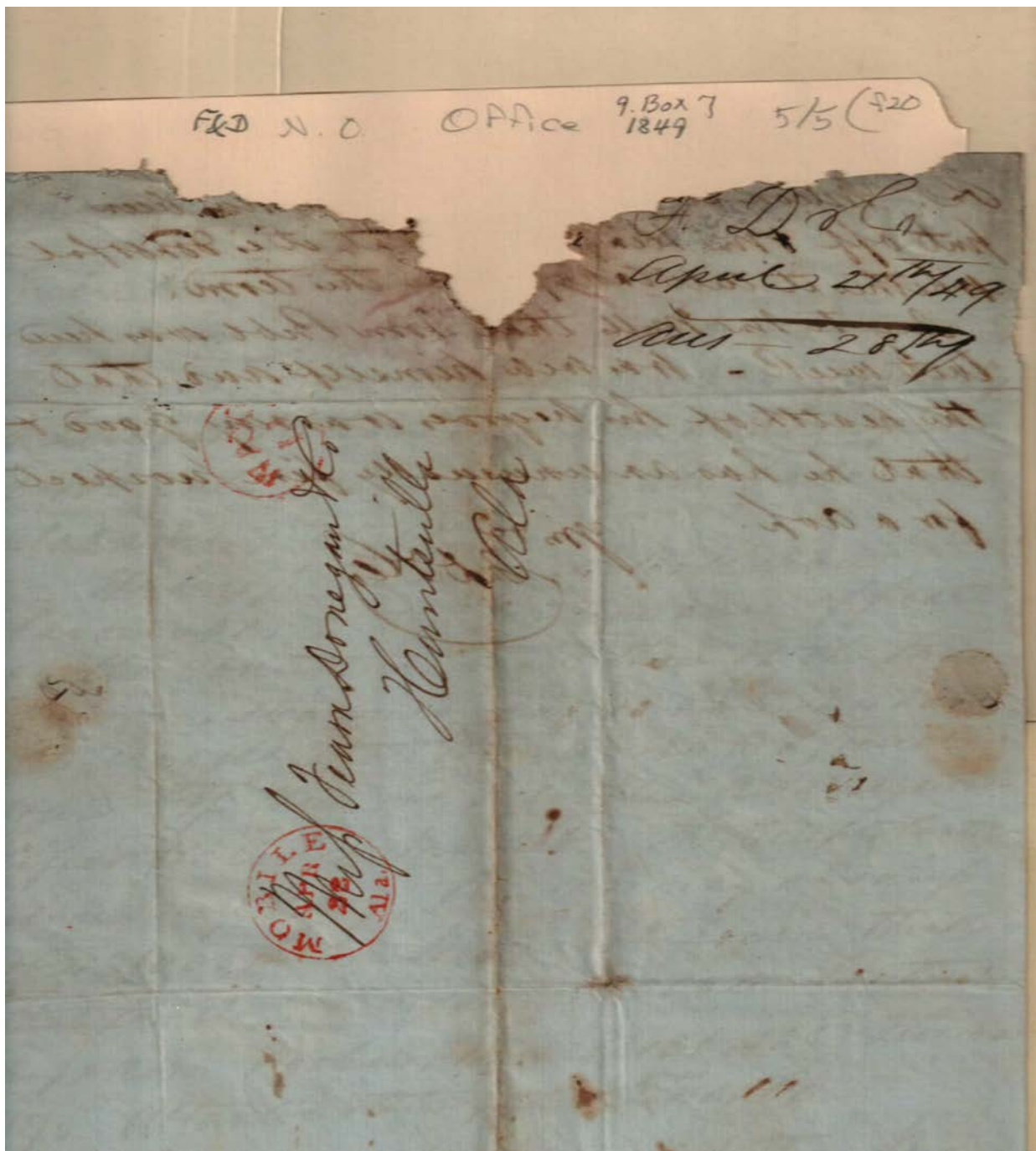


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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 21, 1849

FXD N.O. OFFICE 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

May mail  
April 1849.

Wm Fearn Donegan  
Huntsville

Dear Sir we had this pleasure yesterday & this  
morning received your favour of 11th inst. & R  
I am with obligations as stated have made  
the entries as advised.

St John Powers & Co's check was for five hundred  
dollars instead of five hundred & five as written  
by you. It appears the sale of 574 bales @ 5 1/2  
cents - it should have been 6 3/4  
We discovered the error after we had sent off  
the letter, but omitted to correct it in the next.

The amount of James Bramford is a draft and  
47 has accepted.

For the past three days we have had a very  
active demand for cotton and the sales have  
been 35000 bales. In the early part of the  
week prices were irregular and generally in  
favor of Buyers, but on Thursday the large  
business doing caused prices to step up until  
the 1/2 decline on the Major's accounts has  
been recovered. Yesterday evening we received  
the Emop's accounts (24 hours from Halifax)

**Names:**

Bramford,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

St. John, Powers &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 21, 1849

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F&D N.O. OFFICE

which have been continued  
 Today. We have not yet  
 prices have been adjusted, but expect some  
 improvement. Kirkman has a list of  
 Alabama, that he offers at 5 3/4. Yesterday  
 Pleasants Wilson & Co. sold a bag of  
 2400 bales / 1600 Trip. & the balance  
 Alabama, at 6 1/2.

The European accounts look more  
 favorable to the continuance of peace  
 on the Continent, than those of the two  
 previous steamers, and do not, nor had  
 not thought that there would be a general  
 war. If there was to be, there certainly would  
 effect the Cotton market. The receipts contin-  
 -ence very heavy, this morning an excess  
 of 438000 bales. We cannot however think  
 that the crop will exceed 2600000. Estimates  
 as follows: New Orleans, 1000. Mobile 525. Florida  
 175. Atlantic States 775. Texas 60.

The health of the City is no better than  
 an usual. James continues to improve.

Yours truly  
 James H. Donegan

prob. James H. Donegan

**Names:**

, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Kirkman,

**Places:**

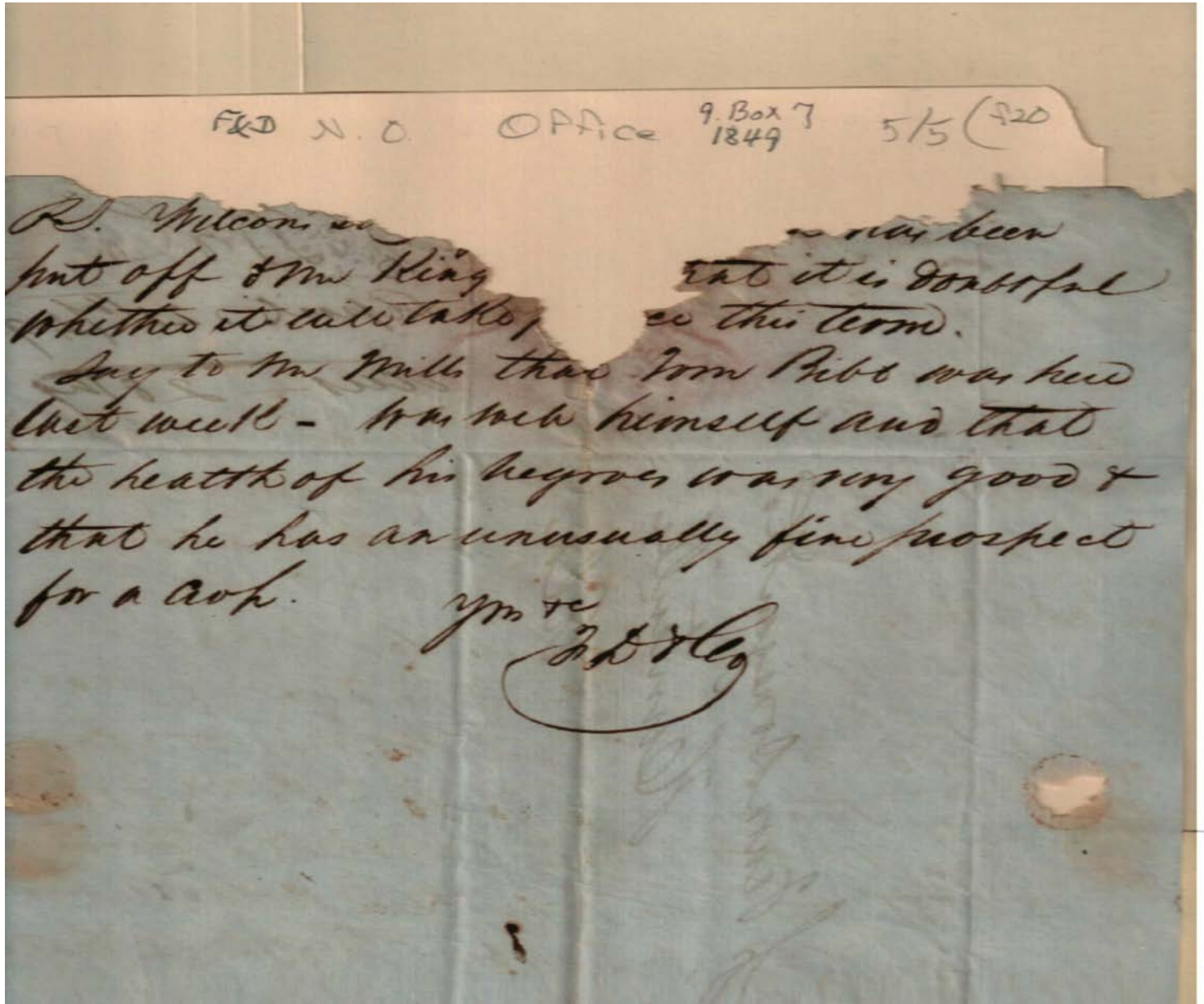
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**Names:**

Bibb, Tom

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

King,  
Wilcox,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

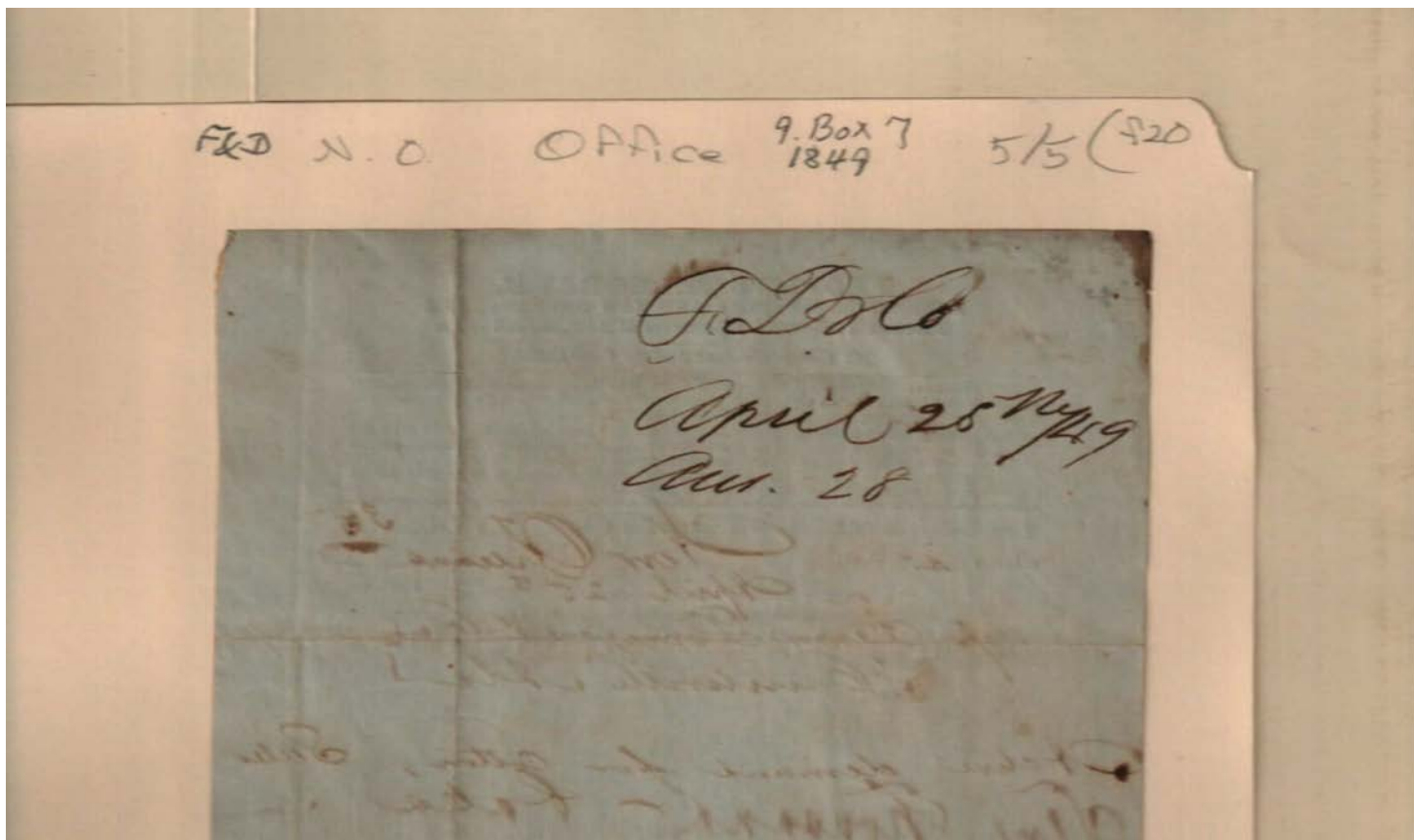
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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

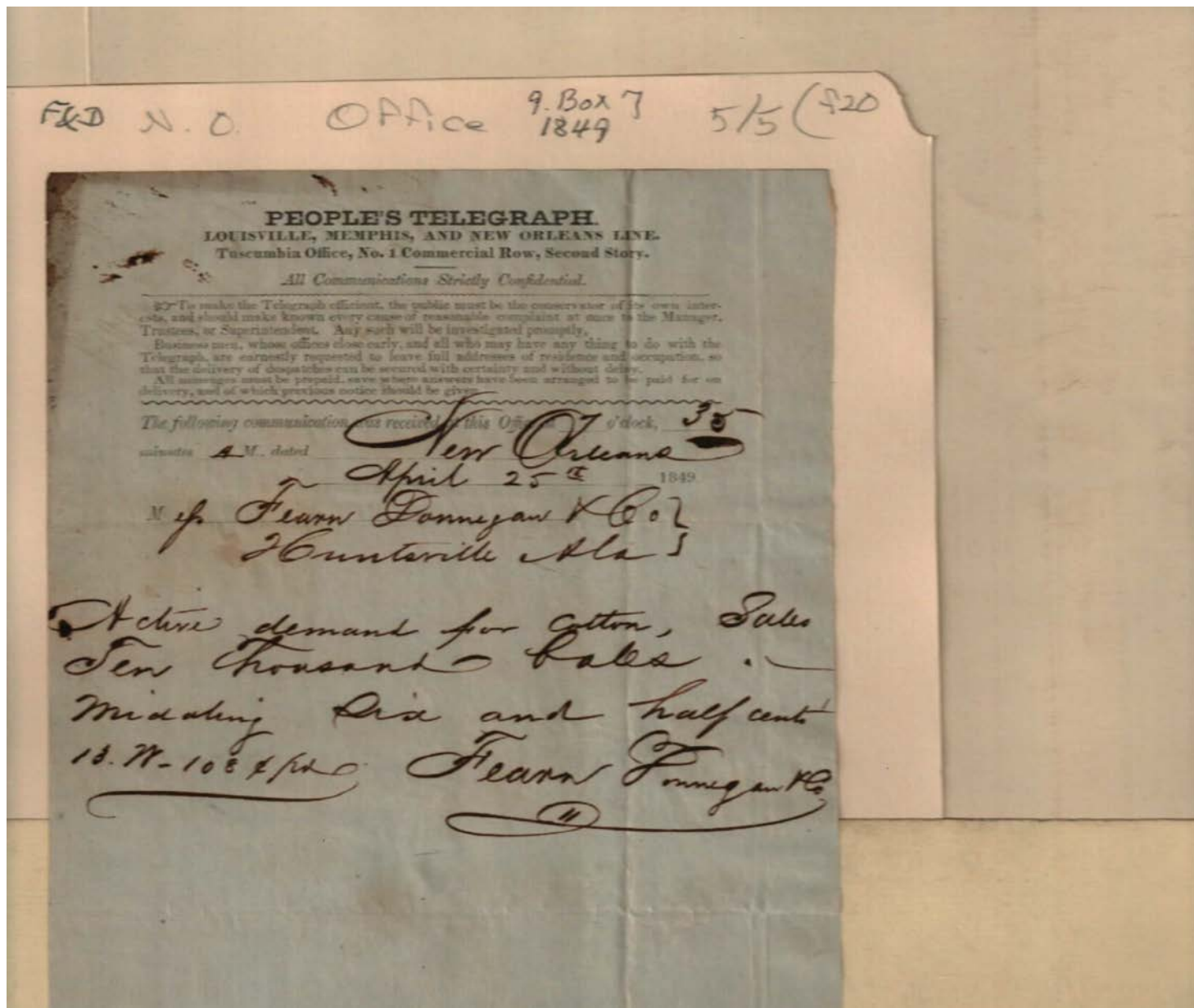
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**Types:**

memo

**Dates:**

April 25, 1849



**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

telegram

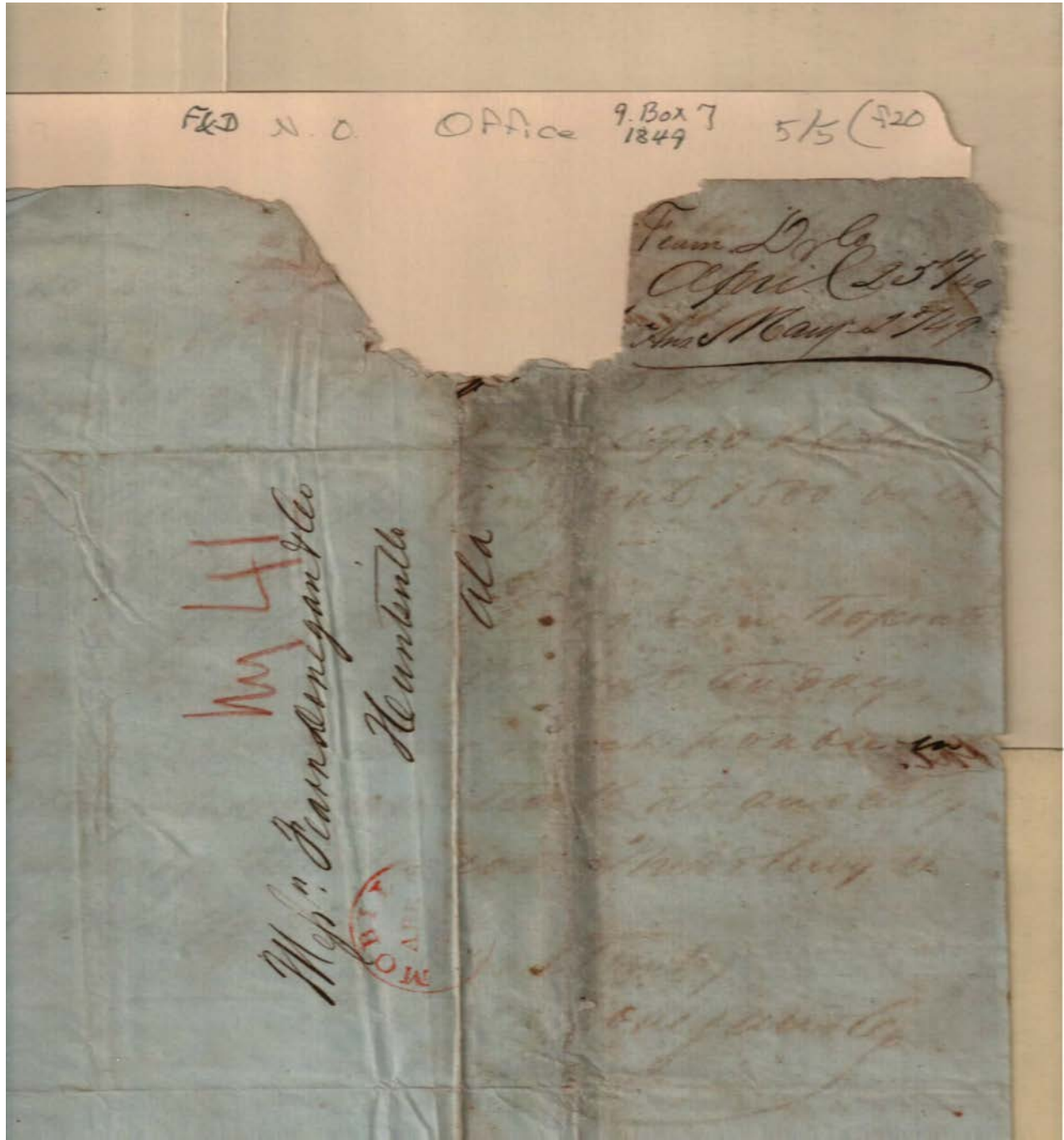
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 25, 1849

9. Box 7  
1849 5/5 (220)

F&D N.O. OPAce

May mail  
 Messrs Fearn Donegan  
 Huntsville  
 Dear Sirs

25<sup>th</sup> April 1849.

I had the pleasure yesterday  
 I have now of your favours to reply to.  
 Enclosed in have you a Sale Affidavit  
 Statement of Settlement with Rand Hoyt  
 Rankin & Co, 83 bales Cotton, shipment  
 to Rankin Gilmore & Co. Wm Estlin Brandon  
 balance, carried to their account \$626.49  
 do 31 Account Erskine do do 202.32  
 do do do H. T. Coles do do 500.85

I also enclose invoice of goods for our  
 Mr D. who debits on account \$359.85.

If you do not have a private opportunity  
 to send up the articles for I in a few days,  
 will send them up by a Nashville boat.

The active demand for Cotton yesterday  
 resulted in sales of 12,500 bales. The new

**Names:**

Brandon, William,  
estate  
Coles, R. T.

Erskine, A.  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Rand Hoyt Rankin  
& Co.

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 25, 1849



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1849

Several lots of  
we do not know  
we have advised  
a large lot of 570 bales in Sept.  
In an offering a bag of 700 Alabama  
at 6¢ and are putting out 1500 bales  
of Mississippi.  
If the Buyer continues to operate  
as they have done the last ten days  
we shall not have much trouble in  
getting rid of our stock at an early  
period of the season. Trading is  
worth 6 1/2¢.

