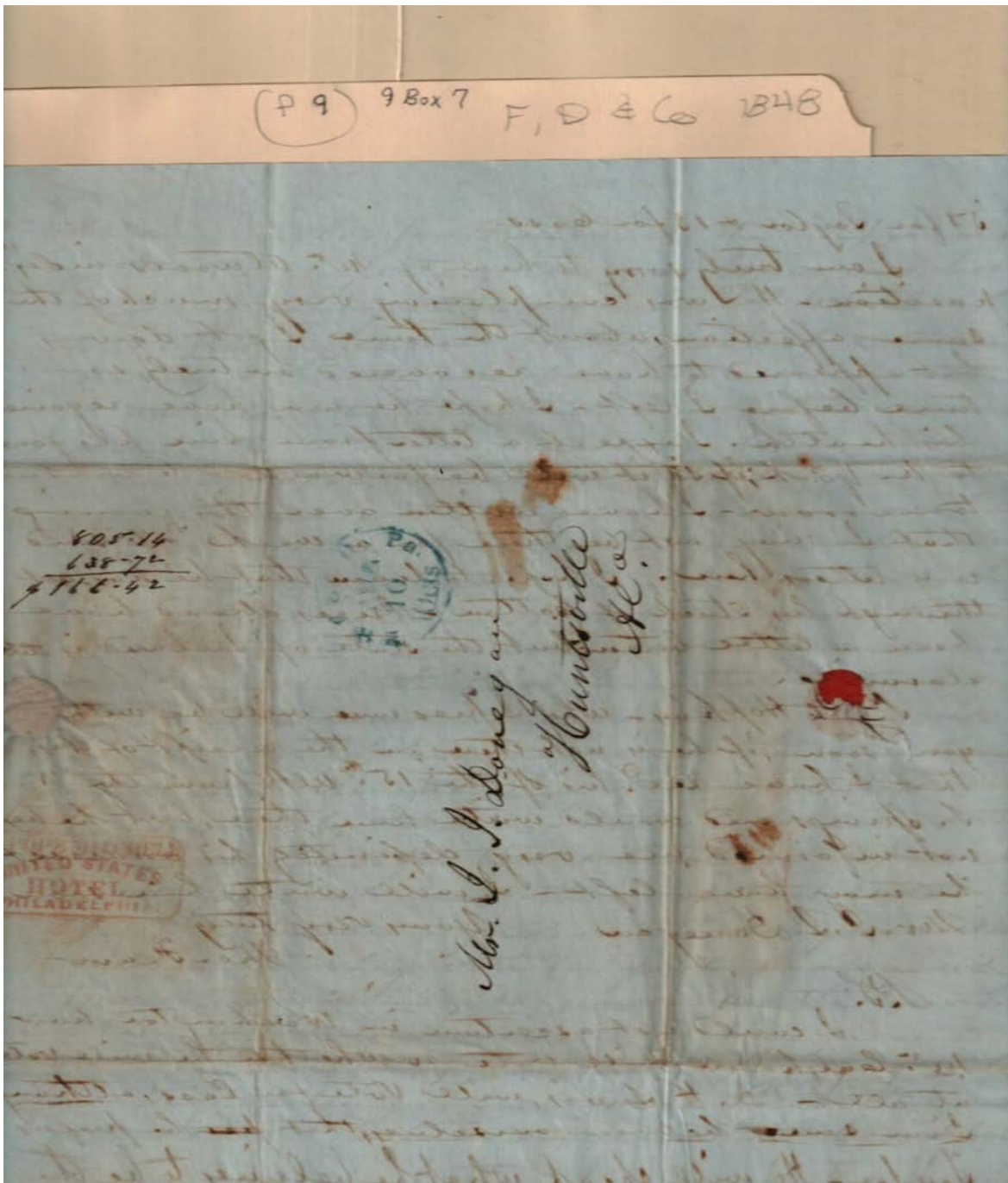


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Topics:

from Thomas Fearn to James J. Donegan

Names:

Donegan, J. J. Fearn, Thomas

Places:

Huntsville, AL Philadelphia, PA

Types:

letter

Dates:

Aug 9, 1848

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Philadelphia Aug. 9th 1848

My dear Sir

I arrived here, with my two daughters, today, and had the pleasure to receive yours of the 31st. It was the only intelligence with me from home since we left - Contrary to my intention when I left I returned from Baltimore, after taking my daughter Aida from school, to Washington, thinking it would be gratifying to the girls, as it certainly was to me to see the Congress of the U. S. in session. There were however, no great speeches made at this late period of the session; nor was there opportunity for the excitement among the members, which I expected to have found under the peculiar circumstances - The slavery question & the Presidential election pending - The U. S. then seem to me not to have that boldness which has characterized them heretofore, when the slavery question presented itself - They feel that they are in a minority, and are more disposed to appeal to the good sense & discretion of the North, than to bluster & bully - The whigs see in fact a virtual surrender of the question by the democracy of the South, in their support of Van Buren. But both parties in this old division are now looking with intense interest to the movements of "the free soil party." Their conventions assembled today, and in a short time the result will be known. Various rumors have been in circulation for some days past at Washington & among them the absurd idea that W. L. G. may be their candidate for President & Van Buren for Vice - Another, that W. L. G. of Ohio will be on the ticket & Van Buren

Topics:

daughter of Thomas Fearn

of Ohio

visit to Congress in D. C.

