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1849

The State of Alabama  
Madison County      Personally appeared  
before me (A. B.) Judge of the county court  
of said county, being an inferior court of  
recorder of the county and State of said, John  
M. Caldwell, whose name is signed to the above  
deed, who acknowledged that he signed, sealed  
and delivered the said deed, on the day and  
year therein mentioned, as his act & deed. And  
also, at the same personally appeared,  
Caldwell, wife of the said John M.  
Caldwell, who being by me interrogated, separate  
and apart from her said husband, acknowledged  
that she signed, sealed, gave, delivered, the foregoing  
deed as her voluntary act and deed, freely  
without any fear, threats or compulsion of her  
husband.

Given under my hand & seal this  
day of      1849

A. B. Judge  
of Madison County Alabama

The State of Alabama  
Madison County      J. D. (A. B.) Clerk  
of the county court of the county and State  
of said, do hereby certify that, (A. B.) whose  
name is signed to the above certificate, is,  
and was, at the time of signing the same,  
Judge of the county court of said county of  
Alabama, in said State. That, full faith  
and credit are, and should be given to all  
his official acts, as such.

In testimony whereof I have

**Names:**  
Caldwell, John M.

**Places:**  
Madison Co., AL

**Types:**  
county court

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Account of my house and affairs the day  
 was out at office in New Orleans the day  
 of the 7th inst. and of the Independence of  
 the United States the year 1849  
 I have the above certificate signed and  
 attested in the presence of the  
 to you in the city of New Orleans  
 the proposed separate support that Mr.  
 Caldwell is a married man. If the  
 Judge will stop at the fact, "acknowledged"  
 being the act of the first witness therein.  
 You have both given you attorney then to  
 leave upon the said and the certificate,  
 leaving nothing to be done by the Judge  
 or clerk, but to sign the same and  
 offer the seal. Respectfully,  
 J. M. Caldwell

**Names:**

Caldwell, John M.

Goodwin & Sale

**Places:**

Madison Co., AL

**Types:**

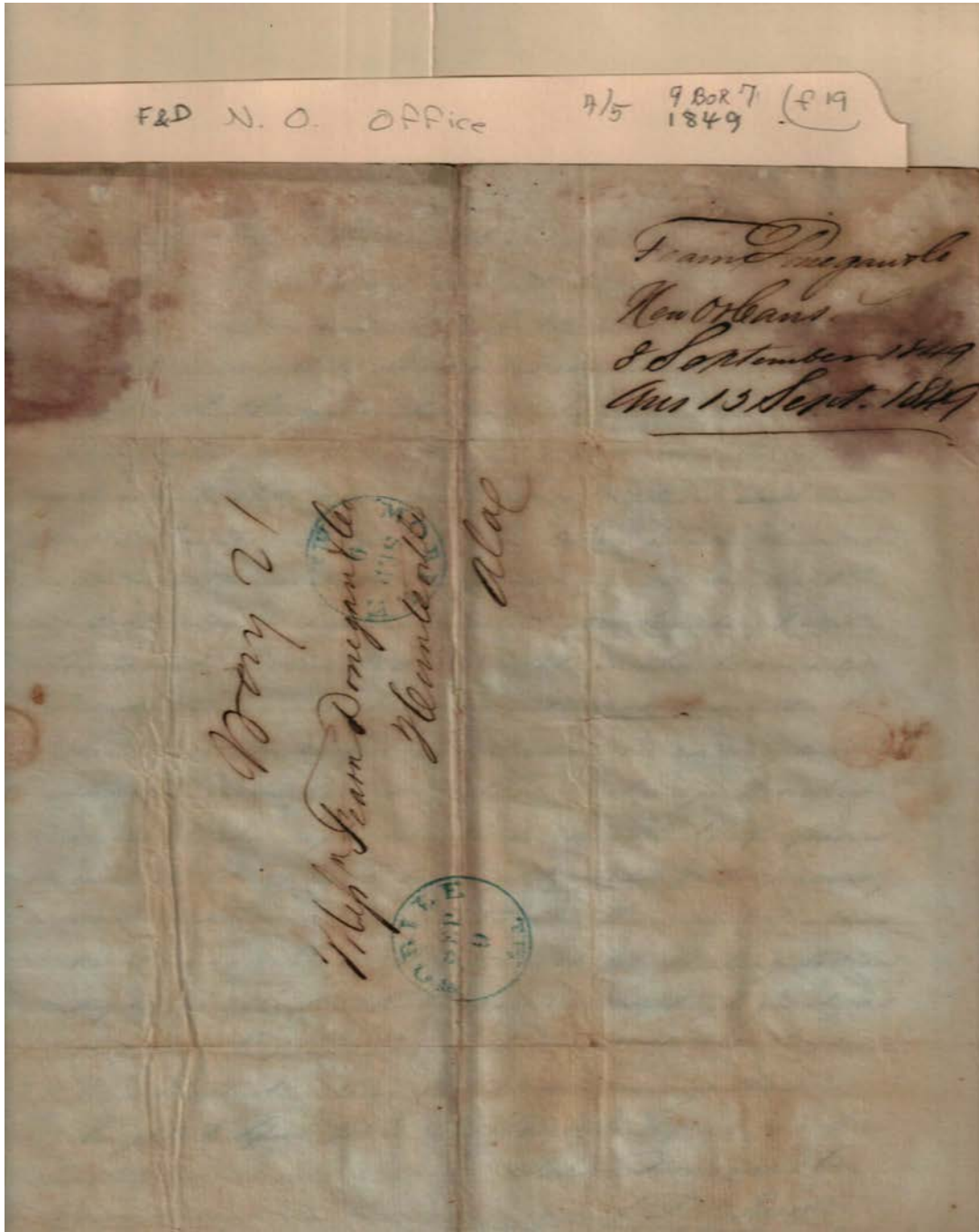
county court



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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Sept 8, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19) 1849

New Orleans 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1849

Wm. J. Fearn & Co

Dear Sirs,

We had the pleasure yesterday evening to receive from you a letter enclosing a bill for 100 bales of cotton and to day we have in our possession with the consent of Dr. Fearn & W. J. Fearn & Co. the quantity made sale of a small lot of new cotton and at prices that cannot fail to give the utmost satisfaction to the owners we got 11<sup>th</sup> for fairly good middling cotton and it outtops the sales made at any time this season indeed we don't expect to repeat it. We have the accounts of the market as represented as not being from a third hand or fourth hand purchase and market keeps in advance of the market both home and foreign. Our weather is now settled, we have very cold mornings & nights and we fear that we shall have some snow in consequence it must be excellent for cotton and will hasten the maturing of the Bolls and perhaps assist to destroy the worms of which we have much complaint. In view of having the favor with us we would advise that Mr. James Donegan and Mr. Murphy whom the writer understands will be with us in business should not come down too early - the writer can keep every thing going, and that

**Names:**

Donegan, J. J.  
Donegan, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.  
Murphy,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Sept 8, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19) 1849

My dear Sir, I have Donegan & Co. sent me  
some to hand yesterday and we have called on  
the Trade with a view of purchase of our business  
then state our views, those who had seen them are much  
pleas'd with the goods but not the price, the  
manufactures are made for us, and the goods  
with which they come into competition and made  
at least with our wants for sale, hence there is  
much difference in the price, since the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of September we have added to our Cash, Five  
Thousand Dollars, amounting to the same  
Month, and we hope you will not hesitate to  
draw or write for assistance in case you  
should need funds, Our Exchange Market  
is very high, sight checks are worth 1 1/2% premium  
and 2 1/2% cannot be bought under the same,  
and as an additional trouble the market dealers  
are doing nothing, they cannot get starting to draw  
against the Bonds and paying very high for it, as  
they have to place funds both in N York & England  
to meet interest on their Bonds maturing there  
thought to April 1<sup>st</sup> of next year  
Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co  
P. M. Shute

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Patton, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

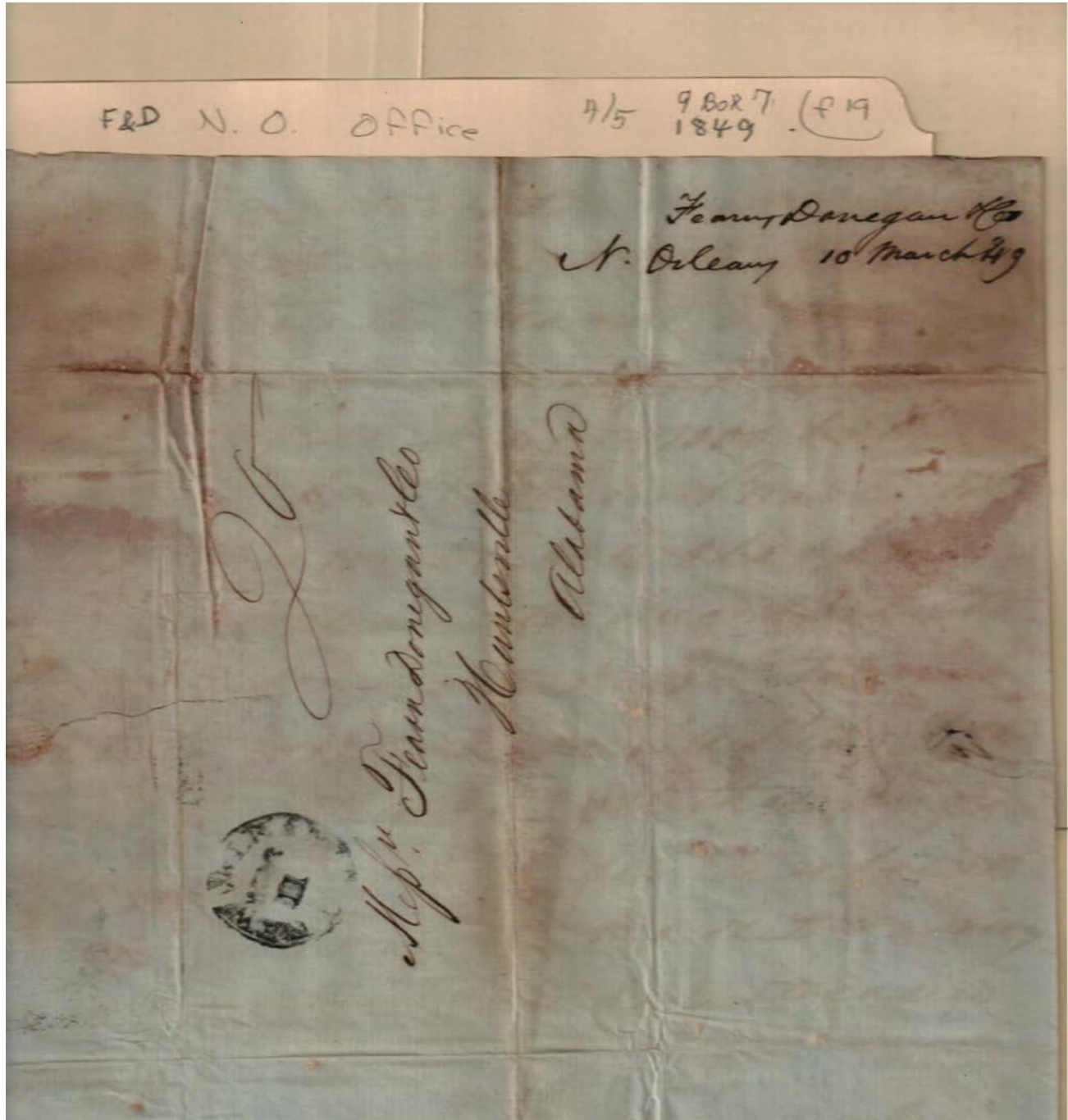
Sept 8, 1849



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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL                      New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter                                      memo

**Dates:**

Mar 10, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 9/5 9 Box 7 (F 19) 1849

Mail  
 New Orleans to Huntsville 1849.  
 Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
 Huntsville

Dear Sir We had this pleasure on 4<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
 have heard of you for ever since.  
 We have you enclosed balance sheet to  
 1<sup>st</sup> inst. & list of receipts to yesterday.  
 We also enclosed checks of the Bank  
 of Washington on the National Bank  
 New York, payable to your order for  
 six hundred & fifty five \$3100 Dollars,  
 charge to your account as per  
 We have to 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. sold Carnes & Littlejohn  
 crop of sugar in follow 20 Hhon 2 1/8  
 50 @ 3 3/4 - 20 @ 3 1/2 & the balance 24.  
 Deliverable & made entirely on the plantation.  
 This is probably the best we have made  
 yet, as a large portion of the sugar is very  
 poor. Since 2 o'clock there has been

sugar crop

**Names:**

Carnes & Littlejohn

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 10, 1849



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1849

quite a stir in the Cotton market, based upon a report & a fact to the knowledge of some) that the Meams Account was in, with an advance of  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  & the sales are reported to be 7000 bales within the hour. Nelson Bradley had a list of 12 to 1500 bales Alabama. He did not learn the price, but the broker who bought it, said that it would be less than what we were asking for our  $\frac{1}{4}$ . If we can get that price we shall sell, let the news be what it may. Yesterday the market was very quiet - the only 3000 bales at easier prices.

Yours truly  
Fearn & Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Nelson, Bradley &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

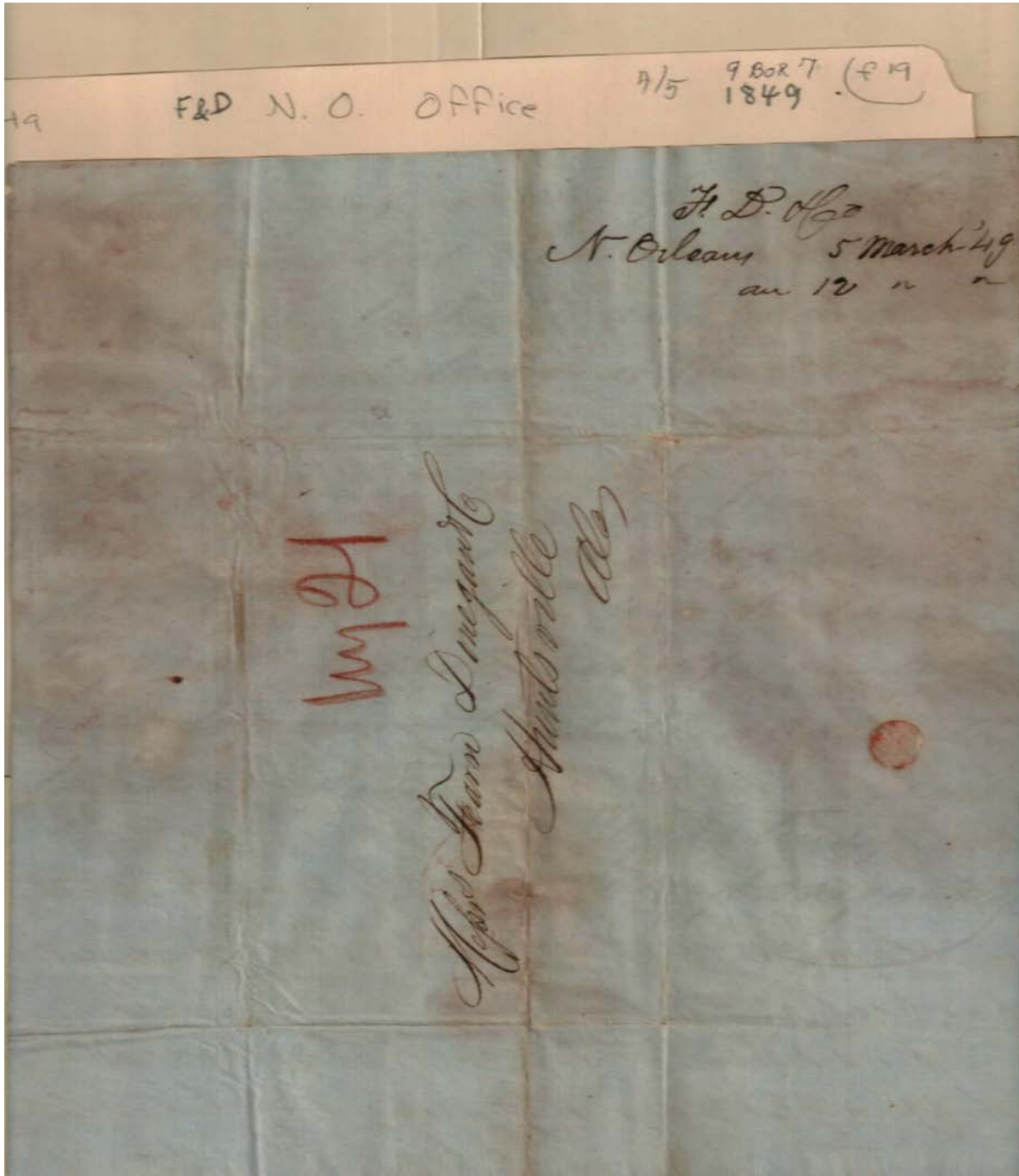
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 5, 1849

F&D N. O. Office      4/5 9 BOR 7 (419)  
1849

May Mail      New Orleans 5th March 1849.

Mr J. Fearn, Huntsville  
Dear Sir

We had this pleasure on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. and have your order of 24 #72610  
bills - note content will answer in current.

Enclosed we have you duplicate bills  
E. J. Forstall on Goodhue & Co New York  
dated 26<sup>th</sup> Mo & 20 day date for my favor  
of one thousand dollars each. five  
thousand dollars.

An enclosed invoice of one barrel of  
train oil for our mud. To his debit in New  
Twenty five <sup>75</sup> per dollars.

Mr Lockhart requests us to ask whether  
his claim against Mr Geo Mason's Estate  
has been settled.

