



cotton

Names:

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Archer, R. T. | Folkes, S. & A. | Lewis, C. | Tate, Robertson & Co. |
| Barron, C. | Frazier, J. W. | McGehee, A., Jr. | Wash, W. |
| Boddie, W. B. | Hardy & Joy | McGehee, J. S. | Watkins, M. S. |
| Bond, N. | Harris, A. O. | Miller, Pitser (Pitson) | Weatherly, James |
| Bond, W. | Hopkins, A. F. | Morgan, J. & H. | Wheless & Crawford |
| Buck, S. & D. | Hutchings, L. P. | Owen, F. A. & M. | White, J. D. |
| Crenshaw, W. A. | Irons, McKinsey | Palmore, C. S. | Wilkerson, D. W. |
| Davis, William | Janett & Silar | Pearson, Nancy | Wisdom & Walsh |
| Fearn, Donegan & Co. | Joy, Len | Richardson & Fearn | |
| | Lenon, J. | Robinson, B. P. | |

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

receipt

receipts

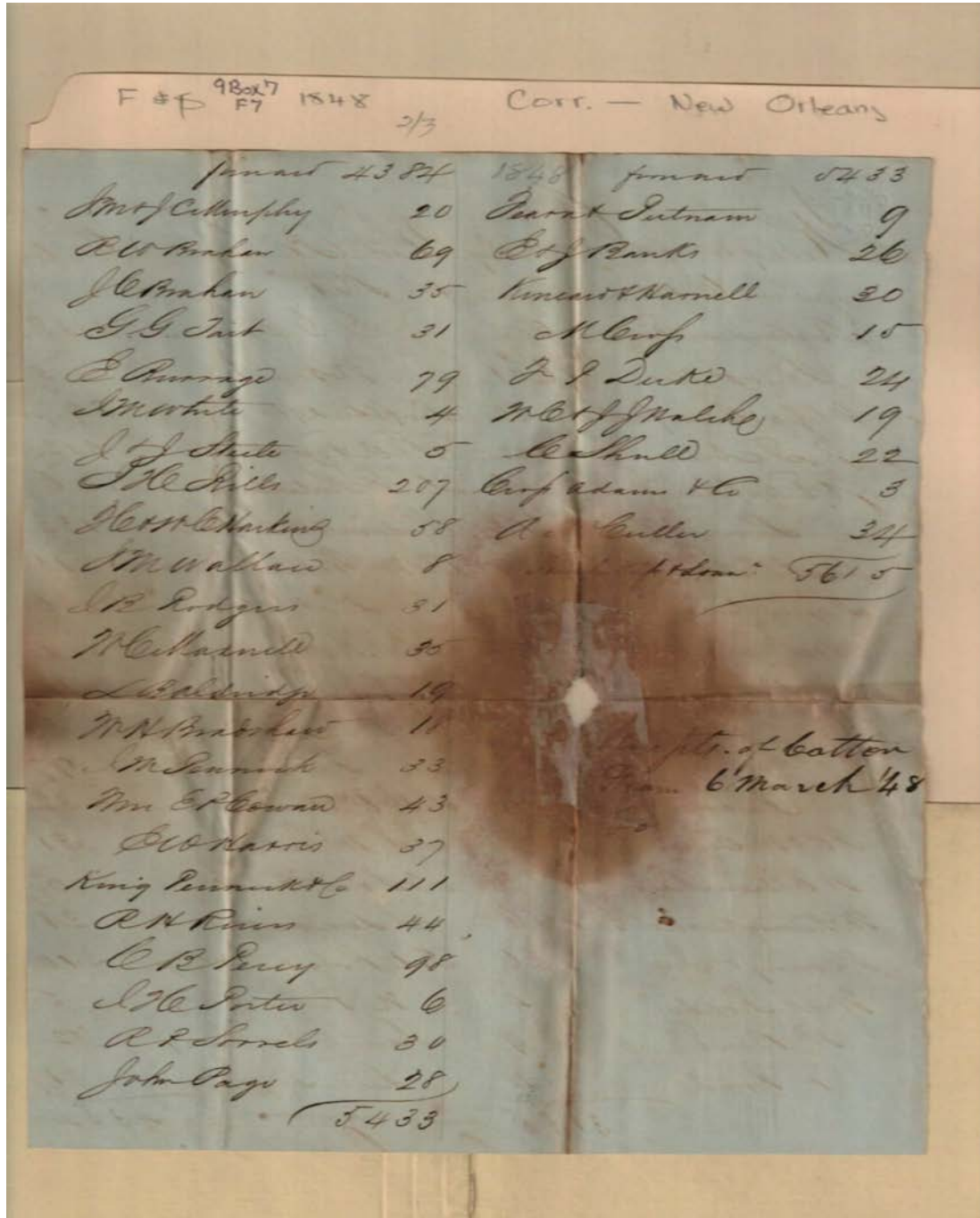
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Names:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Baldrige, L. | Duke, T. J. | Page, John | Sorrels, R. P. |
| Banks, E. & J. | Fearn & Putnam | Pennick, M. | Steele, J. & J. |
| Brahan, J. C. | Harkins, H. & W. | Percy, C. B. | Tait, G. G. |
| Brahan, R. W. | Harris, E. & O. | Porter, J. H. | Wallace, J. M. |
| Burrage, E. | Kincaid & Harnell | Rills, J. H. | Walsh, W. C. & J. J. |
| Cowan, E. P., Mrs. | King, Pennick & Co. | Rison, R. H. | White, J. M. |
| Cross, Adams & Co. | Maxwell, W. C. | Rodgers, J. B. | |
| Cross, M. | Murphy, J. M. & J. C. | Shull, C. | |

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:
receipt

Dates:
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Bales of cotton

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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Dates:

March 6-April 18,
1848

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Alabama

| Account | Balance | Account | Balance |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------|
| J. Helms | 27 | Gorman | 879 308 |
| J. G. Jordan | 21 | Mary Lanier | 20 26 |
| W. Harkins | 118 | R. Jamar | 31 |
| R. Wilson | 161 | Vassar Coleman Vassar | 123 36 |
| S. L. Jones | 9 | R. Hine & Co. | 34 |
| H. C. Townsend | 14 | Jordan & Erskine | 16 |
| W. H. Childress | 10 | J. Giles | 23 |
| A. Chouy | 1 | W. H. Bradle | 25 |
| W. Scroggs | 1 | A. Bransford | 48 |
| Ed. W. Brandon | 108 | A. Henry | 110 |
| Ed. W. Brandon | 108 | A. Hewlett | 26 |
| Ed. W. Brandon | 108 | J. Fennell | 85 |
| D. R. Craig | 23 | A. G. Lowry | 81 |
| Joel Childress | 11 | J. R. Crutcher | 20 |
| John Weightman | 63 | Asa Cobb | 4 |
| | 879 308 | A. Cobb | 22 |
| | | Carmack | 10 |
| | | W. H. Mattox & Co. | 18 |
| | | Jas. Lanman | 11 |
| | | J. Wildbohn | 89 |
| | | J. R. Hine & Co. | 21 |
| | | | 1166 897 |

Alabama Cotton

Names:

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brandon, E. & W. | Crutcher, | Hine, R. & Co. | Scruggs, J. W. |
| Bransford, A. | Fearn & Erskine | Hutchings, estate | Sturdivant, N. A. & Co. |
| Bradle, Thomas | Fearn, Donegan & Co. | Jamar, R. | Townsend, J. E. |
| Carmack, C. | Fennell, I. | Jones, S. J. | Townsend, P. |
| Childress, Joel | Giles, J. | Jordan, J. G. | Townsend, S. C. |
| Cobb, A. | Harkins, M. & J. | Lanier, Mary | Vassar, Coleman & Vassar |
| Cobb, Asa | Helms, J. S. | Lanman, James | Weightman, John |
| Cockrell, G. S., estate | Henry, A. G. | Lowry, F. C., guardian | Wildbohn, J. |
| Cockrill, S. R. | Henry, H. | Mastin, John | Wilson & Gorman |
| Coffee, John, estate | Hewlett, T. H. | Mattox, T. R. & Co. | |
| Craig, D. R. | | | |

Wilson, B.

Young, W.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

receipt

receipts

Dates:

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F # ^{98Box 7} F7 1848 2/3 Corr. - New Orleans

| Number | Name | Number | Name |
|--------|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| 1166 | W G Smith | 1385 | Jordan |
| 10 | King & Caldwell | 2225 | Yorkland |
| 157 | S Ewing | 132 | H B Binford |
| 62 | R Fearn Admr. | 78 | W H Farnow |
| 53 | M A Robertson | 55 | A C & N A Austin |
| 149 | G P Beirne | 40 | M R Hampton |
| 67 | Edw. Hollowell & Carr | 27 | J G Barton |
| 50 | I F Lightfoot | 153 | J M Husen |
| 77 | E M Swoope | 84 | M Washington |
| 150 | Clay Insdant | 52 | Bains |
| 47 | A M Embert | 91 | Berhart |
| 120 | A Eason | 47 | Coffee |
| 18 | Davidson | 120 | Patton & Barker |
| 36 | W Sanford | 18 | Robertson |
| 22 | E Welborne | 36 | Sanford |
| 55 | Dean & Craig | 22 | Smith |
| 50 | Fackler & Miller | 55 | Swoope |
| 50 | W Routt Jr | 50 | Turner |
| 54 | H W Hartnong | 54 | Van Husen |
| 67 | Hull & Snodgrass | 67 | Washington |
| 25 | J & S C Hammond | 260 | Welborne |
| 106 | Patton & Barker | 13 | Yarbrough |
| 28 | Jenkins & Haraway | 28 | Brady & Baxter |
| 1385 | | 2028 | |
| 2225 | | 3217 | |

Alabama Cotton

Names:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Austin, A. C. & N. A. | Crutcher, R. W. | Fearn, R., admr. | Patton & Barker |
| Bains, | Davidson, | Hall & Snodgrass | Roberetson, W. H. |
| Barton, J. G. | Dean & Craig | Hammond, | Routt, W., Jr. |
| Beirne, G. P. | Drake, | Hammond, F. & J. C. | Sanford, W. |
| Berhart, | Dunn, Grey | P. | Smith, W. G. |
| Binford, H. A. | Eason, A. | Hampton, M. R. | Swoope, E. M. |
| Brady & Baxter | Echols, Hollowell & | Jenkins & Haraway | Turner, W. H. |
| Cam & Rogers | Carr | Jordan, Eliza | Van Husen, J. |
| Chandler, | Ewing & Beirne | King & Caldwell | Washington, M. |
| Clay, C. C. | Ewing, S. S. | Kirkland, John | Welborne, E. |
| Coffee, | Fackler & Miller | Lightfoot, I. F. | Yarbrough, H. M. |

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

receipt

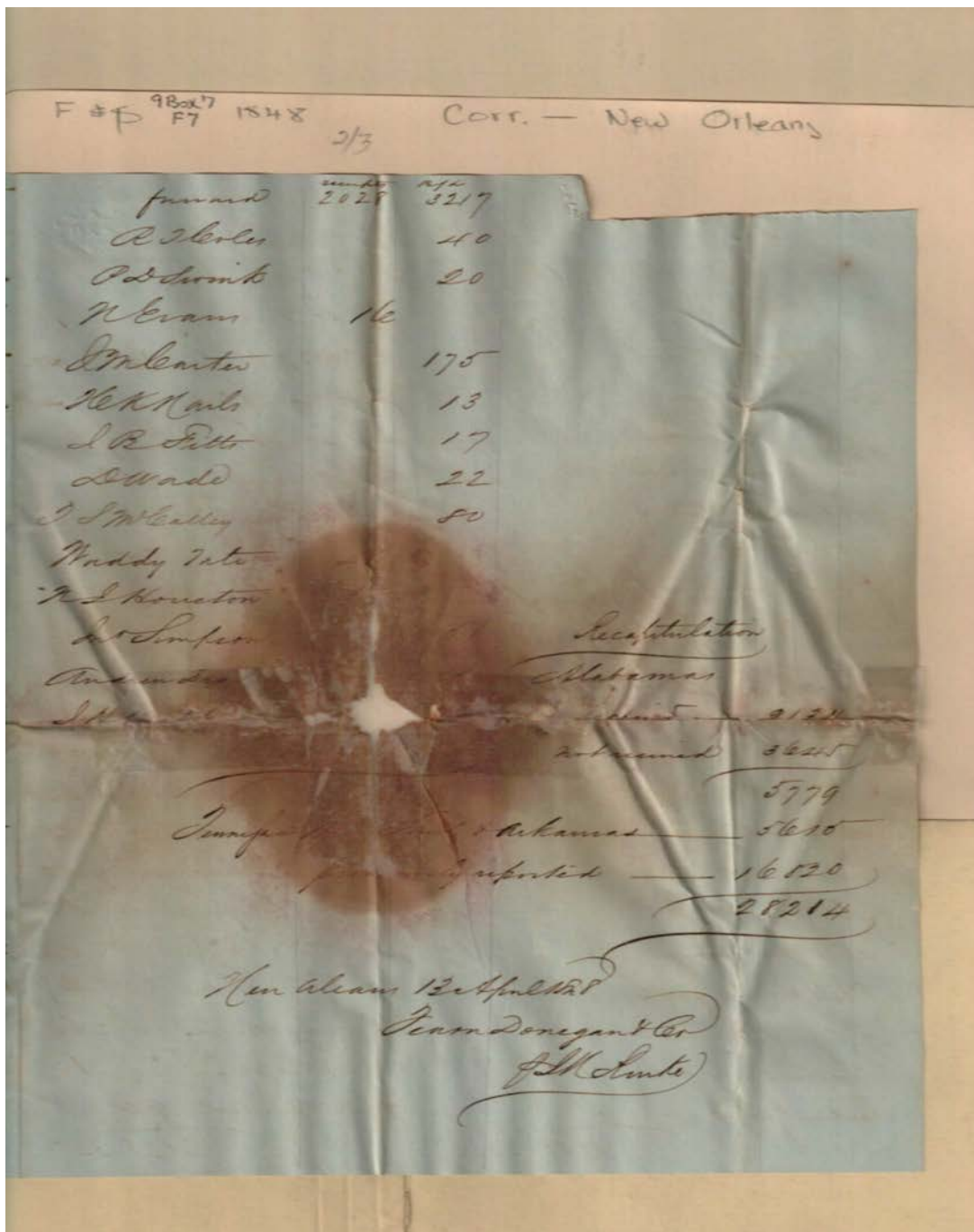
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Alabama Cotton

Names:

Carter, J. M.
Coles, R. T.
Evans, N.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.
Fitts, J. B.
Houston, N. S.

McCalley, T. S.
Nails, H. K.
Simpson, John
Swink, P. D.

Tate, Waddy
Wade, D.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

receipt

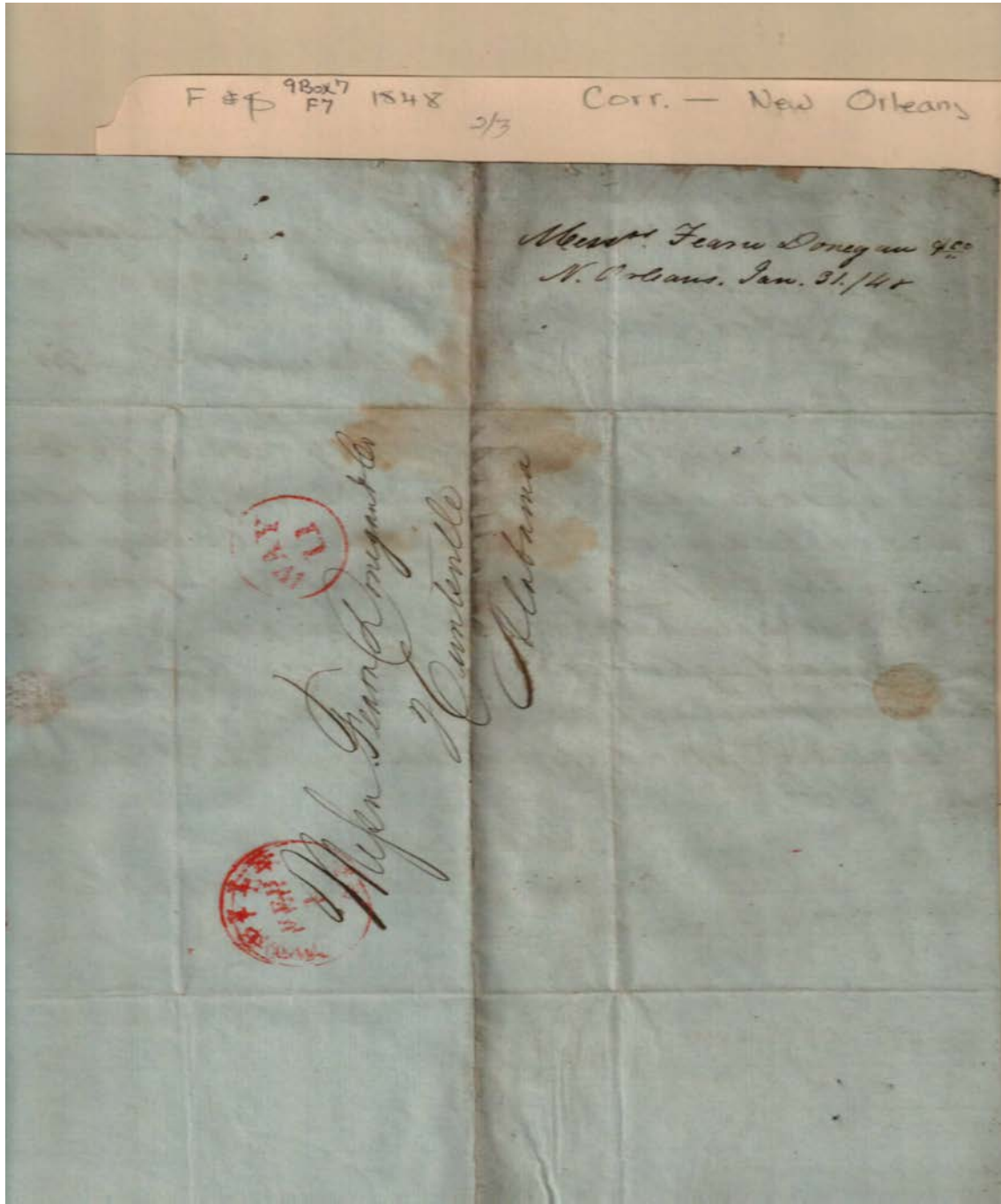
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Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

Jan 31, 1848

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May mail
New Orleans
Corr. - New Orleans

Miss Allen 31st Jan 1848
Messrs Fearn & Donegan & Co
Messrs

We had this pleasure on the 29th inst
and have not received any of yours since.
Today we accepted an offer of 7th round for our
lot of 1065 bales, and think it very well sold.
We have had it on the market for ten days and
this is the highest offer we have had upon it.
We were afraid to hold longer for fear that the
demand might cease, and prices reach.
We are putting out another lot of about the
same size, and if we can get the same price
will sell.

