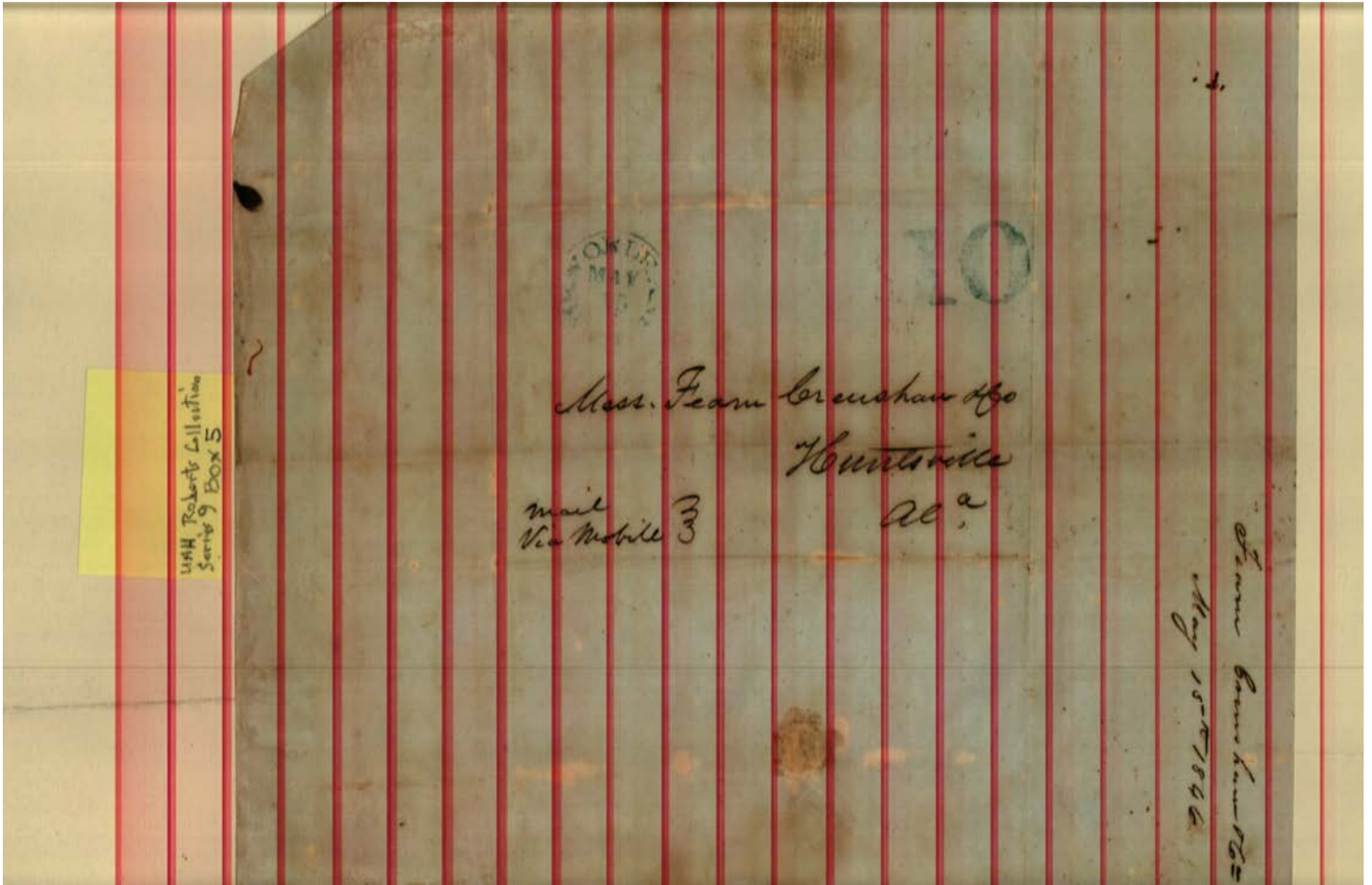


Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 9, Box 5, Folder 3b  
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**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

May 15, 1846

UAH, Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

New Orleans May 15<sup>th</sup> 1846

Dear Sir

We are without any of your favor since we  
wrote you on the 15<sup>th</sup> during the crisis through which we  
are now passing on fresh prospects in terms we shall write  
freely as we are under your anxiety must be considered

In cotton nothing is doing but by a few who gambling to  
the purpose of circumstances are letting go at whatever  
price they can get. There is no general business doing and  
we can give no quotations, prices are very irregular. Perhaps  
it may be a little easier yesterday - but it is  
according to the necessities of the party, and the funds  
are. We heard of one case in which 500 lbs. were offered by a  
heavy dealer for 15 days option Boston - and that is all.

The clamor is strong against the high banks - they say he  
is withholding it for the special benefit of Nicholson, who shows  
deeply - some suppose the object is to get cotton down, &  
make a speculation in the article. There you may take for their  
worth. Certain it is that such a state of things has not been  
known since '37 & most of the actors in that eventful year  
think the present time even worse - where or when it  
will end some can predict. Several houses have given  
way, & reports say two very heavy N.Y. houses have gone  
the latter however "entire wrong" for it is only rumor

NY banker

**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Nicholson,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

May 15, 1846

UAM Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

Yesterday we collected \$9500 more on our 1371 bales -  
making now \$16500 paid on \$49000 - 362 bales (the best  
of the list) is on bale here & under our contrall - say that  
will yield \$9 or \$10000 - The balance will not be very  
long, and as we shall hold sufficient security in our  
hands, there is no fear of ultimate loss, some hope  
there will not be much delay - The purchasers show their  
reluctance to be gentlemen in every manner -

Mr. Bond & House here has made an arrangement  
with Nicholson for an advance on 5000 bales of cotton  
to be held here for a time - We did not hear the name  
but can make a guess, & so may you - We hope it is so, for  
it will be some relief to the market - We shall wait  
for the moving of the waters - May have to sell for good  
bids in N. York - But retentive as we are to propose  
such a course, may it not possibly be the interest of  
some of our friends to ship - particularly if we can  
let the cotton lie over a while for lower freights?

Please acknowledge Dr. Watkins for to the owner  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. - Maj. Bradley has just arrived, but  
gives no news - Mr. Geo. Fearn & his company have  
engaged passage in the Linwood to leave for Washville  
tomorrow evening - Our Mr. Crenshaw is at his post  
but is not well.

Very truly yours  
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

**Names:**

Bradley, Major  
Crenshaw,

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Fearn, George  
Nicholson,

Watkins, Dr.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

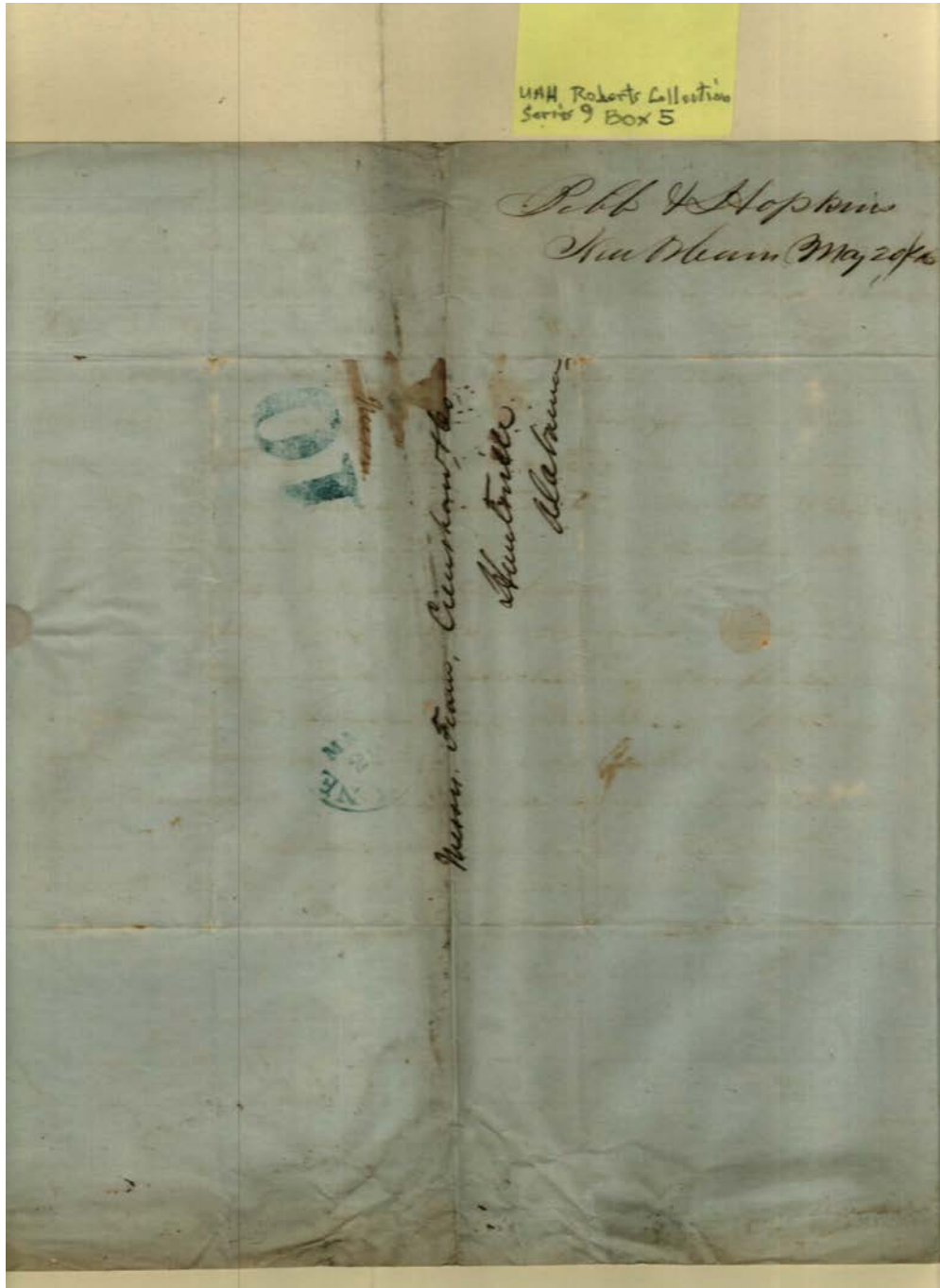
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**Dates:**

May 15, 1846

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**Names:**

Bibb & Hopkins

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

May 20, 1846

UAH, Roberts Collection  
 Series 9 Box 5

New Orleans, May 20<sup>th</sup> 1846

My dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. advising us that we had to provide \$12,336.50 for to the Merch Bank at Huntsville. That arrangement we have made. Smith, Walker, & Co. remitted one day last week a certificate of deposit from the Merch Bank at Nashville for \$12,336.50 to the Merch Bank at Huntsville for the same to day. Smith, Walker, & Co. have been authorized by you to draw at night for \$12,336.50. They will get a circular certificate remittance has made no provision for the location Bank as we were disappointed in collecting of H.C. Chambers the amount of his note due 10<sup>th</sup> inst. If he pays ~~them~~ you as we <sup>authorized him</sup> ~~authorized him~~ to do you can apply the payment to that Bank. If Geo. Steele disburse his two notes for \$1,000 each you can apply that sum. If however there is a failure we must make default for we have a very pressing matter here, & as the debt is small & we have no address we might as well pay the whole in March next as

**Names:**

Chambers, H. C.

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Mutts, Walker & Co.  
 Smith, Walker & Co.

Steele, George

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

May 20, 1846

UAH Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

in fair  
our credit here by paying out all our funds -  
we can pay the judgment they will <sup>obtain</sup> get  
us for the whole on 1<sup>st</sup> March next more  
easily than we can under our disappoint-  
ments this season to pay half now that  
12 mos. hence - You can explain this  
view of things to the Judges -  
We have instructed Smith Walker  
& Co. also to recuit to you a certificate of  
the Br. Bk. at Mobile from of Br. Bk. at  
Huntsville for \$1000 on acct. of G. E. Kelly.  
This is the acct. he wished, to complete his  
payment to Huntsville Br. Bk. If he is  
there hand him one of these certificates & take  
his receipt for \$1500 recd. of us, \$500 we  
paid him here to this \$1000, being an acct.  
of his account - for 1845 -  
Yrs Very Truly  
Bibb & Hopkins

**Names:**

Bibb & Hopkins

Neill, C. E.

Smith, Walker & Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

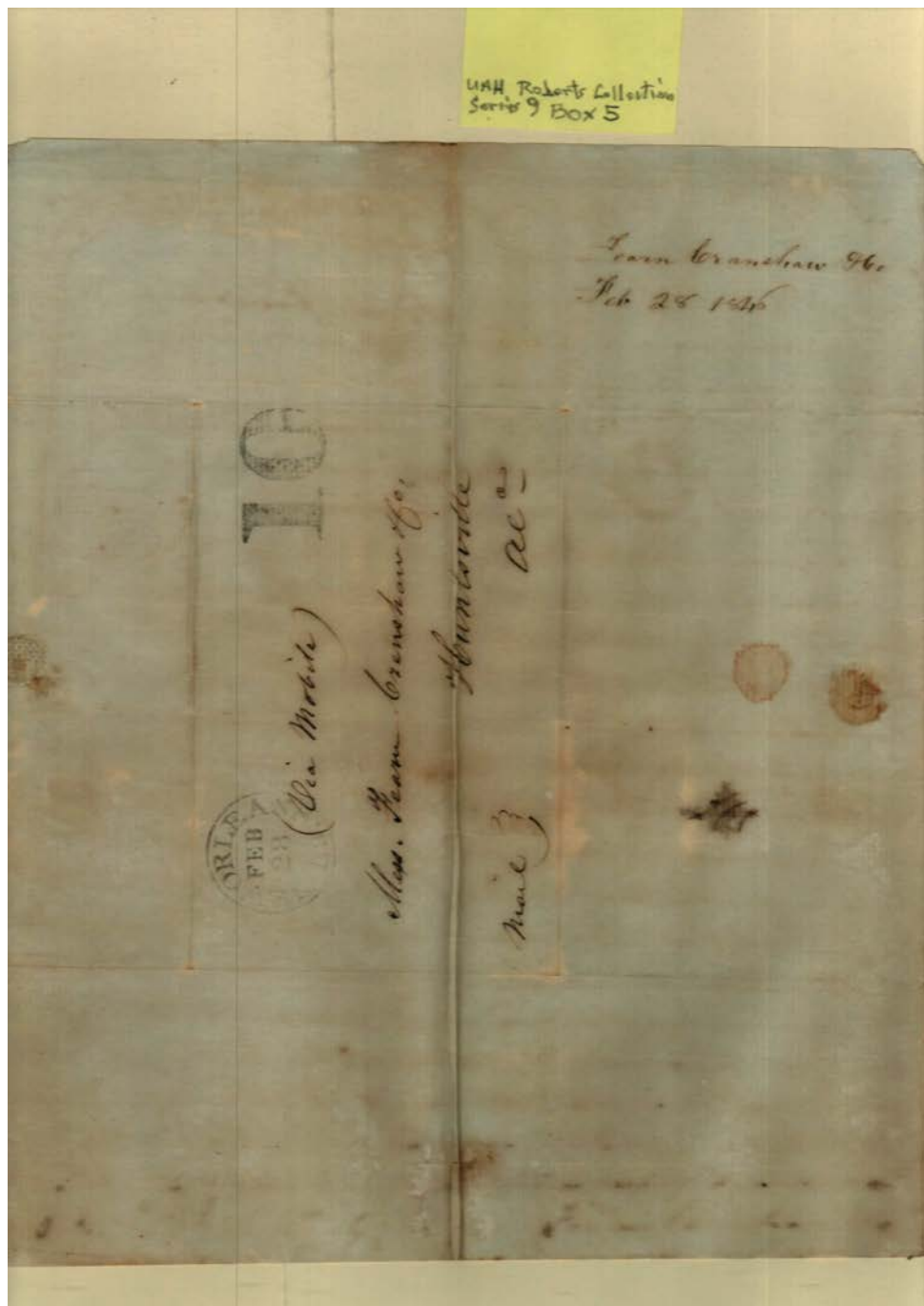
correspondence

**Dates:**

May 20, 1846

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**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