Names:

Cass, Gen'l
Clay,

Fearn, Aida
Presidential election

Severs,
Van Buren,

free soil party
slavery question

Places:

Philadelphia, PA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

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be nominated for President, the impression is, that the prospects of Cass will be injured, but if McLean or any other pro-unionist ^{Whig} which is better? that Taylor will be the greatest sufferer. We may be on the eve of events as momentous for America as those that have lately occurred across the Atlantic, have been for Europe. The returns of the elections, now going on in several of the states are just getting to hand - you will have seen all before they reach you, and have drawn your inferences better than I can, with the very partial returns which have come to hand. The Democrats are exulting at the result in N. Carolina, but the Whigs from that state tell me there was a new issue made by the candidates for gov't. which has prejudiced the Whig candidate. The extension of the elective franchise is advocated by the Democratic candidates & the Whigs contend for the restriction as provided in the present Constitution of that state. Great confidence is professed, that Taylor will overturn the Whig vote for gov't. And our Whig friends are generally sanguine. All the "crowds" I had encountered on the road have presented overwhelming Whig majorities - Beginning with one stage passenger, from Blaine Point there were 10 W. & 1 L. The latter was dubbed "Genl. Cass" & bore the name to Charleston, where we parted. It gave rise to some amusement on the way. In several instances crowds gathered about the Cars, supporting the real Genl. C. way there. The vote was taken on the Cars between Atlanta & Augusta Result.

Names:

Cass, Gen'l

Democrat - Whig
elections

McLean,

Places:

Philadelphia, PA

Types:

correspondence

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57 for Taylor + 13 for Cass.

I am truly sorry to hear of Mr. Atwoods indisposition - He was complaining very much of the same affection, about the time I got down, but appeared to have recovered entirely, some time before I left - I hope he may have regained his health. I expect a letter from him has gone to N. York; if so it will be forwarded to me here tomorrow - I have written over this evening that I may not be there for a week + to send my letters home. I hope to learn that he has got through his stock of cotton - Prices abroad have been a little better, but the state of Ireland is still alarming.

I go to Hopkins - who I presume will be with you soon, if he is not there on the receipt of this, that I have rec^d. his of the 15th Ult. from the W. S. Springs and would write him there, but he has not informed me very definitely his address, & he may have left - I will write him soon.

Mr. J. L. Donegan Yours very truly
 Tho. Fearn

P.S.

I could not ascertain in Washington how Mr. Calhoun will vote or whether he will vote at all - S. H. Lewis, will vote for Cass, although I am sure he believes ourselves, that he prefers Taylor - He will speak what he believes to be the will of his constituency. Very politic perhaps, but not very nor very agreeable. - Say to the family, we are all well & will leave home next week for N. Y.

J. F.

Names:

Atwood,
 Calhoun,

Cass, Gen'l
 Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Thomas
 Hopkins,

Lewis, D. H.
 Taylor,

Places:

Philadelphia, PA

Types:

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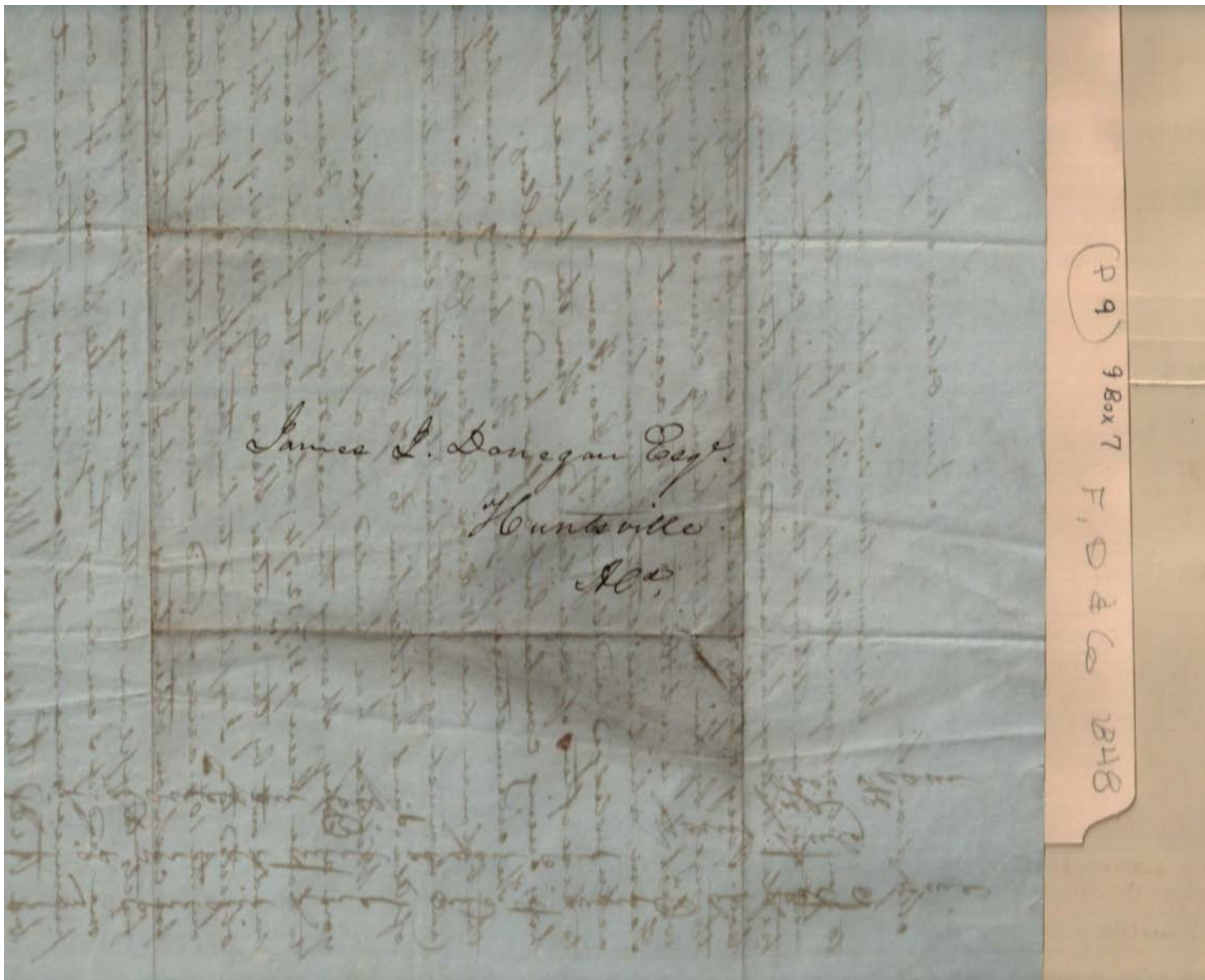
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from Thomas Fearn

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

May 12, 1848

(P 9) 9 Box 7 F, D & Co 1848

New Orleans May 12th 1848

My dear Sir

It is some time since I have mentioned anything to you about your Willcox suit. I fear nothing can be done with the same, although the amount in controversy is but a trifle. Willcox has admitted to me that the money rec^d by Col. Percy & by his representatives since his death, was authorized by him, and that he only claims the dividend which he is entitled to on the account against George Fearn, which was settled between him and Mr. Turner and acknowledged and signed by Geo. Fearn - This I can testify to hereafter if ever denied. Then the balance for which he is owing can be but a few hundred dollars.

The circumstance of George Fearn having acknowledged the balance due Willcox, Anderson & Co. in Ala. he thinks (and I must agree with him) takes this claim under the laws of Ala. and entitles him to 8% Int.

Willcox has handed me a paper, of which I enclose you a copy, showing the proceeds of George Fearn property to have been \$31,732.74; whereas the final account made out by the Trustees shows only \$20,901.91 - This he objected to. I explained to him the difference of amt. rec^d on the 10 1/2 acres of land, & some abatement of interest for cash on other items, but I have not the data or facts to explain all the deficiency - You might furnish me and if I can do any thing, it will be well. If no compromise were made, your lawyers say the case cant be tried this season. Upon what terms would you arrange me to compromise? Would you pay costs of court? Would you arbitrate? & if so, to whom would you refer it? Write immediately as I know not how long

Topics:

suit vs G. Fearn estate to James J. Donegan

Names:

Fearn, George	Percy, Col.	Willcox,	Willcox, Anderson &
Fearn, Thomas	Turner,		Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

