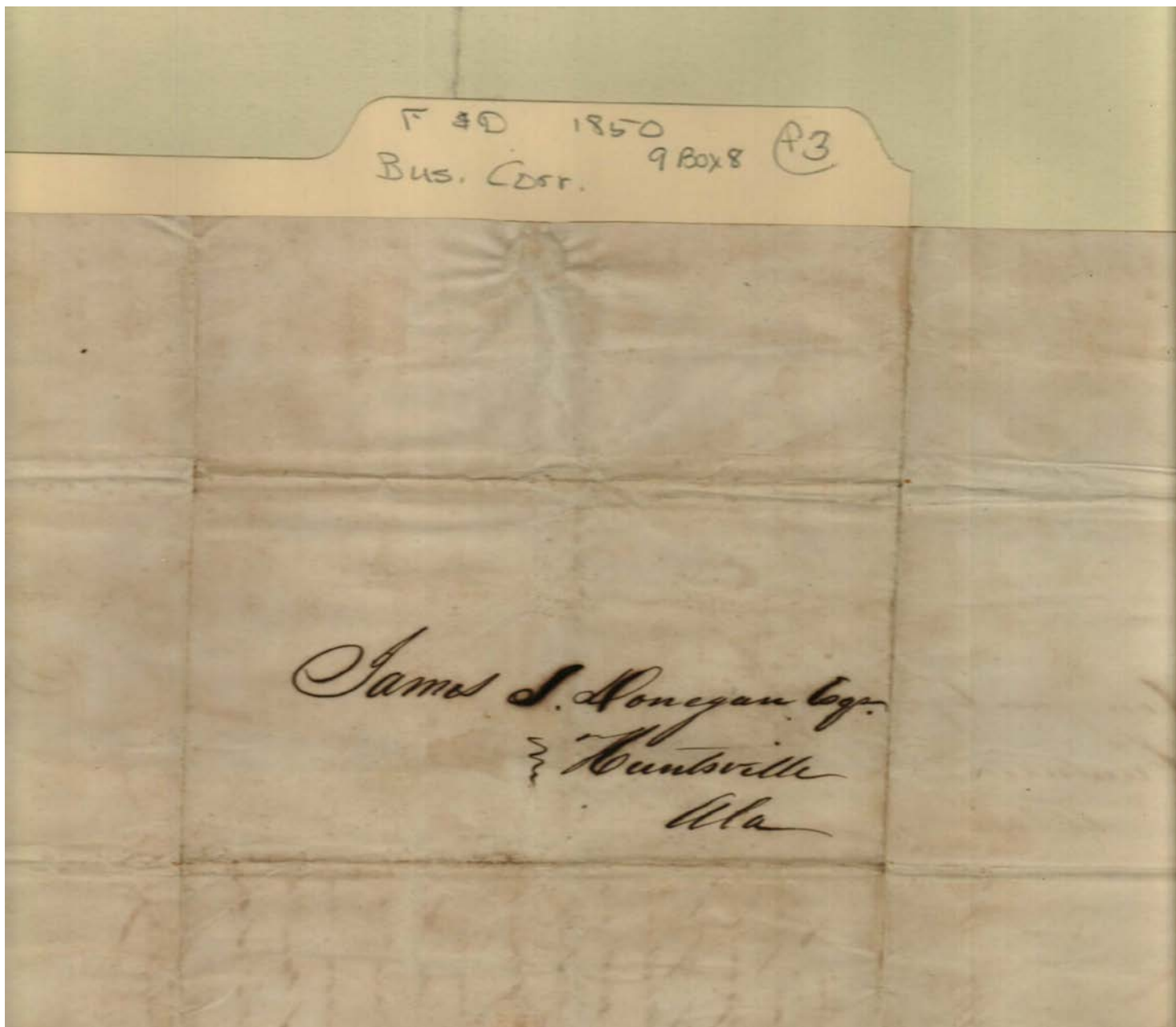
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Nov 5, 1850

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Fearn and Donegan Business Correspondence, 1850

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from Thomas Green

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

July 6, 1850

F 40 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (3)

July 6th 1850.

Mr. Donegan

Dear Sir:-

As I have a vacation of two months, and idleness does not suit as poor a man as myself. I have thought it proper to apply to the new Marshal for the taking of the Census in the western half of the Madison County. Capt. Davis from some time since will interest himself in my behalf and now if I can get such a man as Mr. Donegan from Huntsville to write a kind letter to Mr. Gipson in my behalf it, will help the cause. I can do the reading during my vacation and make out the returns at night and Saturday. There are many applications, but as I know that I can do the business as well as any one, and that I am as ready as any one ought to be I thought proper to place my name among the number.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Thos. U. Green

Names:

Davis, Capt.

Donegan,

Gipson,

Green, Thomas U.

Places:

Madison Co., AL

Types:

correspondence

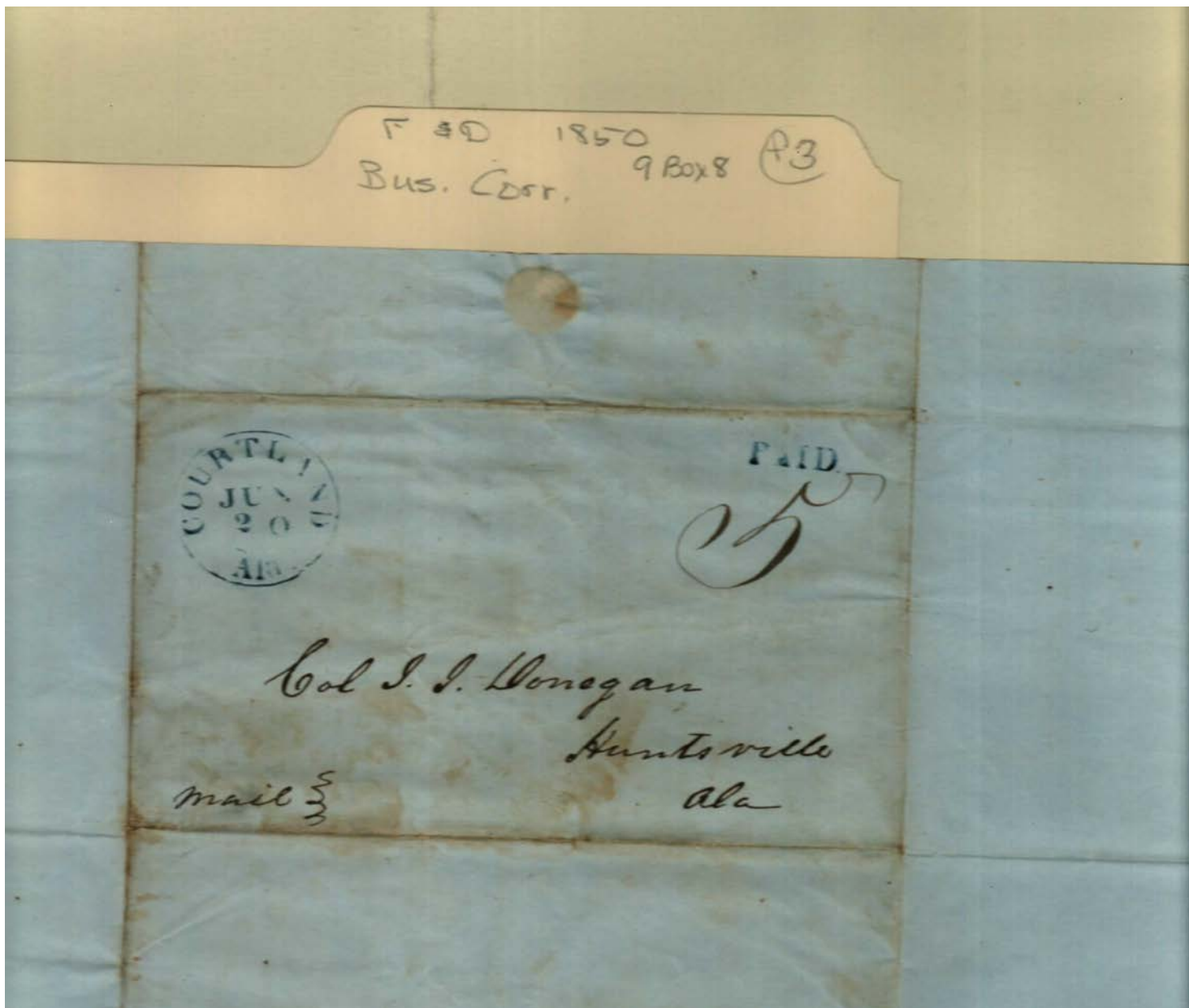
Dates:

July 6, 1850

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Fearn and Donegan Business Correspondence, 1850

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from E. M. Swoope

Names:

Donegan, J. J., Col.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

June 19, 1850

F 80 - 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (A3)

Courtland June 19/50

Col J. J. Donegan
Sir

I write to you to request a favor of you - I understand that a new Marshal has been appointed in the place of Genl. Patterson - but have not understood as yet who is the person - The impression is that it is some one in your City - There is a very intelligent, clever industrious and honest man in this place who wishes to obtain the place of Census taker for this County, or half of it, should it be divided, he is a poor, but very deserving man, has a large family, and this office would be of great assistance to him - I know he is fully competent, or I would say nothing in his favor - He requested me to write to some in Huntsville in his behalf - I knew no one who would wield more influence there than your self. I have therefore applied to you to favor me so far as to represent his case to the Gentleman appointed - Please forward me three Bales of the 7/8 Bros Comabuss from the factory.