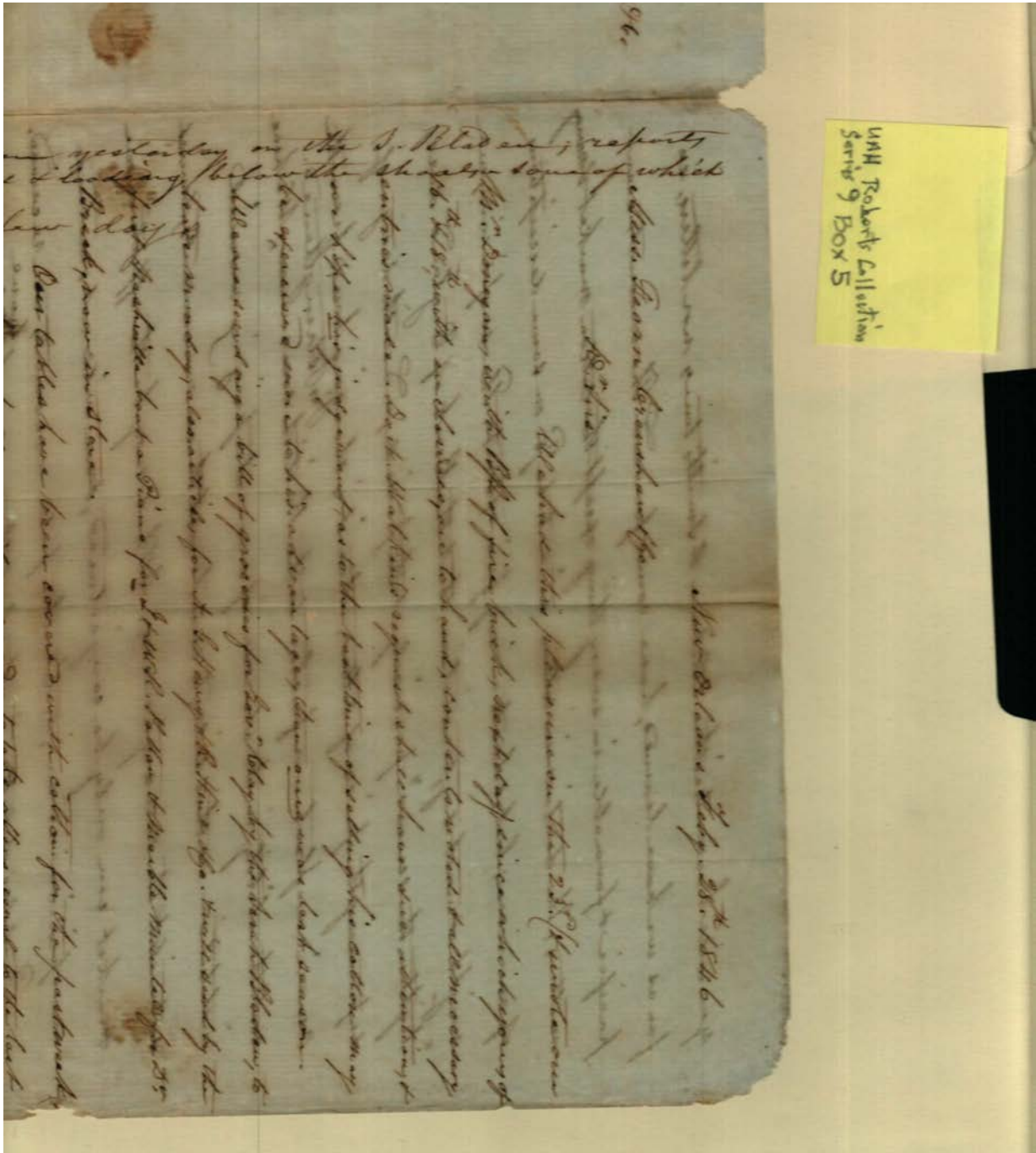
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

Feb 28, 1846



**Names:**

Breck, Dr.  
Clay, Gov.  
Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.  
Henry, G.

Hine, R. & Co.  
Patton, J. & W. R.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

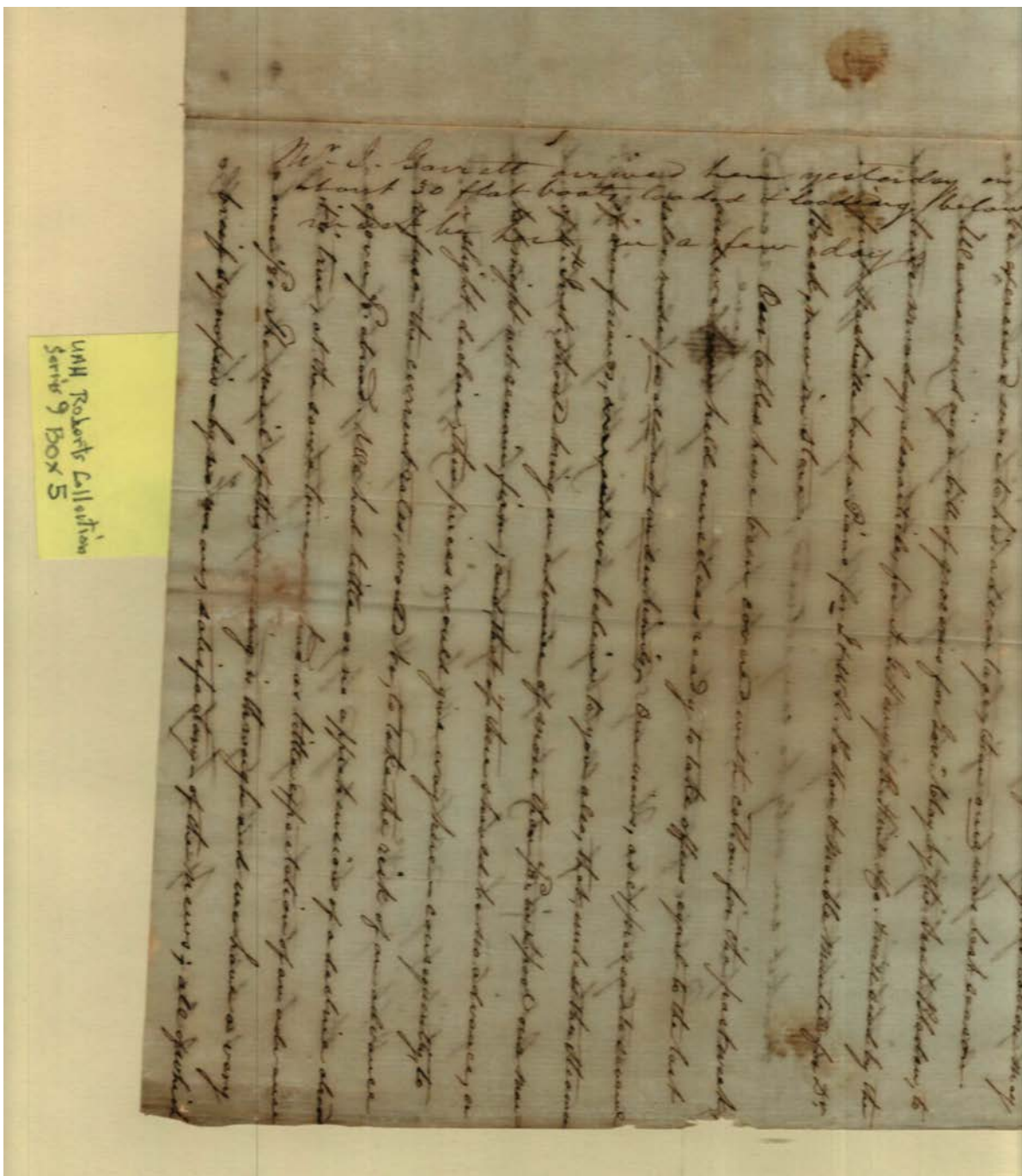
**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 28, 1846





**Names:**

Breck, Dr.  
Clay, Gov.

Garrett, J.  
Henry, G.

Hine, R. & Co.  
Patton, J. & W. R.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 28, 1846

UAH Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

you will have - within Wilmer & Smith, times, nor letters, so far as we have learned, have come forward. The accounts are pacific & favorable in every thing except the cotton market having matters; The decline in cotton said to be 1/8 or some description of american; but sales to a very fair extent. The suspicion, we might almost say, conviction, that the Bank of England does "tighten the screws" precisely at the period, and with design of depressing the price of cotton, when it is changing hands from the American planter or factor to the British consumer, <sup>we strengthen</sup> we have not the ability, in the absence of a counterpoising, provided institution on this side, to counteract these movements, & must submit to the consequences. What may be the effects, in our market can only be conjectured, & we will not venture an opinion even, until the full accounts are received.

The sales of cotton in the last three days <sup>have</sup> been, Wednesday 7500 bales, Thursday 5500 bales, & yesterday 7000 bales, at rates rather more favorable to buyers - Middling 1/2 - good mid: 6/8 - 7/0. But notwithstanding the operations have been to this extent, much quietness has been manifested - we have only sold a small list, of good Cottons, 144 bales (including 99 of our friend A. F. Hopkins) at 8/6. Have made you a remittance since the one acknowledged in yours, we will expect to have some estimate, should you need one, of the amount, but may send more without your notice. Prices keep up & we make sales. Yours truly  
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

**Names:**

Bank of England

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Hopkins, A. F.  
Wilmer & Smith

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 28, 1846

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**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

Mar 2, 1846

UAH Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

New Orleans March 2<sup>d</sup> 1846

Messrs Fearn, Crenshaw & Co  
Dear Sirs

We write you on Saturday & this morning  
have yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult. with enclosures &c. all which have  
due attention. We write regret as much as you can the refusal to  
accept Bracks bill of lading he had written such an explanation to  
the Post as would satisfy him on the subject.

Yesterdays mail brought forward the letters & papers by the  
Cambria. The decline of % on some descriptions, now appears to  
be only the loss of a previous advance of which the newspaper ex-  
tracts gave us no account. So the market is left as it was a month  
before, with fair promise of an improvement. It is now 12 o'clock,  
and the brokers are out basting an statement from previous  
prices seem not to be expected, and we anticipate a more active  
business at former rates - It is also said % to be for duty - we have  
one on the table of 671 bales for which an offer of the latter price will  
be taken. It will average about as well as last sold - not better.

We regret to learn that our old friend Mr. Patton is so rapidly  
deceas'd seems to be making great success among the old hands  
of families in your little town - We mention that a Pious  
for J. & W. R. Patton was to be forwarded via Nashville. We observe it is  
insured to Florence, consequently shall send it by the bank which  
also Judge Clays groceries.

(over)

Yours Truly  
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

**Names:**

Breck, Dr.  
Clay, Judge

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Patton,  
Patton, J. & W. R.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 2, 1846

UAM Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

P.S. our list is sold at 65% round

Col. P. S. Wyatt P W	60	60	
E. M. Swoope $\diamond$	26		
" FS	8	34	
J. W. & J. H. Scruggs W Rout	37		
D. Harris	56		
R	17	90	
J. M. Graves T.M.G.		12	
F. L. Hammond $\diamond$		25	
C. T. Barton & Bro. T. Gibbs	22		
" J.N. Mullins	40		
" $\diamond$	2		
" EP	26		
" AM	2	90	
F. W. Bynum F.W.B.		154	
J. Van Husen Co. C.G.	35		
" L & M	42		
" W.L.M.	21	95	
Brady & Baxter J. Stedje		13	
Patton & Weightman P+W	12		
" J.A.V.	4		
" W. West	4	20	
M. & S. Harkins D.R.	5		
" J.C.	18		
" V.D.	2		
" A.C.			
" M. & J.H.	31		
" W. S.	5		
" W. S.	5		
		669	

669  
671 Total  
J. C. Murphy  
J. C. Co.

cotton sold

**Names:**

- |                       |                  |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Barton, C. T. & Bro.  | Gibbs, T.        | Mullins, J. N.         | Swoope, E. M.       |
| Brady & Baxter        | Graves, T. M.    | Murphy, J. C.          | Van Husen, J. & Co. |
| Bynum, F. W.          | Hammond, F. L.   | Patton & Weightman     | Wyatt, P. S., Col.  |
| Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. | Harkins, M. & J. | Rout, W.               |                     |
|                       | Harris, D.       | Scruggs, J. W. & J. H. |                     |

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence list

**Dates:**

Mar 2, 1846

UAM Roberts Collection  
Series 9 BOX 5

New Orleans March 2<sup>d</sup> 1846

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co  
Dear Sirs

We wrote you day before yesterday, and have  
none of your favors since. After closing our letter, we made sale  
of another list - 227 bales, low country cotton, barely middling, at  
6<sup>cts</sup> round. Both these sales are abt. 20% more than any offer we had  
had before, although they had been on the tables for 10 or 12 days. We  
have reason to be well satisfied, for we hear of no sales that we  
consider better. All the parties interested in the ab. list, have  
been advised from here, except those in Madison, which we  
expect you to notify. The sales of the three last days, as you will  
see from the P.O. are 12600 bales - 5700 of which were yesterday. The  
high buyers are not freely out, & caution for a reduction; we hope they  
will be disappointed; but may succeed if they are firm, for the mar-  
ket cannot keep buoyant without their cooperation.

As to Patton Donegan & Co. that we have not a piece of the  
3/8 or 3/4 plain cotton in store, there is none in the city, nor is there  
much of that description of any other good fabric, although it is  
much inquired for. - Miss Bibb & Hopkins, wish you  
to send them a/c Curt. with you from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> 1845. If  
ever furnished, it has been mislaid. - Mr. Blount has just  
arrived & here.

