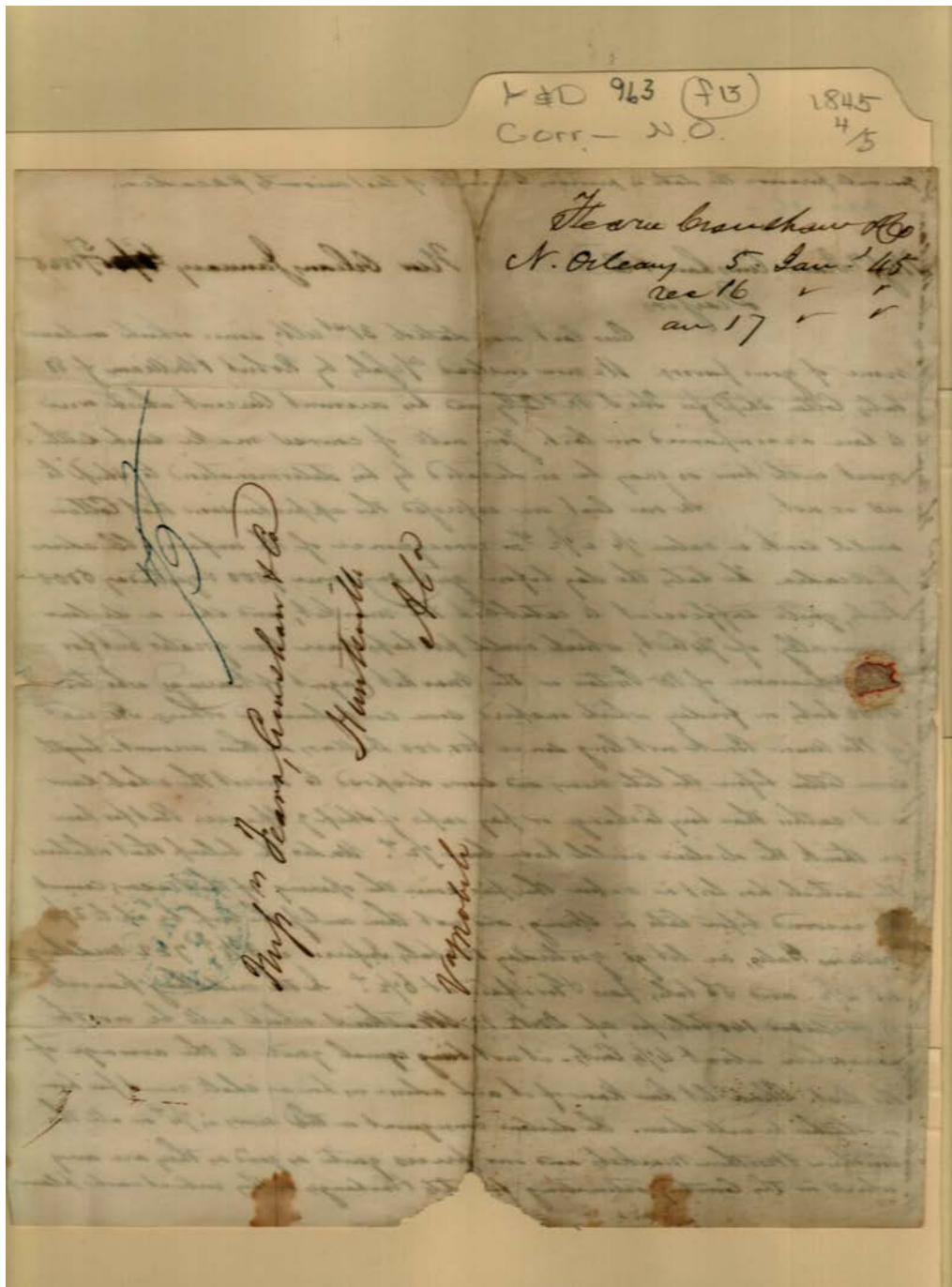


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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Jan 5, 1845

Y#D 963 (713) 1845
 Corr - N.O. 4/5

You will perceive the date is previous to receipt of last account & pecunia.

rec. 16 -

Mr J^r Fearn, Crenshaw & Co
 Dear Sirs

New Orleans, January 5th 1845

Our last was dated 31st ult, some which we bear some of your favors. We now inclose of J^r by Robert & Williams of 80 bales Cotton shipped for Tho^s S. McCalley and his account current which were to have accompanied our last. You will of course make such settle-ment with him as may be indicated by his determination to ship to us or not. In our last we expressed the apprehensions that Cotton would sink in value $\frac{1}{4}$ c^t $\frac{1}{2}$ c^t in consequence of the unsuccess-ful speculation. The bales the day before yesterday were 7000 yesterday 5000 bales, quite sufficient to establish the market, and then a decline generally of $\frac{1}{2}$ c^t, which would perhaps have been greater but for the appearance of Mr Weston in the Market (agent of Parsons) who took 4000 bales, on Friday which inspired some confidence in others. He rec^d of the Union Bank not long since 600,000 Dollars, on this account bought some Cotton before the late news, and seems disposed to invest the whole here or it rather than buy exchange or pay caps of ship^g & specie. But for him we think the decline would have been $\frac{1}{2}$ c^t. Under the belief that whatever the article has lost in value thus far since the opening of the season, cannot be recovered before late in Spring, and not then unless the crop be up to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ millions bales, we let go yesterday 120 bales Superior @ $3\frac{3}{8}$ c^t 722 middling at $4\frac{1}{2}$ c^t and 50 bales Fair & Goodpass at $6\frac{1}{2}$ c^t. In the middling parcel is included 140 bales for af. Doct. Webb's which will be worth somewhere about $4\frac{1}{4}$ c^t - it not being equal grade to the average of the last. Please let him know of it and advise us how or shall remit for him or whether he will draw. The decline consequent on the news is $\frac{1}{4}$ c^t in all the Southern & Northern Markets and our prices quite as good as they are any where in the Country estimating for the exchange or they submit each place.

of NY

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

McCalley, Thomas S.
Robert & Williams

Watkins, M. S., Dr.

Places:

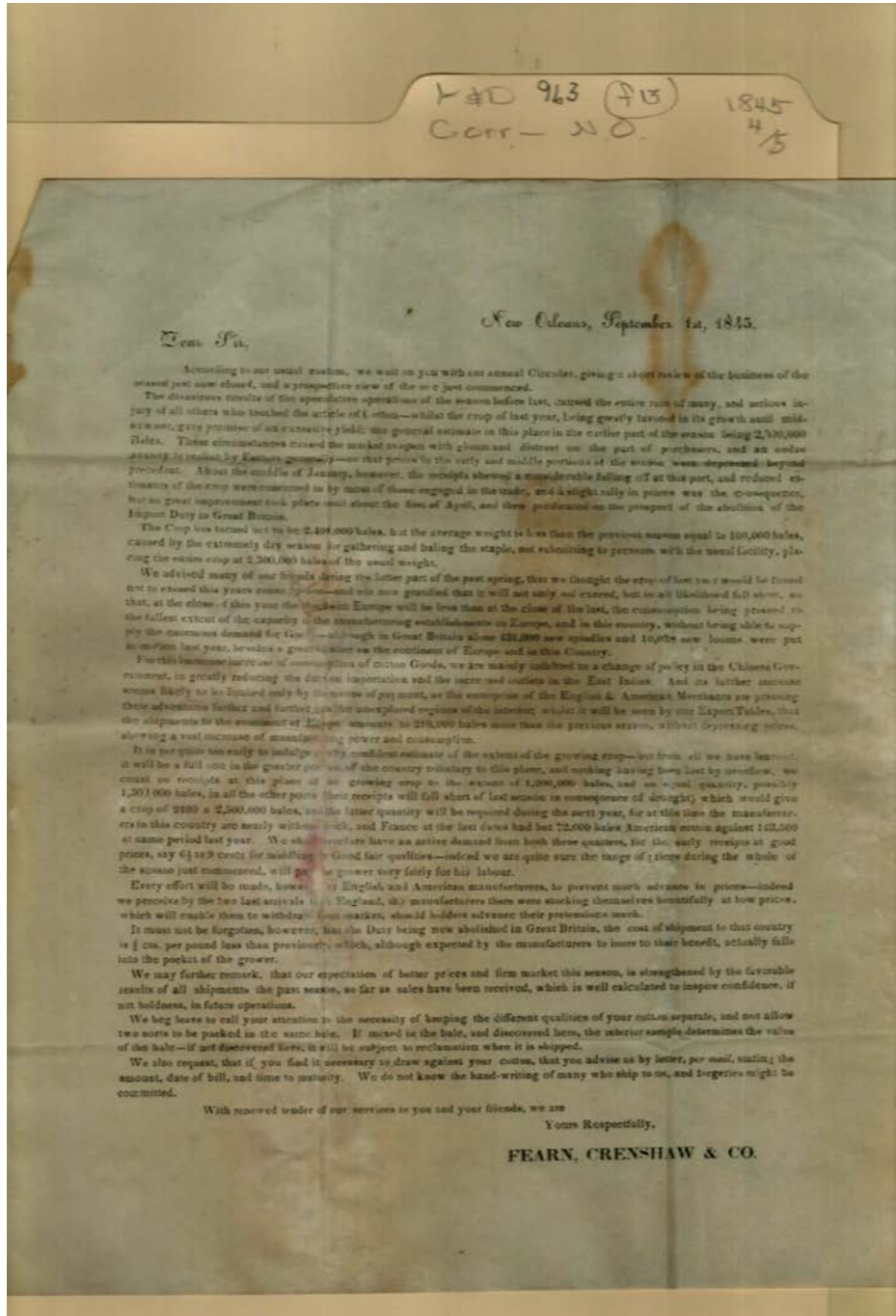
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Places:

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Types:

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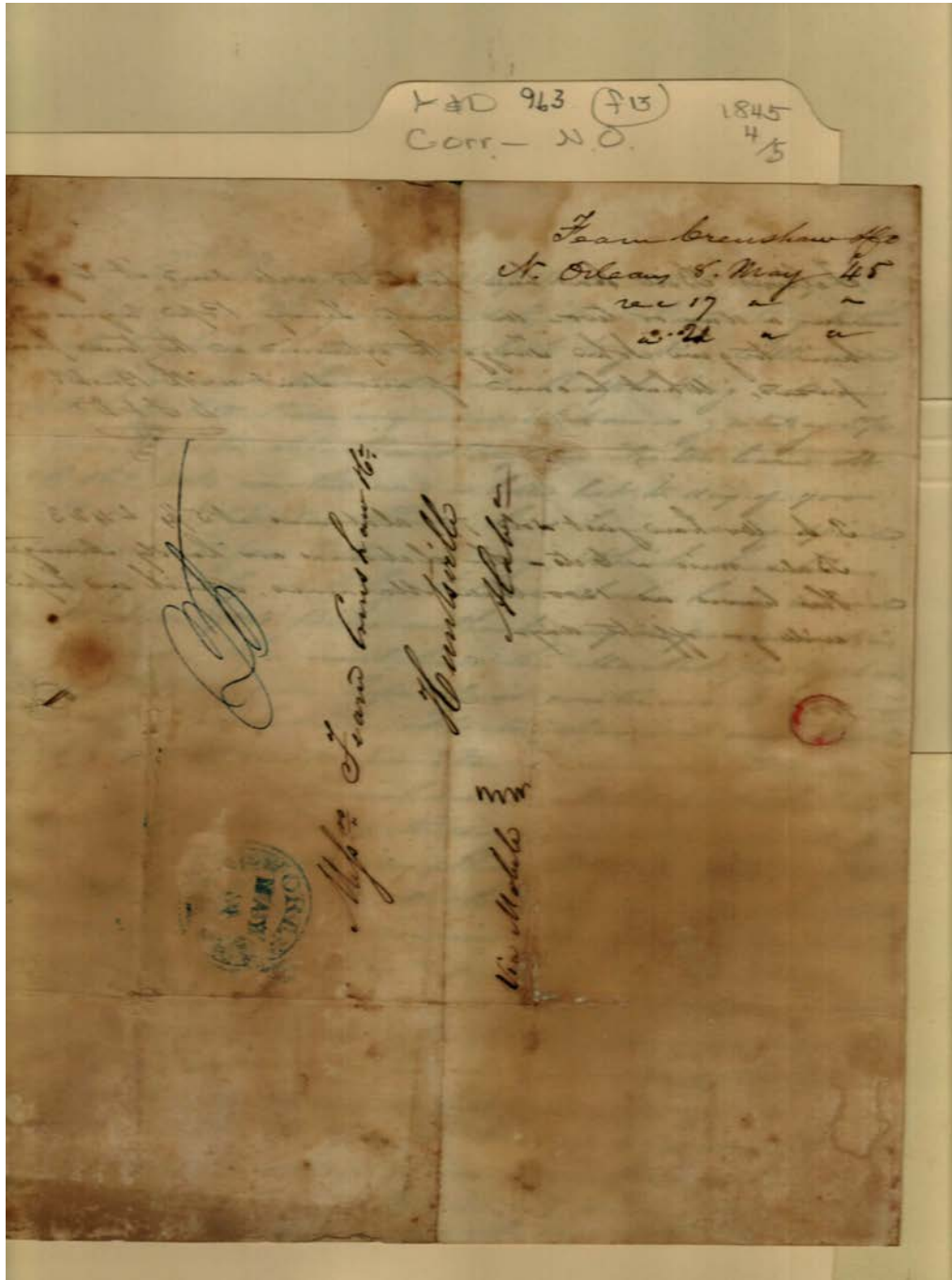
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Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 8, 1845

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New Orleans May 8th 1845

Miss^{rs} Fearn Crenshaw & Co.
 & Co.

We had this pleasure
 on the 6th Inst. since this year of the 30th ulto
 with inclosures was to hand, we credit you
 to Mr. S. Henry for amt his order for W. Henry \$300.00 =
 Mr. S. Logan & David Ricketts in his \$175.00 =
 Manning & Ricketts paid them 200.00
 \$ 6.75

Your draft in full of Shelton & Love for \$400.00
 will be paid on presentation.

We haven't had a bale of Cotton from
 Manning & Ricketts yet & have no idea when it
 will be had, but with endeavor to arrange the
 advance for them. We have upwards of 3,000
 Bales of Alabama Cotton to be cured yet for which
 we have Bales of Lading & we presume more that
 Cotton has fallen all our friends believe that Cotton
 is here. The fact is we sold nearly every Bale
 of Alabama Cotton that was in hand stored &
 shipped before the war. What we have on hand
 now came in after the war but because that
 the speculation feeling died away we have not
 nothing since we lost our stock & almost none
 the price of being able to get the price we calcu-
 lated on for average lots, as your neighbors.
 M. P. & Co.

Topics:

M. P. & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.	Henry, H.	Martin, Pleasants & Co.	Shelton & Love
Henry, A. G.	Logan, William S.	Ricketts, David	
	Manning & Ricketts		

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 8, 1845

Y#D 963 (75) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

yesterday
 but before longest lot of 2149 Bales at 5 1/4 cts per lb
 when once the price is set, it is hard to get it
 up higher. I shall do our best to get a little more
 but fear we shall succeed, Ralph King sold a
 lot of 650 Bales very nice Alabama yesterday 5 1/4
 most of the Blackwell's crops in the New Orleans
 P.M. sold another and a better lot to day of 700
 Bales at 5 1/4 cts. There has been a very spirited
 demand for Cotton to day, which has been
 very freely met by holders but also have amounted
 to 16 or 17000 Bales without any improvement in
 price. This must have the market pretty clean
 of Cotton & we hope if it continues to our view
 that we shall be able to clean out our stocks
 at a good price for it.
 Mr. Crenshaw is at his post, but is
 not quite so well to day, owing no doubt to
 a change in the weather. It has cleared off
 & we have a cold North wind, with a hot sun
 & should not be surprised if you had a severe
 frost last night.
 Yours truly
 Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.
 P.S. I send you herewith
 a list of the goods reported at
 19000 Bales, no demand but price falls
 they are asking 5 1/2 for it, but no engagements at
 for that we can have it a day to major with
 because that we have got through before his 6th
 that his sales will be forwarded by next mail.

Names:

Blackwell,
Cruse,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

King, Ralph
McCrary, Major

Places:

New Orleans, LA

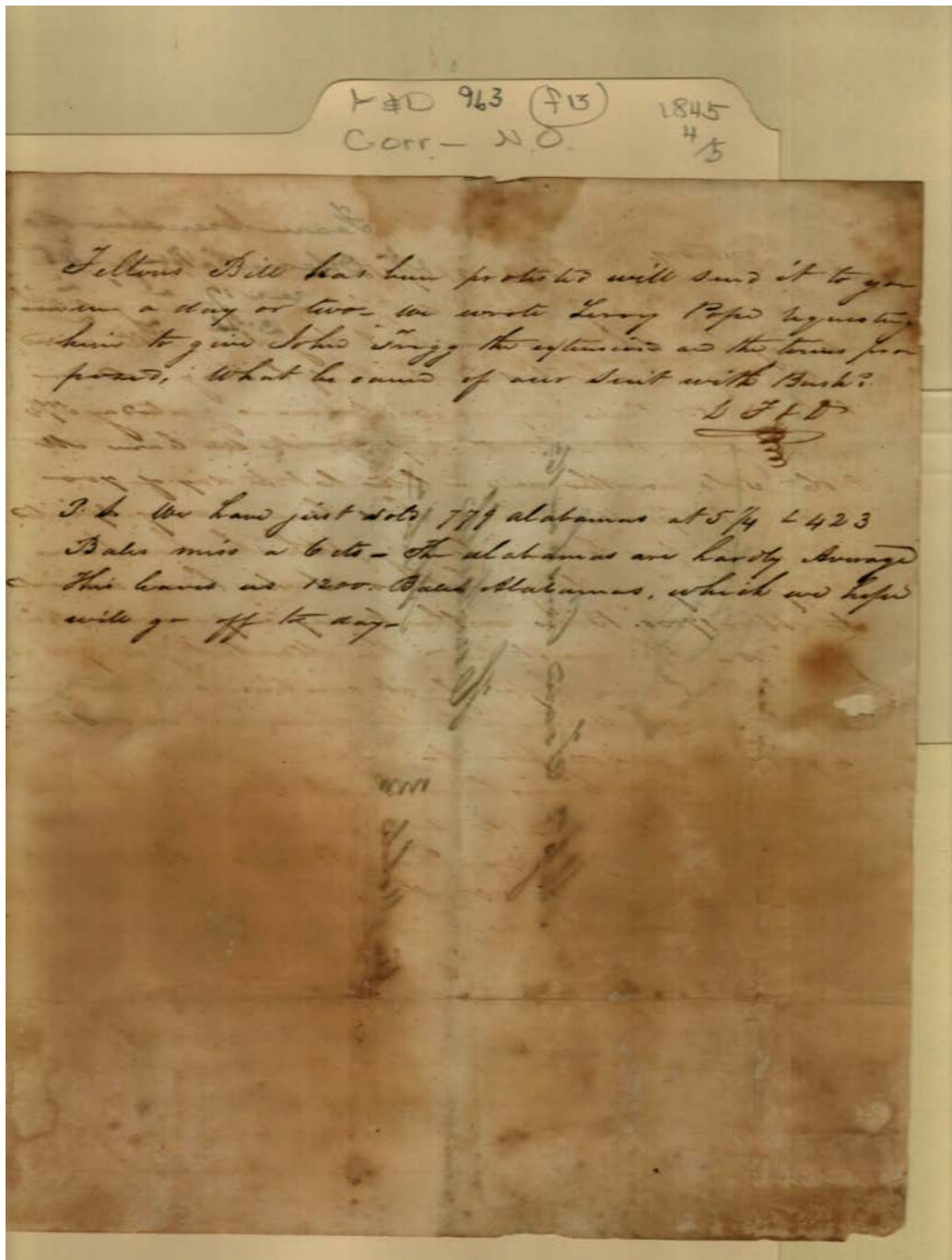
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Dates:

May 8, 1845

May 9, 1845



Topics:

L. F. &

D.