Yours truly  
Kirkman & Abernathy

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Kirkman &  
Abernathy

**Places:**

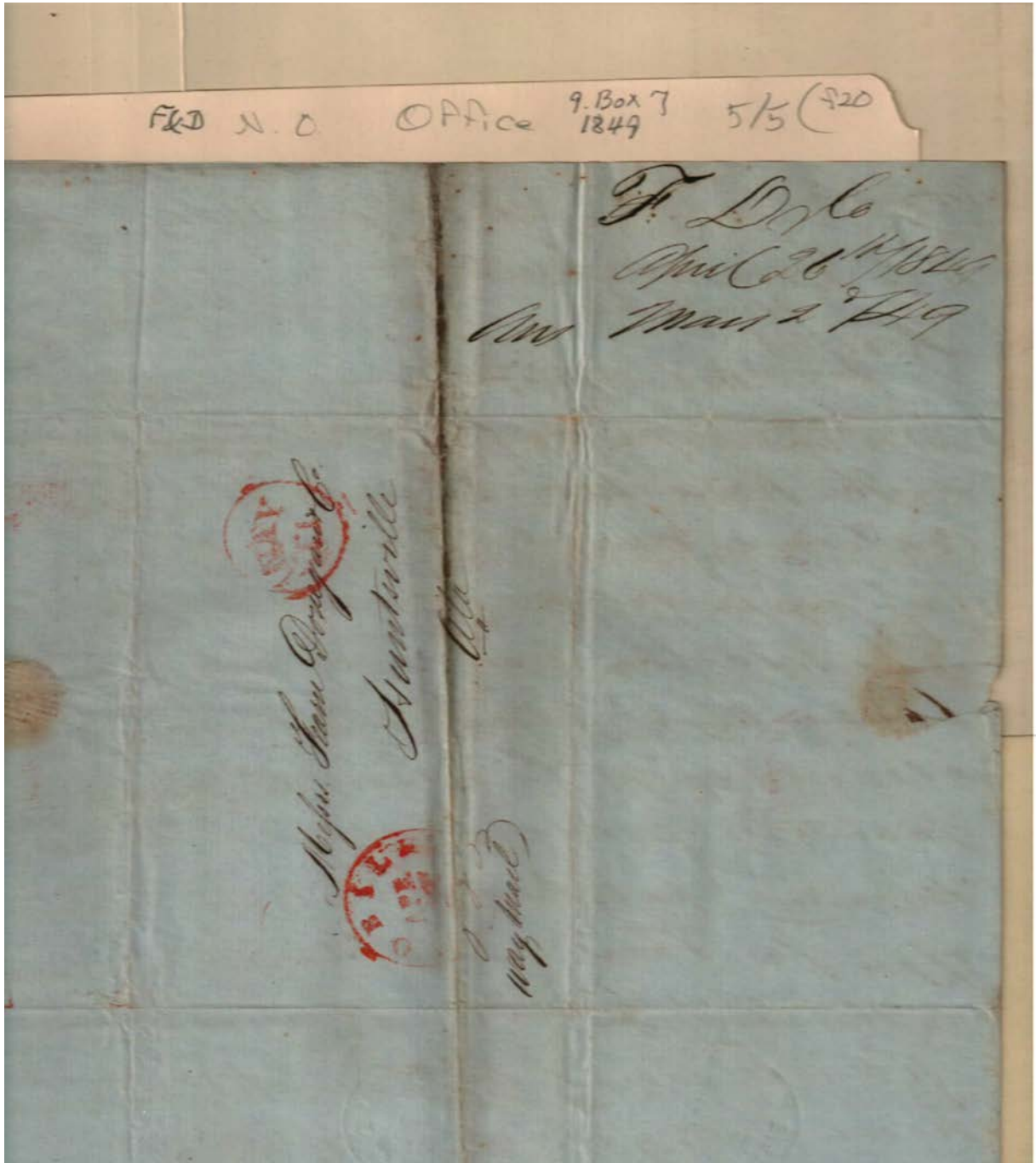
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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 26, 1849

F&D N.O. OFFICE 9. Box 7 5/5 (220)  
1849

May Mail                      New Orleans 26th April 1849.

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Alabama

We had this pleasure yesterday &  
have now of your favour to reply to.

The notice demand on their notice, has  
continued, and they are fully what  
Mississippi has an offer at full price.

We recd this morning a bag of 805  
bales of 5/8 (middle) a further  
advance of 1/8. Have the same  
quantity of Alabama's on hand the  
market, but have not had a fair  
offer for them. Mr. Sledge has 34 bales  
in the list, please advise him.

All well except Mr Burke who went  
home sick yesterday. E. Richardson  
arrived here today & will leave tomorrow.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Burke,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Richardson, E.  
Sledge, M.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

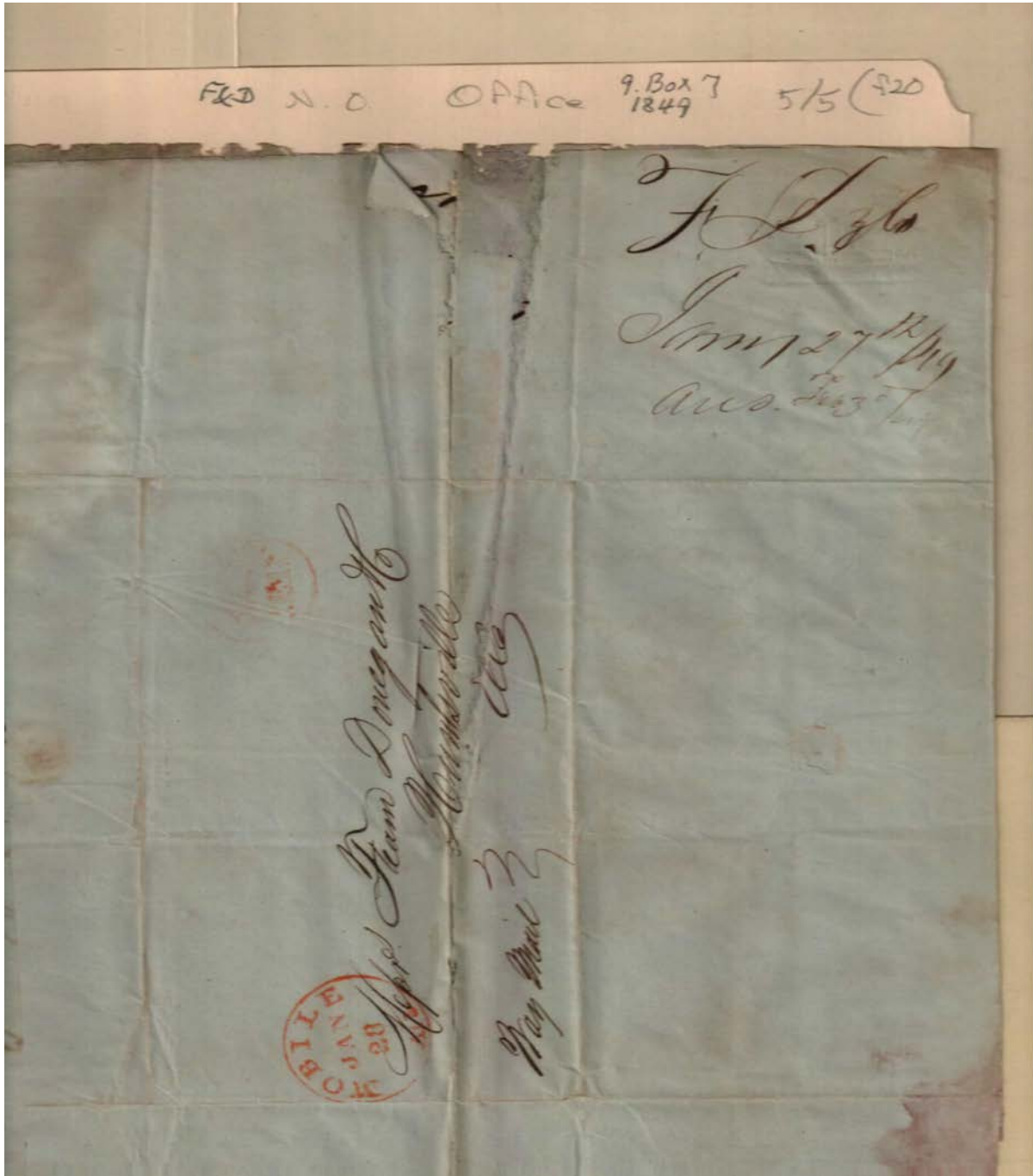
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Jan 27, 1849

Feb N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

May Mail  
New Orleans 27<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 49

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville Ala

Dear Sirs

We had this pleasure on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst and have not received any of your favors since. The boats got home yesterday rather late, having had a severe attack of measles on the crew, and is today very much prostrated. We did not see Mr Bibb's ship but now in treaty for it and it very likely may make a trade.

By the arrival Mr Rankin Gilmore & Co arrived the following day of Cotton viz

26 bales	2 1/4	Richardson & Fearn
13 "	4 1/4 + 16	2 1/8 acct R. T. Archer
13 "	4 1/8 + 52	1 1/8 v Bro & White
10 "	4 1/8	acct R. T. Coles.

Please advise those who are near you. There has been a very animated demand for Cotton the past week & prices have fallen

**Names:**

Archer, R. T.  
Bibb,  
Coles, R. T.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.  
Richardson & Fearn

White, John D.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 27, 1849

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1849

advanced. yesterday & today the business  
was slow, but it was in consequence  
of the small quantity of Cotton  
offering, and the extreme rate asked  
by Factors. Nothing is now held in  
store.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

P.S. I demand you  
for Alabama  
7/27/49

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

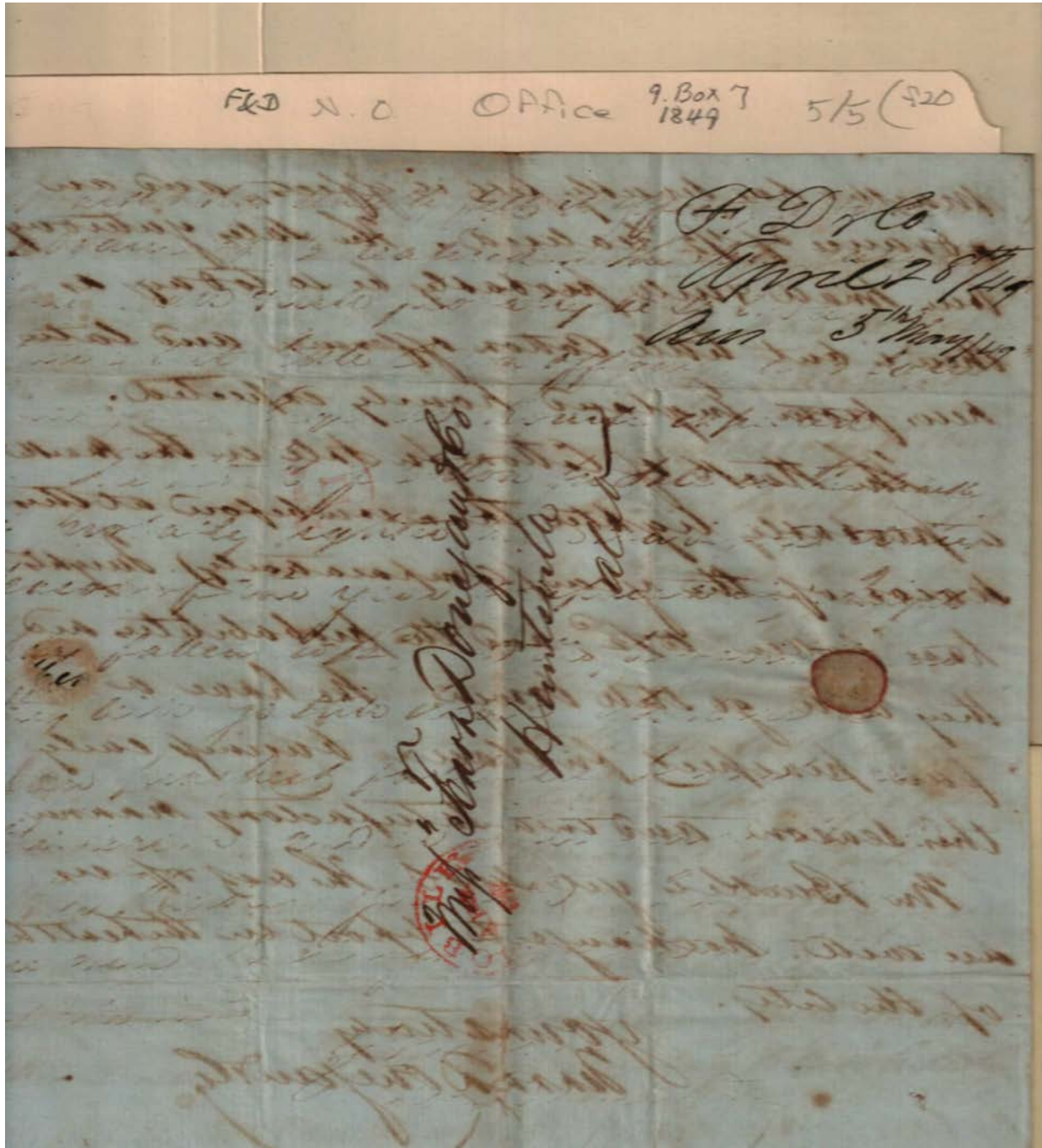
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 28, 1849

F&D N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

May mail  
Huntsville AL 28 April 1849.

My Dear Donegan  
He had this pleasure on the 26<sup>th</sup> April  
and had since received yours of 18<sup>th</sup> April.  
The main balance, or our party in an  
a region to clear up, but find their way  
difficult sometimes. We have written nothing  
about them in the sitting, and have no  
doubt to be able to arrange the most of them.  
He writes that John B. Rodgers promises  
to ship this season to pay his balance.  
We have just placed to the credit of Col  
John D. White three hundred dollars. The  
balance due him on his shipment to Rankin  
Gilmore & Co. Liverpool, which reduces his  
balance to two or three hundred dollars,  
which he will no doubt settle.  
The Arrick, have shipped but a bale of cotton

of Liverpool

**Names:**

Arrick,  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hopkins,  
Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

Rodgers, John B.  
White, John D.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 28, 1849



F&D N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (520)  
1849

this season. Their Accounts has been in  
Mr Buruss' hands for settlement for some time  
but are now in Mr Tho's B. Lee's and we hope  
to see bring them to an early settlement.

We expect our low Country business to mend  
up well, and that we shall have plenty of  
money at the end of the season, and if  
you think well of the business of lead  
the more Executors take it, we can spare the  
money. Should you take it, take three  
blank bills, and send to us. The only objection  
to advancing a large amount of Cash is  
that the Alabama Cottons are always un-  
-saleable until very late in the season.

We have not had a line from Mr E. M. Swoope  
this season - His Cotton is going to the market  
as far as we can learn.

The reports from the Country are that the  
frosts has done great injury to all vegetation  
and, as you will have seen before this, our Cotton

**Names:**

Buruss,

Lee, Thomas B.

Swoope, E. M.

White, M. & Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 28, 1849

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1849

Market has sensibly felt its effects, and an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  realized. The daily quotations were small & will probably be so today, as there is but little Cotton offering, and later news from England hourly expected.

The stock of Cotton for sale in the market is probably lighter than in before at this season of the year (comparatively). Prices have fallen  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the probabilities are they will go still lower. We have a fair prospect for closing business early this season, and in a satisfactory manner.

Mr Burke is yet sick. The rest of us are well. No change to report in the health of the City.

Yours truly  
Wm. Donegan

P.S. Have not found the paper for enclosing. Saw Mr. E. today he says he will make another card  
W.D.

**Names:**

Burke,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

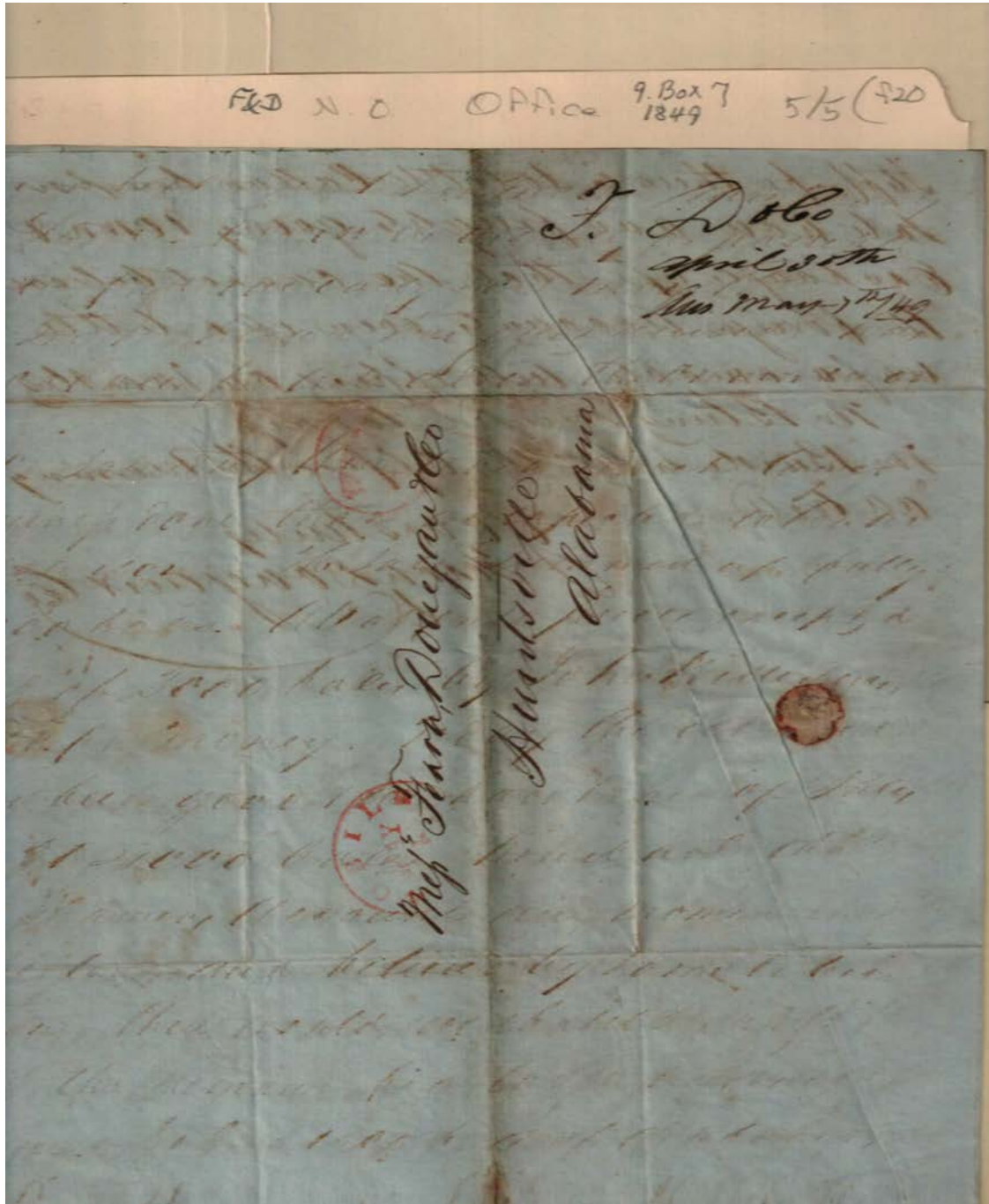
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 30, 1849

FKD N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (320)  
1849

May mail  
New Orleans 30th April 1849.

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had the pleasure on the 28th inst and have now yours of 24th same with enclosure as stated. Messrs Pleasant Wilson & Co have sold 20 bales of Mr Wellbourne's Cotton - they pay in the process, and deliver the balance of the Cotton as it arrives. We have received Mr Darwin 23 bales Cotton, will not hold Monger & Co for the five bales. Mr Washington says for 5000 will have our honour.

The account against Mr Monger due to Fearn & Co we shall have to hold until he places in funds. He collects all of his freight from the Steam Boat, upon which he ships, and leaves nothing due him here. Some of the freighters collect all the freight when it is made payable all at home.

Mr Isaac J Lanier has drawn upon us for \$700. We have no Cotton from him.

**Names:**

Darwin,  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Lanier, Isaac J.  
Monger & Co.

Pleasants, Wilson &  
Co.  
Washington, M.

Wellbourne,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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1849

Just to be changed to his Mother, Mrs Mary  
J. Lanier. Advise us as early as possible  
as it falls one early next month.  
The Molecan has just arrived - has  
400 bales for sale advise the owner in our  
next.  
On Saturday there was a much larger  
fairing done than we expected, when we  
wrote you - The sale, summed up fully  
9000 bales. All at full price, except a  
lot of 3000 bales by John Williams,  
wea for money. Today the demand  
has been good & we have heard of sales  
of 25000 bales. Must not that  
the Steamers Accounts are momentarily  
expected, and believed by some to be in  
town, then would we should just  
from the demand, be a large business  
done. We have 1500 bales of Alabama's  
on the table, and are holding them pretty

**Names:**

Lanier, Mary J.

Williams, John

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

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1849

Stuff, for there is so little Cotton here for  
sale now, and freights going down &  
Exchange up, that the cannot believe  
the foreign Accounts, even if a little  
unfavourable will affect our market.  
Mr Blunt arrived today.  
Mr Burke is at the Office this morning.  
as well.

Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Blunt,  
Burke,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL                      New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter                                      memo

**Dates:**

May 10, 1849

F&D N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (320)  
 1849

May 10 1849

Messrs Fearn Donegan &  
 Co. Huntsville Ala

Your last respects to you were dated 4<sup>th</sup> Inst  
 since when your favors of 28<sup>th</sup> April & 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst have  
 been received: contents noted, inclosures as stated  
 & entries made as advised. The Insurance Company  
 has agreed to pay for the 2 bales "A.T. Coles" Cotton &  
 we would suggest the propriety of Mr Conglafs remit-  
 ting through you whatever proportion of the value of  
 money he has in his hands from the sale referred  
 to, should of right be paid over to them. Please state  
 to Mr Kennamer, that we are holding his Cotton still,  
 & will return him sales for it, whenever it is worth  
 11. It does not elaps longer than barely 6 or 7 mths  
 & has never been worth more than 9 to 9 1/2 at present  
 it would not bring more than 8 3/4

The items enclosed account sales

F. W. Cartney	32 bales Cotton with proceeds to Mr J. Kennamer	1378.68
F. W. Cartney	68	2734.55
F. H. Scroggs	22	570.64
H. W.	24	61.90
J. S. W.	24	179.89
	125	\$3225.11

one hundred twenty eight bales with proceeds Five thousand

**Names:**

Coles, R. T.  
 Douglass,

Fearn, Donegan &  
 Co.

