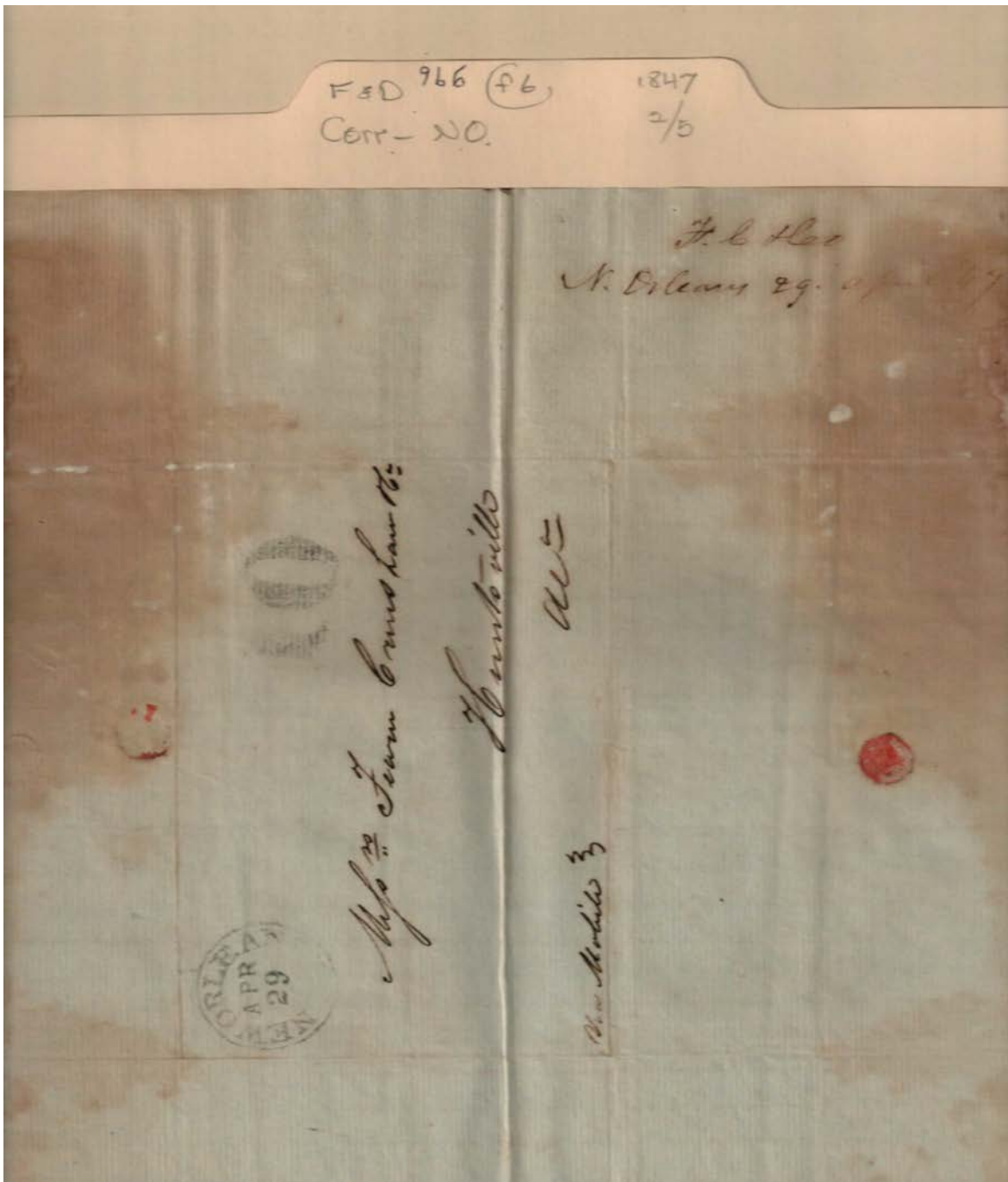


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Places:

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memo

Dates:

April 29, 1847

FSD 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO 2/3

New Orleans April 29 1847
Dear Mr Fearn Crenshaw & Co

We wrote you on the 27th of this
month the name of your firm was to hand.
The accounts for the "Columbia" arrived here
yesterday for 4000 bales in a volume of the sheet & the
information confined to the parties interested in it.
It caused a good demand & sales to the amount of
6 or 8000 Bales was the result of the day's trading
at prices generally at the old rates, ^{perhaps} but
the close of the day at 1/2 it was raised, the firm
holders will remain for the current firmness to
the arrival of the "Washington" which we say
10 3/4 to 11 3/4 etc for ^{the} ~~the~~ cotton.

We have a letter from Hugh Henry this
morning, saying that he gave Albert B. de Loring
for 135 Bales (the same sold Hamilton & Johnson) be-
fore it was all delivered we heard his Bales & that
before he got it we heard some of it got wet & dam-
aged. If this is so Albert ought to pay the damage
as it is your letter write him & let us know if it
do & whether we shall charge the damage to him -
will write him nevertheless to say - but for fear of
any failure you had better write him also. Hugh
Henry will not have the means of paying much
damages in it. His two Bales are in.

We sold 20 b Bales of good Mississippi
at 12 1/2 etc per c. 87 of it Mr Archer, we hope had
sales will pay all his accounts except the 45000.
Do you hear anything from Mr. Fearn truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Archer, R. T.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hamilton & Johnson
Henry, Hugh

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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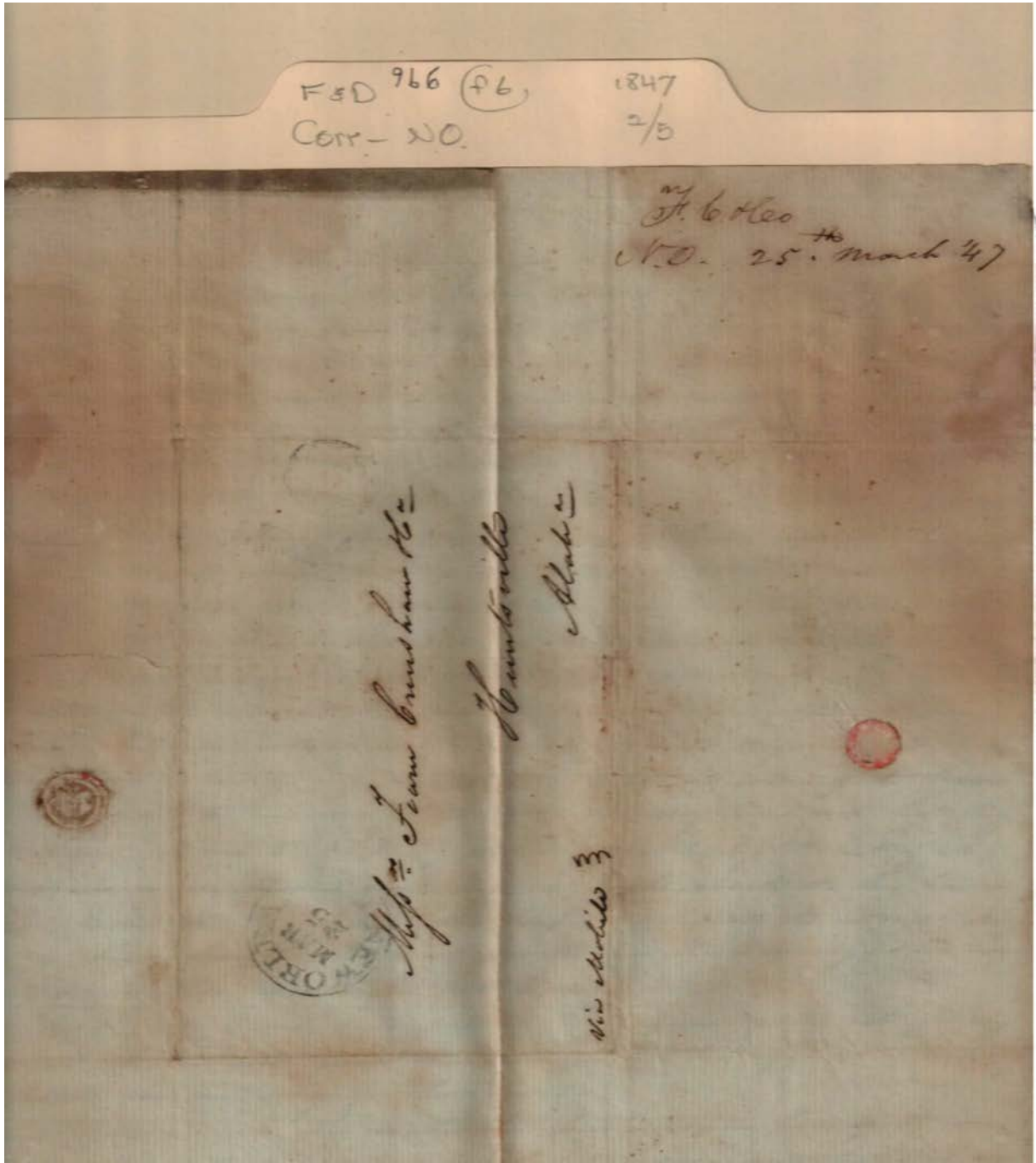
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Places:

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New Orleans, LA

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Dates:

March 25, 1847

F&D 966 (96) 1847
 Corr - NO. 2/5

New Orleans March 25th 1847

My dear Sir

We wrote you yesterday, since
 the news of yours to hand, nothing more to report, the better
 than it will be for you. It is not as represented in the
 present current in a good enquiry sales at such a quotation
 we have had different bids in the table for several days
 & we have not been able to get quotations offered, we are
 disposed to sell as most of the bottom are assumed and
 the market have off and on these bids, we do not like
 the condition of the money market, by exchange is difficult
 to negotiate, we have last night that first rate London
 bills were offered yesterday at 1/2% per cent. If this be true it
 shows a bad state of things, we also learn that the best paper
 in New York is at a discount of 3/4% to 1% per cent a month
 day & it is not to be doubted that the same will be the case
 in Liverpool, all these
 circumstances are not doing in view of a short crop. If
 the demand was active at present quotations, we would
 like to sell some of our stock, but in the present state
 of the market it would be injurious to offer any - If
 the most accounts from Liverpool should prove unfavorable
 it will be hard to sustain the market. If they should
 be favorable we should like for an active business, but
 prices are good if we could meet with a good demand and
 not have the best of the most accounts, & see the bottom of some
 of our friends who are bound the direction to us &c.

The flat boats continue to arrive, New York has 5
 in the morning. Has it perhaps better we have, Liverpool 15

of NY

Names:

Binford,

Brown Brothers &
Co.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hancock,
Nicholson, S.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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we have not like of L... for it. The woman is in this
morning bringing us 462 Bales Cotton & 250 Bales Lard. Some
more will come of 83 Bales is of it. There is some discrepancy in
the weights that is some of them run over the Bales Lard, then
when the letters come to hand, particulars will be explained.

The Lard is at Mobile & Mr. Wm. Patton has to bring
us he will not be over.

we saw the 12 Bales T.B.L. ^{January 1st} unpacked, at
an auction yesterday. They brought 27¢ per Bale's average weight
318. I would estimate the same Cotton at 300 = at 27¢ = 82¢ =
the lard from water packing 60% = ^{Bales} we have but but 11 Bales
Lard only for 22¢ Bales this purchase. There must ^{to purchase many} be more in it
which will amount to the same they have drawn against. They will
perhaps there is more to come to see the amount to be paid will not pay
the Bales we have against it. you had better inquire into this
without showing any distrust & as certain, if some of the bales
has not taken another direction. It may turn out that they
have more to ship. If so, all will be right but if 22¢
Bales is all, there is something not right about it. They have
appropriated the funds to other purposes & violated the understanding
as they were only to come for the purchase money & we were
assured there was to be 300 Bales.

we saw you & Mr. Maynard of the rate giving
all the late news from New Orleans & Scott has offered a loaning
& they are preparing for hot weather.

The writer has been promising himself to write
you for several days, but has been so unwell, has had one
in disposition to write unless compelled. He does not feel well at
all. He is a hard enough & can't stop the New Orleans from his hands
which has so as to his strength mind than it was ever before. Hope
it may be better in a few days. Please his to yourself. I am truly
I am yours &c. J. E. Townsend

Names:

Ewing,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Patton, William
Townsend, J. E.

Places:

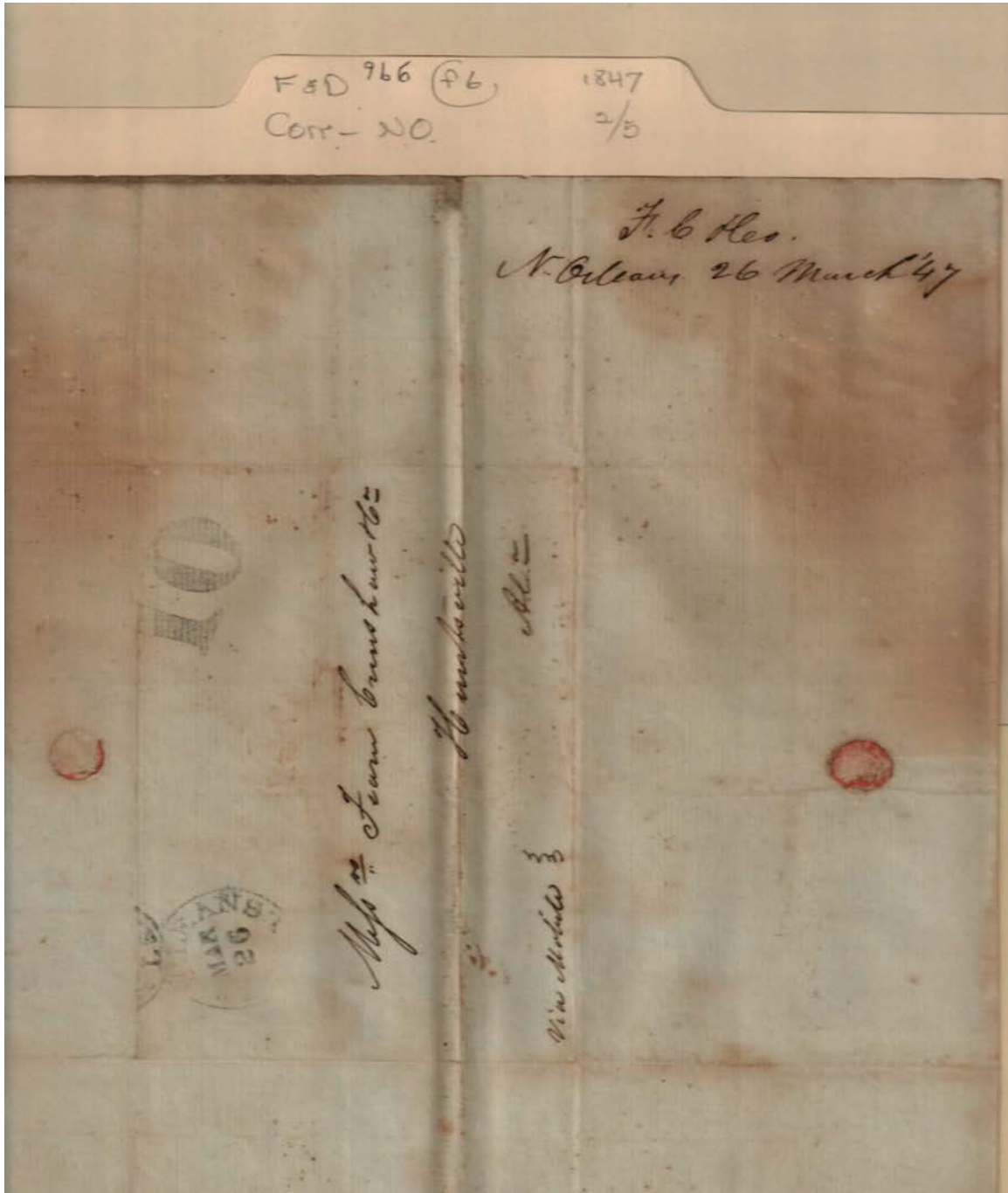
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March 26, 1847

FSD 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO 2/3

New Orleans March 26th 1847
Dear Mr. Crenshaw & Co

We wrote you yesterday concerning your promise to have sales here this morning. The market continues dull & you have waiting the most accounts from Europe. The feeling about that it is no longer a question of days, it will be at once in the estimation of purchasers; if you were to be at work now, for the extent of the day is as well understood now, as it can be hereafter, we are of that opinion that 100,000 Bales, they are afraid that the disposition of the people of Europe will be such to consume as low that they can get along with any sort of cargo & that prices will go up. The most accounts will have their influence one way or the other, if they are favorable the demand will be better & prices advanced, if unfavorable it will be hard to sustain the market, as there must be a good deal of bottom disposed of next month if the consumption is not greater than it has been lately it is probable prices will decline.

We sold yesterday 1000 Bales extra & Missisippi at 10th old Standard, we it was 55 Bales S. S. D. B. at 18 more of these we had, which will be put in next sales.

The Alabama bottoms are coming in fast & we hope to get a good chance to sell some of them.

Major A. S. G. arrived here yesterday from the battle of the late Battle, he was in the fight. He thinks that it would have been better to "San Louis". His army is in a poor state of dis-
-tinction. we send you 5 "Bullheads" of the date. The weather very cold this morning but yesterday it was before.

The late from Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Breck, D. S. & D.
Coffee, A. J., Major

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

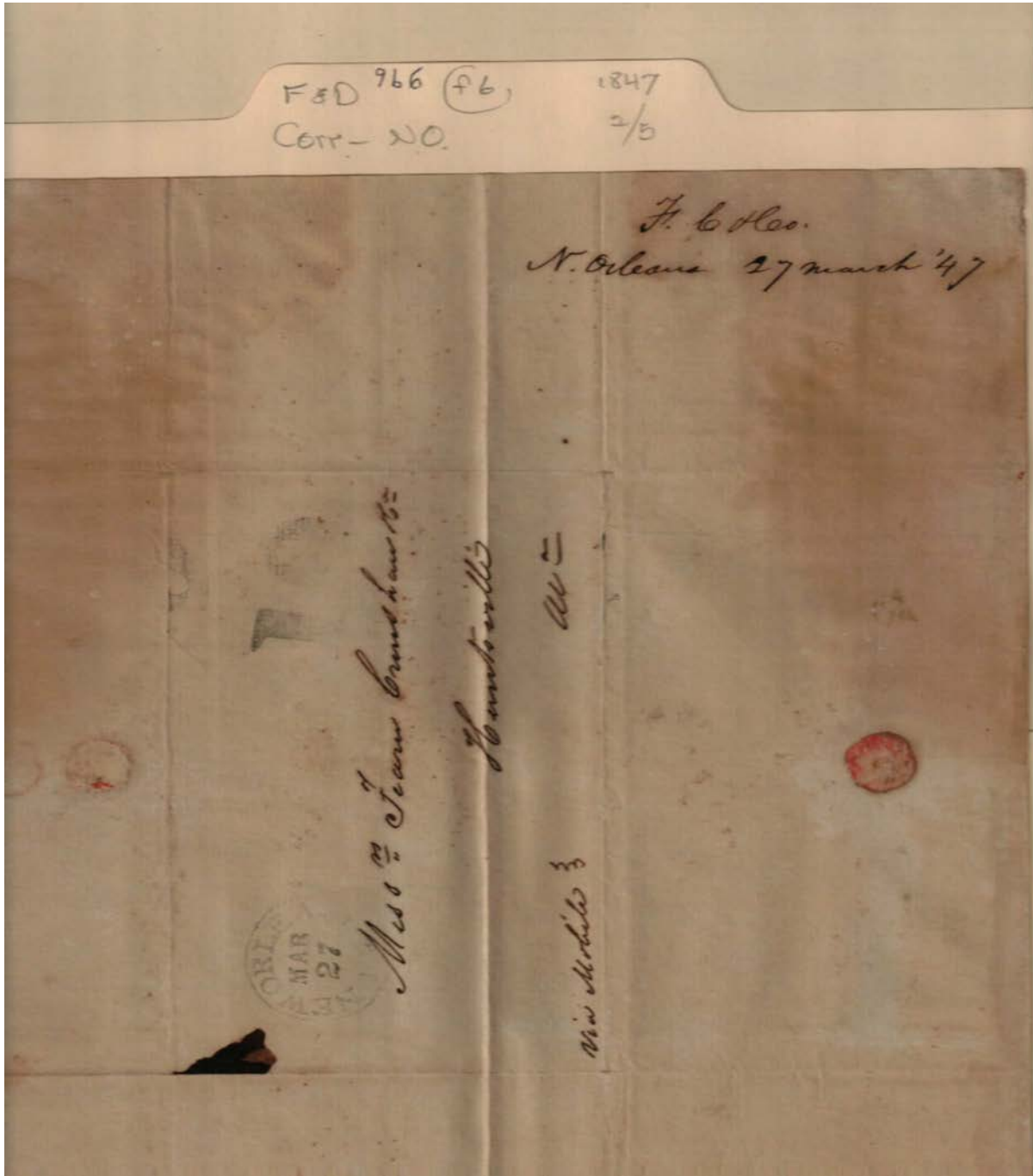
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March 26, 1847



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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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memo

Dates:

March 27, 1847

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 Corr - NO. 2/3

New Orleans March 27th 1847

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 5th St

We wrote you yesterday, this morning we are in receipt of yours of the 19th Inst. with enclosures. This is the only letter from your office the 3rd - all your letters between dates are behind in the Mail. Mr. Bevine is in good health & uniform as he left us well. I had your kind note from us later than the 3rd Inst. - Concerned the arrangement of the Mail is owing us a great measure to high water, but there must be other causes also. The contractors & Postmaster must be to blame. Judge Hopkins & family arrived here this morning from Mississippi. Both well. We understand Mr. Sweeper is also here & shall call on her this morning. Major Penn is also here.