Yours truly
Fearn & Donegan & Co

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

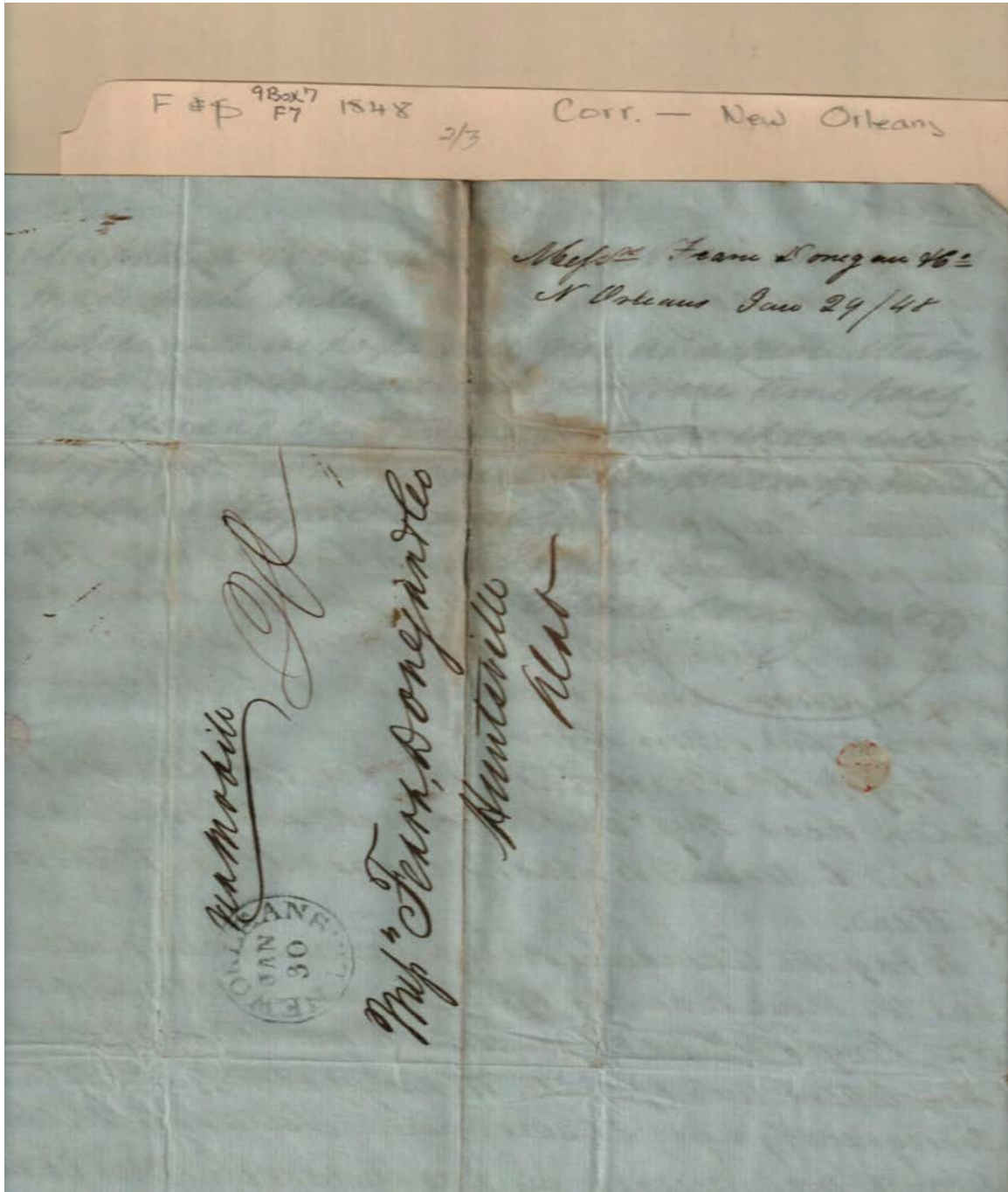
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Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

Jan 29, 1848

Mail
New Orleans 29th Jan'y 1848.
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co.
Dear Sirs
I recd your letter on the 28th inst and had
had of your favour to reply to.
An enclosure invoice of goods for Dr Breck forwarded
in the same Eclipse, to his debit in account \$92.00
also for Dr Henry & Simpson to his debit in A/c \$89.35
which please send them. We require particular attention
to the bag of Java Coffee sent Dr Breck, we think it
very superior, and have taken the balance of the lot
& bag to fill order with.
Say to Dr Breck that we have received 66 bales
Cotton Acct Messrs A. S. D. Breck, and would be
pleas'd to receive his instructions relative to the sale
of them.
To say the Cambria Accounts were received in full,
but the mail was not opened until so late an hour
that Pryor did not have time to get through with

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1848
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Corr. - New Orleans

Names:

Binford, Henry A.,
Dr.

Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Jan 29, 1848

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F 7
Corr. - New
2/3

The enclosed invoice of goods for Dr. Smith forwarded
in the name of Eclipse, to his debit in account \$92.00
also for Dr. Henry to Simpson to his debit in Ac of \$89.35
which please hand them. We give your particular attention
to the bag of Java Coffee sent Dr. Bruck, we think it
very superior, and have taken the balance of the lot
4 bags to five orders with.

Say to Dr. Bruck that we have received 66 bales
Cotton Acct. Trip. Dr. D. Bruck, and would be
pleased to receive his instructions relative to the sale
of them.

To say the Columbia Accounts were received in full,
but the mail was not opened until so late an hour
that Bryon did not have time to get through with
them letters and operate to any extent, the sale was
consequently high 2 to 3000 bales. Yesterday Wilmer
& Smith was received by private express, and carried
a very active demand resulting in sale of 1000
bales, the market closing at an advance
at which prices are firm today. On Monday the

Names:

Wilmer & Smith

Places:

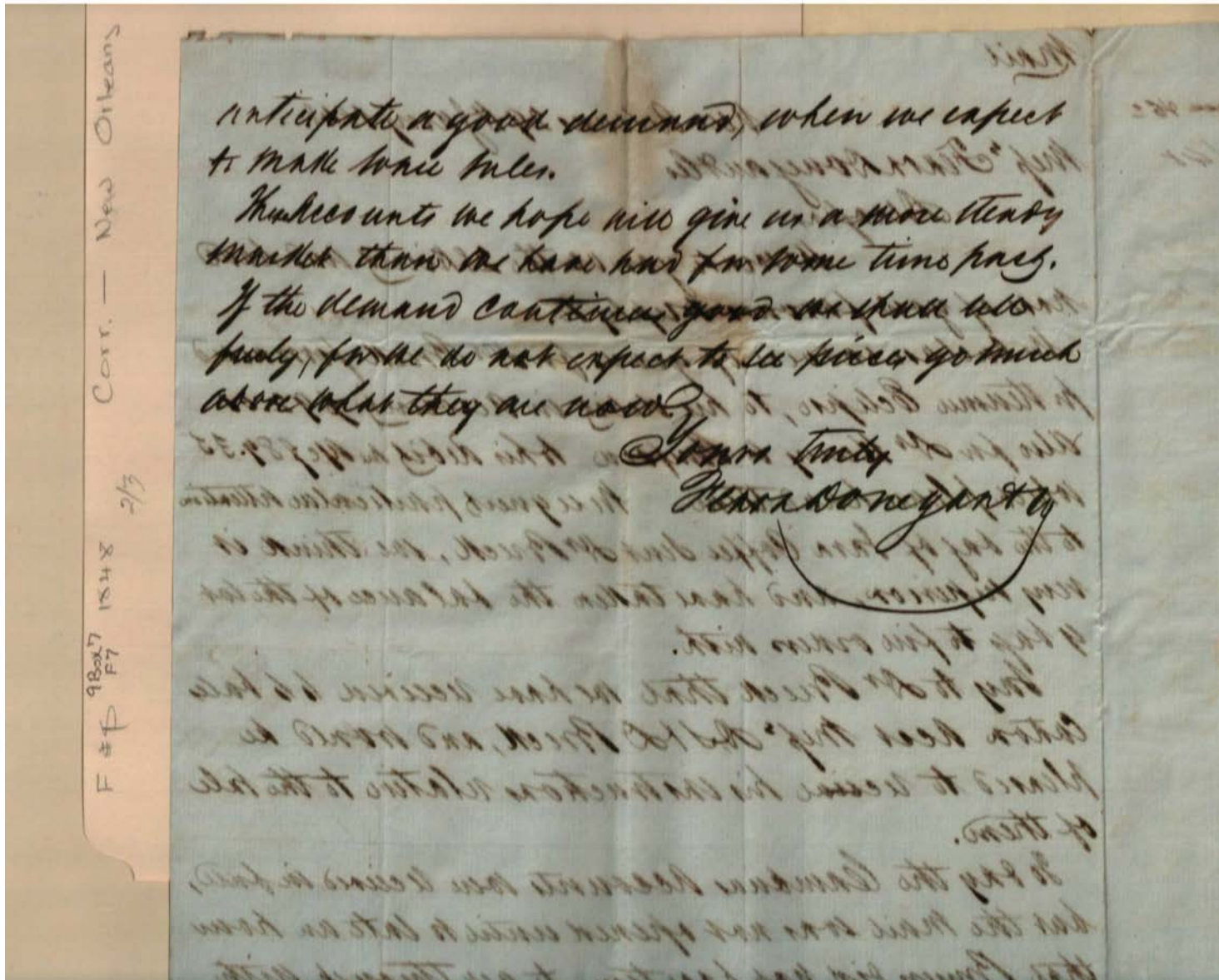
New Orleans, LA

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Dates:

Jan 29, 1848



Names:

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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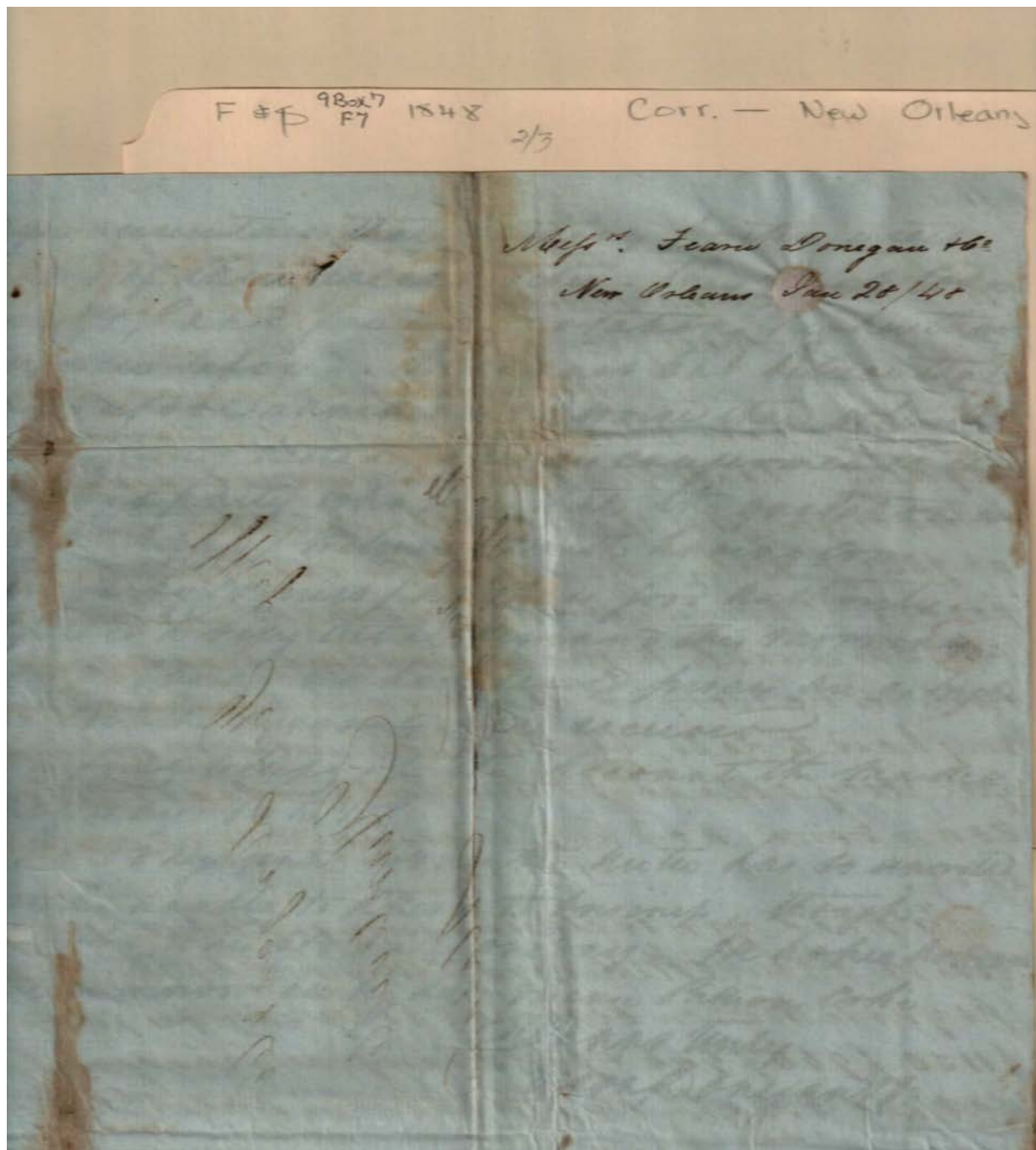
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Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

memo

Dates:

Jan 28, 1848

Mail
New Orleans 28th Jan 1848
My Dear Donegan & Co
I have the pleasure on the 23rd
inst, and have since received your two favours of 27th
& 29th inst, containing stated returns made as a matter
of course you that Alabama's cotton was assumed
at 95^{cts} per bale. None of Mr Jordan's bales to
have yet - presume it will be down on the 24th inst.
Mr Williamson to make the same arrangement
with the Watermeters that we did last year, but
very hard to do so, but without success. We shall
give every attention to Mr Jordan's cotton when it
comes down, and will make all that we can out
of it.
We had you enclosed first of Howell L. Williams
bill on Robert & Williams New York dated 12th 1848
(payable to you or order at 70 days date for 4000
4150 4960 4940 + 4850 say five thousand)

98 Box 7 F7 1848 2/3
F # P
Corr. - New Orleans

of NY

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Jordan,
Robert & Williams

Williams, Howell L.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Jan 28, 1848

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Corr. - New

My kind, certainly better nature made arranged
I have told you that Alabama's cotton was insured
at 95% for State. None of Mr Jordan's has come to
hand yet - presume it will be down on the 20th inst.
It was usual to make the same arrangement
with the Natl Insurers that we did last year, but
very hard to do so, but without success. We shall
give every attention to Mr Jordan's cotton when it
comes down, and will make all that we can out
of it.

We had you enclosed first of Howell Williams
bill on Robert Williams New York dated to pay
I pay note to you or as at 70 days date for 5000
+ 1150 + 960 + 900 + 500 say five thousand
dollars bought at 8% discount and charged to
your account at par.

We also charge you with bill of Ajars for Mr Weston
amounting to twenty six 7/10 dollars - bill enclosed.

Mr ^W Marley has received the Telegraphic despatches
containing the Cambria's Accounts, but they are so

Names:

Horton, W. W.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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Corr. - New Orleans

more uncertain that nothing positive is yet known of their real character - they report cotton down 3/8, and give the quotations higher than they were before. We cannot but believe that the Liverpool market is no worse than when the last steamer sailed, and are confirmed in that belief by a party who say that the quotations are an 1/8 higher / Wilmer & Smith having come through by express / and he is good authority. There is a very strong demand this morning and as far as we have heard prices are as high as before the accounts were received. On first receipt of the account the market gave way 1/4 to 3/8. On 5 o'clk today the market has so narrowed as to be unable to attend to business, though confined to his bed only one day. He hopes however that he is now all right - means William, Esq. Yours truly
Wm Donegan

Names:

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Wilmer & Smith

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

March 4, 1848

F # 9 Box 7 1848
F7 2/3 Corr. - New Orleans

New Orleans March 4th 1848

Mess. Fearn Donegan & Co.
Dear Sirs

We had the pleasure yesterday & acknowledged the rest, whilst we were writing, of yours of 23rd Ult. All the necessary entries are made from it & we credit W. S. for use by you with \$200 Mobile at 1/2 % dis. say \$199. His groceries will be brought of his friend S. Jones & sent by W. S. Knoxville, up for Monday next - in the mean time, if there be any thing in the writers stock which he needs, let him have it.

Delassé we had Invoices for our W. S. Donegan \$255.84 to his debit, & for the writer \$181.56 to his debit. with \$100 for same by W. S. Huntsville, care of Van Husen Downs & Co. Tusculumbia.

The demand for Cotton continued good yesterday and, notwithstanding it rained nearly all day, 5000 bales are reported as having been sold at stiffer prices say 1/2 % advances. This advantage was gained by less pressing on the market. The more ready having relieved themselves in the early part of the week. We look with anxiety to the completion of the next acct. now due from England.

P.S. Acknowledge to G. P. }
Beirne Esq. recd. of his fav^r } Yours truly
of 17th Ult. & say his requests shall } Fearn Donegan & Co.
have attention. J. D. & Co.

of Tusculumbia

Names:

Beirne, G. P.
Cruse, S.

Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Jones, S.
Van Husen, J. & Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

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Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

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F # F Corr. — New Orleans

New Orleans March 3^d 1848

Messrs. Fearn Donegan & Co.

Dear Sir

We wrote you on the 1st Inst. and are since in rec^t. of yours of 19th ult. with enclo- sure of Mrs. Sanders bill \$1049.21. placed to your credit. The bill of D. C. Humphries should be sent down — our mutual reliance on each other was found to be led to several omissions. — Yours are also credited by W. L. Bonson \$1210. — Wm G. Smith has sent us no Rpt. except the one for 30 bales enclosed by you — It would be well to enquire of A. G. Henry about his shipments — We are sending goods by the Huntsville which left yesterday for Patton Donegan & Co. Patton, C. S. Cabaniss, L. J. Donegan, J. Henry, & R. B. Harris of Huntsville, besides for other parts of the valley — The invoicing will be forwarded with Rpt.

The Huntsville brought us 220 bales Cotton — of L. W. Scruggs, various marks, 131 — Fearn & Co. 72 — R. Brutcher 92 — The Knoxville arrived yesterday with 293 for us. — Some difficulties are presented in Cotton shipped by Hayes & Co. who re- shipped, the steam boat sometimes giving Rpt for the Cotton in bad order, & yet pays the whole lightening charges, thus leaving no margin for us here, & leaving us to go back on Hayes & Co. who have

Names:

Cabaniss, C. S.
Donegan, J. J.
Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Fearn, T.
Harris, R. B.
Hayes & Co.
Henry, A. G.

Humphries, D. C.
Patton, Donegan &
Co.
Scruggs, J. W.

Smith, William G.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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Dates:

March 3, 1848

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F7

No assets here. This is wrong, & if persecuted
we ought to throw them out of business.
I inform Dr. Watkins, that Mr. W. H. Pope who
is now here has drawn on us at 8 Mos. for \$2950
which we have accepted on his Dr. W. & Co. I suppose
it is right. He limits for his cotton not to be paid.
Sales Cotton yesterday reported at 9000 bales,
prices rather stiffer — but no quotable difference.
At this moment we are put in possession
of your favor of 23rd Inst. and note contents.
Mr. Bruce's groceries shall go by the Knoxville.
We'll send you more funds whenever we make
another good sale unless the demands upon
us are heavier than we anticipate. But the
contingent demands here are pretty large.

Very truly yours,
Fearn Donegan & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Pope, W. H.
Watkins, Dr.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

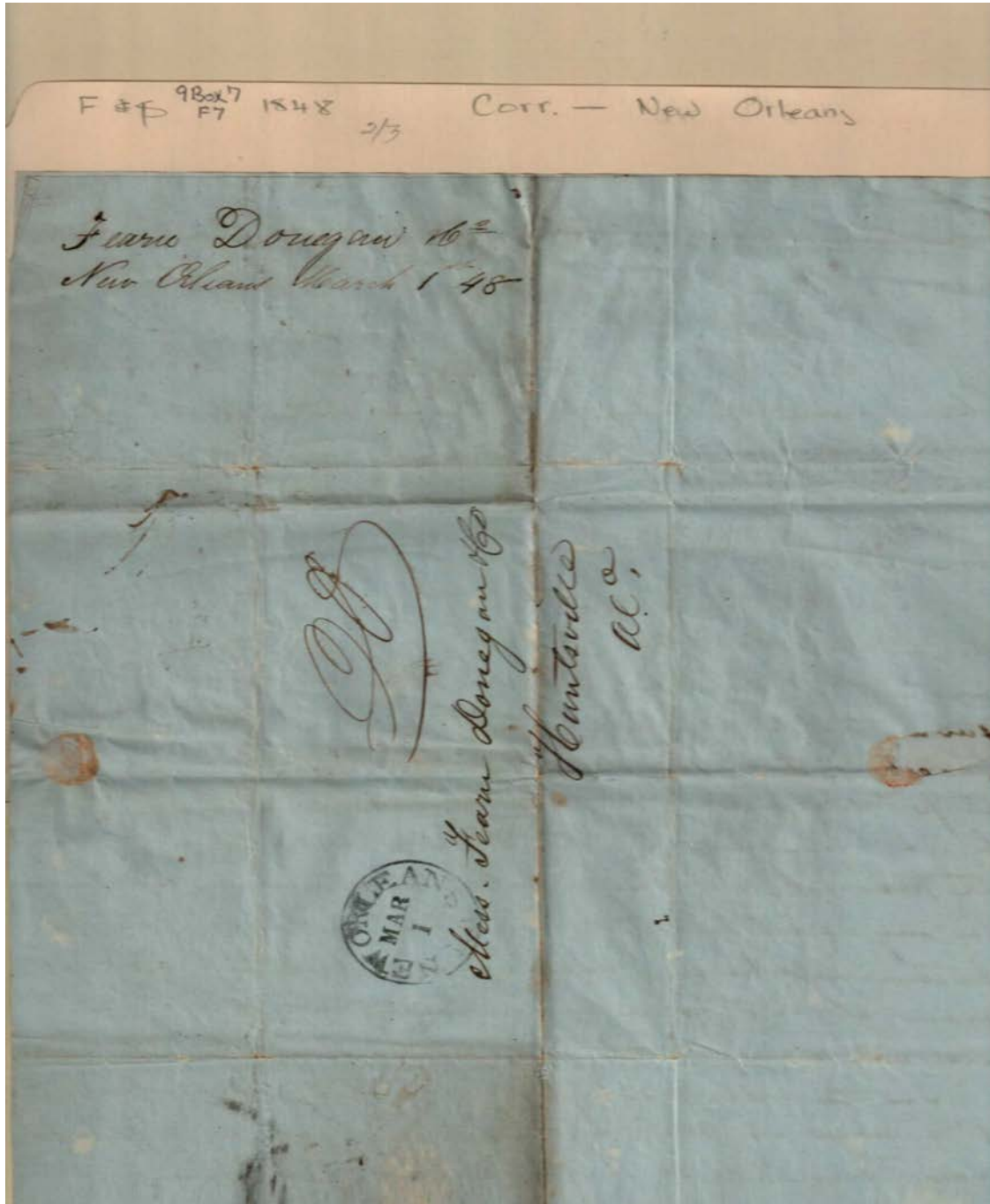
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Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

March 1, 1848

F # F 98 Box 7 F7 1848 2/3 Corr. - New Orleans

Mail
New Orleans March 1st 1848

Messrs. Fearn Donegan & Co
L^{rs} Sirs

We wrote you on the 26th Ult. & have none of yours for? Since date of 14th which we presume is owing to high waters, & we learn there has been much rain above, when the way is opened, we hope to hear of much cotton on the way.