Kennamer,  
 McCartney, F.

Scruggs,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

May 10, 1849



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1849

to credit Mr. Thomas  
Lumkins.

Mr. Porter Bibb has to his credit with us subject to  
his orders at sight \$663.<sup>00</sup>

The Cotton market continues very dull & the sales  
for a few days past have been quite small. Prices  
are dull & dropping. We reduce our quotations again  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  from the street. Middling are worth 9 to 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

The better qualities say Good Middling upwards have  
not suffered the same depreciation.

Yours truly  
James S. Fearn

P.S. We enclose herewith account settled with  
the underwriters for the 8 bales of "I. Colles" with proceeds  
Eighty & 40/100 Dollars to credit Mr. G. L. Mastin adm<sup>r</sup>  
as cash 5<sup>th</sup> July. You will also advise Mr. Mastin  
that we have collected from the Insurance Company  
& placed to his credit sixteen Dollars, being  $\frac{1}{2}$  per bale  
extra charge of freight on the 8 bales of "I. Colles" mark  
for which sales have already been forwarded.

Yours truly  
J. S. Fearn

**Names:**

Bibb, Porter

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Lumkins, Houston  
Mastin, G. L., adm.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

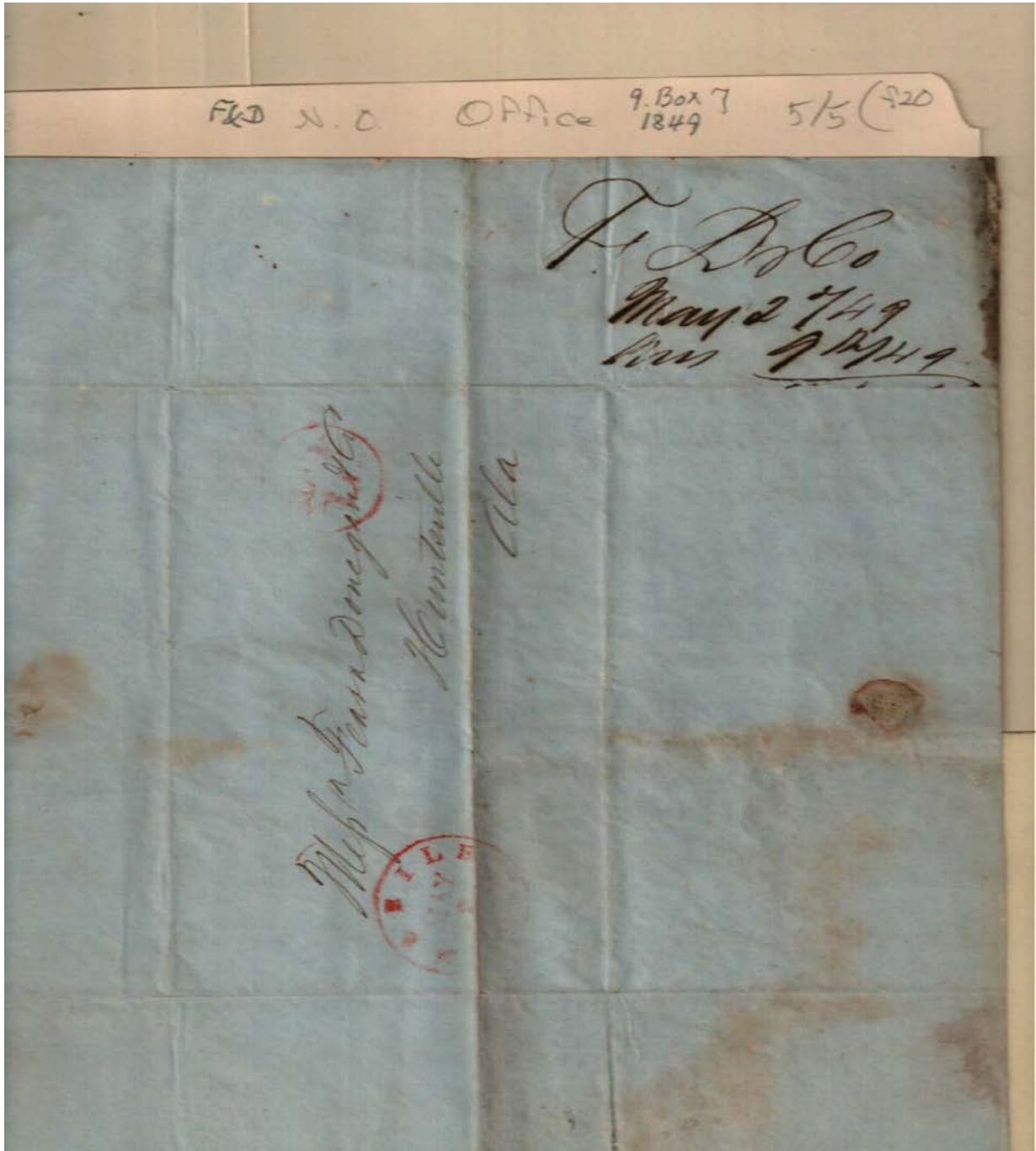
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

May 27, 1849

FKD N.O OFFICE 9. Box 7 5/5 (220)  
1849

May mail  
New Orleans 5<sup>th</sup> May 1849.  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co.  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had the pleasure yesterday of receiving  
news of your favour reply to.

The demand for Cotton yesterday was  
very animated, and the sales reached  
11000 bales at fair prices. We did not  
get enough of price for our business  
as to sell. This morning the Cambria  
Accounts came to hand, and put a stop  
to speculation, to any extent. We have heard  
of sales of only 1000 bales. This has  
not been enough time to tell the effect  
of the news upon our market, but  
we apprehend but little if any.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

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New Orleans, LA

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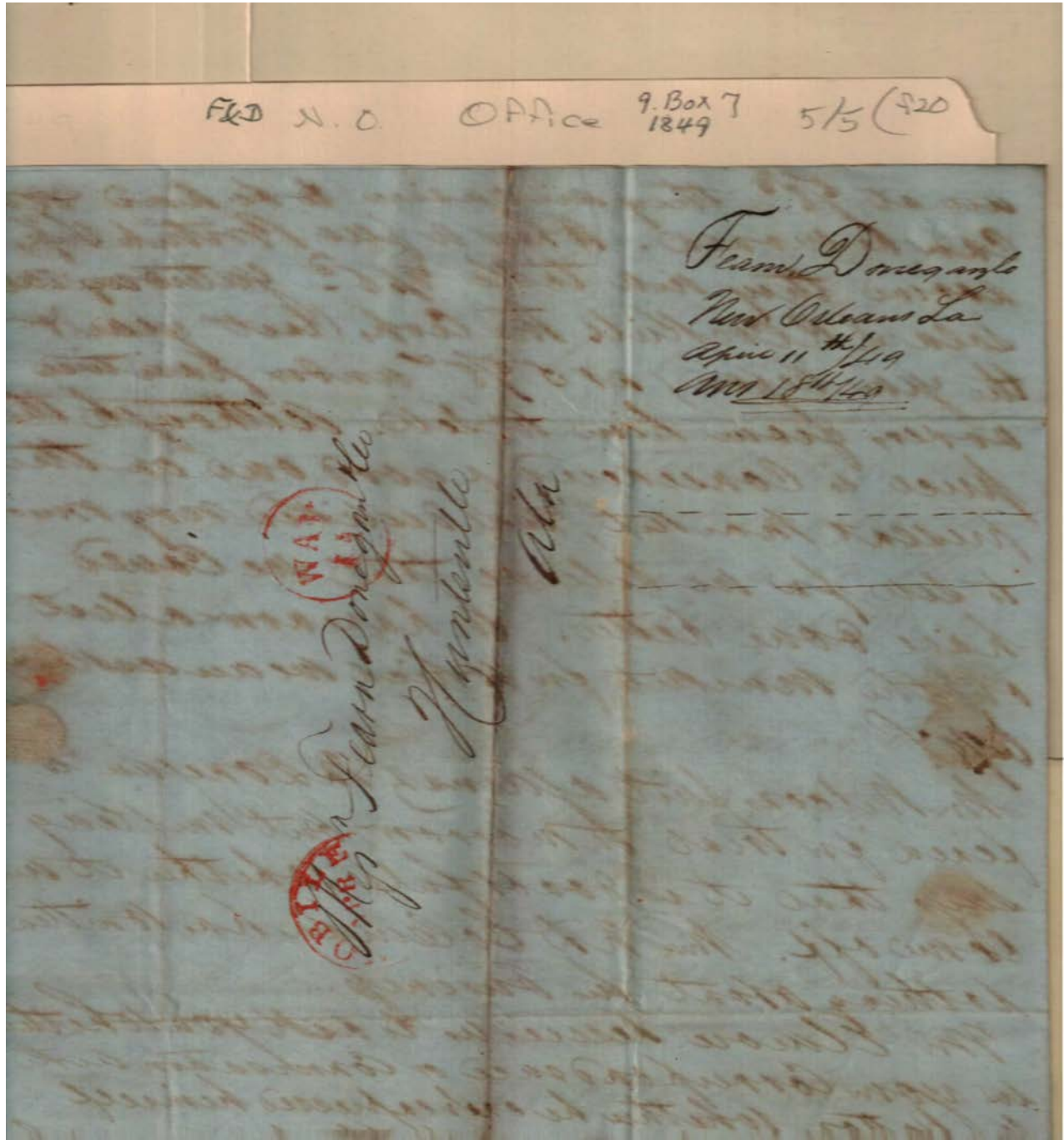
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 11. 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (220)  
1849

May Mail New Orleans 11th April 1849.  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Dear Sirs We had the pleasure on the 9th inst  
and this morning received yours of 2<sup>o</sup> inst &  
our Mr D's of same date, with enclosures as  
stated and a note contents.  
We charge you with the balance over the  
amount you ordered us to invoice for Kin-  
nebrough & Ledbetter \$43.15. We are not sur-  
prised to hear complaints of Coffee this season  
but in the worst crop that we have ever  
seen (the Rio), though it is very cheap.  
We have received all of Mrs Mayhew's  
Cotton 51 bales. A part of them were sold to  
Lowe & Pattison but we have got them.  
You will see by the P.C. of this morning  
that the export of Cotton are  
again over \$400,000 sales. Yet we cannot  
believe that the crop is to be as large as  
many calculate upon. The price had  
been high and Cotton has not been  
held back at all that we can hear of

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Kinnebrough &  
Ledbetter

Lowe & Pattison  
Mayhew, Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 11. 1849

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1849

but has in all cases has been shipped.  
Owners have been satisfied with the  
market price and Factors have been  
few letters, which has prevented our  
market from being depressed with  
a heavy stock. The stock now is  
only 23,000 bales and but comparatively  
a small portion of that is on the  
market. most of it being in process  
of shipment. Judging from our receipts  
we have come to the conclusion that  
the receipts will in a very short time fall  
off to a great extent.  
The Majors' account reached us  
the day before yesterday and has had no  
effect upon our market. The demand  
yesterday was good late in the day &  
good bales were sold. There has been a  
considerable reception to the shipping  
and although freights in American ports

**Names:**

cotton market

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 11, 1849

F&D N. O. OPAce 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (\$20)

are at 5/8 they are easier to be had than  
Cocks were. When a few British ships  
arrive they will take 5/6. Yesterday we  
sold R. Cocksills two crops (last year's  
the year before) at 5/8, under private  
order from him to sell. Although the  
price is considered a good one on the  
present market, we disliked very much  
to sell for we believe that we could  
have done better. We have now a list  
on the market for which we are asking  
6/8.

Mr Wilcox's suit against Donegan is  
fixed for trial tomorrow, but must say  
say that it is doubtful whether it will  
come off. Mr Z. D. Coleman has written  
nothing about his business.

Mr Elmore desires us to ask you whether  
in your correspondence or conversation with  
Mr Hatton whether he ever expressed himself  
pleased or displeased with the manner in which  
Low & Pattison transacted his business. Will send  
statement of balance tomorrow. A.M.C.

Yours truly,  
Harry Donegan

**Names:**

Cockrill, S. R.  
Coleman, Z. D.  
Donegan,

Elmore,  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hatton,  
King,  
Lowe & Pattison

Wilcox suit

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

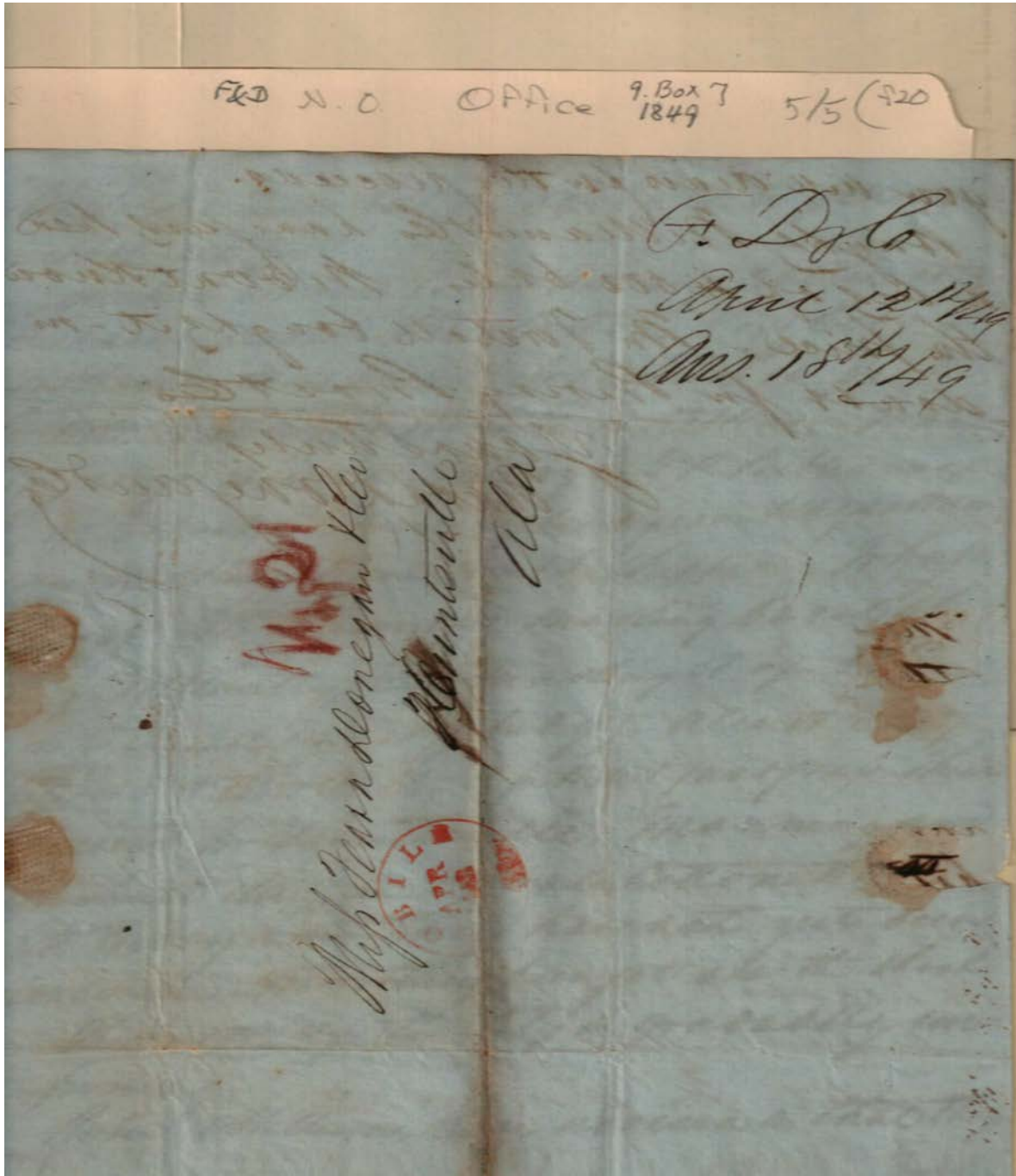
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 12. 1849



FD N.O. Office 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (920)

May Mail  
New Orleans 12 April 1849.

Wm Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had the pleasure yesterday  
and have none of your favour to reply to  
The Bank paid up \$25. for the half of  
the fifty dollar note, enclosed by our firm  
& we enclose you with that amount.  
They will not pay any more until the  
other half is presented.

We have you enclosed list of Cotton  
Receipts & Statement of balance. Mr. Sully  
has been advised to stand for some time  
just that he had not time to balance it  
and we thought it best to send it as it is -  
No account can vary but a few dollars.

We have no change to advise in the cotton  
market. This morning we hear of but  
little business having been done. but of  
late they do not buy much before New Orleans  
and a few business men yet to come.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 12. 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (220)  
1849

We have a little lot of 50 bales to fill up  
a ship 26 3/4!

Please advise the following parties that  
we have received their cottons viz Echols  
& Hollowell R. H. H 20 John Tabb 10. from  
Shuttle lighter for Mr C. E. Watkins. John  
W. Scruggs 44 bales (by way of F. R. Williams of  
17 + 22 bales. Mai Taylor & from Hayston  
equ making 13 out of 15 shipped. A half  
scrapp 35 & 50 scrapp making 62 out of 66.  
W. J. McCalley 28 making 10 of 58.  
B. S. I 28 (no by way). also 10 + 27  
② 10 + B + C 6. & 10 + 10 fast scrap. These  
received for Hunterville. Manning and  
Arbuthnot shipped 50 bales cotton 20 + 30  
8 to Henry and they have not yet been  
received. Have they been put on the market.  
The health of the city is gradually im-  
proving.

Robert & Williams have advised us that they  
have sent you sup. bales & a specimen of  
Mr John Robinson's cotton, and as per same

**Names:**

Echols & Hollowell  
Manning & Boshart  
McCalley, W. J.

Robert & Williams  
Robinson, John  
Scruggs, John W.

Tabb, John  
Taylor, Mai  
Williams, F. R.

**Places:**

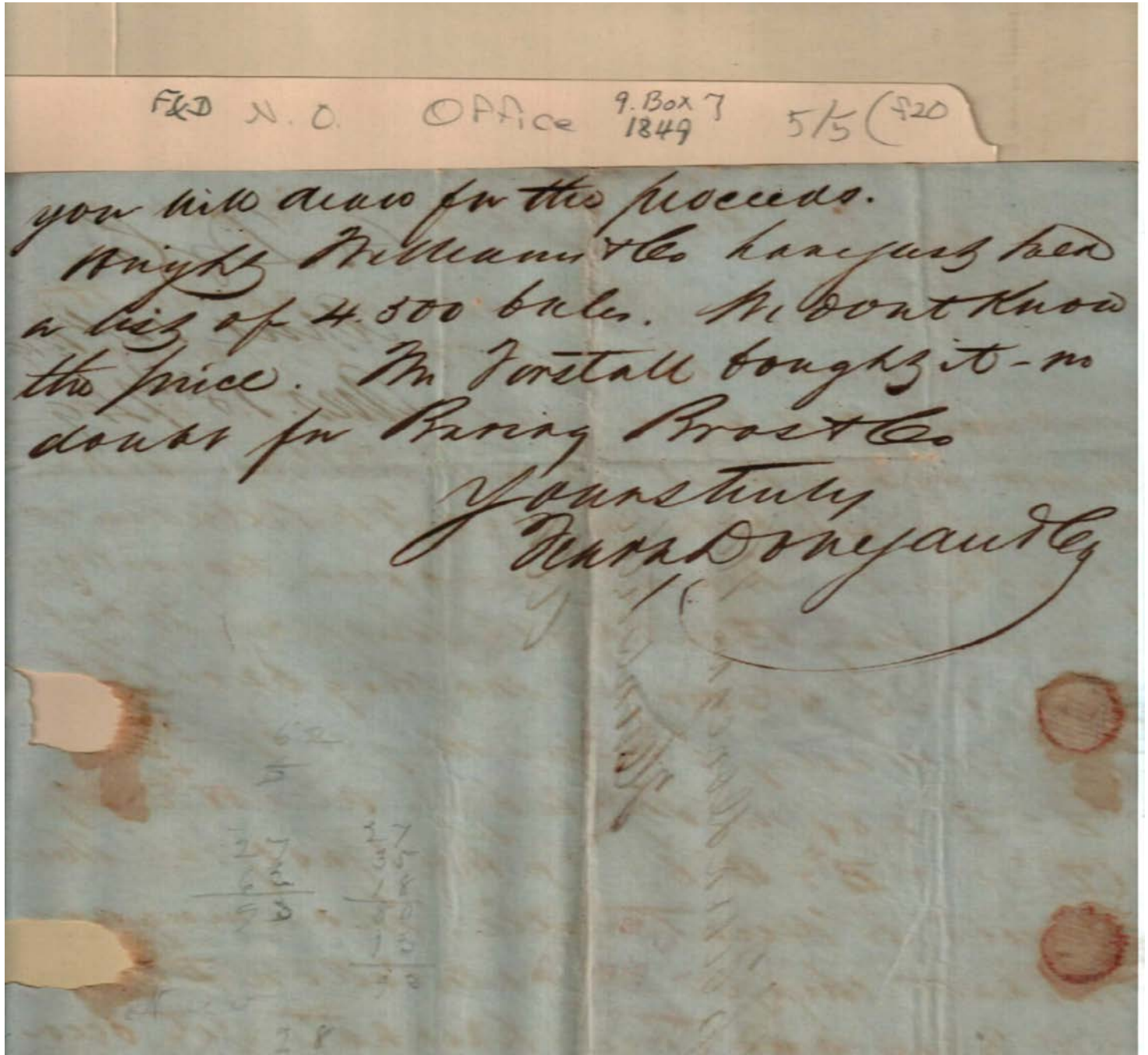
New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 12. 1849



**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Forstall,

Wright, Williams & Co.