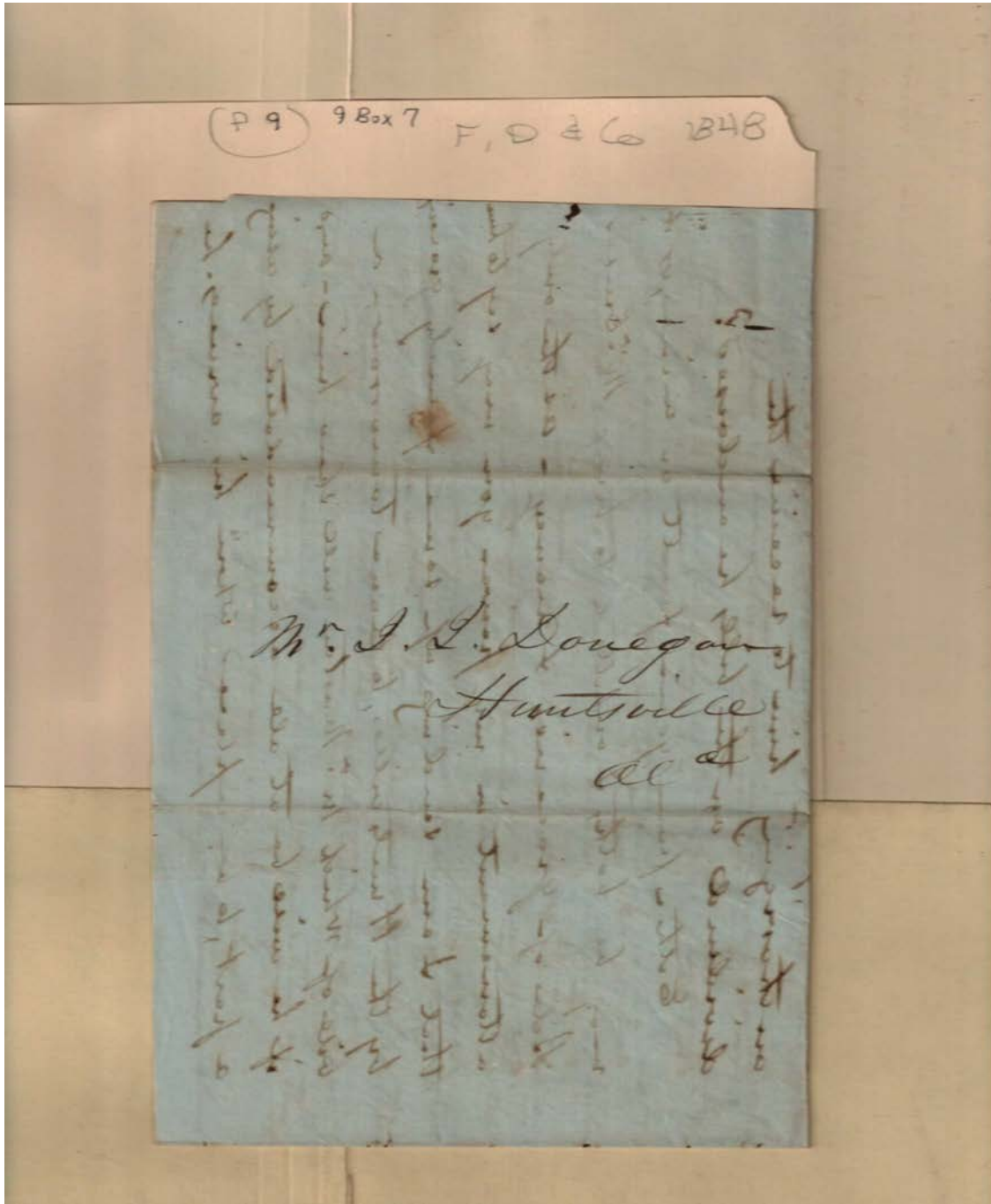
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from Thomas Fearn

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

Feb 29, 1848

(p 9) 9 Box 7 F, D & Co 1848

New Orleans Feb^{ry}. 29th 1848

My dear Donegan

Although it is more than a week since I first reached this place I have taken little or no part in business. My stay was only two days & half before going to Mobile with my Daughter, & I only arrived back here yesterday. Atwood works willingly & takes up any amount that is imposed upon him; but he is evidently overworked & I shall endeavor to take part of the labor of course & prudence off his hands. Business appears, from the cursory examination I have made, to move on smoothly. I hear of no dissatisfaction amongst our old friends - Think our receipts will be large - quite large - unless some speculative movement of which I cannot perceive no probability takes place.

When in Mobile I made some enquiry about the expense of getting Cotton from the interior through Mobile to this place - To pay the cost of forwarding there - Warpage

to James J. Donegan

Names:

Atwood,

Fearn, Thomas

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 29, 1848

(P 9) 9 Box 7 F, D & Co 1848

May agent & storage with freights at the
 usual rate will add about $\frac{1}{3}$ of cts. p. lb.
 on the cotton from that city to this - Too much
 to justify sending it. But there have two boats
 commenced running this season between
 the River here & Montgomery - Cotton is put
 at \$1.50 p. bale - passengers p. 10. - being ^{on} 50,
 to 75 more p. bale than to Mobile & 2 more
 for passengers - The owners say they are doing
 a good business & say boats will be put on
 the Tombecbe next season, if encourage-
 ment is afforded - This is one mode
 but there is another now in operation by which
 the charges are hardly as much. The agents of
 the Mouth & another boat (name not
 now recollect) will receive cotton at Mobile
 & deliver it at New Orleans at 58. p. bale -
 I presume it is too late to do any thing this sea-
 son, but if our friends are inclined hereafter
 to try this market, they can have an opportunity
 of doing so, at but little additional charge -
 I will get more specific information on this
 subject & write you soon.
 Before going to Mobile, I say Elmore about

Names:

Cotton business

Elmore,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 29, 1848

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you will say so, & got King today to
 examine Willcox's Bills with me & con-
 verse with Dr. Percy. Willcox is now in
 Texas - when he returns, he is expected in a
 week or 10 days I will see him & hope to
 get him to dismiss the case. But he is un-
 a - - - I fear I may not succeed - Would
 it not be well for you to send down Mr.
 Beirne's recd. to the Trustees - also Willcox's
 letter or letters authorizing him to act as
 his agent or atty. and to procure from
 Ch^r Percy Willcox's letter to his father
 authorizing him to receive the
 dividends on the bills, he endorsed?