The cotton market continued active on Saturday, sales 8000 bales, at previous prices - The demand was not so good on Monday & a concession was submitted to, which brought forward buyers & sales 5000 bales that day & 8000 yesterday were effected at 1/2^o decline - Indeed middling is reported to have been bought at 6 1/2^o. We are not offering at present, but shall hold ourselves in readiness for any of them out. Receipts are large & stocks becoming heavy, and we fear without good activity from abroad, prices may rule low. The French are not now in the market.

In the list of 1365 bales reported in our last at 6 1/2^o, were of Ala. J. Wightman 9. W. M. Griffin 30 Sam. Greenhill 51. B. Wilson 51. & J. S. Helms 5 - all of whom have been advised by us.

The str. Eclipse is in the Cal. } Very truly Yours
barré & it is difficult to get }
another boat in the trade. }
Fearn Donegan & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Greenhill, Samuel
Griffin, W. M.

Helms, J. S.
Wightman, John

Wilson, B.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

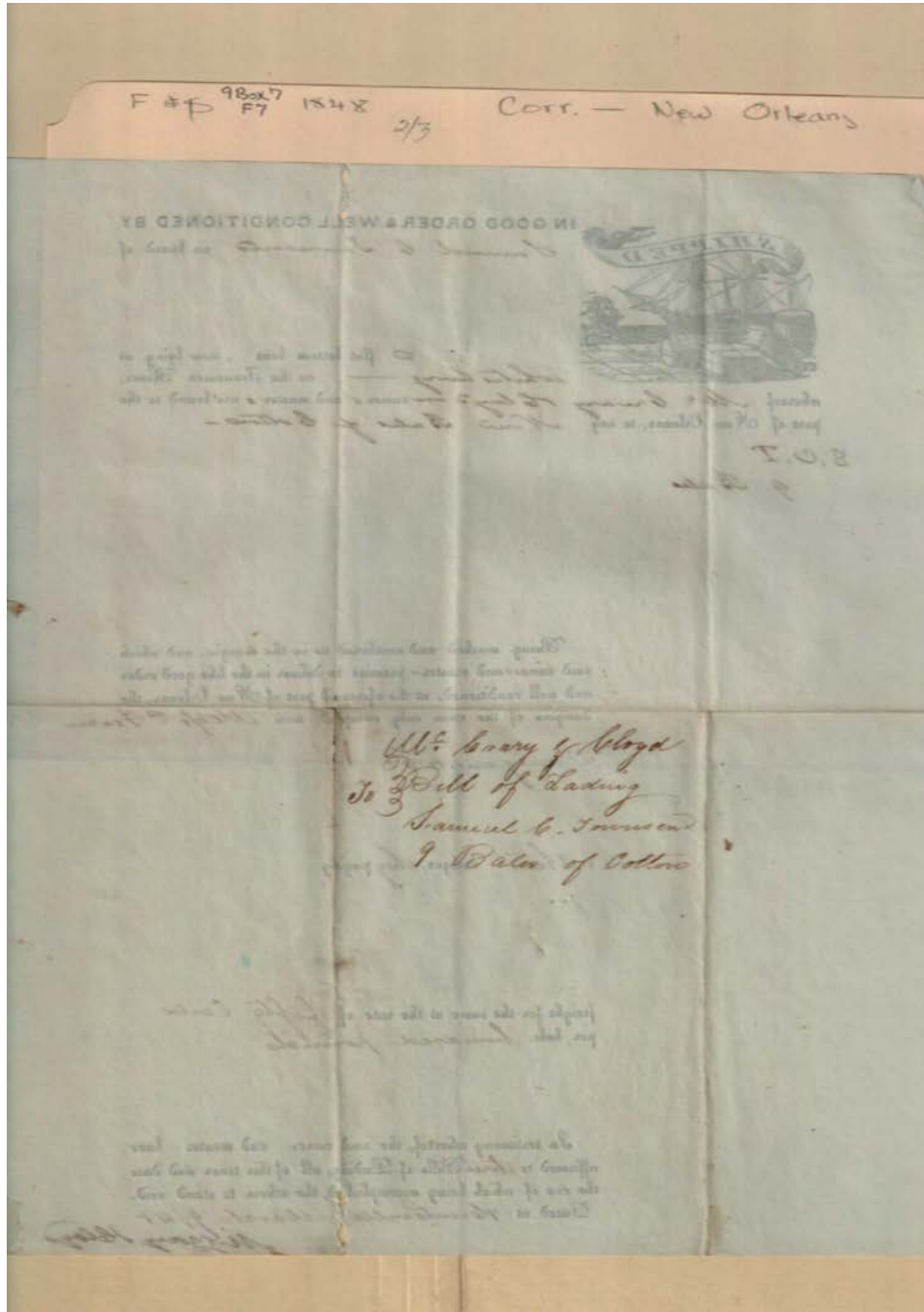
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McCrary & Cloyd

Townsend, Samuel C.

Places:

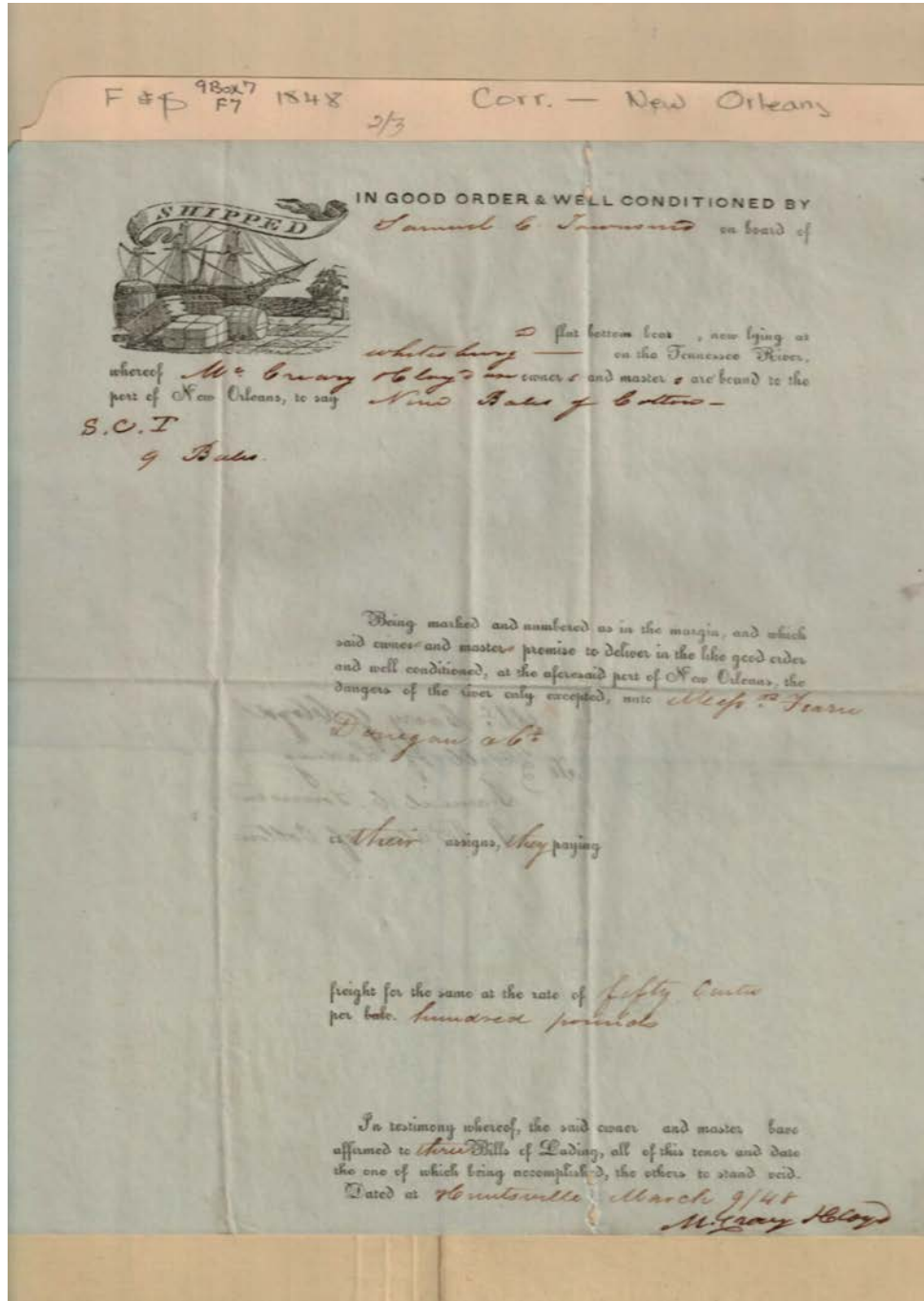
Huntsville, AL

Types:

bill of lading

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Names:

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

McCrary & Cloyd
Townsend, Samuel C.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

bill of lading

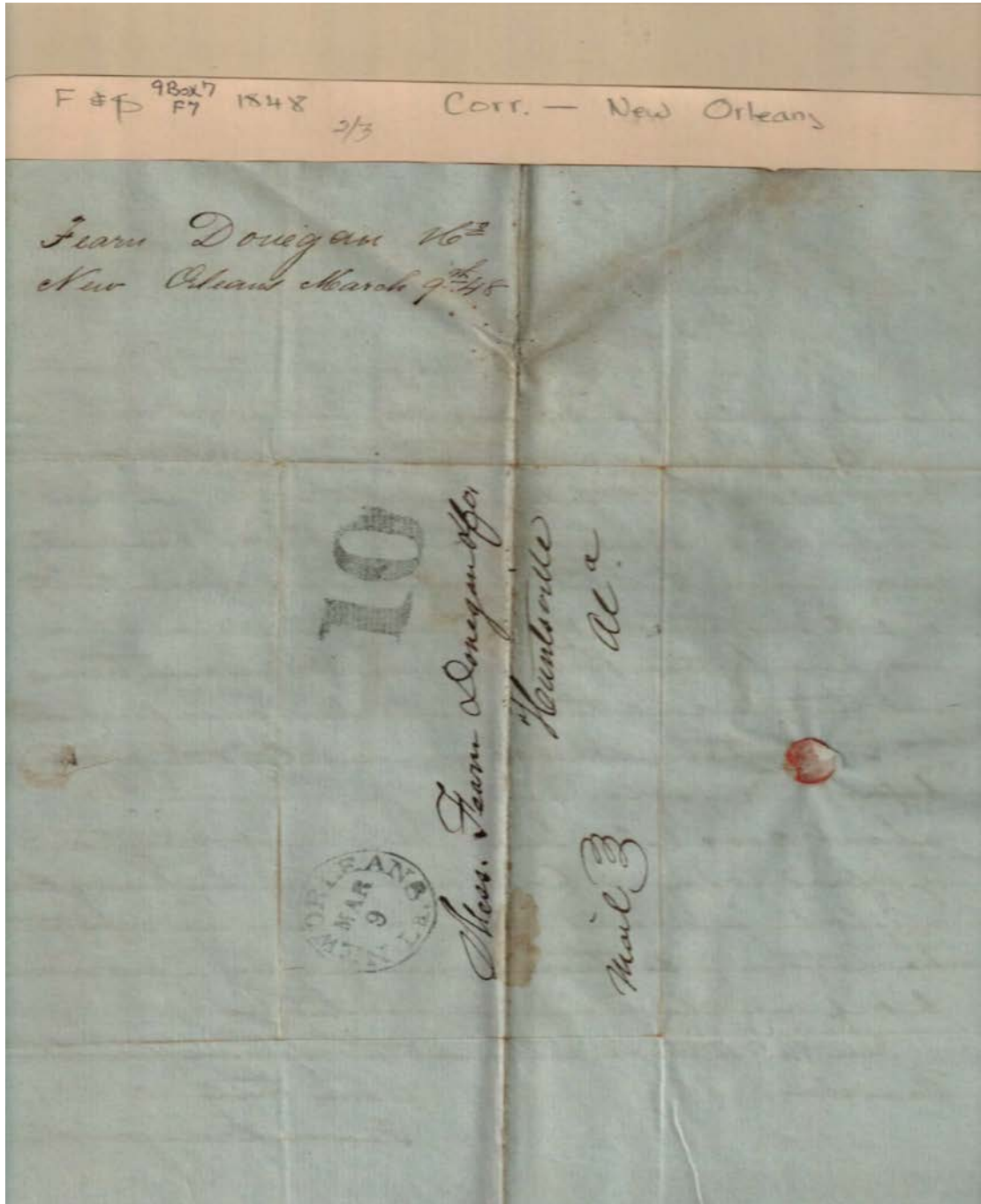
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Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

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New Orleans March 9th 1848

Mess. Fearn Donegan & Co.
D^r Sir

We wrote you on the 7th and have not any of y^r. fav^r. sales - presume they are water bound Yesterday we had an active Cotton Market & 10-15,000 bales more sold at full prices 6¹/₂ to 7¹/₂ for mid: to good mid: It was suspected at first & then pretty well known, that later foreign news was in the city and it was thought the Commodore Steamers news was here, by the "Pony express." It however turns out that 3 days later a steamer had come forward fr^m. St. Martin, arrived at Cat Island the night before. We sold nothing; but have a list of about 2000 bales, barely mid: out & may take 7¹/₂ if offered today. Is hold longer, with our heavy stock might be indiscreet. The next news we expect to be better - so do others, & prices may be in accordance but if we should be disappointed!

Our M^r. Atwood returned this morning from Sa-
Fancher

Yours truly
Fearn Donegan & Co.

Names:

Atwood,

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

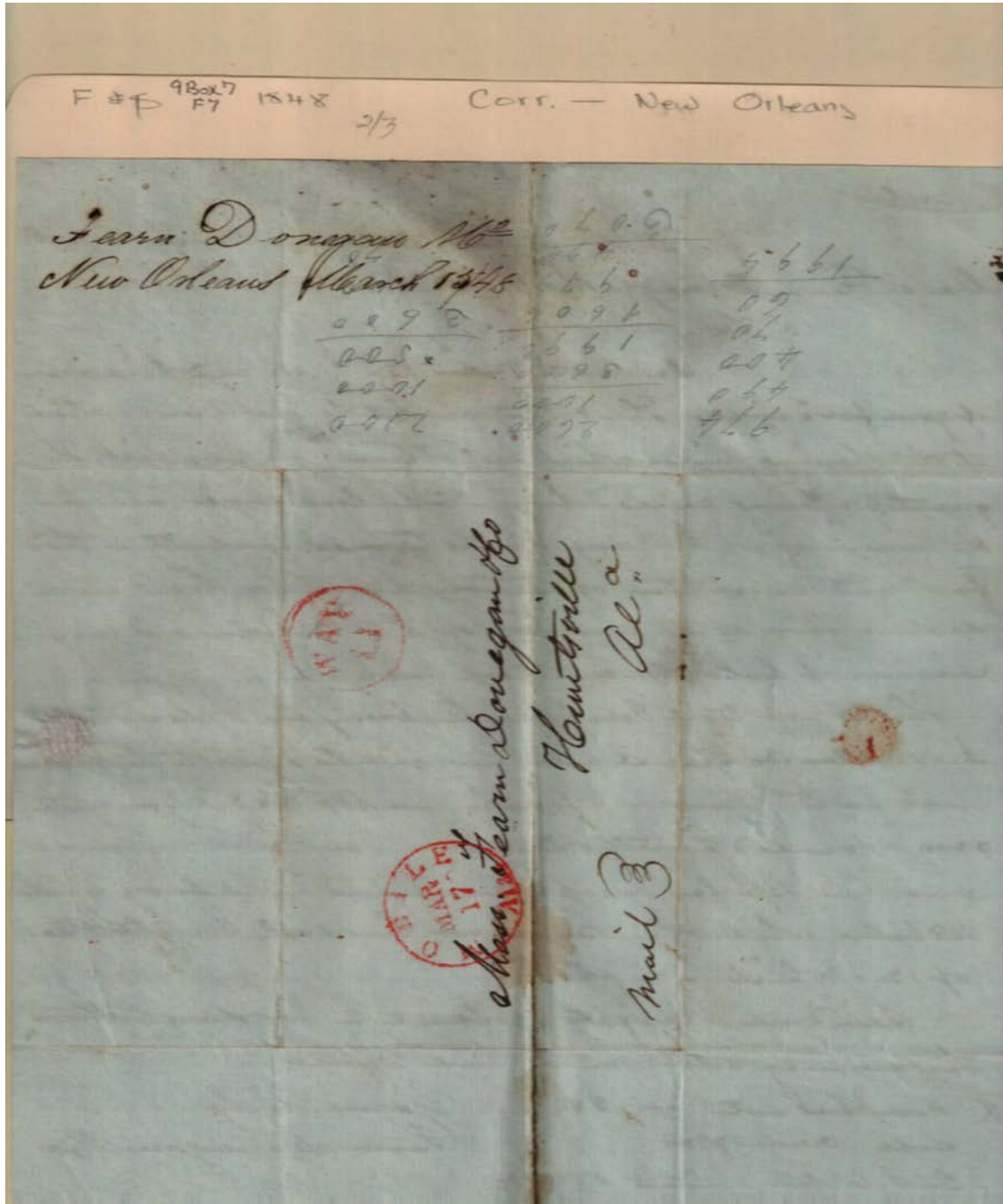
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(Mail)

New Orleans March 15th 1848

Messrs. Fearn Donegan & Co.
Sirs

We wrote you 13th Inst. and have none of your fav^r since. The cotton market has not been sustained at the opening prices which we obtained for our list, the quantity offering caused buyers to be less eager, and after the morning of that day prices turned decidedly in their fav^r and since their operations have been light at a decline from what we got of 1/4th. We believe it may recover if holders can keep back. -

The debt of D. C. Humphries has been paid & placed to C. L. W. Allen. & special attention will be given to the amount for D. Moore & family. - We credit you with \$200 advanced Garrett & Davis. - You have made an error in Bill for Joseph Bransford - The body is filled 48 bales, whilst the margin has only Wright & Co. of 12 - Which is right?

Send us Wrights of Jesse E. Jordan Cotton that we may settle with Ins^r office.

X Humphries note - 894. - Yours truly
Donegan credited \$500 Fearn, Donegan & Co.
Inst. to date 12.12 512.12
Paid by D. B. & Co. 7 371.88

advise D. Breck of the sale of 66 bales D. C. H.
Breck in our list.

Names:

Allen, J. W.
Bransford, Joseph
Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.
Garrett & Davis

Humphries, D. C.
Jordan, Jesse G.
Moore, Dr.