We observe that Mr E. M. Swoope is  
shipping Cotton to Manuel White & Co  
notwithstanding you have accepted his  
bill for \$6.600.      A Saturday about 10 o'clock

of NY

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.  
Forstall, E. J.

Goodhue & Co.  
Lockhart,

Mannsel, White &  
Co.

Mason, George,  
estate  
Swoope, E. M.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 5, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 9/5 9 BOR 7 (F 19)  
1849

there sprung up a very united demand  
for Cotton, which resulted in sales of  
8000 bales, without any change in  
prices, though towards the close, the  
Market assumed more firmness.

This morning the letters from Europe  
came to hand. The enquiry is very  
good, and the sale will be the best  
to good. We shall not offer our list  
until tomorrow, & not then unless the  
Market is active.

Yours truly  
John Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 5, 1849

F&D N. O. Office      9/5 9 Box 7 (219)  
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May mail      New Orleans 7th March 1849.

Mr. Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs

We had the pleasure on the 5th inst & yesterday a short letter advising the sale of your lot of 7239 bales Cotton @ 8 3/4¢.

Yesterday your favour of 28th inst was received, with enclosures as stated, and have made the entries advised.

Mr Richardson's 15 bales Cotton have been received, we value them @ 4 1/2¢.

Gribble & Montgomery say that they had never received anything from Hazlewood to pay his note. He does <sup>not</sup> ship Cotton to them.

Dr. Watkins' Account stands correct upon his books. The remittances last summer show have been for the whole Cash balance paid him, and the entry for the amount paid him by you, was made correct upon our books, but Mr Longley in making off the sketch of his Account, erred in not charging him with the debt of the in favour of Beirne

**Names:**

Beirne & Burnside  
Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Gribble &  
Montgomery  
Hazlewood,

Longley,  
Richardson,  
Watkins, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 7, 1849



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1849

Burnside instead of the amount you  
paid him, The draft has appeared & been  
accepted. His old account is closed -  
he is charged with the drafts in favor  
of B & B. The new account with appear  
correct. We are glad to hear that you  
have made a settlement of Hamilton &  
Johnson's account for we feared that it  
would be a total loss.  
The date of the Prep receipts to McCrary &  
Cloyd for Jesse G Jordan's Cotton, are  
March 13. 27 bales. Met 22<sup>o</sup> 121 bales.  
81 bales were lost, making 229.  
Our Sugar friends are perfectly satis-  
fied with our sales of their sugar. They  
are considered the best that have been  
made of Crops on the Bayou.  
We do not expect that our receipts this  
year will be as large as last - particularly  
from North Alabama, yet we hope they  
will make decent show. We expect to get

**Names:**

Beirne & Burnside

Hamilton & Johnson

Jordan, Jesse G.

McCrary & Cloyd

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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a considerable quantity from the Western  
Districts. We shall not lose an opportunity  
to sell the Cotton of Van Husen. He has them  
in a lot of 1000 bales now on the table.  
There is beginning to be some enquiry  
for them. Mr Beirne is in the lot, but  
we understand from your previous letter  
that he wishes it sold.  
We anticipate some further improve-  
ment in price during the season, and  
are not offering the Cotton that we  
are not in advance for, but are com-  
pelled to sell some or borrow money and  
prefer the former, and believe that you  
will concur with us.  
I enclose copy of a letter from Mr  
Stecher in which he says that he has  
a prospect of borrowing \$10,000 - but hopes  
he may succeed in doing so, and relieve us  
to some extent from our heavy liability  
for him. He continues to send his draft  
forward and we believe will send the whole  
the part of which however has been received

**Names:**

Archer, R. T.

Beirne,

Van Husen,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 7, 1849



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He also continues to draw upon us, but we do not pay his drafts, even for \$50 or \$50 - and shall not, until something definite is concluded upon between us and we know what we have got to stand.

Mr William Littlejohn has purchased the interest of James & Carnes in the property formerly owned by them. He had taken his business, allowing him acceptance from him \$20,000. The whole at 2 1/2 % for accepting, and the discount to be charged at whatever they can be sold for. He to give us a mortgage upon his property. He has contracted for the sale of 1/2 the draft at 10 % per annum & 1/2 Brokerage, and shall take the balance ourselves at the same rate.

It is his intention to sell the property during the next season, or an interest to a person who can make a large Cash payment, and

**Names:**

Carnes, James A.

Littlejohn, William

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

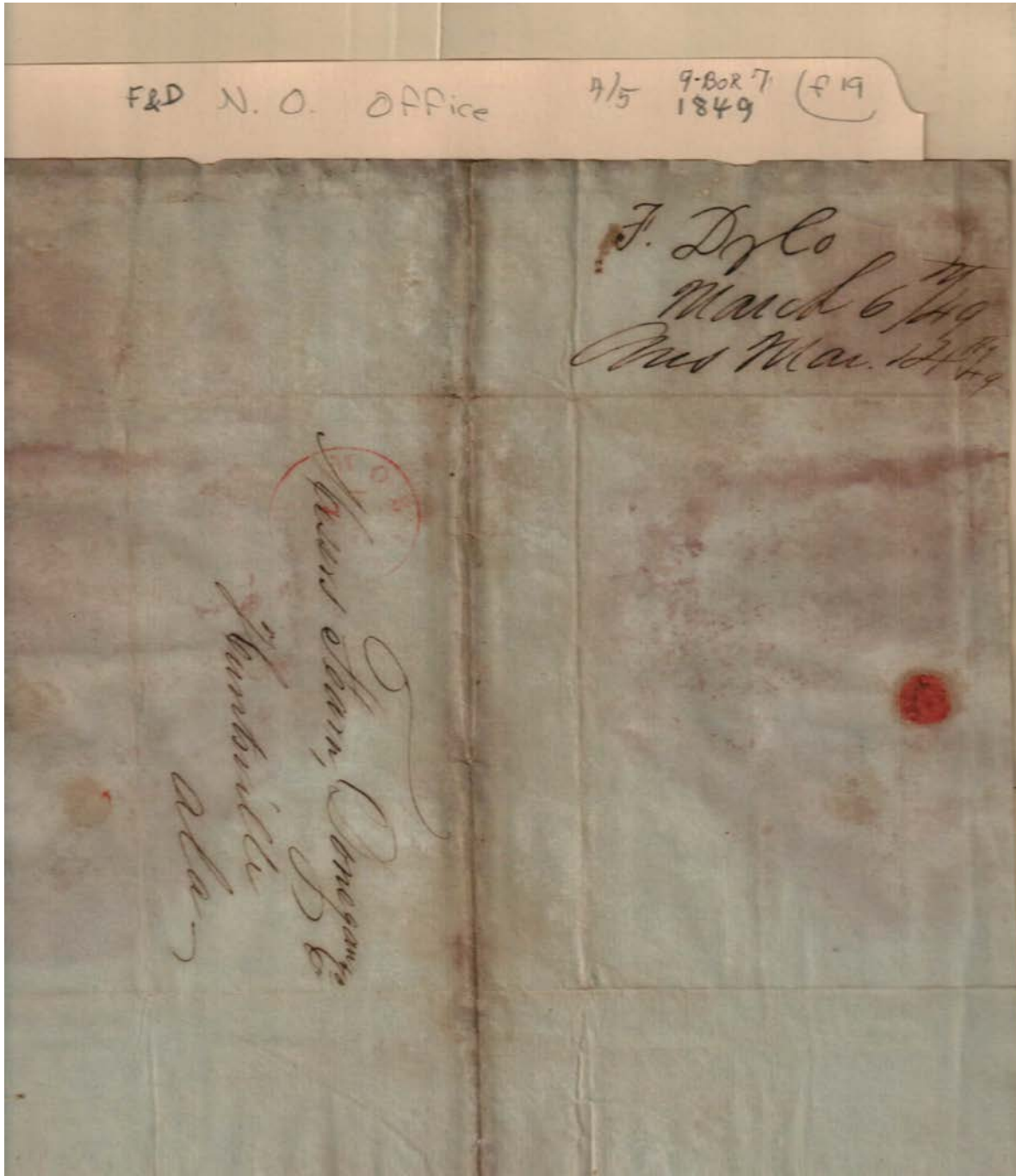
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**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

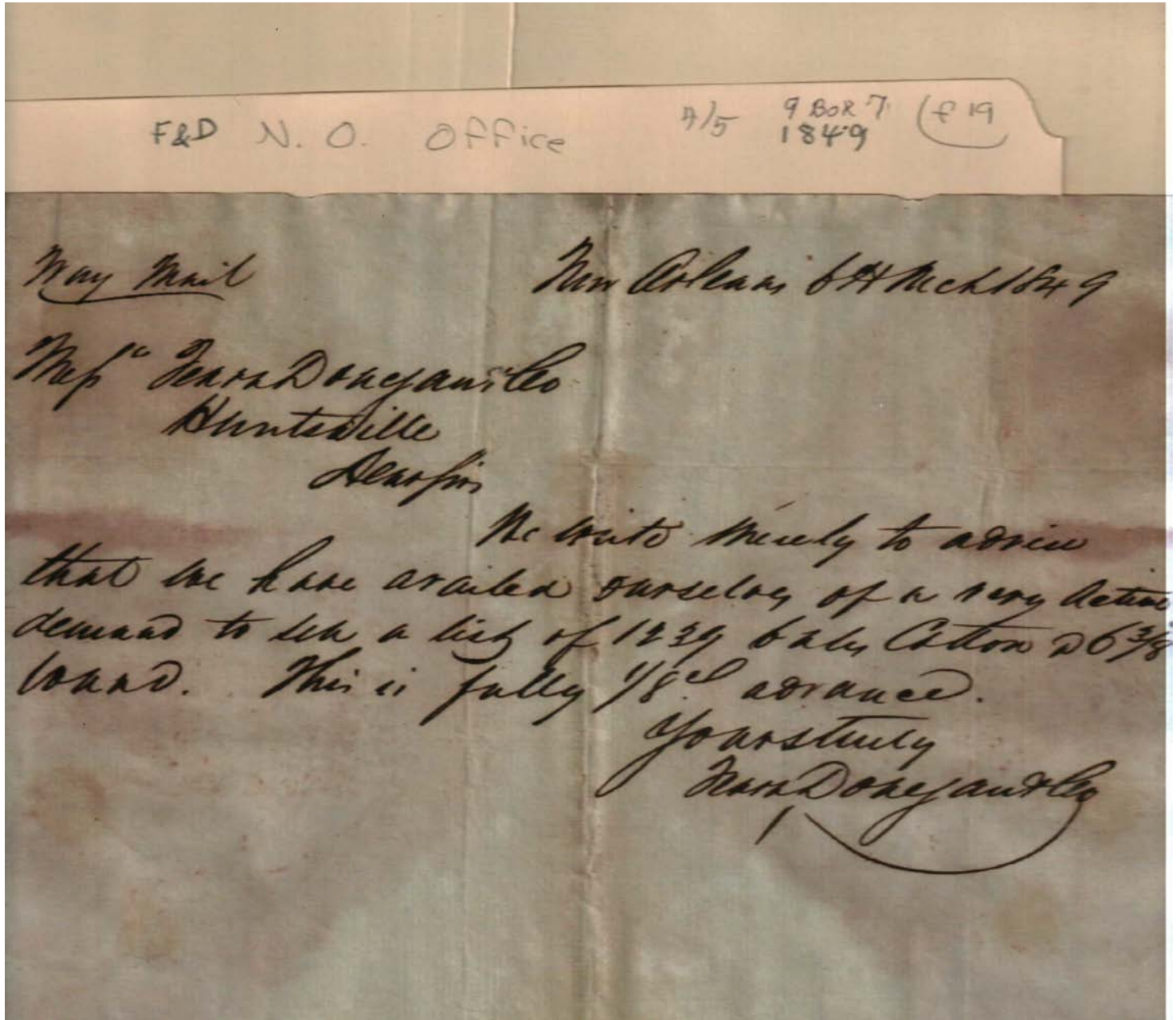
letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 6, 1849





**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL                      New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

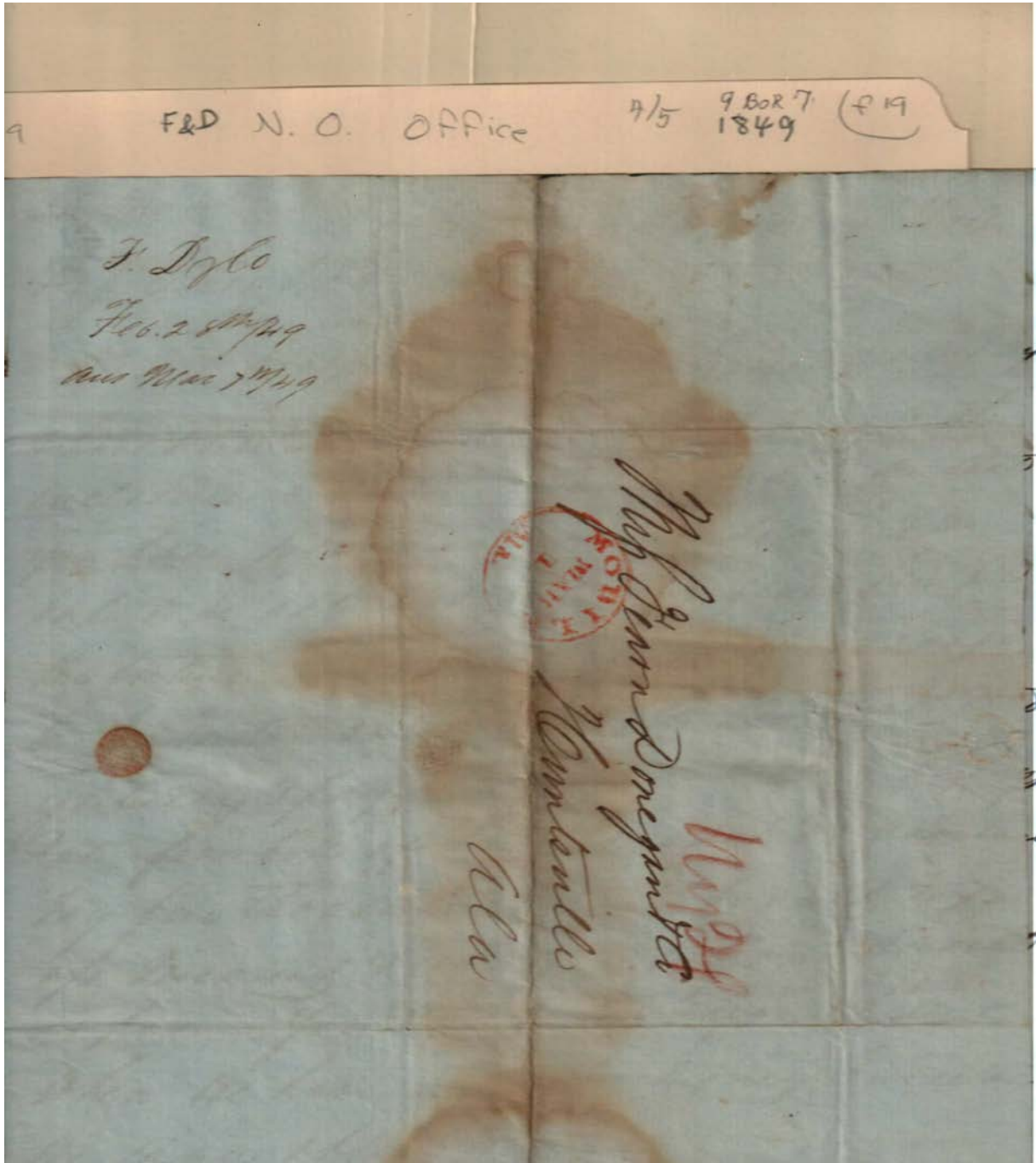
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Mar 6, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 28, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 9/5 9 Box 7 (19) 1849

My dear Sir  
New Orleans 27th Feby 1849  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co.  
Huntsville  
Dear Sir We had this pleasure yesterday  
& have since received yours of 21st inst with  
enclosures as stated. We are glad to see that  
you have taken your Exchange so well & we  
hope to be able to supply you from here for  
the future. We enclose first of Exchange  
E. J. Forstall on Goodhue & Co New York, dated  
yesterday & pay able to your order 20 days  
date, five bills of one thousand & 500 each  
say five thousand dollars, bought at 1/2  
of discount & charged to your account  
as per. You can send us your bills &  
when we have not the money ourselves,  
we shall offer them.  
The demand for Cotton continues good  
but prices have not improved, the

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Forstall, E. J.  
Goodhue & Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 27, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (219) 1849

My yesterday reached 9500 + today  
we have of sales of about 4000  
sales.

By the last steamer Rankin Gilmore  
advise the sale of D<sup>r</sup> 20 19/10  
for account of the Estate of Wm  
Brandon deceased, which please  
report.