Names:

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Pope, Leroy
Trigg, John

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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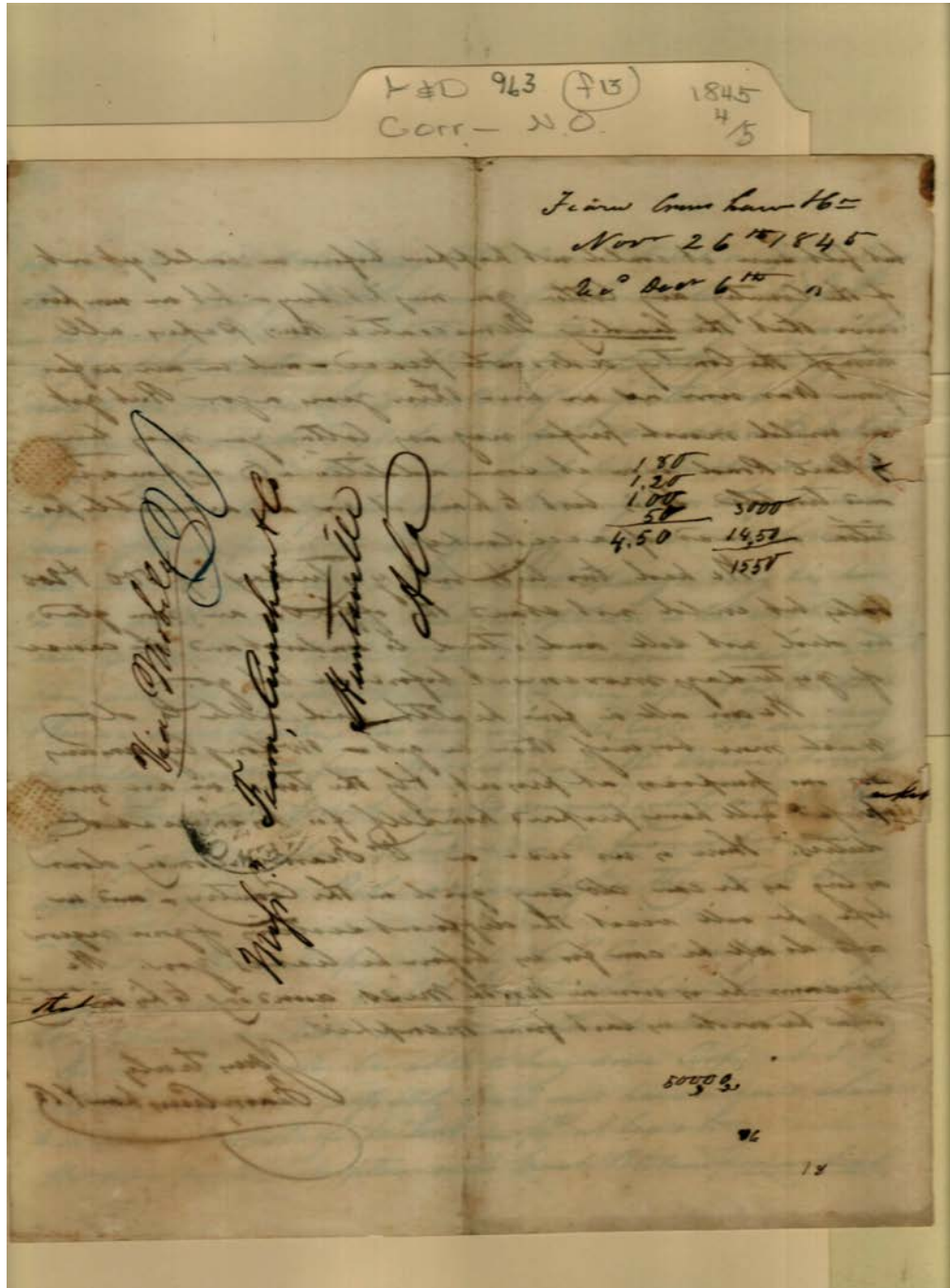
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Nov 26, 1845

Y#D 963 (713) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

Mr. Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. New Orleans 26th Nov 1845

Dear Sir

We write you 22nd inst with enclosing
first of Leg. of Nicholas Robinson Esq. No. 3026 + 8427
each for one thousand Dollars at 70 of rate and our usual
discount of 5% - At same time we enclosed you secondly
No. 3355. 3357 + 3360 same or about each \$1000 each which
we hope will make you in good time and help you
to end as a large business. We are now in receipt your
first of 17th inst and have contents. It is not possible to get
the currency in any quantity - what little circulates here
is at 3% off - not as good as we can do with the Exchange
or send you. Enclosed you have Copies of two accounts sent
under G. W. Carroll & upon the last one (original) or gave
C. T. Barton & Brothers an order on him, but they never replied
to our letter & presume they were endeavoring to do something
with him but unsuccessfully until our Dr. Fearn called on
him last season who (D. F.) writes us Carroll has persuaded
him to send us Cotton which never has arrived. We hope
something will be done with it this season - if he does
not make an arrangement by shipping immediately, has
you not better put it in hand?

We also enclose Invoice Goods for our Mr. J. F.
Morgan ships following were consigned to B. Merrill
amount to his debit Monthly two Dollars some but which
we wish safe to hand and satisfactory.

During the two business days previously to yesterday

Names:

Barton, C. T. &
Brothers

Carroll, G. W.
Donegan, J. J.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Fearn, Dr.
Merrill, B.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Nov 26, 1845

Y & D 963 (75) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

we had a dull & declining Cotton market, but on yesterday
there was a heavy business at a further decline of $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢
- the business was conducted quite secretly and until
12 past 2 o'clock any thing looked cloudy. What gave
rise to the movement is matter of conjecture but we are
disposed to attribute it to one of two causes - the English
have confidence in the next accounts from Europe or some
information already not known to many - or they have
some of them, a friend of Spangenberg's reason to lower
their estimate of the crop. It is known Spangenberg has been
a long while coming from Philadelphia - he wrote me
one, not even his Partners, who had become uneasy about
him, and we conjecture his time has been spent in Carolina
& Georgia investigating the subject of the crop. He arrived
yesterday morning from Mobile and the Demerston's
and others of his friends pushed immediately into the market
but only slowly as above mentioned - the former brought
upwards of 4000 Bales & houses before they took title
or nothing. You will perceive by the L. Court sent you today
that a small lot of 65 bales North Ala. have been sold
at 6 3/4 ¢/lb. we have not understood who sold it.
We trust you will be able to buy some Cotton at 5 7/8
- think we cannot probably load and have a good chance
to make a profit of $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢/lb. at least.
We have heard a rumor with Great Britain, somewhat,

Names:

Dennistown,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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correspondence

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 Corr. - N.O. 4/5

but felt sure it could not happen before we could get out
 of the Country any Cotton you might buy - but we are per-
 suaded that the leading Democratic News Papers all
 through the Country advocate peace - and we are as far
 from War now as we were three years ago. But yet
 we would most prefer any Cotton you may buy
 by Rail Road or on at some additional expense
 and trouble. It is best to have it in an available po-
 sition in case of accident.

We had two tents out yesterday of 500 + 200
 bales but could not stand the offer as we were
 in did not sell and intend to understand the cause
 of yesterday's movement before we let go.

We are all in fine health and able to do
 much more business than we get - We long by anxious
 for our purposes at present. By the time we are more
 prepared will have prepared ourselves for his or in case
 duties. There is no use in Dr. Fearn's coming down
 as long as he can do any good in the Country - and we
 hope he will visit the different sections of your region
 and do all he can for us before he leaves you. We
 presume he is now in North West according to his
 when he wrote us last from Memphis.

Yours truly
 S. R. Longley

S. R. Longley - bookkeeper

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Fearn, Dr.
 Longley,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

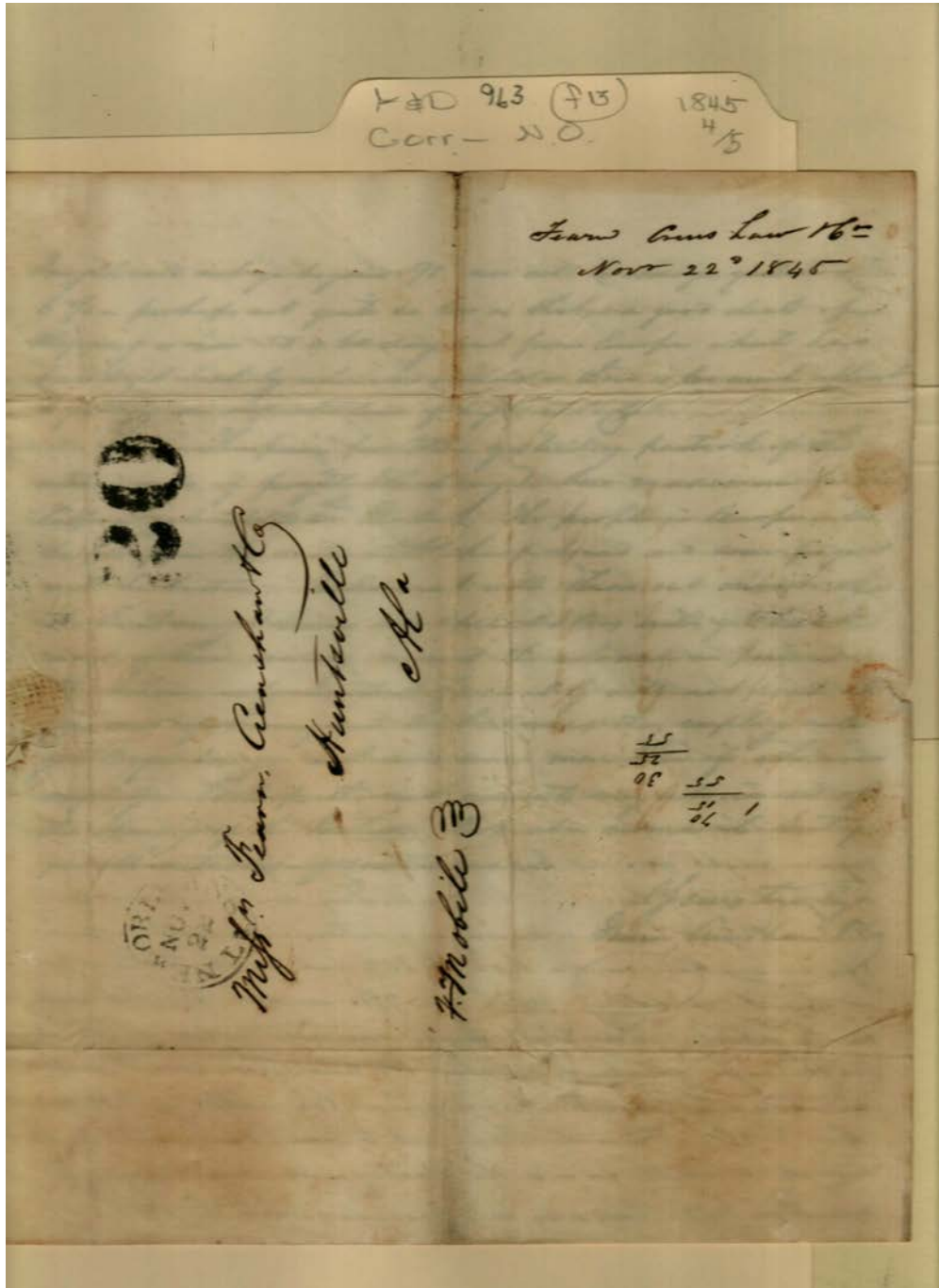
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Nov 22, 1845