Places:

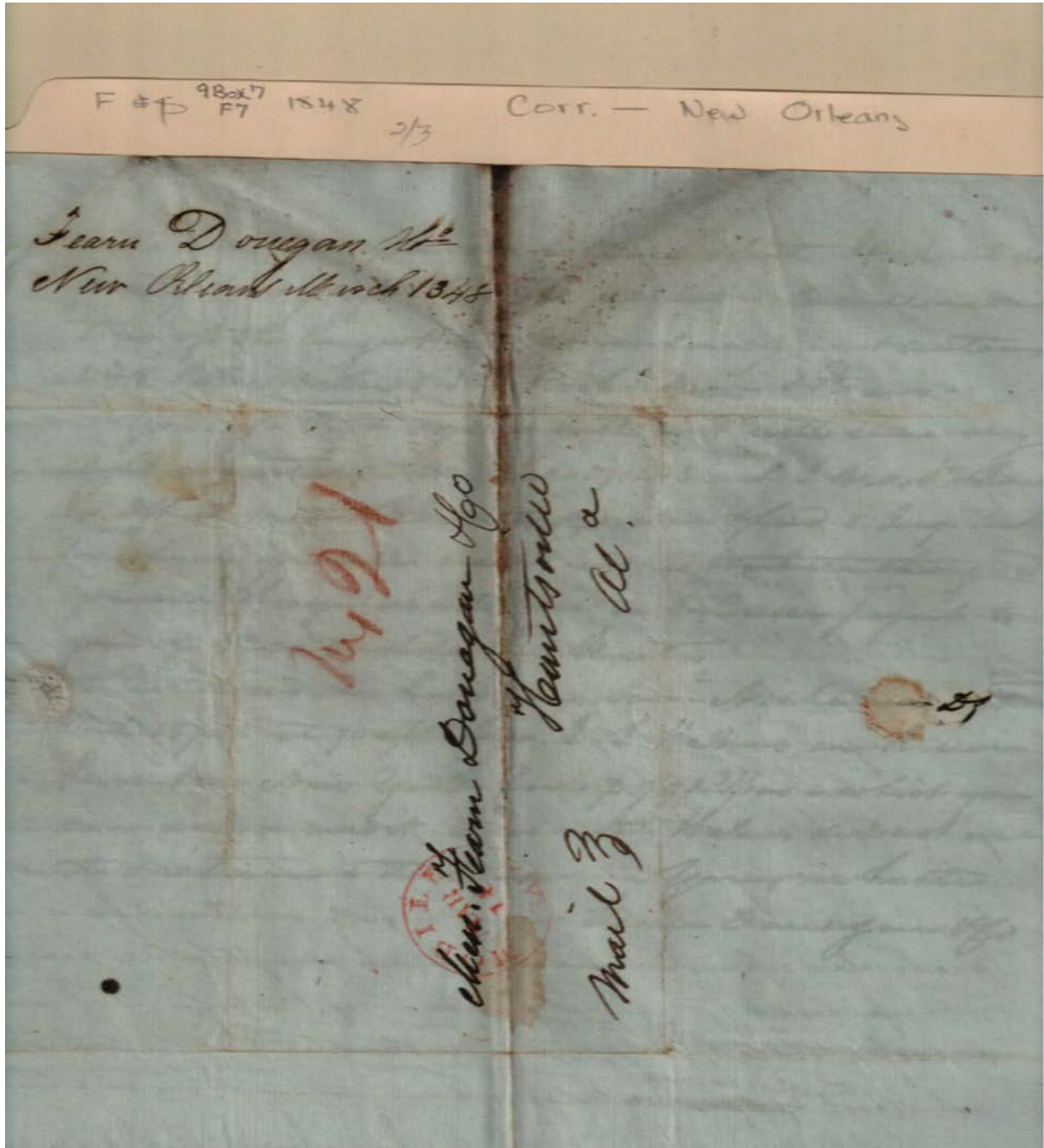
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Dates:

March 13, 1848

F # 98 Box 7 1848 2/3 Corr. - New Orleans

New Orleans March 13th 1848

Dear Fearn Donegan & Co

Sir

We write you to alert, and have sure of you for
since the date of bottom on Saturday we received up 14000 bales, at an advance
of $\frac{7}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ further advance, $\frac{1}{2}$ better than came through yesterday & today the
bottom in advance in spot of $\frac{1}{2}$ from $\frac{1}{8}$ in the better quality, is confirmed
considerable business is making, but we have not yet heard of any plan
ting. We have ventured to break ground & have just closed the sale
of our list which we wrote you was on the latter, 2006 bales, at
 $\frac{7}{8}$ ~~advance~~ which will give nearly if not quite $\frac{7}{8}$ for strictly
middling being about $\frac{1}{2}$ advance - We shall put out
another list & not pause until we have got rid of such
of our stock as is not under limit, provided prices are sustained.

Our reasoning is, that a portion of the advance has already
been anticipated; that it may not be fully sustained, for it is
predicated upon the deficiency in our receipts (which have
run up) leading to an under estimate of the crop. We know
can as confidently have written from this side that the crop will
not about ~~22,000,000~~ ^{22,000,000} below, and our estimate is still 100,000
or more, above this - Again we have heavy stocks here
and although money is abundant here, it is tight with
us may become more so here. On the whole, we are
well pleased with our sale & would be glad to repeat it
and risk the consequences.

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We enclose to you our balance sheet. It shows some pretty heavy a/c^s but the present sale will reduce two of the largest very considerably, as it contains \$498. Peter Miller & S^r Richardson & Fearn.

Your a/c^s quite agrees with ours with some very slight corrections. We paid \$74.43 amt. I. M. & S. Hall's Dr. aft. on Martin Pleasants & Co. due & paid 5. Aug. last. for which you will credit us. ~~We have changed~~ you will charge us with dis. on the Cruesey payment to you of \$1000 in whole Bank notes.

Enclosed we hand you Sam^l Nicholson's Dr. Feb. 18/48 at 70 d/pt^r fav. I. S. Helms on Brewer Bros. & Co. New York for \$791²/₁₀₀ - which you can use & credit to us - Dr. Helms did not use it & returned it to us. Yours in haste
Fearn Donegan & Co.

of NY

Names:

Brown Bros. & Co.
Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Helms, Dr.
Martin, Pleasants &
Co.

Miller, Pitson
Nicholson, Samuel
Richardson & Fearn

Wells, J.

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New Orleans, LA

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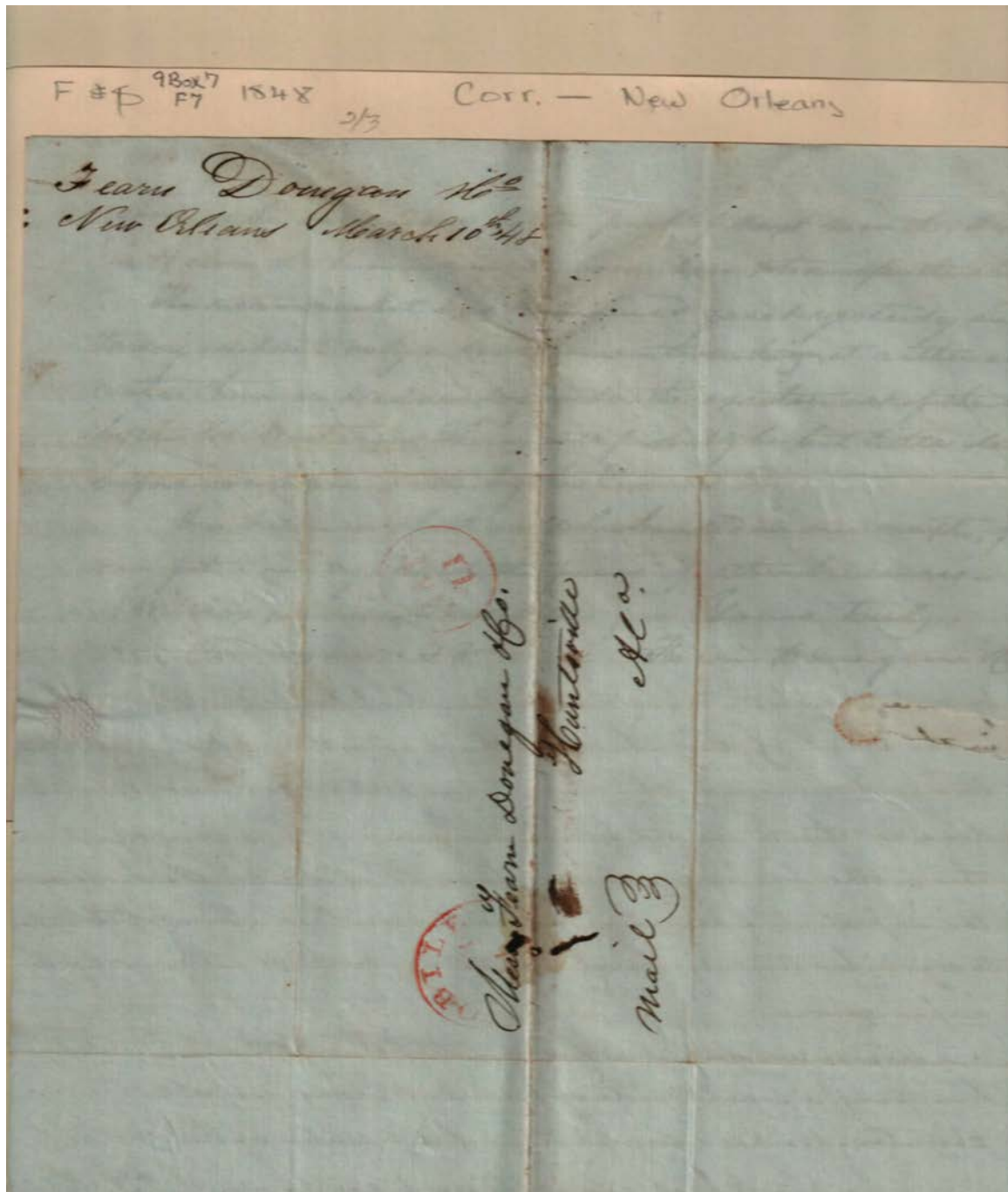
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F # P 9827 P7 1848 2/3 Corr. — New Orleans

New Orleans on board 10th 1848

Dear Sir,

We wrote you yesterday and are not aware of your four notes. It is to be understood with you on the subject of the business? A draft of \$2500, endorsed by W. H. Pope & Meredith Calhoun, at 10 days from July 27/47 was presented for acceptance the other day; it refused. If there has been any understanding about it, we have know nothing of it.

Have you done any thing with Hamilton & Johnson's note? Would it not be well to take measures at once to have it secured? or closed by note, if no better can be done; after which less difficulty will occur in the event of suit. But we think after closing the draft by note stringent measures should be taken, unless secured. The writer does not think our old friend Morgan, will be a good agent in this or other business you may have at Nashville. He has become too important a personage in the more serious affairs of the nation to waste his time on frivolous matters - our last interview left the impression.

We mentioned in one of late letters that we had declined honoring a small note of Banks & Green payable at our counter. We have since notice of a number of their notes.

Mr. Lockhart requests us to say to our M. D. that he expects to leave here earlier than usual this season & wishes L. J. & D. to send a statement of their business down

Topics:

L. F. &

D.

Names:

Banks & Green

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Lockhart,
Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Morgan,
Pope, W. H.

Breck, Dr.

Calhoun, Meredith

Hamilton & Johnson

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soon, as he may leave latter part of next month. His object is to close the business in the books here & transfer the whole there.

The cotton market has remained quiet yesterday and today, sales to only a small amount ~~nothing~~, at rather easier rates than on Wednesday, under the excitement of the news by the Lt. Western. There will probably be but little sale before we have news by the Cunard Str.

Our balance sheet will be handed in our next, if we can get it ready amid the press of other business.

(Willcox promises to call on us) Yours truly,
J. F. Fearn & Donegan & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Willcox,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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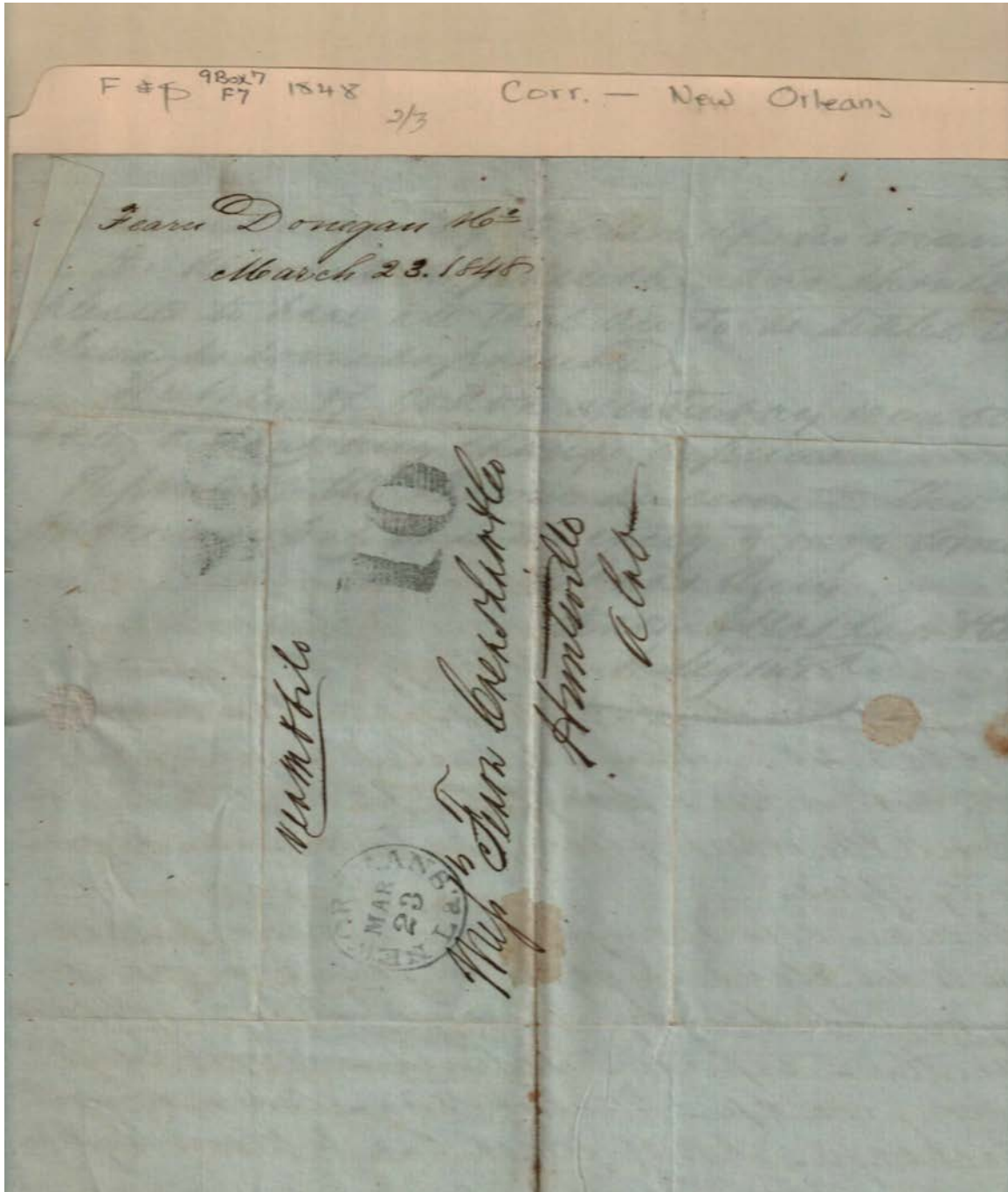
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New Orleans 23rd Mch 1848.

My dear Mr. Fearn

As I have collected from Mr. Richardson & Fearn, a balance of fifty dollars, now standing to the credit of your account on your books - charge as with it.

There are the three following accounts standing open here, which had better be transferred, if you had not already made some statement of the account viz J. H. & W. Scruggs Dr \$1355.46
 Scruggs & Bro. Dr \$49.70. John W. Scruggs & Co. Dr \$856.48. There is a small amount of \$5.17 at the credit of Geo A. Longley + \$7.12 to G. B. & J. H. Merrill & Co. which please pay them if an opportunity offers.

There are also many accounts, which I should like to see closed if you can do so conveniently, they are J. H. Longley, - Putney - Granting House

in your books

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Names:

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Douglas, George A. | Halsey, | Richardson & Fearn | Scruggs, John W. & |
| Fearn, Donegan & | Longley, J. R. | Scruggs & Bro. | Co. |
| Co. | Merrill & Co. | Scruggs, J. W. & J. H. | |

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Corr. - New

do have, now handing to the debit of Suspense
Account on your books - charge us with it.
Here are the three following accounts, standing
open here, which had better be transferred, if you
have not already made some statement of the
Account viz J. H. & W. Scruggs Dr \$1355.46
Scruggs & Son Dr \$497.00. John W. Scruggs & Co
Dr \$856.48. There is a small amount \$5.17
at the credit of Geo A. Douglass + \$7.12 to Cr B & T H
Merrill & Co which please pay them if an opport-
-unity offers.
There are also many Accounts ^{on your books} which we should
like to see closed if you can do so conveniently,
they are L. H. Longley - Putney - Cranting House
Furniture - expense - Interest - Profit & Loss -
Campion & Co - Merchandise - Cotton Accounts
& Exchange - all of which can be closed by tran-
-sfer to us here. There are also many small accts
with Parties, with whom J & W have A/c's
also, and with your orders here would be transferred

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Co.