Nothing doing in the bottom street as for perfect order & peace as is, not within feet of the quotations, I am however waiting the accounts, arrived here the last 3 days about 16000 Dollars.

The "wrens" leaves this evening for I believe & we will forward by her such goods as we have in store & for orders.

Mr. Wm. Patton left last evening in the "Peyton" for home via Memphis.

Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Beirne, George

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Hopkins, Judge
 Patton, William

Penn, Major

Places:

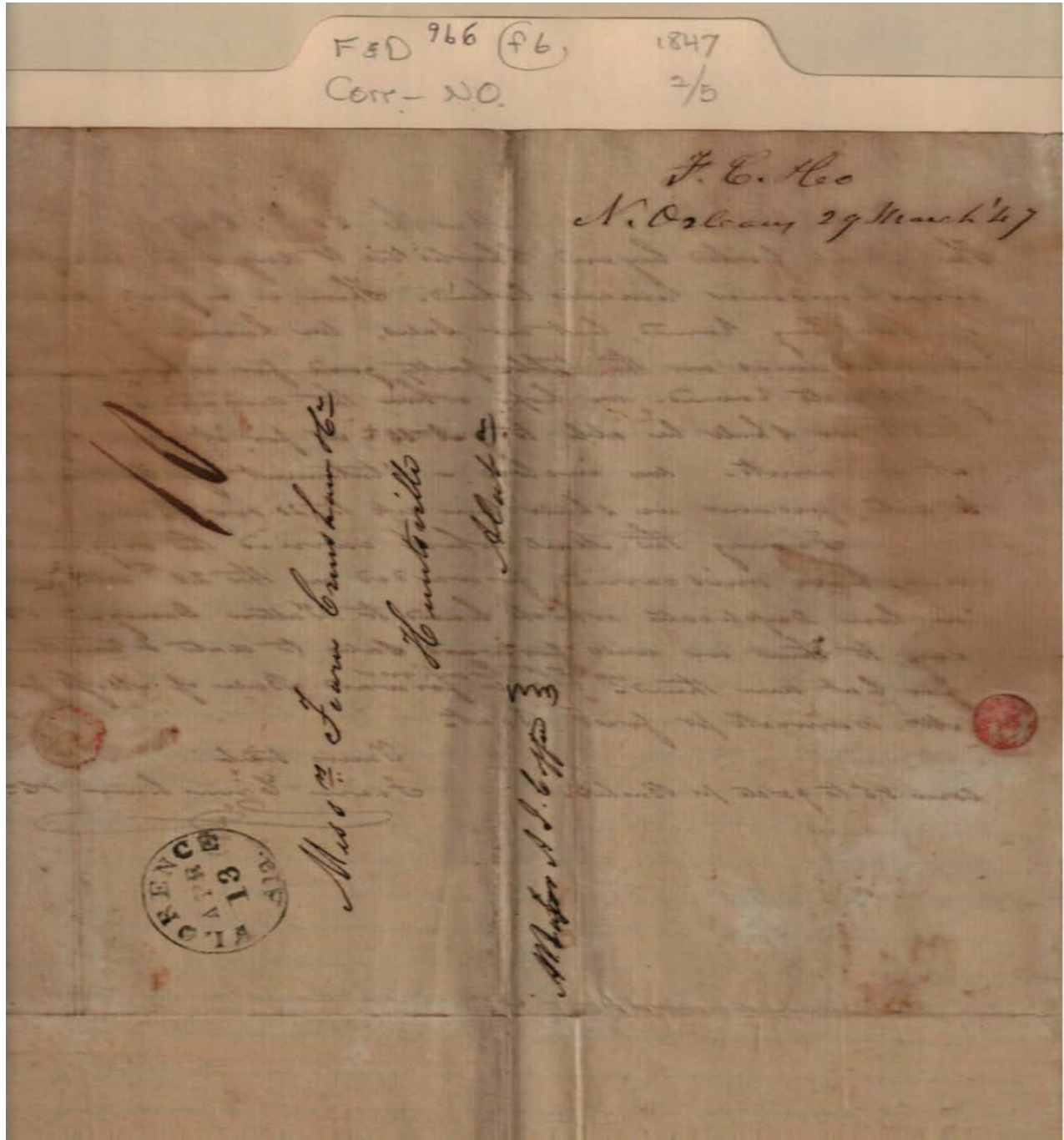
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New Orleans March 29th 1847

Miss^{rs} Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 to care

We wrote you on the 27th Inst
 since then have had 2^d years of the 40th & 18th bales
 for Mr. Smith. Haven't had time to look into your acct
 yet, but will do so to day. We regret to learn that
 intercourse between there is suspended by the stoppage of
 the mails, we have written you many every since
 the writer has been here & we presume you will receive
 them all in a lump. Mr. Smith had gone to the
 Coast to try to get flat Boat receipts & we will more
 soon to have a list of bales received & bills owing
 to state. we think our North Alabama friends will
 come up pretty well. some we have had nothing for
 yet & others not enough to cover accounts. J. P. R.
 Parker have sent no Bill of Lading, nor has Reubin
 Crutcher, George A. Douglass, W. H. & J. B. Jordan, M. King,
 Nathaniel Evans, C. L. Roach, Joseph Caruthers,
 J. W. Looney, M. Washington, T. L. Ferguson, W. H. & J. B.
 Austin & Hurt, A. C. & W. Austin, Wildbahn & Coffey &
 King & Caldwell. There are some others, which we wait to
 collect at present. Hugh Henry's accounts are 450 60 =
 he has only sent Bills Lading for 100 Bales.
 we have the "Abolitionists" accounts to the 4th
 Inst. better about the same as it was on the 4th Inst. - we
 don't get light. There is some more enquiry for better this
 morning, but we have sold nothing. Of the amount in
 we hope to get full power & to do a little better for our
 friends than they would be content with. 4th Inst. we have
 - lot of Abolitionists on the table even we are asking

Names:

Austin & Hurt
 Austin, A. C. & W.
 Buck,
 Burke,
 Caruthers, Joseph
 Cobb, W. W.

Crutcher, Reubin
 Douglass, George A.
 Douglass, M.
 Evans, Nathaniel
 Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Ferguson, T. L.
 Henry, Hugh
 Jordan, W. H. & J. B.
 King & Caldwell
 Looney, John W.
 Parker, E. T. & R.

Roach, C. L.
 Washington, M.
 Wildbahn & Coffey

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15th to 16th but hardly think it will bring it will
do all we can to get good prices for them. It will
be hard to push bottom up here. It will be to bring
down matter too tight.

I was of Robinson Malone the boats were
small at the time yesterday were promising they would
be - total loss we have been bottom on boats the
most much, some Robinson says, but of Bales.

Major Hamilton & Johnson write us in our
note of the 25th but from Nashville of price were
as good as on the 11th but to sell 150 to 250 Bales of
their bottom & that all the bottom was given to us for
their use as business against the price table before
us at New Orleans. You have written to them that the
major writes him would not permit the transfer
of bottom purchased by their agents, without pro-
mises of their promises & that we had covered all
their bottom by our policy with the Insurance Office
& give Insurance office at \$50 per Bale. That 50 Bales
of their bottom was an issue about 1000 Bales that
boats that were covered & that we had been in
claim for damages on it & that under these circumstances
the price could not be changed but in a quiet part of
these circumstances, we could not consent to have
policy by one more in insurance for transfer a captain
for insurance at another point & the settlement for loss
transferred to other hands & they must cancel their policy
with the Nashville office, mention this to Mr. Fackler.

will send this by Major Coffee who goes about
to St Louis. The weather here is improving. We feel better
to day. Mr. Geo. Beane is here in good health.
The other from New Orleans

Names:

Beirne, George
Coffee, Major
Fackler,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.
Hamilton & Johnson

Robinson, Malone &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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March 30th 1847

The Mail failed beyond Charleston today & the European
correspondence remains behind. There is a good deal
of clothing wanted, but no sales. We have a list of
N. Alabama on the table pretty good for which we could
get 10% its amount. we hope when the amount becomes
smaller we shall be able to get 10% its for it. will try hard
at all events. we inclose a statement of cotton sales
to date, presume we shall run up to 20,000 sales.

Fearing the Mail which carried the originals
may have mis-carried, forwarded on the 20th with us
inclose duplicate which hand to Patton Donegan the
day to them we will forward sales to date & statement
for Cal and then ^{up to 1st Profimo} send forward Bull of sheep for
Mr Warrick for first Boat.

Love & to go to for Bunkle.

Yours truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

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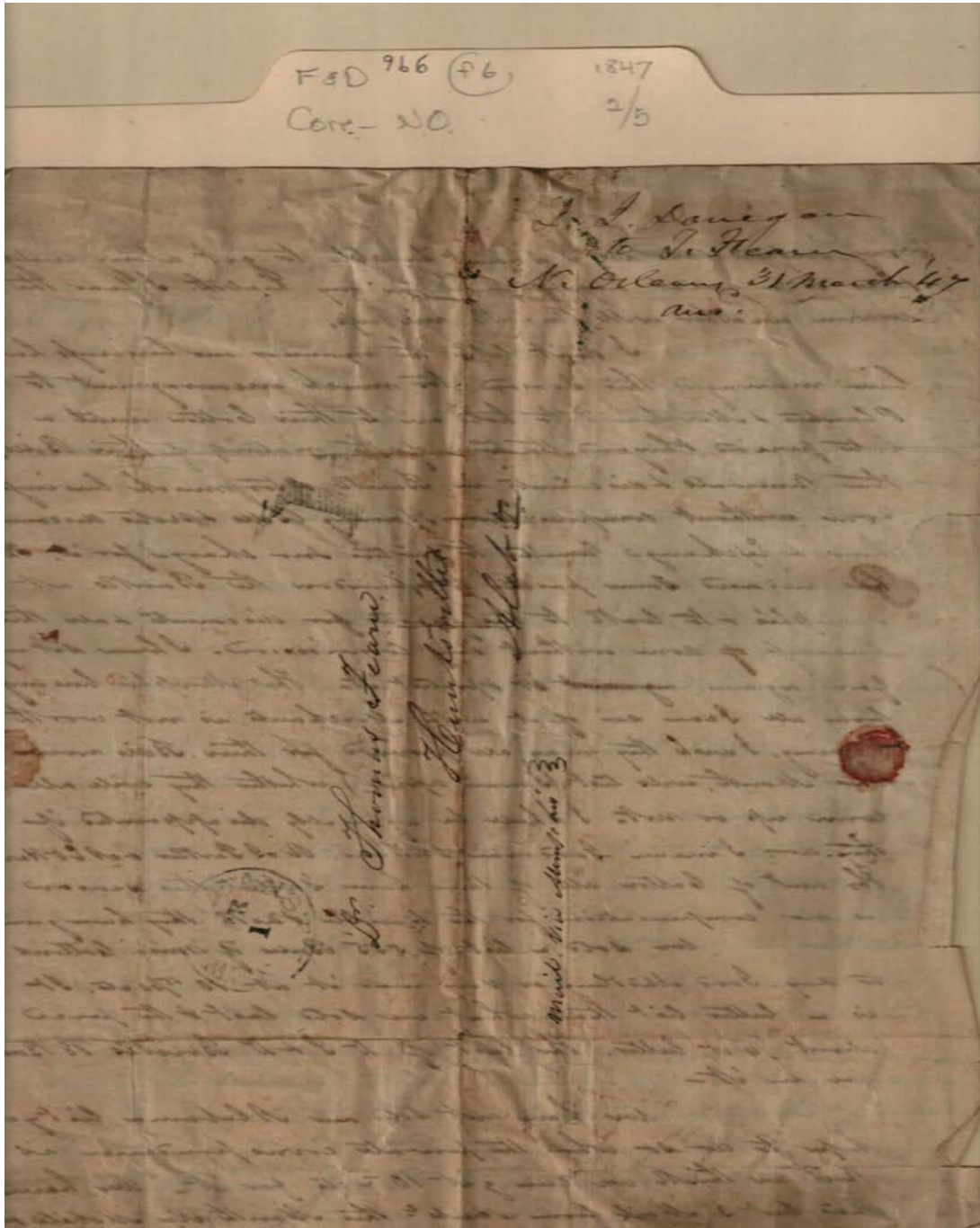
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Names:

Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Thomas

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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March 31, 1847

FSD 966 (96) 1847
CORR - NO. 2/B

New Orleans March 31st 1847

I have been so full of indignation
at my affairs has been not felt or communicated to
you but what I was obliged to do, you will
understand very well why I have not written you more
than once I think I am in the mean the hemorrhage
of my affairs is better to say, I tell I am well &
my affairs are very quiet & thriving.

A few days ago my affair was, Mosely & Hopkin
has been obliged to turn after the subject of
my affairs was opened, I told him frankly my objection
to him first that he was ignorant of other countries being
that he was not a merchant & that he should
rather stand off that he had many things to handle & I would
not feel that he would not have that confidence in
me when the partners conducting it should nothing
but the business, I was by that he was to much
involved for the Bibb Estate & that we no longer had
the management or control of it the name signed to
all the papers he would be liable an even partner of
the firm, to be protected, which would be disreputable
to us & of consequence to him as well as to the
firm. I explained the objection, but thought he could
do some good work & with his real industry thought
he might have as much business as has shown of
profits would admit to, we tried to get released from
his responsibility of the estate, but this could not be a case
to look us at any, let us have all the other partners, although
his company was better upon, so far as he was the only

from Memphis

Names:

Bibb estate

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Hopkins, Mosely

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more nominal than under after talking the matter over
& pursuing his great anxiety as well as his father's, I yielded
& agreed that he might come in. I hope at my time next
month we can had try it, if it succeeds well enough, if not,
why we must take the chance. I requested Moseley when
he went to Mississippi to explain to George & to give my
feelings to him & the objections I had to do in my partness,
when he returned he stated but a short time & I had no
conversation with him about the matter. Moseley has come
to Mobile now where he will remain a few weeks & I
will then return had purposes going to Mississippi
to I determine a letter. I proposed to him that on his
return he would come into the office had explain what
he could propounding to myt business business, which
he has agreed to do.

The terms of Partnership I proposed were
that he should put in \$10,000 & I should put in \$10,000, you
& I \$30 & \$30,000, that they were to be allowed interest
on their Capital & to have no interest of 1/2 each
& we of 1/3 each, which they agree to, but Moseley
has not got the funds, but should be some time than
my impression is you had ought to take not but
little Capital, whatever we have in over & about the
\$30,000, they pay us interest on it. I told Moseley that
was a singular one. It would not do to take a man
into the business without either qualifications or Capital.

This is about the sum & substance of all that passed
& in view of this & the winding up of the old business
I think you had ought to come down here as soon
as the bottom is all off. If we purchased Mr. Crenshaw
out he will effort to leave here by the first of July

Names:

, Moseley

Atwood,

Crenshaw,

Fearn, George

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Some improvement is I should be able to get along unless there is a great improvement in my health. I fear the warm weather will throw me up.

I don't like the manner our business has been managed this season. too much encouragement to Planters & Merchants to hold on to their Cotton until a later period than the time of the maturity of their Bolls, then remove it to some distant place & too much business done without compensation. Many Bolls & notes accounted here & Exchange resulted to parties who charge for it. This has induced some parties to abandon the Bolls at Memphis & to look to the market for their accounts & all the business of some without any commission. I have set my face against payment of it & expect it. The Memphis business from all I can see of it with Merchants is not worth having. I wish they may all provided for their Bolls now. The Month will not (I mean April) whether they will all come up or not. I shall be equally disappointed if they do. I mean Goodman's business. R. A. Parker & C. Harris. The rest of Cotton all of them have shipped this season is no compensation for the trouble & cost they have incurred. We sold a list of 555 Bales of Miss. Cotton to day. Good shipping or very near it at 10 1/4 etc. It is a better list than what we sold last & the price about 1/4 et better. The last of 15 1/2 et 18 Bales are in it.

We have not sold our Alabama list yet hope to do so when the private comes forward. We have had but 3 mails from Mobile & the Month via Mobile & one by Memphis - 3. 8. 10 1/2. I am truly
James J. Donegan

Names:

Breck, D. S. & D.

Donegan, James J.

Harris, A. E. O.

Parker, R. A.