Yours truly  
J. Donegan

**Names:**

Brandon, William,  
estate

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Rankin, Gilmore &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

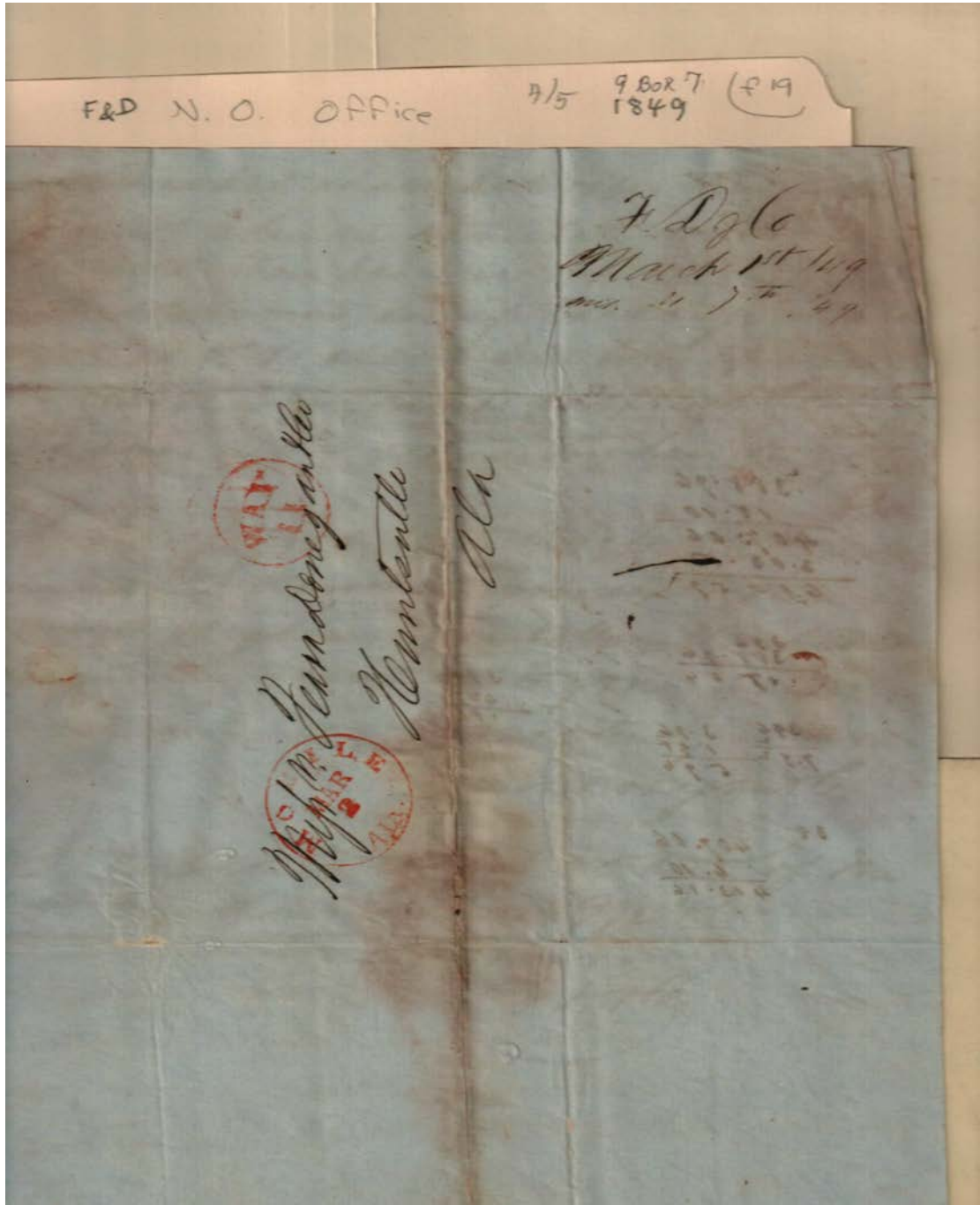
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Mar 1, 1849

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Alabama, but shall not offer them until  
 next week, when we anticipate some improvement.  
 This week there has been some sagging for  
 North Alabama, and if Exchange improve  
 we expect to be able to sell some of ours.  
 We think 5¢ can be had there - and  
 believe we should try hard to get  
 it.  
 The bill of yours sent Hugh Henry  
 enclosed the amounts you instructed us  
 to invest, together <sup>with</sup> five dollars & we had  
 changed the amounts to you.  
 Yours truly  
 Fearn & Donegan

P.S. We held last week 25 bales of 2m  
 J. B. Crenshaw Cotton @ 9 1/2¢  
 Yours  
 J. B. Crenshaw

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**Names:**

Crenshaw, T. B.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Henry, Hugh

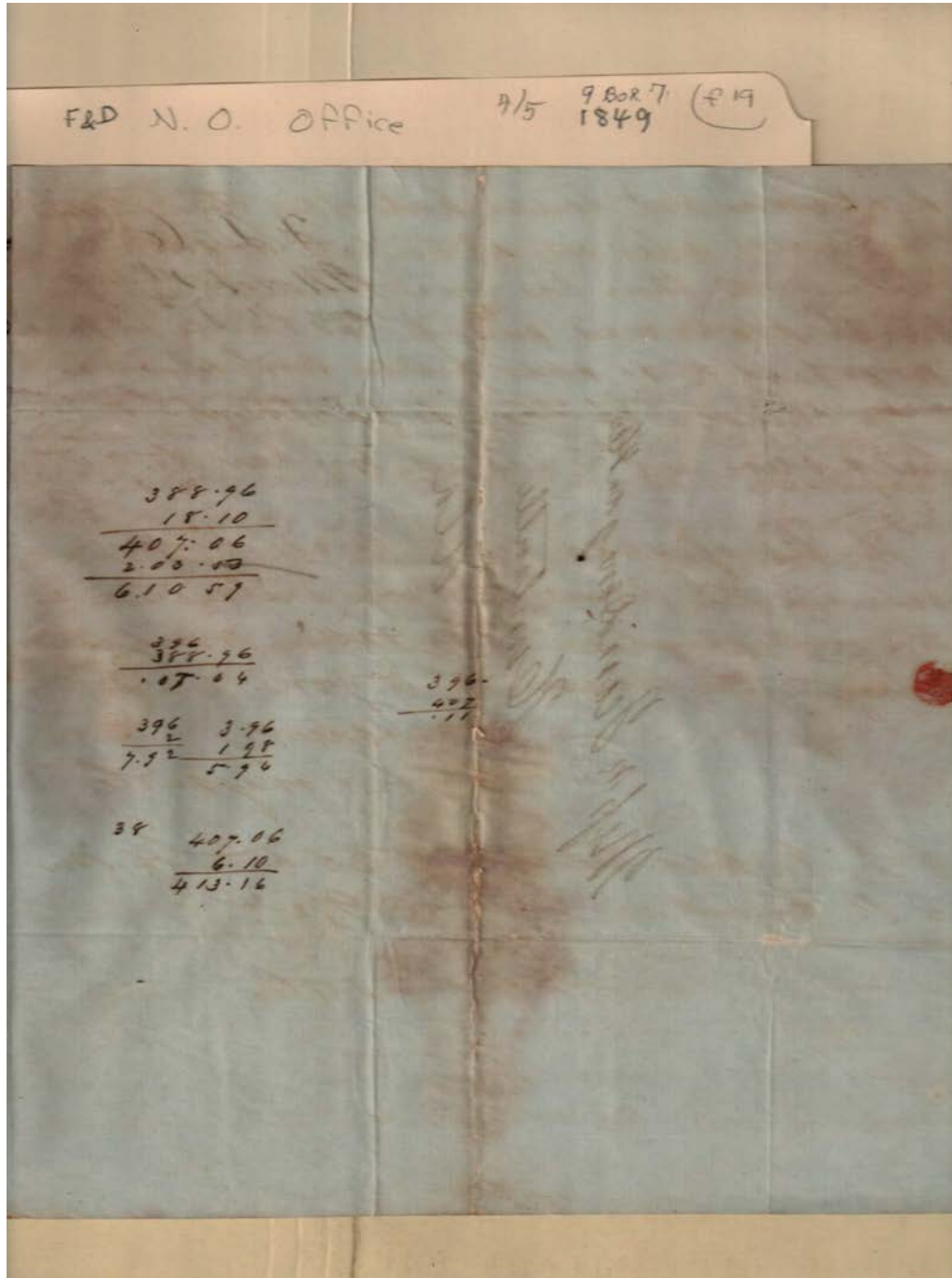
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New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence



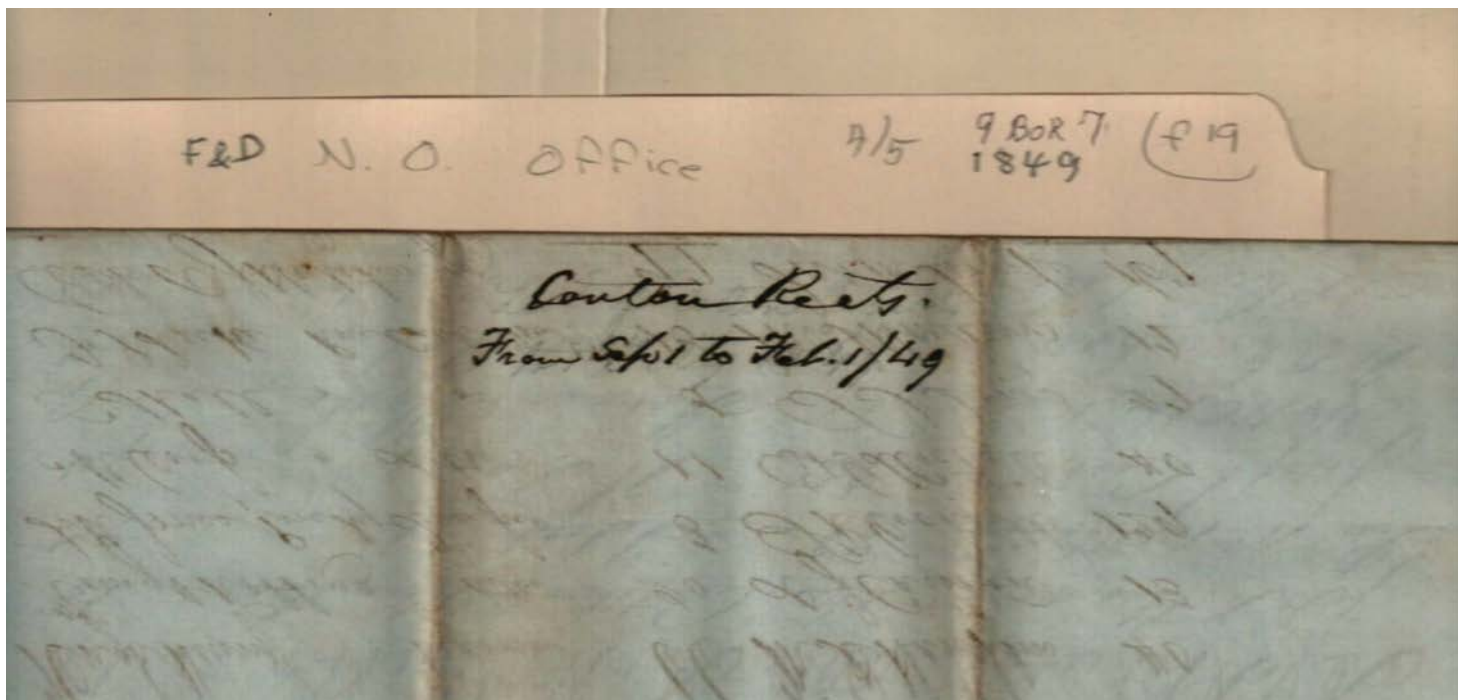


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**Names:**

Cotton Receipts

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

receipts

list

**Dates:**

Feb 1, 1849



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*Receipts of Cotton by Fearn & Donegan & Co*  
*from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> February 1849*

<i>Mississippi Louisiana Territory &amp; Texas</i>		1816
<i>Josiah Putnam</i>	<i>1670</i>	<i>234</i>
<i>John Miller</i>	<i>475</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Wm E. James</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>91</i>
<i>McKays &amp; Co</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>O. R. Parker</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>266</i>
<i>W. M. Petrie</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Saml Nichols</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>R. S. Archer</i>	<i>719</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>A. M. Williams</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>252</i>
<i>Harriet Putnam</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>79</i>
<i>W. M. James</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Sam Bond</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>John Page</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>127</i>
<i>W. M. Williams</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>134</i>
<i>W. R. Rodden</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Wm Hopkins</i>	<i>756</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>W. M. Collins</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>92</i>
<i>John Smith Jr</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>W. M. Williams</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>E. Lewis</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>A. O. Harris</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4816</i>	<i>6500</i>

**Topics:**

bales of cotton received

cotton

**Names:**

Archer, R. T.  
 Baines, E. Mrs.  
 Bedford, B. W.  
 Bibb & Hopkins  
 Black, Leander  
 Boddie, George  
 Boddie, W. B.  
 Bond, Newton  
 Bond, Sam

Cannon, H. J.  
 Chambers, E. O.  
 Collins, W. Y.  
 Crenshaw, T. C.  
 Farrar & Perkinson  
 Fearn & Putnam  
 Fearn, Donegan & Co.  
 Fowlkes, S. & A.

Harris, A. O.  
 Henderson, B. H.  
 Hopkins, A. F.  
 Lenon, James  
 Lewis, E.  
 Maynard, J.  
 Miller, Pitser  
 Miller, W. B.  
 Moxey, Robert

Page, John  
 Palmore, C. D.  
 Palmore, C. S.  
 Palmore, E. & W. P.  
 Parker, O. B.  
 Parker, R. A. & Co.  
 Percy, C. B.  
 Petrie, L. W.  
 Rue & Nichols

Smith, John, Jr.  
Stratton & Goodlett

Sutton & Sanford  
Watkins, W. S.

Whitley, D. R.  
Wilkerson, D. W.

Williams, W. T.  
Winfrey, J. A.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

receipt

receipts

list

**Dates:**

Feb 1, 1849



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1849

Toward 6000		Toward 7298	
Thos Waldron	37	Thos Williams	17
M. H. Chambers	10	R. T. G. Hunt	25
J. N. Cosard	12	J. A. Waldron	133
J. W. Royster	6	C. Barron	48
A. V. Breck	50	Rev. M. W. Webber	17
J. D. Williams	46	Crutcher M. Raven	18
Rev. W. M. Harkins	31	T. Leftwich	25
Joseph Crews	25	H. Davis	25
J. W. C. Harkins	88	Robinson & Blythe	9
T. B. Crenshaw	17	T. S. Tate	11
J. B. Crenshaw	42	W. W. Trent	12
H. P. Stephens	15	James Finlay	10
W. P. Grayson	16	Street & Waldron	24
J. W. Harper	57	James Asken	17
J. G. Harper	39	H. O. Kelly	18
J. C. Brahan	34	W. A. Perkins	17
R. W. Brahan	20	James Manley	20
Levi Joy	26	A. J. Peebles	5
R. C. Parkins	12	E. F. Harris	18
James Jones	150	Hendron & Patton	2
Crutcher & Birdwell	11	Harper & Harper	11
J. D. Brodnax	11	J. W. Manley	3
J. J. Bell	8	Howard	7524
Toward 7298			

bales of cotton received

**Names:**

- |                  |                      |                         |                          |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Arrick & Brodnax | Crews, Joseph        | Henry & Harper          | Raven, Crutcher M. & Co. |
| Barron, C.       | Davis, W.            | Jones, John W.          | Robinson & Blythe        |
| Bell, J. J.      | Fearn, Donegan & Co. | Joy, Levi               | Robinson, John           |
| Bradshaw, W. H.  | Finlay, James        | Kelly, H. O.            | Royster, J. W.           |
| Brahan, J. C.    | Graham, James        | Leftwich, T.            | Stephens, H. P.          |
| Brahan, R. W.    | Harkins, H. & W. C.  | Manley, J. A.           | Street & Waldron         |
| Breck, D. & D.   | Harper, G. W.        | McMahon, Rev. & William | Swan & Asken             |
| Chambers, M. H.  | Harris, C. T.        | Owen, F. A. & M.        | Tate, T. S.              |
| Cosart, J. N.    | Hart, R. T. G.       | Peebles, A. J.          | Trent, W. W.             |
| Crenshaw, T. B.  | Hendron & Patton     | Perkins, R. C.          | Webber, M. W., Rev.      |
| Crenshaw, W. A.  |                      |                         |                          |

Williams, Green

Williams, J. D.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

receipt

receipts

list

**Dates:**

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January 1849

Influence of the 3rd of the Cotton		8	Total	Palm 7532
Alabama & North Carolina	January	257		
Importation of 55 Bales	of 22 for 2nd	103		
J. H. Co				
M. & J. H.	2	34	J. Helms	37
Hugh Henry	to arrive	66	M. B. Hampton	40
Henry & Robbins	ditto	20	A. J. Cannon	13
John Jones, Purdy Company		3	J. Blackwell	129
Ch. Corp.	ditto	11	J. Blackwell	40
Shull		5	J. S. Jones	27
J. Duke	ditto	75	M. B. Harkins	12
East of Watchings		97	J. M. Swoope	167
January		251		819 Palm
Importation: 40		7532		
Alabama &c		819	Total	8651

New Orleans 1st Feb 1849  
Fearn & Donegan Co  
J. M. Swoope

**Topics:**

bales of cotton received	cotton received	cotton received - Purdy, TN
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**Names:**