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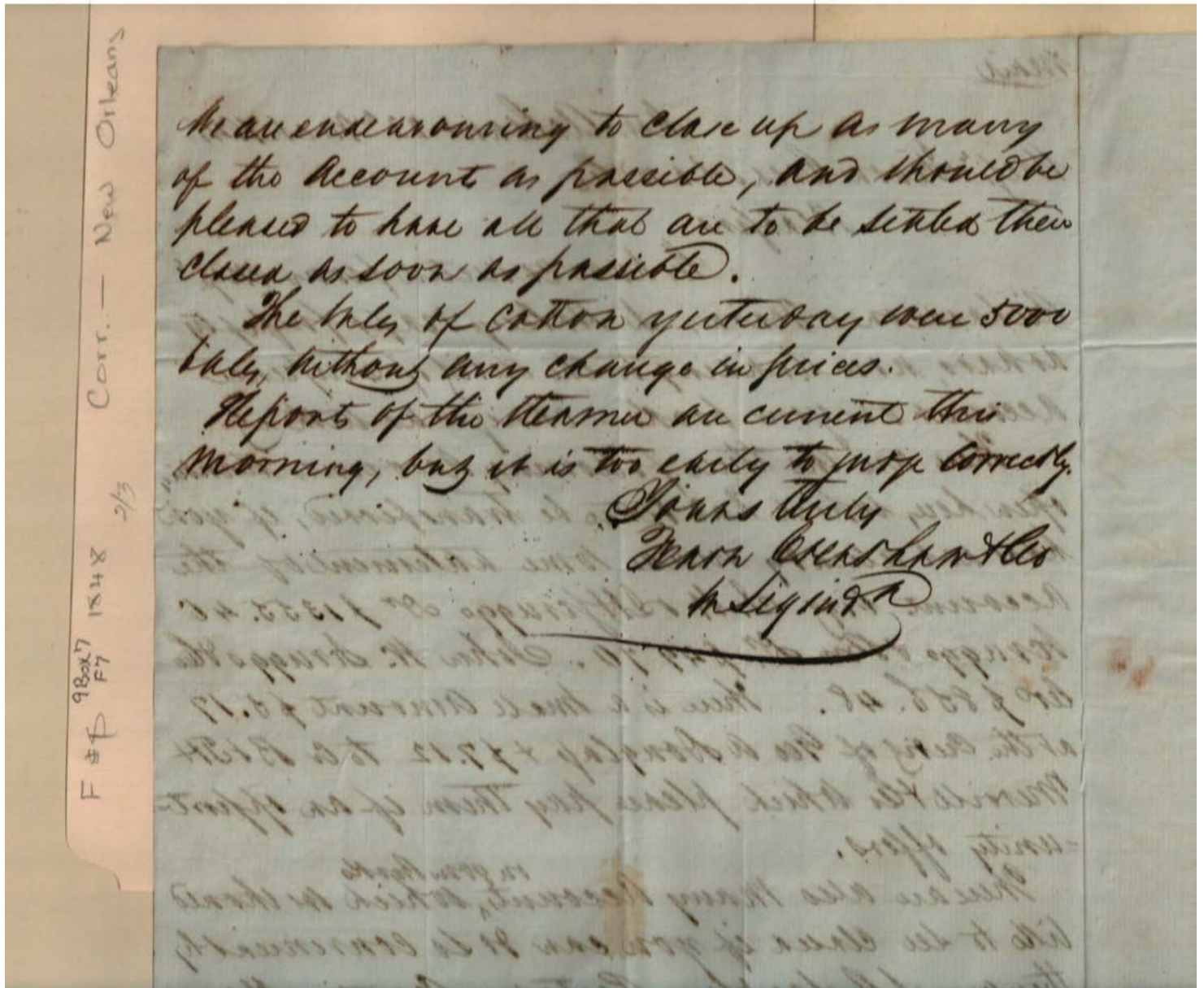
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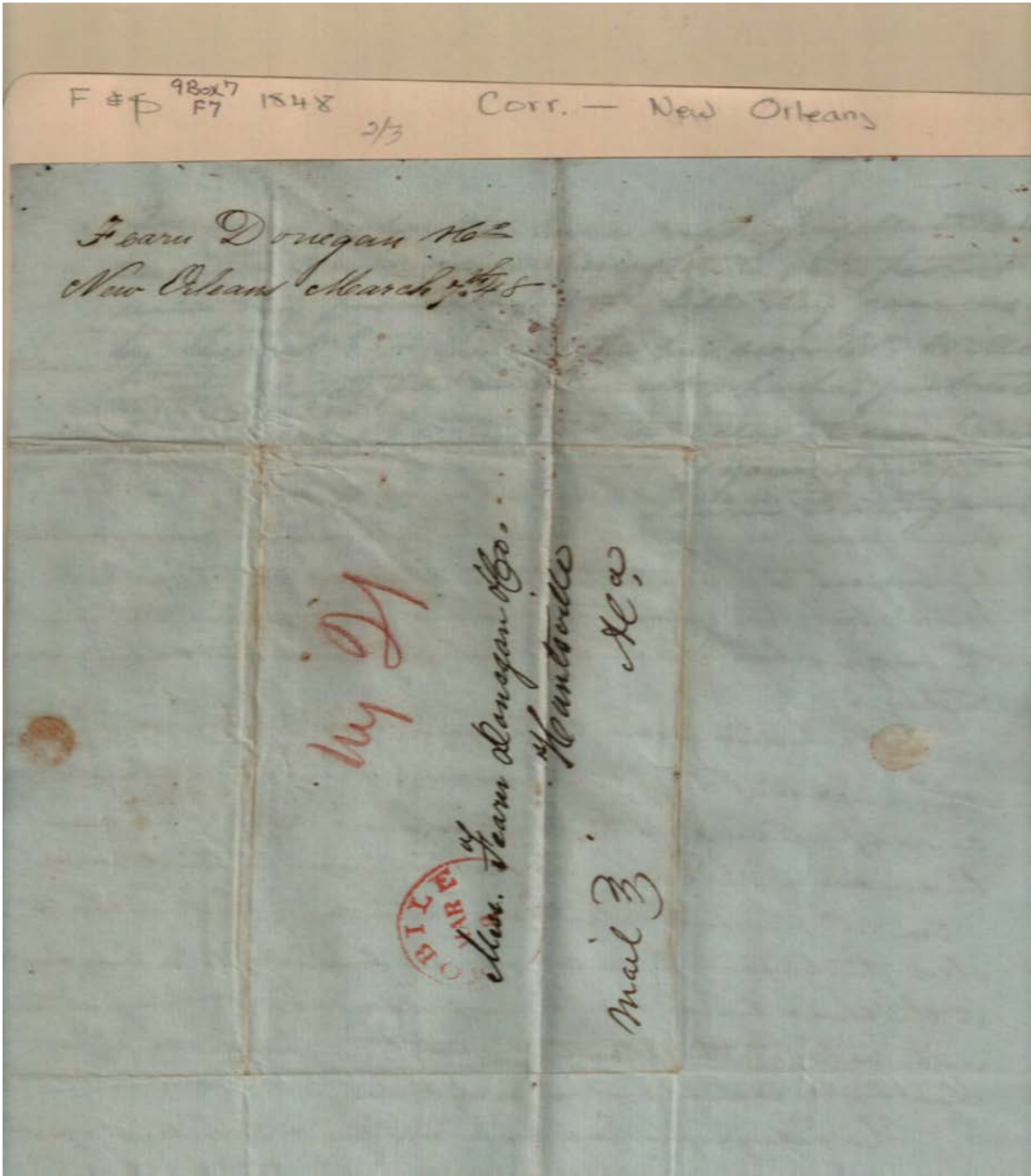
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Dates:

March 7, 1848

F # 98-27
F7 1848 2/3 Corr. - New Orleans

New Orleans March 7th 1848
Dear Fearn Donegan & Co

We write you 4th Inst. and are without any of your favor since. The cotton market continues active to the close of last week, prices slipping so as to regain 7/8 of the loss in the previous part of the week. Yesterday and today there has been some enquiry and a disposition manifested by buyers to operate at the closing rates of last week; but the quantity offering & high pretentions of buyers has restricted sales to about 2000 bales yesterday.

We hand you statement of Cotton receipts this season. Should there be a gain in Alabama corresponding with that in Tex. Miss. & L. our business will run up pretty large by the close.

Our Mr. Atwood went on Saturday to La Faurche to show the Sugar of some of our friends to a buyer at the same time makes enquiries about & acquaintances with some of the planters in that region. We expect him back tomorrow or next day.

The Telegraph line between this & Mobile is up & some communications passed on Saturday; but since then there has been an interruption. We are anxiously expecting the steamer news.

Banks & Green are not making provision for

Names:

Atwood,
Banks & Green

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

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For some paper they have made payable at our
counter & we are suffering it to go to protest.
Will they provide for the bill they gave us held
by Linnest? - The writer has seen Mr. Willcox
in the street for a moment - he has just returned
from Texas & promised to call at our house
Yours truly
Fearn Donegan & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Willcox,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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correspondence

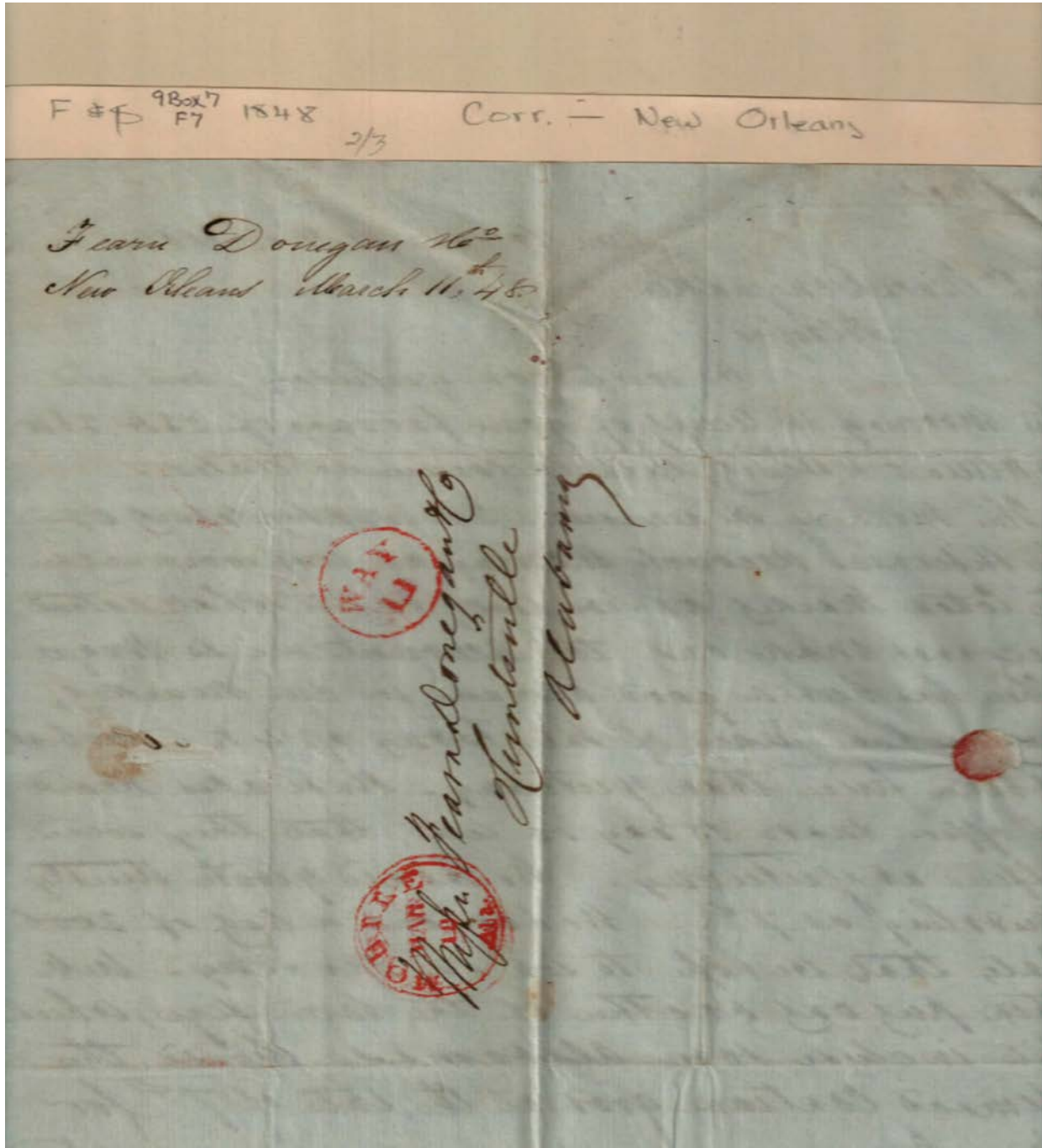
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Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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Dates:

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May mail
New Orleans 11th March 1848
Messrs Fearn Donegan & Co
Albany

We wrote you yesterday, and are
this morning in receipt of your favours of 25th 28th
29th 30th & 4th lines, with enclosures as stated.

This morning we received a Telegraphic report of
the Hibernia Account showing an improvement in
the Cotton Market at Liverpool, but to what extent,
we cannot make out, the accounts are so meagre.

There has been a good demand in our market,
and we have heard of sales today of 4 to 5000 bales
at better prices than yesterday. Have also heard
of offers made today on lists, that they would
offer at yesterday. We should quote strictly
middling at 7⁰. We have out a bag of 2000
bales that we hope to see on Monday. Will
then put out another of the same size, which
will include some Alabamas. Should the

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Co.

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29 letters & 4 bills, with enclosures as stated.

This morning we received a Telegraphic report of the Siberia Account showing an improvement in the Cotton Market at Liverpool, but to what extent, we cannot make out, the accounts are so mixed.

There has been a good demand in our market, and we have heard of sales today of 4 to 5000 bales at better prices than yesterday. Have also heard of offers made today or lists, that they would offer at yesterday. We should quote strictly Middling at 7⁰. We have out a list of 2000 bales that we hope to sell on Monday. Will then put out another of the same size, which will include some Alabamas. Should the demand continue good at the rate of 7⁰ for Middling we expect to get clear of all we had on hand.

Yours truly
J. Donegan

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Corr. - New

Names:

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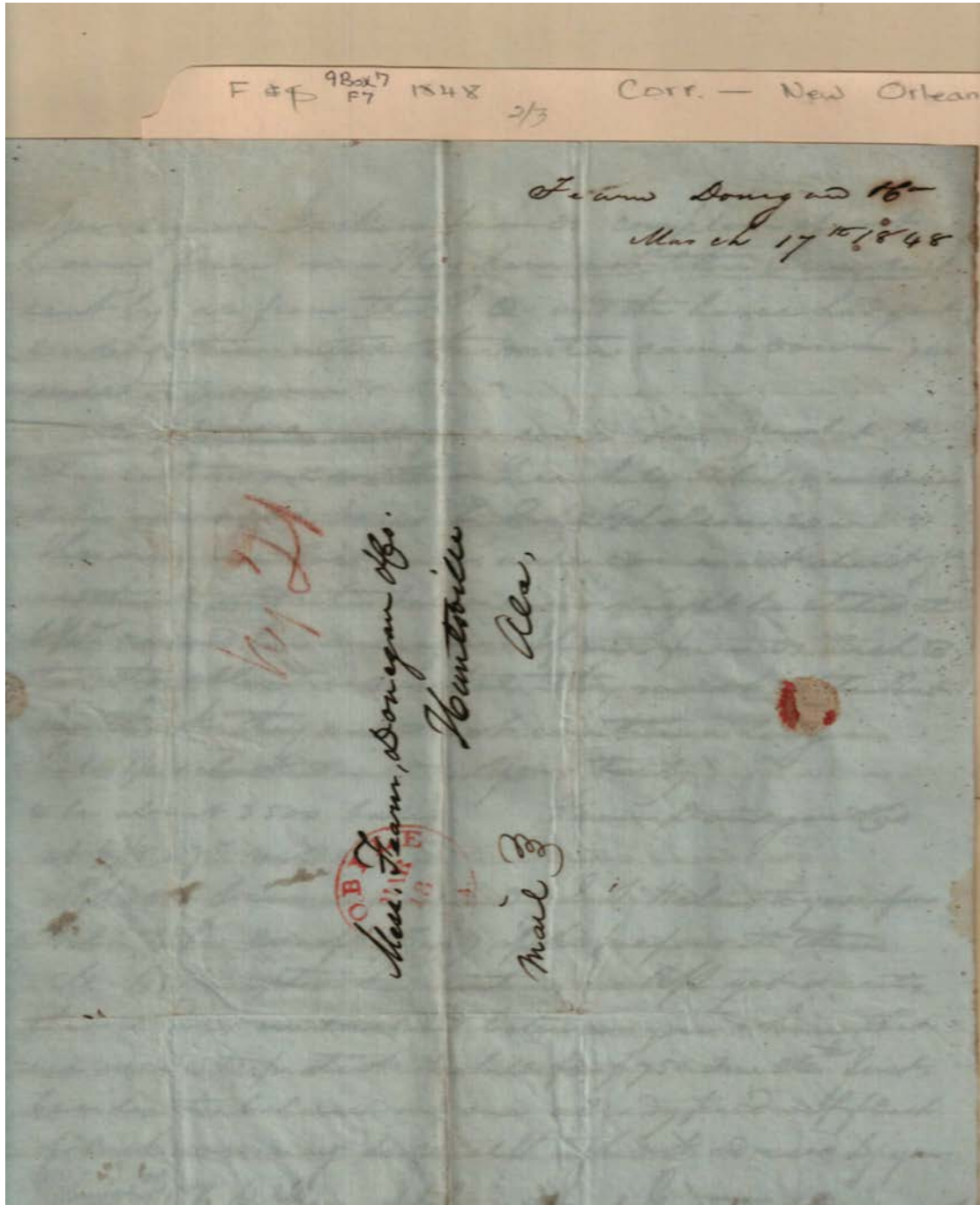
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(Mail)

New Orleans March 17th 1848

Dear Mr. Fearn Donegan & Co. - we have received your letter of the 15th inst. and have this morning yours for 2^o of 8^o + 11^o with enclosures, which shall have attention. We have not been able to report our sales of Monday, nor could we get within 1/2% of the price as the market has turned, and have sold nothing. Yesterday sales are reported of 7,000 to 12,000 bales, prices said to be steady, but Mr. D. Miss. says only 1/2% + 1/2%. The large amount taken from the market within the past two weeks must afford some relief, & prices might react if it were not so near time for news by another steamer. Should there be an effort to fill orders in anticipation, or if some time the case, we shall take advantage of it.

Enclosed we have three checks this date 70¢ for same Michaelson on Beaver Bros & Co. N. York for each \$1,000 say price bought at 1/2% to day, & ch. to you at par. Will send more if we get no bad news by the steam mentioned and orders are to be filled.

We also enclosed led. Mr. M. Griffin's sale of 50 bales cotton - proceeds \$687.25 - also his acct. showing a balance in his favor of \$114.47 which we leave with you for settlement.

Also "Data" recd. to Jas. F. Brinsford for \$3. -

of NY

Names:

Bransford, Joseph
Brown Bros. & Co.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Griffin,
Nicholson, Samuel

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New Orleans, LA

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(Just)

You say our Jackson friends complain of not hearing from us - They have not taken Perry's cont. sent by us from the P. O. and the house had quit sending them until the winter came down; we will try again.

Whiffle's sales will give some idea of what it is. Ala. Cottons are worth - Green hills 57 bales in some sales averaged to 40. E. L. Gholson, 20. - 6. 57. Those in our last sales will come out about 70 we think and the price now might be stated at 6 1/2. round for average. If our friends wish to try the all-India market, they must do so. But we think they will not continue long.

Sales 1/2 a clock and Yours truly
to be about 3500 bales Fearn & Donegan

at 6 1/2 a 7 - and and and and

P.S. We have refused Dr. J. S. Helms to you for bal^{ce} to his Co. of \$9500 if he prefers it there.

Mr. B. Hampton has sent us no bill yet & writes that it was understood between you & him, that we were to protect his bill for \$750 due etc. Just besides the balance on one already paid off flush of cash we may do so, although not advised by you.

Plats Mr. Gray & Cloyd & Co. of Garrett & Davis got in yesterday all safe

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.
Garrett & Davis

Gholson, E.
Greenhill, Samuel
Griffin,

Helms, J. S.
Humphries, C. B.
McCrary & Cloyd

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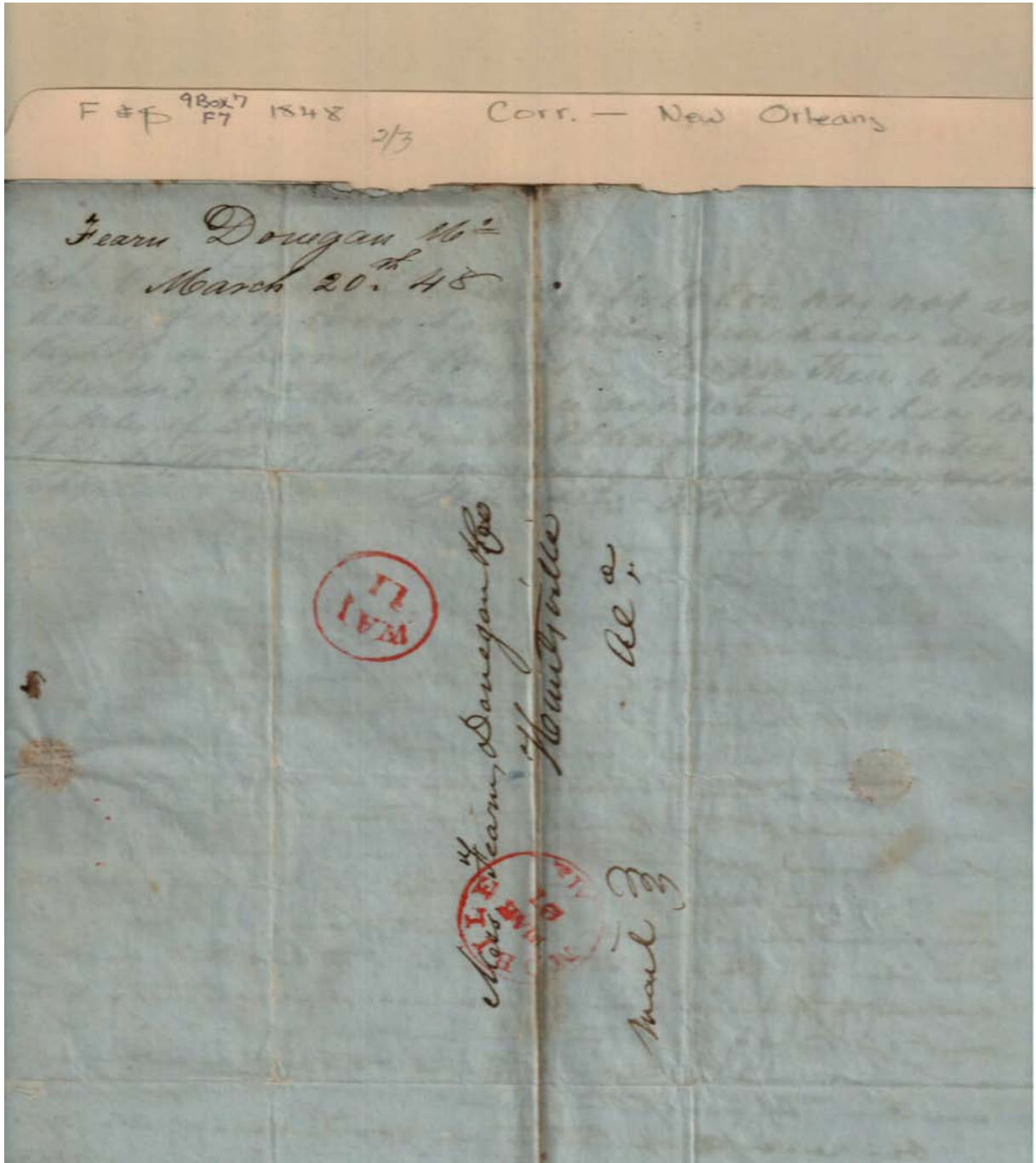
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March 20, 1848

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(Mail)

The goods for Mr. J. G. Jordan and those previously
 ordered for our friends on the Ten. River will go by the
 steamer Marshall & Co., which is up for tomorrow evening
 for Backport &c. — We hope to send in our next acct of
 settlement with the Underwriting for Jesse G. Jordan & Co. by
 bottom. It happened to be valued at a favorable time at 75¢.
 Say to Messrs. Ewing & Beirne that the marble monuments have
 been landed, and are awaiting a boat for Nashville. The water
 has spanned them & ordered, care to be repacked, & the box
 was injured & it appeared to contain something nice —
 don't know yet whether there is any damage.
 We have been tempted to take up the business of
 our friend Jas. Hanna. It is pretty heavy, but we hope we
 can bear it. He expects to make 5 to 600,000 Sugar, &
 we are to furnish him in advances & acceptances, to the
 amt of \$15,000 — The latter to be met out of his crop, and sold
 on his acct and he paying 2 1/2% Com. & 8% int. on advances &
 our Com. on acceptances. —
 Our receipts of Cotton are good — say — St. Ala. 5960
 Jan. Miss. &c. — 14832
2079
 The receipts from Jan. & Miss. are already \$348 about
 the whole from that region last season.
 We have this morning an avalanche of old acquaintances,
 Richardson & Fearn (both) Judge Hopkins, J. Brandon, J.
 F. Milly, Clapton & Haughton & some ladies — for market
 and a while water yet if he is in before we close.