Very truly yours  
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

**Names:**

Bibb & Hopkins  
Blount, Mr.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Patton, Donegan &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 4, 1846



**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

Mar 4, 1846



UAM Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

Marks	Bales	Wt	Mt	Gr	M	Ord	L.O	Owners
F. J. E.	38			25		13		Fearn & Erskine
W. Rout.	40		7	8	25			J. W. & W. R. Patton
R	37	5	12	5	15			"
Breck	80	26	12	7	35			Sam'l Breck
J. H.	50			5	21		21	J. W. & W. R. Patton
S. J. Jones	10			1	4		5	Sam'l J. Jones
S. F.	9				9			J. B. Trotman
B. S. Pope	63		12	13	30		8	J. W. & W. R. Patton
G. Scruggs	25			10	15			ditto
M	7		1	2	4			J. M. & J. C. Murphy
J. G. B.	23			7	16			C. T. & Bro.
J. M. G.	12		3		9			Thos M. Graves
Howell & Peeler	13		1		12			Vasser, C. & Vasser
E. Jordan	21				12		9	Mrs. Eliza Jordan
E. M. S.	34				6	28		E. M. Swoope
G. S.	18	4	1	4	9			J. W. & W. R. Patton
H	10		3	7				F. L. Hammond
D. Harris	13		1	6	6			J. W. & W. R. Patton
000	24		12		12			John Robinson
J. G. Lightfoot	66		8	23	17	18		John F. Lightfoot
J. M. Kirk	30		6	10	10	11		Bryce Wilson
B. W.	7		2	7				" "
W. Peel	10		1	9				" "
W. Suggs	22			18	9	5		" "
T. Fast	46	23		13	10	10		" "
J. K.	20	5		10	5	5		" "
D. S.	22			16	6			" "
	<u>760</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>21</u>	

30 Bales @ 7	210
33 "	6 3/4 222.75
80 "	6 1/2 520.
206 "	6 1/4 1287.50
285 "	6 1710.
105 "	5 3/4 403.75
21 "	5 1/2 115.50
<u>760</u>	<u>4669.50</u> (6.14 (our valuation))
	<u>4560</u>
	109.5
	<u>760</u>
	<u>3350</u>
	<u>3940</u>
	<u>310</u>

**Names:**

- |                      |                       |                        |                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Barton, C. T. & Bro. | Jones, Samuel J.      | Owners of cotton       | Sugg, W.          |
| Breck                | Jordan, E.            | Patton, J. & W. R.     | Swoope, E. M.     |
| Breck, Samuel        | Jordan, Eliza, Mrs.   | Peebles, Howell        | Trotman, J. B.    |
| Fast, T.             | Kirk, J. M.           | Peel, W.               | Vasser, Coleman & |
| Fearn & Erskine      | Lightfoot, J. C.      | Pope, B. S.            | Vasser            |
| Graves, Thomas M.    | Lightfoot, John F.    | Robinson, John         | Wilson, Bryce     |
| Hammond, F. L.       | Marks on bales of     | Rout, W.               |                   |
| Harris, D.           | cotton                | Scruggs, G.            |                   |
| Jones, S. J.         | Murphy, J. M. & J. C. | Scruggs, J. W. & J. H. |                   |

**Places:**

- New Orleans, LA

**Types:**  
list

**Dates:**  
1846

UAH, Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

The image shows a handwritten ledger page with a yellow sticky note at the top center that reads "UAH, Roberts Collection Series 9 Box 5". The ledger is organized into several columns. The central column contains the heading "List of Cottons on Sale - 1846". The entries in the ledger include names and numerical values, such as "J. H. Smith", "W. B. Jones", and "R. L. Brown". The numbers are arranged in a structured manner, likely representing quantities or prices. The handwriting is in cursive and somewhat faded. The page is divided into sections by vertical lines, and there are some diagonal lines crossing the page.

**Names:**  
Lists of Cotton on  
Sale

**Places:**  
New Orleans, LA

**Types:**  
lists

**Dates:**  
1846

UHH Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

Receipts of Cotton & Bldg by Fearn Crenshaw & Co  
from 5th January to date:

Richardson & Beard	126	Forward	985
Coleman & Crawford	250	M. H. Webber	8
Goodman & Means	10	W. Bond	26
R. A. Parker & Co	58	B. W. Bedford	15
Bibb & Hopkins	17	B. Carter	1
P. Miller	72	R. Knis	10
M. W. Wilkerson	39	M. S. Watkins	17
Hobson & Lamb	15	W. W. Brooks	10
Jr. Suncer & Co	109	C. S. Palmore	13
H. Mason Memphis	4	W. A. Taylor	35
Hubbell & Wheeler	29	H. P. Wells	12
W. A. Crenshaw	6	J. C. Hacon	4
Thos. C. Crenshaw	13	D. Dunn	15
Eriley Jones	12	J. Locke	15
Bank of Louisiana	19	J. M. White	4
Farrar & Perkinson	2	C. Barrow	26
Whitely & Crawford	80	Robt. Tucker	18
W. Sutton	46	Jacob White	8
Ellis & McAllister	5	J. Craighead	4
A. J. Hopkins	16	Est. J. Locke	17
B. Henderson	12	W. Barrow	29
J. C. Burrus	28	J. Jarman	12
W. Rarrick	3	Jr. Kirkland	15
Thos. T. Hunt	10	W. Trotter	2
Monetow	13	L. Holt	5
	<u>985</u>	forward	<u>1308</u>

**Topics:**

Receipt of Cotton in  
New Orleans

Receipts of Cotton

**Names:**

Bank of Louisiana  
 Barrow, C.  
 Bedford, B. W.  
 Bibb & Hopkins  
 Bond, N.  
 Brooks, W. W.  
 Brown, W. T.  
 Burrus, J. C.  
 Carter, B.

Cocke, T. J., estate  
 Coleman & Crawford  
 Craighead, J. C.  
 Crenshaw, Thomas C.  
 Crenshaw, W. A.  
 Duncan, John & Co.  
 Dunn, D.  
 Ellis & McAllister  
 Farrar & Perkinson

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
 Co.  
 Goodman & Means  
 Henderson, B.  
 Hobson & Lamb  
 Holt, L.  
 Hopkins, A. F.  
 Hubbell & Wheeler  
 Hunt, Thomas T.

Jarman, I.  
 Jones, Friley  
 Kirkland, John  
 Locke, J.  
 Mason, J. E.  
 Miller, P.  
 Palmore, C. S.  
 Parker, R. A. & Co.  
 Rarrick, W.

Richardson & Fearn  
Rives, R.  
Steamer Memphis  
Sutton, W.

Taylor, W. A.  
Trotter, N.  
Tucker, Robert  
Watkins, M. S.

Webber, M. H.  
Wells, H. B.  
Wheeless &  
Crawford

White, F. M.  
White, James M.  
Wilkerson, D. W.  
Winston, J.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

TN & LA etc.

**Types:**

receipt

receipts

**Dates:**

Jan-Feb 1846

UAH Roberts Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

<u>Murphy &amp; Co</u>		Forward	794
Forward	1308	Manning & Ricketts	50
Geo Andrews	16	Elias Welborne	61
Hanna & Anderson & Co	4	Horatio Ferguson	10
John G. Manning	4	Jr. & B. Tostman	9
Richd. Torrey	13	Ch. Donnell & Harkins	106
Dr Sam Breck	65	J. J. Ewing	128
	<u>1410</u>	Fennell & Jourdan	112
<u>Alabama</u>		Geo P. Beirne	99
Dr Sam Breck	80	Bryce Wilson	167
F. L. Hammond	10	Hann & Erskine	38
J. W. R. Patton	50	C. C. Clay	138
Vassar Coleman & Vassar	13	J. P. Lightfoot	66
M. & J. Harkins	7	Robert Tostman	42
H. C. Trotman	11	Alabama	<u>1820</u>
Wisdom & Walsh	25	Murphy & Co	1410
Alex. McCalla	18	reputed sum only	<u>6766</u>
T. M. Graves	12	Balls	9996
Dr. Robinson	34	Wals. D. Robinson & Co	
John G. Spragg	196	Beasabruskan & Co	
Eliza Jordan	21	(J. H. Spragg)	
Sam. J. Jones	10		
E. M. Swoope	34		
Isaac Morrow	10		
C. T. Barton & Bro	23		
Patton & Weightman	20		
Thos. H. Hewlett	149		
Wm East	34		
Lewis Manning	23		
	<u>794</u>		

Receipt of Cotton in New Orleans

Names:

- |                      |                    |                       |                        |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Andrews, George      | Ferguson, Horatio  | Lightfoot, J. F.      | Scruggs, J. W. & J. H. |
| Barton, C. T. & Bro. | Forsy, Ric hard    | Manning & Ricketts    | Swoope, E. M.          |
| Beirne, George P.    | Graves, T. M.      | Manning, Lewis        | Tatum, H.              |
| Breck, Sam, Dr.      | Hammond, F. L.     | McCalla, Alexander    | Trotman, John B.       |
| Breck, Samuel, Dr.   | Hanna, Anderson &  | McDonnell &           | Vasser, Coleman &      |
| Clay, C. C.          | Co.                | Matkins               | Vasser                 |
| East, William        | Harkins, M. & J.   | Morrow, Isaac         | Welborne, Elias        |
| Ewing, S. S.         | Henning, James G.  | Murphy, J. M. & J. C. | Wilson, Bryce          |
| Fearn & Erskine      | Hewlett, Thomas H. | Patton & Weightman    | Wisdom & Walsh         |
| Fearn, Robert        | Jones, Samuel J.   | Patton, J. & W. R.    |                        |
| Fennell & Jourdan    | Jordan, Eliza      | Robinson, John        |                        |

**Places:**

Alabama

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**Types:**

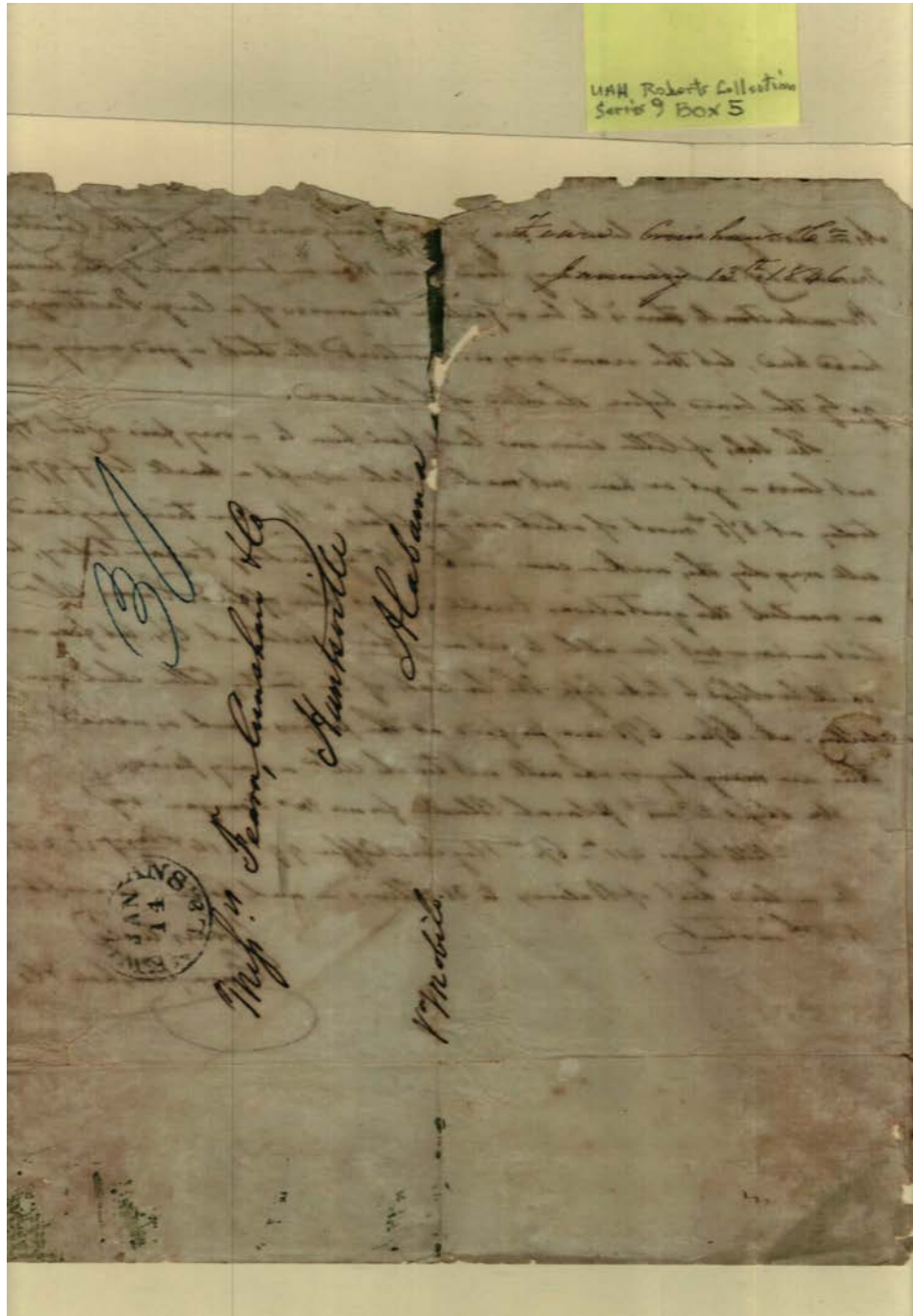
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**Dates:**

Jan-Feb 1846

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Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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Major James Crenshaw & Co  
Searfis

New Orleans, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1846

Our last reports were under date of 9<sup>th</sup> inst  
since which we have none of your favors - indeed the last from you was  
dated 24<sup>th</sup> ulty and we are apprehensive both our D<sup>r</sup> J. and W. D. are  
underpaid. We have this day written D<sup>r</sup> J. to meet him at Jackson  
Miss, on the movement, or rather want of movement of W. W. Withers  
whom we are in advance over \$2000 without having rec'd a bale of Cotton  
from him since the last of October. We shall write to him tomorrow by  
Thomas Rutledge to care R. A. Parker & Co concerning our funds, Goodman  
& Means, for whom we are under acceptance, due 5<sup>th</sup> prox. \$1000 -  
1<sup>st</sup> prox. \$2000 - March 1<sup>st</sup> \$1500 - 3<sup>rd</sup> March \$2000 They have shipped  
in all this season but 50 bales Cotton which will do little more than cover  
the old balance from last season of near \$1300 - They write us they will  
ship in time for their payments but they were careless last season & left  
us to pay their bills, before they sent Cotton forward - and at last fell short  
the above balances. They should be warn'd and made to understand the  
necessity of punctuality. We wrote them yesterday very explicitly  
on the subject and desired them not to shew further. Having given them  
R. A. Parker & Co, W. W. Hart & Co, & Hill & Hancock, letters of credit  
to the F. M. Bank, we yesterday wrote Mr. Doftens not to discontinue any  
more open our letters for it was necessary that we should contract our  
business in the present unsettled state of our Foreign relations. Our  
principal object was to notify our authority to W. W. H. & Co because  
they have been operating pretty sensibly in Cotton & shipping to New Orleans

Dr. F.

**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.  
Fearn, Dr.

Fellows, Johnson &  
Co.  
Goodman & Means

Hart, W. W. & Co.  
Hill & Hancock  
Parker, R. A. & Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

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Johnson & Co. instead of us as our name was not to believe from his  
conversations with Mr Hart. Whether they have lost or made money  
we cannot know of course, but we apprehend they must have lost &  
if jeopardized at all we should avoid a loss indeed we do not think  
they have done right in taking our letter of credit for \$10,000 and then  
do this business with another house. Hill & Hancock see Mr Parker.  
He has used the letter in regard to the latter house and stands up to  
us and instead of negotiating at Memphis send them Bills to us &  
we get them Cash here without difficulty at 6% per <sup>ann</sup> which says  
them exchanged. Newton Bond owes us a balance of \$500 or 600 off  
after the letter on hold for his account - but Dr. Bond has drawn  
on us for \$1000 of which he says, and so does Newton, that the letter is  
to pay \$900 of which the credit Dr. B. had on noted his instructions in  
reference to it but make no provision that we should take Newton to  
us for that sum - the provision he will provide for our balance as well  
as the \$900 - if so all will be well - otherwise we hold Bonds.  
Newton has drawn two other drafts on us \$1048 held by the Somerville  
Bank & \$1000 held here by President & Co. neither of which  
we will accept but pay at maturity if he provides for them. It  
seems that he has sold out to his brother Dr. Washington Bond & young  
man named LeBell - but we apprehend he may yet be a Partner, how  
ever for other paper than his own to sign his indebtedness to us.  
We should do well to understand from Newton all about his arrangements  
and not undertake any thing more for him - at any rate only Dr.  
Samuel, or Dr. Washington Bond join him in his papers.

**Names:**

Bond, Newton  
Bond, Samuel, Dr.

Bond, Washington,  
Dr.

Hart,  
Hill & Hancock

Parker, R. A. & Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

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As in most years in our last we are getting daily more tired of the Country  
mercantile and fear as my land more than we have made by the business.  
The substance there is to be a failure tomorrow of a large quantity  
land here, but the reason was not mentioned. We think a good many will  
go by the board before the close of the season.