Cannon, D. J.	Fearn, Donegan & Co.	Henry & Robbins	Jones, S. J.
Cockrill, G. L., estate	Hampton, M. B.	Henry, Hugh	Shull, C.
Cockrill, S. R.	Harkins, M. & J.	Hutchings, A. J., estate	Swoope, John M.
Cross, M.	Helms, J. S.	Jones, J. M.	Vinson, D.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

receipt

receipts

list

**Dates:**

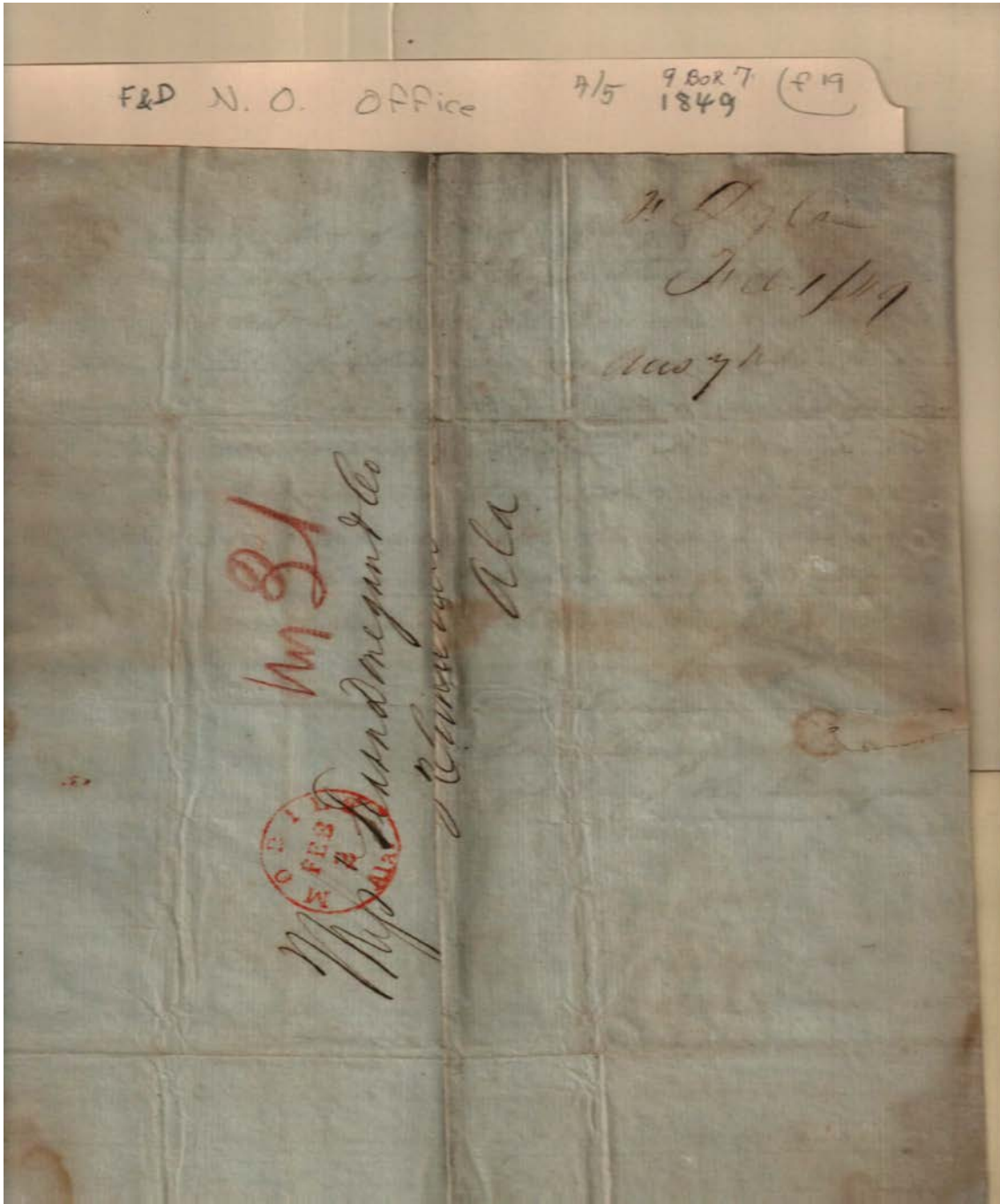
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

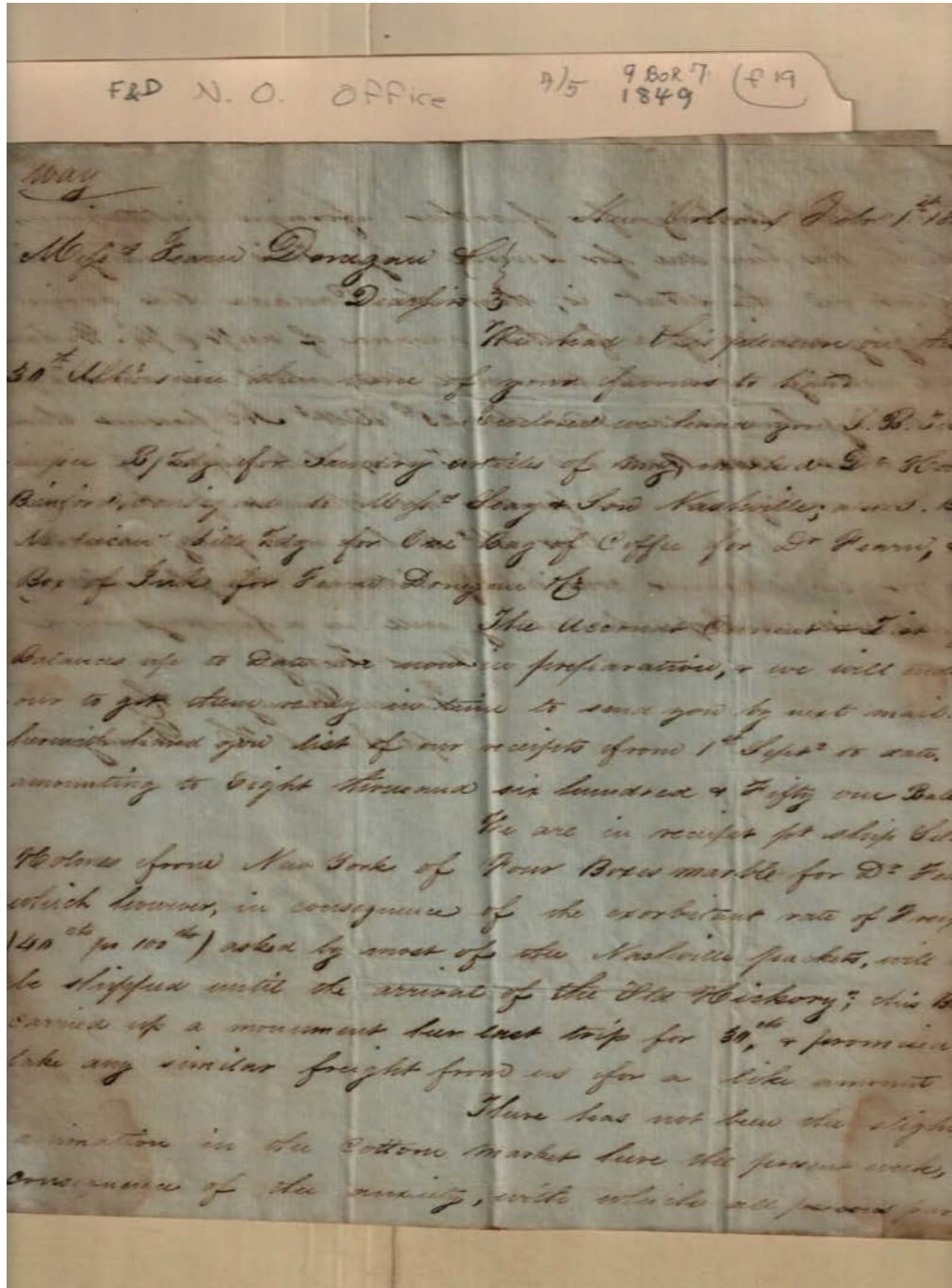
**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 1, 1849



of Nashville

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Fearn, Dr.  
Seay & Son

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 1, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 4/5 9 BOR 7 (f 19)  
1849

have been looking for further foreign intelligence  
which has been due for several days. This morning the  
report on the street is, that the Canada has arrived  
bringing advices of a further advance of an 1/8 @ 1/4. We have  
sold nothing since the two small lots, which we advertised  
as having been sold on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult. At present there  
are about 1000 Bales on our Tables, of which we are  
now waiting for the further developments of this kind  
of market. Our Mr. A has not fully recovered  
is yet: he is however considerably better & though still weak  
we will we hope be entirely well in a few days more.

Yours Truly  
James Donegan & Co.  
per James H. Donegan

**Names:**

Donegan, James H.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

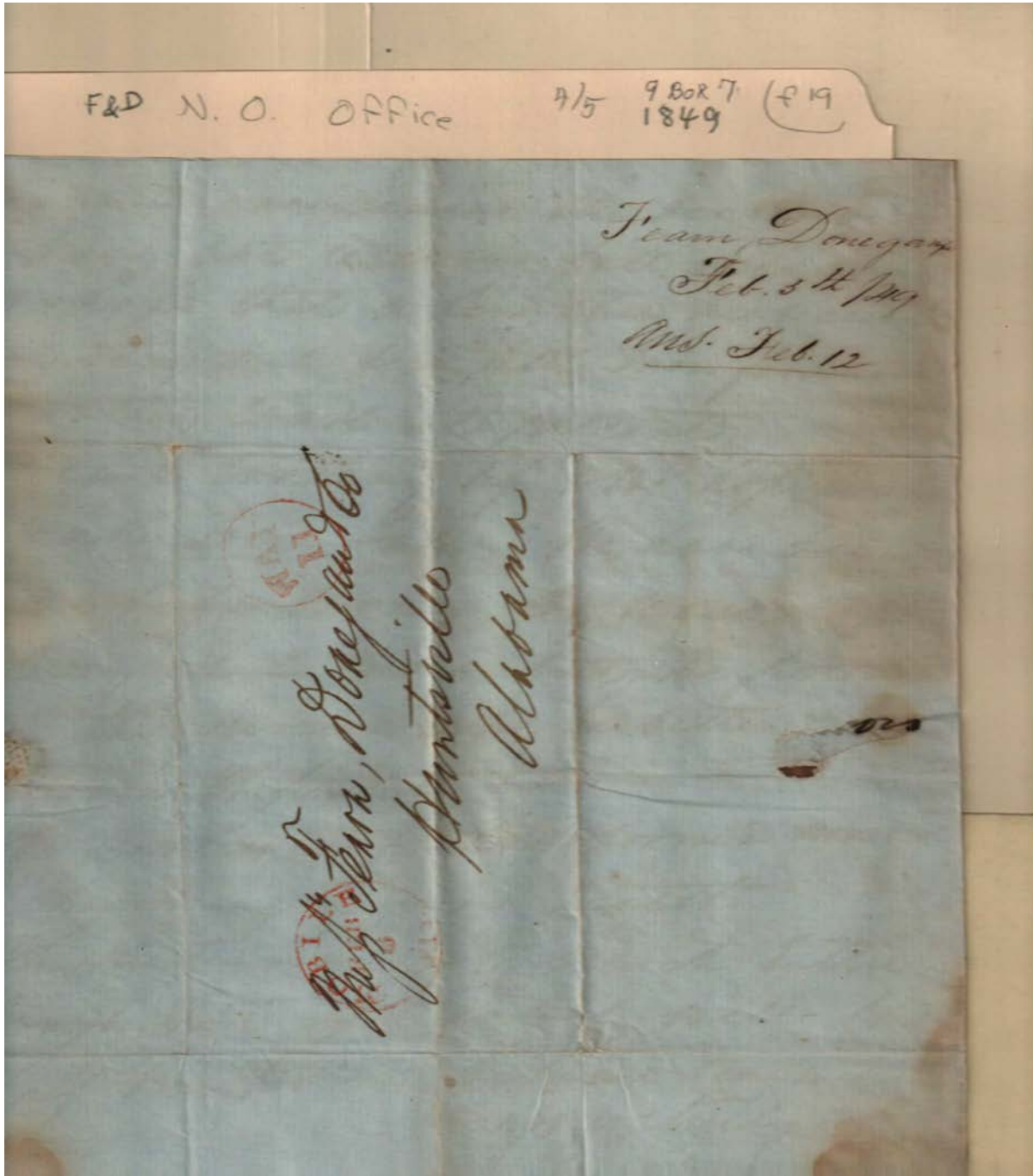
**Dates:**

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 5, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (4 of 5) 1849

Maymail New Orleans 5th Febry 1849

Wm Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had the pleasure on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> inst to have since received your of  
27<sup>th</sup> inst. with enclosures as stated.

The bills you sent us to have discounted  
shall have our attention, but we doubt  
whether we can get the money further  
for the Bank, we are not discounting any  
paper that has longer than 60 days to  
run, - we shall try however & see what  
can be done with them.

We have made the arrangements to pay  
Burritt for account of Dr. Fearn.

We have had a dull Cotton Market  
since our last until today. There is now  
a very active demand but at much  
lower prices say 6<sup>cts</sup> for the dollar, at  
which rate we have heard of sales today  
of about 3000 bales. The Cotton is

**Names:**

Burritt,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 5, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 4/5 9 Box 7 (419)  
1849

Accounts have caused this decline.  
We have not received full accounts  
yet & hope that when they are received  
that they will be a little more favorable  
than they look at present.  
Sugar is looking up & we hope soon  
to make some sales. We have been  
held up for money, by reason of  
holding up so long, but we felt sure  
that the price would be better & did  
not own shipments.  
The flatmen for California arrived  
this morning in good health.  
The doctor has got much better  
though not yet entirely well. His  
illness has put us behind very much.  
Yours truly  
Fearn & Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 5, 1849

F&D N. O. Office      7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

May mail      New Orleans 7th Novy 1849  
 Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
 Huntsville

Dear Sirs we had the pleasure on  
 the 5th inst and have not received any of your  
 favours since. We have you enclosed balance  
 due to 1<sup>st</sup> inst & your account current, balance  
 to your debit \$16,935. 10.

We also enclose copy of Receipts 1757/18  
 account Mr. J. H. Krupp - Shipment for G. Lyon  
 to Messrs Brown Shipley & Co Liverpool. They  
 failed to send us separate account current  
 for the different interests in the shipment &  
 we shall therefore, have to wait for them  
 before we can render statement of the settlement.

We have settlement settled with Mr Nicholson  
 for the whole shipment - Exchange at 8 1/4  
 % premium.

The Underwriters here have abolished the Tenthers  
 system of insurance - they insure the full value  
 of the Cotton, but will raise the premium, as  
 soon as all the particulars are settled, we will  
 send you a transcript of the rates. Since our last the

**Topics:**

of Liverpool

of NY

**Names:**

Brown, Shipley &  
Co.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Nicholson,  
Scruggs, J. W.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 7, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F19)  
1849

Cotton Market has been more active - The sales on Monday & Tuesday were 6000 bales each day - Today the demand is again active, but we have not heard the extent of the operations up to this hour. Prices have suffered of late the decline has been recovered within 1/2 of what prices were before the Cassin accounts were received.

Alabama do not yet meet with any favor, - we have not had an enquiry for them this season, but are in hope that they will attract some notice, after the Mississippis have been pretty well worked out.

We have not heard of Mr Hopkins arrived at Memphis yet - Hope he is there by this because we had made many references to him lately on business.

Yours truly  
Gerrit Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hopkins,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

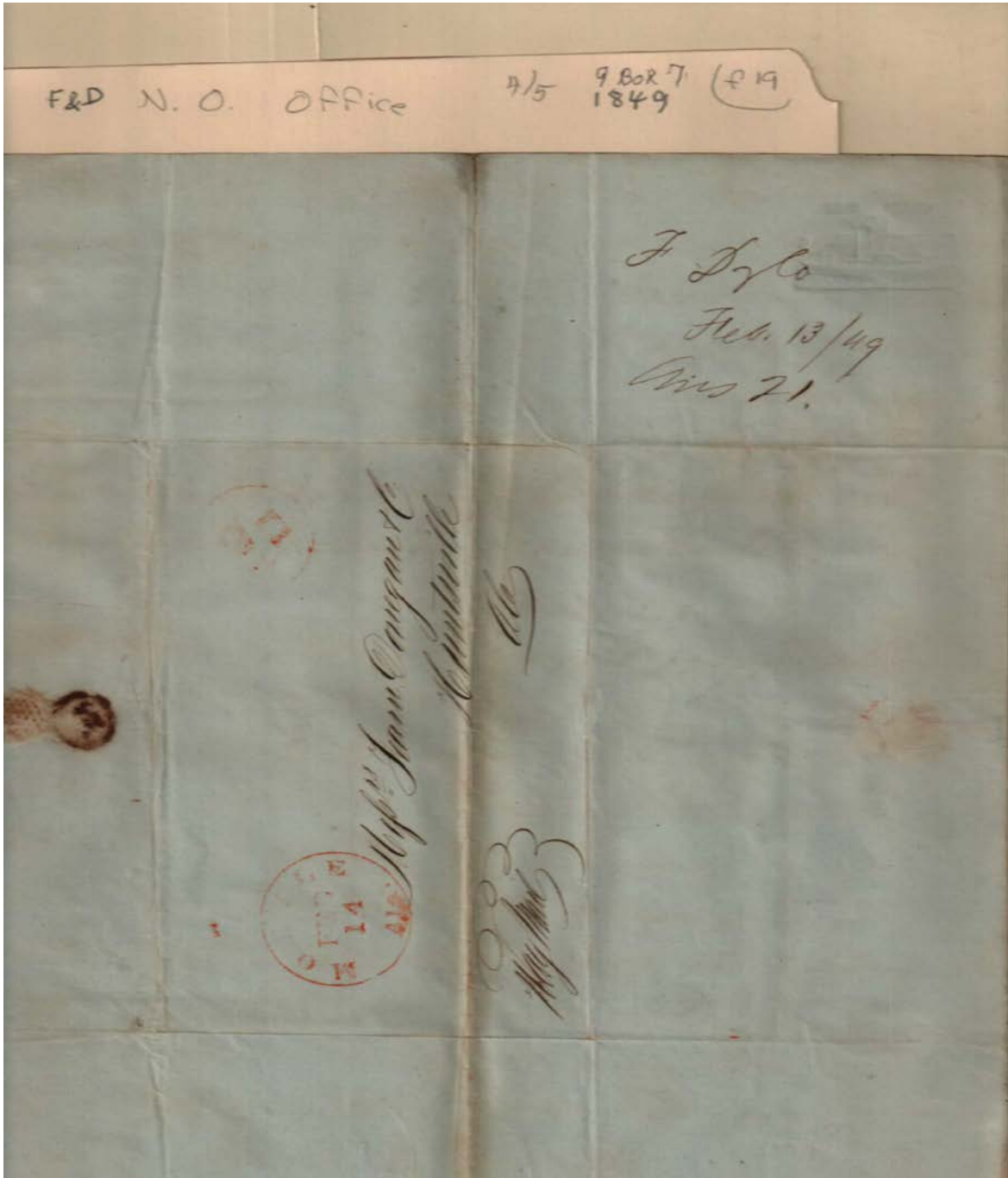
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 13, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19) 1849

My Mail New Orleans 13<sup>th</sup> Feby 1849

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

As soon as we had the pleasure of  
the 9<sup>th</sup> inst we have not received any of  
your favours since.