1845
 4/5
 No 963 (713)
 Corr - N.O.

Messrs Fearn, Crenshaw & Co New Orleans 22 Nov. 1845
 Dear Sirs
 We write you 17th & 18th inst and have
 none of your far or near - the former cover parts of Messrs
 S. Nicholson & Co New York No 5355 5359 &
 5360 to our order at 70 day date cash for one thousand Dollars
 and we now enclose second of same - also first same
 in same, same time No 78426 & 78427 cash for one thousand
 Dollars, which we bought at 2 1/2 % discount but charge to
 you at par. In ours of 19th we suggested the purchase of
 2000 & 5000 Bales, All Cotton in Cash at 5th on joint account
 with Fackler & Miller or the receipt of each person, or would
 not be likely to sleep to us. The maximum quantity we feel
 sure will pass you might make arrangements with both
 the Houses, which would give us 1/2 interest or say 2000 Bales
 or thereabouts, a quantity we should not be the least afraid
 of - indeed we should not be afraid of the whole but that
 figure might give us some uneasiness - yet we cannot see
 a probability of losing. We yesterday sold a lot of 658
 Bales at 7 5/8th some averaging between middling fair
 & fair - and have now a lot of 300 bales on the table, which
 is strictly middling - worth 7 - 7 1/8. we ask 7 1/4 but will
 hardly get it. Receipts to Europe are established at 9/6th 1/2
 and exchange continues to drop. We heard from our B^r Fearn
 yesterday - the Convention had adjourned & he could go to some extent
 than to All. He writes to hear not to come down until he had
 done all he could for us in the Country - we want but simple
 man than help, being very well provided with the latter

Names:

Brown Brothers &
 Co. NY
 Fackler & Miller

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.
 Fearn, Dr.

Nicholson, S.
 Scruggs,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

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Corr - N.O. 4/5

Strength will not go beyond 78[?] nor will exchange quotations
6 7/8 - perhaps not quite so low as that - a good deal of
shipping is on 50 & 60 days out from Liverpool which has
been kept back by adverse winds - there is too much affect
to justify an expectation of high exchange.

The price for cotton yesterday part of the
other rates of freight & exchange. Some maximum for the
Cotton is yet 2400 in London. The people in Liverpool will
be fed from this side with cheap bread and some flour
will be burnt. Parliament will throw out most of
the least successful schemes and speculators will get back
most of their money - indeed the advance in prices
the laborer, and judiciously favorably with not cost as
large sum of money and the laborer they employ will
get large wages and consume more than if otherwise
employed. Perhaps the next session may advise all of
the opening of the British ports also a nominal duty
for all articles of sustenance.

Yours truly
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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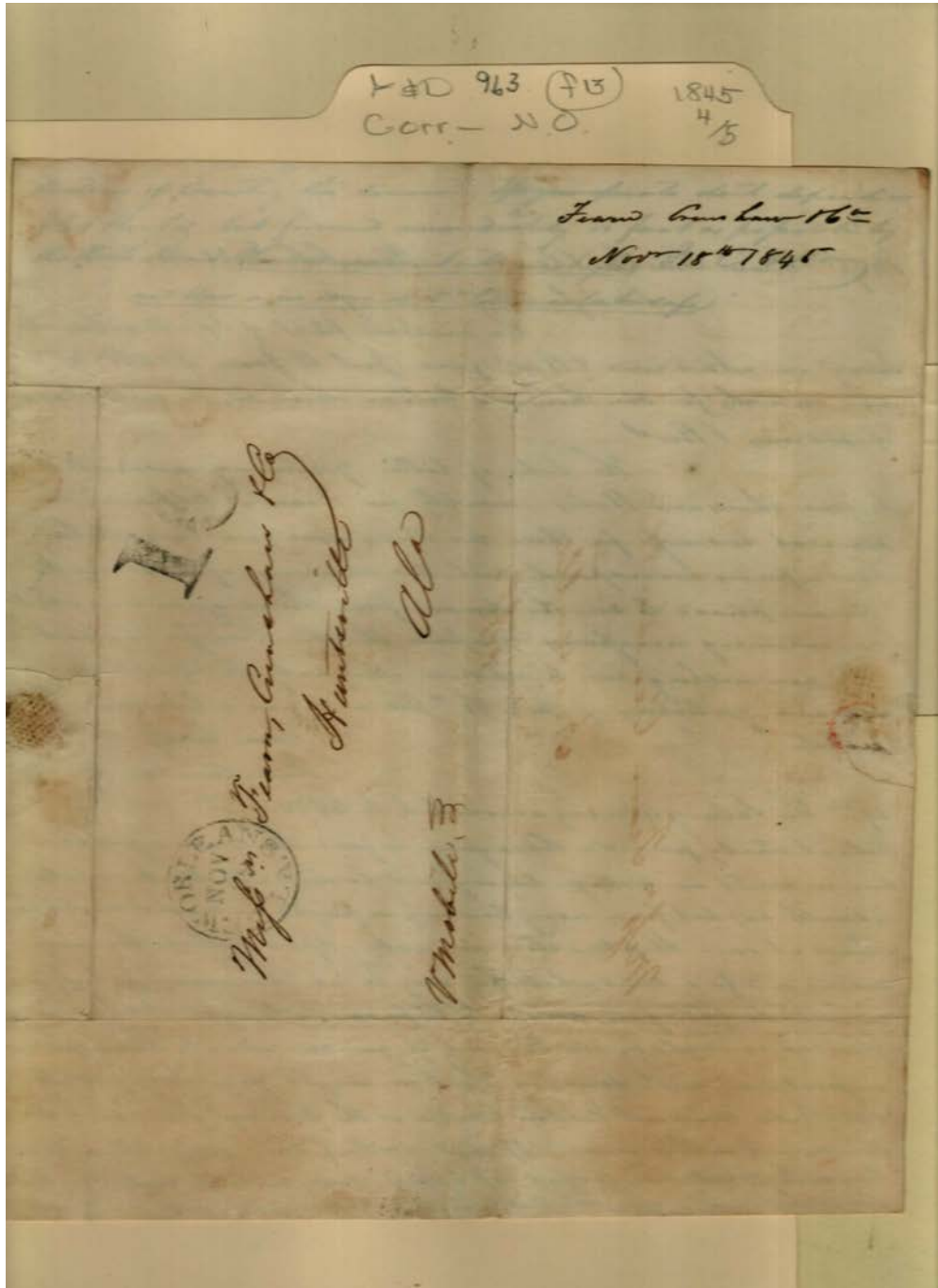
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New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Nov 18, 1845

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 Corr - NO 4/5

Messrs Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. - New Orleans 18 Nov. 1845
 Dear Sirs

We inclosed first of Eq. Nathaniel Terry on Andrews & Bros. from Joel W Jones of 11th. c nine months for one thousand Dollars, which has the acceptance of Andrews & Bros.

The sales of Cotton yesterday amounted to four thousand Bales mostly for France & Spain, the heaviest business for these two States done for a long while past - prices correspond with the currency of last week. We are pleased to see the demand from these quarters, which was becoming necessary to open the operations for England. We have nothing new to add on other subjects except an advance yesterday of 1/4 c 3/8 + 1/2 c on sugars, which was unexpected.

Yours truly
 Fearn, Crenshaw & Co

19th the sales yesterday amounted to 6500 Bales at steady prices - the enquiry is good this morning and we have no doubt an average business will be done - the stock on sale is small and but for a rising tendency in freight the market would be cleared at once. Shipmasters are asking 3/8 - perhaps they may succeed and for a short while they may be at 1/2 - cannot go higher and will be 1/2 again soon. If ships can be bought at 5^t with your money would be made - and if you can operate through or on joint acct. with some one, think we might go in from 2000 to 3000 Bales. Would not Packler & Miller or the Scruggs join us and do the business in their name? If ship on Rail Road 4 mo. bills would be long enough which would cost but 3/4 cent. Money would be made for the one necessary may be at it soon. See our dependence is on you.