Either from your fault or mine, or
 may be both, I omitted to bring Mr. Cruse's
 Bill of groceries & money - as the only
 attornment in my power you may say to be
 that I am sending up some family goods
 by the M^rsville, to leave tomorrow, a
 bill of which Mr. Mastin will show him - and
 if he will be at all accommodated by using
 a part, to be replaced when he arrives. he

Names:

Beirne,
 Cruse,

Mastin,
 Percy, Dr.

Willcox,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

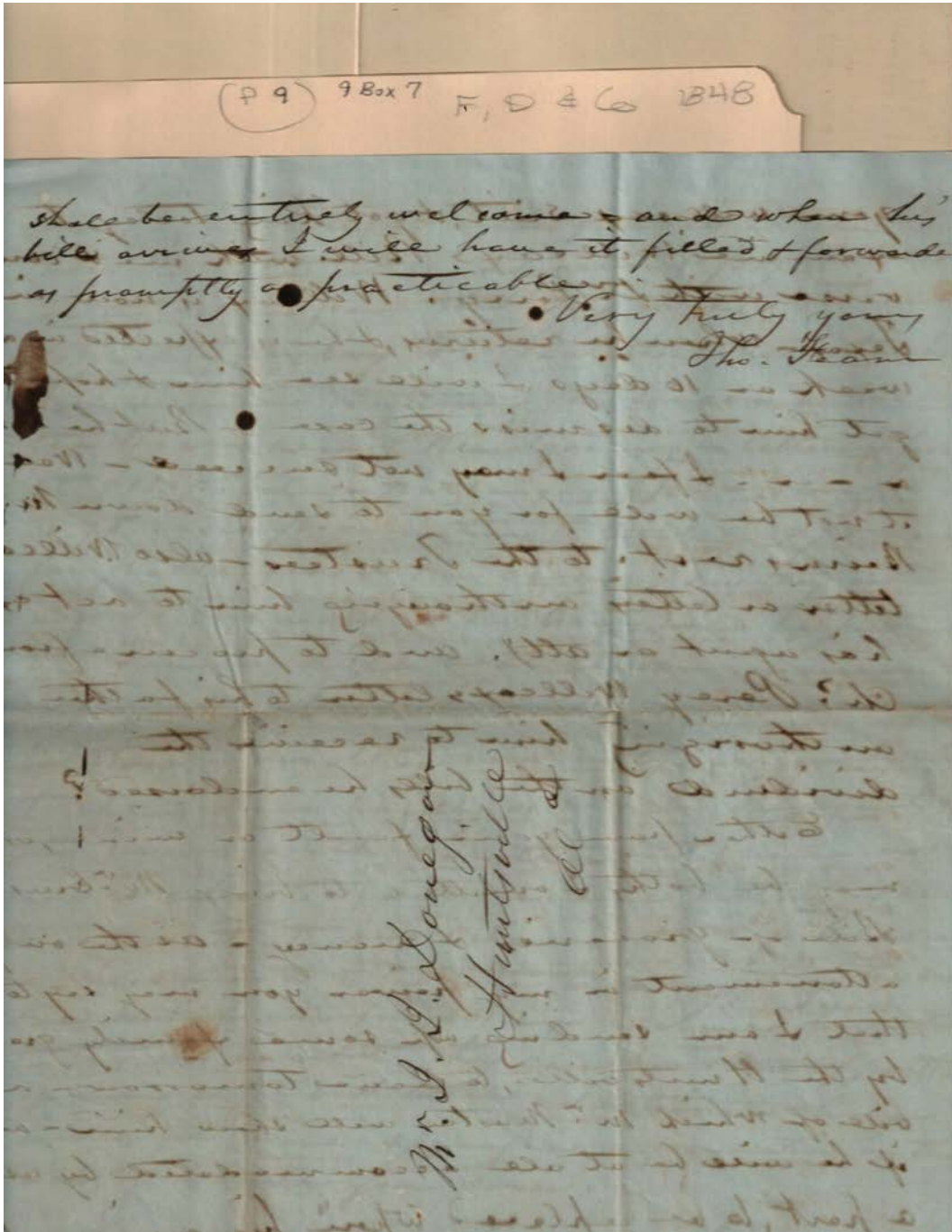
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Fearn, Thomas