We had enclosed papers for Steamers America  
for seven packages of sugar for our 10<sup>th</sup> of former  
to keep sampling for Nashville.

Particularly there was a very animated  
demand for sugar on the coast & on plantations  
and we took advantage of it to sell two  
crops, Mr Bibb & the Messrs Webb, - both at  
4<sup>th</sup> sound and the Molasses in the cutters  
at 18 1/2 & cutters bottoms at 2<sup>d</sup> clearing  
out the entire crops, to be weighed & delivered  
on the plantations.

There was also an active demand for  
cotton, and the sales reached 10,000 bales  
without any change in price. It is more  
the demand is again good, but we have  
not heard the extent of the sales.

We are offering a list, or three lists,

**Names:**

Bibb,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Webb,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 13, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 4/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

amounting together to 1200 bales, but  
has not been able to reach a satisfactory  
offer, which we regret, for we are anxious  
to sell. We see today if a fair offer  
can be gotten.

We have heard from Mr. Hopkins by telegraph  
at Tuscombin - hope he has good success  
at Memphis for he is wanted there.

Yours truly  
Fearn & Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Hopkins,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

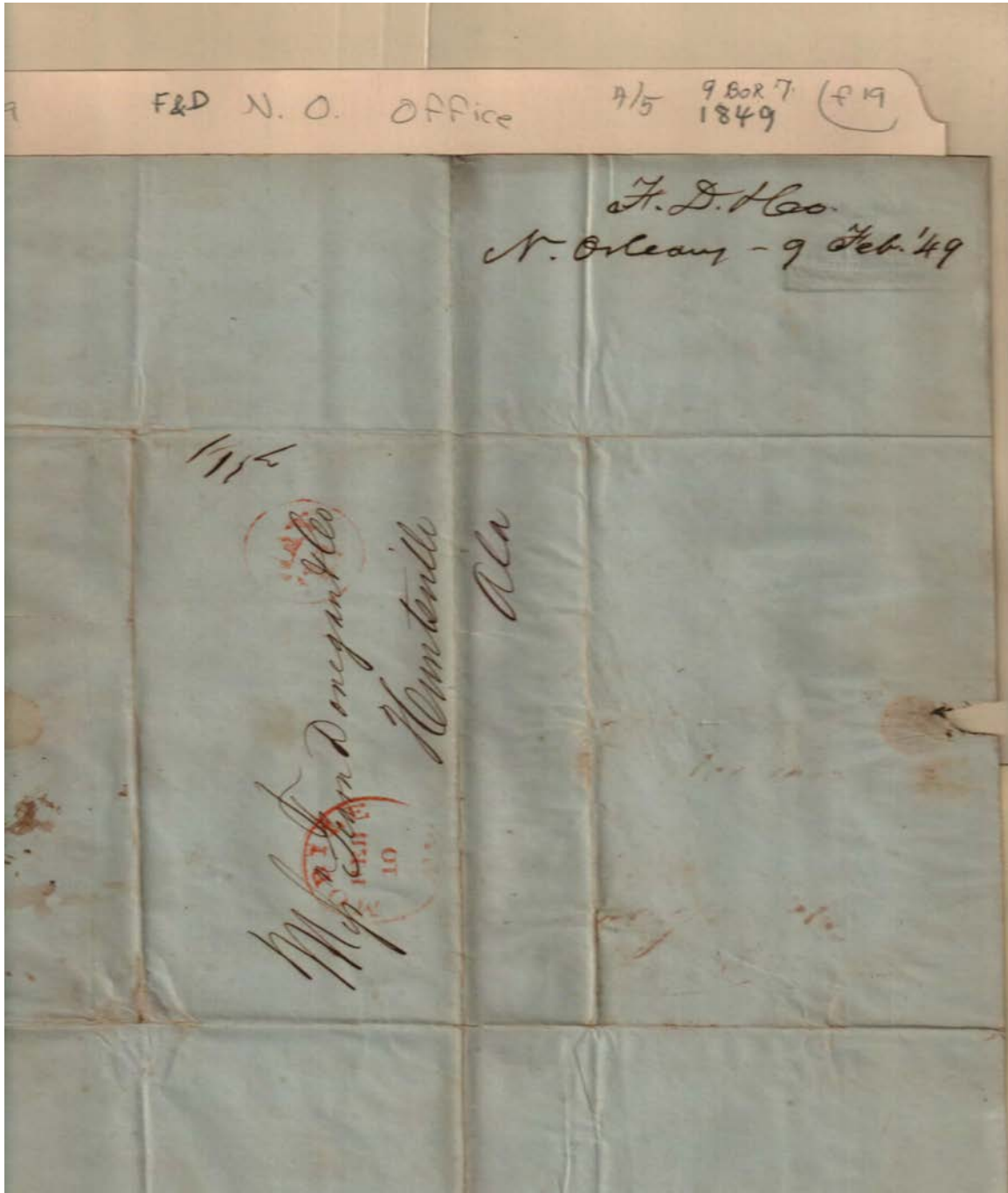
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 9, 1849

F&D N. O. Office      7/5      9 Box 7 (19)      1849

May mail      New Orleans 9th Febry 1849

Wm Fearn, Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had this pleasure on the  
7th inst and to my dearest yours of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 1<sup>st</sup>  
& 2<sup>d</sup> inst - Note content and have made the inter  
as advised. The agents advised shall have atten  
tion. The merchants have adopted the  
following rates of premium on Cotton for  
Tennessee, such will have 1/4%  
From Tennessee <sup>not</sup> above Tusculumia, for Steamers  
with privilege of lightening to Eastport for per  
flat or Keel - 1 1/4 %  
From points above Tusculumia & Florence, and  
from such & all lines, for flat or Keel,  
whipped at Eastport or good Steamers - 2 %  
From place above Tusculumia & Florence &  
from such & all lines, for good flat - 3 %  
The full value of the Cotton insured.  
By the Canada we are advised by Rankin  
Gilmore & Co of the sale of 83 Byle Account  
of Richardson & Fearn @ 4 3/8. Please notify

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Rankin, Gilmore & Co.

Richardson & Fearn

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 9, 1849



F&D N. O. OFFICE 7/5 9 BOX 7 (19) 1849

Mr. Richardson.

Please give us the weight of the Cotton  
shipped by the Hunted - in some of the  
Inquiries the weights are not stated, and  
we have found it difficult to settle the  
freight unless the Cotton was sold.

Yesterday the Cotton Market was good  
and today up to this time there has not  
been much done, though the inquiry is  
active - the letter came through today &  
we presume Buyers are engaged with their  
views are unchanged. Weather very  
bad.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

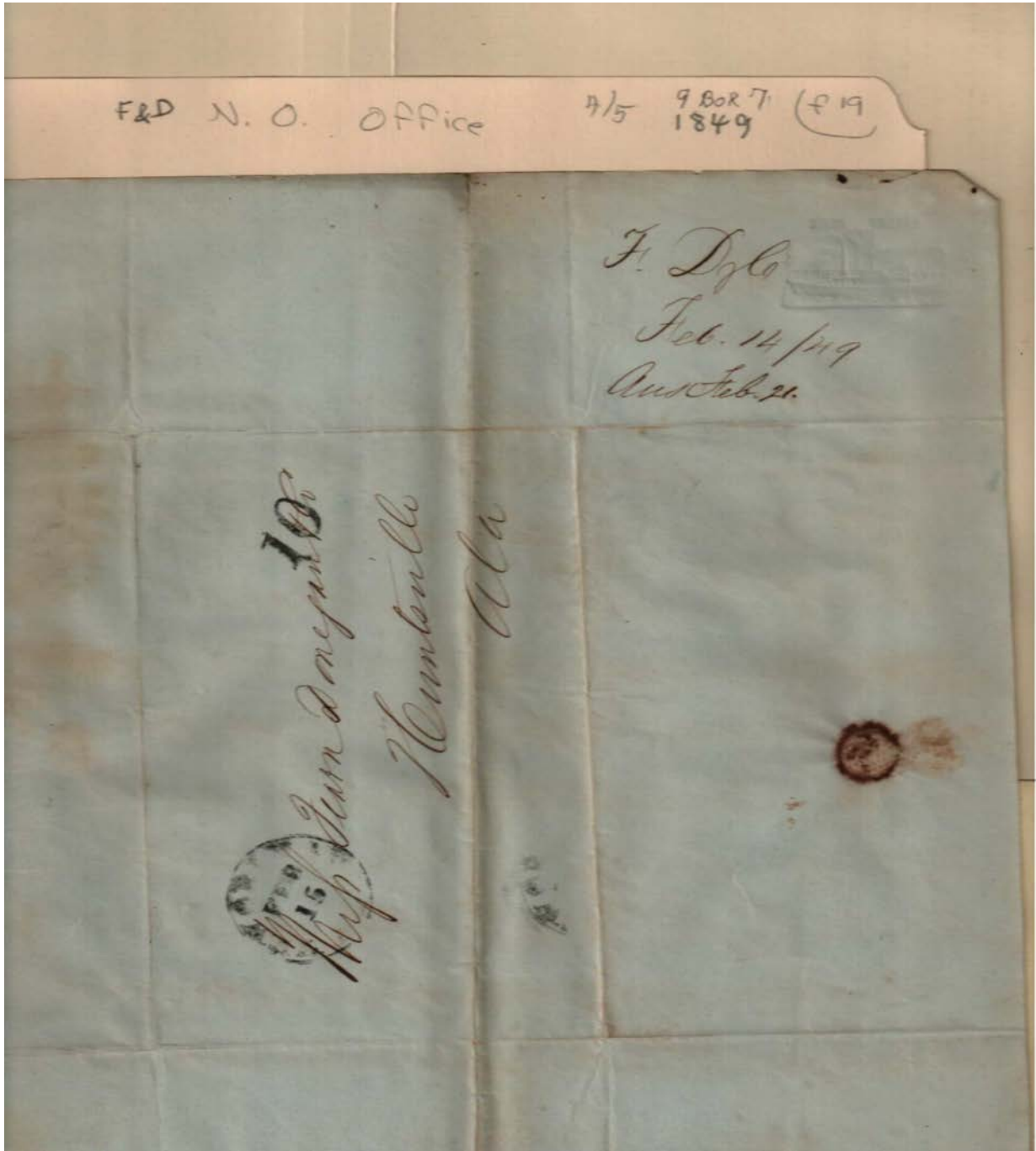
Feb 9, 1849



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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 14, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 4/5 9 BOR 7 (F 19)  
1849

Way Mail New Orleans 14th February 49  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville

Dear Sirs We had this pleasure yesterday  
and have not as yet your favour since.  
This morning we received Telegraphic  
reports of the Niagara accounts, which  
are far from well & have created a very  
active demand for Cotton in our market  
and the value will doubtless be large.  
We hold two of our lists - one of 328  
bales @ 7/8 & the other 354 @ 6/8.  
We have had your 8/8 discounted at  
the Citizen bank and will remit proceeds  
by tomorrow mail.

Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

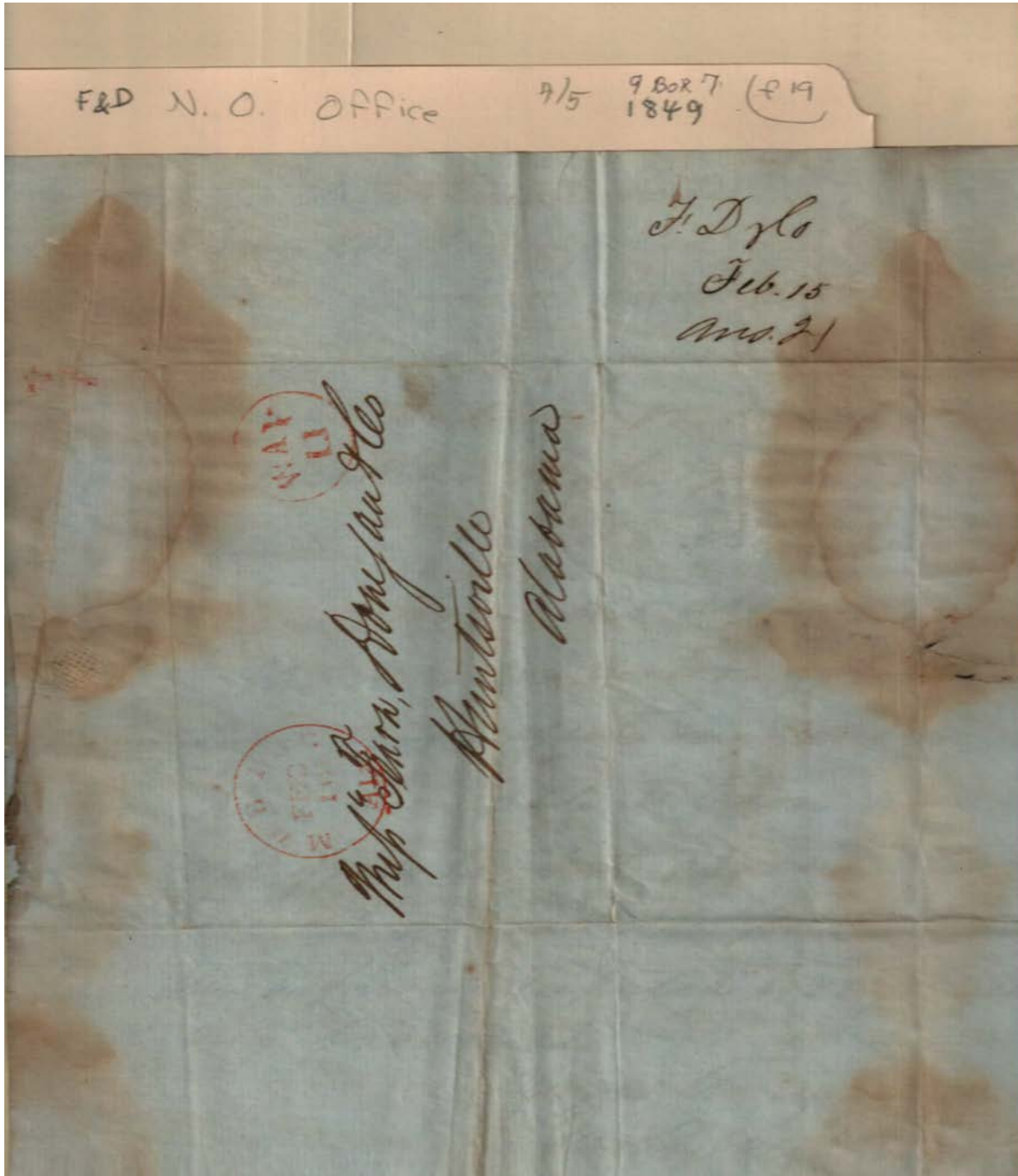
**Dates:**

Feb 14, 1849

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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 15, 1849



F&D N. O. OFFICE 7/5 9 Box 7 (219) 1849

My dear  
Mr. Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Alabama

New Orleans 15th Feby 1849

We had the pleasure on  
yesterday, and have none of your favours  
since. Enclosed we hand, bills of Alphonse  
de Rothchild on Aug Belmont New York  
dated today & payable to your order at  
twenty days date for \$1000 \$1100 \$1200 \$1300  
& \$1108.87 say fifty seven hundred & eighty  
82/100 dollars, bought at 1/8 7/8 premium &  
charged to your account fifty seven  
hundred & fifteen 96/100 dollars. We bought  
20 say bills because they will be equal  
to right when you get them & are bought  
much less than high exchange. The  
latter is now advancing & the former  
decreasing in consequence of the scarcity  
of money in New York. This remittance is  
in the process of your bills remitted us.

of NY

**Names:**

Belmont, Aug

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

de Rothchild,  
Alphonso

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 15, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 BOR 7 (19) 1849

recharge the interest here:  
Yesterday the sale of Cotton reached  
\$7,500 sales at full prices. Today  
the demand is again good, but the  
sales are not so large on account  
of Doctor asking higher prices, and  
as advanced in freight claimed by  
Shipmasters - some are asking  $\frac{3}{4}$   
today. The sales made today, show  
no change from yesterday, in fact  
as we have been able to learn.  
Shore freight has advanced and  
ships have all advanced in prices. We  
have seen a private dispatch today which  
looks very favorable  
Yours truly  
Fearn & Donegan