Yrs Very Respectly
E. M. Swoope

Names:

Donegan, J. J., Col.

Patterson, Genl.

Swoope, E. M.

Places:

Courtland, AL

Types:

correspondence

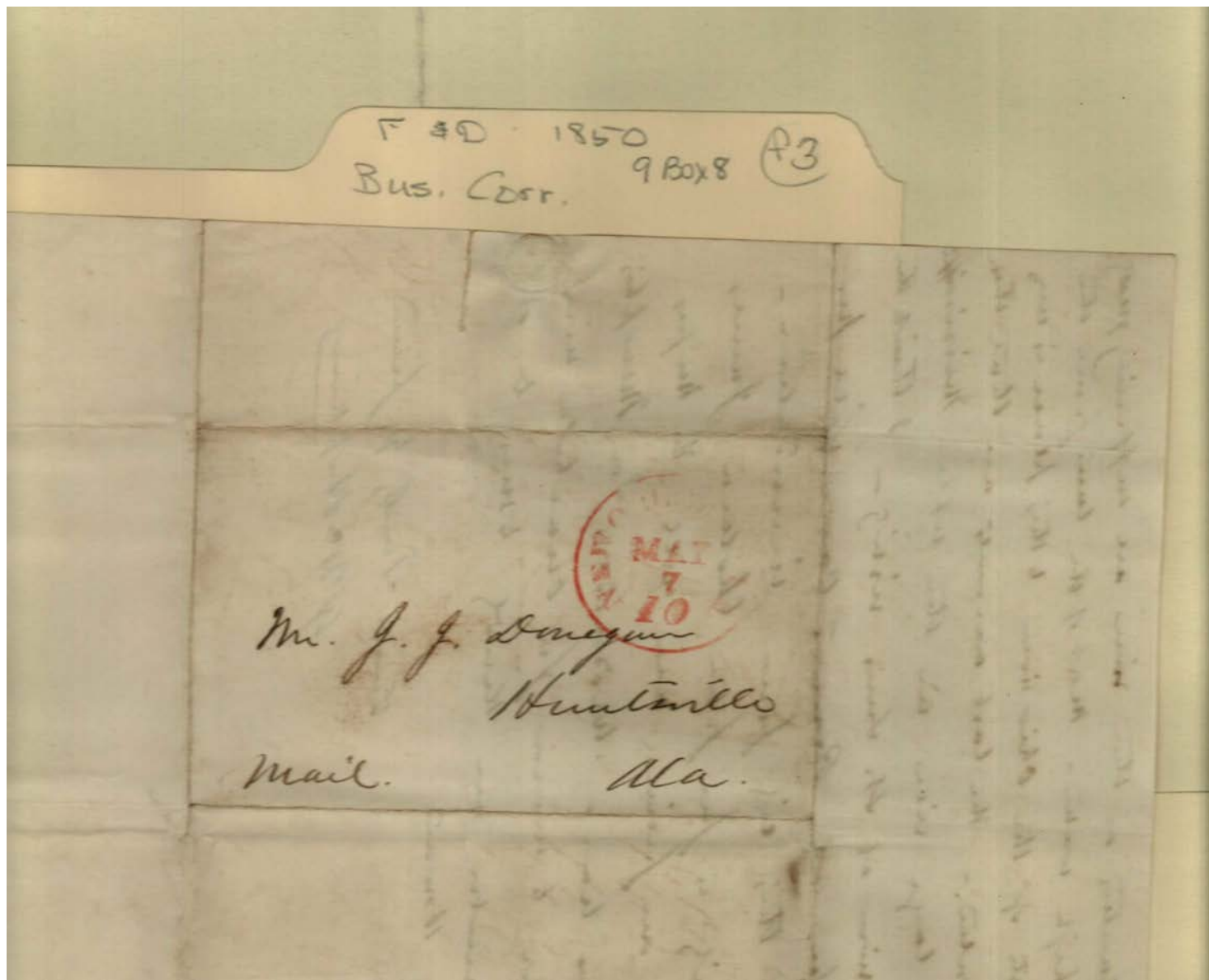
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June 19, 1850

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from A. M. Hopkins

Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

May 6, 1850

F 30 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (A3)

New Orleans May 6th 1850.

Mr. J. J. Donegan,
My dear Sir,

In my letter to Mr. Mills on 4th Inst. I referred here to you for a paper in my trunk box. This is an important document to Mr. Bibb myself, as it contains a release signed by all the Legations & by Col. Pleasants just before his death. After Mr. Mills has obtained from a memo. as to its date & the signatures, please return it to the letter box.

On Tuesday we re-organized the House with the full particulars of which you have been doubtless advised by Dr. Fearn & found. It is understood by all parties that if you should wish to come in you are to do so - & the wish of all is that you should find it accordant with your views to continue with us - I hope that you will re-consider it the matter - The term is a short one, & as one of the seniors retains his place I wish very much that both could attend. I am glad that matters are all so amicably arranged, & hope that the new House may continue

Names:

Bibb,
Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Dr.
Mills,

Pleasants, Col.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 6, 1850

F 9D 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (P3)

as successful as its predecessors have been -
The House will write you to day & give
you cotton news - Mr. Atwood is now out
engaged in collecting items for his correspon-
dence - I am of the opinion which you express
in your letter - I think prices are now very
high, & that there is no prospect of their going
higher - & that the true policy is to sell at
present rates, when the market becomes
active - The weather has been very cool &
unseasonably here for several days, making
winter clothing very comfortable - Should
it extend far up into the interior, even should
there be no frost to kill the cotton, yet it
will so far retard its growth that the ^{fruit} ~~fruit~~
will be in a tender state for the ravages of
the worm in the summer should they
repeat their visit - From all sections of the
cotton country, from which we have heard
the accounts - are that the cotton crop is in
no better condition this season than at
this period last year - This apprehension
respecting the condition & prospect of the crop
just planted has, as much agency in
bringing up the market as the foreign accounts -

Names:

Atwood,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 6, 1850

F & D 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (P3)

The planters on the river are suffering greatly from high water - Most of the land from the mouth of the Ohio river to this place is under water - The last accounts are that there was a large rise in the upper Mississippi & the river at St. Louis rising - I think the levee at Bonnet Carré will protect this city from inundation - The city is free from Cholera - James & all our friends are well - The Misses Fearn leave on Wednesday for Memphis - I leave tomorrow for Ouachita river - Remember me kindly to Mrs. D. & Miss Howard -

Very Truly yr. friend
A. M. Hopkins

Names:

, James

Fearn,

Hopkins, A. M.

Howard, Miss

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

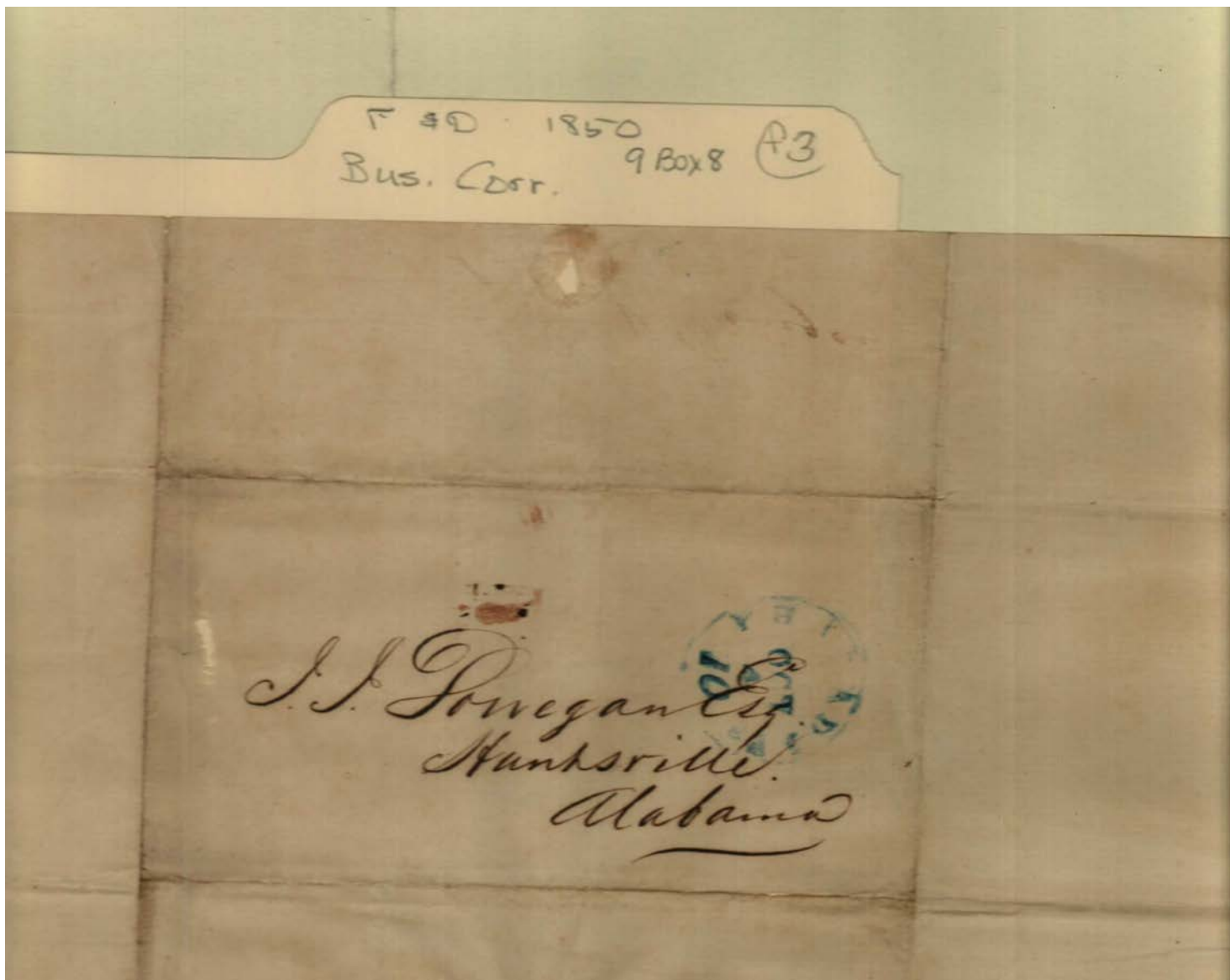
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May 6, 1850