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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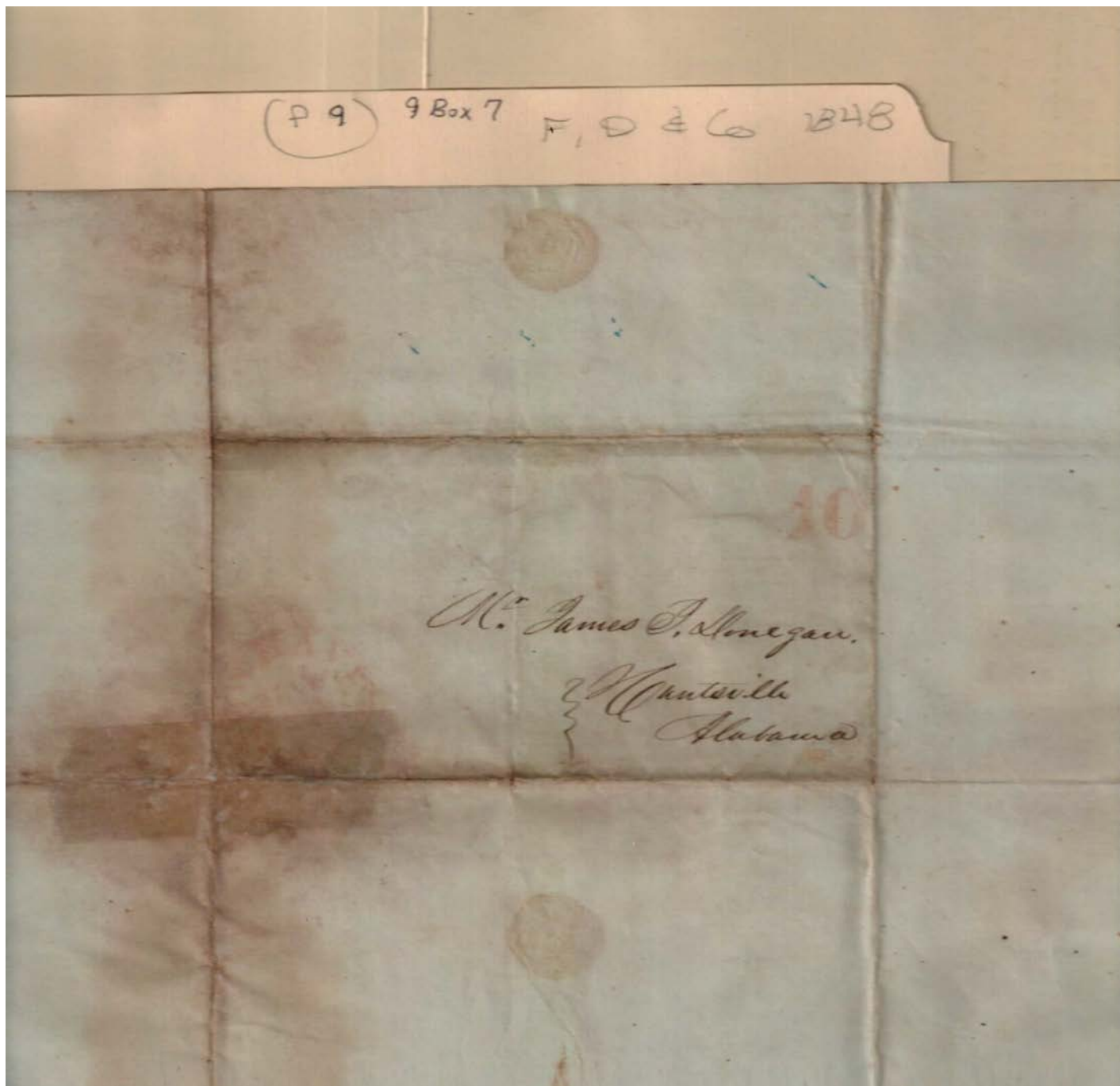
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from Charles H. Foote

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

May 28, 1848

(P 9) 9 Box 7 F, D & Co 1848

New Mason May 28th 1848

Dr Mr Donegan

I received yesterday yours of the 14th April and hasten to acknowledge the draft for two hundred and fifty dollars on Messrs Birnie & Burnside New York. I have been away spending my vacation with my relations in Virginia which accounts for my not receiving your letter sooner. I passed through Washington and went up to see James and Albert. They are both quite well and Obdiers are doing well. I had the pleasure of hearing a Latin poem delivered by James welcoming the Bishop to Georgetown. I received a letter from Mrs Weston yesterday. She and all in Memphis are well. I saw Mr S. Fairiss in Washington and heard through him what little was going on around Spotsville. I had an opportunity of going to the great National fair while in Washington and seeing the ingenuity of the Yankees displayed in their beautiful machinery and elegant manufactures and in all that I saw of judging of the glorious effect of the Tariff. I went to the Capitol on purpose to see Daniel Webster, but the "Oracle" was not there and I was disappointed. Give my respects to Mrs Donegan, Miss Mary and the other ladies. I would very happy and grateful to hear from you sometimes, and will thankfully receive your good advice.

y^r obt^d Serv^t
Chas H Foote

Topics:

of NY

to James J. Donegan

Names:

, Albert
, James

Birnie & Burnside
Donegan, Mary

Fariss, John D.
Foote, Charles H.