**Places:**

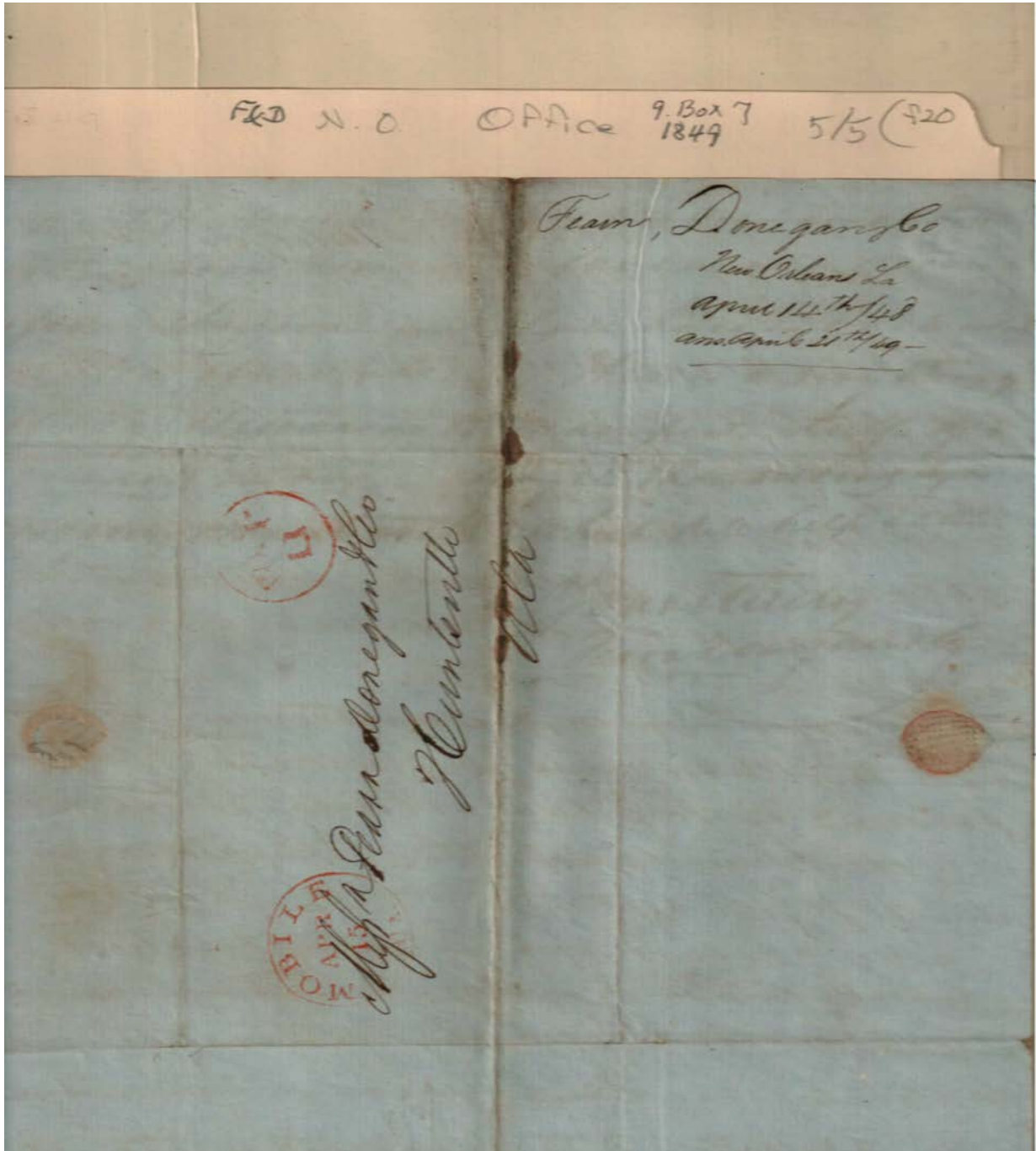
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**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 12. 1849



**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 14, 1849

FD N.O. Office 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (920)

May Mail  
New Orleans 14th April 1849.

Mrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had this pleasure on the 12th inst  
and have recd of your favour reply to  
Please send the weight of your  
Cotton it is all damaged.  
We have received from Garrett & Davis of  
34 bale Cotton Market St, supposed to be  
the Cotton for which you sent us an order  
on Pleasants, Wilson & Co.

We had your enclosed statement of difference  
with the Underwriters for loss on 170 bale Cotton  
Account of Mrs Burns & Living Eri of 5 months  
which please hand them. The proceeds are  
due 10th June next.

Since our last we have had a full quantity  
-factory Cotton Market. The late unfavourable  
Accounts from Liverpool together with the  
continued heavy receipts have deterred Buyers  
from operating to the same extent that they  
have sold & prices have fallen off, from lack  
of demand. The sales yesterday were only  
2500 bale at prices inside the quotations.

**Names:**

Beirne & Ewing

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Garrett & Davis  
Jordan, Mrs.

Pleasants, Wilson &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 14, 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (720)  
1849

Half the receipts fall off to a considerable  
extent soon, or we have far our own accounts  
from Liverpool, we shall have a bad market  
to fear, for a while. There is a very strong  
feeling beginning to manifest itself ag-  
-ainst Cotton. Might show evidence signs  
of going way slightly which will help a little.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

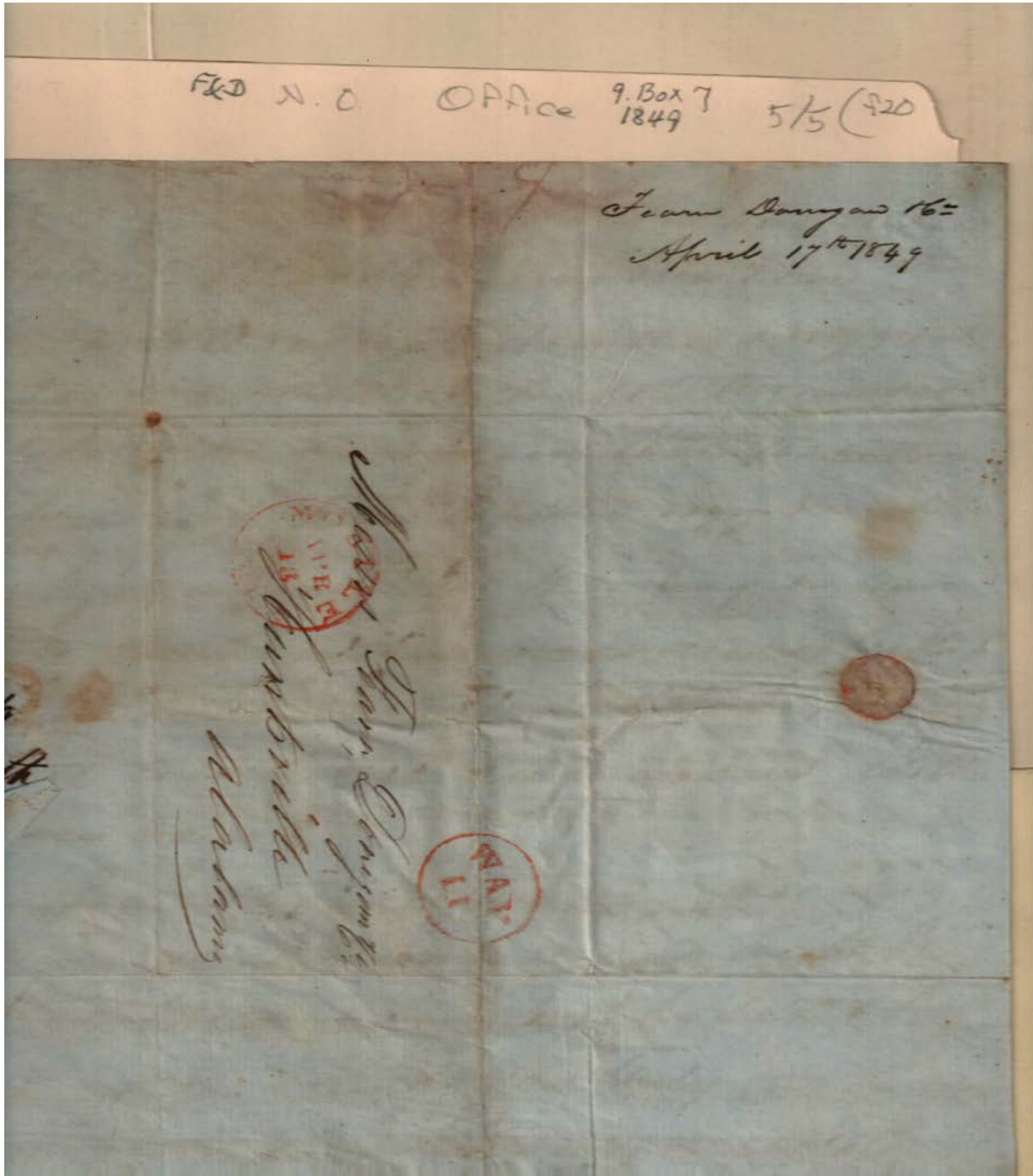
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 17, 1849

F&D N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (920)

My mail New Orleans 17th April 1849.

Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had this pleasure on the 14th inst  
to have since received your favour of 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> inst  
and your telegraphic despatch of 12<sup>th</sup> inst + note  
contents. Yesterday we received 29 bales Cotton  
for account of Dr Watkins, which is all that  
has been received since the 1<sup>st</sup> were advised.  
The account bills & account current of  
shipment of to Liverpool, came to hand  
this morning, and we shall send them  
up as soon, as examined and the balance  
arranged.

Yesterday we had a very heavy demand  
for Cotton, caused by a decision of the  
freight, and a concession on the part  
of Factor & the fact needed 15,000 bales.  
We cannot quote which Mr. [unclear] over  
of [unclear] [unclear] the [unclear] came through &  
the [unclear] of them has occupied [unclear]

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Watkins, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 17, 1849



F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7  
1849 5/5 (20)

most of the day. Up to this time we have  
heard of but little having been read  
In Saturday last there was a very great  
change in the weather, it turned very  
cold & we are afraid that the Cotton  
Hogs Cop. have suffered very much.  
Upon enquiring this morning we learn  
that there is yet a good deal of sickness  
in the City. Several sickly boys say  
that the Cholera has increased in the  
four days.  
I am returned yesterday morning  
very much improved and we hope  
that he will now keep his health.  
Yours truly  
Mrs Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 17, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 19, 1849

FXD N.O. OFFICE 9. Box 7 5/5 (520)  
1849

May Mail  
To  
19th April 1849.

Mrs Fearn Donegan  
Huntsville

Accts He had the pleasure on the 17th inst  
to have recd of your favour, & reply to.

We have the following marks of Cotton for  
which we have no Refers B S P - C. Scruggs  
D. Sale. R. I. Clarke. W I<sup>sr</sup>. R. I. S - 0 0 -  
H B R - C. D. F E B. We know whose marks  
some of them are, but do not wish to carry  
them to the accounts until we have Refers  
a know positively whose Cotton they are.

They were all shipped by Hayes & Monger  
Aid thro' prop Binford & Fletcher?

The sale of Cotton on the 17th inst was  
18th 4500 & yesterday 12,000. To day the  
Cotton continues good & we have heard  
of sales of about 4000 bales. Prices are  
unchanged, say for Midy's & others Midy's  
6 to 6-1/8! We cannot get any fair offers

**Names:**

Binford & Fletcher  
Clarke, R. L.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hayes & Monger  
Sale, D.

Scruggs, G.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 19, 1849

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1849

for North Ala.  
We cannot report  
of the City.  
We regret to have to report the death  
- day of Miss Ellen Mastin of cholera after  
a very short illness.  
We are as well.  
Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co.

died of cholera

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Mastin, Ellen, Miss

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

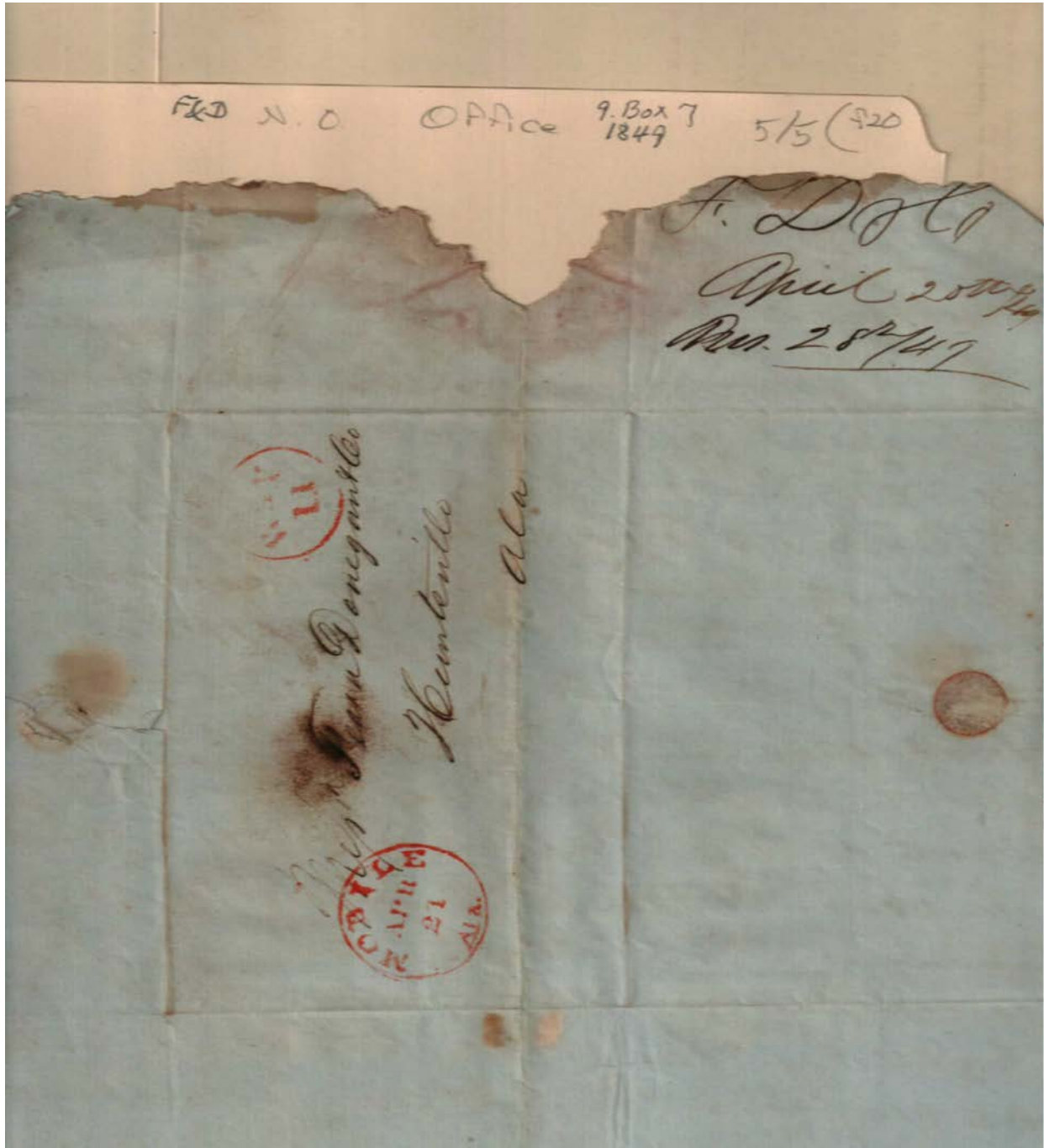
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 20, 1849

F&D N.O. OPAce 9.Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

My dear Mr. Donegan  
Huntsville  
Dear Sir

We had the pleasure on yesterday and  
have not received any of your favour since  
The demand for Cotton yesterday was very  
active resulting in sales of 12,000, prices  
stiffening up towards the close, until the  
majority decline of 1/8 was almost entirely  
beared. We sold a bag of 616 bales of  
L. 528 Missi. & 88 Alabama, belonging to  
Brady & Baxter 59. M. of Harkins 22 & John  
Mastin 8. The demand was stimulated by  
reports of serious injury having been done to  
the young Cotton by the late frost and  
subsequent cold weather. Since Saturday  
last we have had most unusual weather - the  
nights have been so cold that an overcoat  
was necessary to comfort, when out of doors.  
We all keep well.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Brady & Baxter

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Harkins, John J.  
Mastin, John

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

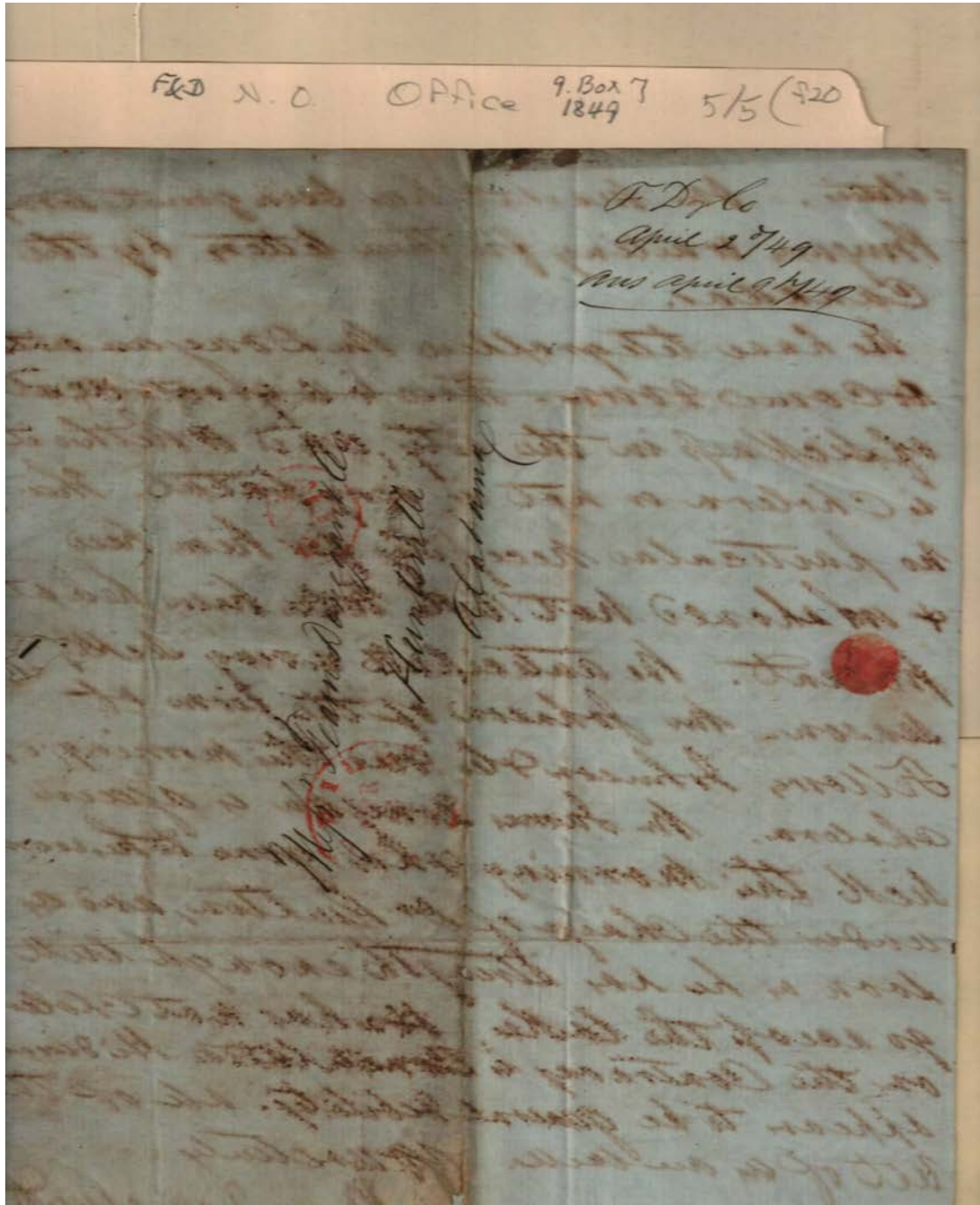
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 27, 1849

FILED N. O. OFFICE 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (920)

My dear  
New Orleans 2<sup>d</sup> April 1849  
Mr. Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had this pleasure on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
to say receive your favour of 21<sup>st</sup>  
1849 with inclosure as stated & note  
Contents.

Since our last there has been a fair demand  
for Cotton, without much activity, and prices  
have been irregular. We have not heard of  
any sales of plantations but think they  
would not bring at this moment  
say an average list.

Sales of them have been made at  
as 6 to 8 1/2. We could have had at these  
prices, if we had called the good Cotton  
from the lists, but we did not wish to do so  
& think that we have promoted the  
interests of the African Society, for we yet  
expect to get good price for them.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 27, 1849



Filed N. O. Office 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (920)

The reason why we have not had a corresponding advance in our market with the Liverpool, is because freight & exchanges have continually counteracted the good effect of the news received. Now it is a most difficult matter to ship at 9/8 in British ships, and sterling has been selling at from 4 to 5 1/2. These causes have operated very oppressively upon the market, and the very heavy receipts up to this time has not been without considerable effect. The estimate here is now 2600,000 & some make it as high as 2700,000 bales. Factors generally have been very free sellers, & have not, for that, been able to hold. The low prices of last season left many balances on the merchants & they have had to sell to meet their bills.

**Names:**

cotton market

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 27, 1849

FXD N.O. Office 9, Box 7 1849 5/5 (320)

-ition. The market has been quiet today  
My dear waiting for this letter by the  
Carrs.