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

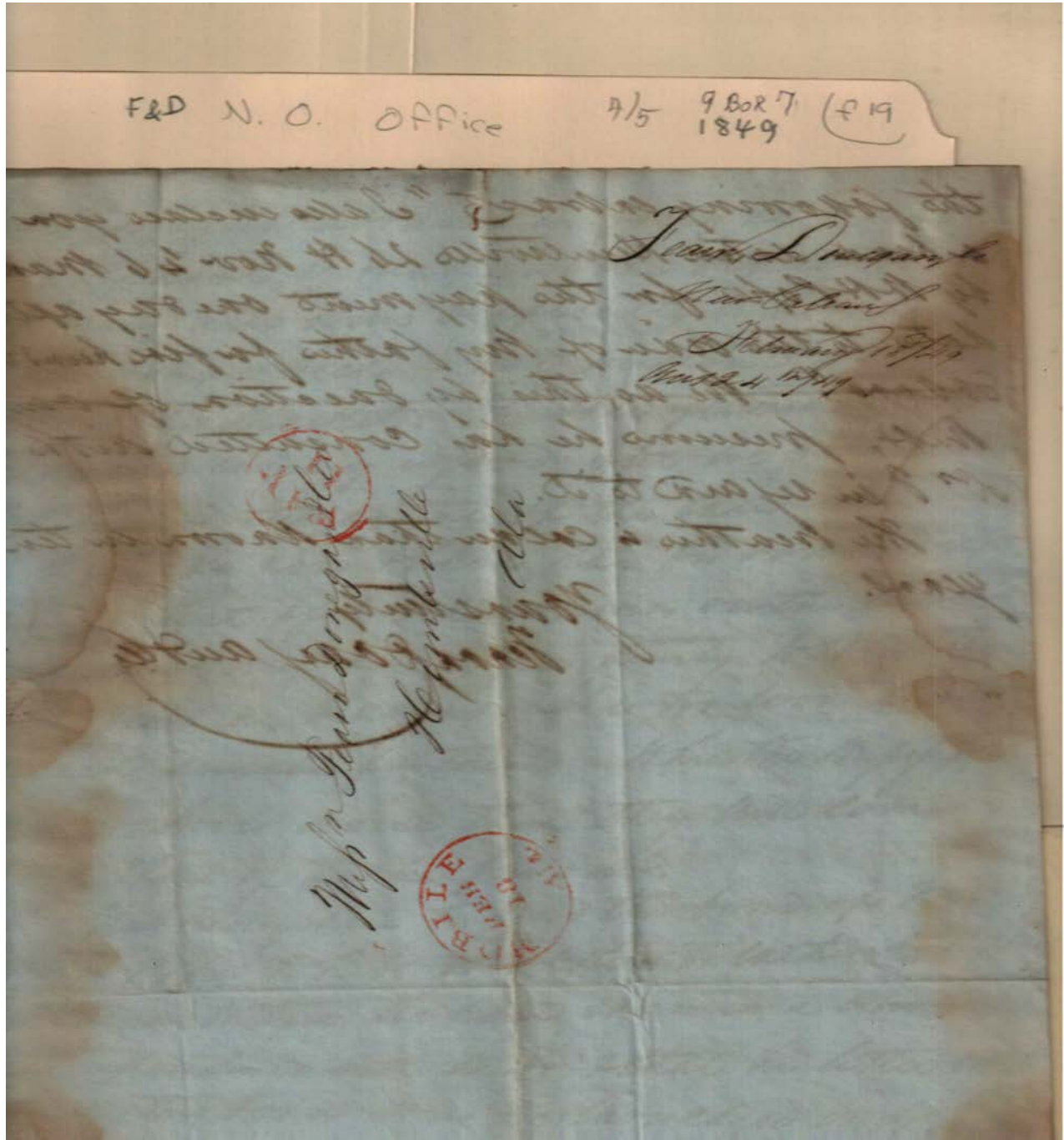
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 17, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (19) 1849

May Mail New Orleans 17th Feby '49

Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Ala

Dear Sirs

We have this pleasure on the 15th inst and have your favour of 7th 1849 at hand with enclosed as stated. We have sent you a bale of Mr Scruggs Cotton. have not received his acct's among yet. have written to Messrs Shipley & Co for it. The bin of goods ordered for Mr Horton will be filled about by the first Mont. We have received 22 bales Cotton for J & P B Robinson but none for Horton Estate. The 22 bales are of poor quality & would probably bring 6¢.

We are expecting soon a rapid reduction of the crop of receipts of Cotton over last year. It has already commenced here, and we look for it soon at the others. We are of your opinion that the present heavy crop will have an unfavourable effect upon the Sugar Market, though we have not heard that any higher intimates have been sent out.

The upward & buoyant tendency of the Market for receipts of the Sugar Accounts has been

**Names:**

Brown, Shipley & Co.

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Horton estate  
Robinson, J. & P. B.

Scruggs,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 17, 1849

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1849

checked by an advance in freight, and  
the cannot be made above old rate.  
There is also some difficulty in negotiating  
Exchange, which is not without its effect  
upon the market. The sale yesterday soon  
to say the inquiry is good, but we cannot  
yet know the extent of the sales.  
We have now & have had for some time  
had a list of Mr. Mabamion on the table  
and never miss an opportunity to show them  
and find no takers. It is too soon to expect  
much demand for them - When the Mississippi  
become more scarce, then they will come in  
for a share of public favor.  
Was being able to find the bond of Mr  
Wm Pope to Thos & Hopkins or rather A. F. Hopkins  
inclosed to them, we had examined our  
correspondence with Mr. F. that the letter mes-  
saging the bond was acknowledged by A. F. Hopkins.  
The letter was acknowledged in general terms  
under date 15th Feb last. Mr. H's letter was dated  
at Memphis 2<sup>d</sup> same month - We take from it

**Names:**

Bibb & Hopkins

Fearn, Dr.

Hopkins, A. F.

Pope, William H.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 17, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 4/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

the following extract "I also enclose you  
a bond dated November 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 26 made  
by W. H. Pope for the payment one day after  
date to the order of my father for five hundred  
dollars." He do this by direction of our  
M<sup>rs</sup>, presume he has consulted with  
Dr F in regard to it.

The weather is colder than known in ten  
years.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.  
Pope, W. H.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

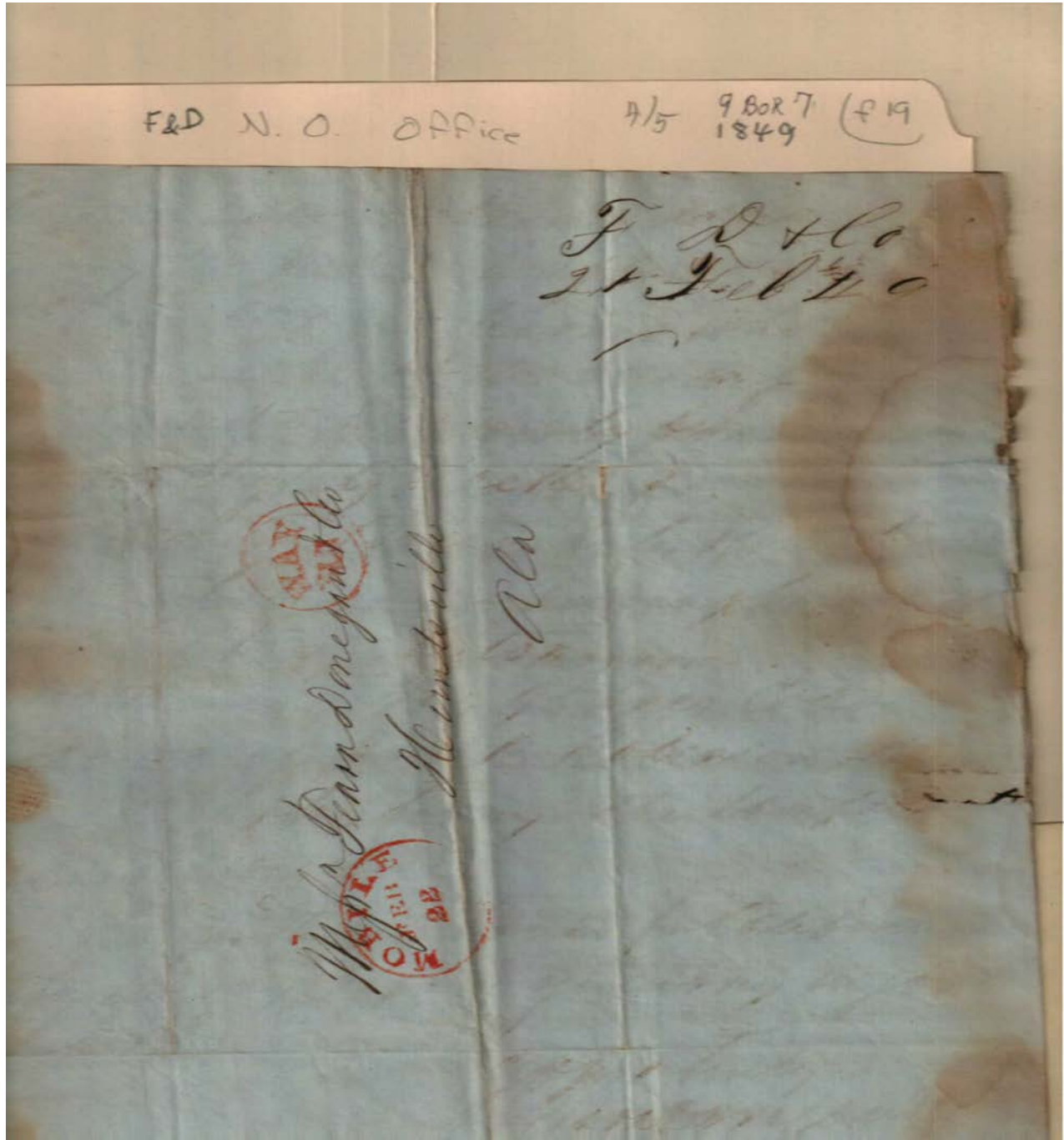
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL                      New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter                                      memo

**Dates:**

Feb 20, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 9/5 9 Box 7 1849 (4 of 5)

May Mail New Orleans 21<sup>st</sup> Feb'y 1849.

Wm<sup>o</sup> Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Ala

He has the pleasure on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst  
to have since received yours of 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Content  
only noted.

We enclose dupl. bills A. D. Rothchild on  
Wm Belmont New York, dated 15<sup>th</sup> inst. & pay-  
able to your order for \$1000 \$1000 \$1108.00  
\$1200 & \$1300 say fifty seven hundred & eight  
82/100 Dollars - Originals of which were  
remitted under date 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

This morning we saw the remains of  
A. D. Williams' lot of sugar on 17<sup>th</sup> inst  
at 4<sup>th</sup> on the plantation, which will put  
some of our affairs in doubt.

We have the other crops to the market  
& should sell them whenever we get satisfactory  
offers. We are surprised that sugar will  
yet advance, but cannot hold it long.

Yesterday we had a new order for  
for cotton - the price was 7000 lbs. at  
price

**Topics:**

of NY

sugar crop

**Names:**

Belmont, Aug

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Rothchild, A. D.

Williams, Thomas  
M., Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 20, 1849



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Current before the steamer arrived.  
Today the demand is again good, but  
we have not yet learned what has  
been the extent of the business.  
The market is decidedly firmer, prices  
having slightly slackened.  
We have a thousand bales of the ~~new~~  
table, which we are holding for receipt  
of the letters, due tomorrow.  
We received today 95 bales Cotton on  
account of J & P B Robinson. Amount  
give the value today - the sample not  
being drawn yet.  
The gentlemen bound for California  
left the day before yesterday in good  
health.  
Yours truly  
Fearn & Donegan

P.S. If the Mr. Dishes to come soon, he had have no  
fear of the Cholera, as it has entirely disappeared. There  
is no necessity for his service in the way of labor, with that  
we are getting along quite comfortably - his good services  
will be acceptable. F&D

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Robinson, J. & P. B.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

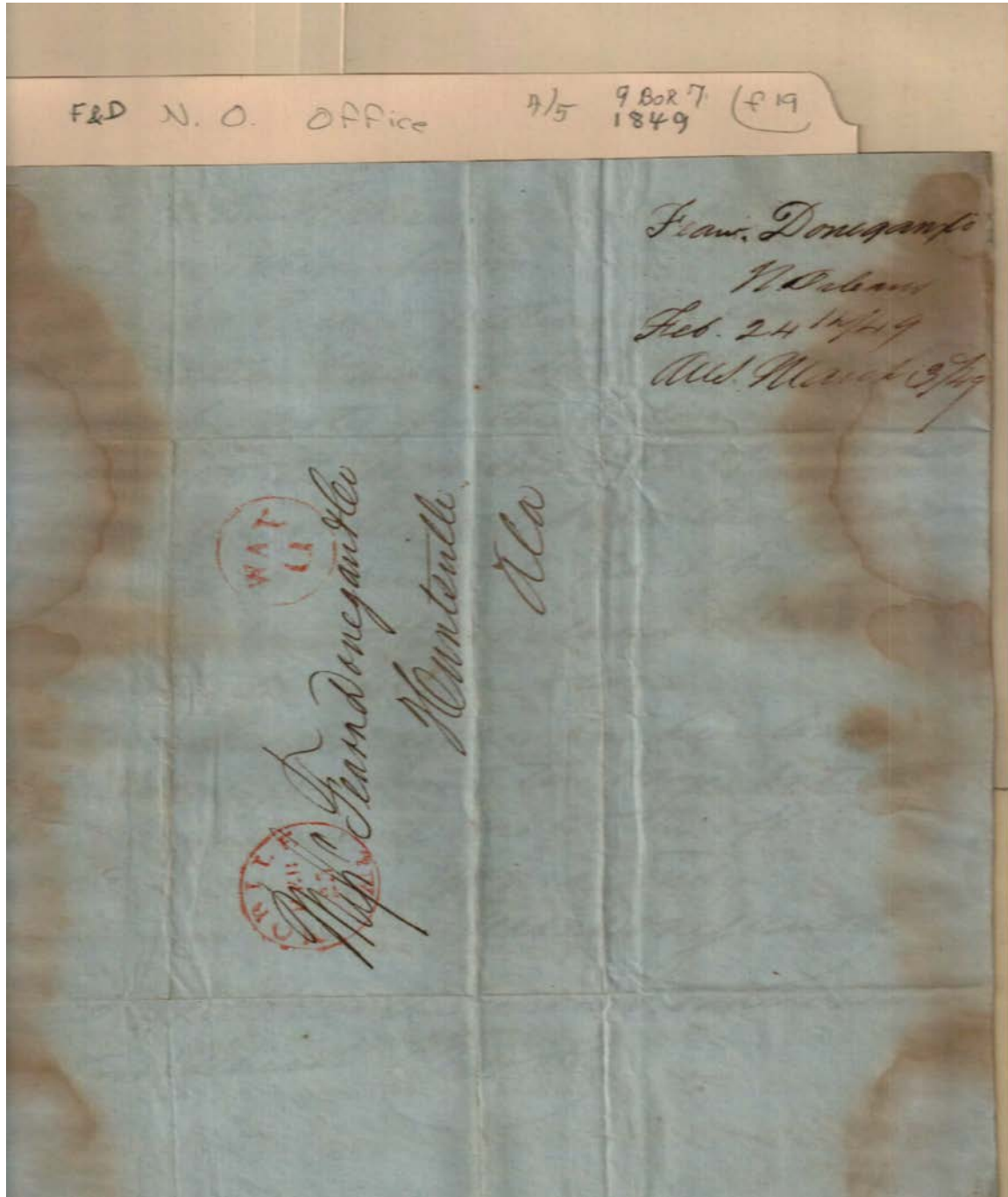
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 24, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

May mail New Orleans 24th Feby 1849

My Dear Don & Auntie  
Huntsville

Receipt We had the pleasure on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
and have since received yours of 18<sup>th</sup> inst  
note contents.

We have heard of Nelson Bradley & Co. having  
been some time in Alabama. They are of good  
quality & have been both in the market  
has heard of any sale of round lots of that  
description. We keep our constantly on the  
market and will see if we can get a good  
offer. Our old friend Pontie has arrived &  
we hope that he will soon go into the market  
We presume that 5/4 to 3/8 might be  
got for a list, but would not like to sell  
at that. The demand for the quality is  
good, but prices are unchanged. The sales  
yesterday were 2000 bales & will today be  
probably the same. We are in treaty for  
one lot of 1200 bales & hope to sell before  
the day closes. We have not yet heard any-  
thing from Fern & Putnam, about that the

**Names:**

Fearn & Putnam

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Nelson, Bradley &  
Co.

Pontie,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 24, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

Wife of Mr Richardson. Have you  
heard anything from.

Mr friend Percy is getting too hard. We  
have written to him to stop & have had  
to take his note for the balance he will  
owe us at the regular rate of maritime  
interest for which we have such heavy  
debts we must be paid for it.

Please hand the enclosed duplicate  
drafts to Mr Richardson.

Mr Jas Donegan has been confined  
to his room for about ten days, but is  
now conversant with us at the office.

Yours truly  
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

P.S. Also hand the enclosed duplicate to  
Patton & Selleck. F.D.C.