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Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Places:

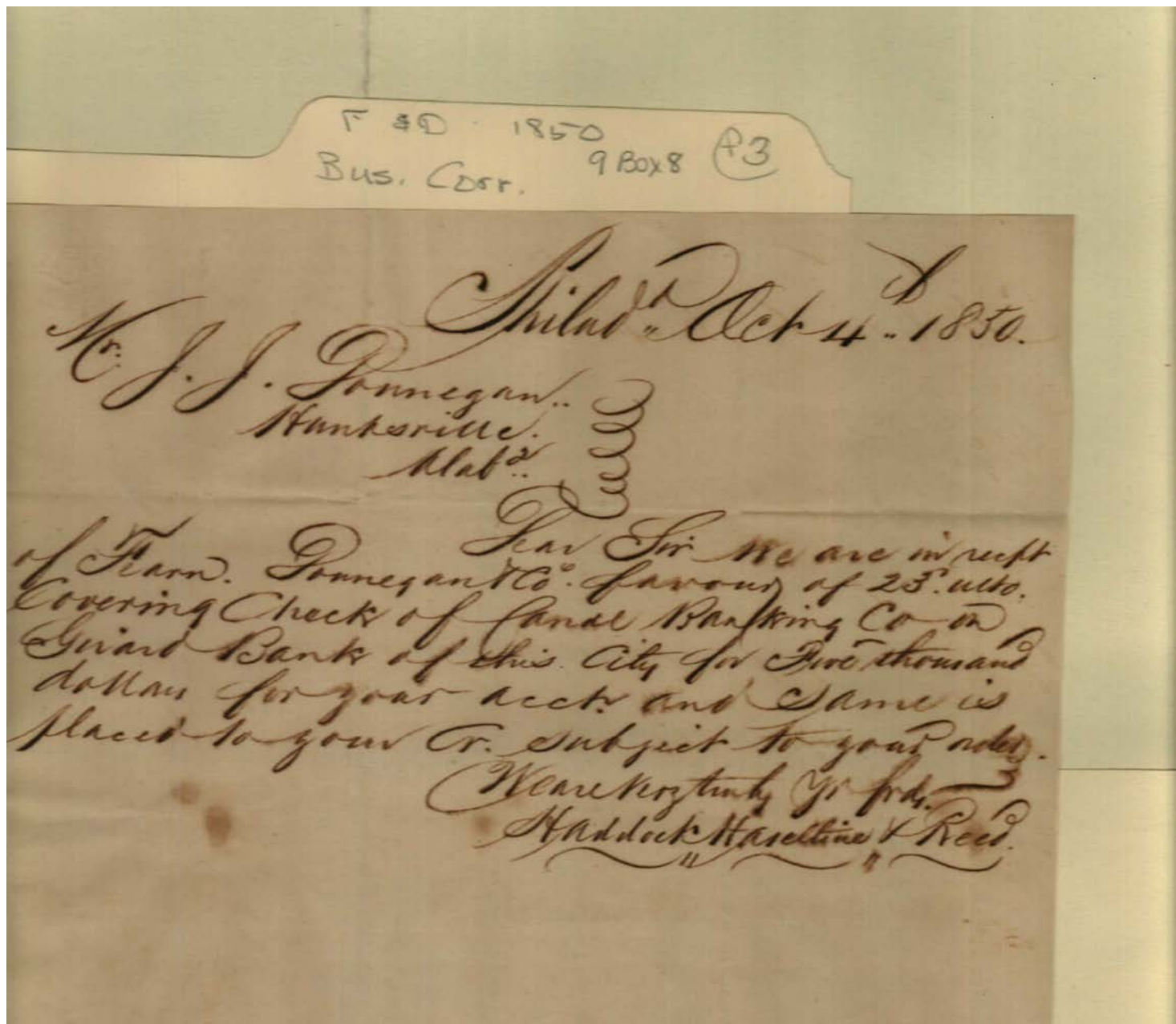
Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Oct 4, 1850



Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Haddock, Haseltine
& Reed

Places:

Philadelphia, PA

Types:

correspondence

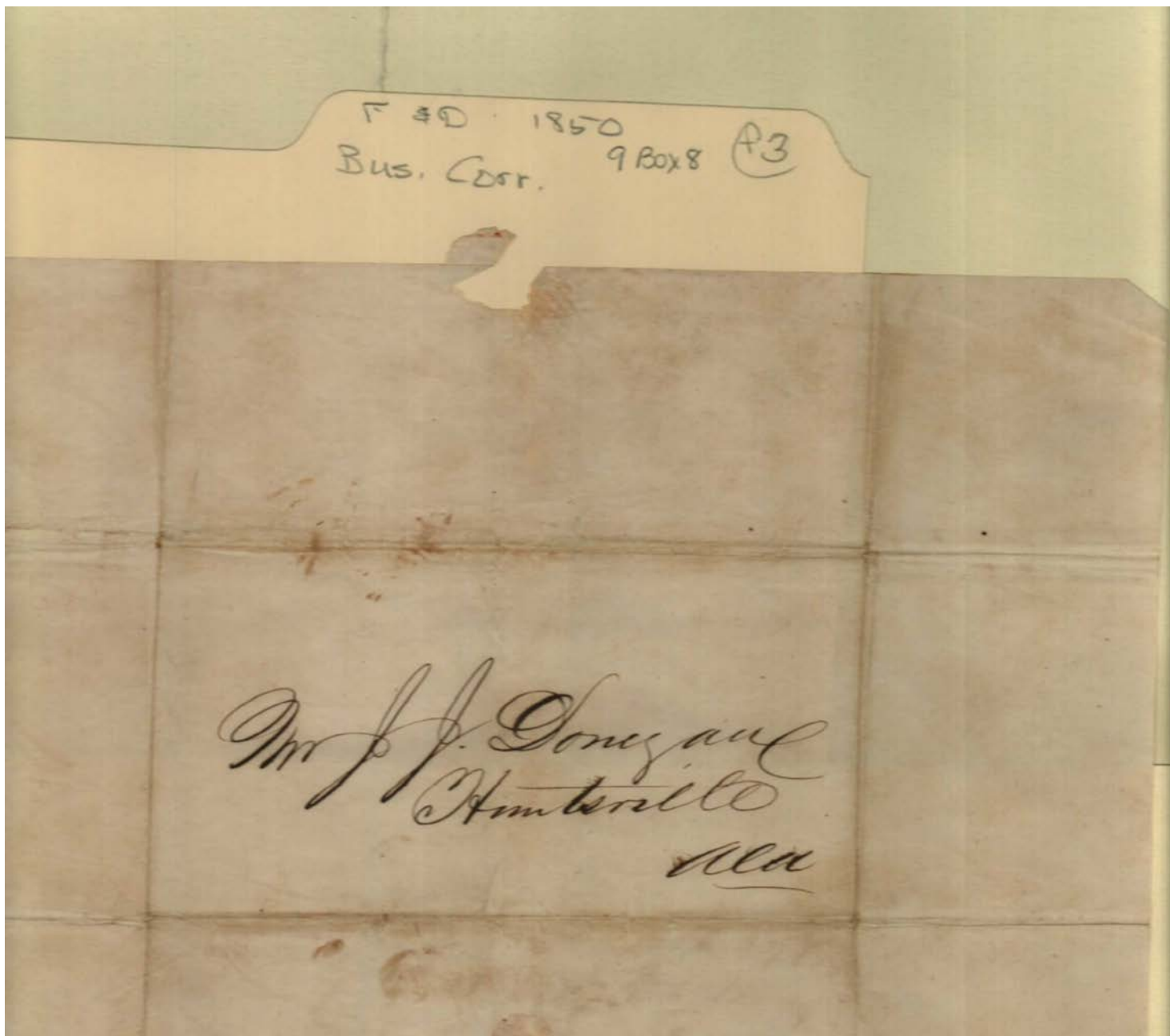
Dates:

Oct 4, 1850

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Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Places:

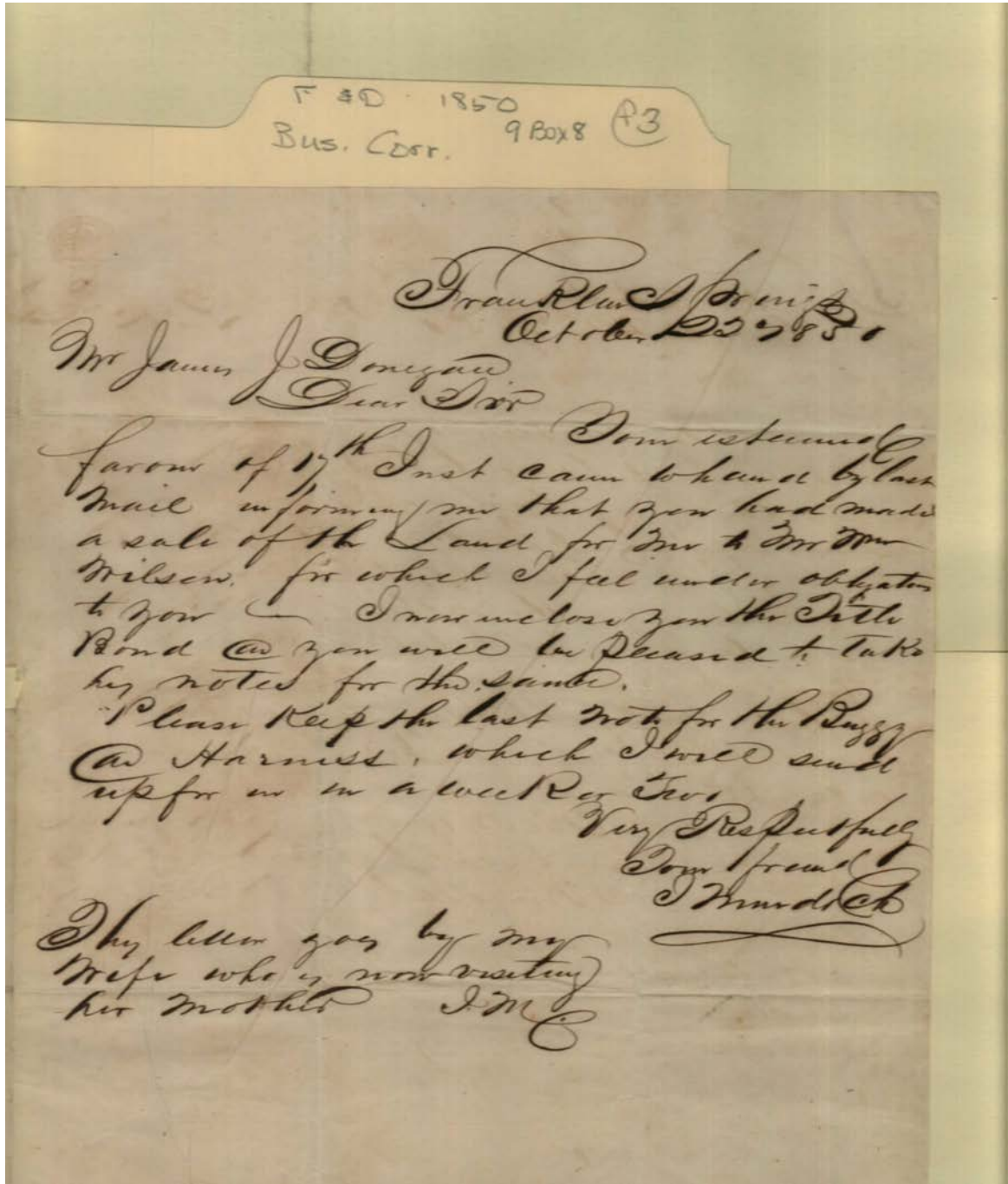
Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Oct 22, 1850



Names:

Donegan, James J.

Murdock, J.

Wilson, William

Places:

Franklin Springs

Types:

correspondence

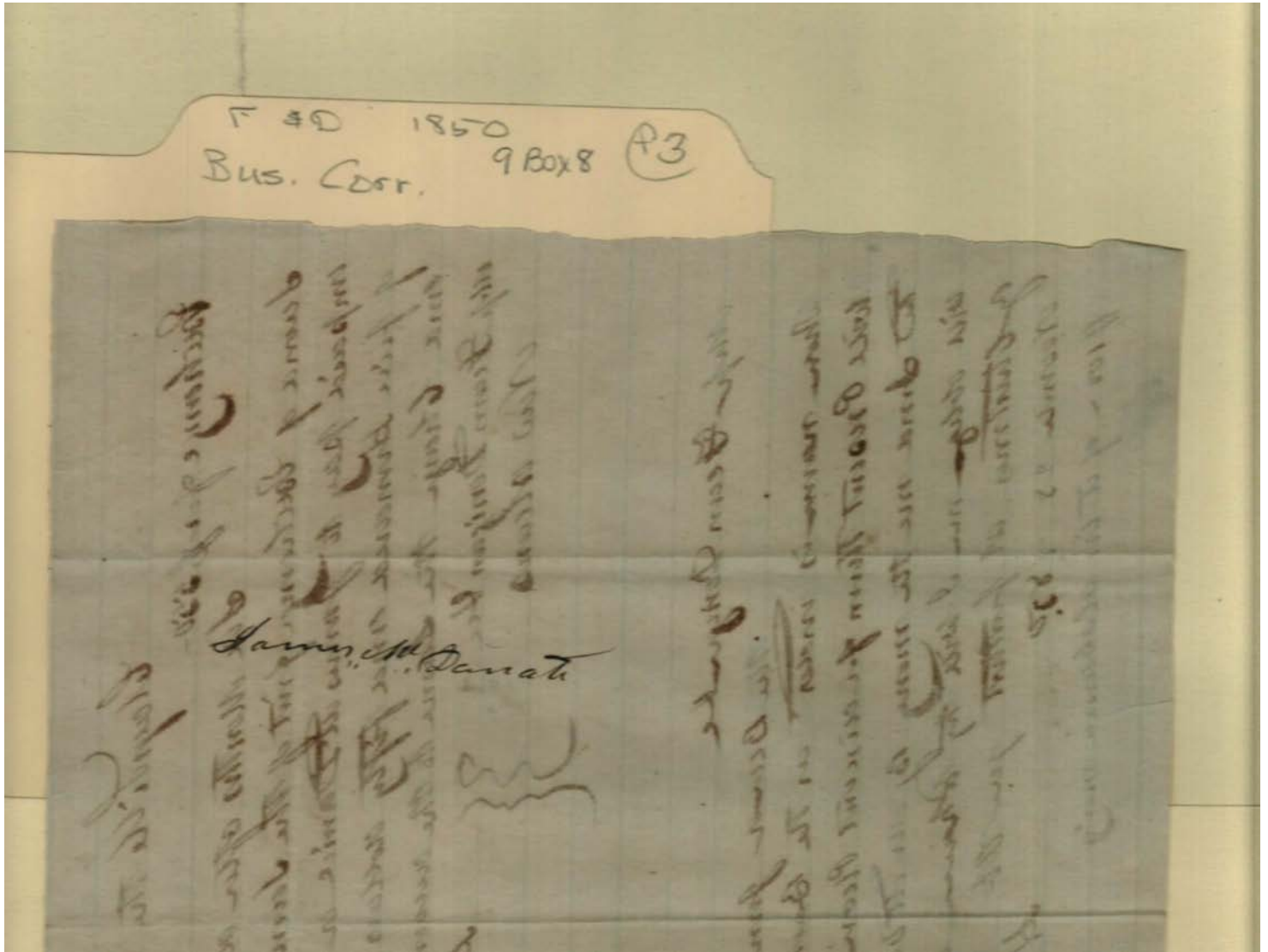
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Oct 22, 1850