Names:

Brandon, J.
 Breck, Dr.
 Clopton & Haughton

Ewing & Beirne
 Fearn, Donegan &
 Co.

Hanna, James
 Hopkins, Judge
 Jordan, Jesse G.

Milly, J. F.
 Richardson & Fearn

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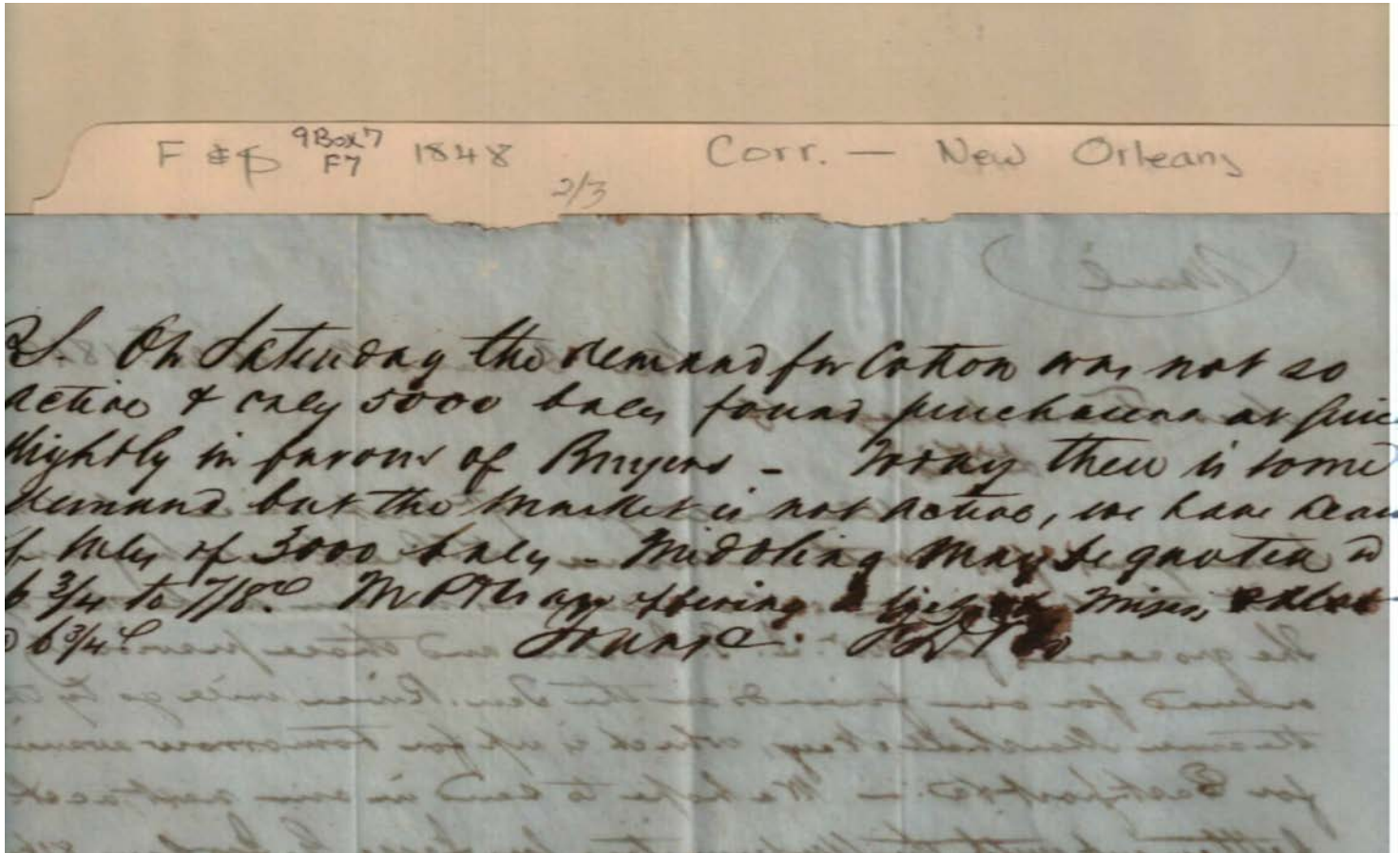
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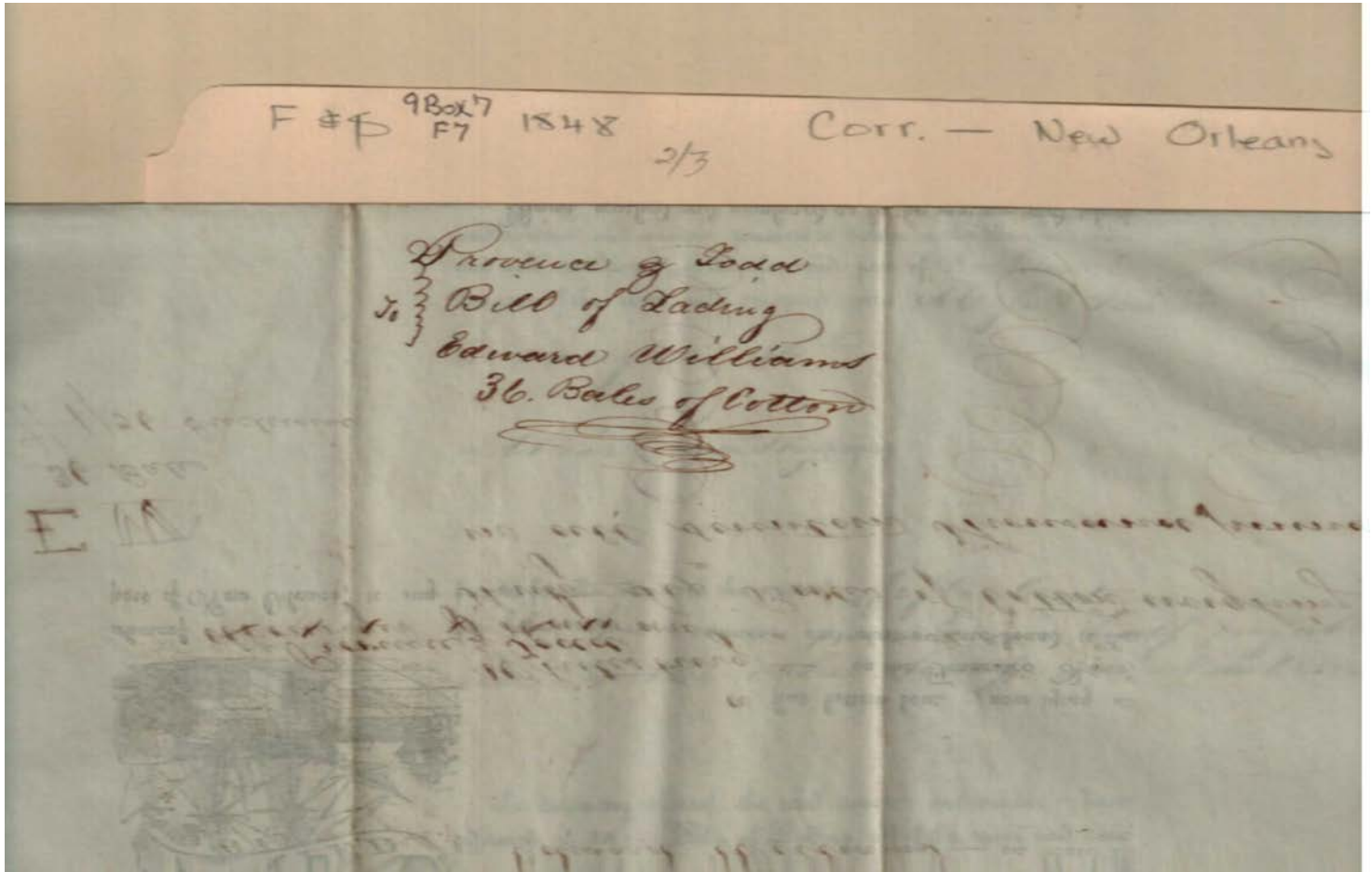
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Provence & Todd

Williams, Edward

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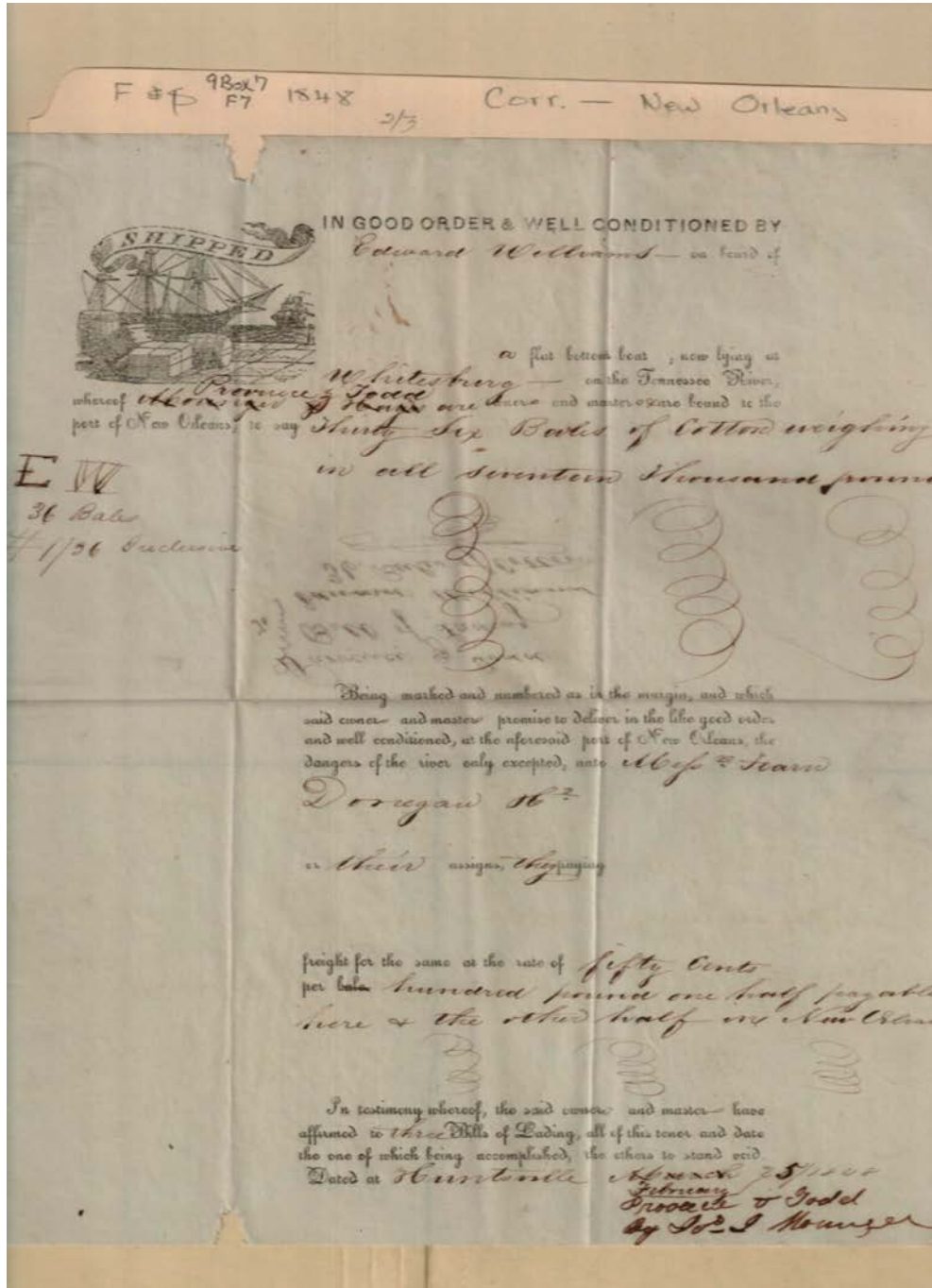
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Providence & Todd
Williams, Edward

Places:

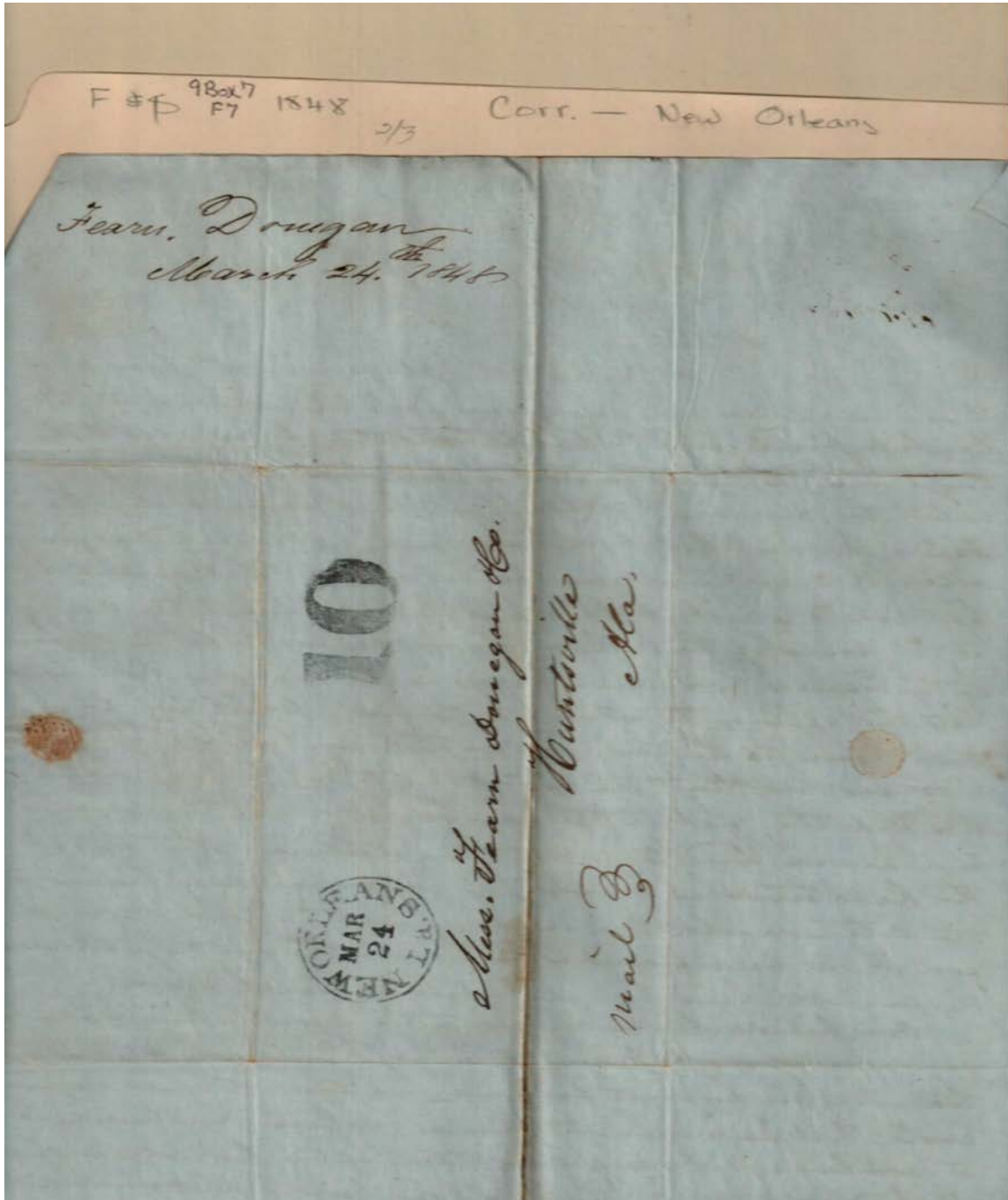
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(Mail)

New Orleans March 24th 1848

Mess. Fearn, Donegan & Co
D. W. Wann

We had this pleasure rec^d. Just and have not since rec^d. any of you fav^r. The news by the St. Louis, Mo. Telegraph to Charleston & then by express, to this city, came to hand yesterday; but did not transpire until this morning; although we had some indications before dinner, that it was here, and not regarded as favorable. We learned from an authentic source, that Camacho had secured a lot at 67¹/₂¢ which he had bought the day before at 7¹/₂¢. Some of the brokers who are known to be in the employ of the "Express men" were busy in the morning, looking at lots and apparently attempting to buy; which led, for a short time, to the impression that they had rec^d. favorable advices; but they took good care to make no purchases, nor did they get up the excitement which they designed, and hence had to submit to a decline. What effect the Revolution in France, if confirmed may have on the Cotton market it is very difficult to predict. We must fear it will be unfavorable. We say nothing of the particulars as you will have had all before this reaches you.

Our friend Archer has got into a "snarl" again, in consequence of our refusing to accept too largely, & to mature too early, on his next business. We shall keep very cool; but he is so hard to please, we fear we shall have to give him up. He complains bitterly of our last sale, in which he had 135 bales. — Enclosed we have Baker & Lusk & Co. Rec^d. to Isaac D. Wann for \$119,700 dollars, charged to his a/c.

Should any thing occur worth Very truly yours
communicating, will write you by way mail. Fearn, Donegan & Co
at 2 o'clock.

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Archer, R. T.
Baker, Lusk & Co.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Wann, Isaac D.