**Names:**

Donegan, James

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Patton & Selleck  
Percy,

Richardson,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

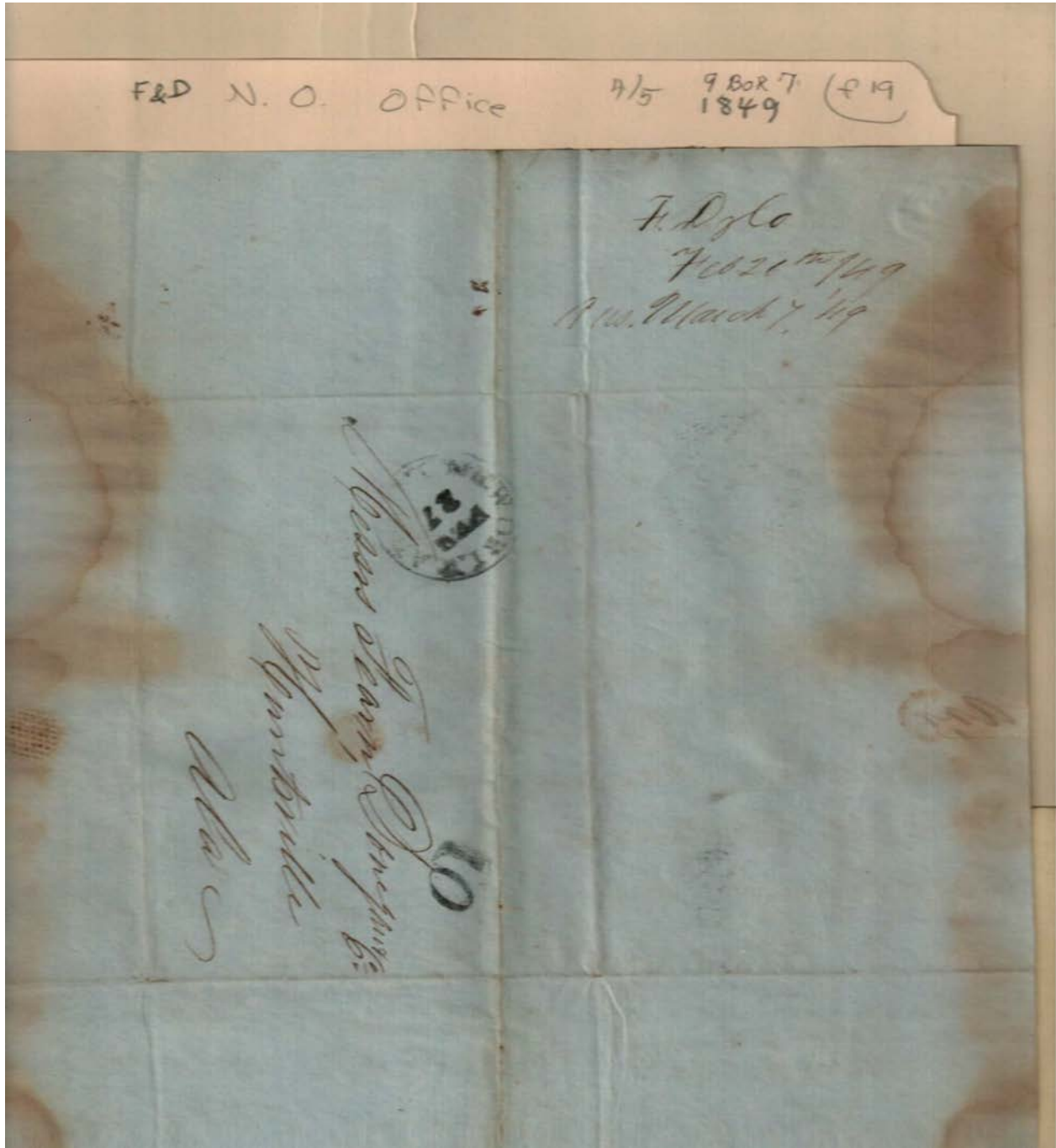
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Feb 26, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 9/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

May mail New Orleans 26th Feby 1849  
Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Dear Sirs We had this pleasure on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
inst & have read up your favourable  
On Saturday we had a most active  
session for Cotton & the sale reached  
19,000 bales at full prices. We sold our  
lot of 1232 bales at 65¢. This morning  
there is a great demand, based upon a  
dispatch received announcing the  
arrival of the Europa with further  
favourable accounts. We hear of the  
sale of 7000 bales at Saturday prices.  
Exchange has fallen 2% for staying  
today which will be paid, for a very  
advance if the accounts should be  
favourable. We shall make you  
a further statement of 5000 bales  
tomorrow.  
Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

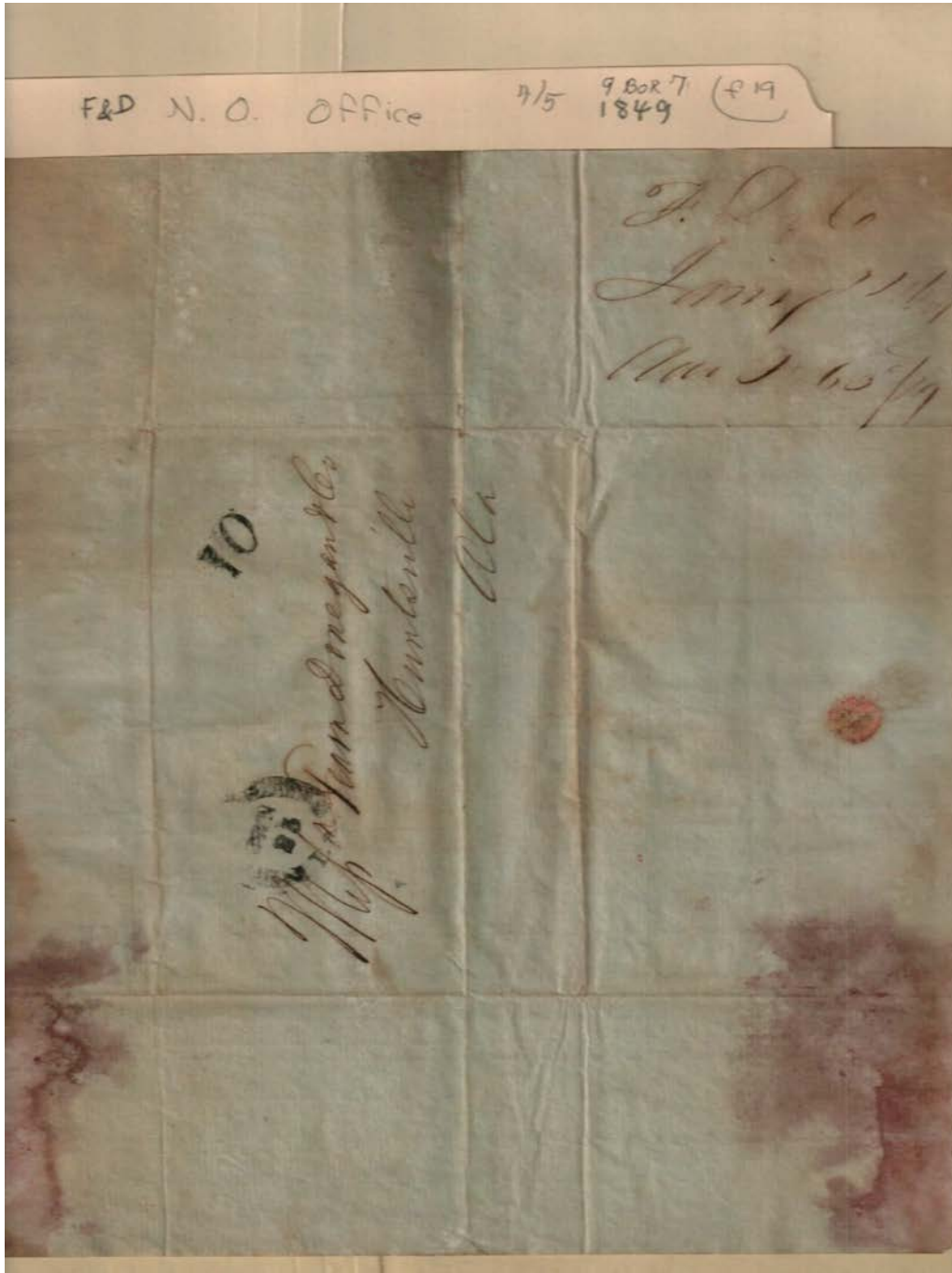
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Jan 24, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 4/5 9 Box 7 (219)  
1849

New Orleans Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

My Dear Donegan & Co  
Dear Sirs

We were glad to see the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst  
since then some of your favours to hand

On yesterday according to your instructions  
we remitted in Mr Francis Burritt in a sight check on  
N York Two hundred & Fifty Dollars, with Int to 1<sup>st</sup> Febry  
added on say in all Two hundred & Fifty one <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars at  
our charge to the care of Dr Fearn

The demand for Cotton in our market  
to day is very animated, but the sales of Saturday which ran up  
to 12000 Bales added to the 16000 that were disposed of on yesterday  
& the day previous have so cleared the market, that but little  
is offering at present. Some of the sales of yesterday were at  
an advance of 1/8, but we do not think that can be  
sustained by any means general; although Prices in all cases were  
very full. We sold yesterday a lot of 95 Bales good  
at 6 3/4 - 1/8 advance - also another lot of 54 at 5 3/4 - very full  
price. To day thus far we hear of the disposal of  
to 4000 Bales - Prices still very full

The City is now perfectly healthy -  
we have not yet returned - we expect him to arrive  
Yours Truly  
Francis Donegan & Co  
Jas Fearn & Donegan

**Names:**

Burritt, Francis  
Donegan, James H.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 24, 1849



F&D N. O. Office      7/5 9 Box 7 (F 19)  
1849

Duplicate. Anchuca Plantation LA 1849

Mr. Fearn Donegan & Co.

My dear Sir, You will please (the  
reading) hand the enclosed letter and I beg to  
say I can get no more from Dr. Mercer or that  
young man will cover the parastates have to make  
and I think the letter will reduce your advances  
within the limits of our original agreement I  
if I can to save the profits of the plantations  
I should not say my own I applied to you for  
property but was guilty of the error of offering my  
legal parastates land and it afforded no business  
My Brother's estate is heavily in error to me and the  
Grand Plantation the most valuable property I control  
I shall put an order on the parastate first for the sale  
of that place which will probably bring out of the  
\$30,000 and as it will be an administration sale there  
will be the greater certainty of selling at the same  
time I shall sell off a quantity of my sugar cane  
corn fodder &c. for the supply of the place I can  
get the value of the parastates in time to all the  
season and shall therefore not sell until October but  
I will sell any quantity of my own place at any time I  
can get an offer I feel that you have been so liberal  
in your advances to me as your business will permit  
and I regret that my necessities have to appear in the  
the business of your letter distinguishes the form of a  
declared property I will thank you to communicate  
the amount of Dr. Mercer as soon as you get one  
If a loan cannot be obtained from your place as soon  
as soon as you can from what source I can borrow my  
and on the first terms you can get it I wish it if I  
can get it for two years because it is illegal to sell a  
creditor's estate for cash and I cannot sell soon  
enough to realize the money for it next winter  
I wish my own land & I shall have to make up the  
deficiency of my crop I shall be very much obliged  
if you will please this debt until I can raise the  
money I will set out for Orleans as soon as I  
receive the order to pay taxes You did not inform  
me how far there is any unrefined sugar in Orleans I expect  
to have a large crop to take up and ship from Chicago in Jan  
If there is really a specific for Orleans please have a

**Names:**

Archer, Richard T.

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Mercer, Dr.  
Young,

**Places:**

Anchuca Plantation,  
MS

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

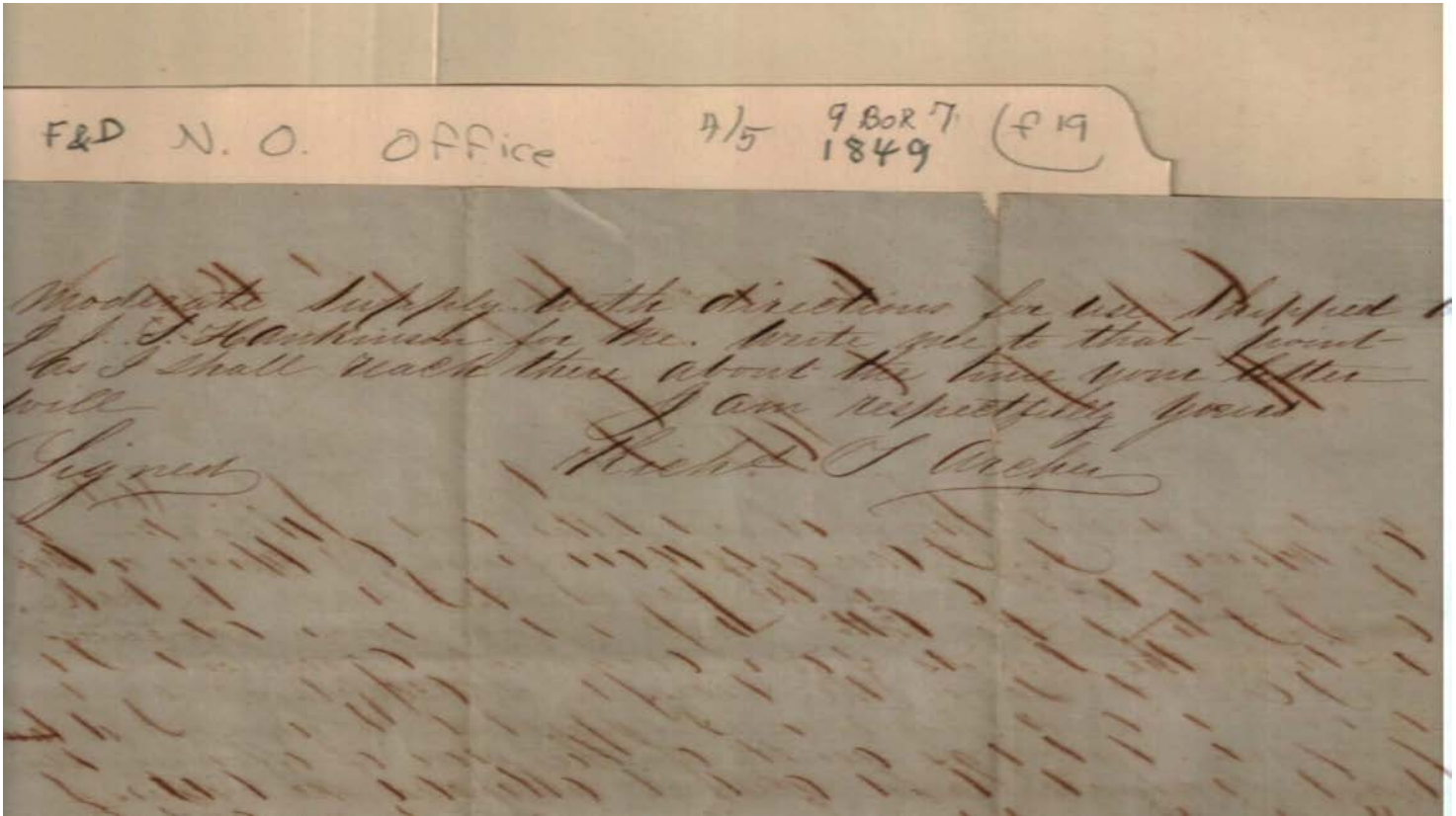
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**Names:**

Archer, Richard T.

Hankinson, J. J. S.

**Places:**

Anchuca Plantation,  
MS

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

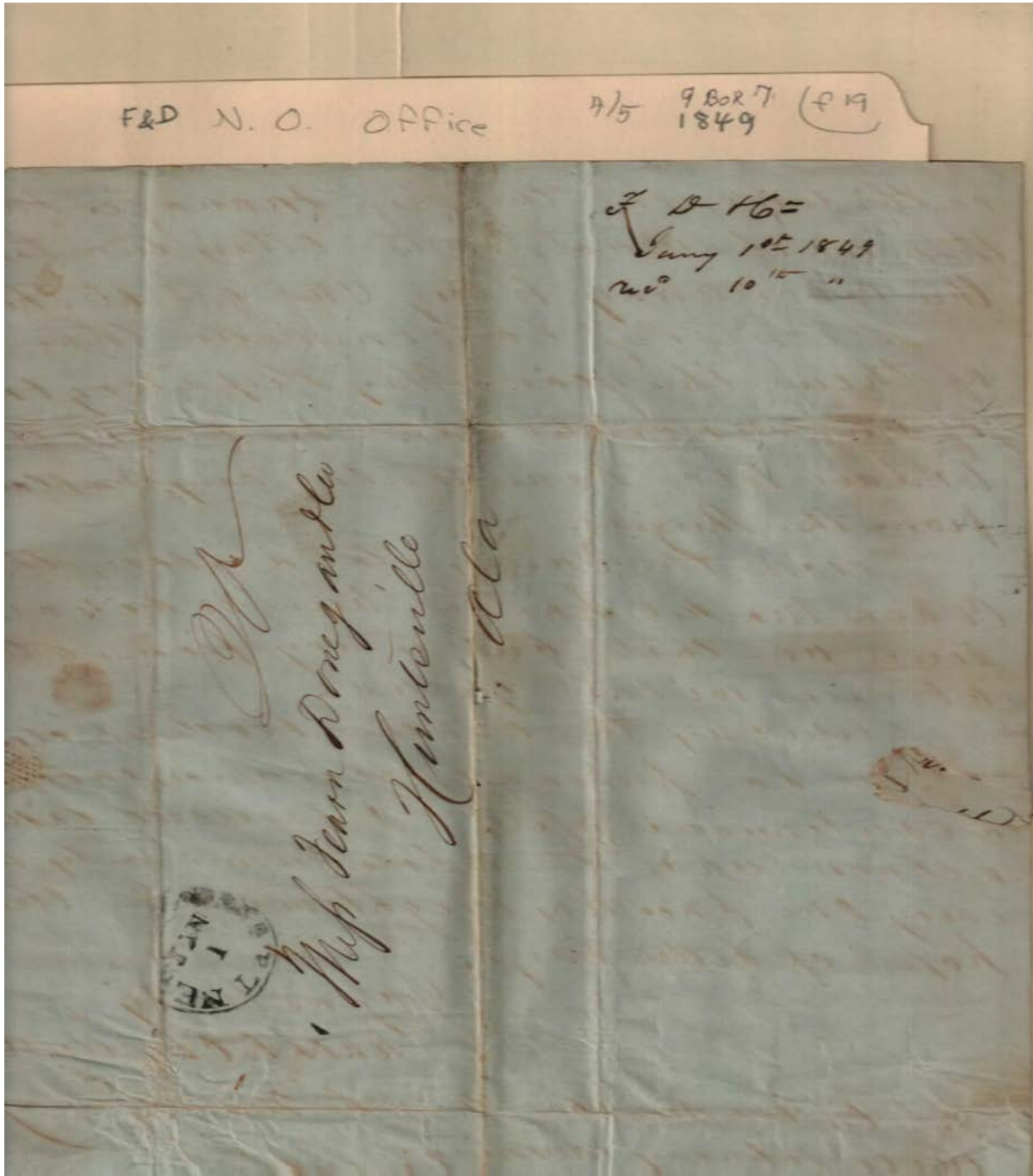
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Jan 1, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (219)  
1849

Mail  
Mr Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
New Orleans 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1849

I had this pleasure early  
yesterday, and this morning received your  
favor of 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, contents noted.  
Mr Morgan, in account of Mr  
Henry shall have attention. He writes  
that you give his personal attention to the  
of goods for Messrs Norvell & Morrison  
and thinks he can buy their goods of  
such quality and at such price, as will  
be satisfactory. He will be an arrival  
in town in the next ten days.