The sale of little since we had have been to a very fair extent. Affairs  
not lower a yet we have not made a sale except a small lot of 97 bales  
today at 8 1/8 most of which was "good fair". We have tried very hard to  
sell every day this week - came within 1/8 yesterday & again today, but  
we wanted the quantities & could not get them offered. We are glad  
that we have not been able to get an offer - held at 6 1/4, but fear we  
shall be obliged to take less. The low state of the Country Cotton about our  
telling at 6 1/4 are perfect at the prices we had as usual  
there are many buyers who will not touch C.O. at any price.

We shipped 2<sup>nd</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> of Sarah Bladen for our Mr. Donegan on  
2 bills, sugar 411 @ 6 1/4. 1 bag Java Coffee 99 @ 10 1/4. 25 @ 40.83  
The inland part of Alabama to 31 letters - and Cotton receipts  
to 5<sup>th</sup> instant

Yours truly  
Francis Crenshaw & Co.

**Names:**

Donegan,

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Jan 13, 1846



**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Jan 22, 1846

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Series 9 Box 5

Wm<sup>th</sup> Fearn, Crenshaw & Co  
New Orleans, 22 Jan 1846

Dear Sir

We write you fully yesterday should  
nothing from you since - address you on the occasion to say  
we had last night a direct arrival from Liverpool bringing dates  
to 13<sup>th</sup> ult. advising the resignation of the Peel ministry - a  
probability - almost certainly, of a repeal of the Corn laws - in  
consequence of which their effects were declining - bread will be cheap  
- and another thing the Cotton market had recovered the  $\frac{1}{8}$  lost  
previously to the departure of the Acadia. Already this morning  
there is a good enquiry for Cotton - and some of the English think  
the steamer will bring higher quotations proclimated in W. A. S.  
The National Intelligencer of 12<sup>th</sup> inst. which has heretofore  
entertained high expectations of Peace being maintained, comes out  
you will perceive with a totally different tone - and we are dis-  
tinctly that the Cottons think it a forlorn hope. Yesterday we thought  
of the demand for Alabama's war, as poor they might as well be left  
back & sent forward  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  lots - but today we advocate the West India  
Steam again for it seems, the may get here War and prices may  
be acceptable within the next few days. If the steamer moves  
down the articles we shall sell out but prices go higher or not.

Yours truly  
Wm Fearn, Crenshaw & Co

New Memphis

**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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Huntsville Ala  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1846

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Pay to Alexander Erskine  
or order the sum of Two Hundred and fifty  
three dollars & Twenty six cents; and charge  
the same to the ac<sup>t</sup> of  
Yours Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
P. S. Wyatt,

**Names:**

Erskine, Alexander

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Wyatt, P. S.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

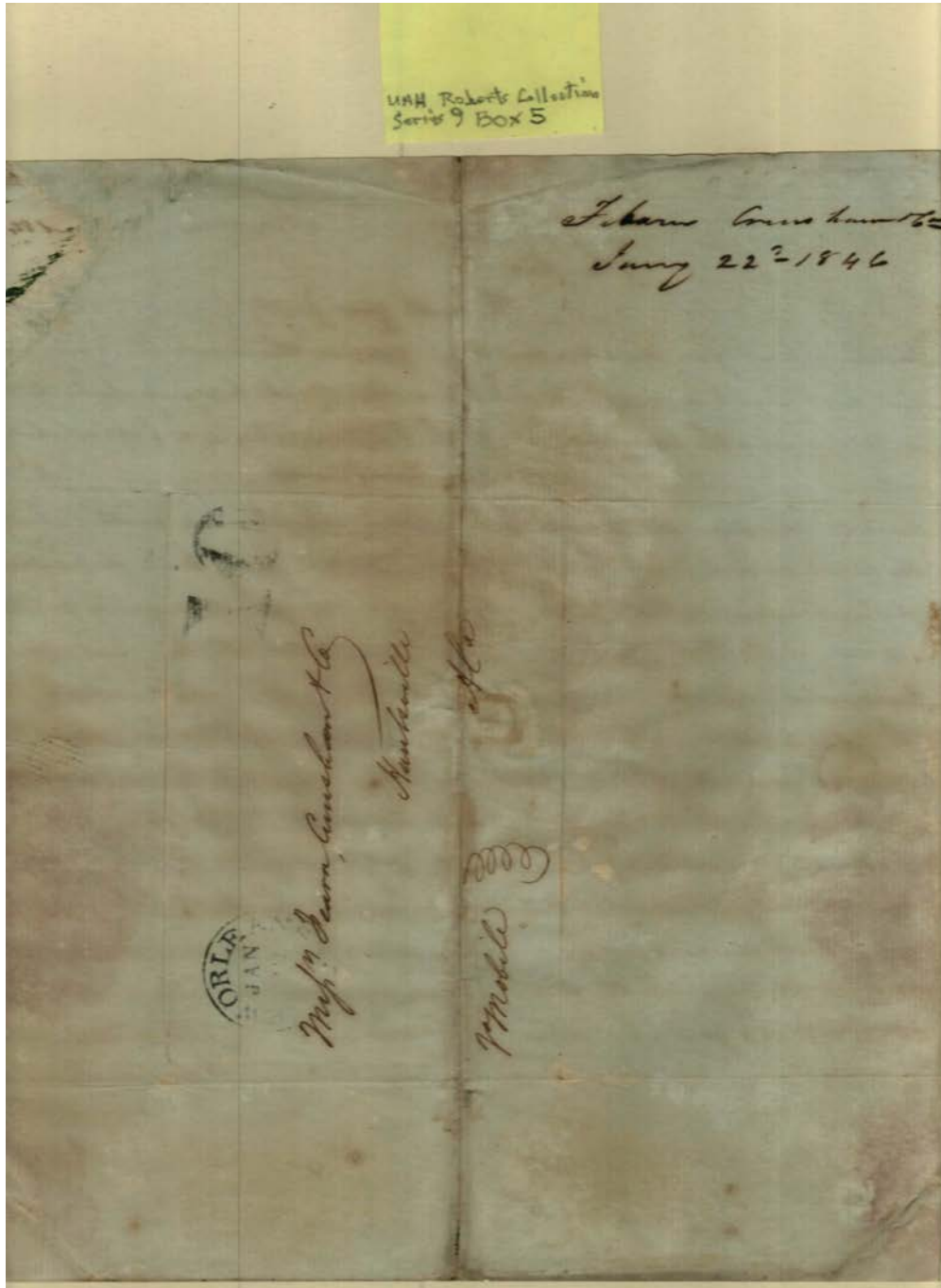
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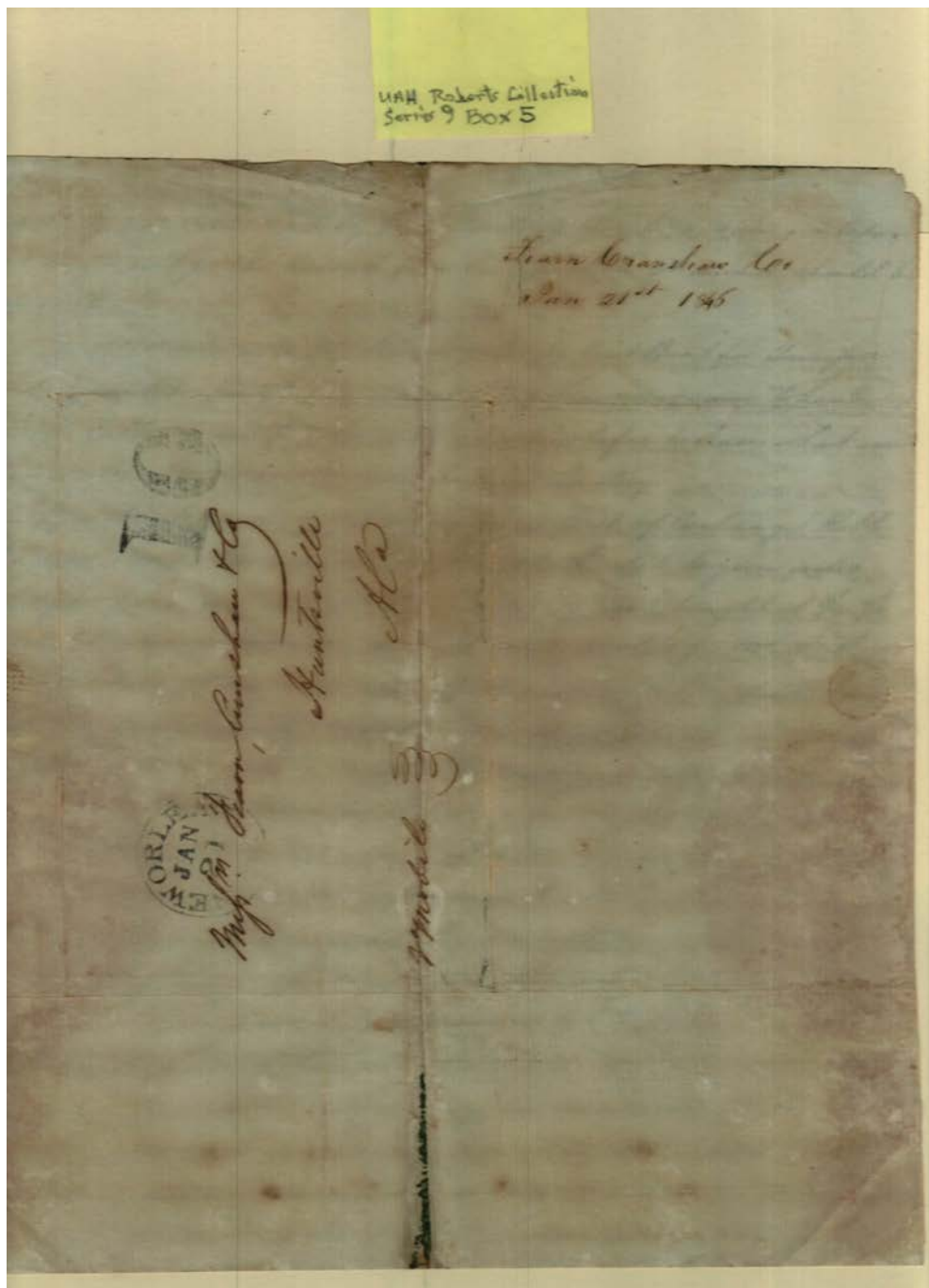
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Co.

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Mr. Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. New Orleans, 21 Jan 1846  
Dear Sir

Our last to you was of 13<sup>th</sup> inst. since  
which we have recd yours of 5. 7 & 11<sup>th</sup> inst with stated enclosures.  
During part of the week which has elapsed since our last this matter  
has been quite unwell - indeed he is now weak & debilitated. He has  
lost no time from business but nearly unfit for it. Nothing however  
has occurred to make a letter interesting to you - it has been extremely  
hard to sell Cotton at quotations and we have parted with only one  
lot of 314 bales (good lot) low Country at 7 7/8<sup>cts</sup>. Yesterday, it was really  
discouraging, some of houses here become alarmed (not large houses)  
and 3000 bales were sold at 7<sup>cts</sup> & below in ordinary middling & 1<sup>st</sup>  
middling fair. They seem to dread the most accounts from Europe &  
despair to sell at whatever they can get. For our selves we are not  
so much alarmed - do not expect lower and hope to see higher quotations  
with a larger business by the 4<sup>th</sup> accounts. The crop seems not likely  
to go beyond 2200 <sup>th</sup> including Texas - the receipts here will not  
probably exceed 10000000 Bales. Trade in Europe must be in an  
unfavorable condition if with so short a crop, and especially under the  
chances of other prices are to go lower in this Country. The abundance  
of low mid. & ord. low Country Cotton, throw Alabama's entirely  
in the back ground - we are offered to buy them - and make good  
the entire opinion heretofore expressed to you that except under peculiar  
circumstances they had better come to market in Spring. We think  
under present circumstances, Houston, Merchant, who has been

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Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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long bills had better ship by flat boats if there be a sailing in Liverpool  
 that way - unless the amount from Liverpool to 4th constant should be  
 favorable.

He will send Mr. Blunt goods by first Boat for Jamaica  
 River - your letter of 5th December ordering them never came to hand  
 Dr. Patton is now here but with assistance before he does what can  
 be done with the Head Works from the Flint Factory.

Accordingly to yours of 5th we enclosed first of Exchange Robt  
 Hoge on Nevins, Townsend & Co. <sup>New York</sup> No 11712 this date to your order  
 at sight for Five hundred & thirty Dollars, 78 cents bought at 3/4 of  
 Discount coming five hundred Dollars, inverted for Mr. S. S.  
 Ewing for Dr. Jones bill of latter amount. We don't know  
 why Mr. Ewing should expect us to stand between him & them  
 in such a transaction, but perceiving you have good reasons  
 for accommodating him in this way. Yours truly  
 Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

12th clock - there is a panic in the Cotton  
 market this morning - many speculators to sell  
 - Buyers looking around because they are called  
 out and seeing their advantage - are endeavoring  
 to use it to the fullest extent by offering much better  
 quotations for the transaction yet. F.C. & Co.

of TN

**Names:**

Blunt, Mr.  
 Ewing, S. S.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
 Co.  
 Flint Factory

Jones, Friley  
 Nevins, Townsend &  
 Co.

Patton, Dr.  
 Robb & Hoge

**Places:**

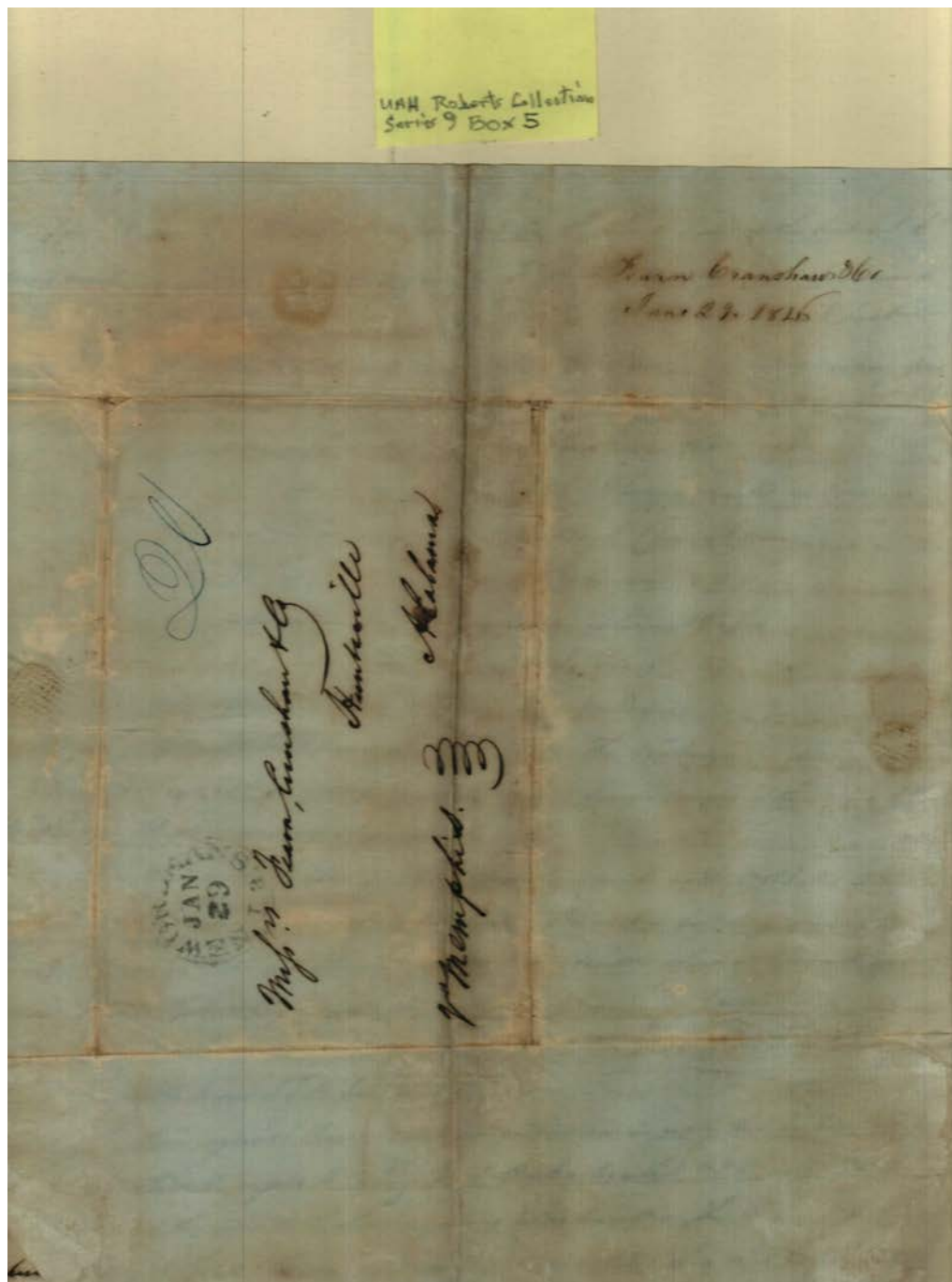
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MS. Cabaniss Collection  
Series 9 Box 5