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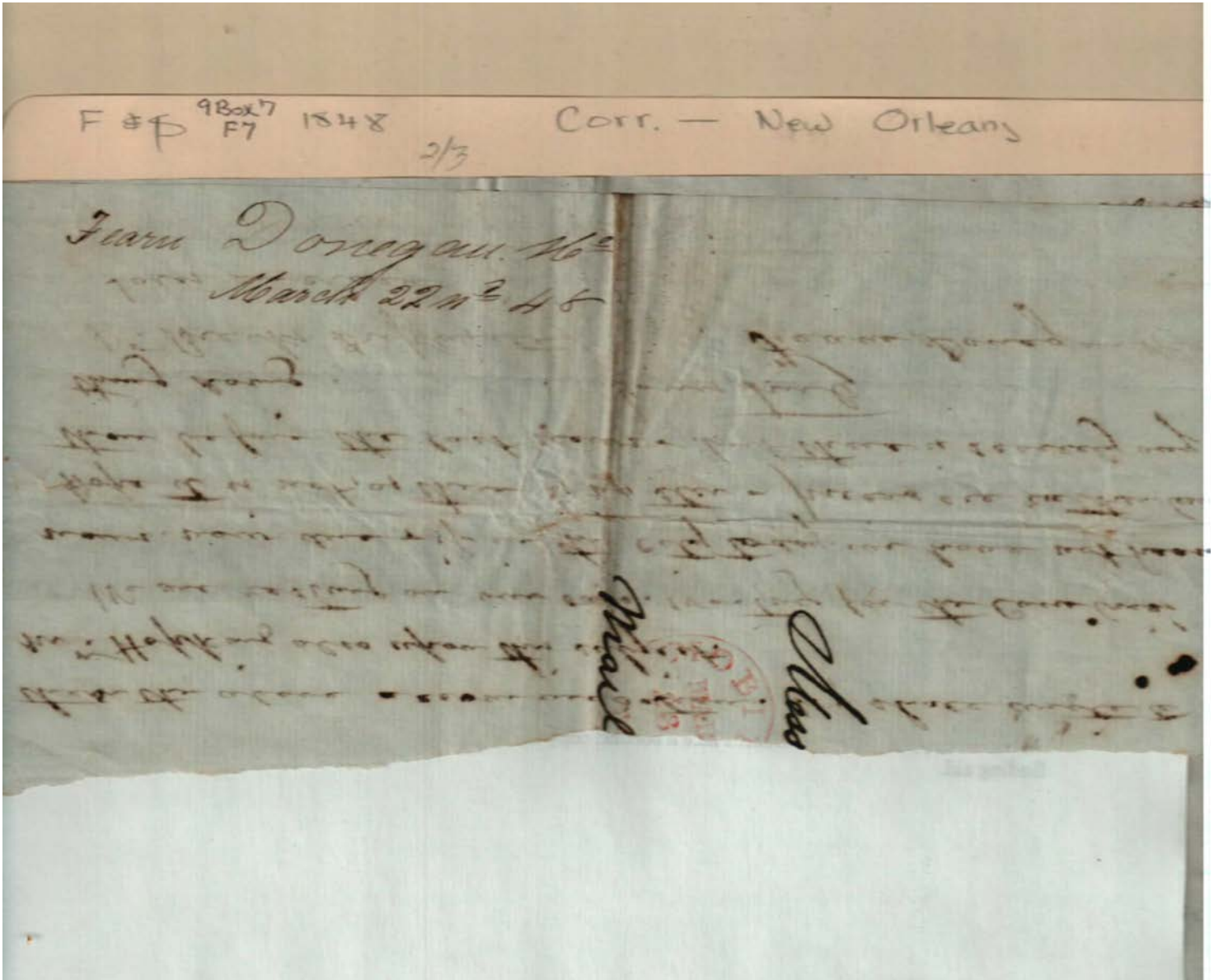
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Miss Fearn Donegan & Co. in care of
 D. W. Fearn

We write you 20th Inst. three since your of
 15th and note contrary: Mr. L. W. Looney's bill for 45th has been
 paid. Isaac D. Wann's of \$119.95 with Baker & Lusk will
 be paid. Dr. Breck's duplicate of \$100 not yet prepared.
 Enclosed on hand Bill and Invoices of goods of J. W. Str.
 Marshall & Co. care Van Husen Downes & Co. N.Y.

Joshua Kirby \$27.35 charged to his wife
 Jesse G. Jordan 57.50
 Dr. M. S. Watkins 52.66
 John Giles 17.37
 Dan. Harris 12.19
 Dr. Est. Perkins 102.43
 G. W. Warwick 10.25 to Hittsville office

We also enclose statement of settlement with the
 undersigned for 81 bales cotton on of Mr. Jesse G. Jordan
 amt. to his credit at 60 d/d rate \$2231.92

Mr. Richardson & Mr. Geo. Fearn are both here, the former
 has determined to withdraw from business, and the latter
 has made a contract to purchase the stock of goods at real
 Estate (House, Plot &c.) and intend continuing the
 business in connection with his son in law Mr. Putnam
 He proposes that they will transact their business with

Names:

Baker, Lusk & Co.
 Breck, Dr.
 Erskine, A., Dr.
 Fearn, Donegan &
 Co.

Fearn, George
 Giles, John
 Harris, Daniel
 Jordan, Jesse G.
 Kirby, Joshua

Looney, J. W.
 Putnam,
 Richardson,
 Van Husen Downes
 & Co.

Wann, Isaac D.
 Warwick, G. W.
 Watkins, M. S., Dr.

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Mr. R. & F. have heretofore done; but in con-
 sideration of his diminished resources, in con-
 sequence of the withdrawal of Richardson.
 he proposes that we shall make him an advance
 of \$5000 ~~to~~ as he may need it - to stand over
 at the close of the season, upon which of course
 he will pay the usual interest - and that we
 accept for him to the extent of ^{not over} \$750000
 in advance of consignments - they being bound
 however to provide for the bills at maturity.
 These include ^{about \$4000} the purchase money to be advanced
 being the whole ~~of the~~ amt. due to ~~us~~
~~except~~ \$1000 payable in 2 years. He and Mr.
 Richardson are about purchasing a spring stock
 of Dry goods & groceries - and we have agreed to let
 the new concern have \$25000 to be paid the season
 if the former arrangement is not entered into.
 We have not taken the responsibility, of committing
 the house to the permanent arrangement, from the
 relations existing between the parties & the matter. It
 is therefore referred to you for your sanction before
 its consummation. You will therefore write im-
 mediately to Messrs. Fearn & Putnam, Jackson Miss.
 to us here on the subject. - The old firm has done
 well, Richardson feels very confident the business will
 go on well with less and at any rate with not more

Topics:

R. &

F.

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Fearn & Putnam

Richardson & Fearn

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than the above accommodation. I shall write to
Mr. Hopkins also upon this subject.

We are resting on our oars, waiting for the Cambria's
news, now due & if in the city today, we have not heard.
Hope it is not, as there is no stir & prices are rather low
than before the last news & but there is scarcely any
thing doing.

Yours Truly
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Dr. Breck's Duplicate
Lulu enclosed

Names:

Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Hopkins, Judge

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(Mail.)

New Orleans March 28th 1848

Mess. Fearn, Donegan & Co
D. V. M.

We wrote you yesterday and have
now yours of 18th & 20th. With enclosures &c. all which
shall have attention. We have also the fac. of Mr. S. H.
Donegan of 22^d: and are truly sorry to hear of the accident
to our Mr. D. although it is not one of very serious cha-
racter, and we hope this will find him entirely well.

There were some signs of returning life in the Cotton
market ^{yesterday} we mean barely life, for sales only amount
to 2000 to 2500 bales, at 64 to 62^{cts}. for Middling. We
presume prices were however irregular, we sold 100
bales good mid: to Mid. fair of Richardson & Fearn,
at 7³/₈. they were here and are satisfied. This we con-
sider ¹/₂. below our large list & ¹/₄. below the rates Cent.
after the Britannia's acct. was rec. — Today it is raining
at intervals & nothing seems to be doing

Yours truly,
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Names:

Donegan, James H.

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Richardson & Fearn

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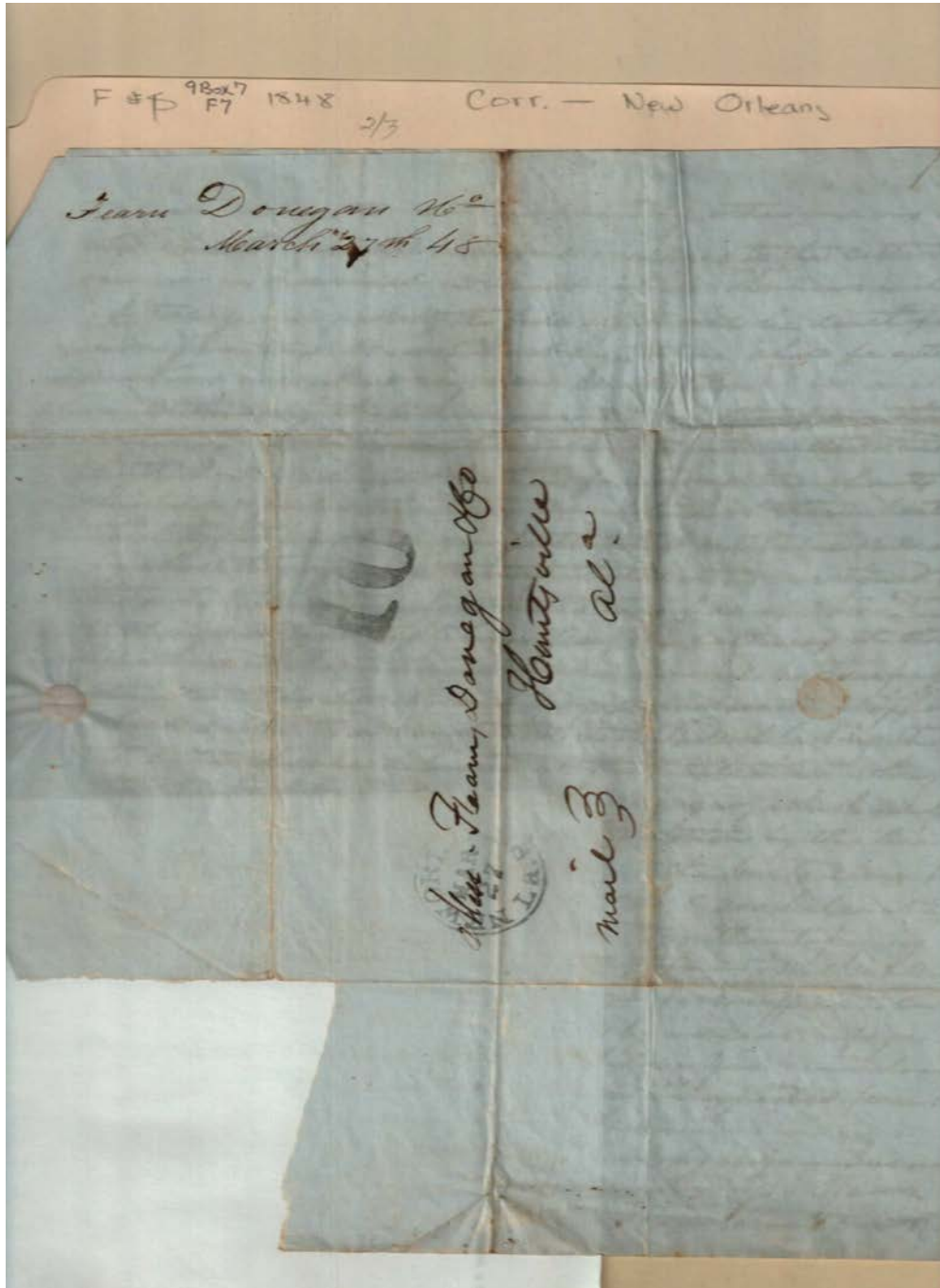
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(Mail)

... we are with you in your view of the
wretched state of affairs in New Orleans March 27th 1848
Messrs Fearn, Donegan & Co. has received in our
reputation as Dealers in all kinds of goods
and articles in the West Indies and
have rec^d. notice of your firm since you have issued
thing to communicate except that the price of sugar
in trade. The cessation of all orders for cotton occa-
sioned by the news from Europe in London, continues.
What will be the course of things here we can hardly
venture, even in confidence, to predict. I want
to write another stream, cannot be borne by many of the
Factors, we therefore take it for granted that they of Kelley
will meet on some terms, when thoughts of the future
extent. In order to ascertain the effects of the news on
trade, some have looked back, and found that "the three
days" of 1840, had very little effect, and hence, it is in-
ferred, that this news will not seriously affect us.
We rather incline to this conclusion, unless the next
stream should bring accounts of an extension of the revo-
lutionary spirit into other countries, Italy, the German States,
& Prussia, are agitated, and in England a change of ministry
may be anticipated. A panic may be easily created by the
next news. But until then the question is what will be the
state of things? Perhaps not much influence may be exerted
by the condition of France, but the decline in the price of
cotton at Liverpool & the state of trade at Manchester, is
connected with increased receipts in our ports, leading
to higher activity of the crops, will cause prices to go
lower. Shall we submit or risk the chance of improve-
ment? It is a bit of a middling, and said to be the offer on this
& Saturday. This we would not like to take & may try to

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to raise money to meet our wants by other means.
and should we sell, confine ourselves to the cotton
we are in harvest advanced upon. The news is all
"up" today and probably the full effect will be developed
in a few days. We stand with you, that we shall be extremely
cautious in making any new commitments. We are
on the subject of arrangements for cotton from the
river of Mobile, we have come to an understanding
with C. A. & Gilbert Brothers forwarding merchants at
Mobile & proprietors of the Canal line of steam boats to
this City, to carry on a further & continue 12 mos.
if which they agree to transport all cotton consigned to
them at Mobile to be forwarded to us free of Com. and
to charge only 50 cts. per bale freight & balance at the
Steam line. The usual charges will be Warpage
duette 8 cts each 15 cts and charges, unless the shippers
agree to a condition in the bill of lading that
the cotton shall be delivered at the "River side wharf" or
that the boat from here pay the charges, which we leave
they will do. It is assumed that cotton by this line shall
be sent forward in small parcels, & the boats come twice
a week and only being some 200 to 300 bales at a time.
All back freight can also be sent without paying any
Commissions for forwarding in any quantity. Wet 50 cts, Molasses
50 cts, Bacon 1.25. That Sugar 1.75. Sacks Coffee 25 cts, Cail,
Rope & piece bagg. 32 cts. to this will be added Warpage &
freight up the river from Mobile. You can advise
our friends as to find out what may be expected from them.
Nothing this season, we presume. We are
When have you not sent us a copy of your Insurance
Charter? Mr. Blunt arrived yesterday. Yours
Fearn, Donegan & Co

Names:

Blunt,

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Gilbert, C. A. &
Brothers

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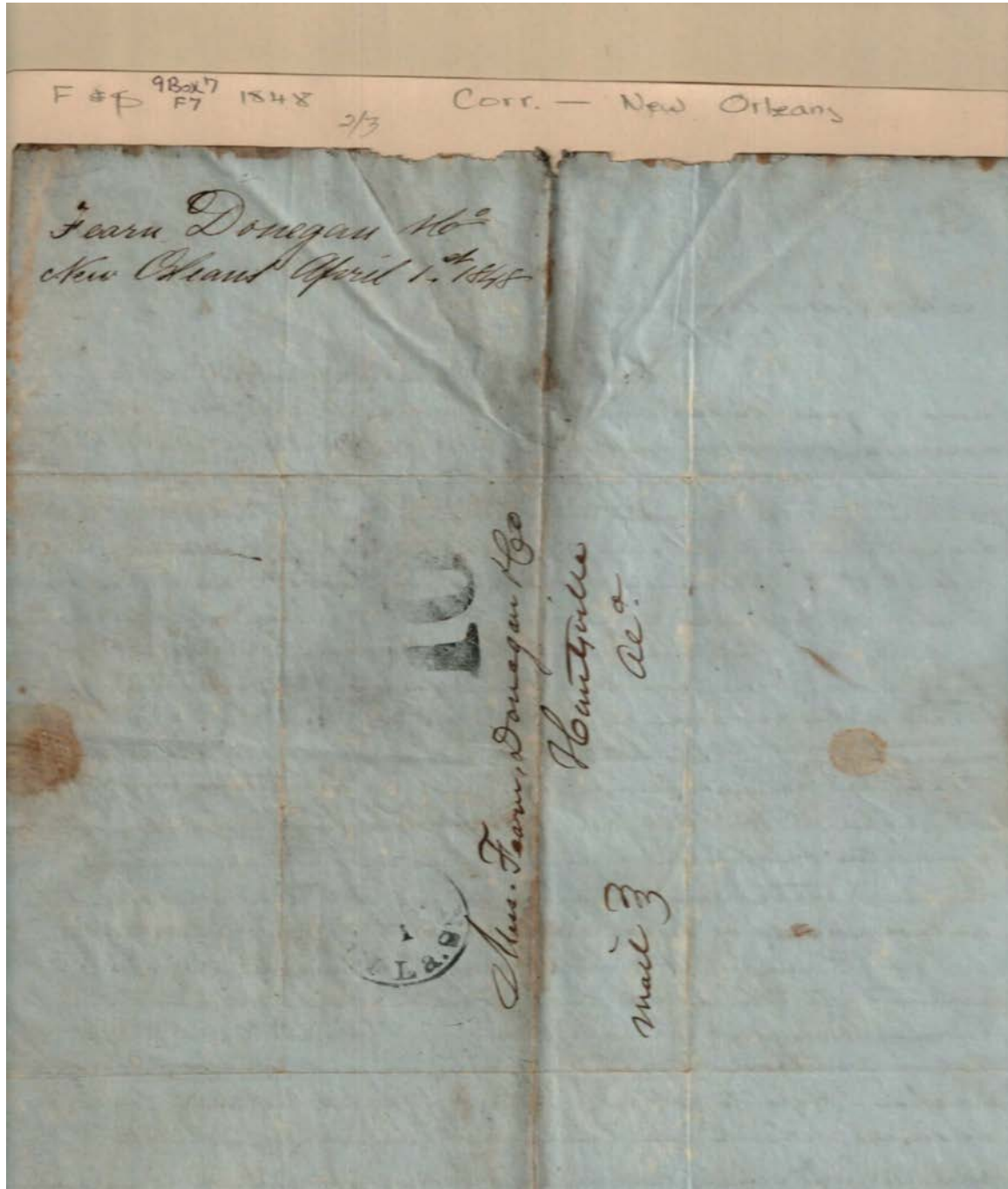
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(Marl.)

New Orleans ~~March~~ April 1st 1848

Messrs. Fearn, Donegan & Co.
D. N. O.

We had the pleasure last, 28th Ult. and had none of yours since. The cotton market manifested more activity day before yesterday and 8000 bales are reported as sold, at an advance $\frac{1}{8}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$. The price ^{was} ~~stepping~~ ^{was} ~~as the late~~ pressing on the market were cleared ^{up} - yesterday, but little disposition was shown to operate. And as rumors were rife, that the steamers news was in, those who had it not, were not disposed to do any thing. We remain quiet today.

We regret that our friends Van Husen, & others on the River, have been unable to send forward their cotton, as we ^{the market} prices will not soon be as good as we have had. Boats ~~enough~~ ^{enough} & a surplus, have now gone up, besides those already there, the Delapsea leaves this evening to return into the harbor.

We hope W. H. will come out right; but have fears. Hamilton & Johnson have not been specially requested to correspond with you, therefore you had better address them, unless you may have the leisure to visit itashville.

Mr. Ewing is at Mobile & asks p. "Telegraph" has his cotton arrived" - to which we reply "no" - "Come over". - Mr. D. B. Turner has just arrived, bringing the intelligence of W. H. Pope's Death. - We are again in a snarl with R. T. Archer - Hope to get out without a fight, but may lose his business; which we shall not much regret. - We hope our Mr. D. has recovered from all inconvenience on a/c of his shoulder.

Very truly yours,
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

report of death

Names:

Archer, R. T.
Ewing,

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Hamilton & Johnson
Pope, W. H.

Turner, D. B.
Van Husen, J.