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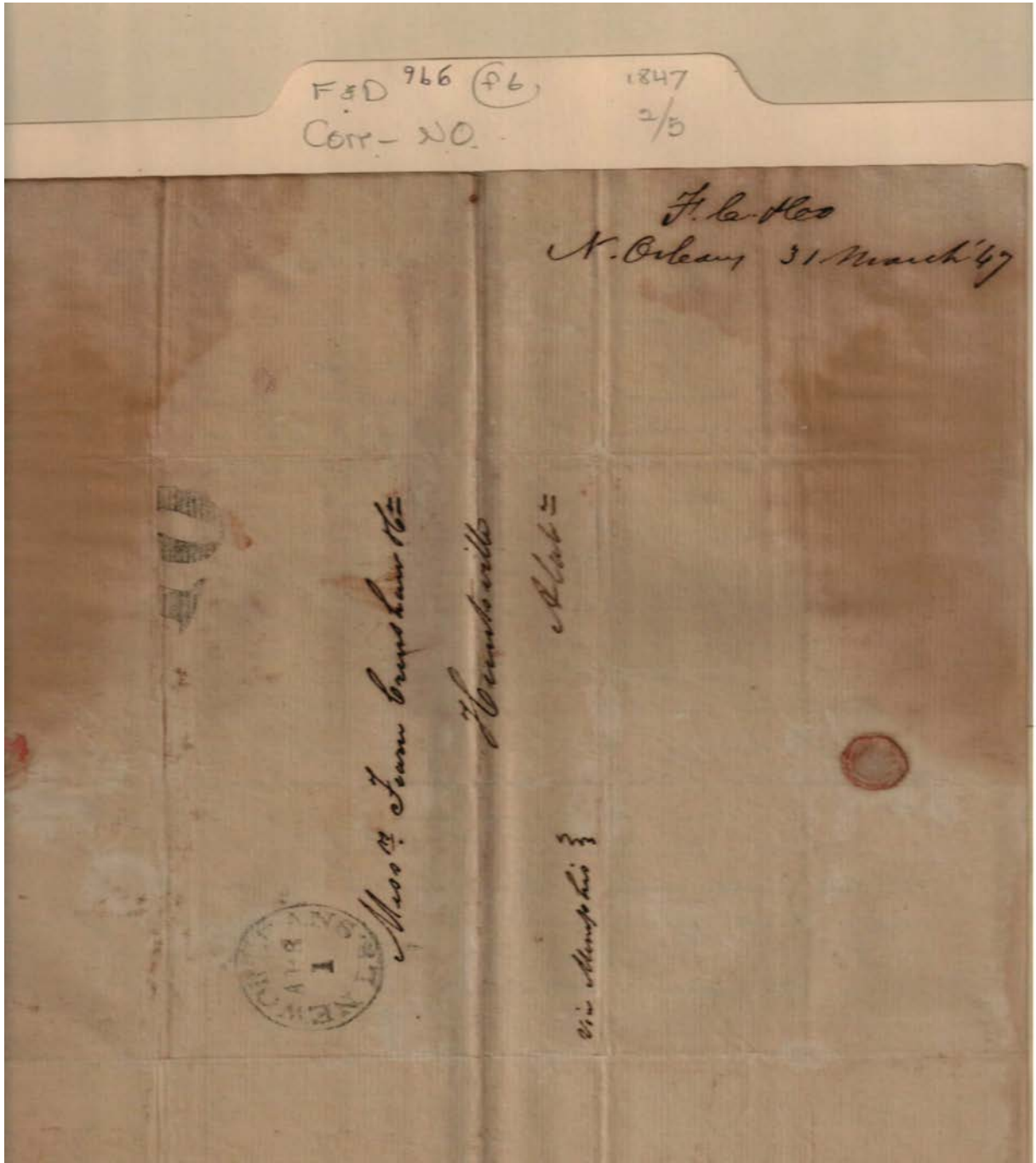
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New Orleans, LA

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New Orleans March 31st 1847

Major Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 Dr Sir

We wrote you fully yesterday
 by Major Andrew J. Coffee who returns home on leave
 we have nothing to add except that more business
 was done in cotton yesterday & price reported at full
 quotations. The private cargo papers for the "Hibernian"
 has not been rec'd yet. the mail having failed the
 last two days. This prevents a more general demand
 & we hope to see some account, as the accounts are
 regarded as favorable.

We are sending by to days Mail. statement
 of Settlement with undersigners to the following persons
 S. J. Ewing, G. H. H. Hewlett & G. H. Wellborn
 & Hamilton & Johnson Nashville - we settled at \$50 per
 Month.

We sent you our share of coffee in
 Huntsville. the Tenthth of Major Coffee
 the late battle between Gen'l Taylor & Co. It was
 wife & twelve again with the old "love" shut for the flying
 artillery would have been whiped. the Hossiers & Co.
 - and all would not stand up to this passover

Yours truly
 Frances Crenshaw & Co
 3

Names:

Coffee, Andrew J.,
 Major
 Ewing, S. S.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.
 Hamilton & Johnson

Hewlett, Thomas H.
 St. Anna
 Taylor, Gen'l

Wellborn, Elias

Places:

Nashville, TN

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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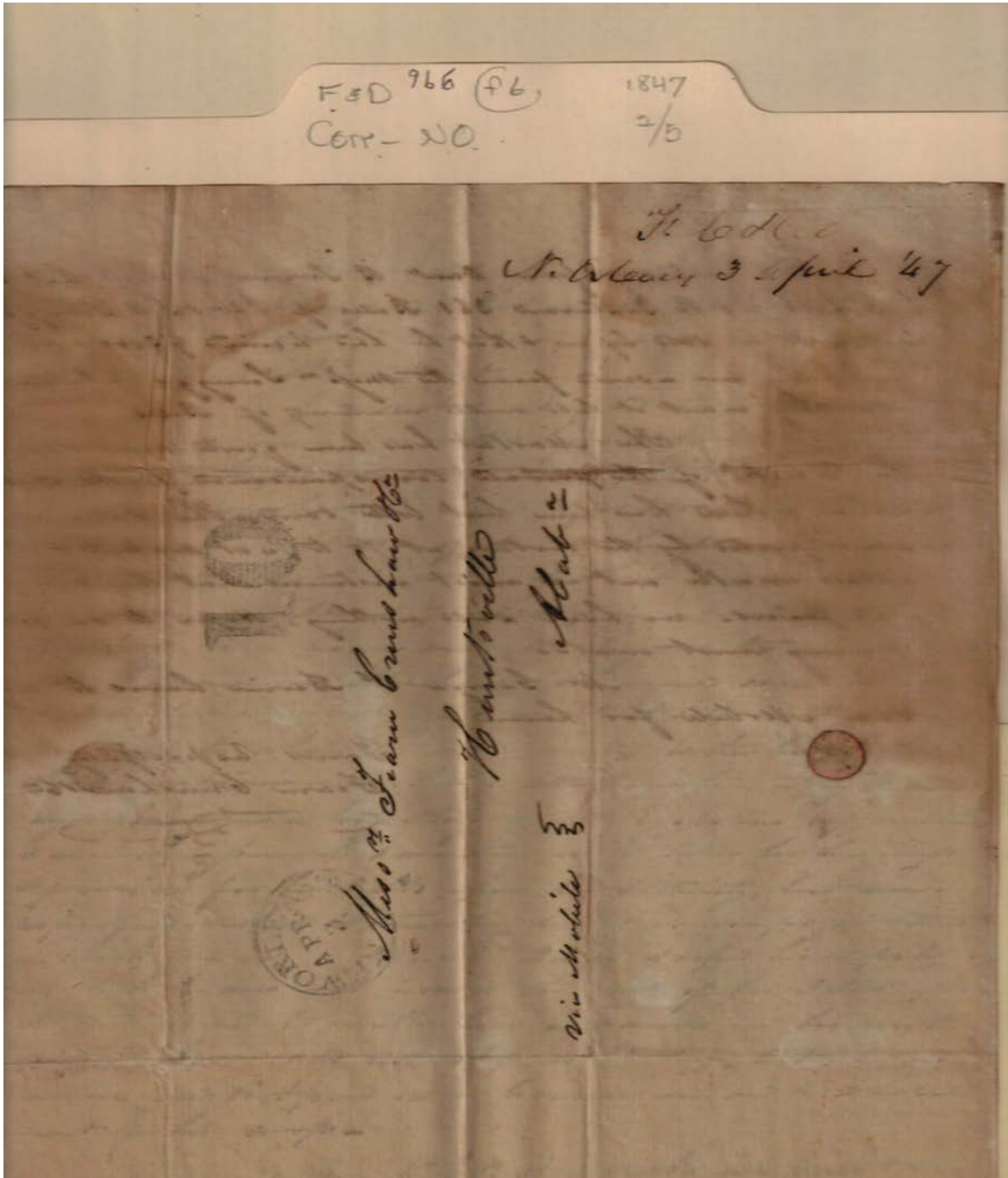
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April 3, 1847

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New Orleans April 3^d 1847

My dear Friend

We write you on the 31st ult
since the year of the 24th band has been long we are
much pleased to hear that your Mail communications
are again open & hope they may increase in
number & quality.

We wish you had been well informed to the
fact we are unwilling to discuss with you in your own
It is a difficult matter to find a market but it is
to take place in the better sense, & winning the sufficient
in the Money Market, the great reduction in
the consumption, the heavy stock held & the disposition
of parties to purchase at present prices, we feel surpris-
ed when we can effect sales at good prices to do so
we do not force sales, & when we sell we get full
prices. The general impression is that when they become
satisfied that the crop will not exceed 1500,000 Bales
that on the other hand, that prices will improve, we
are inclined to this opinion too, but even so will they
improve so much, as to carry prices here much
beyond their present currency, Fair bottoms are quoted
at 2^d 1/2 & the calculations here is, that it will require
6 to cover at our present basis. In the present condition
of things even they go beyond this point? we hardly are
inclined to believe they cannot go much if any beyond
them & therefore when we can get full quotations we dis-
posed to sell, when we have the inclination to do so
We shall send no more Young Boys to Mr. Stanger
possessing he can do us well at home.

We have no more all the entries at market in

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Munger,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

April 3, 1847

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in your letter - saying Mr. Lane says that Mr. Lowry's
 draft was paid by you & that it has not appeared here
 Mr. Lane & I are in haste have paid over to him the
 rest of 5 months draft.

But Mr. Lane accepted the proposition
 made him from New Orleans by Mr. Lane. He had already
 anticipated the process on his draft - Mr. Lane
 the agent for which he had pledged 300 Dollars he has
 raised within \$1200.00 of the two hundred - Mr. Lane
 has received about \$1900.00 of which some are now
 in arrears. Some for 2000.00 is received. His
 business is a heavy one. He requires too much from
 his Commission Merchants. He wants even the whole
 value of his property & then want it held until he
 says. In the whole the writer would rather be without
 such a course. We had a letter from him a day or two
 ago giving us a long story of Mrs. Eggleston's difficulties
 & asking us to purchase & wanting us to settle her bills
 & provide for her debts upon his security, but we
 respectfully declined it, thanking him of course for his kind
 interest for us. But Mr. Lane & I had his draft to
 us, but he was not to receive the rest of his draft. Mr.
 Lane agreed to make him no more on his draft
 draft. Lane did not ship us his draft, but placed
 us in funds & paid us a Commission and the whole
 rest of his draft.

Say to Mr. Lane we will do
 our best for him in the case of his bottom
 will endeavor to procure a good map
 of Mexico & send it to you by the first opportunity

Names:

Archer, R. T.
 Atwood,
 Davis, Buck

Eggleston, Mrs.
 Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Hancock, Col.
 Jones,
 Lowry,

Pope, William H.
 Saunders,
 Watkins, Dr.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

April 3, 1847

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Corr - NO. 2/5

Dear Sir received yesterday from Capt B Sumner advice that he
had sold 300 Bales of S.W. & S.H. Linnings
batter to be sold by us & that he had received \$30000 on it.
we have no advice from the Messrs Linnings relation to
it. They expect it held until maturity of Bales.
The Market has been quite well since
the receipt of the private correspondence for the above
said & there has been but little sale. The sales now
are reported by the brokers at 7/8 to 1/2 of the kind & the
others are the most most instances that they are at
old prices. we have sold nothing, hope to see more
very soon.

Mr George P. Beirne has to any
one notice for hours.

Yours respectfully
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Beirne, George P.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.
Yeatman, J. & R.

Places:

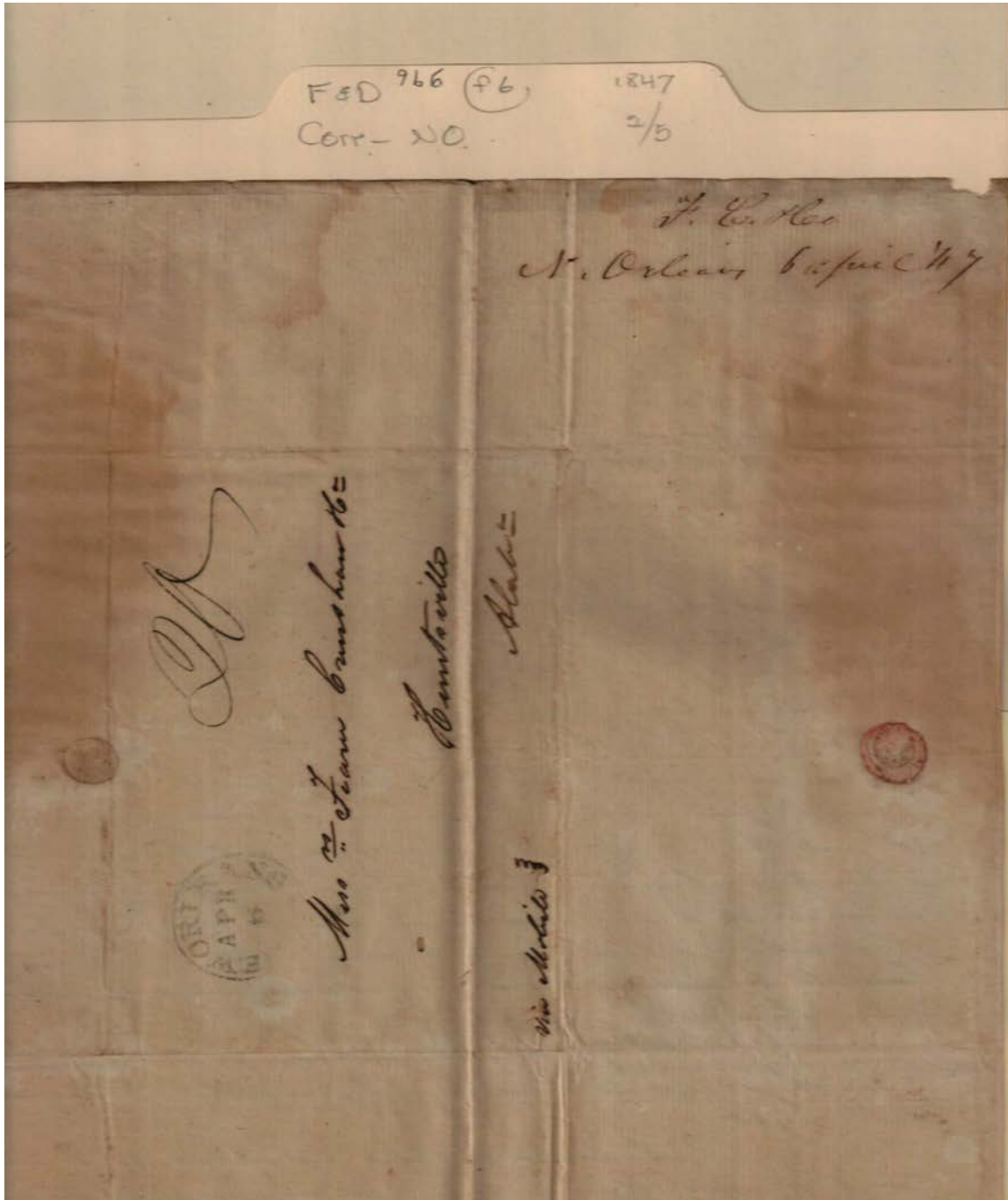
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Types:

correspondence

Dates:

April 3, 1847



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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memo

Dates:

April 6, 1847

F&D 966 (96) 1847
CORP - NO. 2/5

New Orleans April 6th 1847

My dear Fearn Crenshaw & Co

We had the pleasure and
the great honor this morn of the 31st ult to have
contants notes.

It is out of our power now to comply
with your suggestions in reference to the water question
of your water bottom. It has been felt & the samples sent
be identified by a witness who would take the up
the left is to be removed be purchased then will be no
necessity for a split

We have nothing new to report, sales
of bottom yesterday about 3000. Sales in small lots &
probably 1/2 it balance quotations. The demand is such
there is no spirit in it, no large purchases & we
begin to fear our left the demand be covered more spirit
it will be a difficult matter to get through with
sales of the large & stretch. Several things engage the
attention of speculators more than bottom - we fear
if orders came out by the "Wharves" that they are too
low to be filled, as there is no indication of demand
from those who generally purchase

The Municipal elections too place yesterday
& the whys carried every thing before them - but by going
last night.

The writer incloses his acknowledgements of
Mr. S. Cruise's communication as Treasurer of the State
Relief fund, which you will please hand him - Mr. Smith
& Pope left home for their respective homes last evening

Yours truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Cruise, S.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Irvine & Pope

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

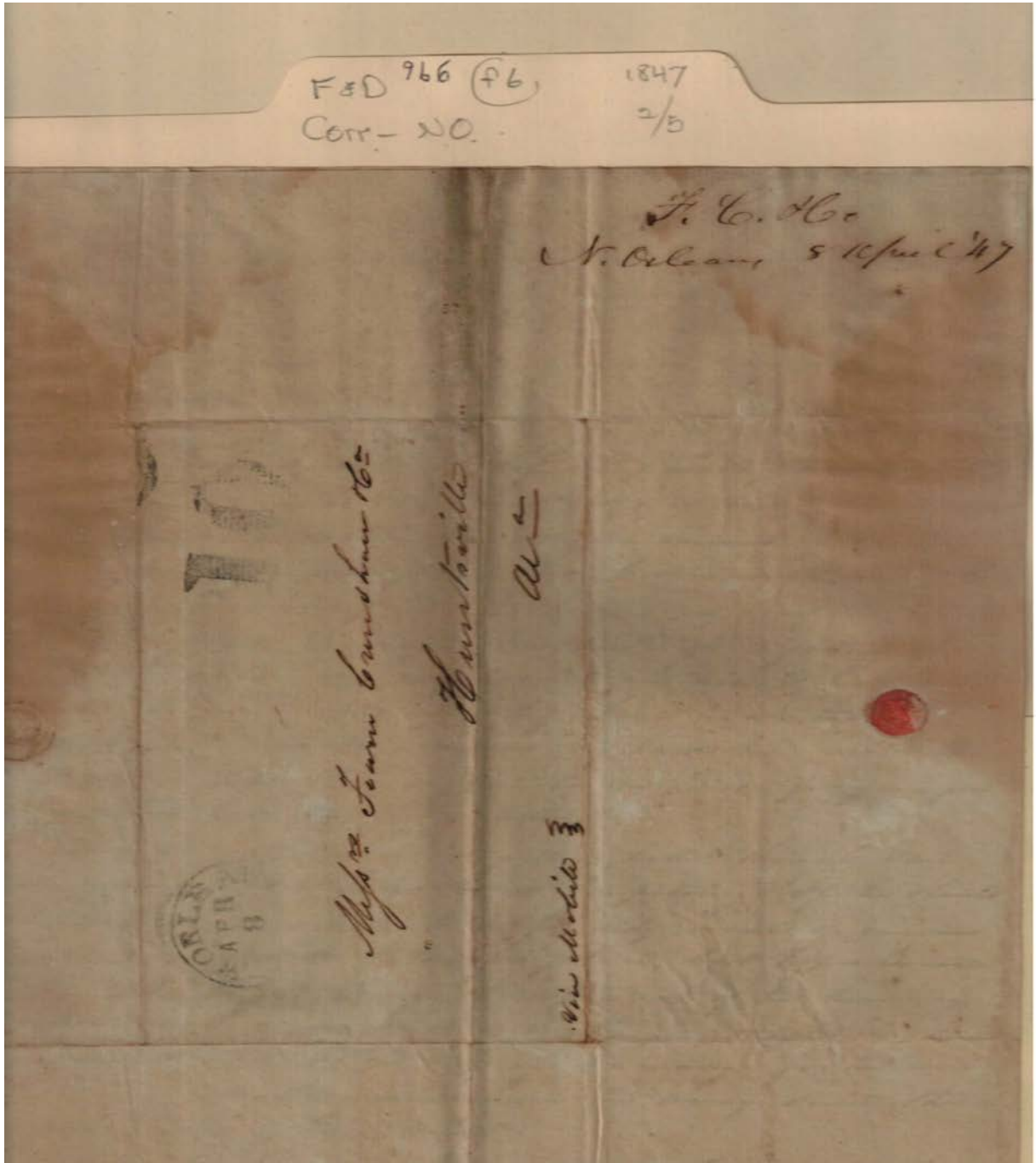
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

April 8, 1847

FSD 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO. 2/3

New Orleans April 8th 1847
Messrs Fearn Crenshaw & Co
Dear Sirs

We wrote you on the 1st inst. advised that yours of the 29th will not be here.

On the 1st inst. there was a good amount for better
your Sales etc. reported at full quotations, but we can't
think they were, as we had no offer within a foot and
a half nothing, yesterday the amount would not be here to
sales reported at 22.00. Since we have never seen the
amounts so full irregular at this season of the year
Alabama Cotton appears to be very much neglected
& the largest share appears to take hold of cotton, they
are all engaged in the speculations of kind stuffs.