My dear Sir,  
 I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in answer to inform you we had paid our amount in full to the credit of our last  
 balance and that we hope your bill for \$1000 and that we were very  
 glad to hear of the recovery of the money and that the bill was not only  
 paid but also the interest was paid as well as the principal - but we were  
 very glad to hear of the recovery of the money and that the bill was not  
 only paid but also the interest was paid as well as the principal - but we  
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 was not only paid but also the interest was paid as well as the principal -

**Names:**

Breck, Dr. Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Jan 29, 1846

UAH Roberts Collection  
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Among the 855 lbs of 1846 is the Breck Co. of 65 lbs from Jones -  
Thom's stock was cancelled for 27 lbs and that a good quantity had  
being up and that in 1845 James' stock cancelled - but we were in  
the disapprobation for the money market of the North being tight & the value  
of money so much advanced that in England banks are not only very tight  
for money, but in cases of practical safety are selling & advancing upon  
business in the field, for when they are pressed they could not be done better  
than to refuse it. The reduced competition in buying cotton having declined  
amounted to a state of bankruptcy to us & increased the attention of those who held  
riding from and small stockholders in England. Some are now getting the  
currenty business & American's advances, but maintaining long life in New  
of 1846. The above and nothing of our small stockholders holding the volume by the  
small quantity of stock owned may be our business & instead of selling for cash  
or with larger or smaller time when we do go we have our hopes they may not be  
ruined and perhaps cancelled after - but things are so rapid in England & America  
we may be in a short time & instead of many other times have other times to handle  
by selling or fact or they are perhaps then they will be done and thought perhaps  
to had our opinion against all others - and they have made their way at the  
last part of the market say 100 lbs for quantity at 70¢ 85¢ lbs. with a  
60¢ of money from before to now (a quantity - and how many in kind) in the  
625 lbs. North Atlantic of which 100 lbs (FOOD Store) holding to Boston, Mass.

**Names:**

Barton, C. T. & Bro.

Breck, Dr.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

Jan 29, 1846

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Mr. Fearn, Crenshaw & Co  
New Orleans, 28 Jan 1846

Dear Sirs

We write you 22<sup>nd</sup> instant and are favored with yours of 16<sup>th</sup> instant with stated enclosures. At the date of our last we informed you we had put our accounts from Liverpool to 13<sup>th</sup> ult. for shipment. These which were considered favorable for Cotton and that a good enquiry had sprung up and that we hoped prices would improve somewhat - but we were disappointed for the money market of the North being tight & the value of money so much enhanced that our Exchange Dealers were not only very shy of names, but in cases of greatest safety were obliged to demand of our correspondent accounts ~~on time bills~~, for when they sent them forward they could not be done better than 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. This induced competition in buying Cotton & prices declined somewhat instead of advancing as we had conceived the attention of those who held orders from us could draw directly on Liverpool. Prices are now 9<sup>th</sup> below the currency previous to Reading's arrival, two middlings being 6<sup>th</sup> in place of 7<sup>th</sup>. The stand out as long as we could without backing the chances by the great steamer ahead accounts may be here tomorrow & indeed if others had held out still longer we would have done so too for we have no hopes they may not be arrived and possibly somewhat better - but things are as a fact in England altogether so may be most ahead - indeed every other house here show their fears so plainly by selling or fact as they can prepare their Cotton that we have not thought proper to put our opinion against all others - and today have made the sales at the lowest prices of the market viz 103 bales for Country at 7<sup>th</sup>/4. 858 bales ditto at 6<sup>th</sup>/6 running from inferior to fair (a middling - not two way - list). and 625 bales North Alabama of which 1 Corp (E. O. Sherris) belonging to Boston.

**Names:**

Barton, C. T. & Bro.  
Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

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the poorest marks in the list at 5 3/4<sup>+</sup> and the best, the balance of the list at 6<sup>+</sup>  
 and made up of 125 Bales belonging to J. W. & H. Bynum - the best mark  
 60 - - - - Mrs E Jordan - next best  
 25 - - - - W. H. Robertson - poor - very poor  
 10 - - - - J. M. & J. C. Murphy  
 38 - - - - J. Van Husen & Co  
 60 - - - - W. H. Scruggs & Co  
 40 - - - - L. S. Banks (from at Lewis)  
 50 - - - - D. Robinson & Co  
 27 - - - - Vasser, Coleman & Hager  
 33 - - - - S. J. Jones  
 14 1/2 - - - - The Millers

We hope they will all be pleased with the bills. The Alabamas, as you informed us  
 sometime since are not so good in quality as last season - some of them are a bright  
 a shag - bit of a mucky appearance.

We are sorry to hear two flats have been sunk with 200 Bales Cotton  
 bolls is scattered from Breakers to Waterloo. We send a few days since 167  
 bolls for Bryan Wilson and upwards of 500 p. Huntsville which we have not yet  
 heard of - unless the sample are not all in yet.

Yours truly  
 Francis Lewis Howland

I enclose a letter to our J. & D. from at B. Coleman  
 raising his claim against Bynum - and have written him in reply that he had better  
 as his disputation in regard to taking W. & H. Bynum's bill that W. & H. would probably  
 prefer them at this time to the chance of doing better hereafter. The Bynum's on their  
 bill is 30 & 35 p. but they are appreciating and now better than that in Alabama  
 J. C. H.

J. J. D.

**Names:**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Banks, L. S.            | Evans, N.                | Jordan, Eliza, Mrs.   | Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.      |
| Bynum, F. W. & G.<br>H. | Fearn, Crenshaw &<br>Co. | Murphy, J. M. & J. C. | Van Husen, J. & Co.         |
| Coleman, N. D.          | Graves, Thomas M.        | Robertson, W. H.      | Vasser, Coleman &<br>Vasser |
| Donegan, J. J.          | Jones, S. J.             | Robinson, John        | Wilson, Bryce               |
|                         |                          | Scruggs, G.           |                             |

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New Orleans, LA

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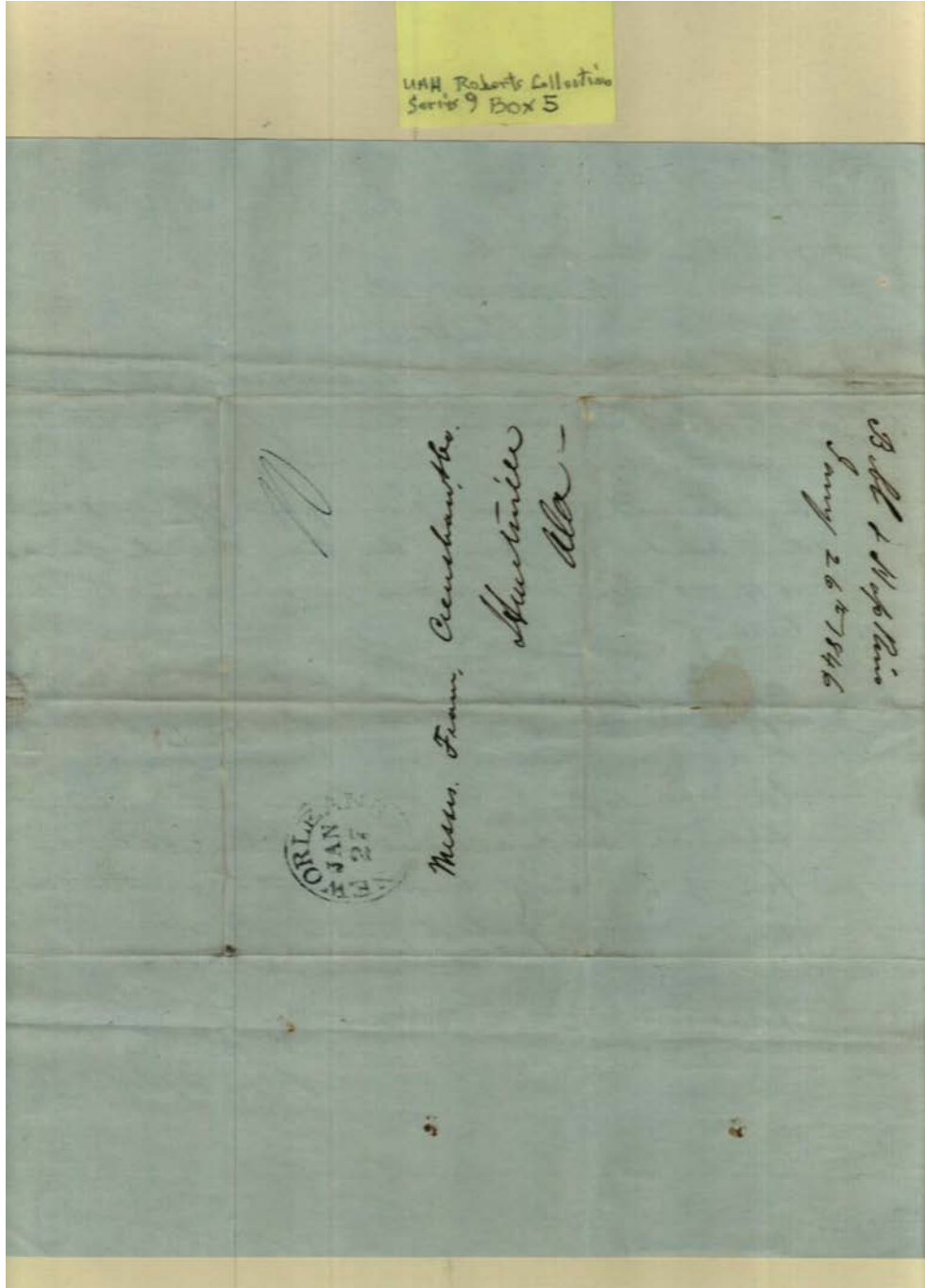
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Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

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**Dates:**

Jan 26, 1846

UHH Roberts Collection  
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New Orleans, Jan'y 26<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Messrs. Fearn, Crenshaw, & Co.  
New Orleans, Ala.  
Gentlemen,

We are engaged in making up our account current for a settlement with the Agents of Mr. Bibb, & wish to have the account current from your Office showing the amounts you paid the two Branch Banks at Huntsville & Decatur on our notes in June last.

Our sugar crop proved to be much more in- different this year than last - having fallen short on this - & our buyers have been so low heretofore as to render navigation almost impracticable. The sales so far of our crop have greatly exceeded in price those of last year -

We wish to have the pleasure soon of seeing you Dr. Fearn -

Yrs Very Truly  
Bibb & Hopkins

**Names:**

Bibb & Hopkins  
Bibb, Mr.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Fearn, Dr.

**Places:**

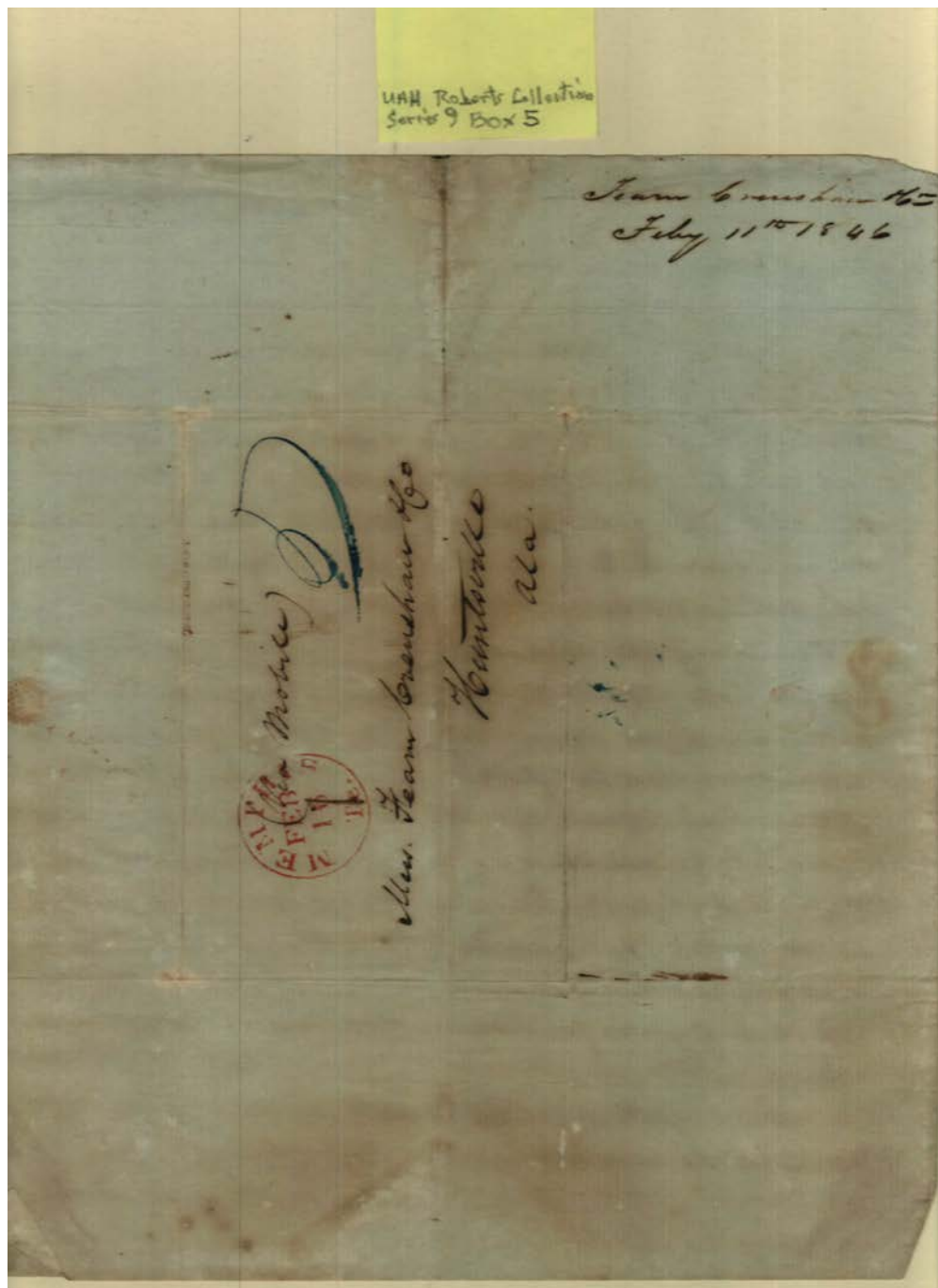
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**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

Feb 11, 1846

New Orleans Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1846

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co.  
 D. W. R.