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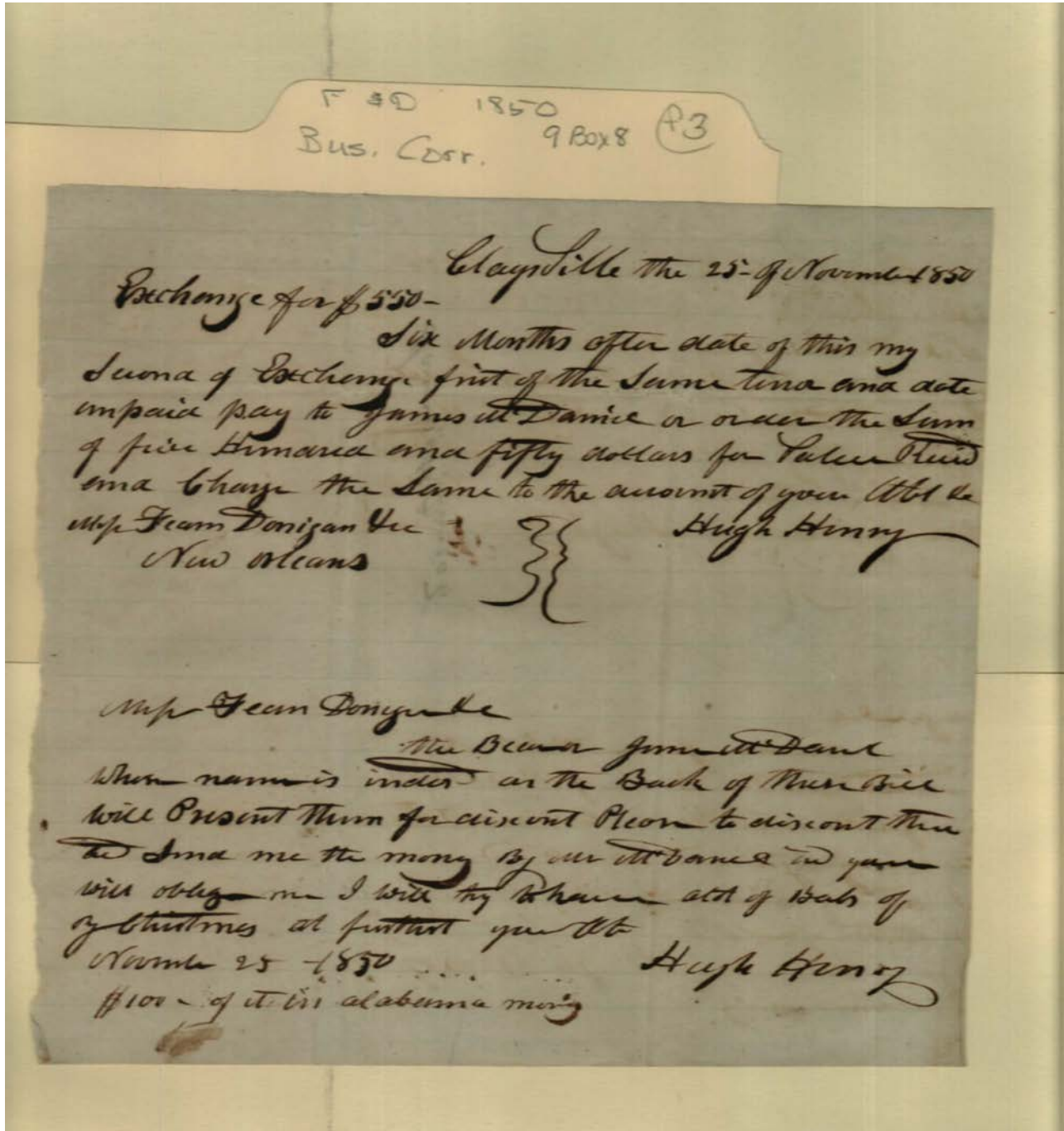


Names:

McDaniel, James

Types:

endorsement



Names:

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Henry, Hugh
McDaniel, James

Places:

Clayville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

bill of exchange

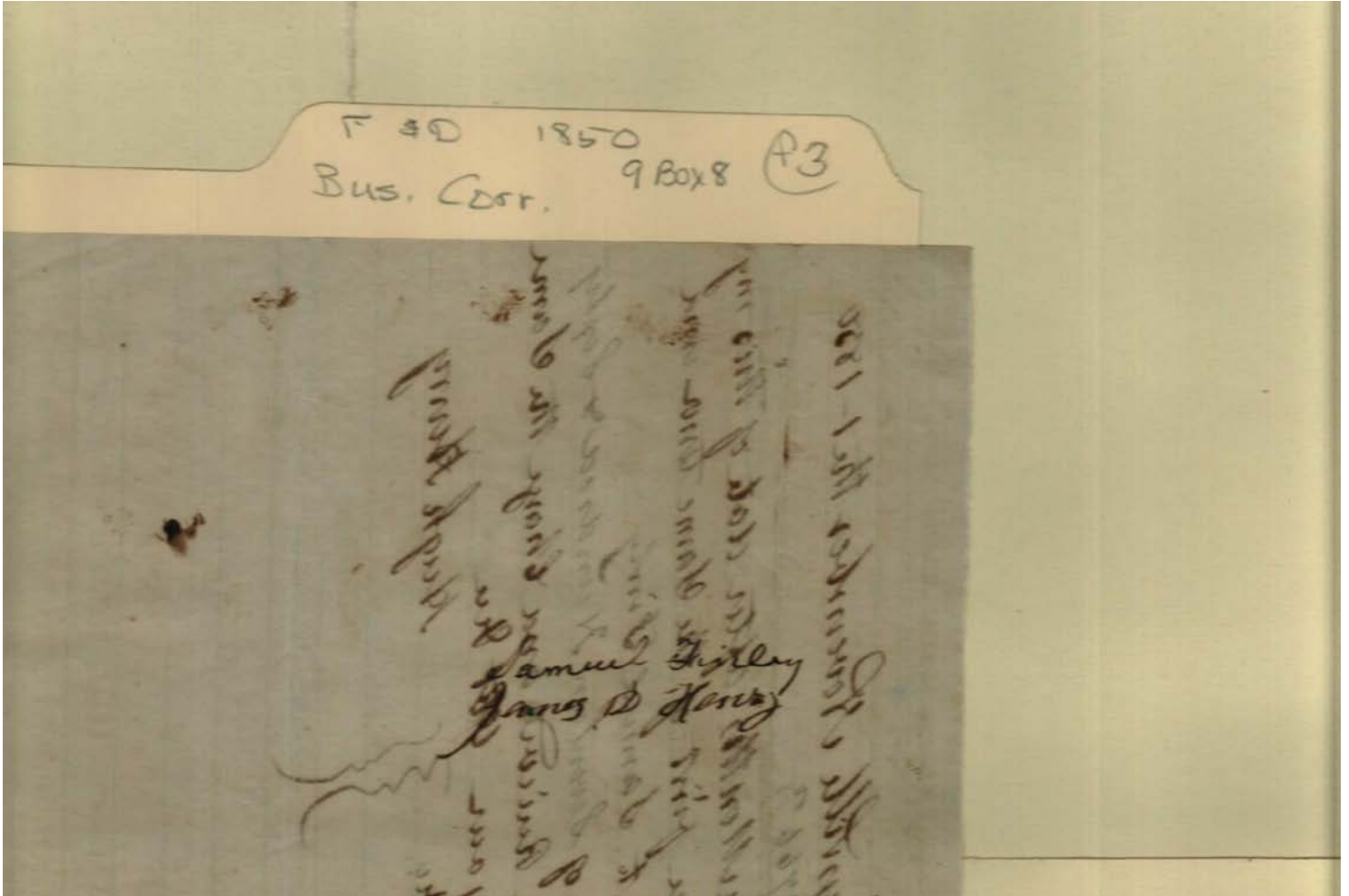
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Nov 25, 1850

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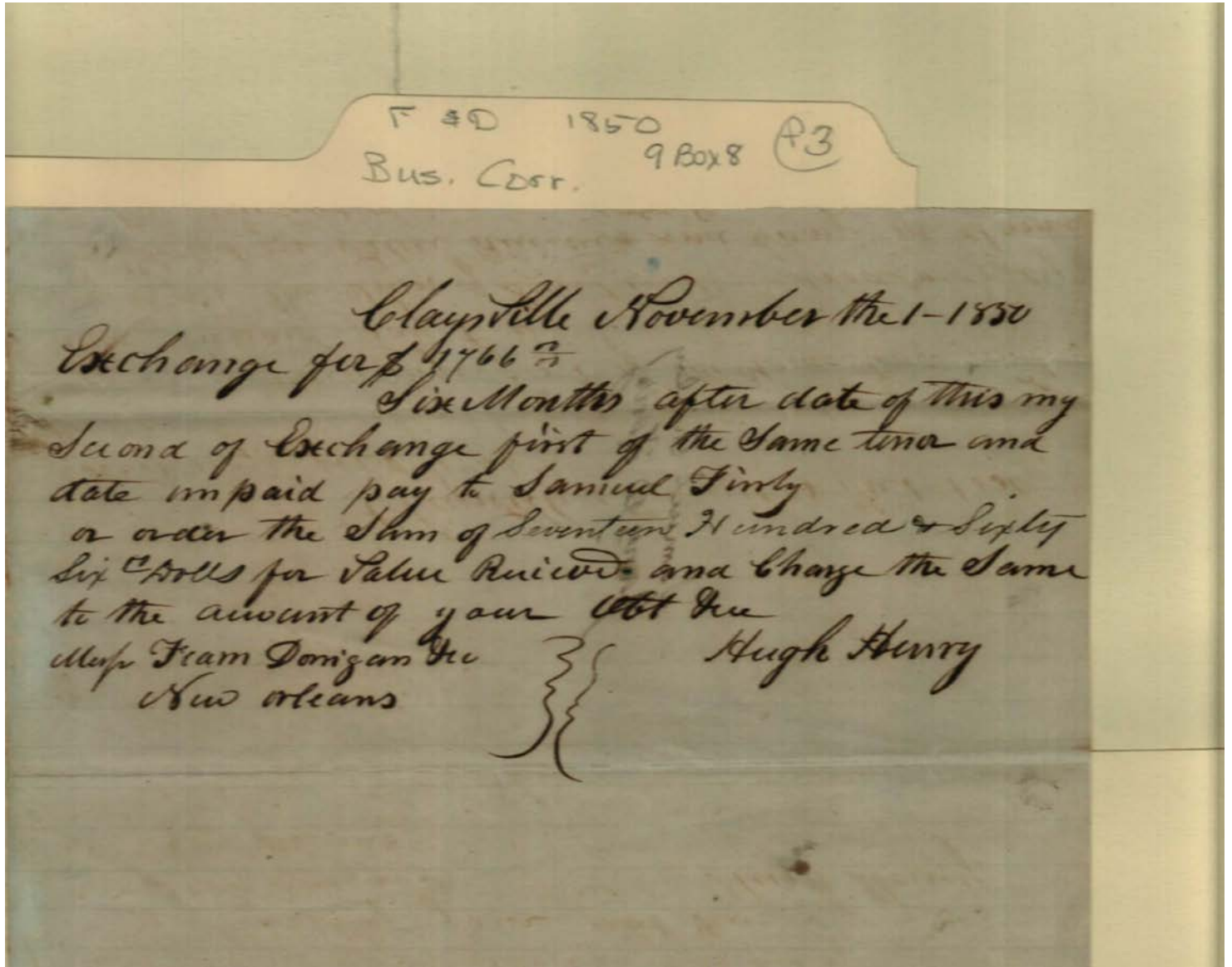
Names:

Finley, Samuel

Henry, James D.