Webster, Daniel

Places:

New Mason, MS

Types:

correspondence

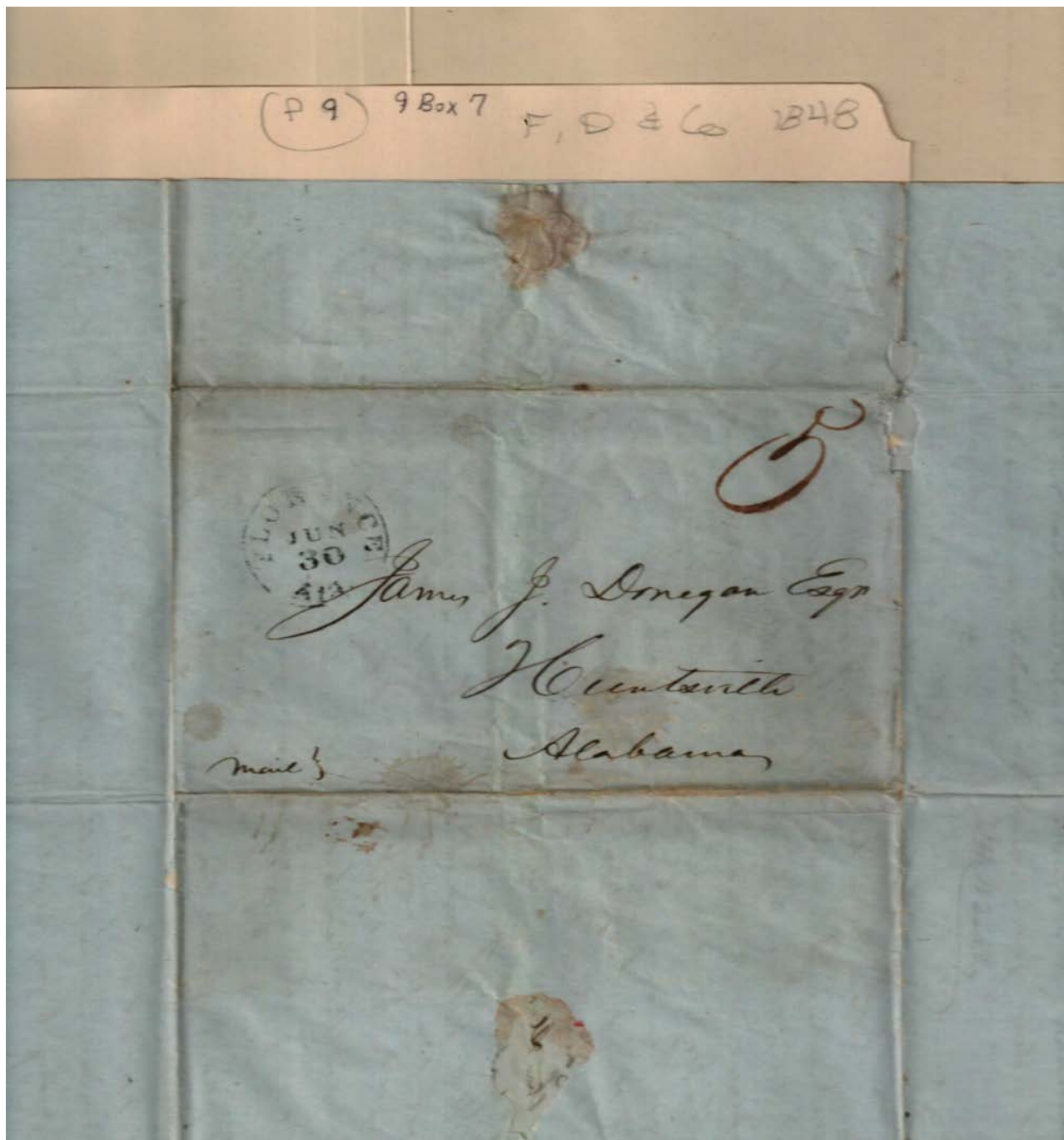
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from James H. Weakley

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

letter

Dates:

June 30, 1848

(P 9) 9 Box 7 F, D & Co 1848

Norma (dated and written)
30 June 1848

My dear James,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. which I have forwarded in due form.

Ellen had a letter to day from Fannie of the 22nd inst. acknowledging the receipt of some from Ellen, in which she had held out some hopes that Elizabeth and she would try their present at the examination. She seems to be greatly delighted at the prospect, but I fear she will be disappointed, as we have not yet heard if Elizabeth has concluded to go. The weather is getting so hot now, that I fear she will be discouraged. If Elizabeth could make up her mind to go, I could come down in the Stage on Monday, she would meet with a very good opportunity of going, and Ellen will accompany her. Mrs. Polk, and Andrew Jackson are going to Lexington in the next trip of the Campbell, which leaves Eastport on Thursday next. It will be necessary to be here on Wednesday, so as to go down in the Stage to Eastport on Wednesday evening. So, if she has any idea of going, let her fix up & come down on Monday.