The entries advised have all been moved -
other matters noted, we hope our Settlements families
will still come up to their engagements, if they do
not, we shall look for them. Have advised
Messrs Fackler & Miller relative to the B. & C. Cotton. The
goods ordered for it & it should will be sent by
first steamer. Mr. J. C. Lowry is here himself. We
arrived here this morning, we note your information
relative to G. S. Burton, we are much surprised for
about \$2500. for him beyond the cotton in hand
but he has pledged himself to put us in funds to
pay it before the season closes. We had a conversation
yesterday with Van Husen who is here, He thinks Burton
very good, says he had a settlement with George Carroll
a few days before he left & that Carroll fell in his
debt 15 or 16000 of dollars, which he thinks will enable him
to pay all his debts. The paper will send the first

Names:

Breck, D. S. & D.
Burton, C. T.

Carroll, George
Fackler & Miller

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Lowry, F. C.
Van Husen,

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New Orleans, LA

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opportunity of the Basket if we could identify the pattern
we are just in receipt of yours of the 31st ulto.
we are pleased to see that Hugh & Henry has slept
enough to meet his engagements or very near it at
all events.

we fear the druggists will get their business
into a snarl. If they bid 5000. from the pur-
chaser in it as he will, what do they mean - you
for? Will their bottom pay all? we cannot of course
be cognize the transfer of their bottom until our
accounts are paid. We have even considered
that they will manage their business right, but it
places us in an unpleasant position to have their
business so jumbled up - they should be content for
the present with the amount they have bid until their
bottom is sold. These suggestions we make for your
drawed to hold them in a letter.

The writer is getting better, though still
very weak, but hopes he is improving. If he should
find himself unable to do his duty would of course
call on you to take his place, but hopes he will
be able to get along. In deference of his health, if
you could spare the time, think you might to come
down to close the old business & arrange for the new
nothing new from the army. Since the
surrender of Fort Mifflin.

Please let Mrs & Anne that
I am ~~well~~ getting better, as she appears uneasy.
to our friends Archer & Rice James truly
have come upon us at 10 days. James & Henry have to
ought for 5000. at a very inconvenient
moment: our payments are very low and there have to be some of the

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Henry, Hugh
Scruggs,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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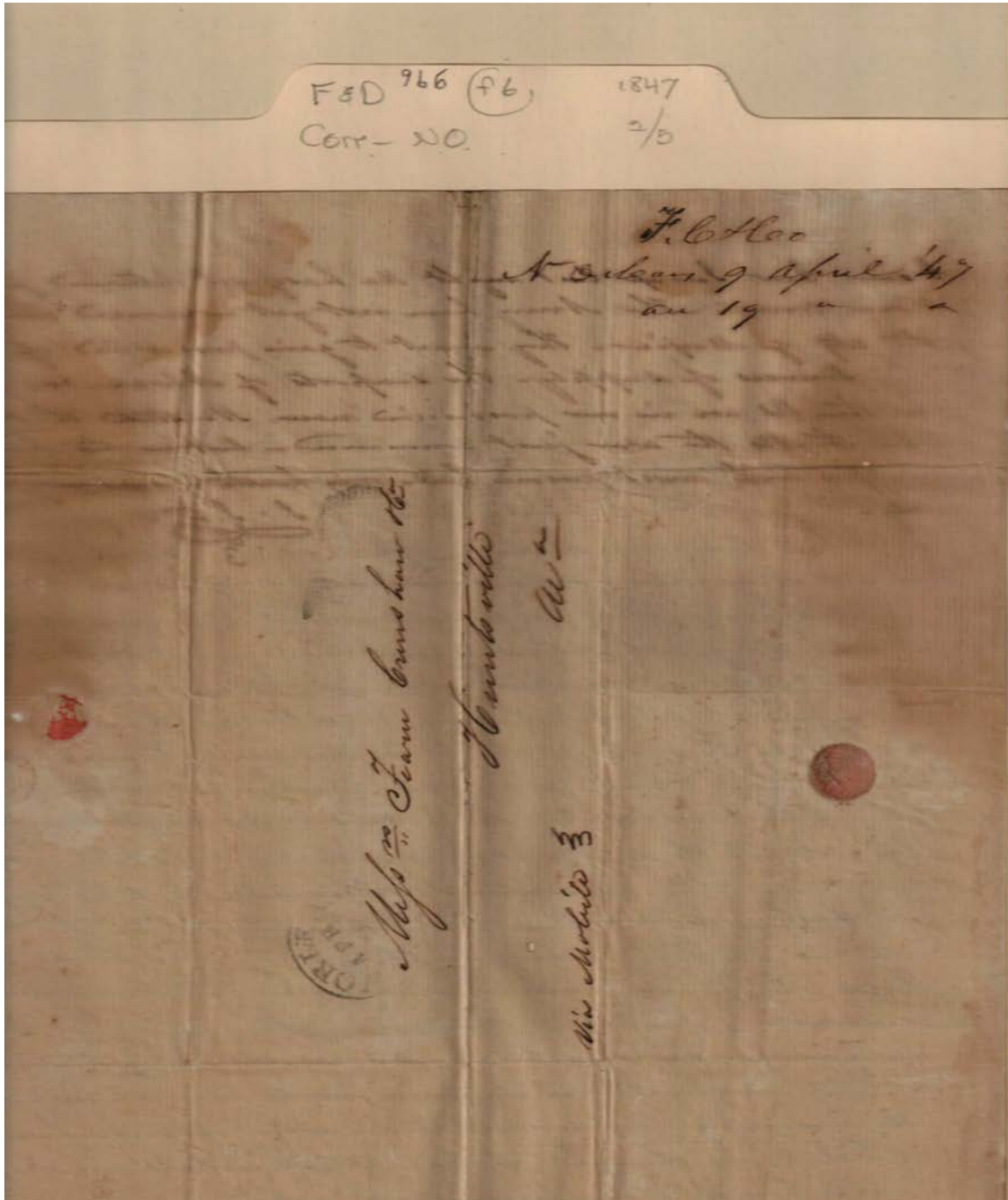
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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Dates:

April 9, 1847

F&D 966 (96) 1847
 Corr - NO 2/5

New Orleans April 9th 1847

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 5th St

We had this pleasure yesterday
 I wish there nothing from you. A good amount of
 cotton yesterday! we sold 957 Bales Alabama & 244
 it is the best at some price 10^{cts} etc round. we had been
 trying for the last time or there to get 3/4 & 1/2 for this
 lot but this was the last offer. we had several purchases
 we saw it yesterday & this was the best offer we had seen
 -ing no prospect of improvement & shortly we concluded
 to sell. It gives us full quotations from 9^{cts} to 11^{cts} etc
 for the different qualities. The following is a list of
 the names. J. W. & J. H. Scruggs 120 Bales, Eliza Jordan
 79. E. M. Swoope 73 + C. J. Barton 20 + J. F. Lightfoot
 53 + Bunkle & Son 70 + M. & S. Harkins 46 + John S. Jones
 42. J. B. Hamilton 3. M. C. Cully & Drake 50 + J. W. Scruggs
 32 M. B. Hampton 30 + Vasser, C. & Vasser 57 + J. W. Scruggs
 176, + these copies have all been advised. Each Bale
 will be classed according to quality & we think &
 hope the price will be satisfactory. There is a con-
 siderable quantity of Alabama cotton offering & the
 so far as we can learn, they are all willing to sell
 at this price. The Alabama will be here shortly &
 the quantity possible in the market will be heavy
 so that we thought it best to sell. indeed we see
 no prospect of any immediate improvement. our own
 prices were now from 1 to 2^{cts} higher than the Liverpool
 we sold this to Porter the Stationer the same to be
 the only person that looks with any sort of favor on Al-
 abamians. Yrs truly Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Banks & Green	Hamilton & Johnson	Lightfoot, J. F.	Vasser, Coleman &
Barton, C. T.	Hampton, M. B.	McCalley & Drake	Vasser
Fearn, Crenshaw &	Harkins, M. & J.	Scruggs, J. W. & Co.	
Co.	Jones, Samuel J.	Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.	
Forsey, R.	Jordan, Eliza	Swoope, E. M.	

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

April 9, 1847

F&D 966 (F6) 1847
Corr. - NO. 2/5

I saw Genl Jessop last night. He has just returned from
"New Orleans". The Army have not yet advanced on
the city of Mexico. They want to gain possession of all
the sources of supply. The reports of Alvarado show
he then has not yet in our possession now. He stated that
he thinks the war just commenced - but in this he
suffers with most persons here. My health is improving slowly.

J. J. Fearn

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Jessop, Gen'l

Places:

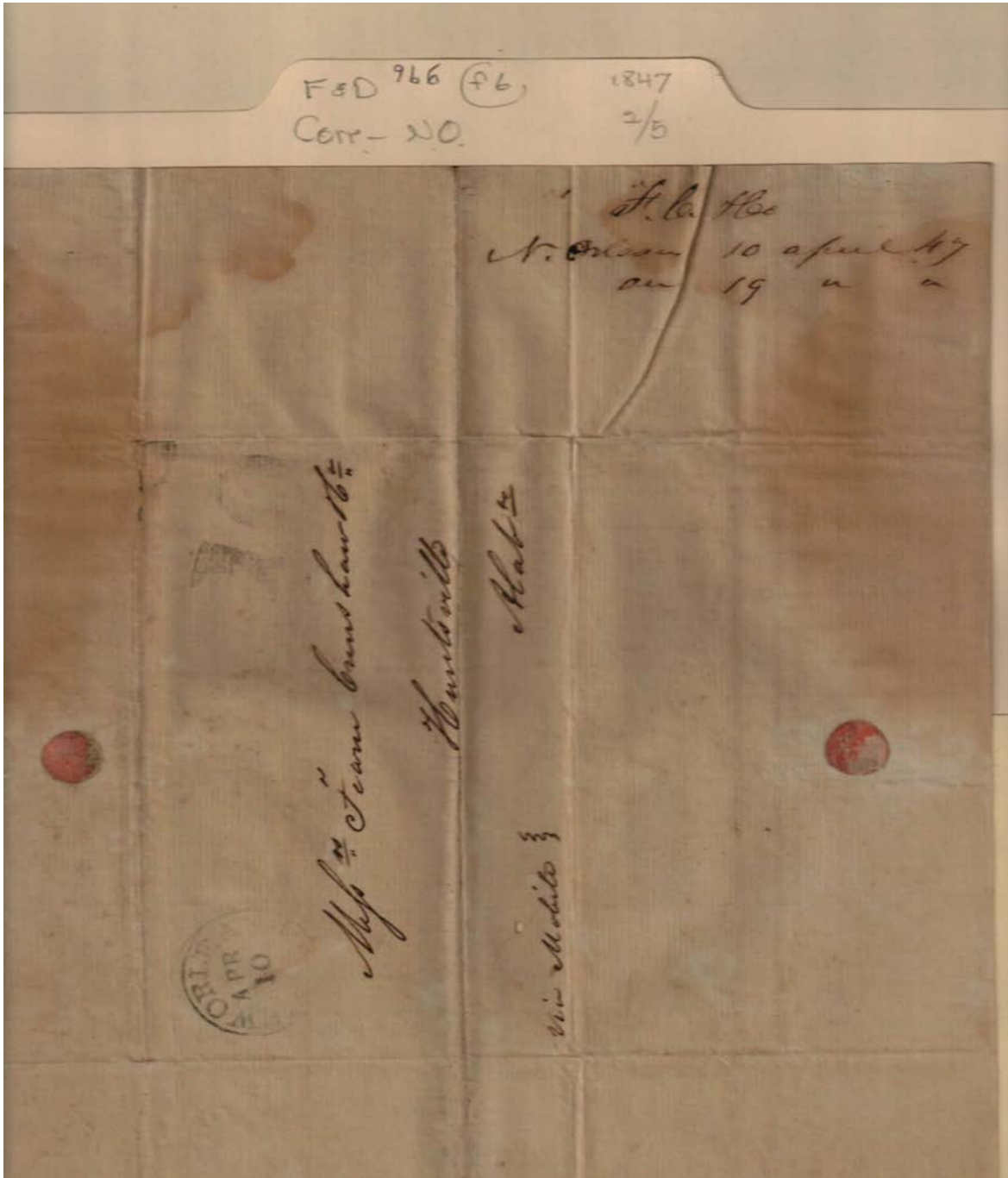
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
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Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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memo

Dates:

April 10, 1847

F&D 766 (96) 1847
 Corr - NO. 2/5

New Orleans April 10 1847

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 or Serv

I wish there were more of your communications to hand. The demand for Cotton continues yesterday at about former rates, although quotations are believed to be higher than has been the case of Alabama. Though we understand several are anxious to sell if they could do so at the price we do at. as yet they have not succeeded. Exchange has improved & freight is less owing to the arrival of number of vessels from the coast. I am happy this will sustain the market. The quotations in the price bureau had not represented the true price for some time. The sales have been at 1/4 to 3/8 below them. The fact is there is not competition for the stocks.

The "Huntsville" is in this morning she brings 263 Bales of Cotton for us. A large proportion from about the shores. though we have no better Landing.

We send you a "Picayune" this date giving the official reports of St Louis & other important events connected with the war. we have a great many heroes here at present. Scott, Boyce, Ben-
 Mr. McCullough, Capt. Walker, Gen. Jessup & our brave
 - and so on. The St Charles is a perfect barrier.

My health continues to improve, my cough & Head ache pasts me more than any thing else now. My strength will return I hope shortly though this is a hard chance to recover strength.

Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

heroes returned from war in Texas

Names:

Cadwalader, Gen'l

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Hayes, Jack
 Jessup, Gen'l

McCullough, Ben
 Walker, Capt.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

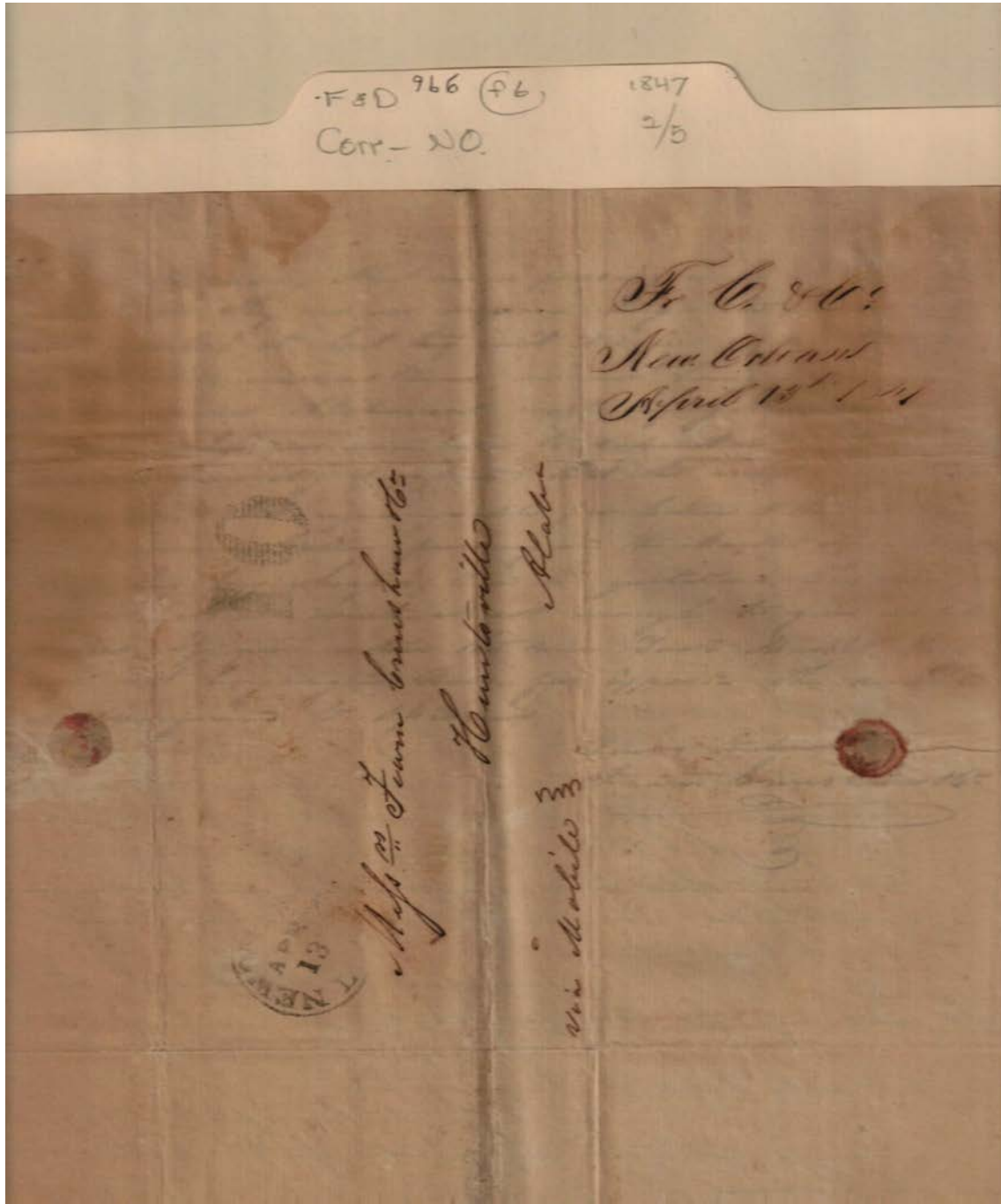
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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memo

Dates:

April 13, 1847

FSD 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO 2/3

New Orleans April 13th 1847

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co
Dr Sirs

We wrote you on the 11th that since the prices of the 5th & 7th of June are to have low bids made & all interest raised.

The proceeds for Mr King will be sent to "Huntsville" she seems to increase learning we ought to hear of Mr King's success. Think he could have made money by the operation.

We should see what we can do for our old friend A. Bransford, but the fact is our friends are coming so heavily upon us in anticipation of their success that it will be impossible for us to completely supply the demand for cotton he cannot better, we cannot find sales of cotton to accommodate people who are over-burdened, & unless you can use the money to some thing, you had better let them find some way to meet their bills, unless when we are in our acceptance, Tennessee Money can be bought here at 2 to 2 1/2 for it is so.

I can now say to Dr Breck that we will pay his bill for \$1500. =

Crutcher's bill becomes due to day & it will have to be paid.

We hope to have from J W & J H Scruggs as to the disposition of their cotton sold by Turner.

The demand for cotton yesterday was moderate, prices reported about the same of late of Alabama at 30¢ Bales by J. Linnell at 9 3/4 etc. There

Names:

Bransford, A.
Breck, Dr.

Crutcher,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

April 13, 1847

F&D 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO. 2/5

is - good many speculators possessing in the Market of fine
parthners. They are all anxious to get the price and
sold now list at, but they can't do so as we have
in our three circumstances we can't bring forward any
more of our speculators until they get clear of
their work. we can't do to submit to a decline.
It is generally supposed that the market accounts
will still be unfavorable for cotton & there is -
good many cotton possessing in the Market of fine
and they buy cheaper than the quotations. The compe-
tition at all points is not enough to give us better
prices. If you notice the New York Market, they
are not buying a bale for export. The amount
is confined to speculators.