After closing our letter to you yesterday, we had an offer of 6 1/2% round for our list of 760 bales, North Alabama, to which we acceded, viz. Fearn & Erskine 25 bales, W. & J. Scruggs 196 bales, Rank 50 = J. & W. R. Patton 50 = Sam. L. Jones 10 = J. H. Trotman 9 = J. M. & J. C. Murphy 7 = G. J. Norton & Co 23 = Thos. M. Graves 12 = Vasser, Coleman & Vasser 13 = Mrs. E. Jordan 21 = E. M. Swoope 34 = F. L. Hammond 10 = John Robinson 24 = John F. Lightfoot 66 = Brice Wilson 167 = This sale is 1/2% above any offer made before the news by the last party was in, and we hope will be satisfactory. We shall advise Murphy, Norton, Vasser, E. M. Swoope, Lightfoot & Wilson from here, and leave to you to advise the others. Some few bales of this list will go to you & none lower than 5¢ - a good crop, such as our present crop, sold by Dick & Hill, was, will probably bring as much, although they included Papes, no doubt, in a list of Saw Country Cottons.

We yesterday forwarded Invoices of Groceries to E. R. Wallace Esq. \$106.91 which you will please collect. also \$ same boat "Old Hickory" goods for J. & W. R. Patton of 163.26 & W. R. Fearn's Station Shacks -

Sales yesterday about 10,000 bales at full prices, the English freely in the market

Very truly yours  
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

**Names:**

Barton, C. T. & Bro.	Fearn, Robert	Murphy, J. M. & J. C.	Trotman, J. B.
Breck, Samuel	Graves, Thomas M.	Patton, J. & W. R.	Vasser, Coleman & Vasser
Dick & Hill	Hammond, F. L.	Pope,	Wallace, E. R.
Fearn & Erskine	Jones, Samuel J.	Robinson, John	Wilson, Brice
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.	Jordan, Eliza, Mrs.	Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.	
	Lightfoot, John F.	Swoope, E. M.	

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New Orleans Feb<sup>y</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Mess. Fearn Crenshaw & Co.  
Sirs

We wrote you on the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. via Memphis  
acknowledging receipt of yours of 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - & 30<sup>th</sup> - Ult. also enclos-  
ing checks of that date by Robt Hoge on Nevins Townsend & Co. two  
at 40 days. No. 11910 for \$1000 - No. 11909 for \$500 - & one at 40 days date No.  
11911 for \$1000 - in all twenty five hundred dollars. charged to you  
at par, although the 40 days was bought at  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  dis. & the 40 days at  
 $\frac{1}{4}\%$  dis. - because 22 of which, we now hand you. We also enclose  
E. R. Wallace Esq's order on Meredith Calhoun for \$50 - (his name  
erased) which you advise payment of through E. L. Andrews.

Finding we are too late for the mail of today we postpone our  
conclusion until tomorrow, so as to give you the state of the market  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

The sales of cotton yesterday reported in the Times, 7500 bales  
in the Bulletin 6000 bales, at full prices - The English are buyers.  
We have two lists, state on the tables, will take a full  
offer; but are not pressing sales.

The writer has written a long letter to our W<sup>l</sup>. D.  
today, via Memphis. Very truly yours  
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Goods for J. W. R. Patton & Judge Wallace go by the  
old Hickory to Nashville - For others at the friends we expect  
to send by the Patriot - now up for the Low River. F. C. & Co

**Names:**

Andrews, E. L.  
Calhoun, Meredith

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Nevins, Townsend &  
Co.  
Patton, J. & W. R.

Robb & Hoge  
Wallace, E. R.  
Wallace, Judge

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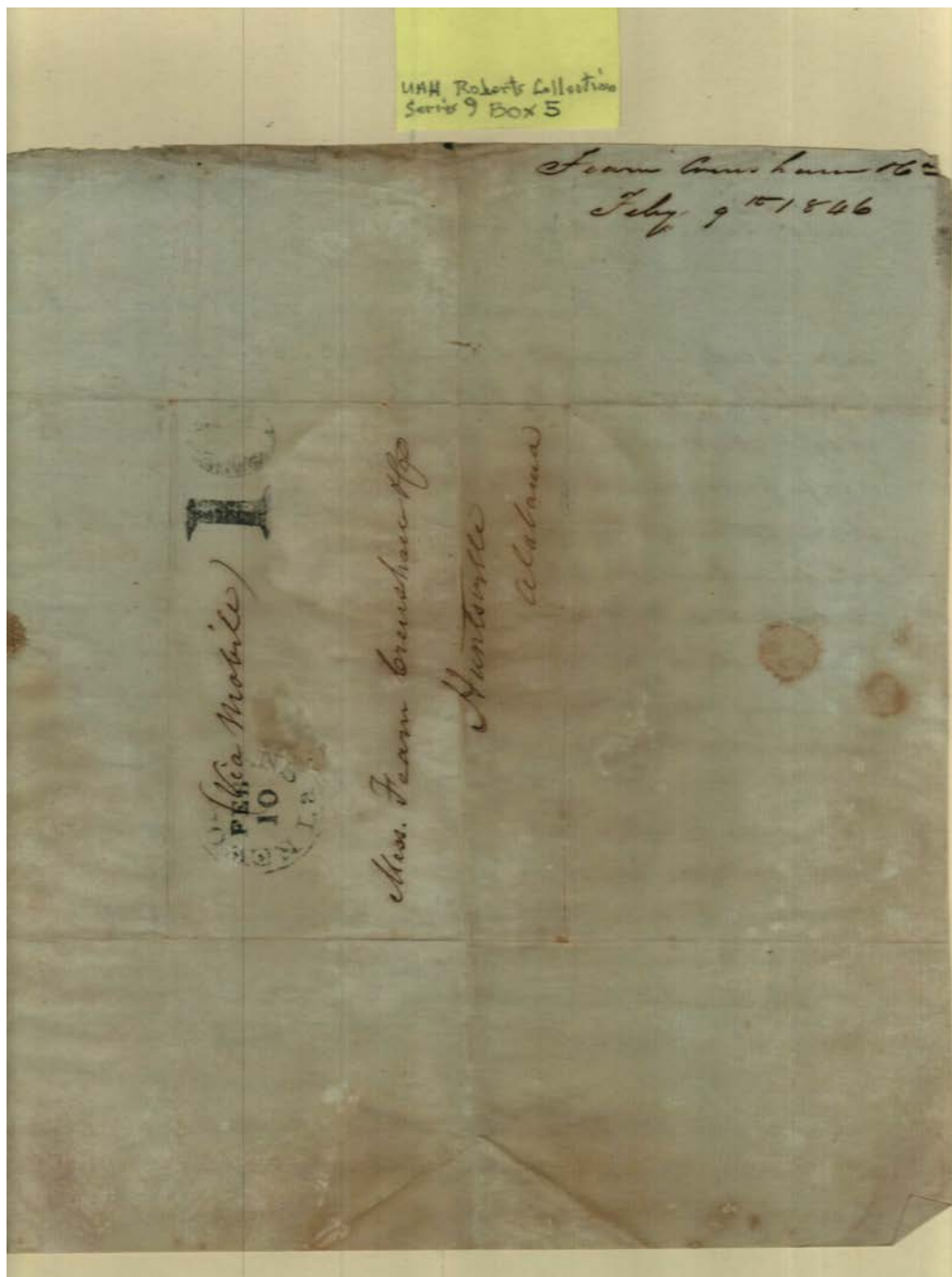
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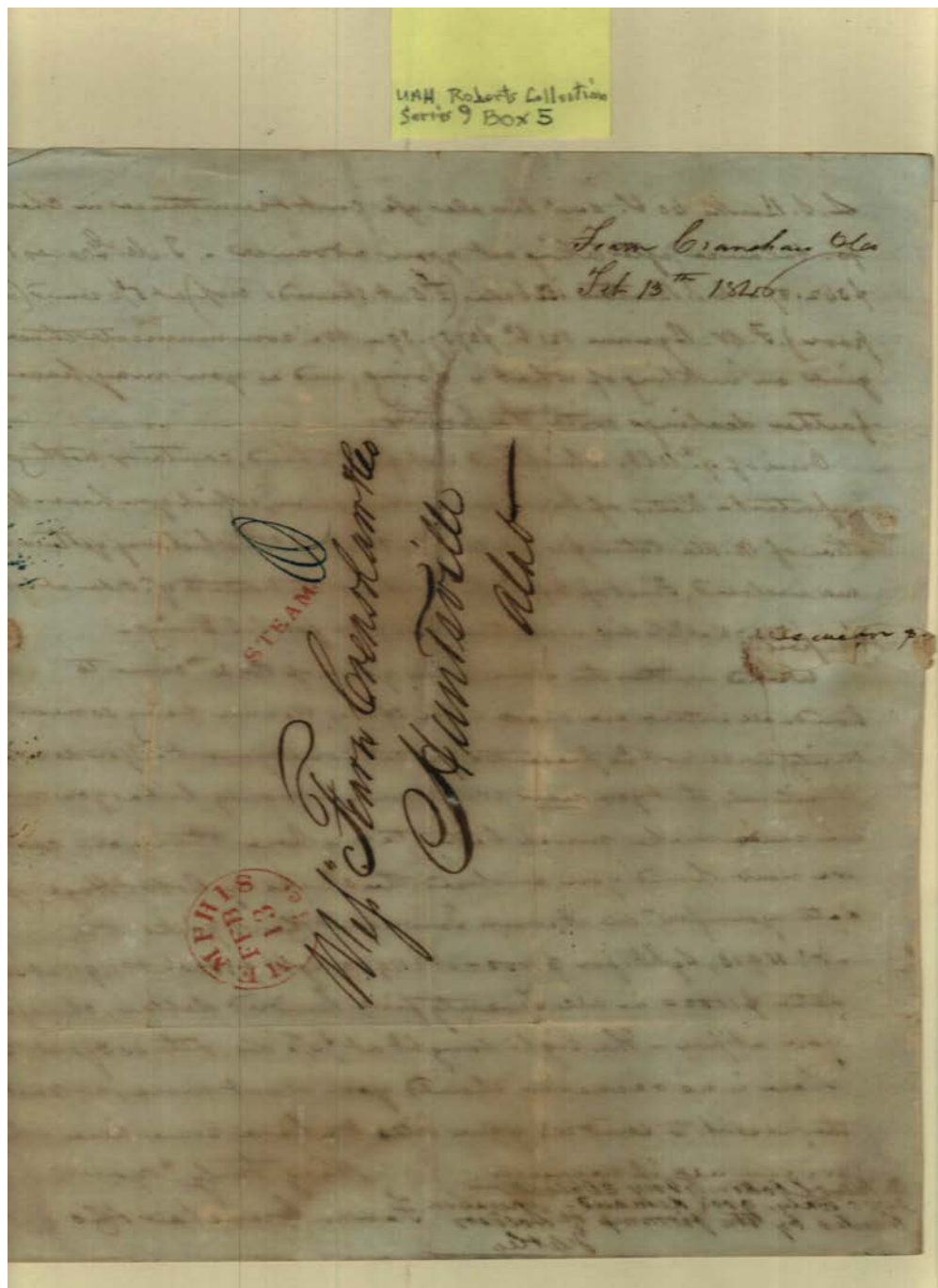
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New Orleans Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1846

Messrs. Fearn, Crenshaw & Co  
L. O.

We have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> ult. on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> (the day on which we wrote you last) and have made all necessary entries. The groceries ordered for Judge Wallace will be sent by the first boat, and the bill to you (probably via Natchville, as the Messrs. Patton order theirs).

The Cotton market has continued active, and 24,000 bales reported to have changed hands within the last three days, at the decline of about  $\frac{1}{8}$  on the better qualities &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the lower. We have been entertaining the hope, that as soon as the pressing wants of such Factors as had held back for the packet advice, & could then wait no longer, were relieved, there would be a reaction, so as at least to bring us up to the rates previously current; and we think ~~we~~ there are some indications, that this hope may be realized. At Mobile the same giving way was experienced, but has been entirely recovered from. We have on the table 750 bales, N. Ala. for which more than 60 could not be got offered previous to each of Hillsman's acct. and although there has not been a direct offer of that much since, yet our Mr. A. (who is now salesman) says he is confident it could be got, if he showed a disposition to take it on sight more might be accepted. This list includes Breck & others - all those from above the Cheat to Huntsville & New

**Names:**

Breck,

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Patton,  
Wallace, Judge

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

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Series 9 Box 5

your great anxiety, and that of our friends, to have some index  
 by which you can form some calculation as to the worth of north  
 Ala. crops round; we, therefore, annex a list and classification.  
 This list as you will perceive includes a good deal of low quality;  
 but must be better than what is to come forward. If the Rout &  
 B. S. Pope & S. Scuggs, are "crack" marks, then indeed will we  
 have a sorry crop from St. Ala. Will 6<sup>c</sup> a 6<sup>o</sup>/<sub>8</sub> for this list save  
 our friends who have bought at 5<sup>c</sup> there? The charges are  
 less than heretofore, will be about  $\frac{1}{2}$  and as this list would give  
 some 5<sup>o</sup>/<sub>4</sub> a 5<sup>o</sup>/<sub>8</sub> would the average be 5<sup>c</sup> on the whole crop?  
 As to the future prospects of the market you will be as well  
 able to judge as ourselves. The falling off in receipts, would seem  
 to indicate a shorter crop than has been estimated; but then  
 all the tributaries of the Miss are low. When Red River, <sup>Arkita</sup> ~~Ark.~~  
 ark. and all the Bayous, with the Yazoo Woods opens upon  
 us, the showing will be very different, & we dare not make  
 calculations of too great a deficiency. The policy we have  
 heretofore deemed best, we feel no inclination to abandon  
 that is, to meet the market when it is active, if we can get  
 the best prices then current, & leave speculation as to the  
 future <sup>to the speculators</sup>.

We are forwarding ofc sales, to L. W. Holt, Scuggs 60 bales, price  
 60 b. / 1371.12 - John Robinson adm. 50 b. / 1195.45 - Eliza Jordan  
 60 b. / 1643.75 - L. S. Jordan 33-3709.79 - Vasser Coleman & Vasser 23 b. /  
 / 483.64 - W. H. Robertson 25 b. / 583.71 - J. M. & C. Murphy 10 b. / 246.67

**Names:**

Jordan, Eliza	Pope, B. S.	Rout,	Vasser, Coleman &
Jordan, S. J.	Robertson, W. H.	Scuggs, G.	Vasser
Murphy, J. M. & J. C.	Robinson, John	Scuggs, J. W. & J. H.	

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L. S. Banks 40 U. sent him also of Cert. & remittances in checks for balance after taking out your advances - T. M. Graves 146<sup>o</sup> \$342.87 - C. T. Barton 122 bales (F. O. A. shew'ds crop) at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  round (very poor) - F. W. Bynum 121 U. \$2757.39 - We communicate these to give an inkling of what is doing, and as you may have some farther dealings with the parties.

One of 9<sup>th</sup> Ult. which had not got to hand, contains nothing very important - Rates of Insurance were given, which you have - Valuation of N. Ala. Cotton \$30 p bale - In that of 21<sup>st</sup> which may yet turn up, we enclosed, First of Exch<sup>r</sup> Robt & Hoge, that date to y<sup>r</sup> order at sight for \$23,78 at  $\frac{1}{2}$ % dis: investment of \$500 for S. S. Ewing -

We had written the above when yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> came to hand - all entries are made - The Bt. of Weaver being some maturity, will not be presented, until for payment - You do not say positively, that you now want more money; but as you may we can make much better terms here than you can there, we now hand you enclosed three checks by Robt & Hoge of the date you fer: on Nevins Townsend & Co. N. York 119<sup>o</sup> No 11910, sight for \$1000 - No 11909, sight \$500 - No 11911 at 40 days date \$1000 = in all twenty five hundred dollars, changed to you at par - The sight bought at  $\frac{1}{2}$ % dis. & the 40 days at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % dis.