We have telegraphed Mr Donegan and  
brooms down. There is a great deal  
of sickness in the city, and whether it  
is Cholera or not is very fatal. There  
no particular necessity for him here  
& we should not like to see him here at  
present. We anticipate a very sickly  
season. Mr Johnson of the firm of  
Fellows, Johnson & Co. died this morning of  
cholera. Mr James Donegan is again  
sick this morning & has gone to his room  
under the charge of Dr. Knutton, and as  
soon as he has strength enough will  
go across the lake. He has not Cholera  
on the contrary is Constipated. His disease  
appears to be general debility. All of the  
rest of us are well. Yours truly  
James Donegan

**Names:**

Bratton, Dr.  
Donegan,  
Donegan, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fellows, Johnson &  
Co.  
Johnson,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

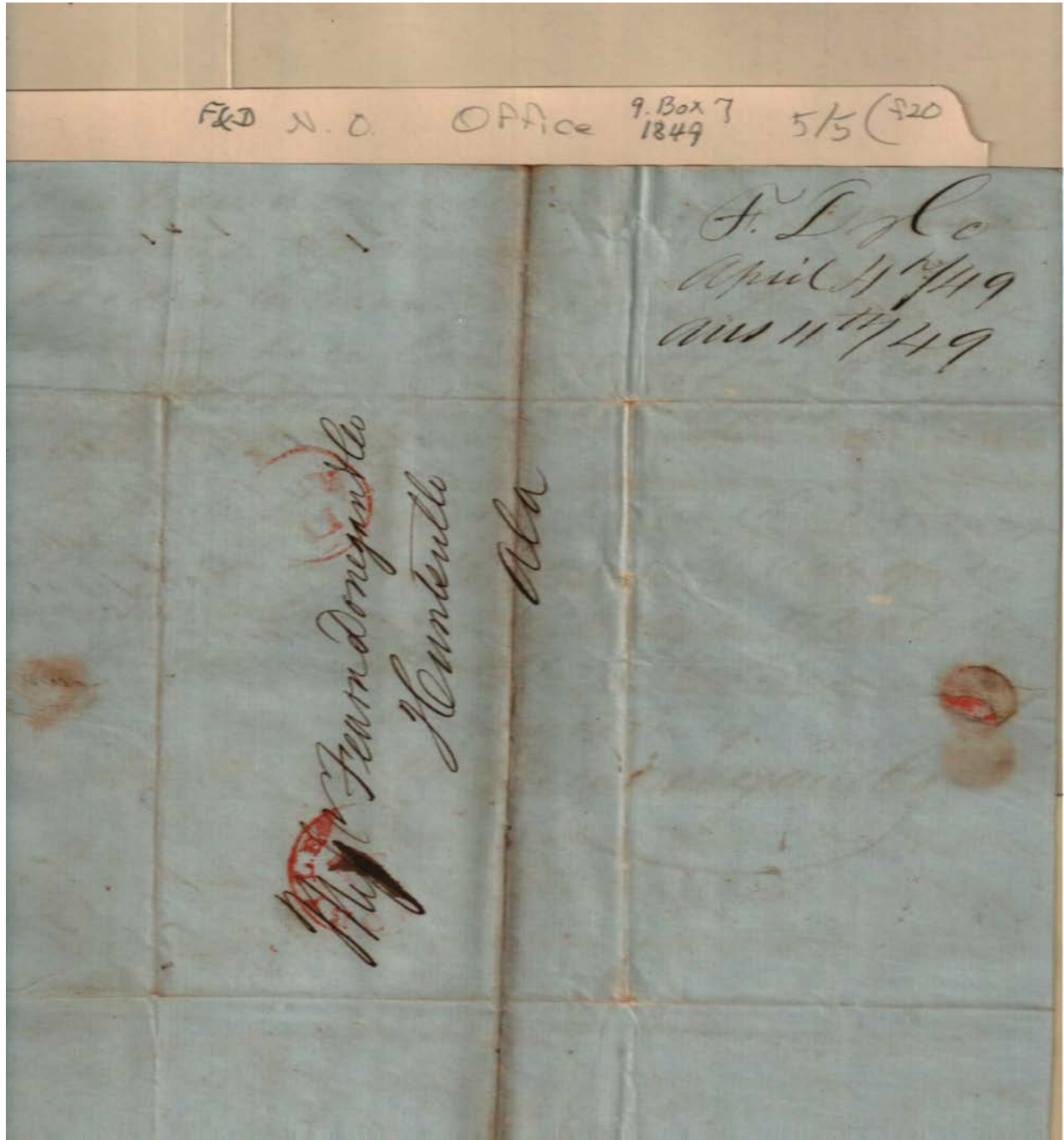
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 4, 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (920)

My dear Sir  
New Orleans 4<sup>th</sup> April 1849

My dear Sir  
Huntsville

As you  
We had this pleasure on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst &  
have since received yours of 26<sup>th</sup> ult. Also  
one from Tusculum of same date, with  
enclosures as stated, and contents duly noted.  
I do not think it quiet to ask if you have  
made any collections on his account.  
Has Mr R. M. Patton paid you for him  
the amount of Price note.  
In Feb<sup>ry</sup> I should wish to pay the amount of  
your Sept<sup>r</sup> note \$400, if collected  
Whether any further collections have been  
made of the outstanding claims of F&D.  
if so send a statement.

Yesterday after the Steamer's letters were  
had, they sprung up an active demand  
for Cotton which resulted in sales of  
10,000 bales - prices were irregular,  
but generally 56<sup>cts</sup> to 6<sup>cts</sup> for Midg to  
strictly Middling. The freight market

**Names:**

Beirne, George P.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Lockhart,  
Patton, R. M.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 4, 1849

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1849

was now accessible to shippers, which  
stimulated the demand.  
Rankin Gilmore & Co. advise the sale of  
250.20 bales Cotton @ 4 1/4<sup>0</sup>, account  
of Mr. Richardson & Fearn, which please  
advise him of.  
Mr. James Donegan is better this morning  
sitting up in his room. The rest of us  
are well. There is no change & notice  
in the general health of the city.  
Yours truly  
James Donegan

**Names:**

Donegan, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

Richardson & Fearn

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

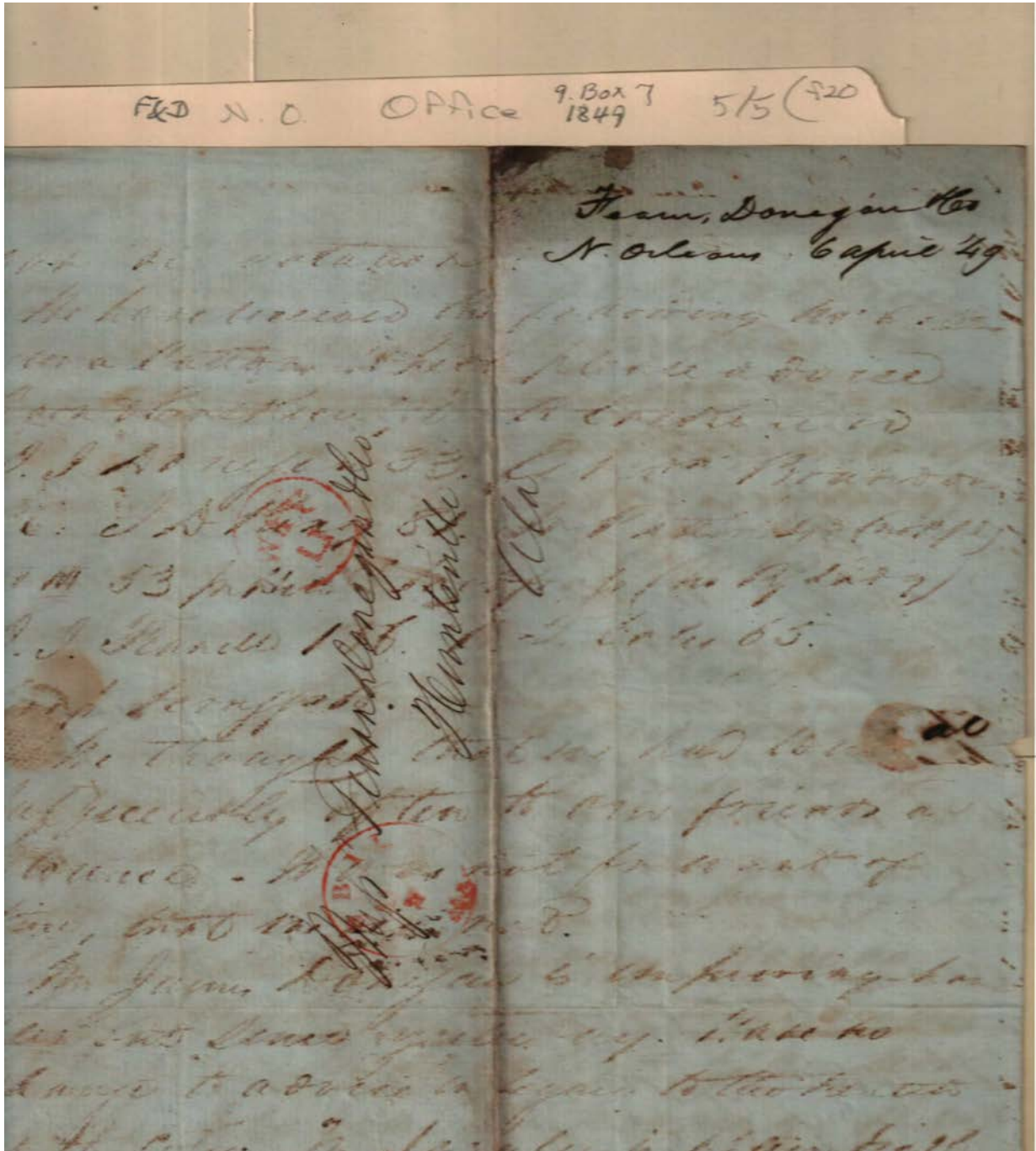
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April 4, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 6, 1849

FXD N.O. OPAce 9.Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

My dear  
 Mr. Moore  
 I received your letter of the 4th inst. and  
 in reply to inform you that the  
 cotton in the plantation in the vicinity  
 this morning received orders of 25 bales with  
 enclosure attached. The price for  
 your business. Cotton is reported. The price  
 for the Cotton of 25 bales is as follows  
 (20946). We do not think our friends  
 who bought Cotton will lose money, unless  
 they have paid too high price. There may  
 be a temporary decline in Liverpool, but  
 with the present high consumption, and  
 trade, and the high interest in the  
 there, while money is tight up, prices  
 cannot decline much, or remain down  
 long. There has been a very large demand  
 for the day past & the sales have been  
 30,000 bales. Many of these are of  
 the best. We have the present balance  
 of 574 bales & 5 3/16, which gives us the

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Moore, D., estate

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

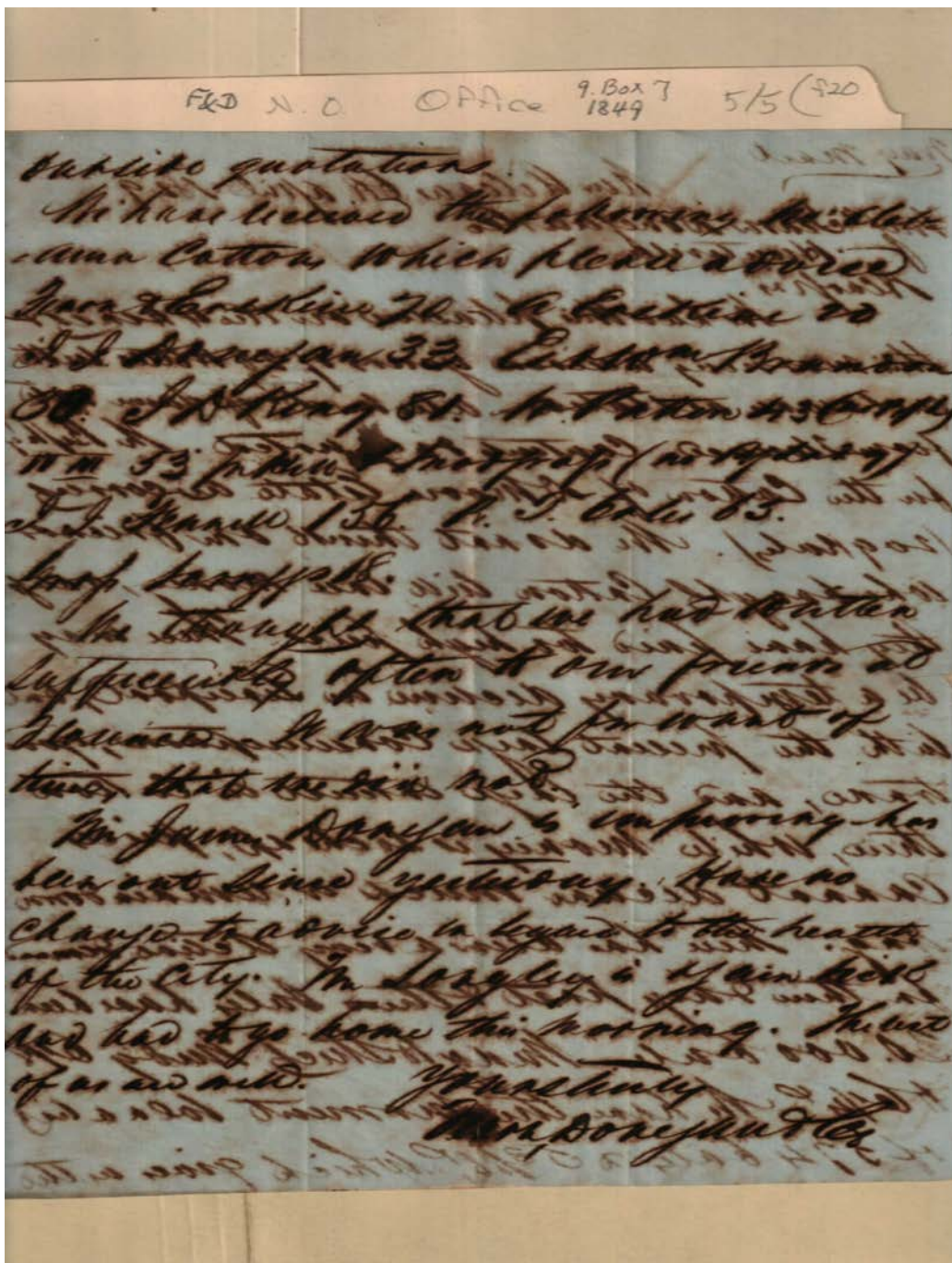
New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 6, 1849



**Names:**

Brandon, William,  
estate  
Coles, R. T.  
Donegan, J. J.

Donegan, James  
Erskine, A.  
Fearn & Erskine

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.  
Fennell, I. J.  
Hill & Snodgrass

King, J. D.  
Longley,  
Patton, W.  
Scruggs, Gross

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 6, 1849



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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 7, 1849

FXD N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

May mail  
New Orleans 7th April 1849.  
Prof<sup>r</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co.  
Huntsville  
Messrs We had this pleasure in your letter  
have seen of your favour since.  
We enclose you a bill of exchange John  
A Drake, balance at his order in amount  
twenty seven <sup>27</sup> upon order.  
I advise Mr. Chas H Patton that Mr.  
Hazen's note has been paid - my  
note for \$100 contained \$33.80.  
We have not heard of any business  
being done in the Cotton Market  
today. The price yesterday was 4000  
per bale. We enclose a bill of Messrs  
Hazen & Co. paid them for account of  
Messrs Hazen & Co. under contract, twenty  
dollars. I am in better & is going to help  
Christian today. The rest of us are well,  
except Benjamin, who is much better.  
Yours truly  
Jas Donegan

**Names:**

Crutcher, Reuben  
Donegan, James  
Drake, John R.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.  
Hazlewood, William

Patton, Charles H.,  
Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

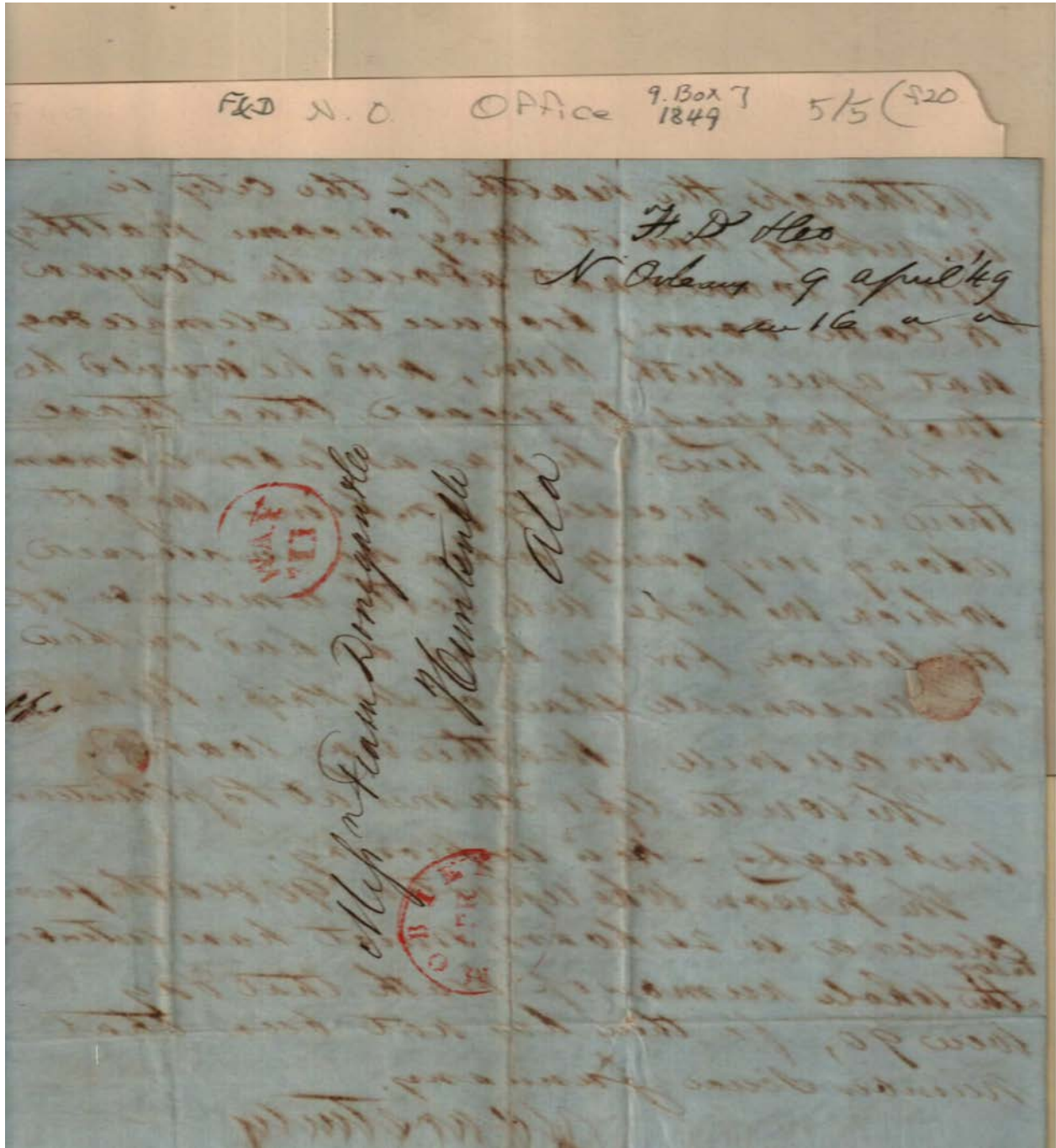
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

April 9, 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

My mail  
New Orleans 9th April 1849.  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

As you had this pleasure on the 7th  
inst & this morning received your favour  
of 31<sup>st</sup> inst, with the enclosed as stated, and  
note contents

The cargo of Tea for Dr Simpson was  
packed in the key of almonds, - the worst  
rice instead of almonds. a mistake. The  
insurance by this time it has been found.

The freight on the French Cotton was  
ruin at \$2.25 per bale.

Mr J. Murphy's bill will have due honor.  
Rankin Gilmore & Co advise us that they  
expect to send Agents & Account of the shipmen-  
ents to them, by the next steamer. Will send  
them up promptly when they are received.

The last bill you sent us for discount  
has gone today in the Canal Bank,  
but have not had them entered up yet -  
Will remit you, as soon as we can learn  
from you what funds are sent, as you  
write us that Exchange on the East is  
down. Will telegraph you today to that effect.

**Names:**

Binford, Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fennell, J. J.  
Murphy, T.

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 9, 1849

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1849

On Saturday in the middle of the day  
there was a rumor in town that the steamer  
accounts were in. The engine, which put  
stop to operation and the sails reached  
only 1500 tons. This morning there was  
some enquiry had some sails made, but  
another rumor of the same character  
got afloat and checked the enquiry.  
We don't know to what extent sails had  
been made, but have heard that one  
of these Mississippi was sold a 6/8.  
Kirkman told a bag of Alabama's on  
Friday or Saturday a 5/4 and Pleasant  
W & Co. a selection a 5/16.  
We hear this morning of the report  
of Edmond Milliner's flat boat - with  
some cotton for us on board. Mr Jordan  
explains in the lat.  
We have the pleasure to advise that  
there has been a favorable change in the  
health of the City, and the sickness is  
abating. The death from cholera for  
last week ending Saturday night were  
only 86. The whole number of deaths 260 or 270.

**Names:**

Edmonds &  
Wilkinson

Jordan, Mrs.  
Kirkman,

Pleasants, Wilson &  
Co.

cholera deaths in  
New Orleans

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

April 9, 1849

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1849

Although the health of the city is improving, and it may become healthy, yet we would not advise Mr Donegan to come down, because the climate was not agree with him, and he would be more subject to disease, than those who live here. As far as labor is concerned there is no necessity for him. We get along very easily when we are allowed, which we hope will be the remainder of the season, for we had all had on hand a reasonable share of sickness. We are now all well. Weather very warm.

The route left James at Pap Christian last night. He is improving.

The person who reported 90 deaths from Cholera in 24 hours, must have intended the whole number of death that day were 90, for there has not been that number since January.