Yours truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

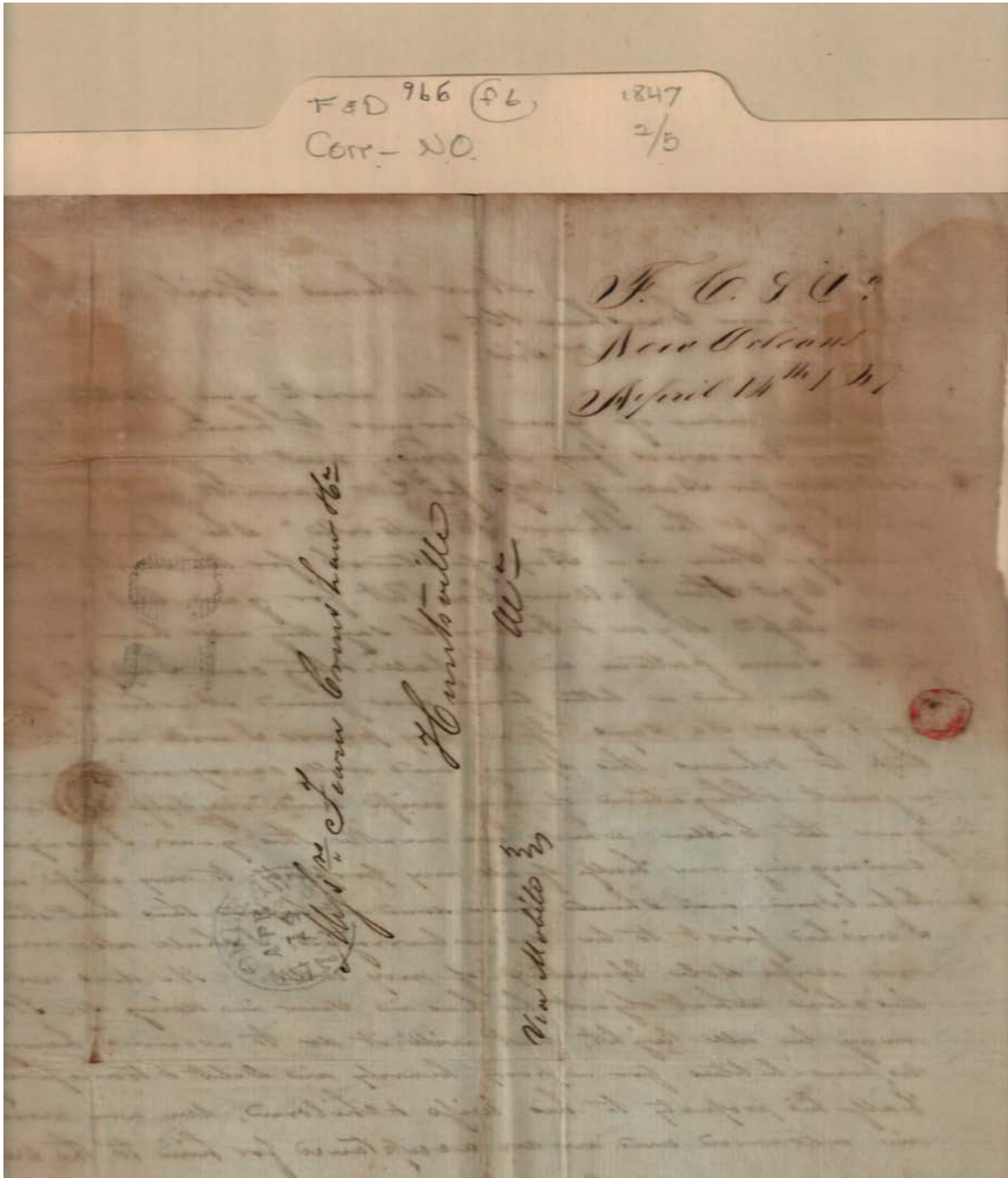
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Co.

Places:

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New Orleans, LA

Types:

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memo

Dates:

April 14, 1847

F&D 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO 2/5

New Orleans April 14th 1847

Mess^{rs} Fearn Crenshaw & Co
D^r Sirs

We wrote you yesterday
since then none of your favors to hand, we having
sent you an order for Mr Wards, and to you about \$2200
& also bills for Sales of Hops for Mr Warrent & Co
which go for the Steamer Huntsville - she leaves this
evening - There is a Box of Starch for the writer - we
tried to get the pattern for you, but it was
sent. Mess^{rs} Hyde & Goodrich say they will have some
of the same pattern in the fall, & they can supply you
We had a letter from our friend Archer - he
says he says, "If in my power I will make
help to obtain this Spring and will carry with me
a joint obligation of my wife and myself to send
you the Cotton which we make this year, I assign
conveying one half of all my property to my wife and
she loves, and should have done it before this but that
I wish first to be disincumbered, I shall also make
my wife sole executrix of my will." He does not
disclose what object he has in view in doing so. It
may be all right, but will it do to assume heavy
responsibilities for - partly heavily in debt & transferring
half his property to his wife & children, you are now
in a narrow and unaccepted for him to the extent
of 27 or 28000 of them 400 Bales Cotton. He may have
30 or 40 more. He wants his Cotton lots for long
periods late his Bills fall due shortly, from especially ^{this} night
Month. Two or three such would use - House wife - I
hope we shall come out straight with him & thank you

Names:

Archer, R. T.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hyde & Goodrich
Steamer Huntsville

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

April 14, 1847

F&D 966 (96) 1847
CORR - NO. 2/5

I shall, but regard him as a very troublesome customer
& one for whom considerable losses have to be incurred -

The enquiry for cotton was pretty good yesterday
sales 2000 Bales said to be at full prices, no alu-
barnes sold two engines for them, we have 2 days
later from Europe, no change in the cotton market
things looking a little better in England but so well
in France - we think there is a little better feeling
towards cotton, yet the sales are not as large as
they may be -

We had R Crutcher's Bill protested
yesterday, we would hate out no indorsement to him
to know it. It is much better to be without such
customers than to have to pay such large sums, he
should have sold his engines & provided for his Bill -
Not a line from Evans either, his Bill is all in a row too, the truly
Fearn Evans have the

Names:

Crutcher, R.

Evans,

Places:

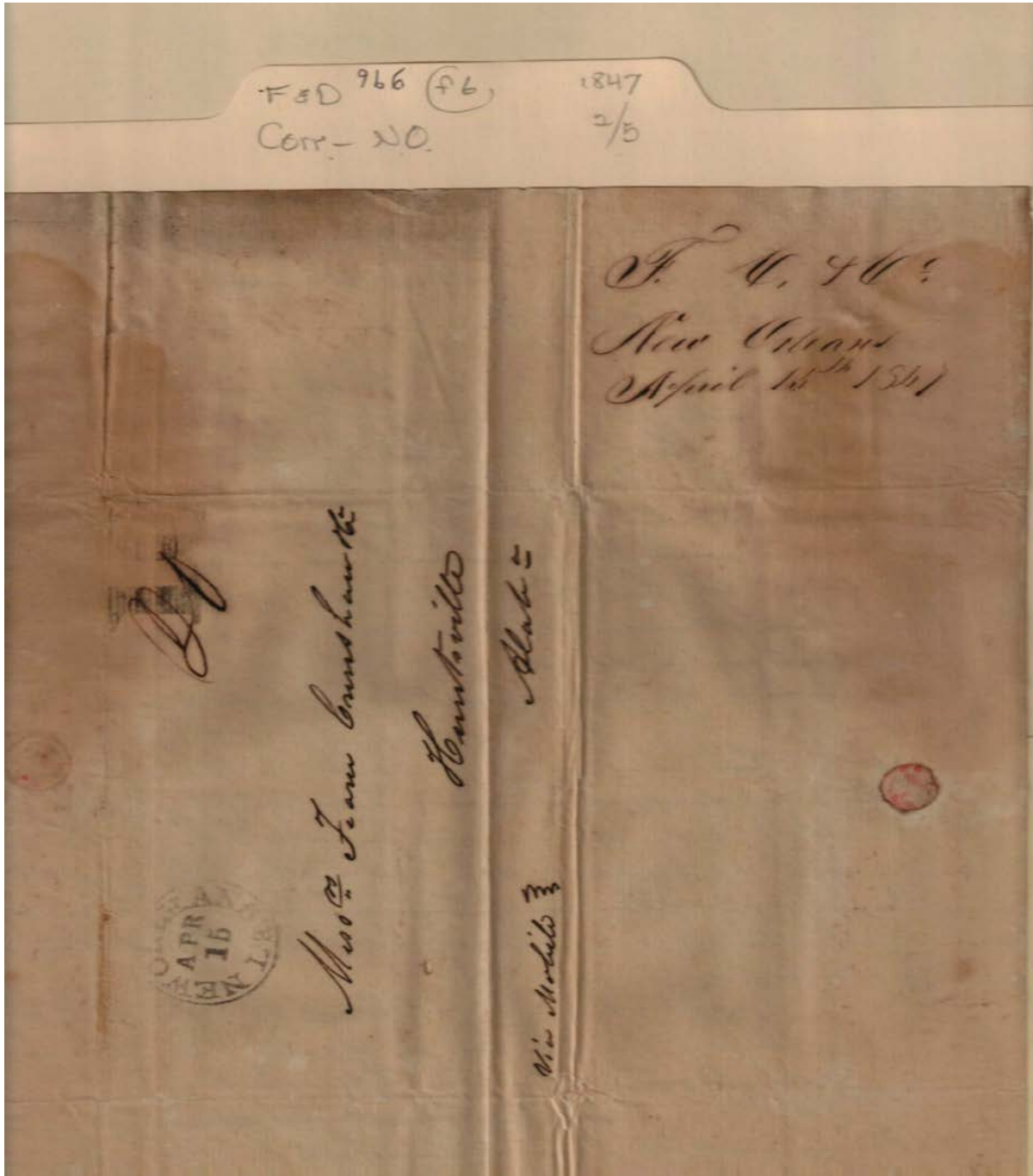
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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memo

Dates:

April 15, 1847

FSD 966 (F6), 1847
 Corr - NO. 2/3

New Orleans April 15th 1847

My dear Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 or Sir

We wrote you in yesterday's
 since this none of your favour to hand -
 We are low Pills leaving for Huntsville
 "Huntsville" for some forwarded by Mr. Dan can hand
 Mr. Warwick's bid. There is no possibility of anything
 any terms with the Tennessee River Board to take any
 freight at less than the usual rates, except salt - freight
 are plenty they are a little & will not reduce them unless
 we send in a demand for belonging to Col. Pleasant
 two barrels of paper (best) \$5 - each to your debit
 of 10 -

There was only a moderate amount for cotton
 yesterday, sales about 2000 Bales. middling mix. at
 10 1/2 to 10 7/8 etc. No demand for Malmesbury. The demand
 seems to be confined to a few buyers. The English are
 buying very little, continental buyers doing most of the
 competition is not enough to enable sellers to get
 full prices -

Mr. A. M. Hopkins is here & continues leaving
 to day to see his relations Mr. Smith & the crew acquire
 - with some of his neighbours -

We rec^d from Mr. Woodruff yesterday
 \$600 on acct. Mr. John H. Lewis, which please pay him
 & charge to our acct. say to him that his brother Joel
 arrived here yesterday from New Orleans & that up the
 river to see his relations, He is in good health -

Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

in N. O. returning from Texas war

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.
 Hopkins, A. M.

Lewis, Joel
 Lewis, John H.
 Pleasants, Col.

Smith,
 Steamer Huntsville
 Warwick,

Woodruff,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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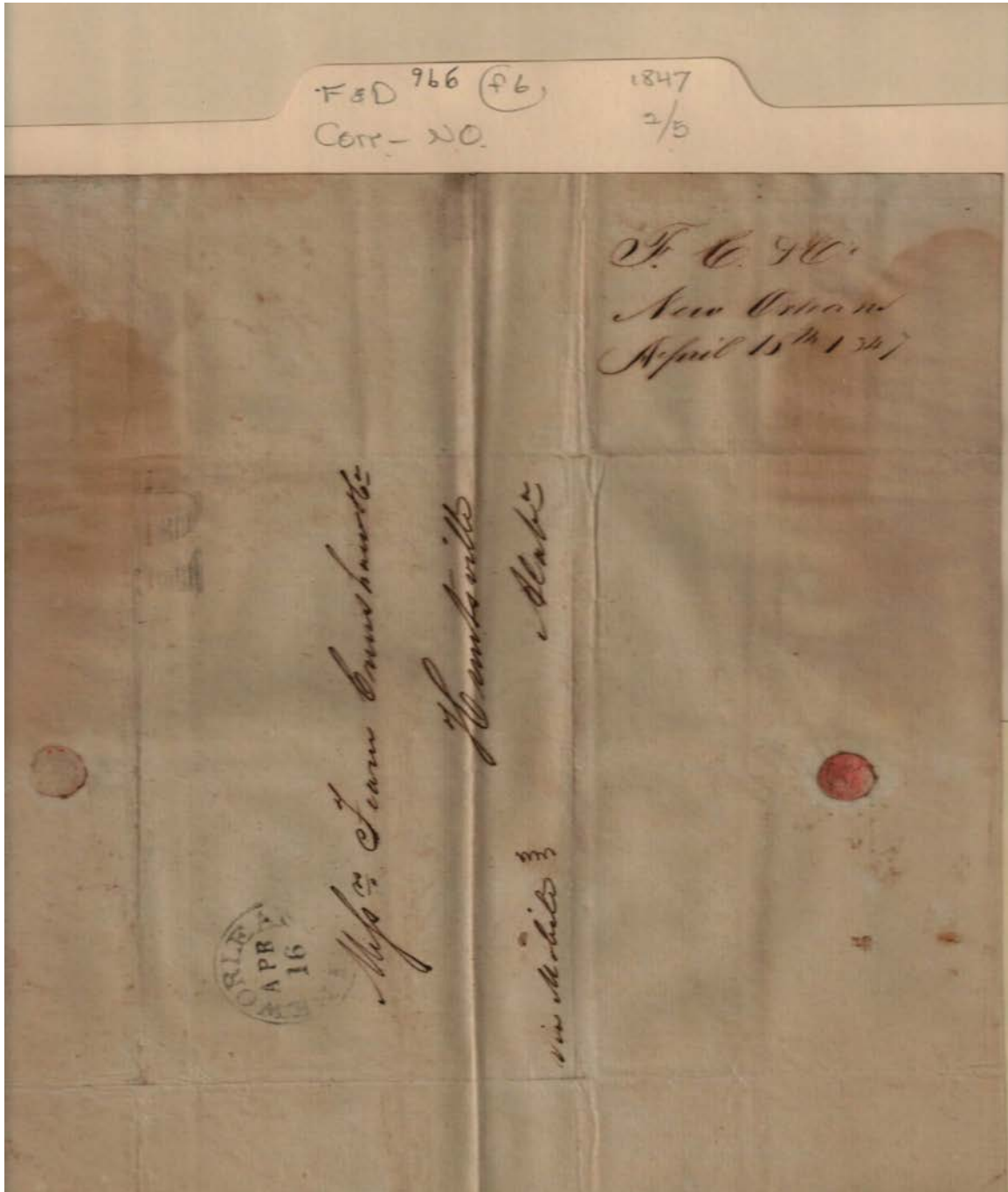
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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Places:

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memo

Dates:

April 16, 1847

FSD 966 (96) 1847
Corr - NO. 2/5

New Orleans April 16th 1847

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co.
Dear Sirs

We wrote you yesterday
since this none of your favours to hand.
Our trading was very quiet & there
was little business done. Some 2000 Bales were sold
at former prices - there are no applications for the
barns & we have heard of no sales, some of our
friends are anxious to sell but they can't find a
buyer or make up a market - we presume it will
be hard to sell Alabamas with the straits of
lower country now more advanced, we are not offer-
ing any of our Alabamas now, believing it had
policy to do so, when there is no demand for them.
I shall of course do so whenever a demand springs
up, will send you a list of better Bales having
a better receipt in a day or two.

The writer is anxious to hear from
you in reply to his two letters, hopes he will hear
that you are in a few days.

I am truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

We had to pay Anderson & Blum - for of 2500 in the Wiley
case although Anderson always told me he would point
out the way to make the money when he was obtained in your
he was doing so. It seems it is not finally determined yet,
as they can appeal on it without security, but we can go on &
make the money if we can, but this property is so embroiled
it will be unwise to do this we shall have your share. J. J. D.

Names:

Anderson,
Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

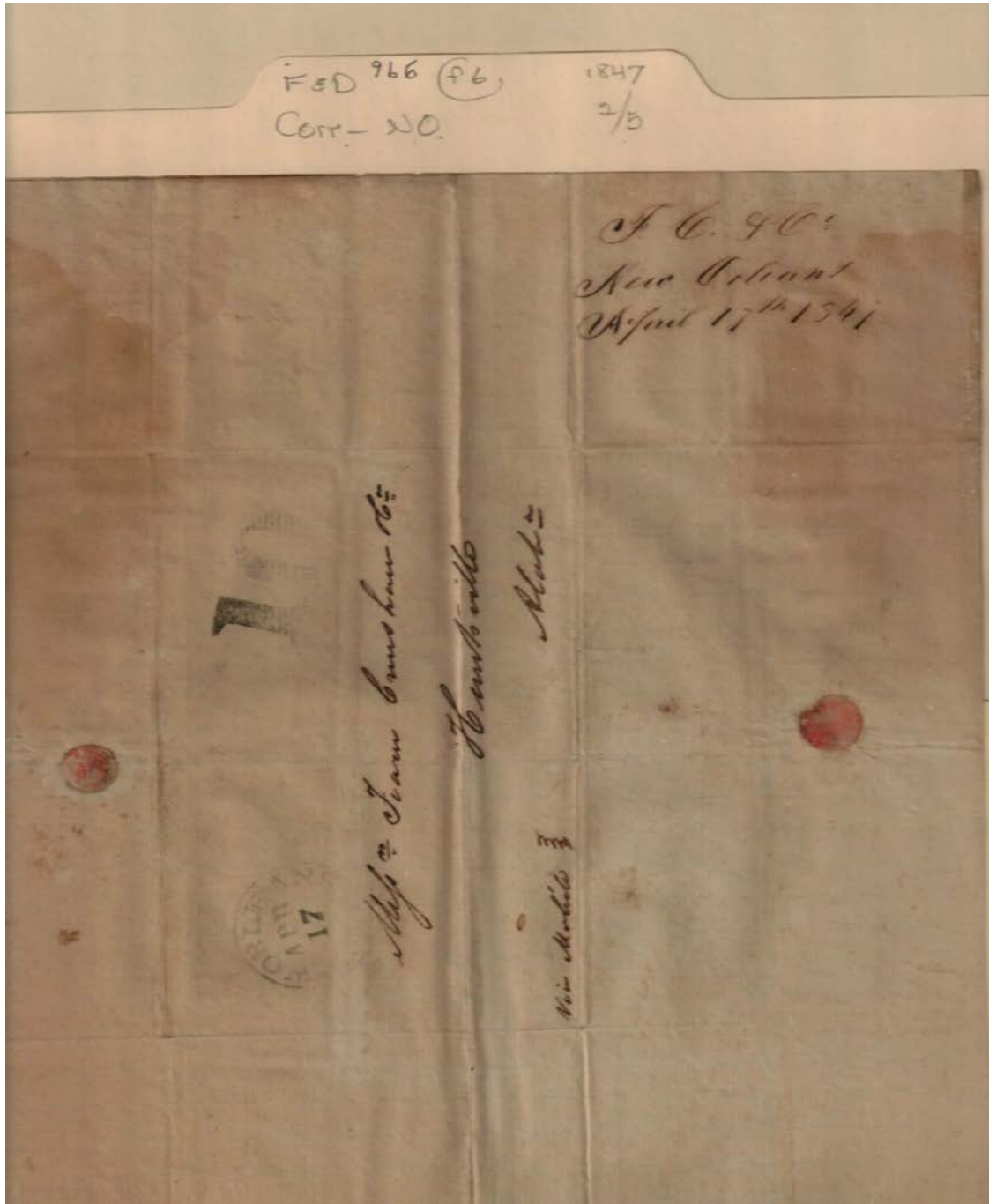
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

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memo

Dates:

April 17, 1847

F&D 966 (46) 1847
Corr - NO. 2/3

New Orleans April 17th 1847

Messrs Fearn Crenshaw & Co
Sir

We wrote you yesterday that
of your favour to have advised them. We have not
particulars to communicate except the date of 20 Bales
of Richardson & Fearn's Cotton for the Spanish Market
at West India. The price current of to day and give
a pretty accurate description of the Market. It is very
quiet & the demand limited to Spanish & Continental
buyers. There is no demand for Alabama or Lower
Gulfing - many of our friends from N. York & are
wishing us to hold on to their Cotton until it reaches
the "highest point" & then sell. This is a pretty difficult
point to determine, the present may be the highest yet
if it should increase they would be disappointed. We
have two days later accounts from England. The demand
for Cotton steady & prices the same, as on the 4th morning
market higher & the spinners working short turned &
steaming, very nervous & high prices demanded. The only
hope we have for any increase, is when they get the
accounts from here that the crop will not exceed 1000000
Bales that prices will rally there. If such should be the
case, we think on the light of these accounts here will
be the time to sell. but if we could repeat our last
sale, we would do so, where we have the discretion, as
we don't expect to see prices much if any above three
& they may be lower if the demand does not become more
animating, as there will be a great many of these ^{Alabama} ~~Spanish~~
on the Market. The "South Sea" & war are in the sun
ing 40 Bales on the former & 2 to 300 Bales on the latter for use
Yours truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Richardson & Fearn