Names:

Andrews & Bros.
Fackler & Miller

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Jones, Joel W.
Scruggs,

Terry, Nathaniel

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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correspondence

Dates:

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direction of Country this season. If you prefer don't depend on
flat thereby but forward immediately or fast as possible by
the route here. Number of animals will vary by the Cost of
and War or no War at 5th Orleans to be safe.

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F. C. & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

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Nov 19, 1845

V&D 963 (715) 1845
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Miss Fearn Crenshaw & Co. New Orleans, 17 Nov. 1845

Dear Sir

We write you here in a very
18th instant and in talks of again your favor of 7th inst
remembering that we have been very busy in business
for acceptance and with some of the following
I intend to let Fearn first of preference
After we write on Saturday we will send a list of middling
Cotton of 300 bales of 7th inst all of our poor cotton mostly
and are today putting out a list of 4000 bales of fair
whichever shall first with if we get a fair offer
The above sale makes us flush of money and we are
and your friends of Col. S. Nicholson on Brown Brothers
& Co. 121356 5209 & 8260 cash for one thousand dollars
a 70 day date to your order which we thought at first
first discount but change to you at first
If we succeed in getting the other list with cash you
from a good source but in the mean while if you can
a probability of advancing funds we suggest that you
draw on us a bill for \$5000 or 6000 more which you can
easily get discounted at Nashville without giving an
address. drawing to your order and endorsing at your order
We could get any amount in that way at Memphis
Should we not be invited in War with the Whigs
(and it seems to us hardly likely to occur during the Cotton
Season) we feel quite confident our more careful friends
would be safe at five cents for Cops would be content that
they would make a small profit. Therefore the matter

Topics:

Richardson &

Fearn

Names:

Brown Brothers &
Co. NY

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.
Halsey, L. J.

Hunt, F. S.
Nicholson, S.
R. & Fearn

Terry,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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has not believed in early shipments from your region, but
on the present occasion the reasoning turns entirely
the other way, because there may be a War before we think
of it, and whether so or not, the excitement in the Cotton
market will be kept up until the question is settled.
We would therefore urge shipments by Rail road ~~Office~~
in the strongest manner - and in making advance
think you will do well to give a decided preference
that way. Planters, under present circumstances, will
not wait a title & indifference to their interest in ob-
jecting to the small additional expense, if any there be.
If you could manage to secure by purchase, Cotton
intended not for us but other Houses, at 6th some for
direct City, would it not be well to do so, and
it would not only for us by Rail Road. The Alabama
could sell well now, the low Cotton being most in demand
in consequence of the run of the low Country Cotton being
so much better than any former year. We could not
advise you to buy only with a certainty of its coming
forward soon - and think we had better not speculate
unless we thereby add to our Com. profits.

Mr. Lockhart has just returned from the North through
the Atlantic States, being the most general estimate of
the Atlantic Coast is 6000th N.Y. - Mobile 4,700 & 500 in
Florida 175 - You can look for 1100th in coming year
but they may be 2400th - the above figures are yet below
that aggregate.

Yours truly
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Lockhart,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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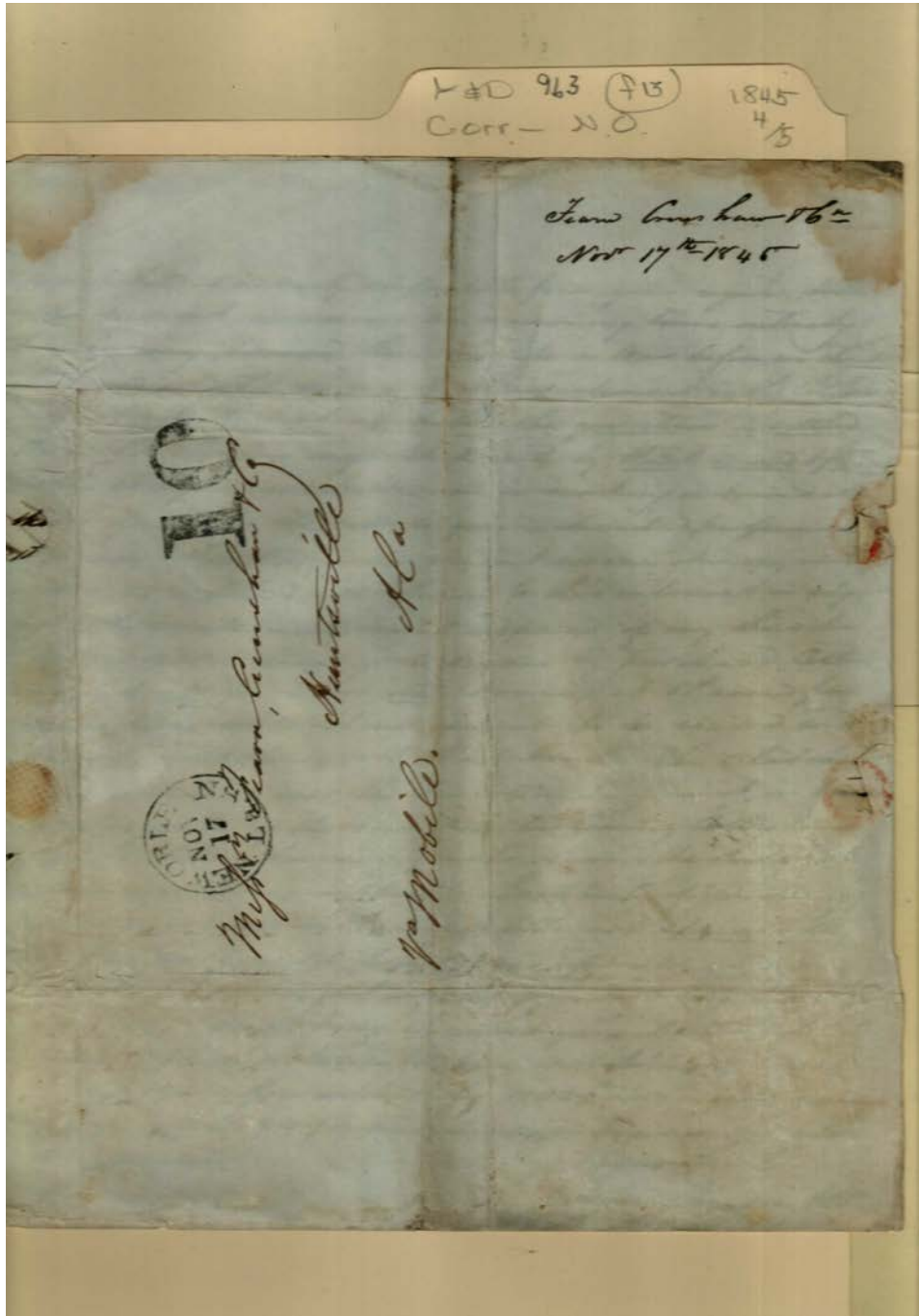
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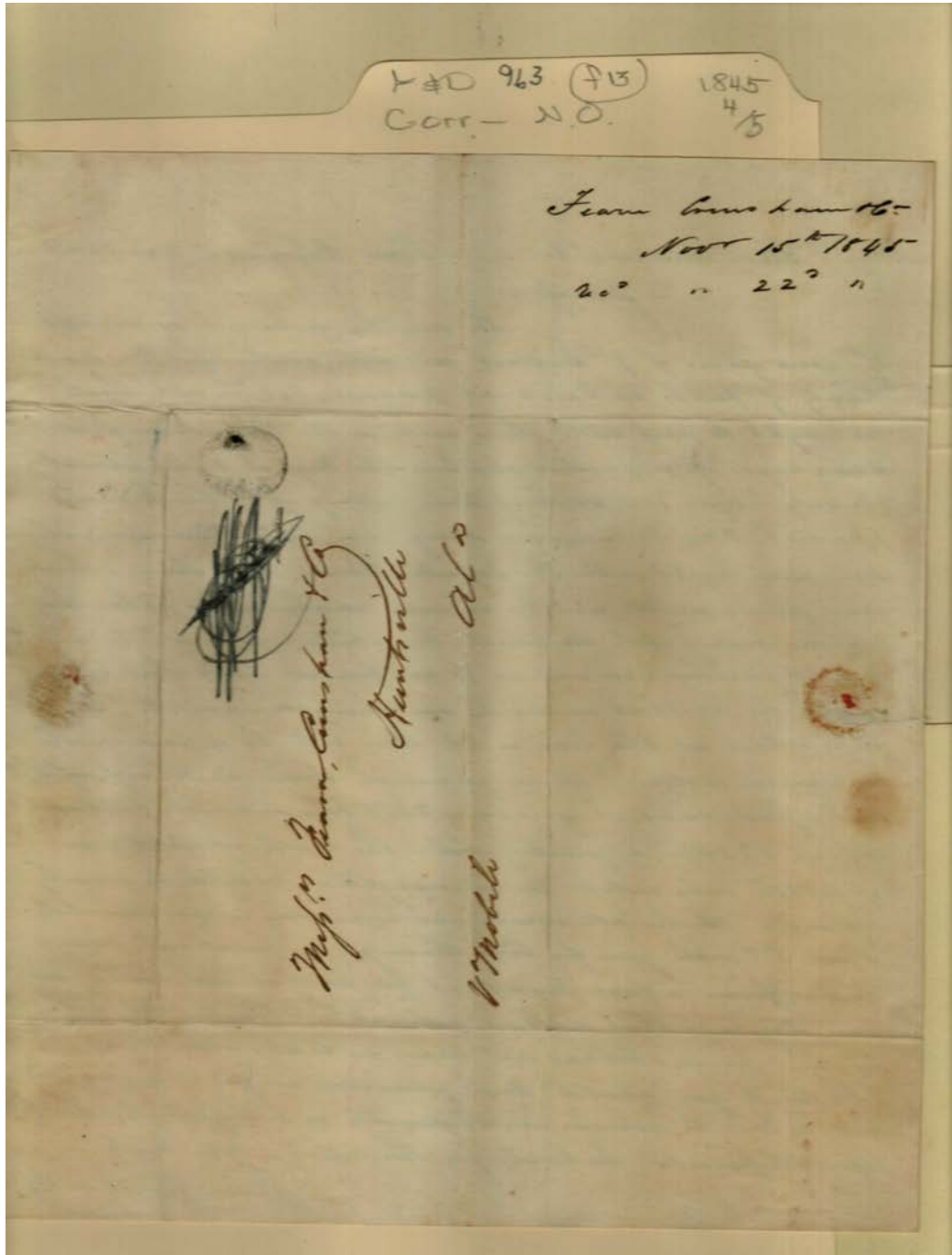
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Dates:

Nov 15, 1845

Y&D 963 (713) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

Wmth Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. New Orleans, 15 Nov 1845
Dear Sir

We are this moment in receipt of your favor of 7th inst and with content. We have plenty of funds in hand at present, but do not think we ought to part with them now as the Cotton market shows signs of a further decline the English being almost the only buyers and some of them falling off. The French, Spanish & Portuguese are doing very little. Our arrivals are now light all the small Rivers being down, otherwise prices would not be so well maintained. When they become navigable we shall be glutted for a while and then at farthest we expect to see prices lower than they should be, so that we think our strength should not be weakened at this time - but there will be a reaction in March or April if we go much lower as the crop of the United States cannot go above 2350^m and will probably stop at 2300^m, a quantity below the wants of next year of 250^m but unless the consumption should be greatly lessened. Under all existing circumstances we should deal 5th with you for long, through, a moderate price and offering a fair prospect for profit. We wrote you some days ago that we had advised C. T. Barton & Co. to buy at that price - but had not done so to any other.