Enclosed I send a draft on Mr. S. Brown for \$1000, which he please to sell for currency & send me the proceeds as early as convenient, by mail. I also have a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, for \$1000, could I sell it in your town for any premium? or had I better send it to Washburn & dipper of it, I submit the money to pay myself & clubs.

The examination commences on the 15th inst. Fannie writes, is there it will be necessary to go by next trip of the boat, or it will be too late.

Yours truly,
J. H. Weakley

to James J. Donegan

Names:

, Elizabeth
, Ellen

, Fannie
Cruse, S.

Jackson, Andrew
Polk, Mrs.

Shaw, William
Weakley, James H.

Places:

Florence, AL

Types:

correspondence

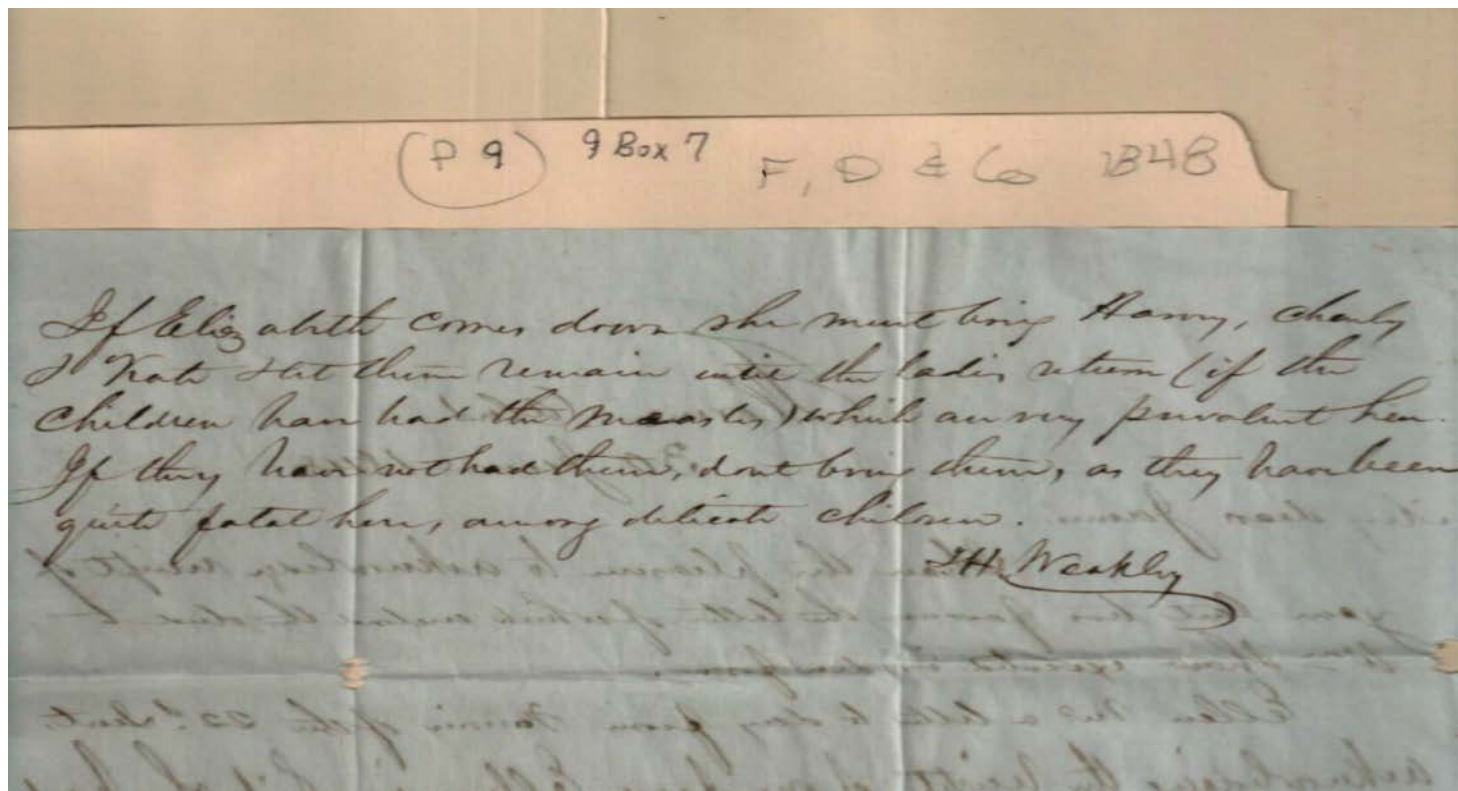
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Names:

, Charles

, Harry

Weakley, James H.

, Elizabeth

, Kate

measles

Places:

Florence, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

June 30, 1848

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