Yours truly  
Wm. Donegan

**Names:**

Donegan, J. J.  
Donegan, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

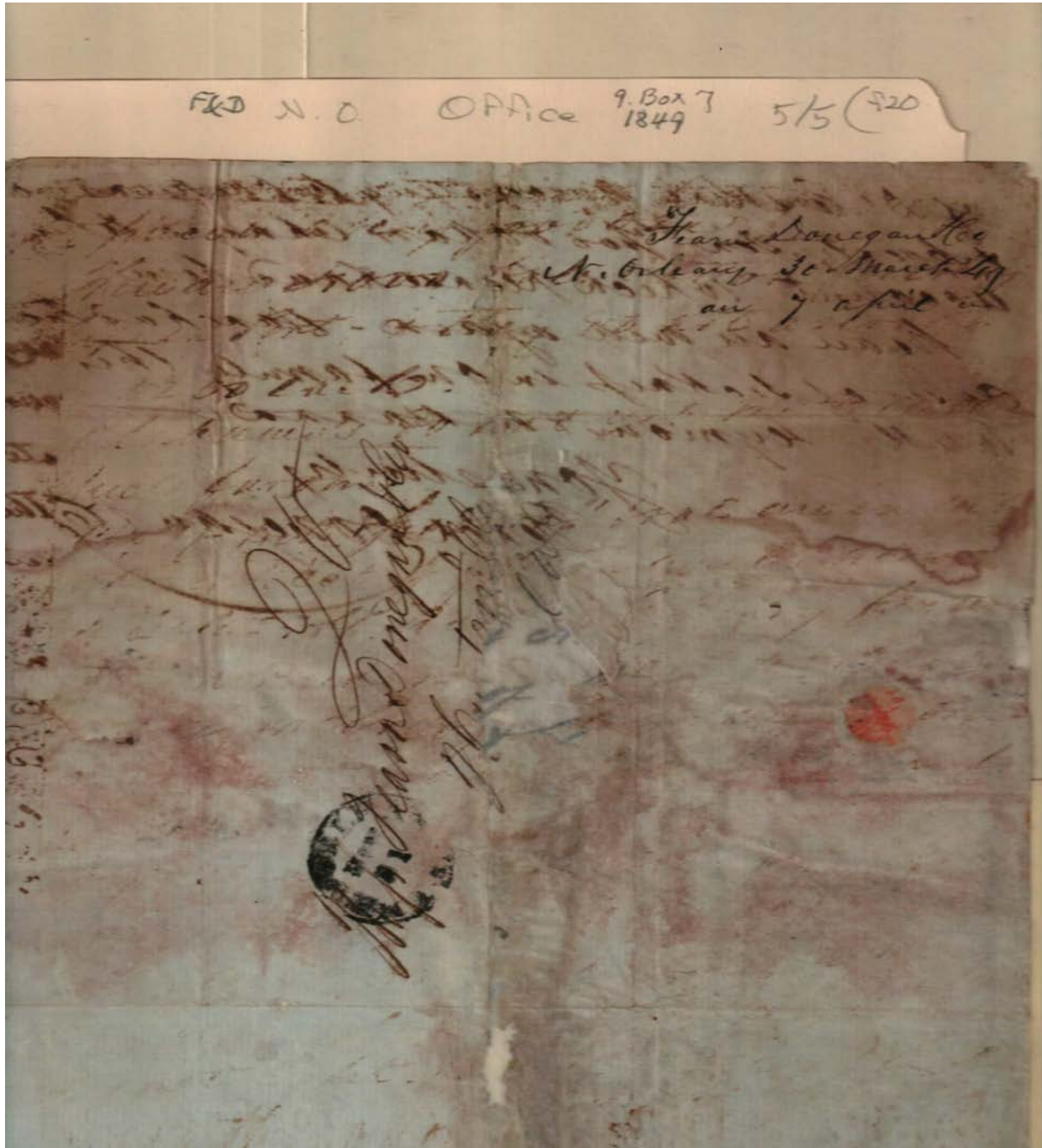
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

March 30, 1849

FXD N.O. OPAce 9.Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

May mail  
New Orleans 30th March 1849.  
Mr. Fearn & Donegan  
Huntsville  
I hope Mr. Fearn has the pleasure on the 27th inst  
and have not received any of your papers  
since. I enclose you enclosed duplicate  
check of Peter Convey from the Bank of the  
State of New York - fragment of which was  
sent you under date 22 inst.  
Yesterday we had a much better  
land for Cotton, and about 1/2 of the  
season was secured - the sale reached  
7000 bales. We had a list of 719 bales  
to 6 1/4. I say there is not much more  
up to this time.  
We do not have longer because to put  
prices any higher would require a very  
large business to be sold, and if that  
could be done freight would certainly  
advance, and we cannot hold for  
six or six weeks without borrowing &

**Names:**

Convey, Peter, Jr.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

March 30, 1849



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1849

did not think to report to the ...  
the price is a very good one ...  
I have no more than cotton for every  
thing in fact & they are not every  
one + 200 each ...  
I have not yet met with  
much from ...  
one of Hill & Snodgrass but am in with  
100 bales each of Fennell - 65 Recd  
H. J. Cole. 46 Recd A. G. Henry for us.  
This morning two of Garrett & Davis  
sons of McCrary & Cloyd are in, but  
do not yet know what they have for  
us.  
An enclosure invoice of mine for account  
of Dr. N. W. Chapin to his account  
Sixty Seven <sup>60</sup> per 100 bales. The Sherry &  
Madison are old and have sediment &  
will not be fit for use unless after stand-  
ing in the bottom 3 to 4 weeks, and must  
be decanted with care.  
Also enclosure invoice goods for account

**Names:**

Fearn, Dr.  
Fennell, J. J.

Garrett & Davis  
Henry, A. G.

Hill & Snodgrass  
McCrary & Cloyd

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

March 30, 1849

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1849

of Dr. Erskine's, answering to the hundred  
seventy six 3/30 & 3/31 changed to his  
account, which please hand him.  
I have all over again - have had two  
cases of sickness in our family this  
week - Seymour & the others.  
Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Erskine, A., Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hazard,  
Seymour

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

March 30, 1849

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from Huntsville - star cancel

**Names:**

Donegan, James J.

**Places:**

Tuscumbia, AL

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

Mar 27, 1849

F&D N. O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (220)  
1849

Huntsville March 27<sup>th</sup> 1849

Mr. Jas. J. Donegan  
Dear Sir

We wrote you on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. and have yours of same date. There are no letters of later date than one then advised you from New Orleans, except a telegraphic dispatch rec<sup>d</sup> from Tusculum this morning, dated N. O. 24<sup>th</sup> as follows "Cotton market very dull, middling 6 to <sup>have</sup> one, remitted you four thousand dollars". Not a word you see about Cholera or health — We have a letter from our W. H. of 21<sup>st</sup> — He returned the evening before from Holly Springs — got some good consignments by his trip — He left Steele the day before — He would go to Gretna & Coffeyville & return to Memphis in about 10 days — Mr. Hopkins, having heard of Atwoods illness, held himself in readiness to go immediately to N. O. whenever he learned it was necessary —

He says he had just seen L. C. Bradley — who told him that Willis Watkins will not ship us any cotton to meet our acceptance for St. Charles — He is shipping to Pleasants Wilson & Co. & Nelson Bradley & Co. — Mr. Hopkins, would write to Atwood to attack, if he thought proper — Bradley says Fred. Bynum is shipping to them & that Oakley divides with them & our house — <sup>we</sup> give you these for any

**Names:**

Atwood,  
Bradley, J. C.  
Bynum, Fred.

Donegan, James J.  
Hopkins,  
Oakley

Pleasants, Wilson &  
Co.  
Watkins, Willis

**Places:**

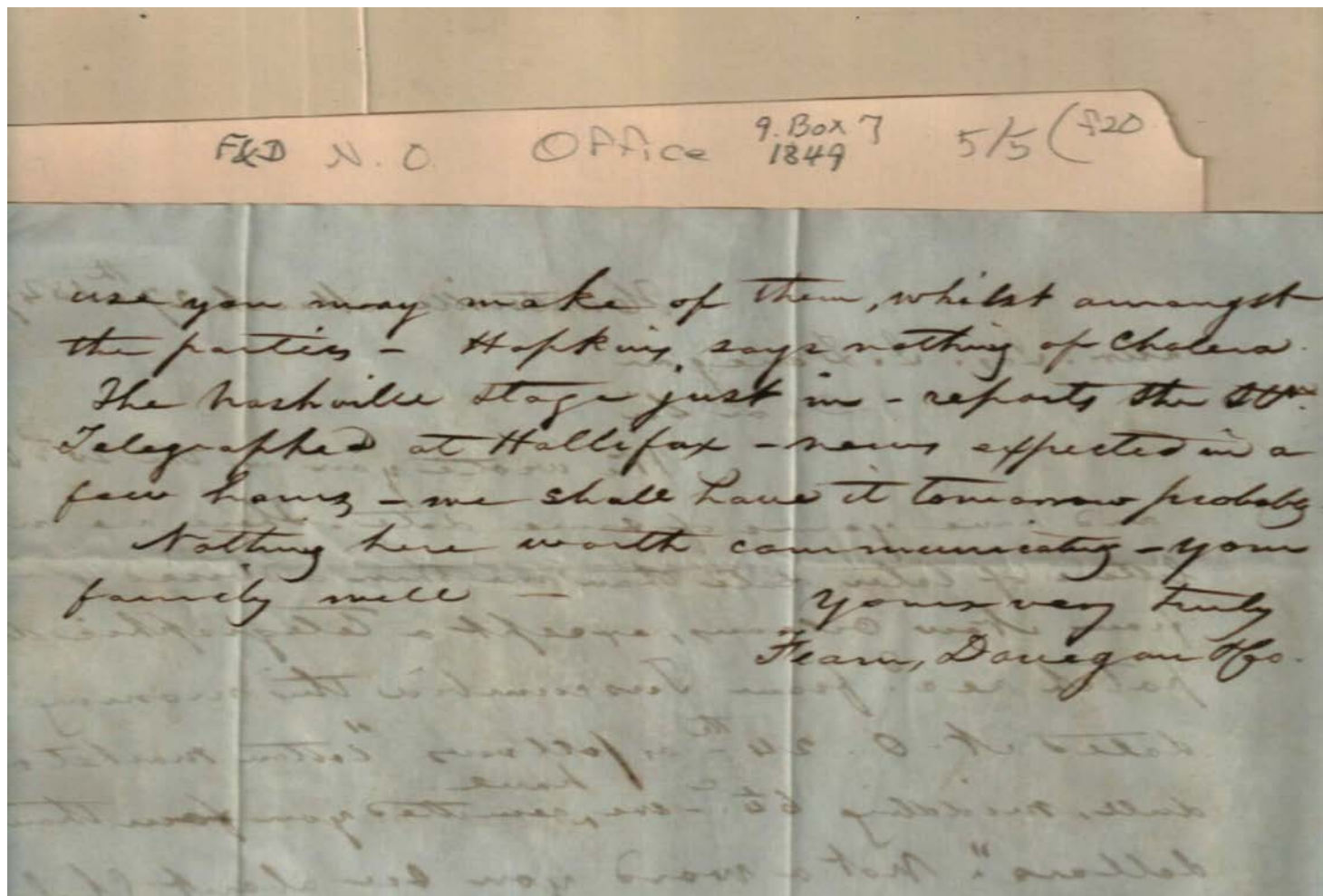
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**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 27, 1849



**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Hopkins,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

correspondence

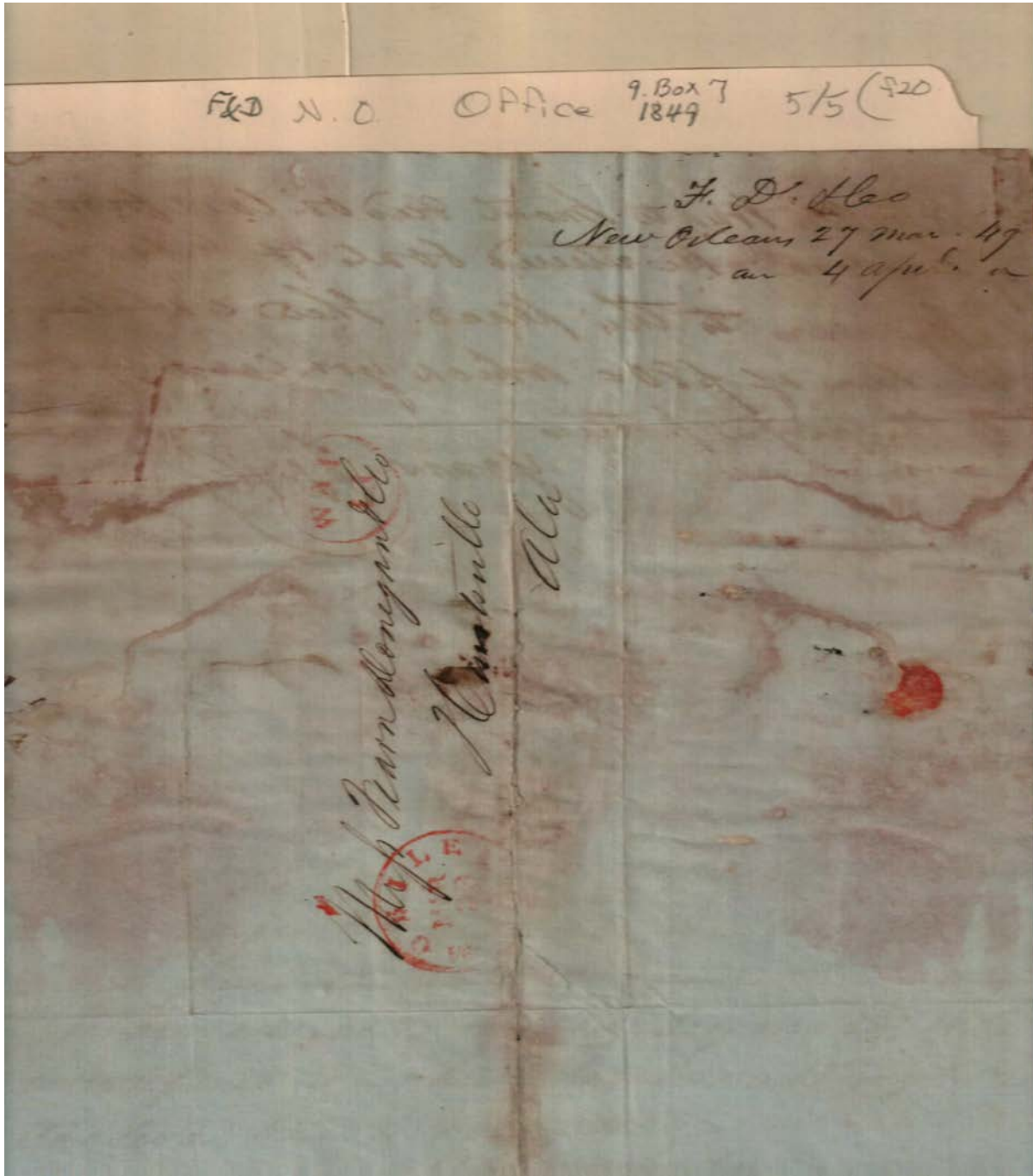
**Dates:**

Mar 27, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 27, 1849

F&D N.O. OPAce 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

May mail New Orleans 27 March 1849  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had the pleasure on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst  
and yesterday received yours of 24<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>  
& 19<sup>th</sup> inst, with enclosures as stated.

The quantity you enclosed in fact is bale Cotton  
Dear Hugh Henry did not specify the mark  
please send it to us. We try to get the balance  
sent off as early as possible, but sometimes  
mistake occur and when we are busy much  
time is required to discover them.

Please hand the enclosed bill of articles  
to Mr Erskine - we have paid the freight  
to his account.

The writer will send Mr Fearn post tomorrow  
He has not been able to offer to find any good  
with the sample sent - looked through Charter  
Street, but to no effect.

Our Cotton market has given away and  
the Chad's account received this morning -  
Mid day is selling at 6 1/2. We have heard  
of sales of 3000 bales. We shall not offer  
anything for a few days - And probably

**Names:**

Erskine, A., Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.  
Henry, Hugh

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 27, 1849

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longer, if we consider there is a prospect  
of going better. I ought to see the greatest  
obstacles, with which, we have now to  
contend - Many vessels are due in the  
next month or in a week, when we  
hope to have a better time.

Yesterday we received a telegraphic  
dispatch from our Mr D of same date  
from Tuscombien - We replied to him  
and advised him not to come to the  
City - There is some cholera - several deaths  
more, and this climate does not agree  
with him, and there is no particular  
necessity for his presence, we thought it  
most prudent not to come.

Now all men except Seymour, who  
is confined to his bed - has something like  
cholera, but is doing well.

Yours truly  
Wm Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

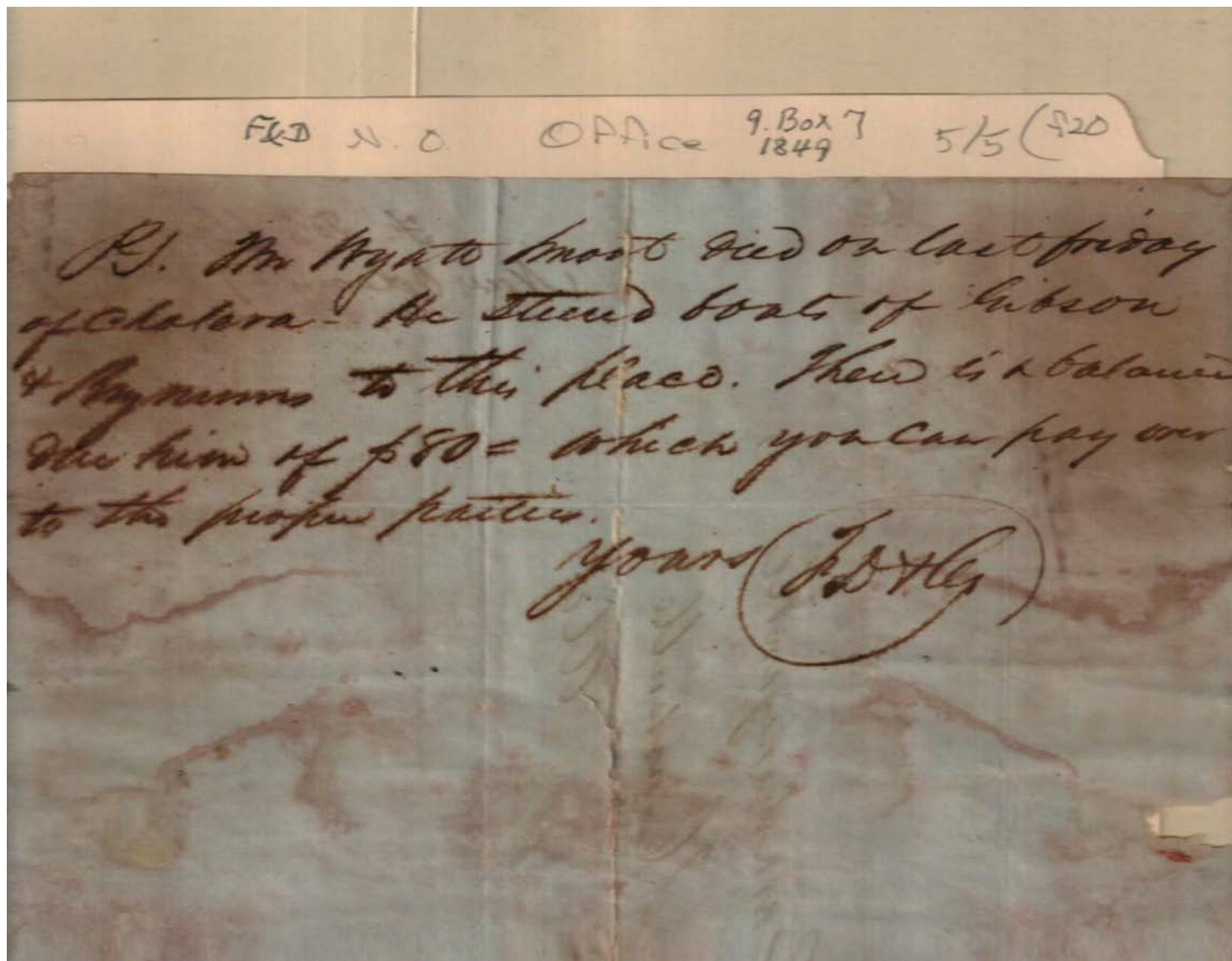
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Mar 27, 1849





died of cholera

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Gibson & Bynum  
Smoot, Wyatt

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

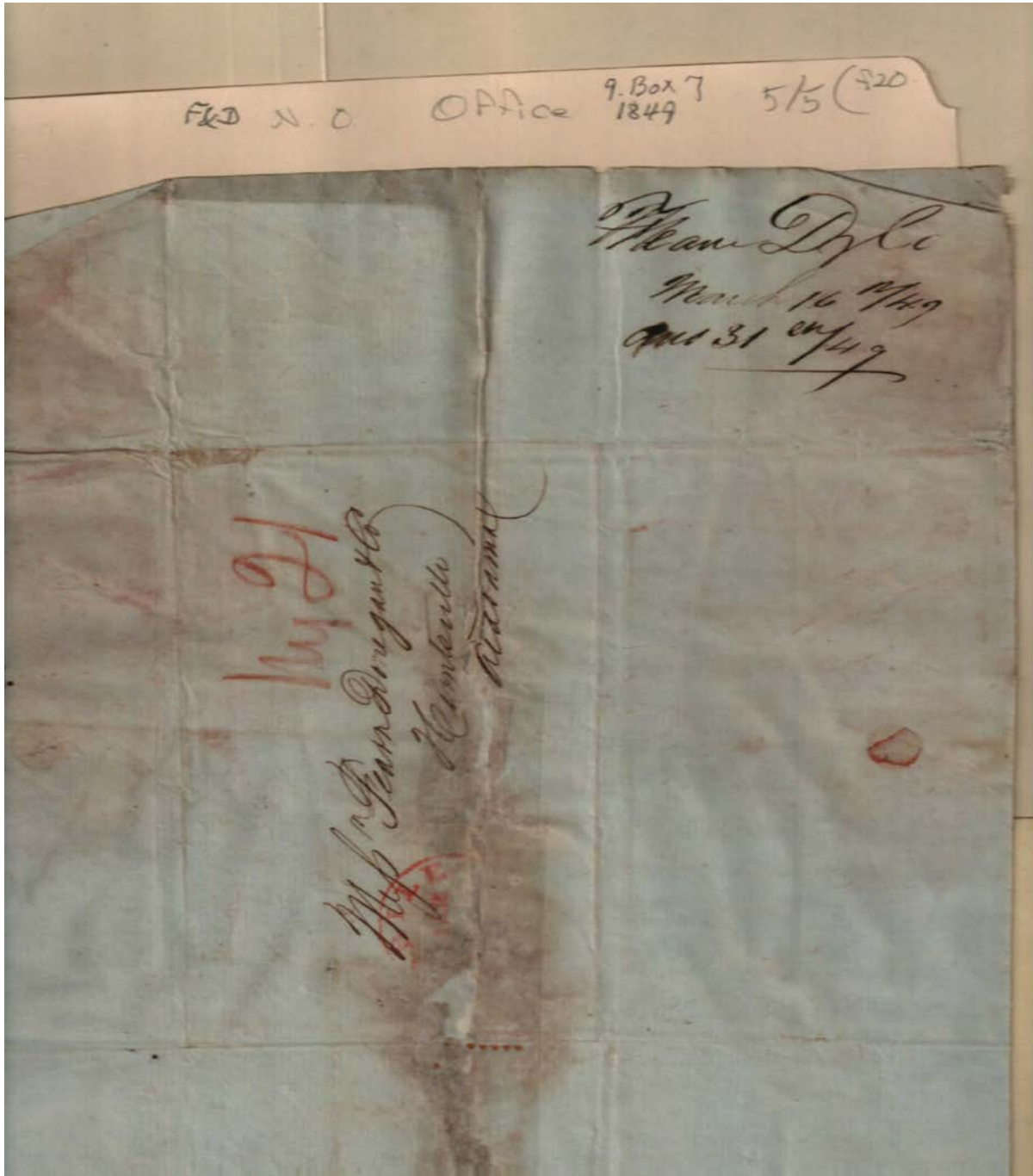
**Dates:**

Mar 27, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 16, 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (520)  
1849

New Orleans March 16 1849

My dear Donegan & Co

Dear Sirs

We were glad to hear on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst  
of the success of the 11<sup>th</sup> same is to be enclosed as is stated  
the charges will be made as directed. Your 14<sup>th</sup> is still un-  
found to but more on account of the difficulty arising from his  
letter's position he expects to be well enough to attend to his  
business in a few days.