We think you should keep yourselves in funds by negotiation or by a Com^{rs} to advance our shipments or to safe individually before shipment. In haste for the mail. Yrs truly
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Barton, C. T. & Co.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

cotton market

Places:

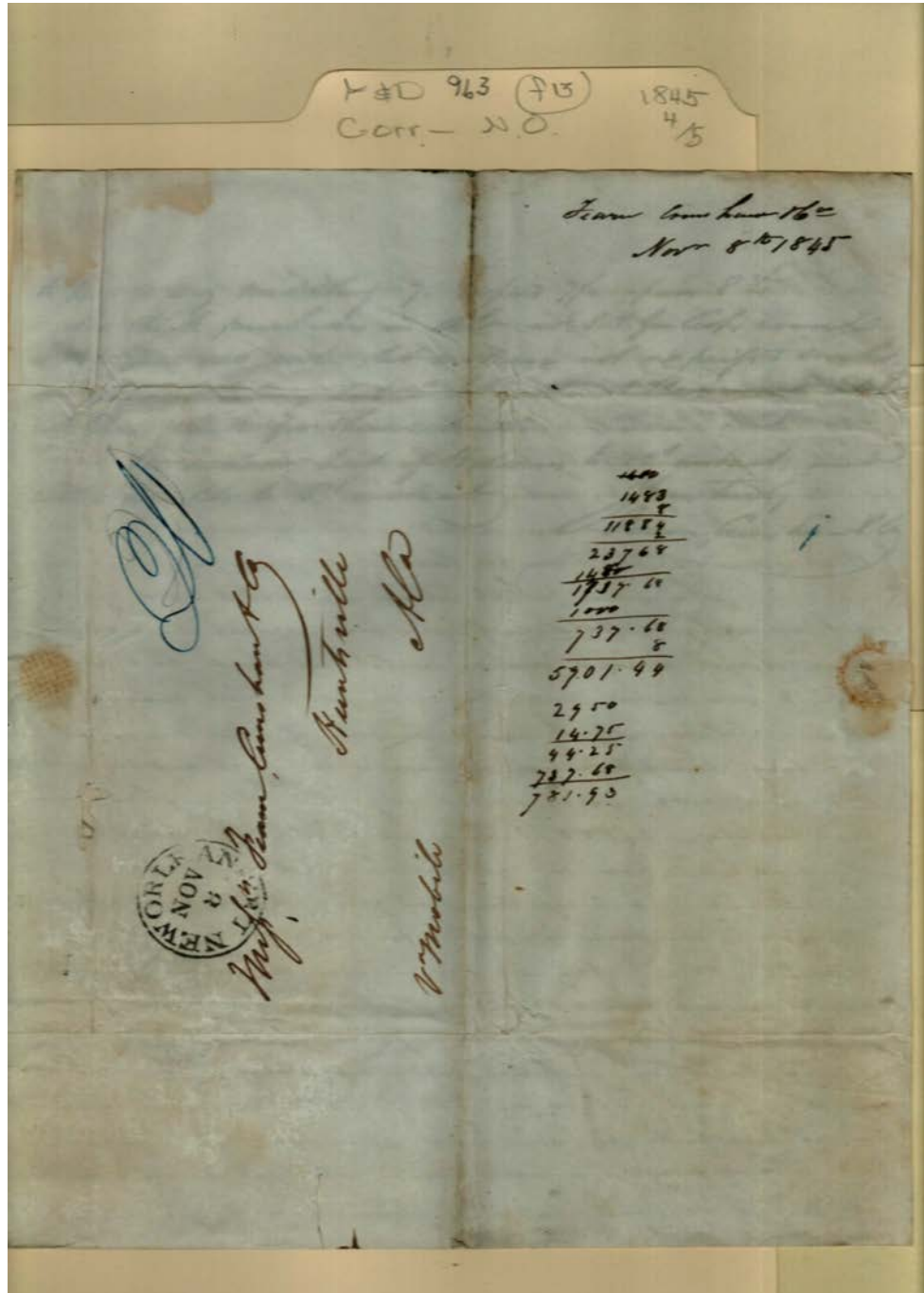
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Co.

Places:

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Types:

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memo

Dates:

Nov 8, 1845

L & D 963 (713) 1845
COTT - N.O. 4/5

Wmth Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. New Orleans, 8 Novem^r 1845

Dear Sir

Your last receipt was dated
the 29th ult^o, since which we have rec^d yours of 27th
with the forwarded by post. Both to New Orleans have
made the necessary entry to the Board. The goods ordered
for our Mill will be forwarded as soon as we can get a
boat going up the Mississippi River.

The news of the Western war looks upon quite
unfavorably by holders of cotton here, rather more so than
by the buyers, who had orders would, we think, have enabled
them to give higher prices than they paid - but many holders
had been holding stiffly, under the hope of better accounts
and being disappointed determined to let go and they went
it with a rush, prices giving way $\frac{1}{8}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per bale the
last two days 1,000,000 Bales, nearly all for England.

The Spaniards have not yet taken a bale, the Northern Man-
ufacturers are mostly stocked for several months in con-
sequence of want of water power for a long while past -
but the English are as greedy as hungry dogs.

The plan the life of the United States, at 2,200,000 lbs -
of Texas - the latter will ship through the place
and direct from Galveston 50 or 75,000 Bales. The life in
the Atlantic life it is said will not be less than $\frac{1}{3}$ from last
year. Cotton may go a little lower yet not much and
will reach in March ranging from 5 to 40[¢] for inferior.

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Blunt,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
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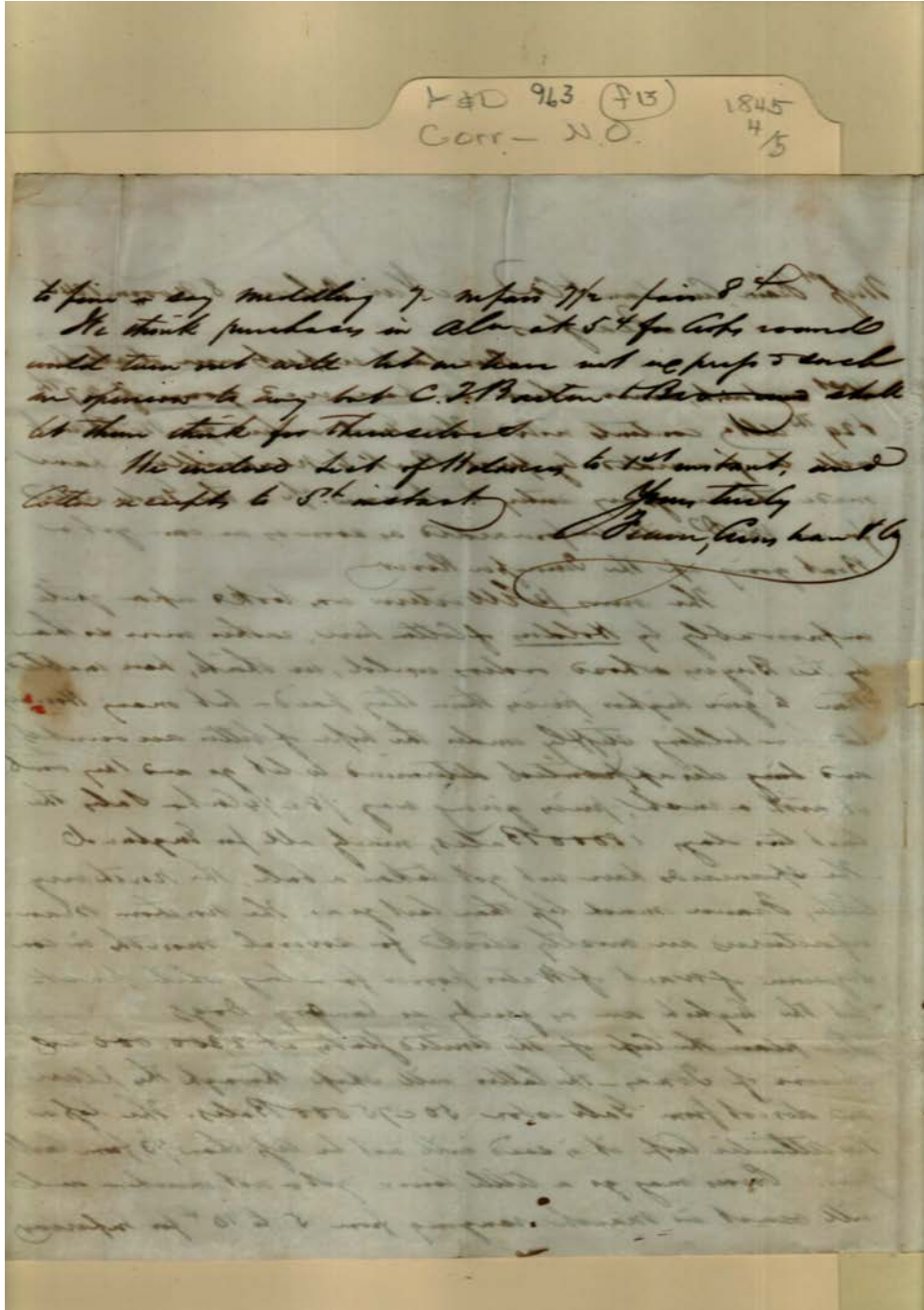
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Barton, C. T. &
Brothers