Types:

endorsement



Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Finley, Samuel
Henry, Hugh

Places:

Clayville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

bill of exchange

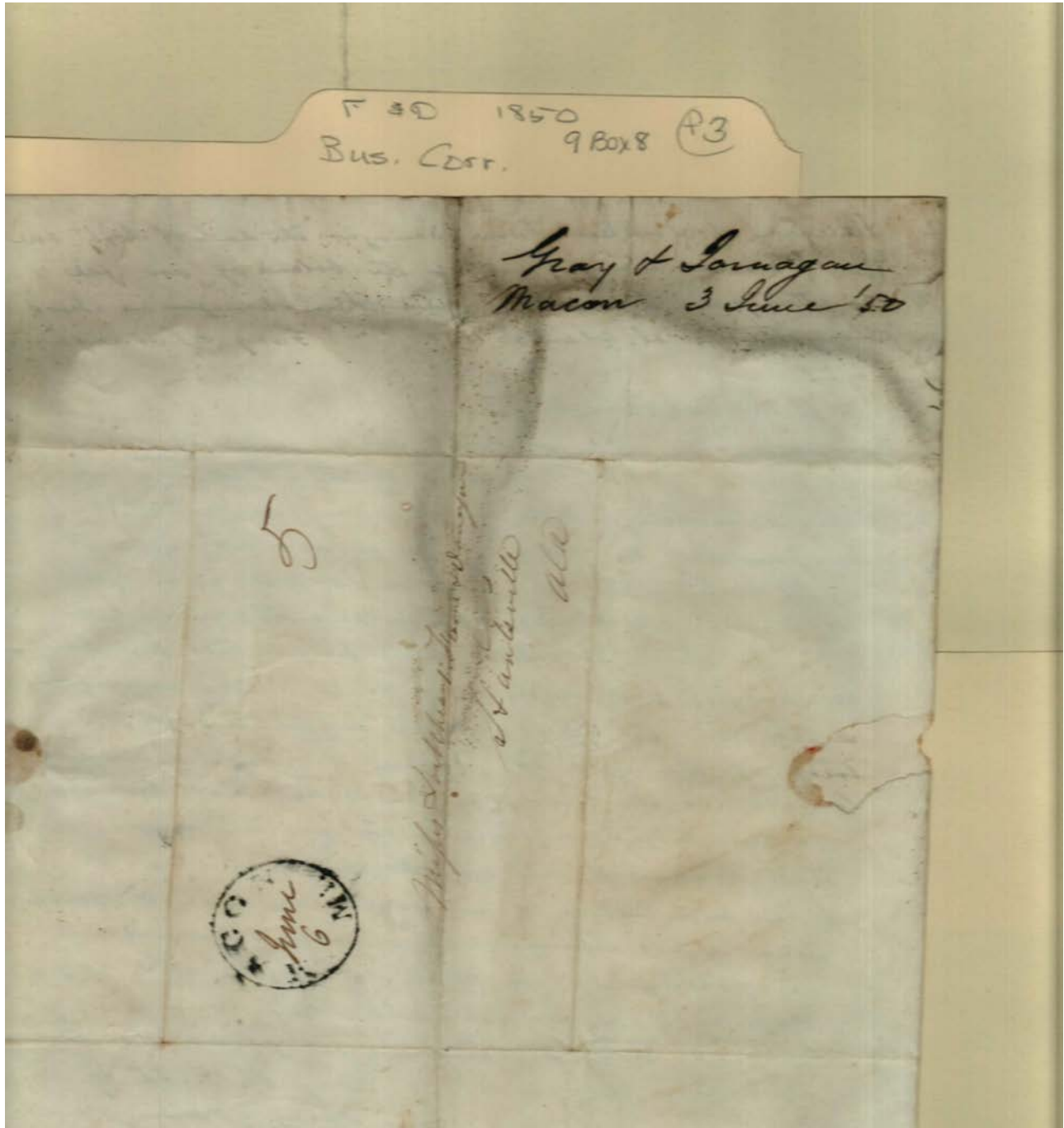
Dates:

Nov 1, 1850

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Names:

Gray & Jarnagin

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Macon, MS

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

June 30, 1850

F 40 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (3)

Macon Miss June 30 1850

Mrs. Lockhart, Fearn & Donegan
Delus

Yours of the 28th ult. was duly received, enclosing a right check in our favor for \$121.50 in payment of the balance of our fee and the payment of the costs in the case of Lockhart, Fearn & Donegan vs. H. Dent & Mrs. Longstreet. I have paid the costs and send you the clerk's receipt. You will perceive that there are two bills of costs, the sum of \$16.50 in the original suit, and the sum of \$55.75 in the case of the trial of the right of property and in the second case. We also send you the note on Dr. Dent's account. We also take pleasure in sending you our receipt for the balance of our fee. Dr. Dent is doing a fine practice, he is in partnership with Dr. Berry. And it is therefore impossible to guarantee his patients. If we shall at any time see any chance to aid you in making your money we will take pleasure in giving you all the assistance we can.

Very Respectfully
Gray & Jarnagin

Names:

Clemons, Dr.

Dent, H., Dr.

Gray & Jarnagin

Lockhart, Fearn &

Donegan

Longstreet, Mrs.

Places:

Macon, MS

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

June 30, 1850

F & D 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 A3

Samuel S. Sampson Esq will
appropriate about three hundred
dollars, funds now on which may
hereafter be in his hands subject
to my order, in discharge of a
lien upon a quarter section
of land sold by Dr. Samuel Breck,
said sum being a balance of pur-
chase money due by said
Sampson for the same —
Boston April 27th 1850. David Breck

Names:

Breck, David

Breck, Lawrence, Dr.

Donegan, James J.

Types:

account

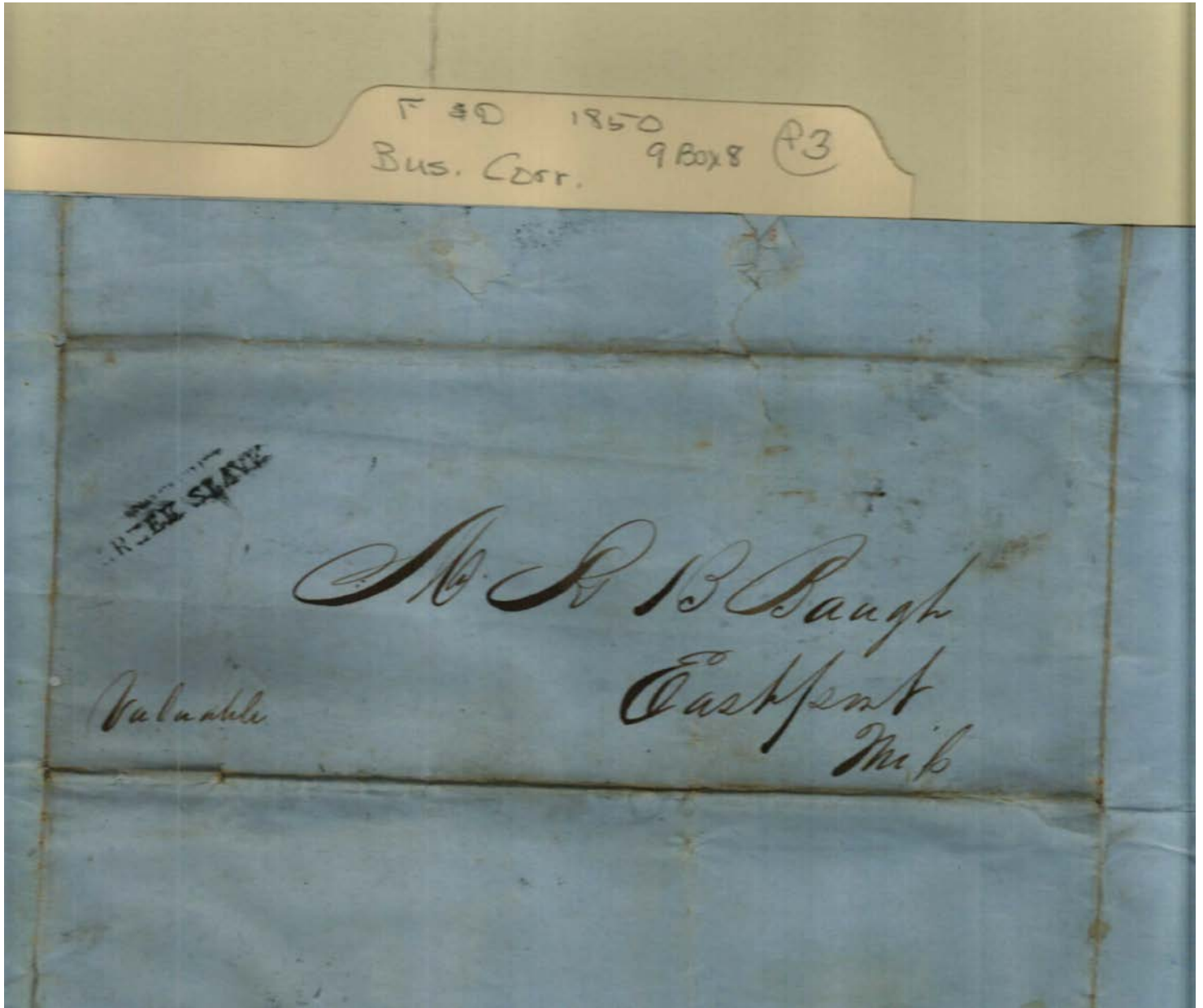
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April 27, 1850

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Names:

Baugh, R. B.