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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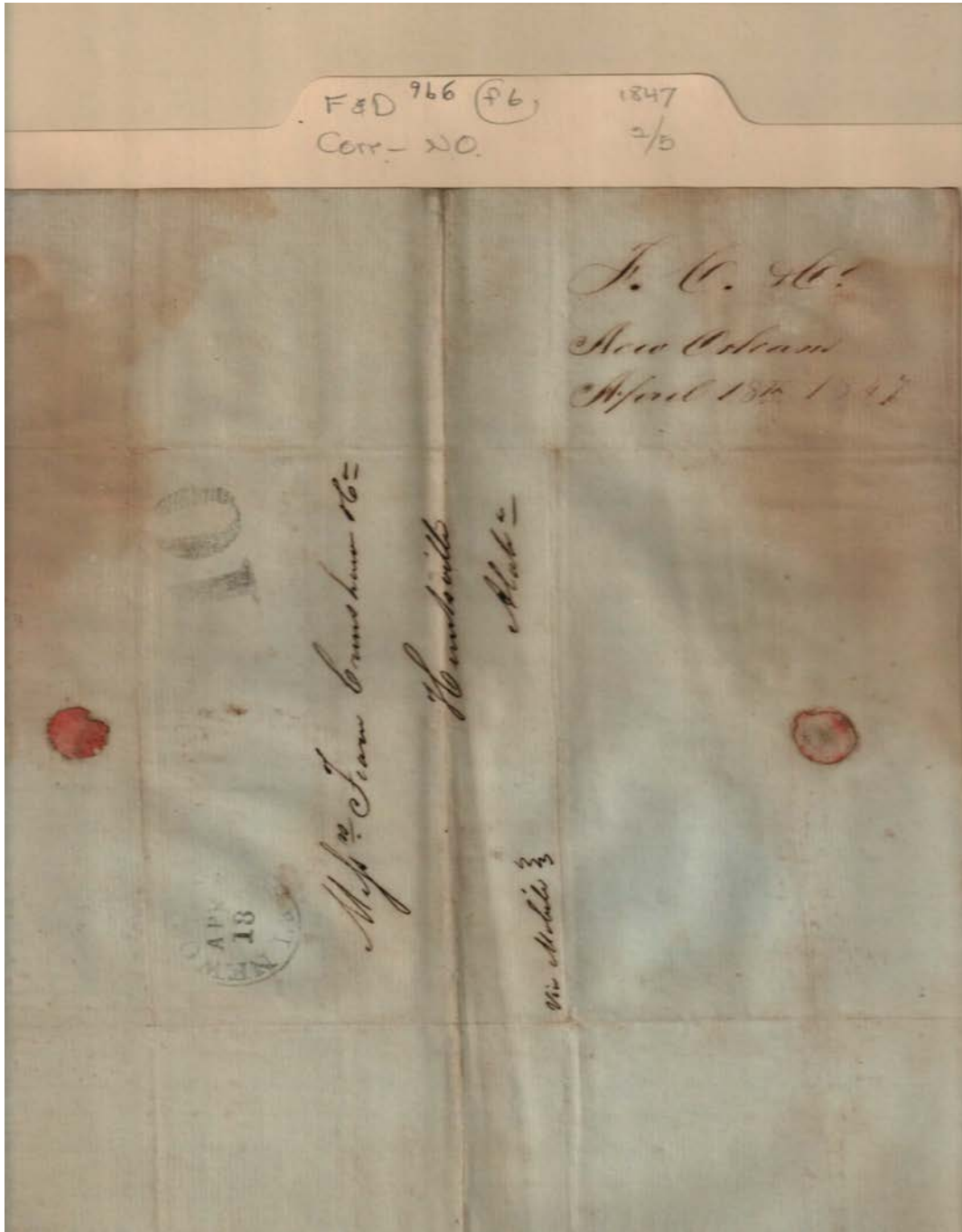
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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memo

Dates:

April 18, 1847

F&D 966 (56) 1847
 Corr. - NO. 2/5

New Orleans April 18th 1847

Dear Sir

We wrote you yesterday, in
 reply to your favour to know, several flat boats
 were sent to you by Bibb & Garrett, 1 of James' & Williams
 & Co. - letter yesterday from Sat 6th 1847 coffee
 & sugar. Some ordinary insurance and loss. We have
 of late we made every effort to have it done but some
 of the officers were willing to take the risk, except
 the premium demanded by that was so exorbitant
 that it amounted to a refusal. The best she would
 take for us at 25 per cent, 10 per cent to be taken
 of the cargo on board steam boats. We declined be-
 cause at this rate we could not afford to do it. For
 fear of any further in the mail you had better drop
 the line informing them of the substance of this in-
 formation, so that none of the officers would take it
 except at 25 per cent which we considered
 a refusal & was so exorbitant that we
 declined it. but if they wish it done and there be no
 objection as it for them it will leave them nothing
 we suggested they might have it done at Washville
 & Washville themselves, the price we have paid here
 for has been 8 per cent, but their losses by flat boats this
 season have been so heavy they don't want to have
 anything to do with them.

Very little done in cotton yesterday sales about
 1000 bales. If there is not a better feeling towards the
 article we fear it will be a hard matter to sell during
 the present season. The state of affairs in Europe & all speculations
 from holding hold of - New Orleans continues to be the same.

Names:

Bibb & Garrett	Coffee, James E. & C.	Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.	Williams, D. Williams, James
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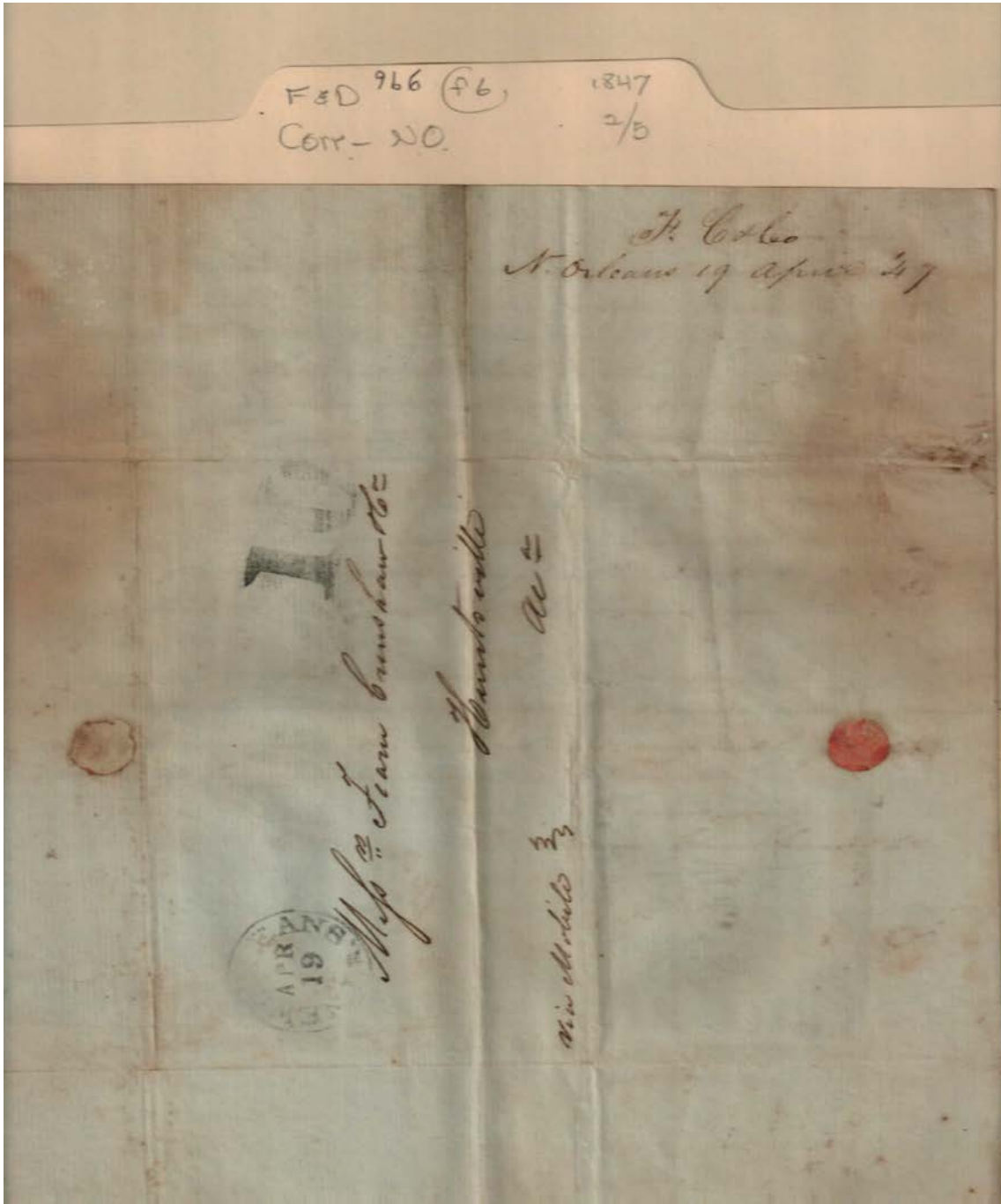
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April 18, 1847



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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Dates:

April 19, 1847

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New Orleans April 19th 1847

Wm Fearn Crenshaw & Co
Dear Sir

We wrote you yesterday, and
this yours of the 9th & 12th but are to hand. I should
should have sent you a balance sheet I had carried to
14 but but there was an error which they were a long
time passing with, ^{you would see it} will send you by tomorrow I will
give a set correct to date & a copy of balance sheet to 14th
We shall endeavor to make Royal pay for the price
of bot & honorable bottles, if it is not delivered. It may be
delivered yet. Had the bot no more bottles, I am certain
he had two bottles of glass, 12 & 12 and 12. If he had
no more bottles there will be a considerable balance and
as little to let one of them go back, instead will not do so
if it is possible for us to pay it. Let us know if he had
any more or not. We thought he would have had from 60
to 80. For all the can tell you, he may have 4000 some.
we shall attend to Wm Robertson's bottles as arrived
It is first shipment has just arrived.

We had yesterday mail with from Liverpool
to the 12th & 20th which yesterday a vessel of 700 tons
is tight on my market for trade. This is worse news
than was expected. It has & our fear will cause a decline
in our market or a suspension of business for several
days, we shall have the steamers north in the course
of a week, but will not bring the effect of our 1800,000
Bale Crop. The 19th of 20th steamer will bring it to them and
will ascertain what we have to depend upon, we shall
so all we can to hold until this information is reached
has, but from the heavy drafts on us, we shall be

Names:

Fackler,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Hancock, Col.
Hayes,

Robertson, William
H.

Places:

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compelled either to borrow some money or sell her
from this period - our accounts for Archer will be
\$20,000 for P. Miller \$25,000 Edgar & J. Swoope party being
I we must try that we to their bottom.

We are glad the Scruggs' sold their bottom
they are pretty safe now. They will still be responsible
on their Bond, but we presume the bottom & the \$3000 -
we will be a full indemnity to them.

I presume most of our friends as bright
as these accounts from England would be glad to
have their bottom sold at the price we have been
getting at.

The writers health is improving & he
there will be no necessity for Dr. Fearn's coming over
on that account. He is looking anxiously for some
notice of his communications to him.

Yours truly
Thomas Fearn
Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Archer, R. T.
Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.
Miller, P.
Scruggs,

Swoope, Edgar & J.
M.

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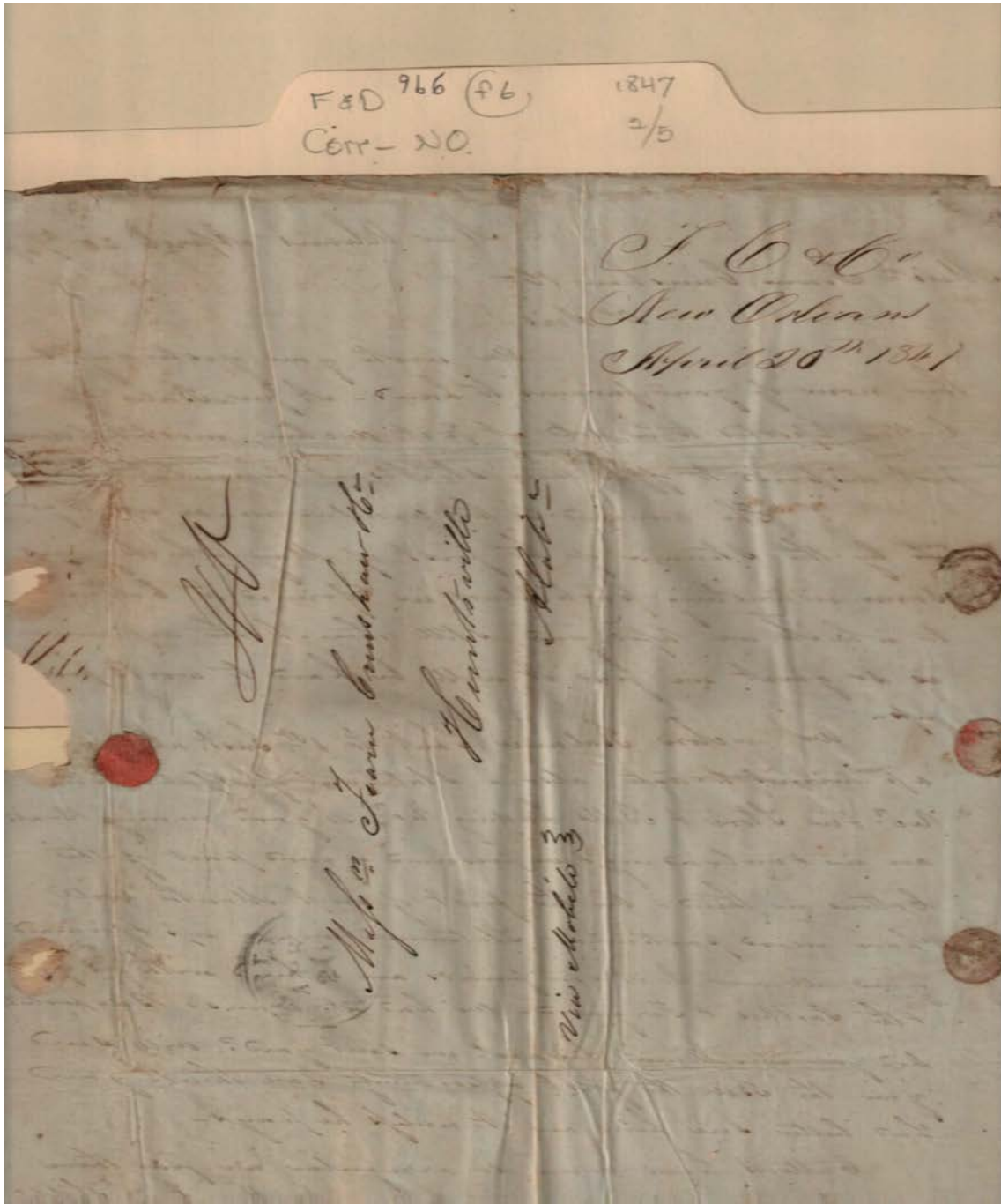
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Dates:

April 19, 1847



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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

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Dates:

April 20, 1847

FSD 966 (96), 1847
Corr - NO. 2/B

New Orleans April 20th 1847

Most^r Dear Cousin Sam^l -

Dear Sir

We wrote you yesterday how
the news of your success to hand - a few Bales of
Cotton expected to be sold at 12^{cts} at the time, most all of them
just arrived to offer these at present.

The arrival of the articles made up to go
out by the steamer of the first of May which gives
some interesting particulars in reference to Cotton
to which we refer you, still however the quantity
is so great we fear it will be hard to work for
you.

We inclose Balance Sheet to 1st Inst. also a
statement of date also a statement of statement in
reference to Store & Bales Lading &c. A good many Bales
are in the hands of the firm & a good part of the
Cotton in hand - in the first of next month will
have more particulars. Statements made up for you
and all our business affairs are behind with us
& the Partners & Ferguson. We had at times a few parties
did you ever know the next we sent you? will send
you the Bill the first opportunity have thought you
had better see him as it would be for you.

Cottons have come so irregular we fear there
will be a great many mistakes. We stayed in charge
from East Port makes the matter there we have not
the possibility as the Bales are only bound for what
they give Bales Lading. Inclosed is a statement showing the cost
of the Bales. Hamilton & Ferguson Cotton Store Cousin Sam^l

Names:

Evans, Nathaniel

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Ferguson,
Parker,

Places:

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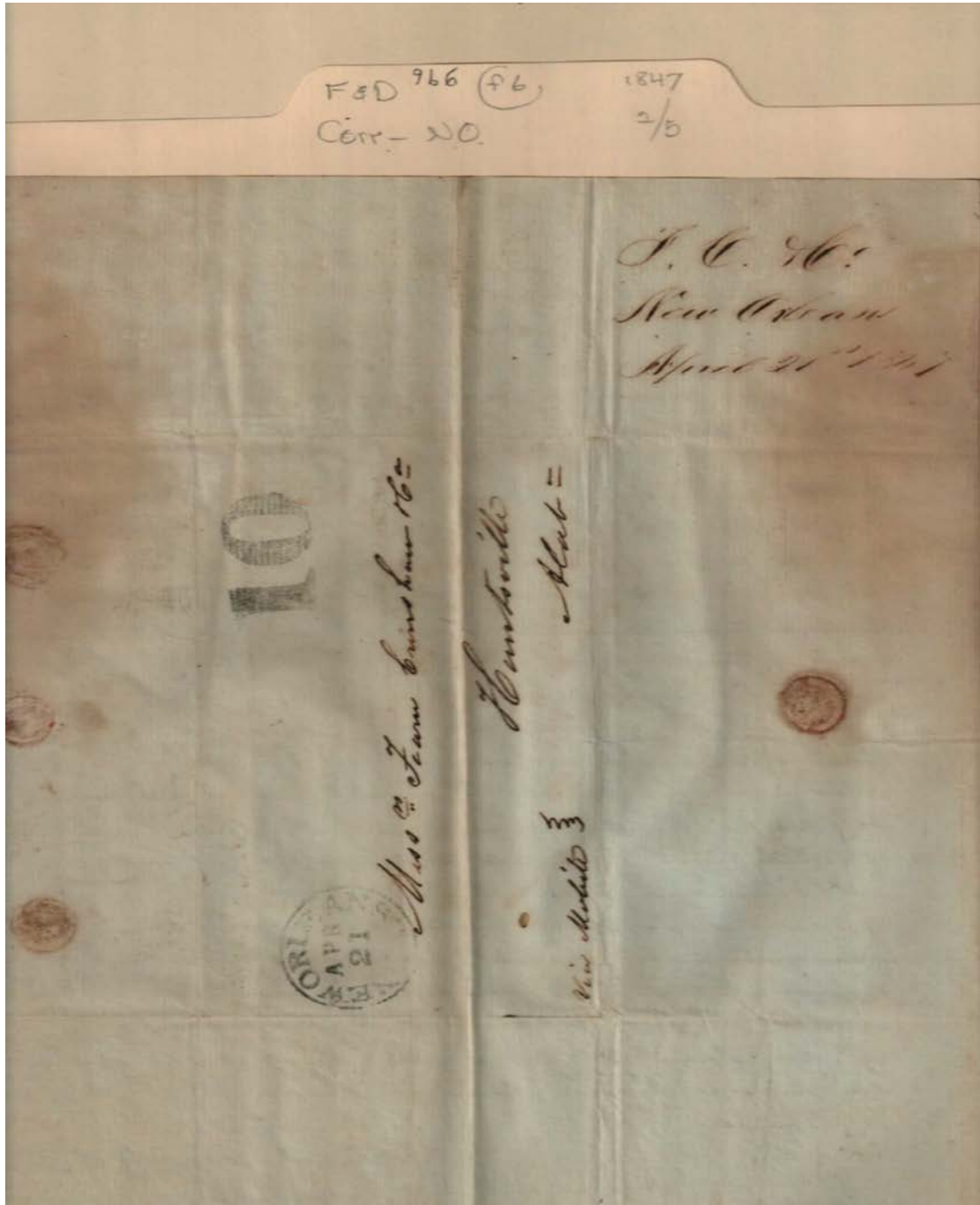
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Corr - 20. 2/8

New Orleans April 21st 1847

Messrs. Fearn Crenshaw & Co.
5th St

We wrote you yesterday
I recd three more of your favours to hand, There was
about 1200 Bales of Cotton sold yesterday for the Span-
ish Market at 44^{cts} the bid. English & French &
Northern buyers stand off. Presuming they will not come
forward unless buyers in our port & this will
not be generally done until later arrivals are in from
Europe. Some private letters say that there was a
perfect panic in the better & some markets & that
some parties were offering to engage you to arrive
at 55 shillings per quarter.