Fearn, Crenshaw &
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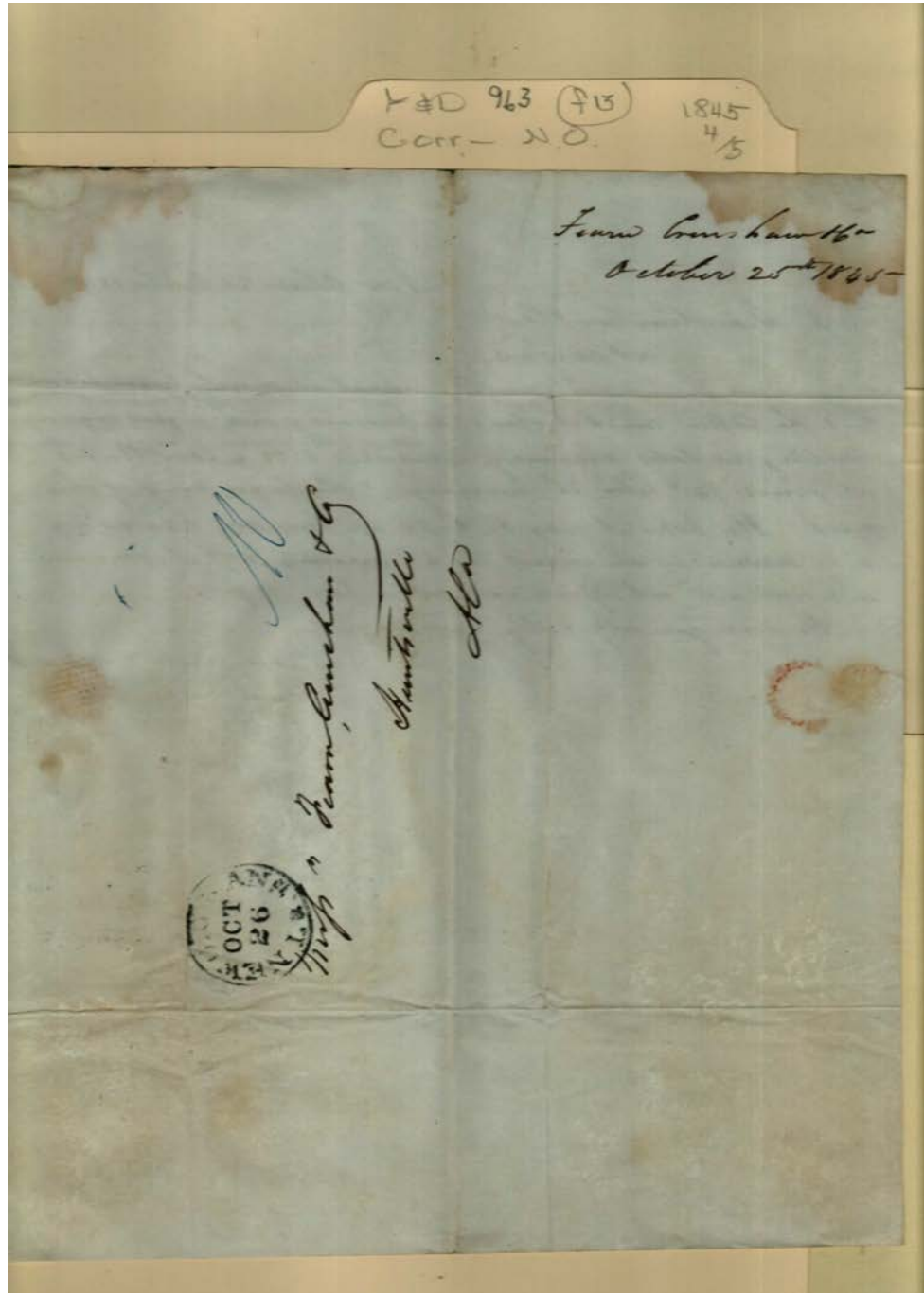
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

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New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Oct 25, 1845

Y#D 963 (713) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

New Orleans, 25 October 1845

My^r Fearn, Crenshaw & Co
Dear Sirs

The present is merely to say to you that the Cotton market opened this morning with a good inquiry resulting in sales variously estimated 3500 a 6000 Bales at prices $\frac{1}{4}$ & below the currency at the beginning of this week. We hope it may be kept up Monday & Tuesday or by Wednesday we expect the 4th amounts of cotton and will sell out if we can get a fair offer.

We wrote you very fully yesterday.

Yours truly
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co

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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

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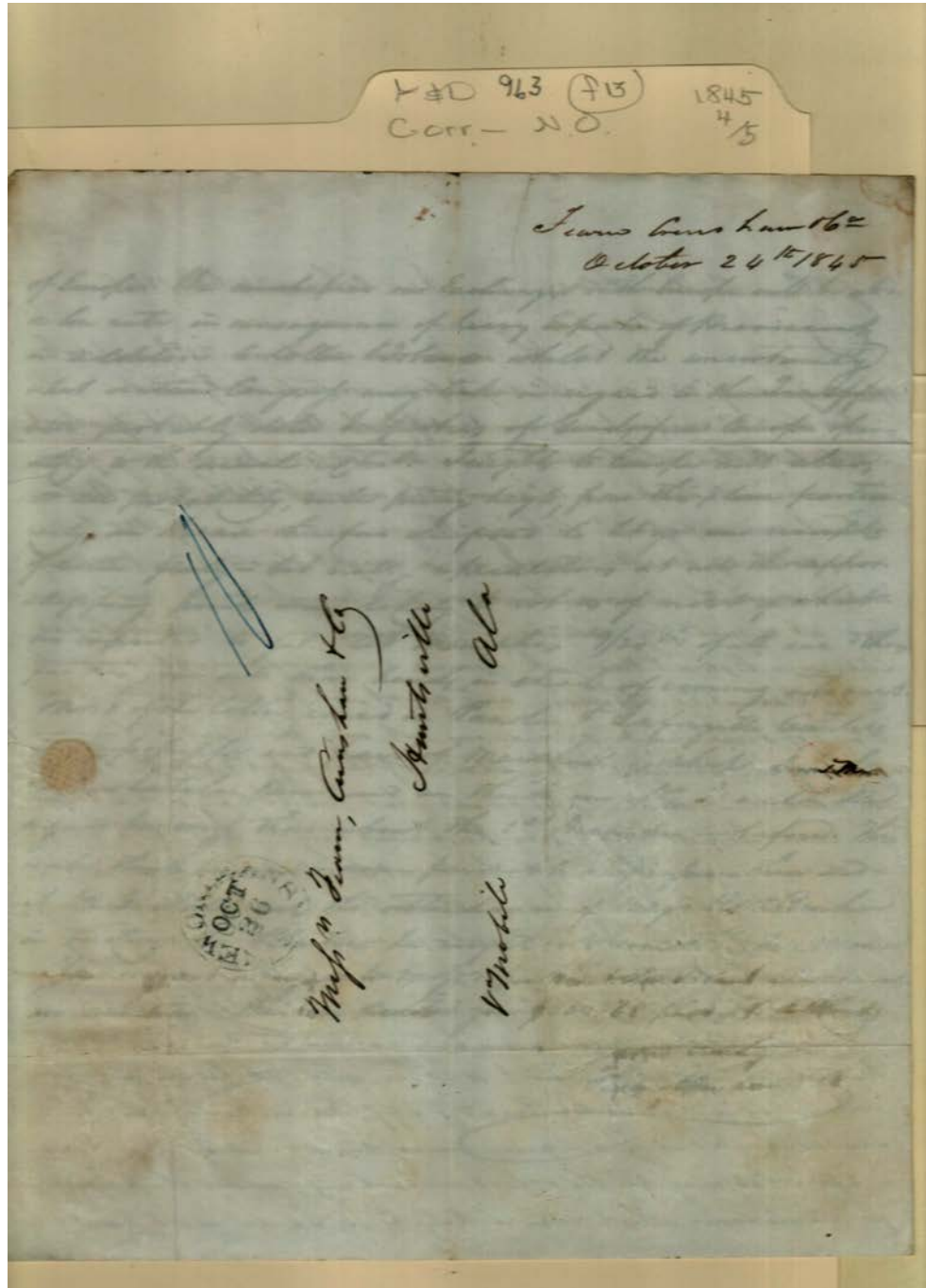
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

Oct 24, 1845

V#D 963 (915) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

My dear Mother
New Orleans 24 Oct. 1845
I have just received your letter of the 21st inst. and
found yours of 18th inst. the day before, contents duly noted.
The 22nd inst. we make efforts to sell a lot of about
500 bales cotton which we had in the tables - prices being good
we were not disposed to await the arrival of the Great Western
but it was impossible to bring buyers out and only 500 bales
were sold in small parcels at a slight decline in prices.
Indeed since the previous Tuesday the market was quite un-
settled at a quiet by sellers. Yesterday we rec^d some paper
slips from Boston & New York giving very unfavorable accounts
of the harvest in America and great apprehensions for
want of home-made provisions not only there but in many
parts of the Continent. The state of things had caused the cotton
market to be dull, sales small, but prices had not receded.
The most fields today from Richmond Virg. and the want
of the correspondence by the Great Western causing a total
suspension of operations in the cotton market. Yesterday
the stock of cotton was brought up early in the morning
prices being advanced $\frac{1}{8}$ & $\frac{1}{16}$ and today a further advance
is anticipated of $\frac{1}{8}$ by those who speculated in it.
The cotton stock is small generally estimated here at 2300 and
Dubuq. The rate at this port 11000. and but for the unfavor-
able news in regard to Great Britain prices would have been
sustained - but it is now more uncertain - indeed it is hard
to tell what may be the effect on Exchange, unless the prepara-
tion for sustenance which seems likely to persuade most ports