There is no occasion, should you want more, at least for the present, to send us your bills. We have some here which we can use if necessary.

Very truly yours  
 J. Fearn  
 From Branchaw & Co.

we can use if necessary  
 in place of cotton, any 30 blocks  
 200 bales, 2000 demand - operation  
 united by the firm of J. Fearn

NY

**Names:**

Banks, L. S.	Ewing, S. S.	Graves, T. M.	Robb & Hoge
Barton, C. T.	Fearn, Crenshaw &	Nevins, Townsend &	Sherrod, F. O. A.
Bynum, F. W.	Co.	Co.	

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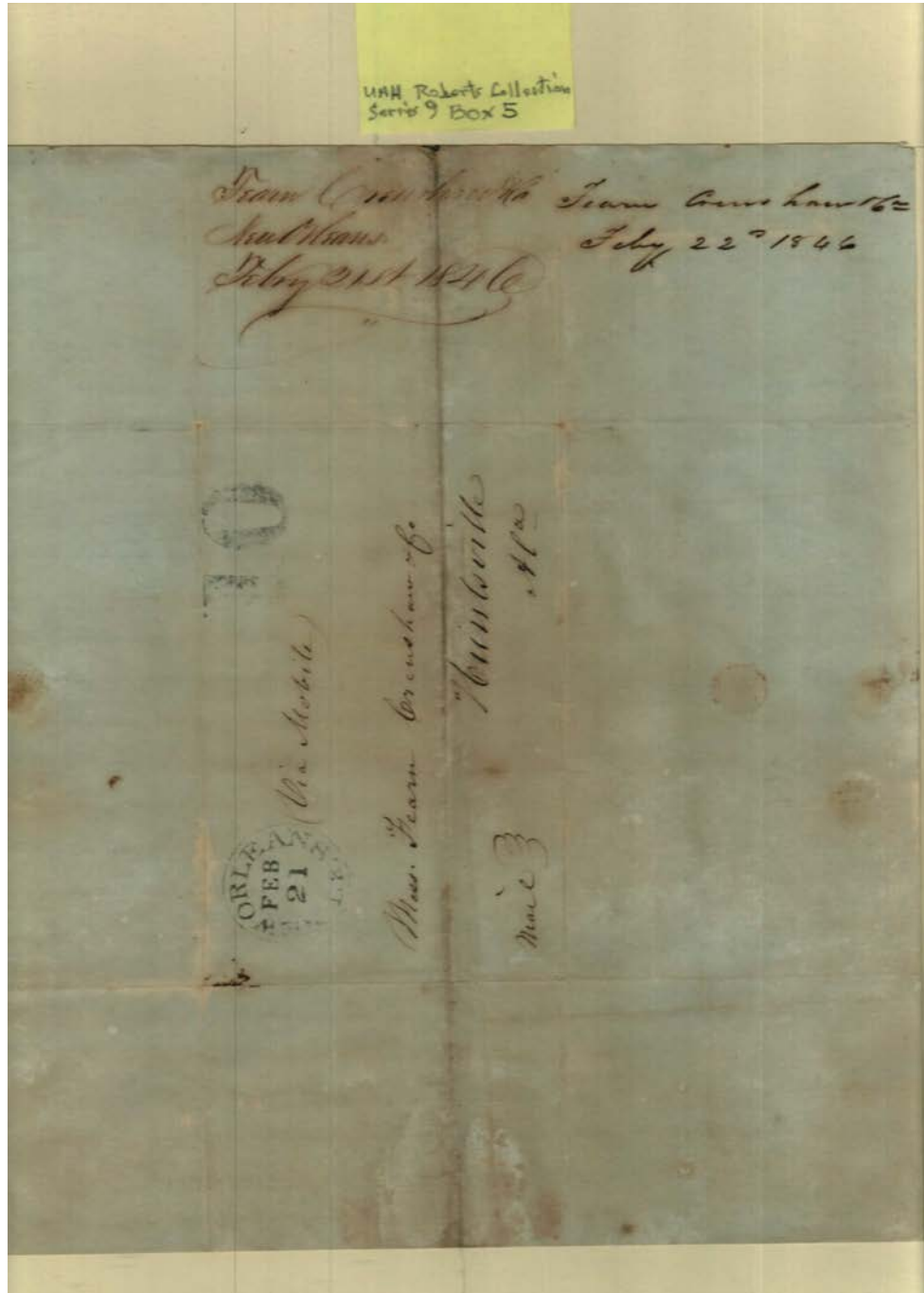
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Feb 22, 1846

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New Orleans Feb. 22. 1846

Miss. Fearn Crenshaw & Co  
to this

Some of your favors are to hand since we wrote  
you last on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The cotton market has been very quiet for the past  
three days, although the sales are reported at 2000 bales on Wednesday,  
4700 on Thursday & 6300 yesterday, there seems to have been a very limited  
inquiry & not much animation. Prices are reported the same, but  
offers corresponding with the outside quotations, and indeed the me-  
dium have <sup>not</sup> been made for several lists we now have on the table,  
running from Cannon St. Ala. to fine Miss. & Britz. The antici-  
pation of later news from abroad by every mail, may have pa-  
ralyzed operations, & we do not look for much animation until  
they are received. Should they show a small advance in spot,  
prices may be kept steady here - but <sup>no</sup> advance, or a slight  
decline, then we think lower prices inevitable.

Our friend Mr. H. Burrus is here, & requests, that you will pay out of  
the amount in your hands, the next instalment on his note in Bank  
in June, after which transfer any balance there, to his credit here.  
He thinks, in as much as he has been paying interest on advances  
to us here, that you should allow him interest there.

Say to Mr. S. Cruise, that he did not omit "Coffee" in his bill of  
groceries, as he will have found before this by our Invoice & also  
by an inspection of the articles themselves - Yours Truly  
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

**Names:**

Burrus, J. C.  
Cruise, S.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

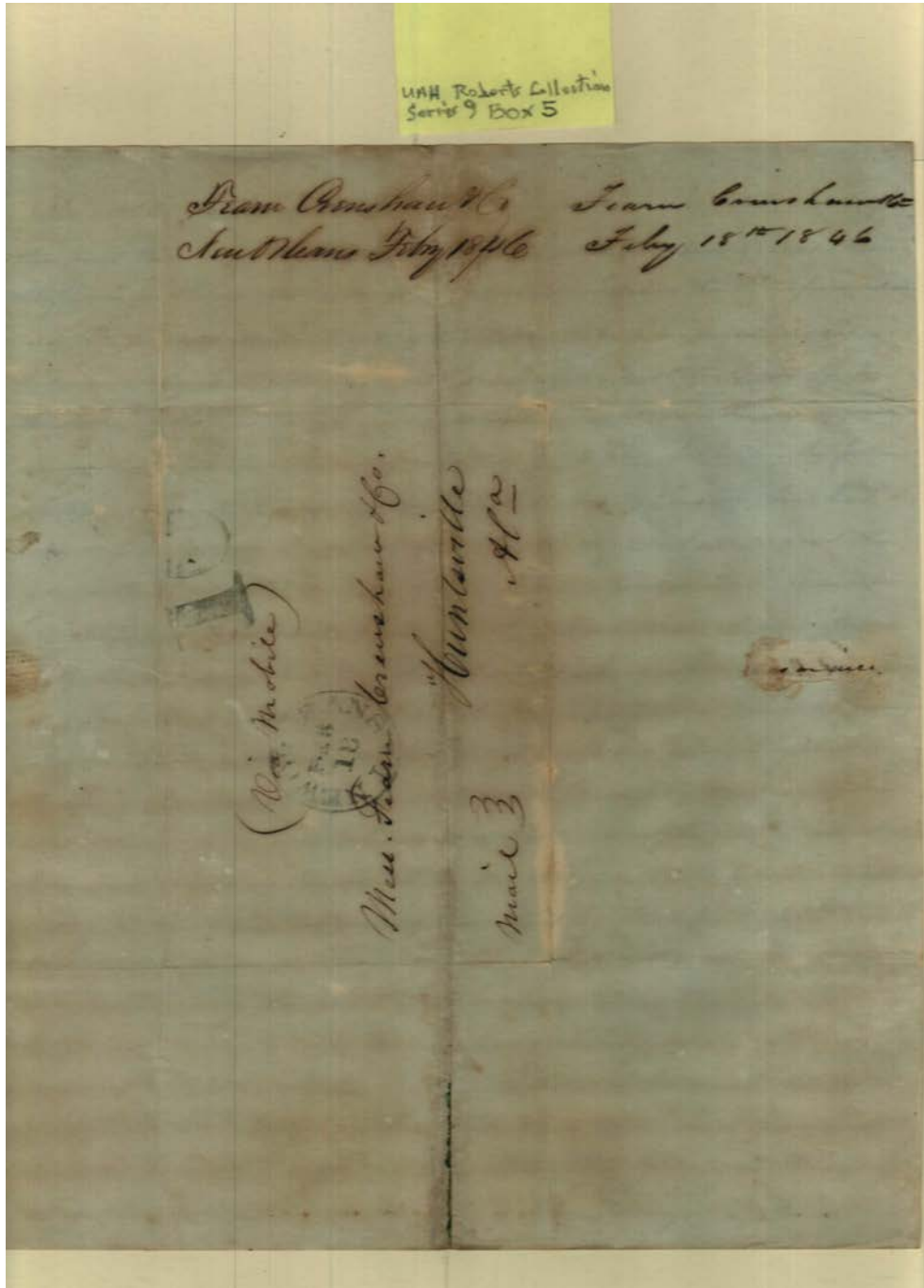
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Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

Feb 18, 1846

New Orleans Feb<sup>y</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1846

Wm. Fearn Crenshaw & Co  
Gentl<sup>s</sup>

We wrote you on 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. & yesterday rec<sup>d</sup> of  
of 9<sup>th</sup> with enclosing instructions all which are duly noted.  
The goods for Mrs. Houston from Esopus have come to hand, and will  
be detained until their former bottles landing arrived.

Enclosed we have Rpt for some goods for the writer, which you  
will please attend to the receipt of, a man on time addressed to  
his daughter, accompanies it, from which, if any thing be lost or dam-  
aged you will be enabled to make out the bill against the freighter.  
A Rpt of Florence also for Mr. R. Francis is included in the Rpt cost  
\$7.50 - changed to his acct - this will be sent down by the writer cost at  
premium of 25% say \$17.50 entered to his credit - Mr. S. Cruise also handed  
\$1000 bill at same prem. & leaving to his credit a balance of \$7.63  
which you will please pay over to him & advise us.

You will please <sup>advise</sup> Mr. Joseph Carothers, that Col. Simmonds has  
not paid any thing on his notes, & we have heard nothing direct from  
him this season, but Mr. Cruise atty. is here & informs us, that he  
has disposed of his crop of Cotton to make a payment on his  
hand & he is confident some will be sent to us. It is for Mr. Carothers  
to direct, whether we shall hold the note & take the chances  
of getting something next season, or place it in the hands of  
a lawyer. The Col. we still think very honest, but he is very  
hard pressed & may not pay until forced.

**Names:**

Boardman,  
Carothers, Joseph

Cruise, S.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Fearn, Robert  
Simmonds, Col.

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New Orleans, LA

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Feb 18, 1846

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The cotton market still continues quite animated, sales of the past three days reported 14,000 for the week 37,500. Prices still stiffening. The quotations as you will observe from the P.C. forwarded are 1/2 to 1/4 above those of Saturday. We have made no sales, but are ready to sell freely, whenever the full quotations are offered. Several of the late operations, we learn, are resales. The sellers realizing in some instances a profit of 1/2 to 1/4. Whether the failure of the renewed attempt at negotiation at Washington has had any influence on the market we cannot say, but all regard the prospects of a continuance of firm quotations with G.B. more doubtful, whilst some few think Selas almost inviolable. We shall exercise more caution in making advances or increasing liabilities - I would suggest the propriety of the same course to you. There is no possibility of determining when England may think proper to act. That she will act promptly & energetically when she does move, there can be no doubt. We think therefore, we should be cautious in all cases; but more especially so, when the cotton is forwarded by flat boats, & the time of its arrival uncertain - or when the parties would not, in any contingency, be good for reclamation.

Very truly yours,  
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Say to Mr. McClung that his letter to me of 5<sup>th</sup> Inst from New Orleans is rec<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Calhoun is not in the city, nor is it known when he will be - I shall write to him <sup>(Calhoun)</sup> today. D. H.

**Names:**

Calhoun,

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

McClung,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

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**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

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Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address

**Dates:**

Feb 16, 1846

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New Orleans Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1846

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co  
Dear Sirs

We wrote you on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> with  
state of our Market, to which we have nothing farther to add.  
Some rumors of trouble in the Oregon negotiation reached us  
yesterday. That Terms of reference had been submitted on both  
sides & rejected by both. There may be an increased apprehension  
of a failure in the attempt to settle the question; but still we do  
not calculate on any influence on the market. We look for  
later acts from abroad daily which we trust will be more  
favorable.

Enclosed are hand checks dated 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. by Robb &  
Hoge, your favor: one Saving Townsend & Co. N. York. 1000  
one for \$1000 No. 11994 at sight. one for \$1000 No. 11995 & another for  
\$500 <sup>No. 11993</sup> both at 30 days date. say in all \$2500 changed to you at par.  
Originals forwarded via Memphis.