By this time you have heard more  
of the Cholera, and will have seen that  
there has been a great deal of cholera  
as well as panic. The mortality has  
been fearful compared with the number  
of cases, and although it has been  
mostly confined to emigrants and  
labourers, yet there have been many  
deaths among respectable people, and  
cases occur most every day. The doctor has  
now learnt how to manage it, and when

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Norvell & Morrison  
cholera

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 1, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (19) 1849

Medical aid, is resorted to in time, it  
quits, readily. It has commenced  
breasting in the country - we have heard  
of several cases, or outbreaks. Should it  
become very bad there, it will be very bad  
upon the Planters.

In some time past now, we have had  
the worst weather, that has ever been  
known in New Orleans, - the street, and  
almost impassible for drays - that &  
the loss of the Cholera among the  
draymen, has for the past week, made  
it next to impassible to get drayage  
of any kind now. There is now a large  
amount of produce of every kind upon  
the levee & elsewhere known, and it has been  
exposed to the weather, and must be  
considerably damaged. Cotton is piled  
up 8 or 10 tiers high. We have been trying  
to ship some sugar for the day past  
but cannot get drays. Our drayman  
Dallinax is now down with the Cholera,  
and is convalescing. We have as yet had  
not the slightest trouble with our Cotton

**Names:**

cholera

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 1, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (19) 1849

on the levee, and the Prof Manager says  
that we shall not, if the other law takes  
their cotton away to they can get at them.  
The lower Prof has some better than all  
of them this year. They keep every bale  
of ours under cover. In point that  
we have sold, have we had any complaint  
from the Buyers.  
From the Cause, stated above, the  
Cotton Market has not been so active  
since our last, but is very firm, at the  
advance we last quoted.  
Yesterday the weather broke up clear  
and present appearance, into a  
continuation of it. It has acted like  
a charm upon the whole community, and  
every one's face has brightened with the  
hope of better days.  
Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co.

P.S. Our old neighbour Mr John Martin  
died on Saturday morning.

death

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Martin, John

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

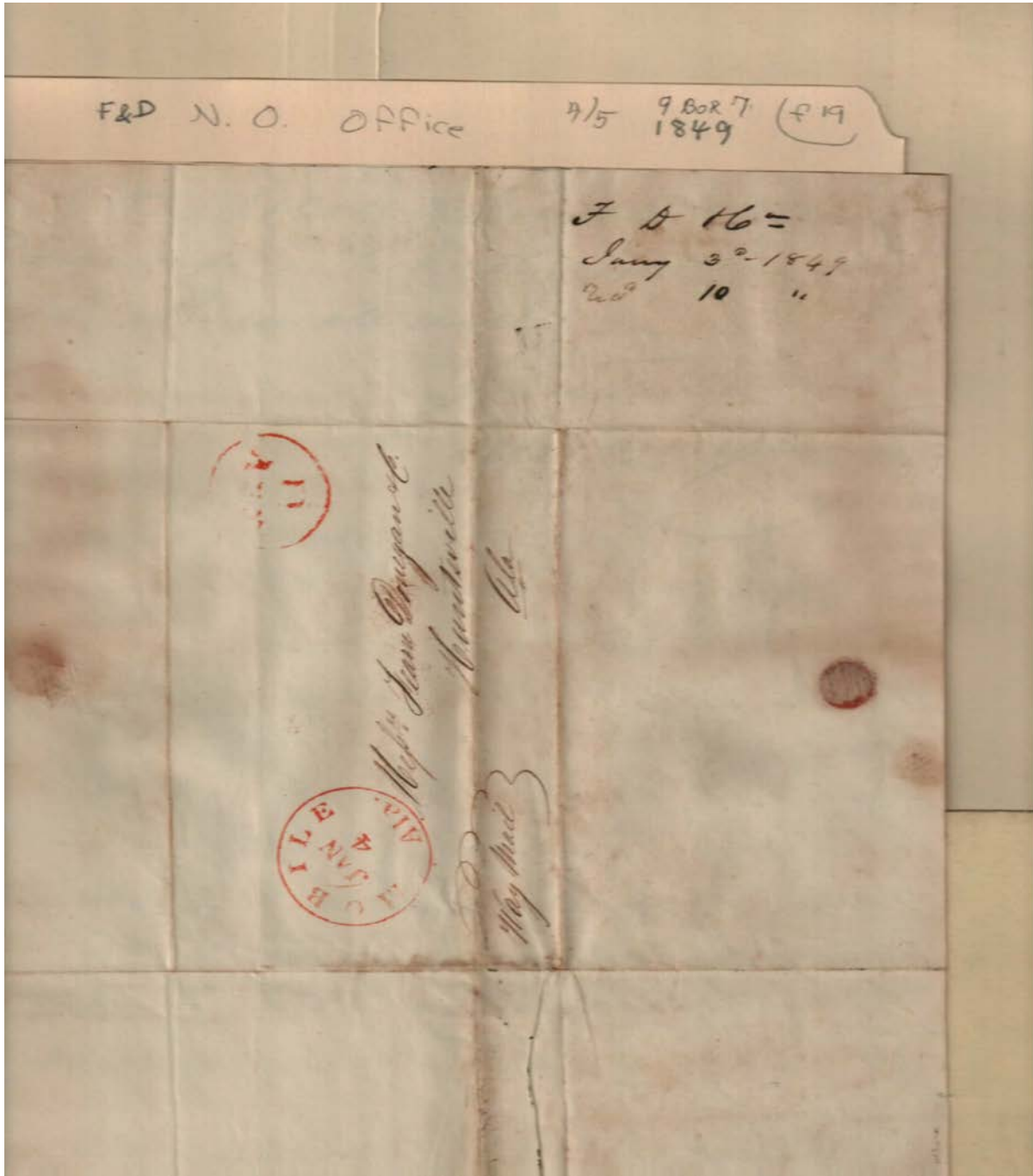
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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Jan 3, 1849

F&D N. O. Office 9/5 9 BOR 7 (19) 1849

My friend  
New Orleans 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan'y 1849  
M<sup>rs</sup> Fearn Donegan  
Huntsville  
Dear Sir  
We had this pleasure  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst & have none of your favor  
to reply to. Since our last the demand  
for cotton has been good and prices  
are fully maintained at the advanced  
previously advised. We had yesterday  
16 bales @ 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> & today a bag of 38<sup>8</sup>  
bales @ 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>!

We have had two Beiras, got on the  
table together with the crop of Mrs  
Drown's brood, for some days past  
but have not had an offer on them.  
We are holding them @ 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Both  
crops have a great deal of inferior  
cotton in them.

The fine weather continues, but has  
not yet made any favorable change

**Names:**

Beirne,

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

Swoope, John M.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 3, 1849



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F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (419)  
1849

In the Cholera, which still continues  
to ravage. The death yesterday was  
85. All are well.

Yours truly  
Fearn Donegan & Co.

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

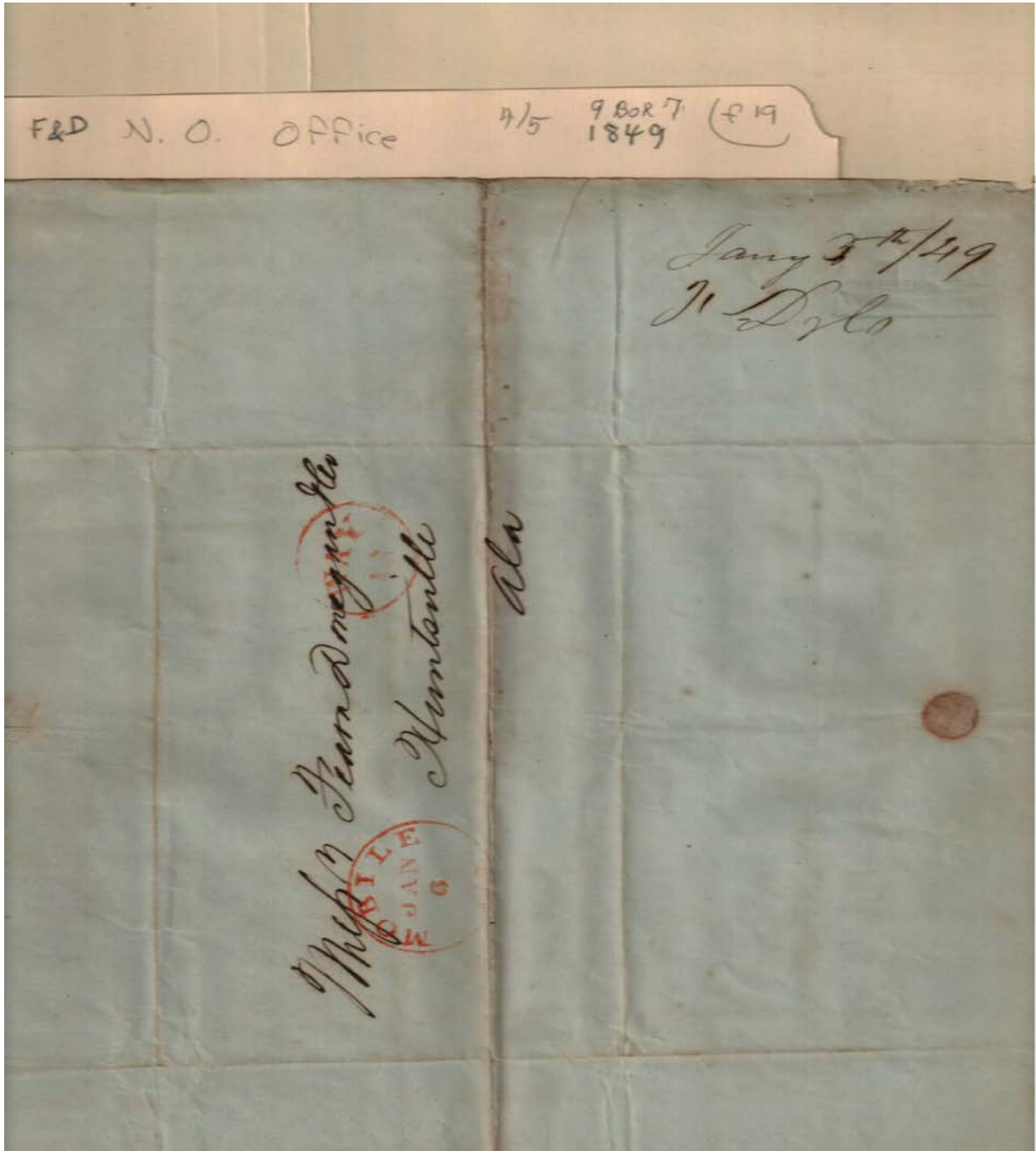
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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL                      New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter                                      memo

**Dates:**

Jan 5, 1849



F&D N. O. Office 7/5 9 Box 7 (F19)  
1849

May mail  
New Orleans 5<sup>th</sup> January 1849  
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co  
Huntsville  
Dear Sirs

We have this pleasure on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst to have this morning your favour of 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> inst by Mr. King, contents taken. The 27<sup>th</sup> inst. Cotton being shipped to Messrs Wilson & Co. The 30<sup>th</sup> inst. Cotton in horrible condition, some had been taken at Auction, and others are now being prepared to be sold, and will be sold to us when put in view, also the proceeds of what was sold at Auction. We are shipping the goods by Mr. King & Morrison by the "Old Hickory" to leave tomorrow.

Yesterday we had a very heavy demand for Cotton, based upon the Emofai Account a telegraphic report of which had been received. The sale amounted to 4500 bales. Advanced prices being better, Buyers that were late in the day, an advance of 1/8<sup>th</sup> was paid. Today the demand continues very active and the tendency of prices is to a further advance. We sold this morning 46 bales of coffee. There has been diminution in the cases of cholera the past two days - yesterday about three men about one third of the number of

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

King,  
Norvell & Morrison

Pleasants, Wilson &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

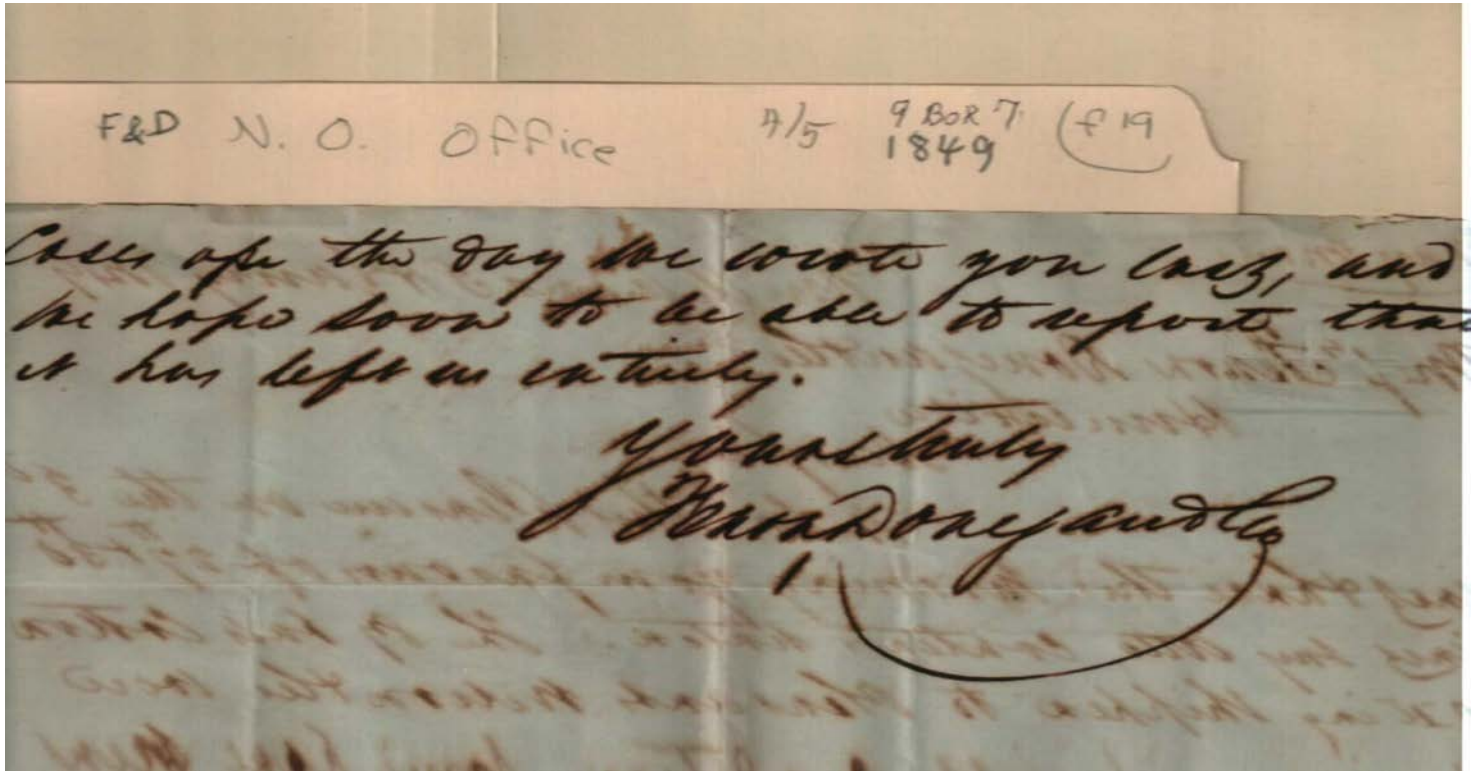
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Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 5, 1849



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**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

letter

memo

**Dates:**

Jan 6, 1849

F&D N. O. OFFICE 7/5 9 BOR 7 (19) 1849

My Mail  
 New Orleans 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1849  
 Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co.  
 Huntsville  
 Ala

We had this pleasure yesterday  
 to have news of you far from since.  
 We have further accounts by the Enropa this  
 morning, which are now far more favorable than the  
 first despatch indicated, and they have price  
 in Europe return to the Cotton market, and  
 prices have further advanced. We were 40  
 cents making this morning a 6.00, we presume  
 however that that the quotation will not be  
 put up to that figure at once. We think  
 this a good time to see & shall put out what  
 we have, Alabama & AD, but fear that  
 we shall not do any thing with the Alabama  
 as there is no demand at present.  
 Nothing new to report as regards Cholera,  
 44 deaths yesterday.

Yours truly  
 Fearn Donegan & Co

44 deaths

**Names:**

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

cholera

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 6, 1849



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