We enclosed we have your invoice  
of goods is enclosed in your 14<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst for Mr  
Robert Fearn amounting in all to one hundred and  
eighty eight dollars in his Debit in account. The  
goods have been selected with much care and we hope  
may prove satisfactory. The B'ddy for the goods is all  
enclosed. We think there was to be some mistake  
about the Caddy of Tea for Mr H. A. Binford being lost  
by reference to the papers of the same find that it was packed  
in the Key of Paris, and the B'ddy I was only made  
out for one key without reference to the contents: we  
hope that the Sea will favor us to be all safe on the opening  
of the Key.

Mr Longley's deposition in regard  
to the Vanhusen case was taken yesterday by Mr Townes  
and mailed, of which fact we advised Mr Townes by  
telegraph - We forward by to day's mail to Mr Edmund

**Names:**

Binford, H. A., Dr.  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Robert  
Longley,  
Richardson, Edmund

Townes,  
Van Husen,

**Places:**

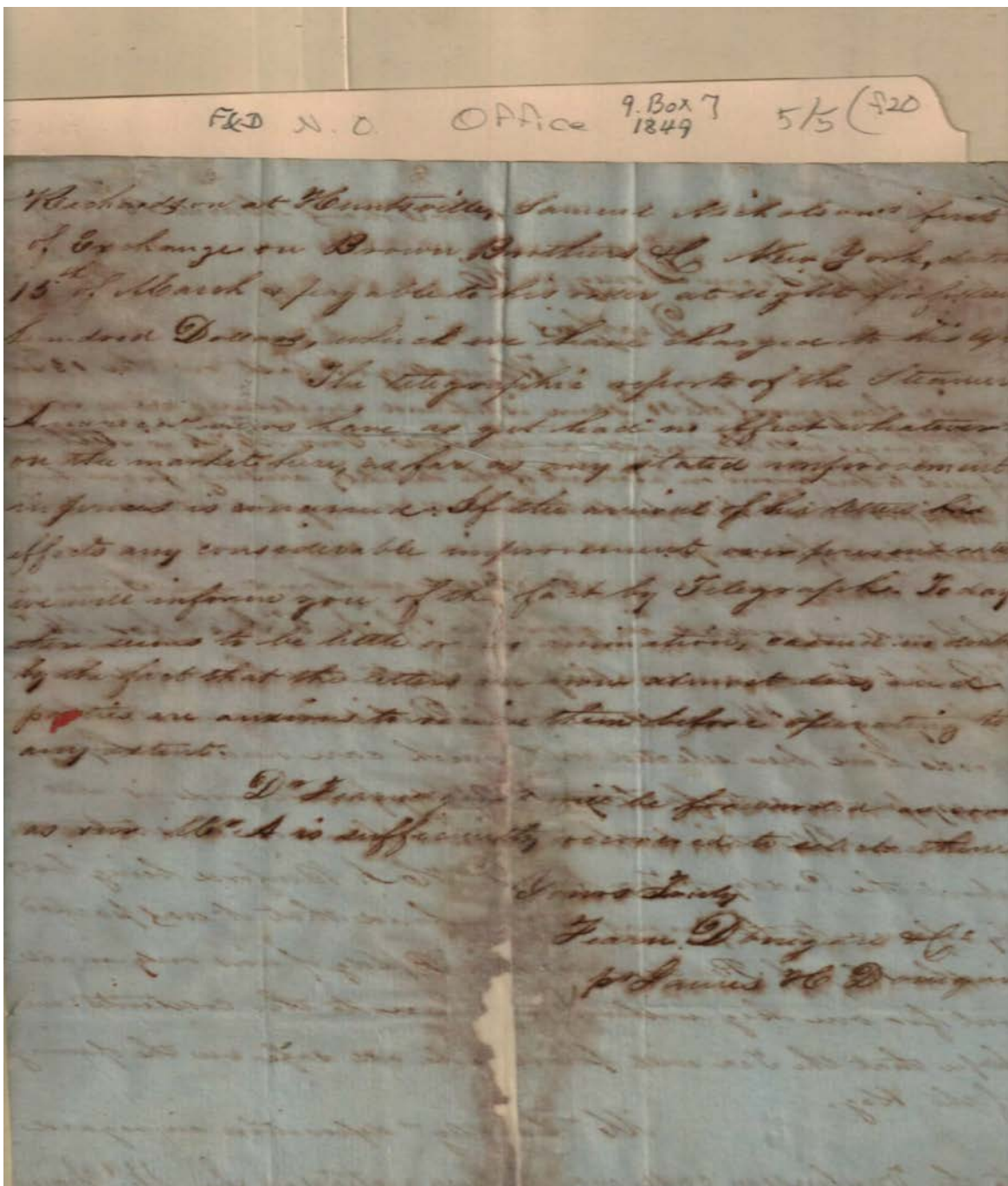
New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 16, 1849



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**Names:**

Donegan, James H.

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Fearn, Dr. Nicholson, Samuel

Richardson, Edmund

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

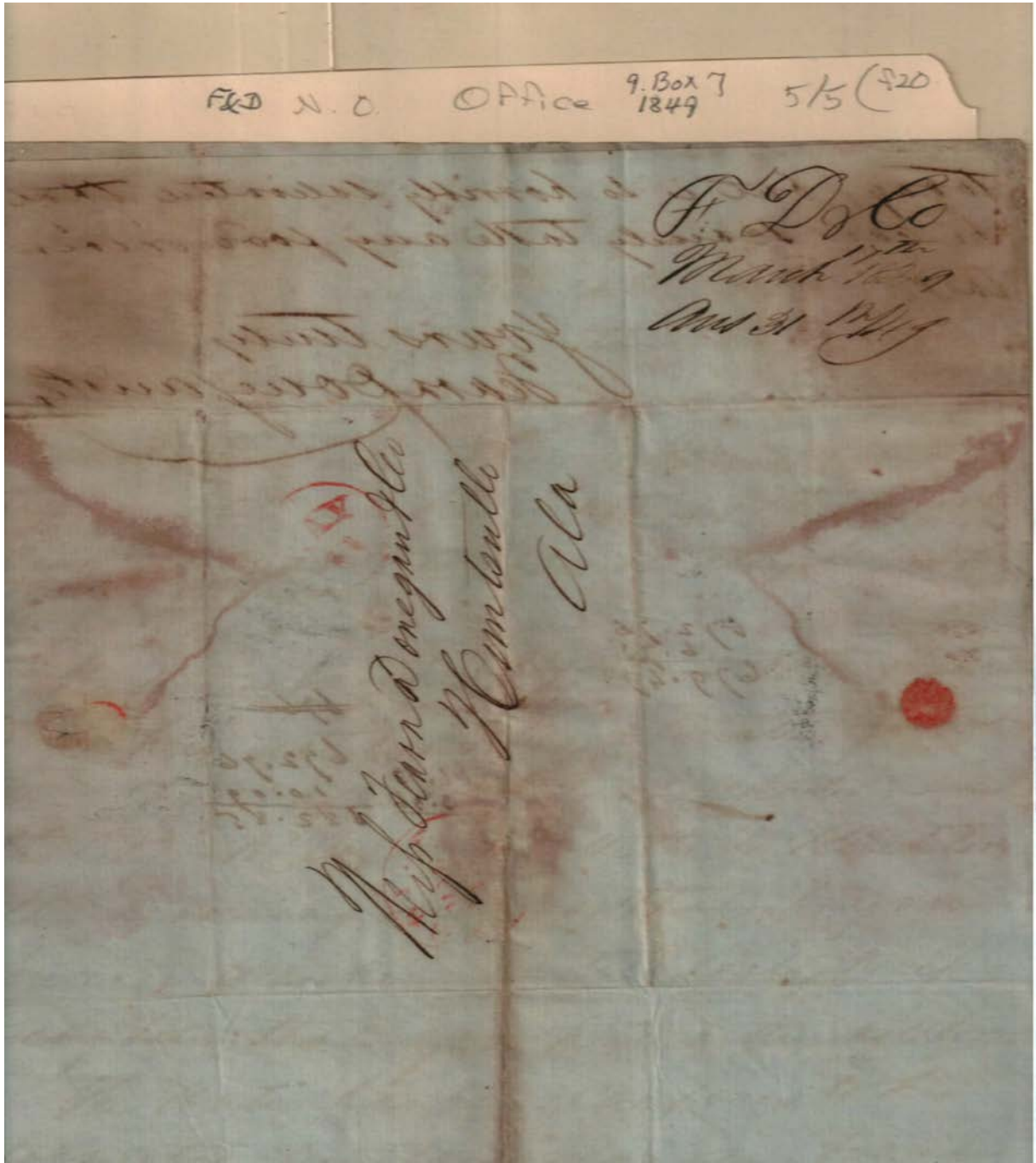
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Mar 16, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 17, 1849

F&D N.O. OFFICE 9. Box 7 1849 5/5 (20)

May Mail  
New Orleans 17<sup>th</sup> March 1849

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Ala

Dear Sirs

We had this pleasure yesterday & have none of your favours since.

We have made the entire advance in your favor of \$5000.00. Have received Mr E Richardson \$1500 ahead to pay off for his bill for \$2000. The other bill you sent, those for your account, have too long to run to be negotiated in Bank, when they come within season, will offer <sup>them</sup> in the meantime, will send you money whenever we can do so. Mr Lockhart notified us today that he would want his money soon.

Please advise Mr Robert Coltart, that we have placed \$672.25 to his credit, by instructions of Mr W. D. Bibb, Trustee for Mrs Travis & wife.

We have not seen anything in Cotton this week. The market this continues under the influence of high freight & Exchange,

**Names:**

Bibb, W. D.  
Coltart, Robert

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Irons, Thomas  
Lockhart,

Richardson, E.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 17, 1849

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1849

and the prices of last must can only  
be had. Our market should have  
advanced upon the late favorable  
accounts, but from the causes before  
stated, they have been able to keep  
prices down. There is some inquiry  
today, but we had not, up to this  
time, been able to hear of any sales of  
importance.

We would say to our Mr. not to stand  
down here, until he hears further from  
us - there is a good deal of cholera in  
the City. He consulted with Dr. Rushton  
this morning & he said that if you  
presented was not particularly neces-  
sary here, that you had better not come.

The Water has been confined to his  
room & bed, since late Monday, from an  
affection of the bowels - He feels well

**Names:**

Rushton, Dr.

cholera

**Places:**

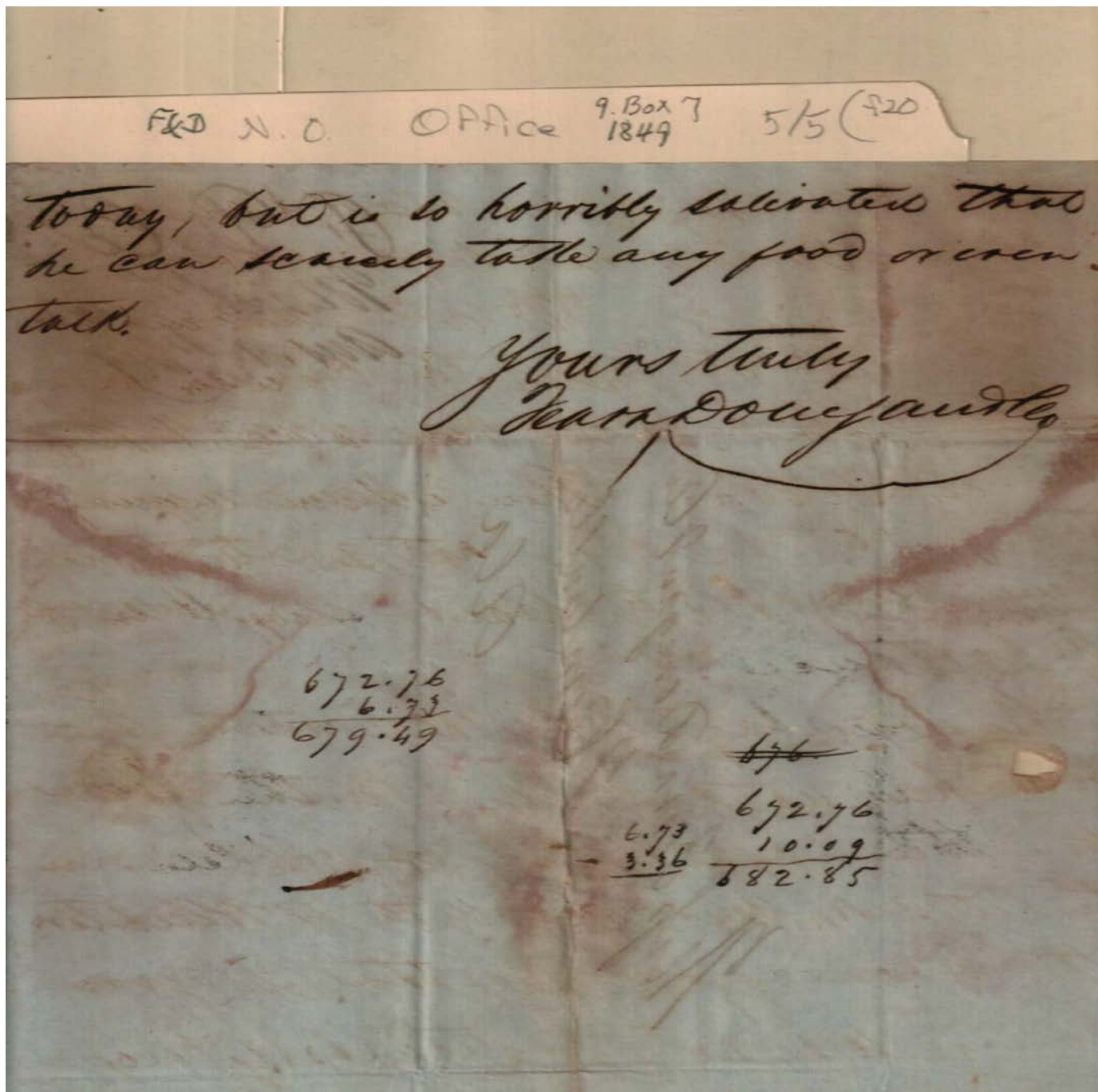
New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

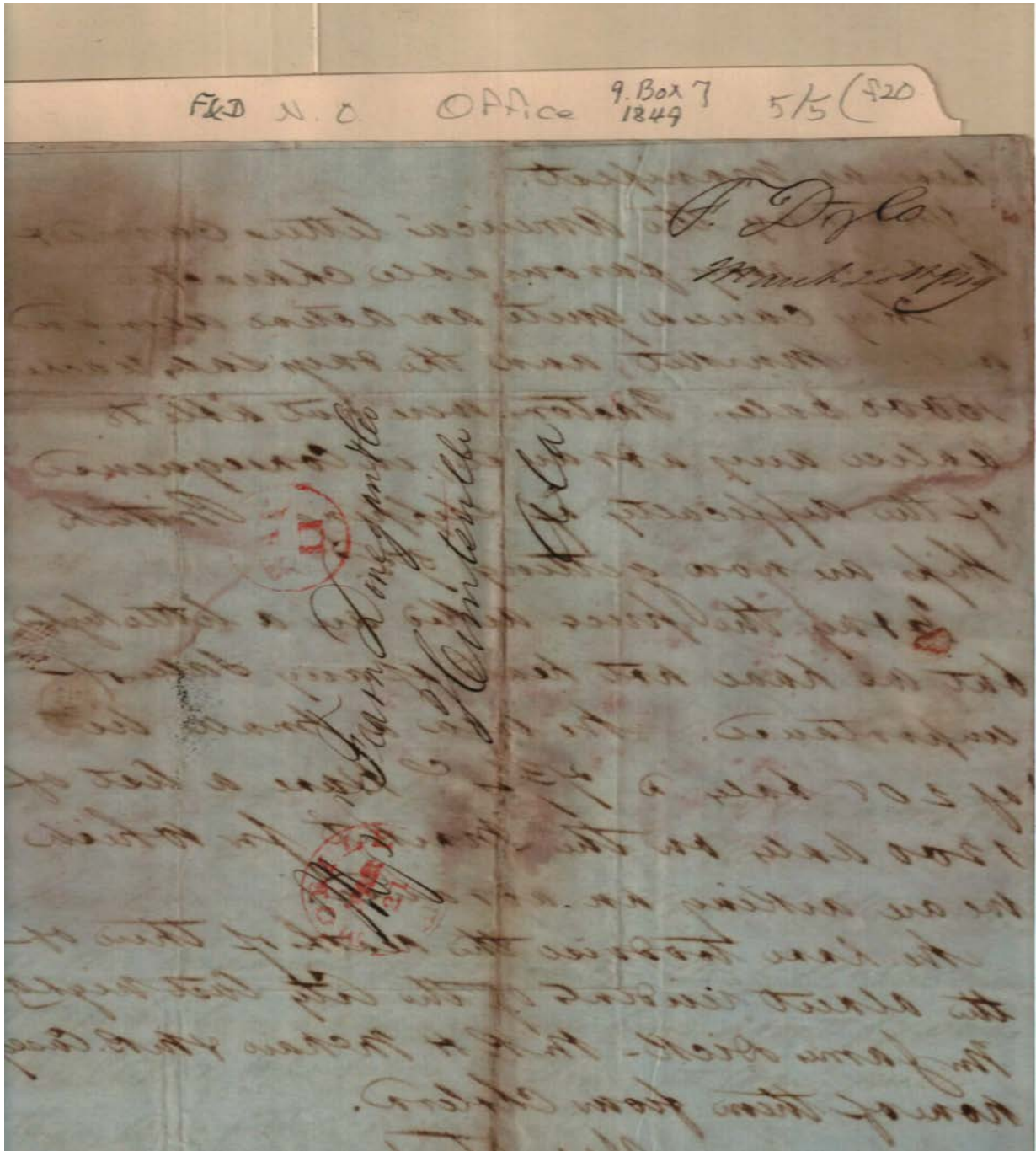
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 20, 1849

FKD N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (920)  
1849

My dear Sir  
New Orleans 21 March 1849.

Mr J. W. Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

As you had this pleasure on the 17th inst  
and have not received any of your favours  
I send. We have had Mr Richardson's \$1  
discounted. 10/3  
Taken 17th inst & 60 days date \$2000 =  
62 days interest 2047  
Total amount \$1979.33  
which we have inserted in the enclosed checks  
of the Canal Bank, on the Bank of  
Commerce New York, dated yesterday &  
payable to his order at sight for 1000 & 979.33  
Say thirteen hundred & seventy four 3/10  
dollars & 3/4 of a cent.

We had just emitted Mr Richardson's \$2500 =  
at his request, and are not certain whether  
he wishes this amount in addition - if he  
has not you can take them, you are desired.  
Provence & Todd have lost a flat boat

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Provence & Todd  
Richardson, E.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 20, 1849

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1849

which had on board 196 bales Cotton  
belonging to the Estate of D. Moore's  
all the Cotton has come aboard, except 18  
bales which it is presumed is a total loss.  
That which has been received, after  
inspection, has resulted as follows - 8 bales  
sound & 170 damaged & then at auction.  
It was insured at \$35 per bale.  
We have the accounts made up & soon  
to pass on & send them forward.  
By the America Rankin Gilmore & Co arrived  
July of 22 (1849) account R. T. Coles 498  
" " 31 " " R. T. Coles 498  
They have also sent out letters & statement  
of the shipment, account of Mr. P. Miller  
1034 bales - balanced due him about \$7,000.  
The Cotton was sold by them, at lower prices  
than any other shipment.  
Garrett Davis & Bank have a flat boat in  
port yet know what we have on board as they

flat boat

**Names:**

Archer, R. T.  
Coles, R. T.

Garrett & Davis  
Miller, P.