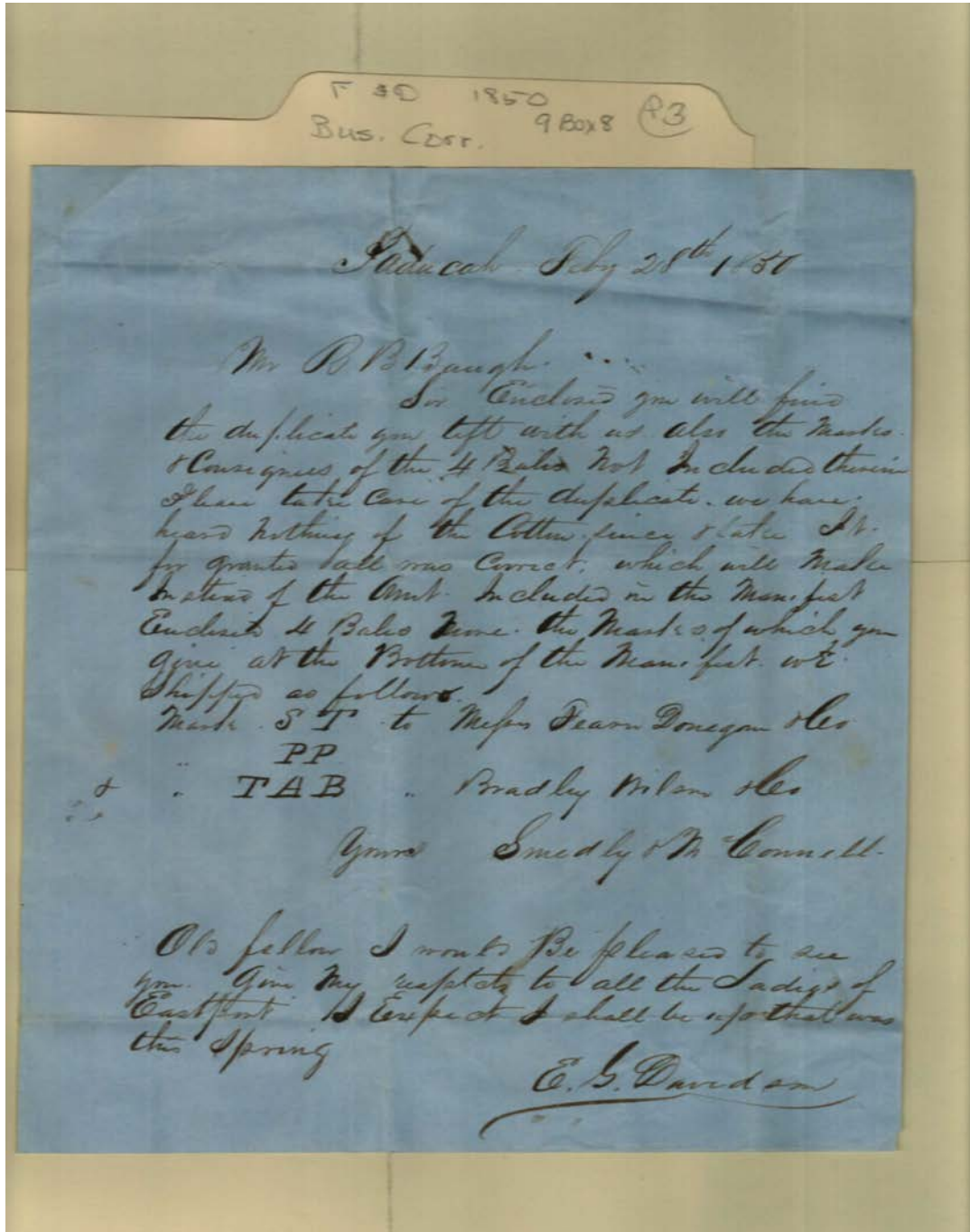
Creek Slave

Places:

Eastport, MS

Types:

letter



Names:

Baugh, R. B.
Bradley, Wilson &
Co.

Davidson, E. G.
Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Smedly & McConnell

Places:

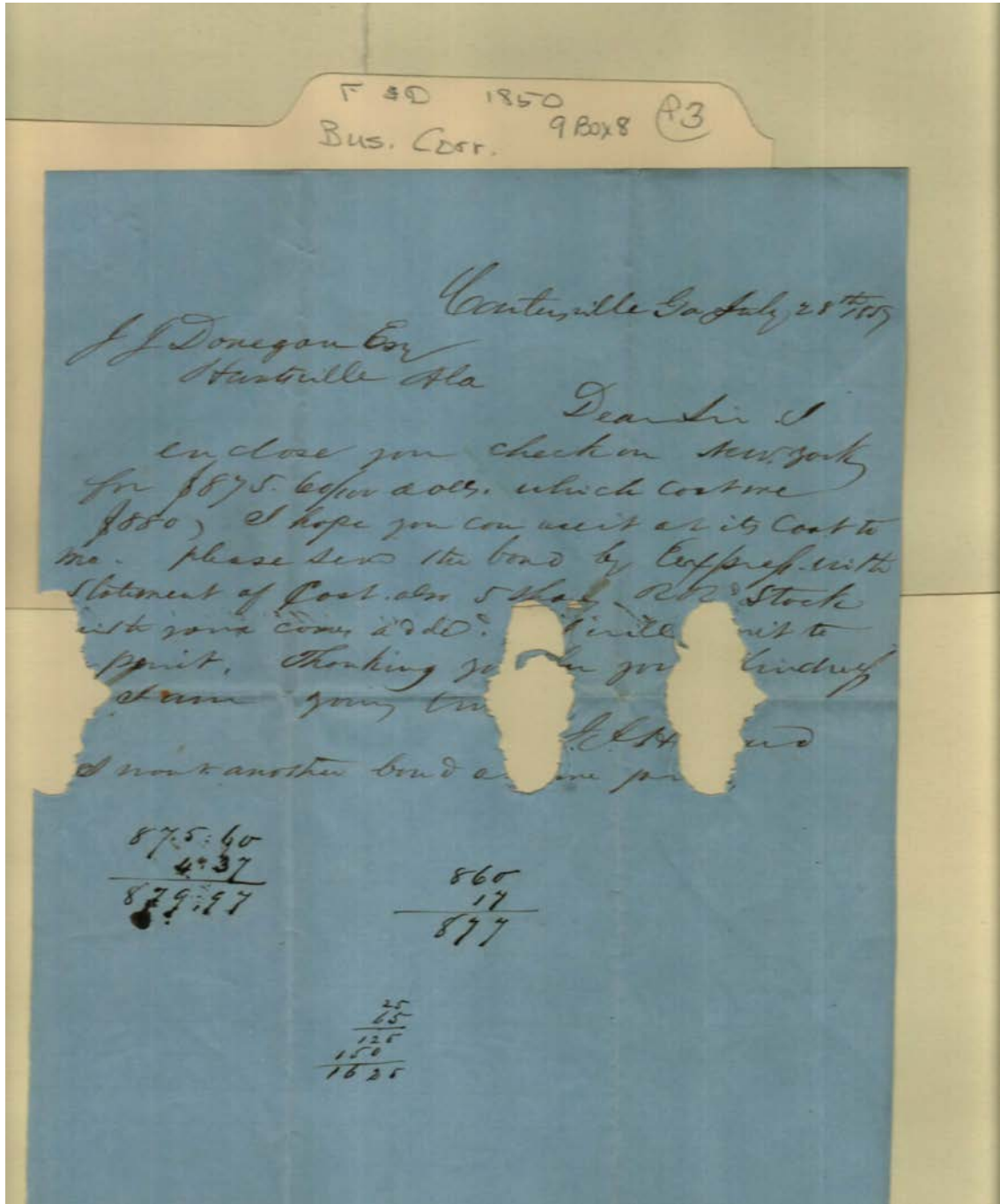
Paducah, KY

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 28, 1850



Names:

Donegan, J. J.