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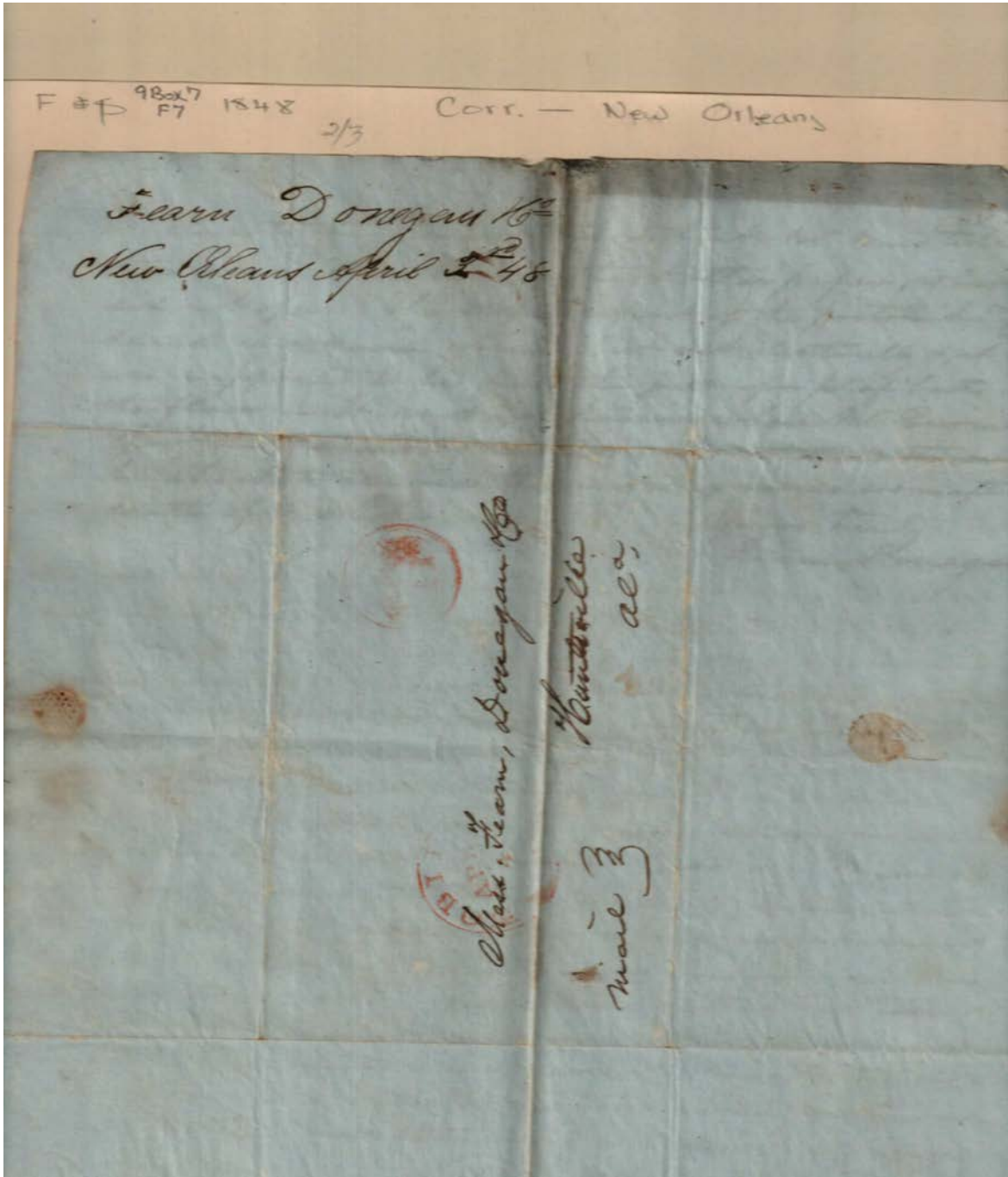
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~~Dear Sir~~
 Dear Sir, we have just received from the
 Cotton has declined - balance of goods left - this is the only
 quotation given, and it declines! This news coming upon
 our heavy stock is truly unfortunate, and may carry prices
 lower than we have had them. We shall soon be compelled
 to sell some things; for a part from the necessity of the case,
 there would not seem to be any well grounded hope of a
 speedy reaction - We shall of course see these advances upon
 The West India Steamer "Araucario" at Port of Spain yesterday, has
 brought us a set of 2^d 1/2 lb. but of course you will have taken.
 We should not have written you this morning, but to mention
 a sad occurrence. About 9 or 10 o'clock this morning James
 Erwin Jr. was found dead in his bed, the top of his head
 blown off. He came into the Hotel this morning about 5 o'clock,
 conversed a few minutes with a Clerk at the office, possibly
 alluding to his early rising - then retired with a light to his
 room, and nothing more heard, until a waiter opened his
 door, when Mr. Ward was immediately sent for. (from whom
 I rec^d this account) He was lying with his arms extended &
 seemed not to have struggled at all - It appeared that he had
 opened his trunk - taken out the top & got his pistol from the
 bottom - to have seated himself in a chair & loaded it - the
 flask &c - being left there, then to have placed himself in bed
 drawn the clothes around his neck & blown his brains
 out. The Pistol was lying on the bed by him.
 Mr. Ward examined his memorandum book, but found

description of suicide

Names:

Erwin, James, Jr.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Ward,

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no clue to the transaction. I think Mr. Ward told me there was a letter to his brother & other papers, which he did not open. The report of the pistol had been heard in a room above; but not distinctly & at the time was supposed to be from the fall of a pair of boots on the floor. — It is not yet known where Mr. Brown had spent the preceding night. His relations there will be shocked to receive this intelligence, so soon after the death of Mr. Pope.

Yours truly
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

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Erwin, James, Jr.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Pope, W. H.
Ward,

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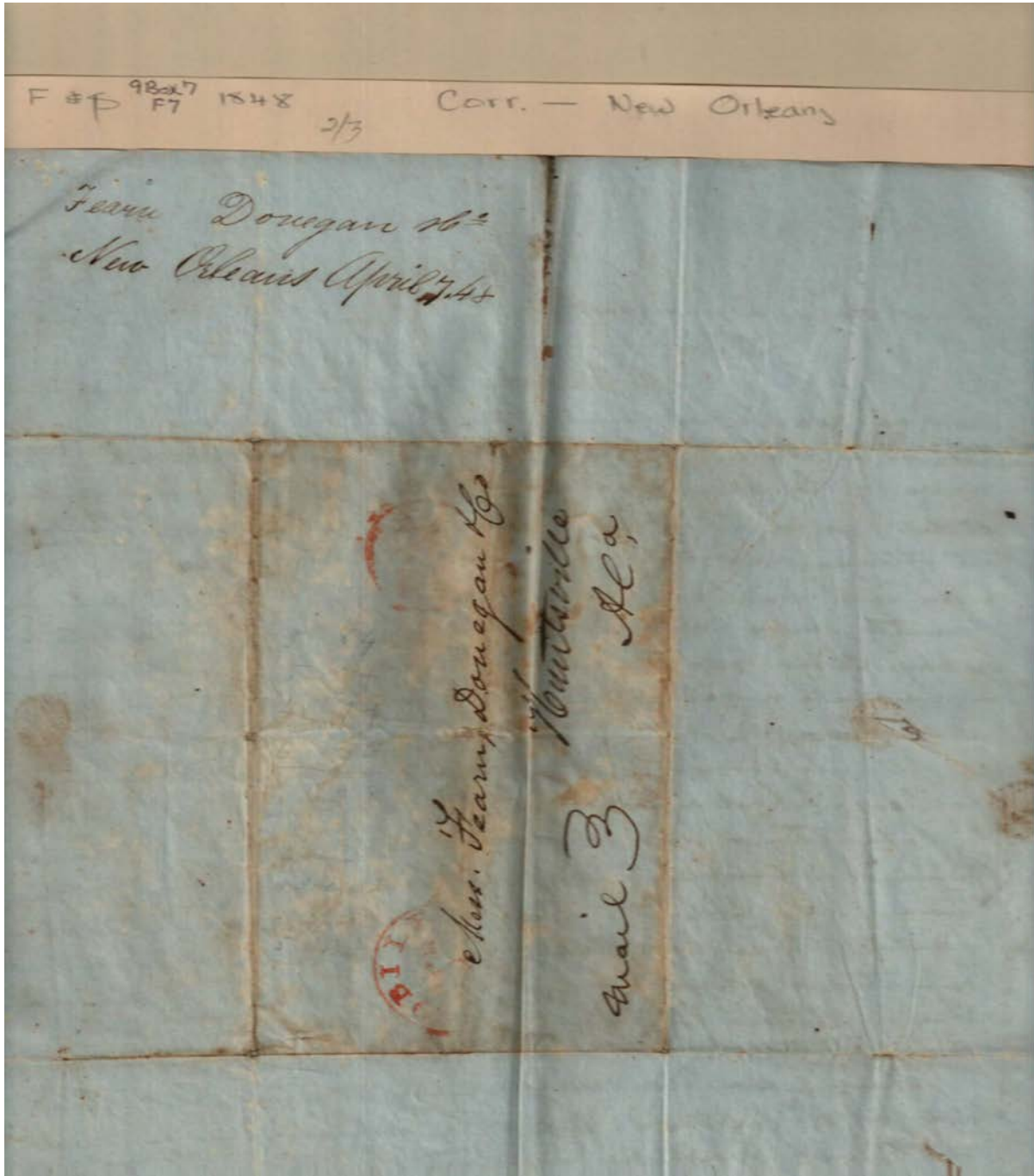
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New Orleans April 7th 1848

Mess. Fearn, Donegan & Co.
D. Sirs

We had the pleasure on the 5th and are now in receipt of yours of the 4th and are sorry to find you in so gloomy a mood knowing as we do, that the Cotton news by the Caladenia must have added to your despondence. You must not suffer yourself to become depressed, as we often say here "The world is not coming to an end" and even if it were, we should endeavour to bear it calmly & quietly, unless we could by our efforts prevent the catastrophe. If we take care to avert it, the Heavens will smile again with a vernal flame" however gloomy they may look today.

We are sorry you have found no clue yet to the robbery. I had a hope that the "purchasers" might lead to something. The writer had come about his house, please describe them minutely in your next & keep them. We hope the lock will not be resorted to, we would rather lose ten times the amount, than that one stroke should be laid on an innocent person. The duplicate key is in the writer's secretary at his house; perhaps Mr. Donegan had better get it.

There were about 4000 bales of cotton sold yesterday at 6^{cts} for Mid. Mill. The improvement in N. York on 7th Inst. we hope will extend south. - The Mr. Hunter will get in last evening not a bale from Van Husen-Hayes came as Capt. Bayley left about 600 bales at our Columbia; perhaps he may be on the "Key" - but he does not write us, and takes it all in all, it does not look much

Yours Truly
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

but dont sell exchange

report of robbery

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Donegan &
Co.

Hayes & Co.

Van Husen, J. & Co.

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2 P.M. Nothing doing in cotton - there are some who would purchase
but cant sell exchange
Miss Fearn, Donegan & Co.
New Orleans Office 7th/1848
Dear Sirs
We had the pleasure on the 5th inst
to receive in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and in reply to inform
you in so gloomy a mood having as we do, that the
news by the blockade must have acted to your dis-
advantage. (You must not suffer yourself to become depressed
we opening here "It would be not coming to our aid" -
even if it were, we should endeavor to bear it calm-
ly, and only in so far as it may be of any service to the
country. If we take care to procure it, the blockade will
again with a certain degree of success, however gloomy they may
be today.
We are sorry you have found no sleep yet to the
robbery. I had a hope that the purchase might be
to some thing. The winter had some a small in hand
please describe them in detail, in your next letter
them. We hope the best will not be resorted to, as
would rather lose ten times the amount than to
one that should be had on an insurance. Please
The duplicate key is in the masters secretary at the
house; perhaps Mr. Donegan had better get it.
There were about 400 lbs of cotton sold yesterday
at 6 1/2 for Mid. Miss! The warehouse out in it
at 1/2 cent. we hope will be worth. - The other
will get in last evening. Not a bale from Van Hus
Hoyt came in Capt. Dwyer left about 6 or 7 days ago
coming; perhaps he might be on the way; but the
at night we, and take it in all of them not look
Yours truly
Fearn, Donegan & Co.

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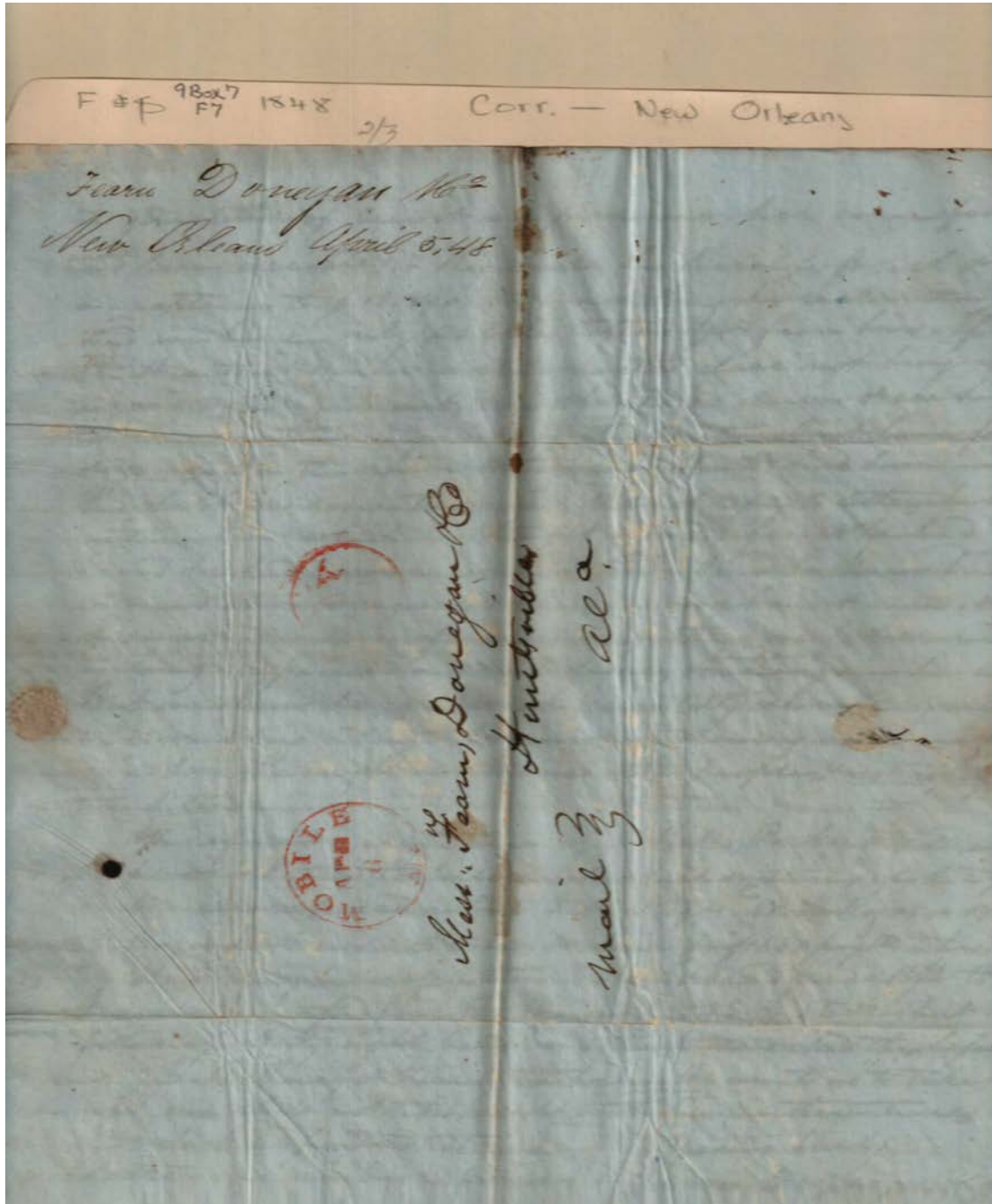
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(Mark) enclosed in a box of letters
New Orleans April 5th 1848
Messrs. Fearn, Donegan & Co.
The notes you in 2^d last and the 2^d system
say yours of 25th & 29th. Misfortunes, they say, rarely come
singly. It would seem to be so with us at present. After
years of bitterness without such an accident, came the
loss by the Nashville Insurance office, and now we
have the robbery of your office. We hope some light
may be shed upon it. That some answer will agree with
the premises of our helix was conceived, there can be no
doubt; but we have been so confident that you have not
been hitherto as particular as we should have been.
But reflections are useless, except as a lesson for the future.
We make with necessary extracts from your letter. The
articles ordered by Kinnebrough & Ledbetter will be sent
by the first boat. We credit them and charge you
with \$990 at present.
The letters and papers have not yet come forward. Col.
Adams, but the a cts. have been so fully telegraphed,
that we probably have but little more to learn. What we
have is had enough, and has reduced cotton to 6th below
for mid. on the very limited operations making - We
fear negotiations may become difficult on England. The
disturbance may extend, and what will be the result
none can foresee. We cannot stand still long, for we
had not anticipated a Revolution in France & therefore
are not prepared for a siege. We hope some order may
be had, and cause animation at some piece; but all
is at present suspense.
Van Husen's bill for \$2000, discounted at Nashville

office robbery

Names:

Fearn, Donegan &
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Kinnebrough &
Ledbetter

Van Husen, J.

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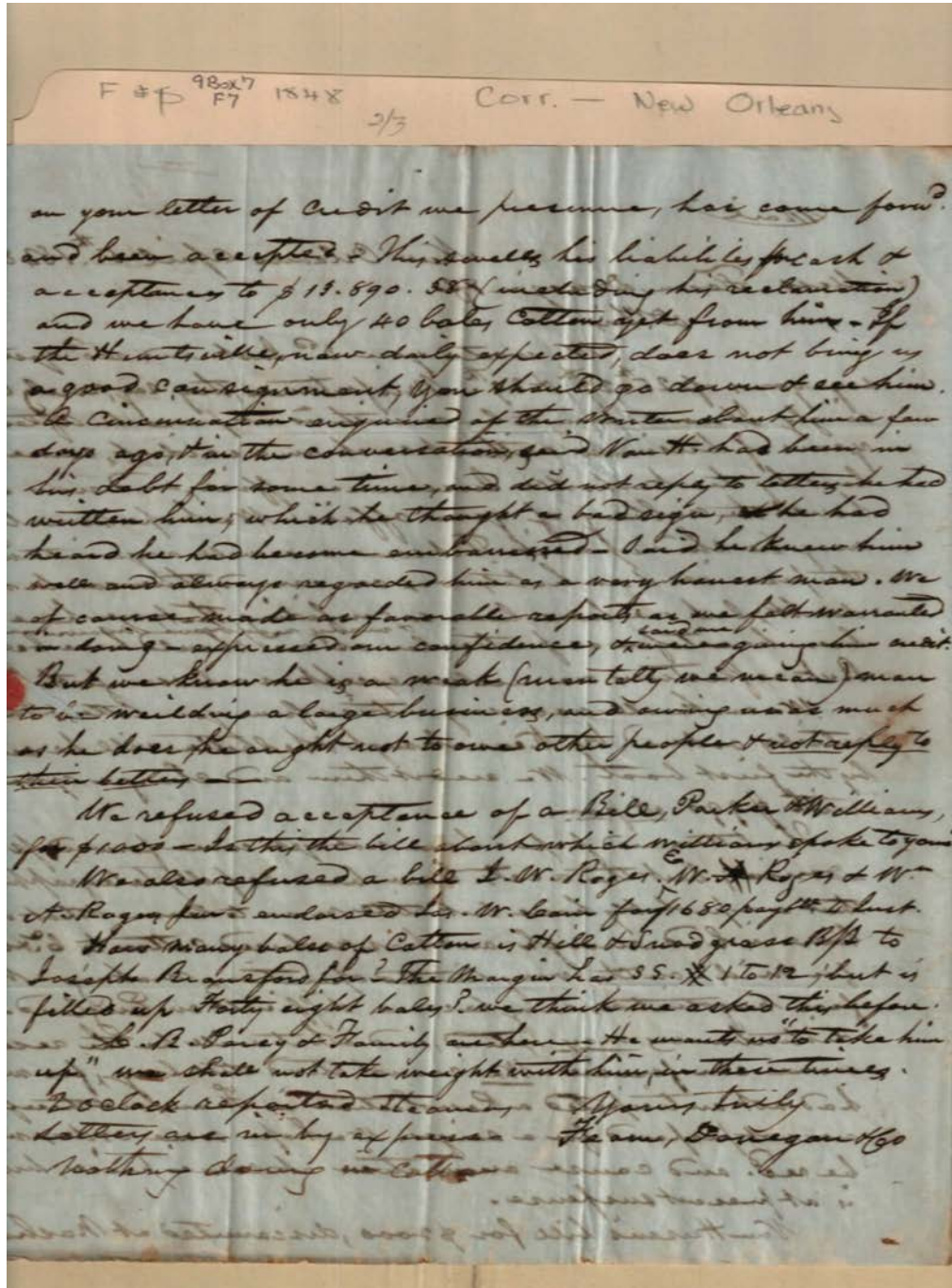
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Bransford, Joseph
Cain, J. W.

Fearn, Donegan &
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Hill & Snodgrass

Parker & Williams
Posey, C. B.
Rogers, J. W.

Rogers, W.
Rogers, W. A.

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