In ours of 14<sup>th</sup> we advised the sale of another lot Miss  
& Dist. Cottons - good mid: to mid: fair - 916 bales at 7<sup>th</sup> round  
Market firm - Prices fully up to the rates previous to the  
receipt of Hibernias acts. Yours truly  
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

NY

**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Nevins, Townsend &  
Co.

Robb & Hoge

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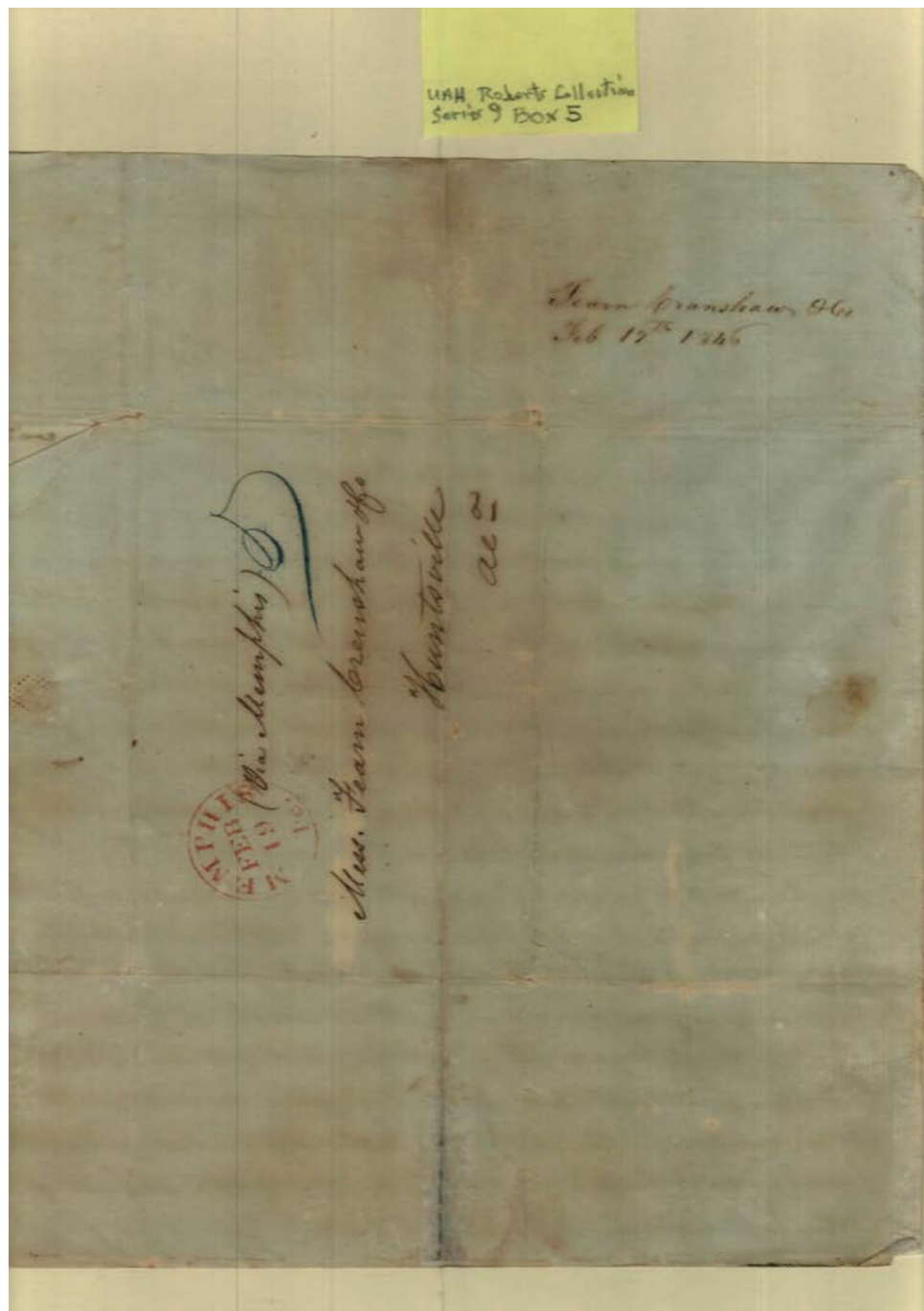
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Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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Feb 19, 1846

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New Orleans Feb'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1846

Mess. Fearn Crenshaw & Co  
D<sup>rs</sup>

We had this pleasure on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. and  
are now in rec<sup>t</sup>. of yours of 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Contents noted & all necessary  
entries made. Please inform Mr. Inston, that we have rec<sup>d</sup>. but  
one R<sup>pt</sup> from him (9 bales) Mess. Patton Donegan & Co. will be writ<sup>t</sup>  
to in a few days, relative to their goods.

Having upon funds on hand we have concluded to send  
you another remittance, without knowing certainly whether  
you may need it, and now enclose to you Robt & Hoge's  
Checks of this date, pay<sup>ab</sup>l<sup>e</sup> to your order on Mess. Nevins & Townsend  
No. New York (sic) No. 11994 at sight for \$1000. bought at  $\frac{1}{2}\%$   
dis. No. 11995 at 40 days date for \$1000 & No. 11993 at 40 days date for  
\$500 bought at  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  dis. but all charged to you at par - say  
Twenty five hundred dollars to your debit.

Our Cotton market has continued quite a time, for the  
week reported at 37,000 bales, enquiry continues brisk - Prices  
reported the same as last previous to rec<sup>t</sup>. of a drive of 100,000  
but judging from our own operations, we should pronounce them  
better. We let go another list of 9 10 bales miss. & Dist. Cottons  
today - quality intermediate between good mid. & mid. fair. at  
 $\frac{7}{16}$  round. We anticipate a steady market unless the next  
news from abroad should be unfavorable which we hardly  
think possible. Very truly yours,  
Fearn Crenshaw & Co

NY

**Names:**

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Nevins, Townsend &  
Co.

Patton, Donegan &  
Co.

Robb & Hoge  
Trotman,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

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**Names:**

Donegan, James J.

**Places:**

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**Dates:**

Feb 24, 1846

New Orleans Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1846

Mr. J. J. Donegan

I have shipped yesterday for New York  
one of the best lots of cotton I have ever seen  
and for the winter season I have not  
yet seen a better quality of cotton than  
I have ever seen. I have had much business  
and have had to ship 400 bales of cotton  
but for the quality of the cotton I have  
much softer than I have had long as well as  
the fibers are much smaller as the difference  
in price. The cotton is much less hard long  
& the freight is about 1/10 of 1/100 (per annum)  
I thought you would get them lower than by the sea route,  
particularly if the N. & S. drive a good bargain with the  
wagoners —

Just as we had written the above 3,000 lbs. of the  
16<sup>th</sup> came to hand. The winter has seen great rain relative  
to the East cotton & has no doubt he will pay over the proceeds  
as soon as his acts. of shipment, in which this was included  
are made out. You are right in your suggestion about  
the dangers of the St. Ch. — what with storms, wrecks, &c.  
The line continues a very low tide, but has become more  
productive than ever before. Yours truly  
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Cotton market still quiet. Value yesterday 100¢ per bale. No news from the West.

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Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

Seay & Shephard  
Yeatman,

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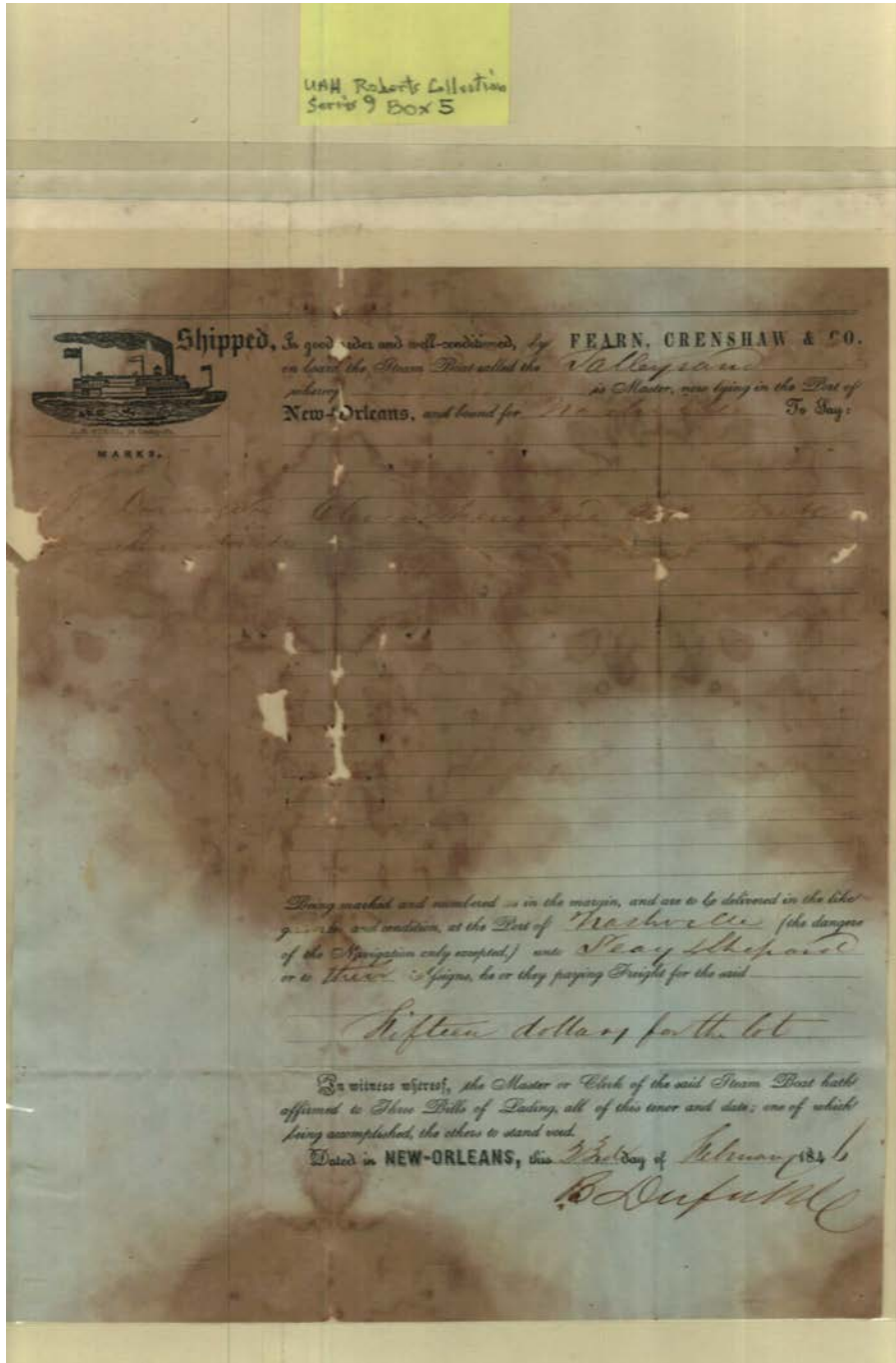
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Fearn, Crenshaw &  
Co.

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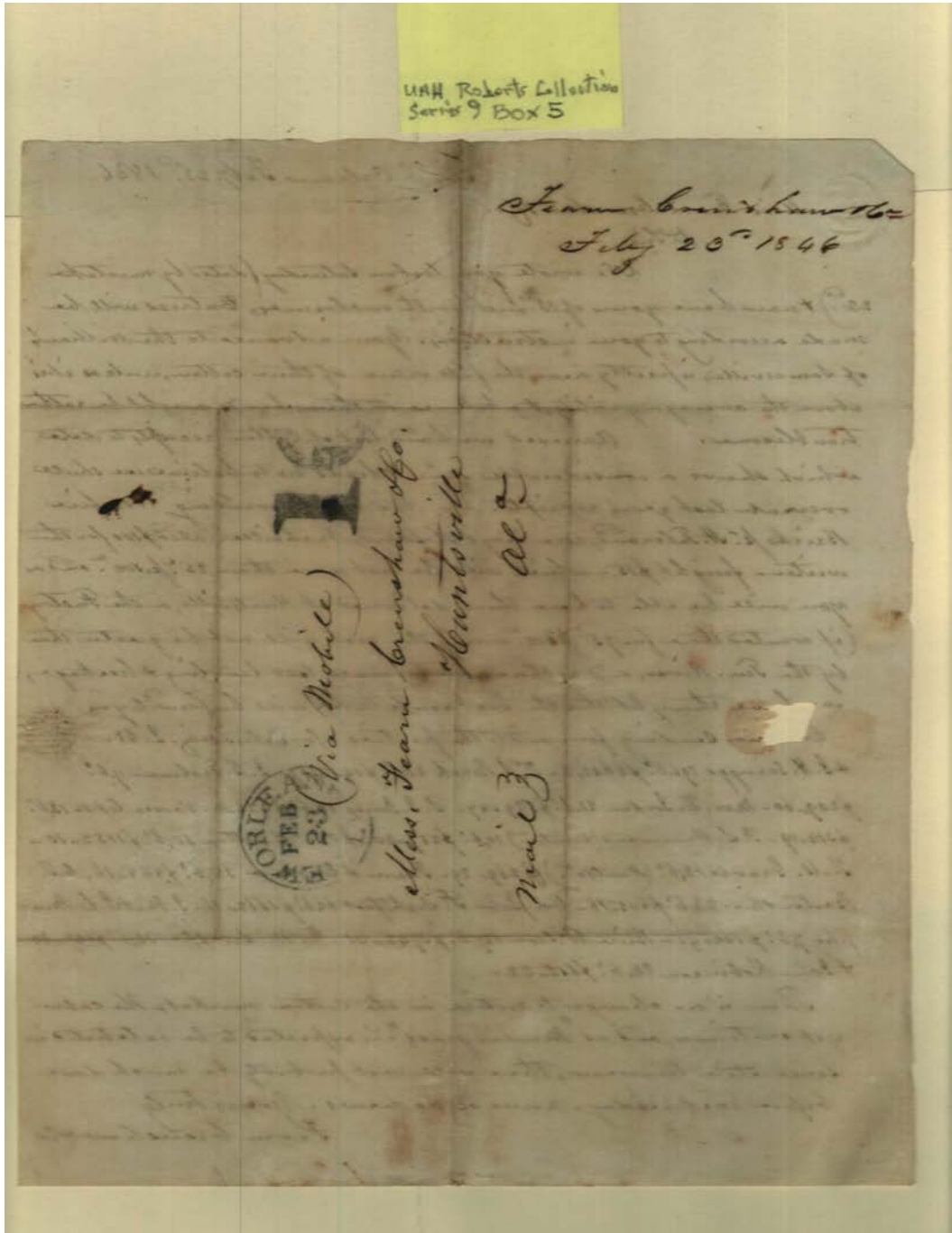
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Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

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Feb 23, 1846



New Orleans Feb. 23. 1846

Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Dear Sirs

We wrote you last on Saturday (dated by mistake 22<sup>nd</sup>) & now have yours of 13<sup>th</sup> inst. with enclosures. Entries will be made according to your instructions. Your advance to the Williams of Somerville, is pretty near the full value of their cotton, unless it is above the average quality, & a balance in their hands might be rather troublesome. Assembled we have list of Cotton receipts to date, which shows a considerable gain & leads us to believe we shall overtake last years receipts. — We are forwarding 1000 lbs Bricks to Mr. Toland, care Day & Shephard, Nashville, also \$100 for the writer - freight \$15 - which will be not more than 25¢ per 100<sup>lb</sup> - and as you will be able to have them delivered at Huntsville, on the Factory (if wanted there for 75¢ per 100<sup>lb</sup> more) the cost will not be greater than by the Ten. River, and as there will be much less handling & breakage, we have thought this the best route - It will be forwarded by the same landing forward to the parties, as follows, I. W.

J. H. Scruggs 196<sup>lb</sup> \$4641.2 - J. L. Brock 80<sup>lb</sup> \$195.57 - J. H. Trotman 9<sup>lb</sup> \$207.60 - Mrs. E. Jordan 21<sup>lb</sup> \$539.27 - J. S. Jones 16<sup>lb</sup> \$224.14 - Vasser, Coleman & Vasser 64<sup>lb</sup> \$156.19 - F. L. Hammond (Huntsv<sup>l</sup>) 10<sup>lb</sup> \$257.60 - J. W. R. Patton 50<sup>lb</sup> \$1152.10 - F. M. Graves 12<sup>lb</sup> (Huntsv<sup>l</sup>) \$269.23 - Fearn & Erskine 38<sup>lb</sup> \$868.16, bid. Barton 23<sup>lb</sup> \$605.16 - bid. John F. Lightfoot 66<sup>lb</sup> \$1182.16 - J. M. & J. C. Murphy 7<sup>lb</sup> \$164.95 - Thos. Wilson 157<sup>lb</sup> \$3942.61 - E. M. Swoope 34<sup>lb</sup> \$847.50 - J. L. Robinson 24<sup>lb</sup> \$605.22 -

There is no change to notice in the Cotton market - The color yet continues, and as "Manding grass" is expected to be catatred in some state tomorrow, there will not probably be much done before Wednesday - news or no news. Yours Truly  
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

**Topics:**

of Nashville

of Somerville, AL

**Names:**

Barton, C. T. & Bro.  
 Breck, Samuel, Dr.  
 Fearn & Erskine  
 Fearn, Crenshaw &  
 Co.  
 Graves, T. M.

Hammond, F. L.  
 Jones, S. J.  
 Jordan, Eliza, Mrs.  
 Lightfoot, John F.,  
 Col.  
 Murphy, J. M. & J. C.

Patton, J. & W. R.  
 Robinson, John  
 Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.  
 Seay & Shephard  
 Swoope, E. M.  
 Trotman, J. B.

Vasser, Coleman &  
 Vasser  
 Williams,  
 Wilson, Brice

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