Holland, J. J.

Places:

Cartersville, GA

Huntsville, AL

Types:

correspondence

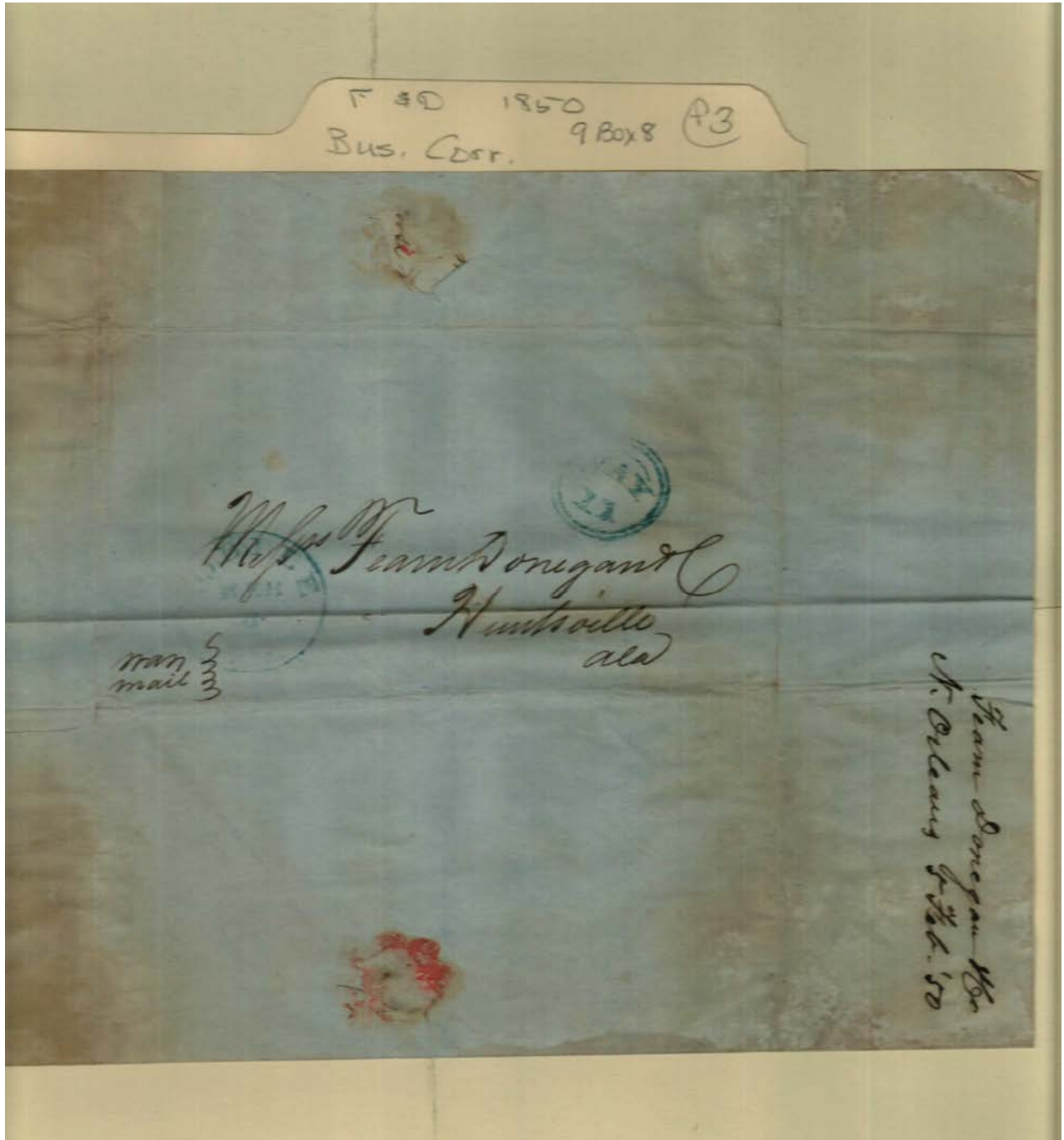
Dates:

July 28, 1851

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Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

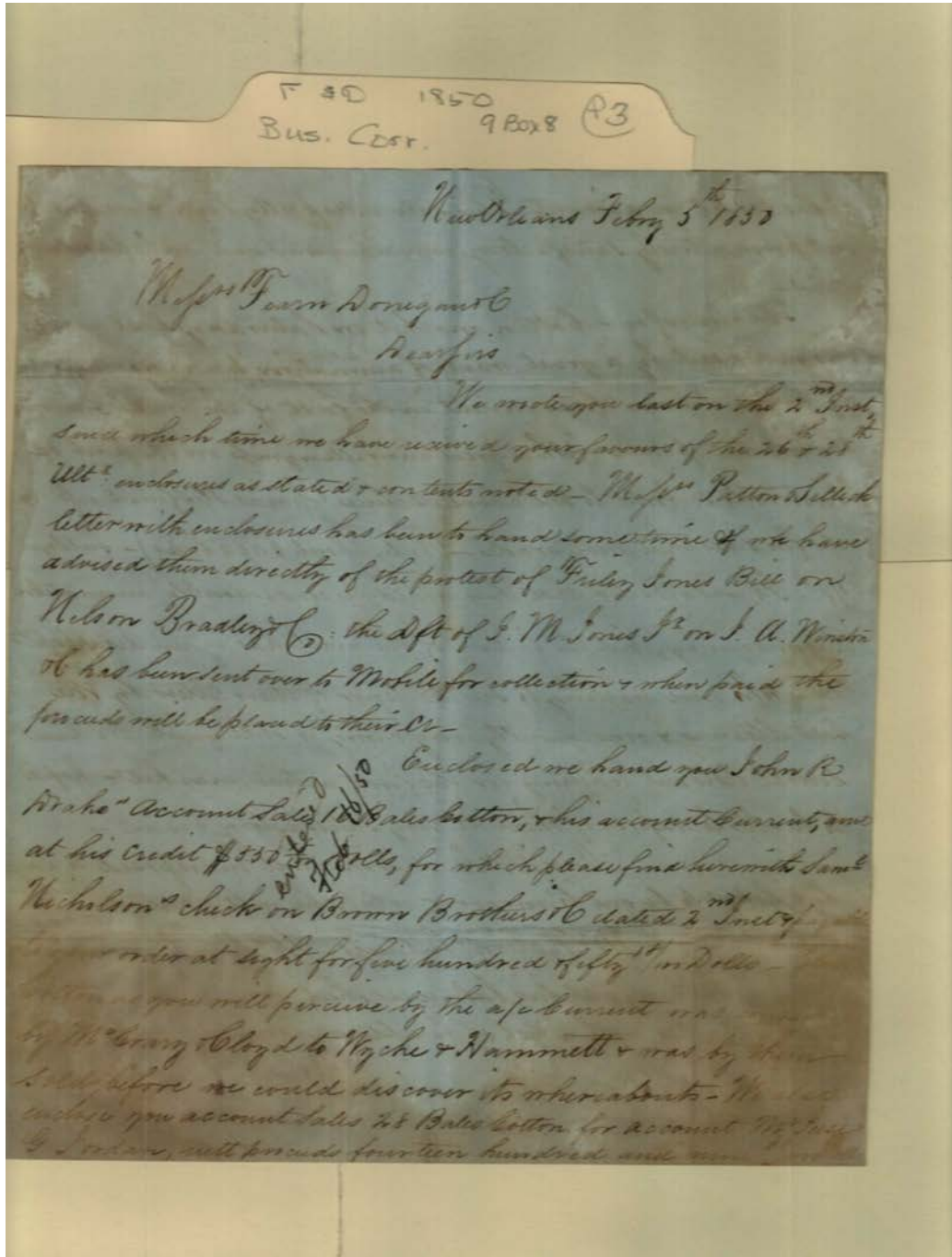
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of NY

Names:

Brown Bros. & Co.
Drake, John R.
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Jones, Friley
Jones, J. M., Jr.
Jordan, Jesse
McCrary & Cloyd

Nelson, Bradley & Co.
Nicholson, Sam
Patton & Selleck

Winston, J. A.
Wyche & Hammett

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 5, 1850

F 90 1850
Bus. Corr. 9 Box 8 (3)

at his credit in account. This sale sales pretty high & we hope
will prove entirely satisfactory even when compared with Charleston
sales.

The close of our cotton market on Saturday last was
characterized by a great want of animation, prices having fallen
off fully $\frac{1}{2}$ from those current in the first of the week. Following
the market opened with a great unwillingness on the part of
Factors to submit to the above decline & prices stiffened up in
the few sales that were made - (only about 3000 bales) - fully
 $\frac{1}{2}$. It was expected that there would be considerable animation
this morning, but the failure of the mail has again disappointed
those who were waiting to see the tenor of their letters by the
last steamer & consequently every thing is still quiet. We have
several lots out waiting for the first active market & hope
to be able to dispose of them at very satisfactory prices -

Our W.D. is somewhat indisposed to day
but hopes to be out to morrow, when he will write himself
relation to Mr Nation's business - Mr Burke is
making out his balance sheet, which we will send
you together with a list of receipts as soon as possible.

Yours Truly
Fearn & Donegan
P. S. Donegan

Names:

Burke,
Donegan, J. H.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Nation,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

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