Moore, D., estate

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 20, 1849

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1849

have no manifest.  
Yesterday the American letters carried  
one of a very favorable character.  
They caused quite an active demand  
in our market, and the day sales reached  
15000 bales. Factors were not able to  
realize any advance, in consequence  
of the difficulty of shipping. British  
ships are now getting up.  
I say the price asked are a little high  
but we have not heard of any sales of  
importance. We hold a small lot  
of 200 bales @ 7 3/4. Have a lot of  
1200 bales on the market for which  
we are asking an advance.  
We have too since the death of three of  
the oldest residents of the city last night  
Mr James Dick - Mr R H McNeil & Mr B. Casey  
none of them from cholera.  
Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

death

**Names:**

Casey, M. B.  
Dick, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

McNair, R. H.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

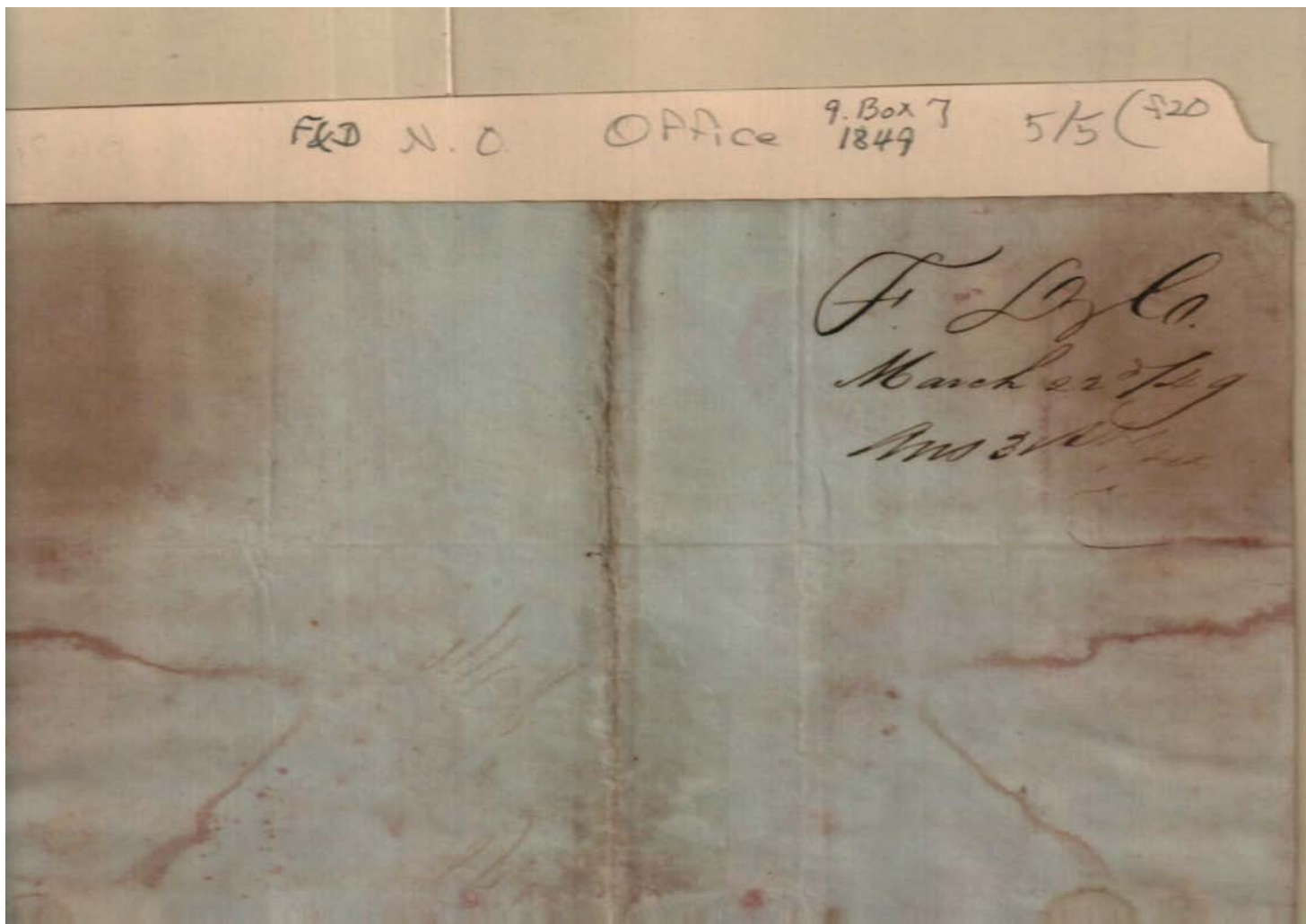
**Dates:**

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 22, 1849

F&D N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (520)  
1849

May Mail  
New Orleans 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1849

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs

We had the pleasure on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst & have not received any of your favours since. Enclosed we have your check, the conveyer on the <sup>Bank of the</sup> State of New York, dated today & payable to your order for \$1000 & 1000 \$1000 + \$1328<sup>25</sup> say for. by three hundred & twenty eight 20/100 dollars, bought at par & charged to your account.

Last night we sold one bag of 120 lbs of cotton/mixed bag & 1/2 pound. The sale is a clear advance of 1/8. It could not be repeated this morning for freights are even more than have yet been. It is difficult to ship this morning in Antioch ship & 1/4.

Mr John R. Drake has ten bales in the bag which please advise him of.

Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Convey, Peter, Jr.  
Drake, John R.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

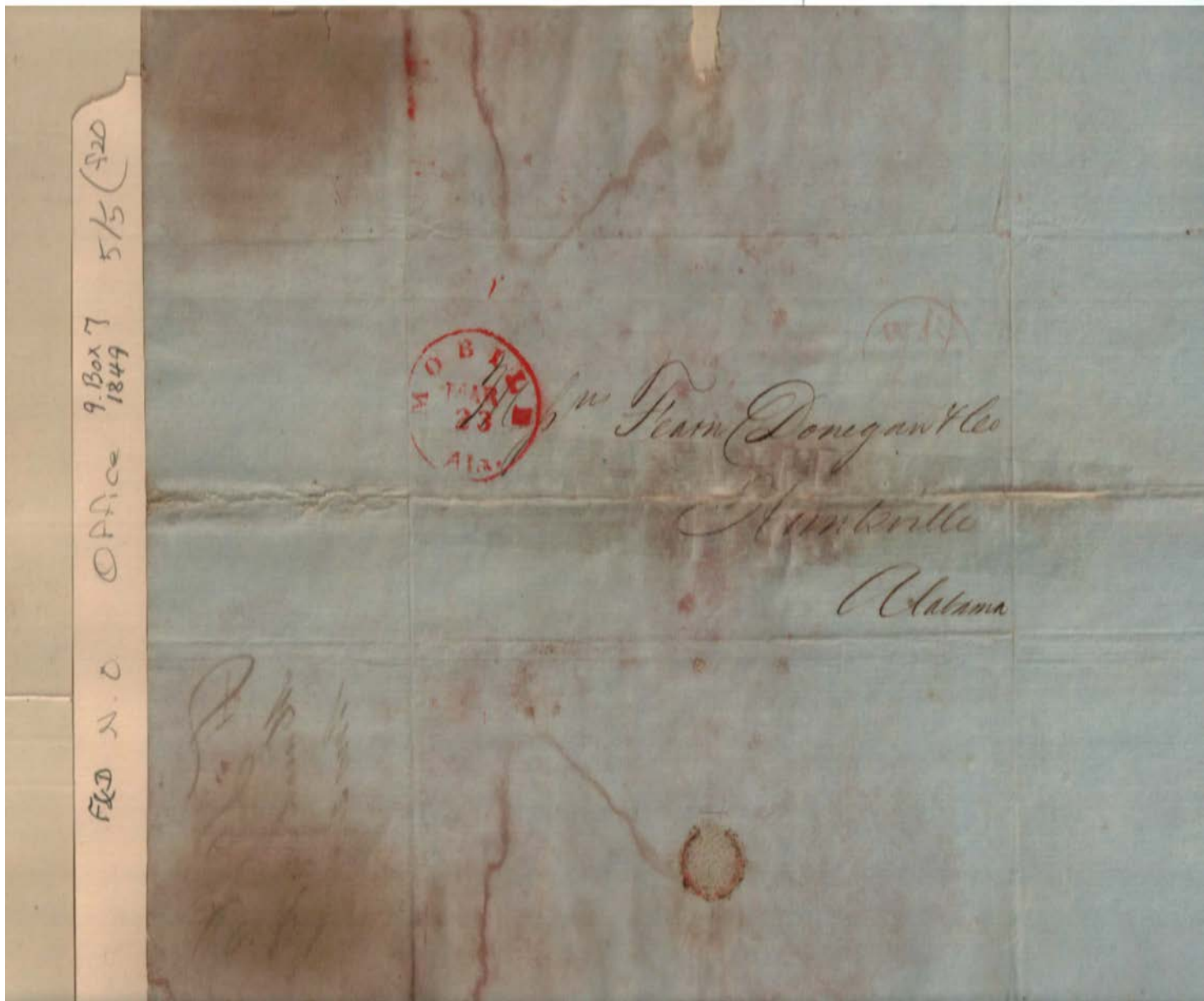
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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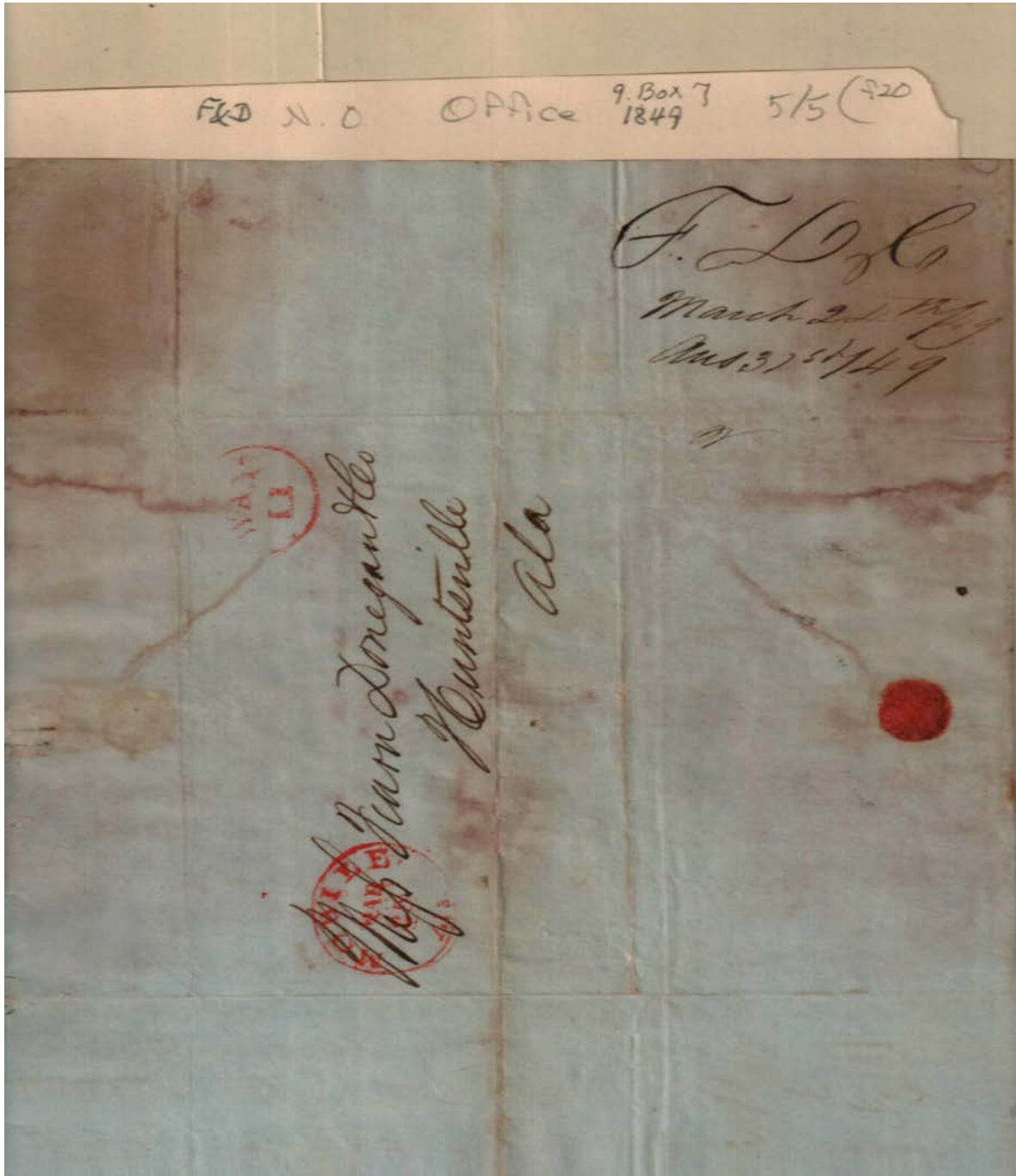
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Mar 22, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 24, 1849



FXD N.O. Office 9. Box 7 5/5 (520)  
1849

Day mail New Orleans 24th Mar 1849.

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Receipts We had this pleasure on the 22nd inst  
and have not received any of your favours  
since. An enclosed duplicate of checks, origi-  
nals of which were committed you, and dated  
19th inst, for Mr E. Richardson, which please  
send to him. Also you please get in the  
rights of the Cotton belonging to Moore,  
Estate and send us, that we may settle  
with the Underwriters - All ready for them.  
Also advise how they will proceed to commit  
when the claim becomes due, which will be  
so say, from date of the admission of the  
claim.

The Cotton Market is very dull today. We  
have not heard of a single sale - and have  
heard that Middling Cotton has been offered  
at 6 1/4. There is a report in town that the  
Steamer's Accounts are in and bad - Hope it  
is not so.

Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Moore, D., estate  
Richardson, E.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

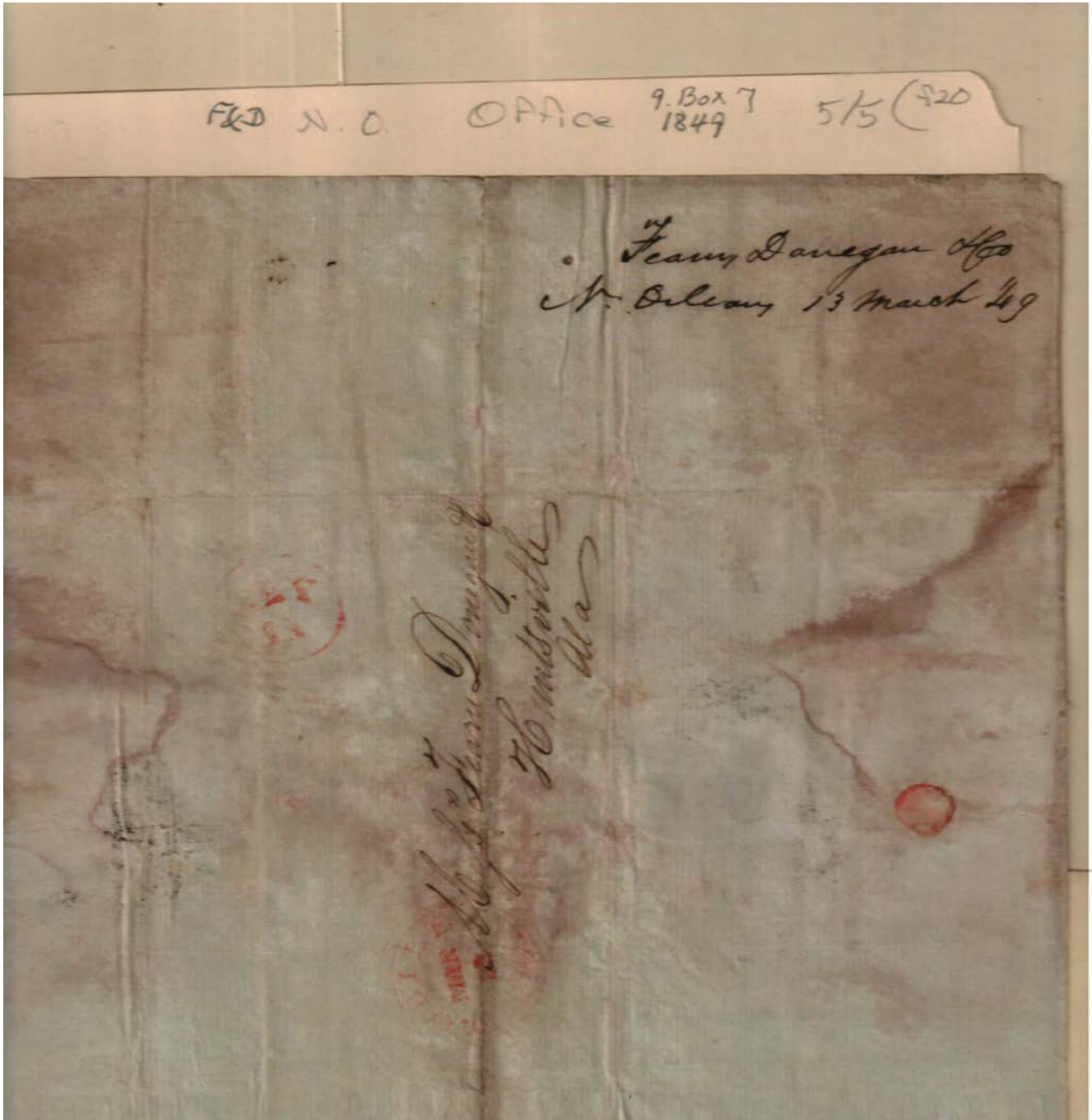
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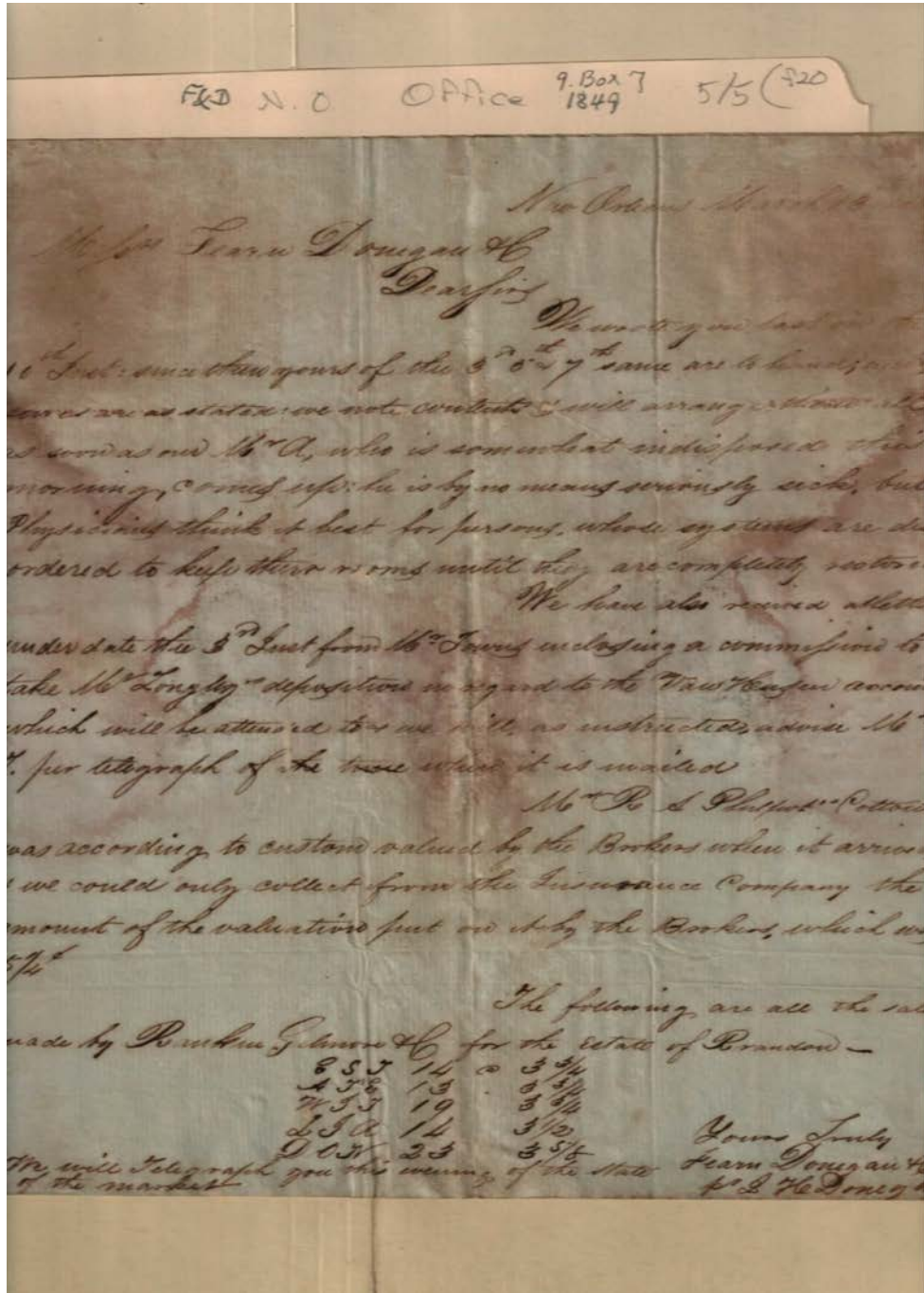
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Brandon, William, estate  
Donegan, J. H.

Fearn, Donegan & Co.  
Longley,

Rankin, Gilmore & Co.  
Townes,

Van Husen,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Types:**

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believe him of some of his Cuck habits.  
He bought the property low, and ought  
to do well with it.  
I would have preferred letting his business  
alone, but thought it to our interest  
to take it. He is undoubtedly good &  
honest.  
Nelson & Donaldson have offered their  
business to us, and if we can make  
satisfactory arrangements with them.  
The demand for Cotton yesterday was  
very active, the sale, reaching 8500 bales.  
Our sale was a full amount of 1/8.  
The quotations of today however are  
not raised. The demand is a fair good  
today & we hear of sales of 4500 bales.  
Prices same as yesterday.  
Yours truly  
Fearn & Donegan

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Nelson & Donaldson

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

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1849

May Mail New Orleans 9th March 1849

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Receipts

When this pleases on the 7th inst  
I have not received any of your favour. send  
We have your enclosed invoice of goods for  
Mr S. Reed, amounting to the hundred thirty  
three 7/100 dollars charged to his account.

Also invoice of goods ordered by you for  
Mr Geo Darwin, amounting to thirty three  
80/100 dollars, charged to his account.

We have advised Mr Rankin Gilmore &  
Company, that the Cotton shipped them for  
account of Mr Hugh Henry, is for sale  
at their discretion, if the Market continues  
in a good & condition, as it was at the  
falling of the "Europe". Does this meet  
your approbation.

The day of the date of our last report,  
the Cotton market was active & the sales  
reached 10,000 bales, without any change

of Liverpool

**Names:**

Darwin, George

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.  
Henry, Hugh

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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1849

in pieces. Yesterday the market was not  
so active and the sales reached only 4000  
bales, which may be attributed to some  
extent to the Prizes being easily enjoyed  
with their correspondences for the Steamers.  
Trag up to this time we have heard  
of but little enquiry. The market is very  
firm, the Factors having believed themselves  
considerably during the active demand  
this week.  
We are in very great danger here from  
inundation, either from currents above  
or an overflow opposite the City, the water  
is up to top of the Banks & running over in  
some places. We have had \$50,000  
insured on our Cotton in the Prof. against  
loss from that cause. Cost 7 1/2 % p. mo.  
Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

cotton market

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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