A good many flat Bales have ar-
rived & are now delivering their load. We presume
Bible will be enabled to make the necessary proof
to satisfy the underswriters of the quantity of Cotton
in their several bales & enable us to prosecute
our claims against them -

I beg to thank you that in the hurry of copy-
ing your last warrant yesterday he omitted an entry
which the inclosed memorandum will explain

The "warrant" leaves to say we are sure
by her some oil for Patton bought to be of which
have advised them - you is bound to go 75 + 80 cts
per Bushel -

Yours truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Patton, Donegan &
Co.

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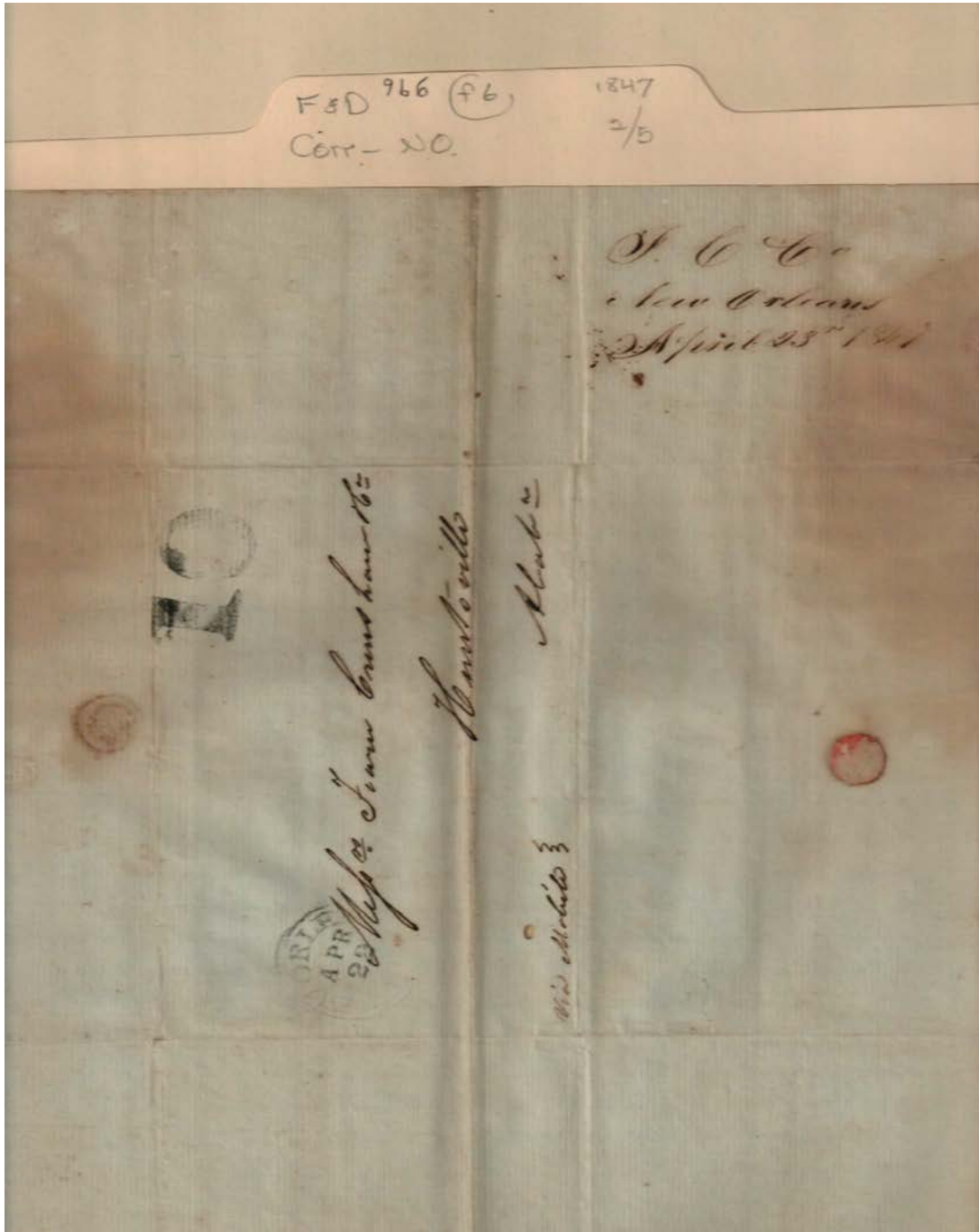
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Dates:

April 22, 1847

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New Orleans April 22nd 1847

Miss^{es} Fearn Crenshaw & Co.
Dear Sirs

We wrote you yesterday some
thing of the 16th it is to hand. Contracts made
for about 19 Bales of Davis & Co. have been
made by the Huntsville merchant Co. for which we have
Hays & Bill Loring, There may be 19 Bales more, for
the other two lots we have no Bill Loring, we fear
much trouble with the latter by the way the
lot is shipped in a very careless manner from East to port.
The lots are divided & they come here, part in one Boat
& part in another. Sometimes & often without Bill Lor-
ing or a bill from the owner, we left them as I owned
probably it will be worse than flat Boats.

There is no more demand for better yes-
terday Bales are reported to be 3500 Bales for England
& Spain. at a price of $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. It is said we generally
find & are not inclined to seek it to a machine, but we
are very willing to sell at our price, as they see no pros-
pect of any improvement on them. Purchasers and the
other hand are afraid to take lots in speculation at
our price, the chances are too doubtful & they fear loss.
It is said there are no English owners here that can
be expected. These circumstances are unfavorable to our
customers & they look at nothing but short crop. The
accounts for the Washington Service will show a good
many when they say that the consumption is restricted
to 10,000 Bales a week. It will be hard to give satisfaction
and friends are all anxious to have their better lots take care
& then there will be no competition, we shall endeavor to place
two 2 of Thomas Boats on it. Be truly Yours Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Wade, David

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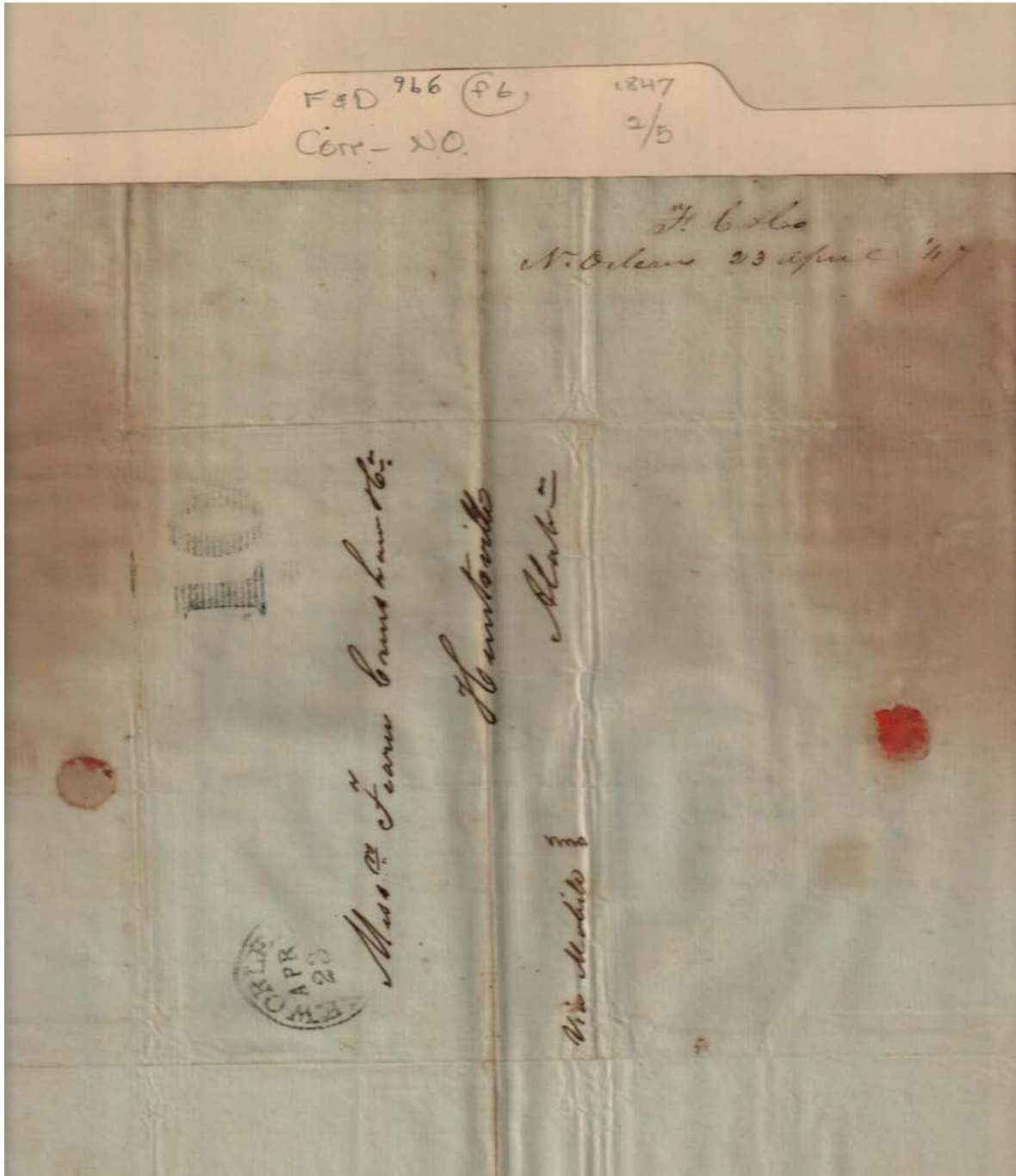
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New Orleans April 23rd 1847

Miss^{rs} Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 St Ann

We wrote you yesterday nothing from you since then; there was no news yesterday, particularly for the Spanish Market & we sold 249 Bales at 11³/₄ etc - we asked 11¹/₄ etc for it before the late news for Washington arrived; although these bales sell so near former prices, in other descriptions sales can't be effected unless at a reduction of 10 to 15% for no demand or enquiry for it but we are offering nothing but the description of bales in demand.

We have later news from Vera Cruz: Genl Scott had moved with the Army towards the city of Mexico. It is said it would be at the pass of Cerro Gordo with 15000 Men to oppose our troops. This offer the next news from there will bring and account of a general battle. we inclose the accounts taken from the "Picayune"

Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

news from Texas war

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Scott, Gen'l
St. Anna

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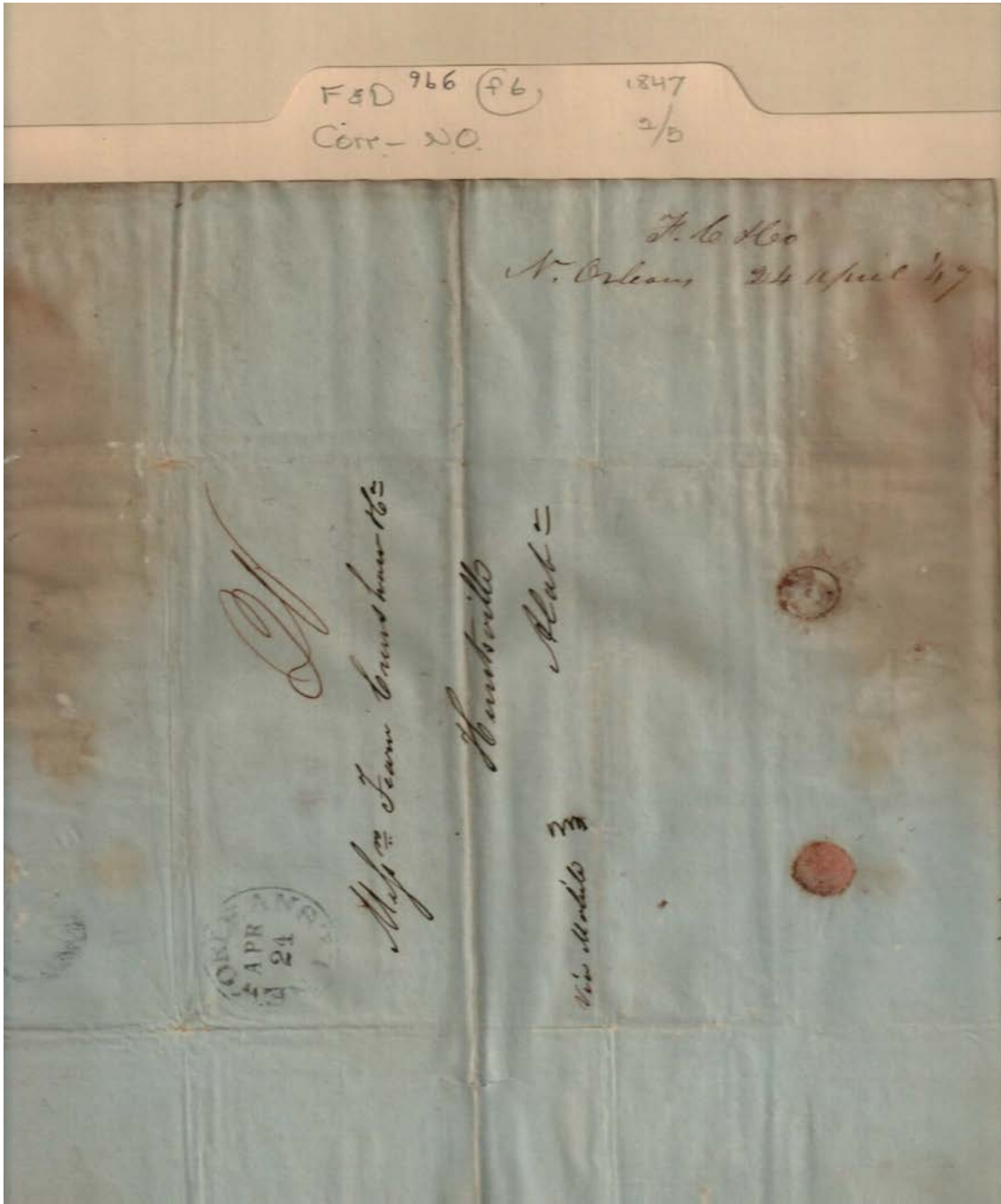
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April 24, 1847

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New Orleans April 24th 1847

Dear Mr Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 or Sir

We wrote you yesterday
 advised that none of your favours to hand. We have better
 news in better yesterday. We hear of some few sales
 of Alabama bonds not however, but we don't get
 a definite from what we know of the views of purchasers
 the price current of the state gives a true view of
 the market & we expect to see very little done until the
 19th April news arrives here. It will settle the
 views of buyers & sellers. If the Liverpool market improves
 purchasers will come up, if it does not sellers will have
 to submit to sell at whatever rates are current.

The sales of the Alabama bonds have been
 very much delayed, from our case or the other, such
 as had weather & difficulties with the brokers & press.
 We are getting them ready & will forward most of them
 to day. We now enclosed the following

R. Forsy. Sales 32	Bales Nett for us 20	\$1372.13
M ^r Calley & Drake 50	"	2261.75

You will see memorandum at the foot of each
 note the number of Bales on hand & to arrive -
 Nothing later from Mexico
 Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Forsy, R.
 McCalley & Drake

Places:

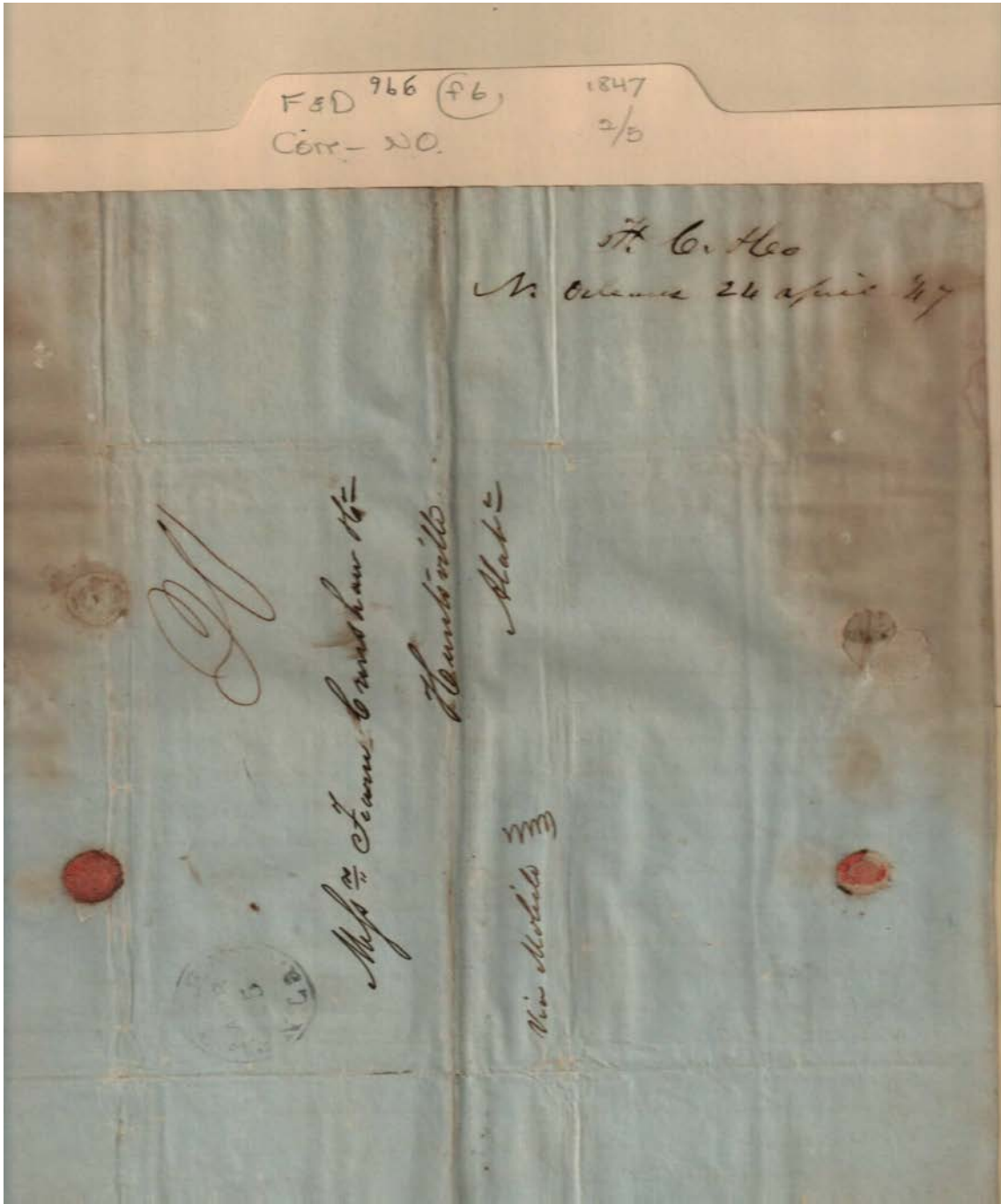
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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New Orleans April 24th 1847

Messrs Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 Sirs

We wrote you this morning
 since then some of your favours to hand. It is
 said in the evening paper that there was more
 demand for cotton to day + 2000 Bales sold, we
 have not witnessed it, some of them ^{the bales} were culled and
 we have sold nothing.

We forwarded ^{direct} sales to all the
 to day, except those inclosed to you this morning
 & those now inclosed for Mrs Jordan & Saml J. Jones.

The Balance our Mrs Jordan is \$2140.36. Presume
 she will want the money in Nantoville, or she may
 have drawn some Bills on us not appeared.

The Balance our Saml Jones is \$484.13. We
 have drawn for it, our impression is Saml
 Brady holds a Draft of his, though he may have
 arranged it with him, you had better understand
 this. He would to have more cotton, but he may have
 shipped at New York, as I judge from his letter he was
 not pleased about the remittance of some little money
 for him to Phil^a. If you have to pay them abroad

Answer to your letter of 1. I. since of this letter is not in
 take up your time

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Names:

Bradley, Joe	Fearn, Crenshaw &	Jones, Samuel J.
Donegan, J. J.	Co.	Jordan, Eliza

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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and for cotton to day + 2000 Bales sold. we
 have not witnessed it. none of them ^{the brokers} have called and
 we have sold nothing.

We forwarded ^{most} sales to all ^{the} ^{you}
 to day. except those enclosed to you this morning
 them now enclosed for Mrs Jordan + Sam^l J. Jones.
 The Balance on Mrs Jordan is \$2140.36. Presumably
 she will want the money in New Orleans. or she may
 have drawn some Bills on us not appeared.
 The Balance on Sam Jones is \$484.13. We
 have drawn for it, our impression is Sam
 Bradley holds a draft of his, though he may have
 arranged it with him, you had better understand
 this. He would not have more cotton, but he may have
 shipped it elsewhere, as I judge from his letter he was
 not pleased about the amount of some little money
 for him to Phil^a. If you have to pay them about
 you must try + arrange the best way you can
 you had better draw, if you want money at 30 or
 60 days. we shall be striving every moment to hold
 our money until the steamer of the 19th Dec^r gets in
 The Townsend let. pays about
 2 etc. profit, but 11 Bales are held
 when Bill had ^{you} for it.
 23 not ^{by} at the 11 Bales will not
 more than pay what they have drawn on it.
 I am curious to know something about this would like you to see the

Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 (The name of the firm is written in a smaller hand below the signature)

P.S. on return to our letter of 1. I. Jones of Phil^a that
 he would like to see the letter.

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- Bradley, Joe
- Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.
- Jones, Samuel J.
- Jordan, Eliza

Places:

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April 24, 1847



Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

address

memo

Dates:

April 27, 1847

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New Orleans April 27 1847

Dear Mr Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 or Sirs

We wrote you on the 26th Inst. since then yours of the 19th Inst is to hand. We are pleased to learn our sales arrived and the 9th has given satisfaction to the parties interested. we have no doubt such prices will give satisfaction to all, but those who have purchased at prices that are above these rates. There has been some expression of dissatisfaction from our friends Messrs Richardson & Fearn for selling some of their cottons. we sold 250 Bales of 80 lbs. at 11 cts & thinking it was unusual will for these 250 bales was from 10 to 11 cts. These prices are lower than usual to persons here. I find it is not the case but the Market for Middling Good is now in the date on the 9th Inst, that we have not offered a Bale & the same made by others have been at a full decline of 1/2 ct per lb.

By Barrett Smith & Barrett boats and
 Lane had 10 Bales more of S. & Linnings cotton. 43 T.H. Hewlett & 8. T.H.H. 18 Bales E.W. Welborn. 27 Theo. Lacy. These cottons were supposed to be on the corrected boat. The statement shows Mr Ewing minus 52 Bales. 60 Hewlett 7, which our good and underwriters will pay for.

We have a report this morning that the steamer next to the 4th Inst was here by Express. Report says, cotton is up about 1/2 ct per lb. but particulars are not known. Hope it may be so, for without something to strengthen business we think this Market will be longer sustained. It must give way. No later news from Mexico, we have a crop which we will send you the first opportunity.

The truly Yours
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Bibb & Garrett
 Ewing, S. S.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Hewlett, T. H.
 Lacy, Theo.

Richardson & Fearn
 Welborn, E.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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Dates:

April 27, 1847

Dr. Wm. H. Robertson		To A/C Current with Fearn Donegan & Co.	
1847			
Oct 16	Cash advanced you by our Huntsville Office	\$ 50.00	
	Interest on same to 10th June	2.66	
Dec 4	Cash paid for picking Cotton	1.93	
	Interest on same to 10th June	.50	
5	Cash paid you by J. H. Hurt	194.25	
	Interest on same to 10th June	5.14	
1848			
Jan 5	Cash paid you Papers	13.65	
	Interest on same to Date	.46	
25	Cash paid you Order to Son	10.00	
	Interest on same to Date	.50	
July 2	Cash paid you Order for Isaac Kirkpatrick	115.76	
	Interest on same to Date	2.56	
7	Cash paid you Order for B. R. Vaughan	92.96	
	Interest on same to Date	2.58	
April 18	Cash paid for Paying & Sale	141.99	
	Interest on same to Date	1.88	
	Postages	.25	
		<u>\$ 646.27</u>	
	Cr.		
June 12	By Wm. H. Robertson's A/C Cash Cotton	\$ 937.38	
	All Credits	\$ 311.11	
12	To Balance Owed to Credit W. H. Robertson & Co.	\$ 311.11	

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Names:

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Hurt, John H.
 Kirkpatrick, Isaac

Robertson, William
 H.

Vaughan, B. R.

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June 12, 1848

1848	5	Cash paid you	Wm H. Hart	194.25	
			Interest and date to 10th June	5.14	
Jan 5		Cash paid you	Payee	13.65	
			Interest and date to Date	1.46	
	25	Cash paid you	Order to Cash	10.00	
			Interest and date to Date	1.30	
July 5		Cash paid you	Order for Isaac Northpatrick	116.76	
			Interest and date to Date	3.36	
	7	Cash paid you	Order for S. H. Vaughan	92.96	
			Interest and date to Date	2.58	
April 18		Cash paid for	Packing & Sale	141.99	
			Interest and date to Date	1.88	
		Postage		1.25	
				<hr/>	
				\$ 646.47	
				<hr/>	
				Co.	
June 12		By Note	Issued to Wm Robertson's Co. Cash Collected	\$ 957.58	
				<hr/>	
				All Credit	\$ 311.11
				<hr/>	
12		To Balance	Committed to Credit Wm Robertson & Child	\$ 311.11	
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				Wm Robertson New Orleans June 12th 1848	
				Fearn Donegan & Co	
				per J. H. Longley	

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Robertson, William
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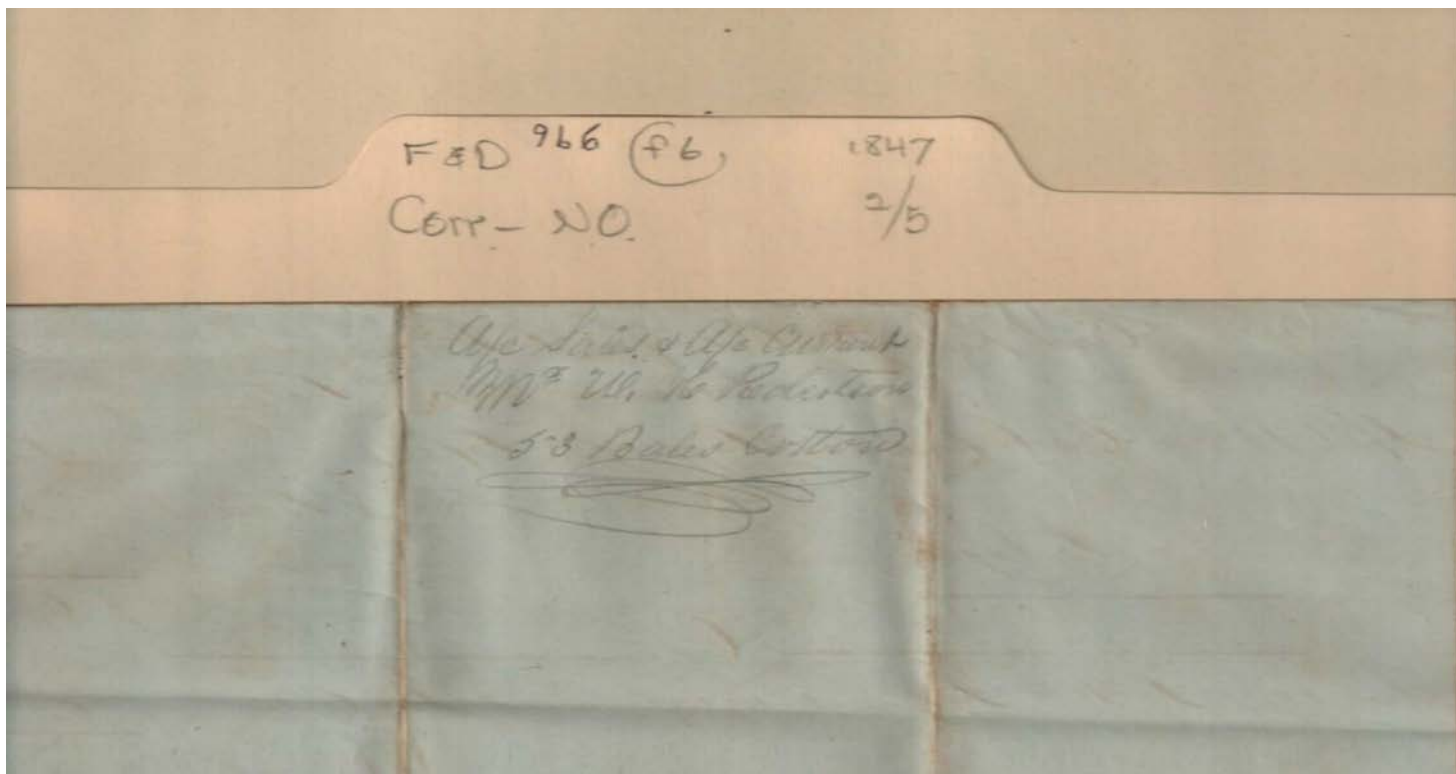
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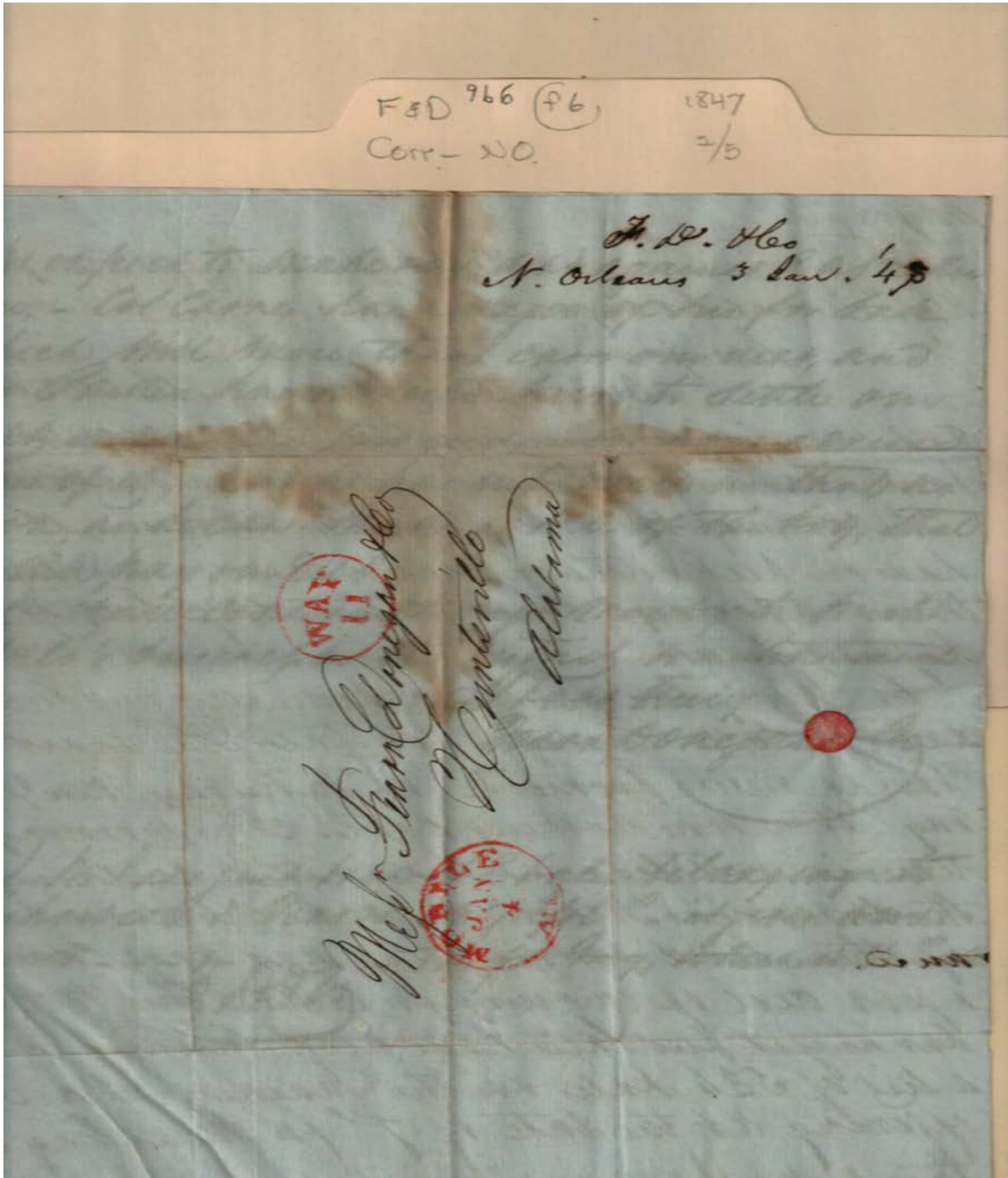
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Fearn, Donegan &
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Jan 3, 1847

Waymail
 I have received your letter of the 27th inst. and
 am glad to hear from you. I have been very busy
 with the business of the firm and have not had
 time to write you more fully. I have however
 had a few lines from you for some time past
 and have been glad to hear from you. I have
 been very busy with the business of the firm
 and have not had time to write you more fully.
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 some time past and have been glad to hear
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 business of the firm and have not had time
 to write you more fully. I have however
 had a few lines from you for some time
 past and have been glad to hear from you.

On Friday the 2nd inst. a better demand for cotton
 and the price reached 3500 bales, the market
 closing much firmer. On Saturday, New Year
 day, there was nothing done. This morning we
 received a telegraphic dispatch containing
 the following accounts. What little we heard
 of them was favorable, and has caused
 a good deal of inquiry for cotton. This morning
 but as yet few sales have been made. We have

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Names:

Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Forsy, R. Townsend,

Places:

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Dates:

Jan 3, 1847

~~Some of the letters to the Editor, made in a private~~
~~the Editor of the Enquirer, and Mr. Townsend, should~~
 have our best attention, and will be a great inducement
 to the stability of the market. ~~None of the letters to the Editor~~
~~of the Enquirer, and Mr. Townsend, should~~
 On Friday, ~~the market~~ had a better demand for cotton
 and the price reached 3500 bales, the market
 closing much firmer. On Saturday, New Year
 day, there was nothing done. This morning we
 received a telegraphic despatch containing
 the following accounts. ~~What little we know~~
~~of them is not favorable, and has caused~~
 a good deal of inquiry for cotton this morning
 but as yet few sales have been made. We have
 a list of 536 bales on the market, not one
 offering at the rate of 7¢ for middling and
 think we shall get it - but suspicious of it
 if the letters had as favorably, as the Telegr-
 aphic despatch indicates.
 We have received 48 bales of ~~Dr. H. L. M.~~ cotton.

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Fearn, Donegan & Co.

Helms, Dr.

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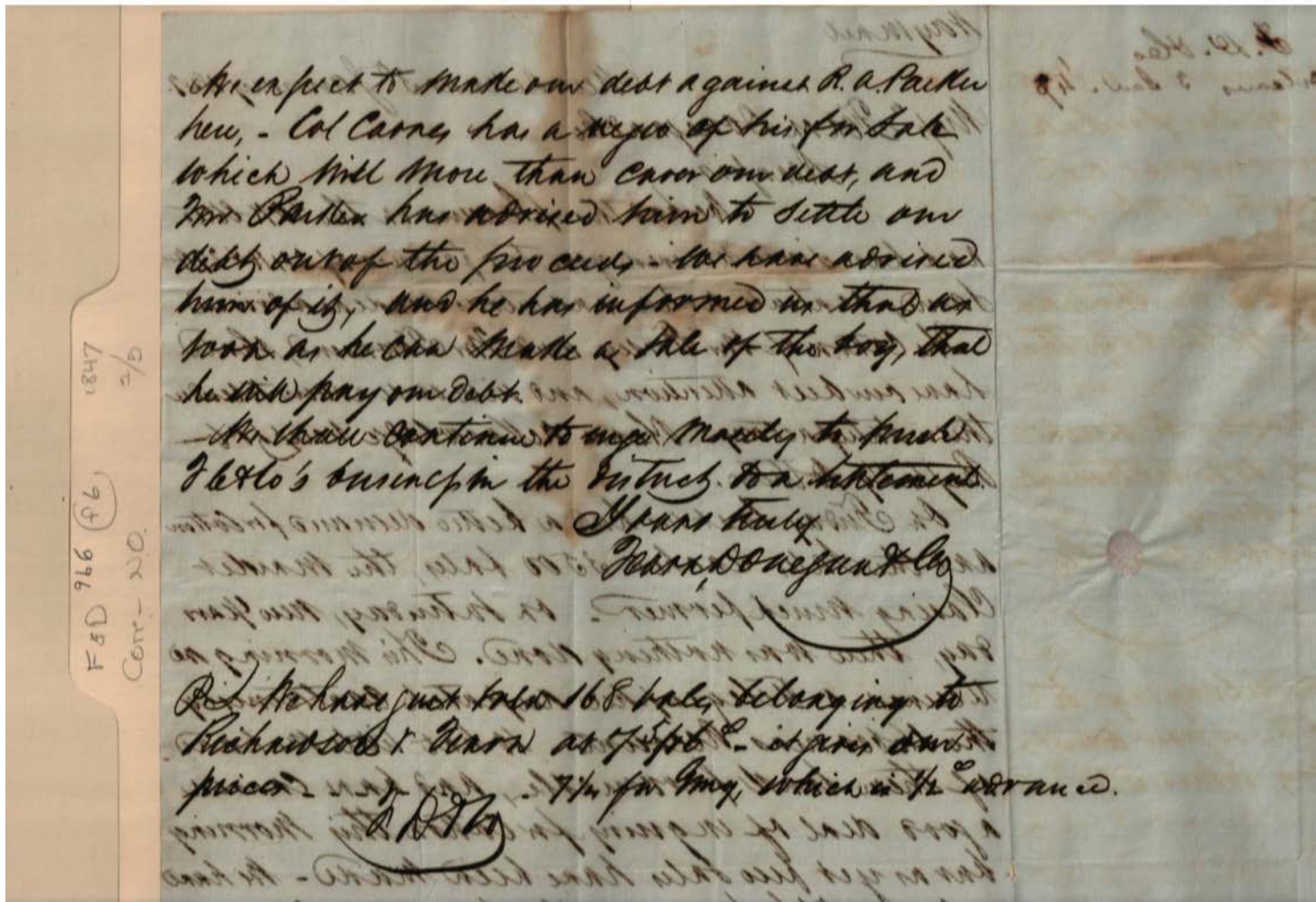
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Names:

, Sam (slave)
Carnes, Col.

Fearn, Donegan &
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Parker, R. A.
Richardson & Fearn

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