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of London. The market here is unchanged with a slight advance in
 a low rate in consequence of heavy exports of provisions
 in addition to cotton bales which the uncertainty
 what action Congress may take in regard to the Tariff
 will probably deter exporters of goods from Europe specu-
 ating to the extent of the market. Speculators to London will also
 in all probability, will pretty high from this plan particu-
 larly as the air therefore will pass to let up an example
 of the market but will speculators at all the other
 shipping points are likely to get as if most of what
 is imported to get. At Memphis 19/10 the fall in this
 year has gone into their hands in stead of coming out east.
 Most of the cotton raised in Canada & Lafayette counties
 in Mississippi and part of Marshall is shipped down the
 Tennesse hatchee River and on that one Dr. J. would do
 a good business there about the 1st December or before. This
 winter, think he would do some favorable business there and
 if Dr. J. should get the outside news of large R. W. Beahan
 in assisting the planters he might do something here some
 year ago in regard to Mr. J. for his introduction state here
 on attention. The bank has been your of \$500,000 paid for the
 cotton to the market in New Orleans. Yours truly
 Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co. cotton market

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New Orleans, LA

Types:

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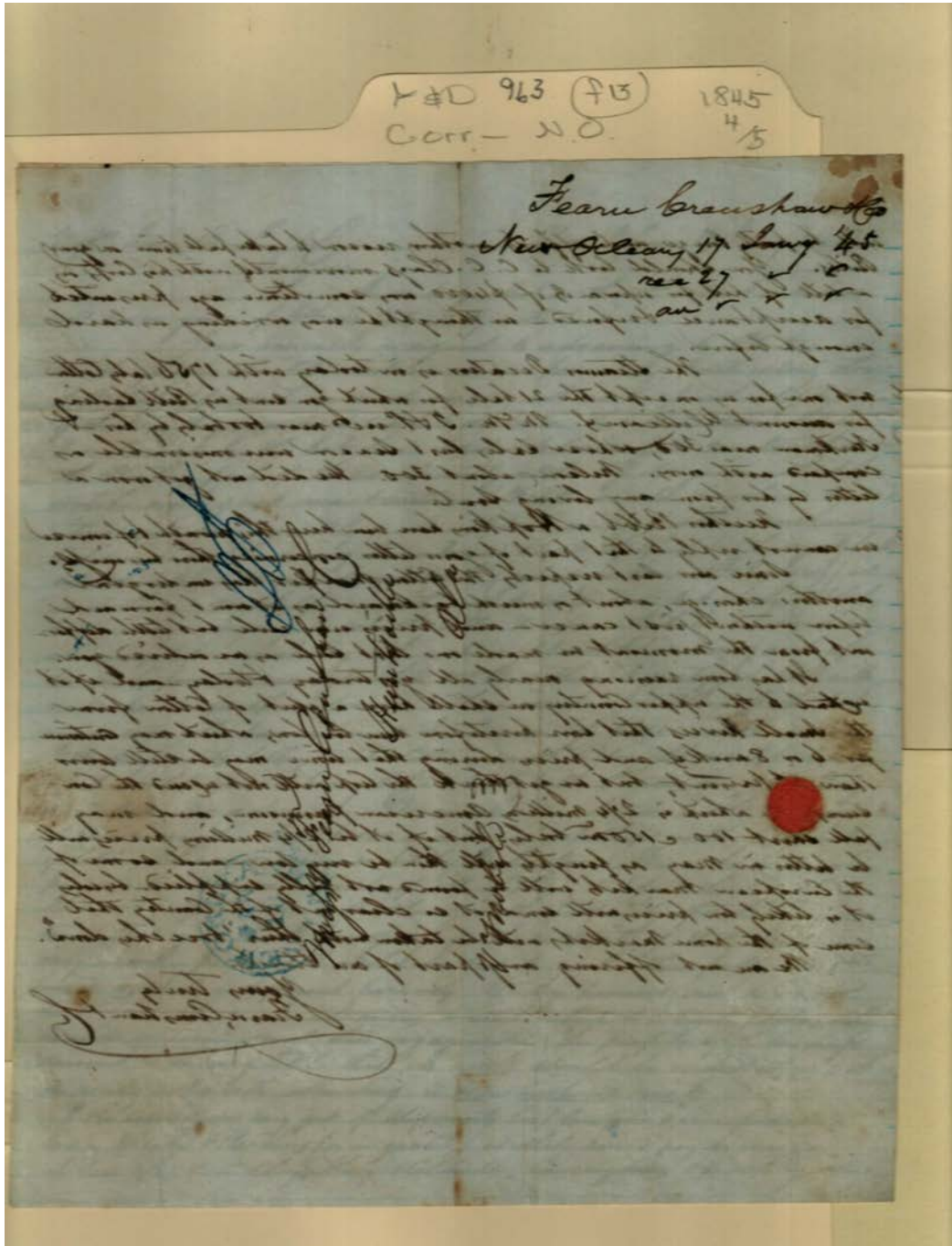
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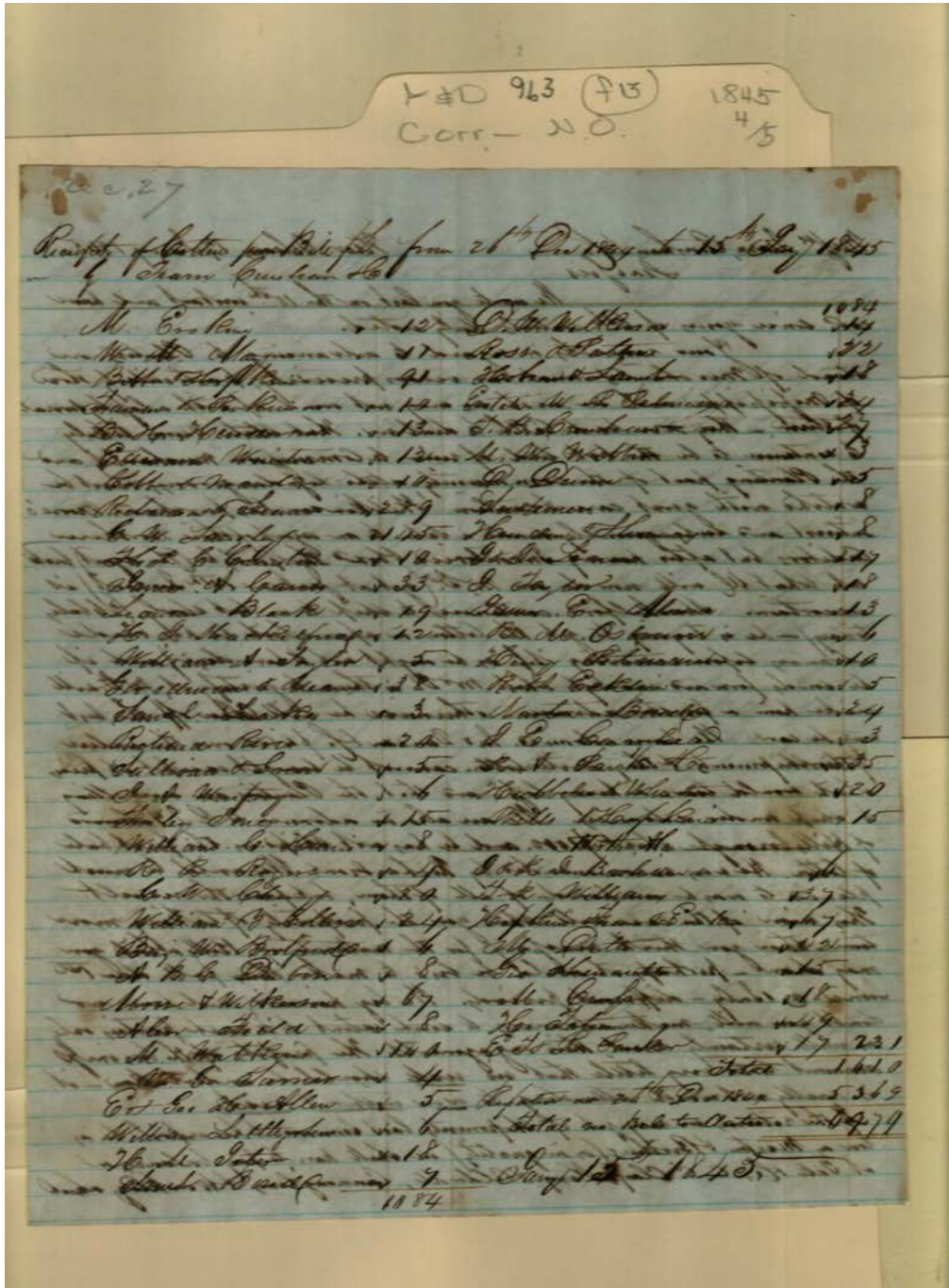
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bales of cotton

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Alcuen, James E.
 Allen, George H.,
 estate
 Bibb & Hopkins
 Black, Leander
 Bond, Newton
 Bond, Samuel
 Bradford, Benjamin
 W.
 Carnes, James A.
 Cheney, G. W.

Cobb & Morton
 Collins, William Y.
 Craighead, J. E.
 Crenshaw, T. B.
 Crenshaw, Thomas C.
 Cross, M.
 De bow, A. B. C.
 Ditto, M.
 Dunn, D.
 Ecklin, Robert
 Erskine, M.

Farrar & Perkinson
 Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.
 Field, Alex
 Harris, William C.
 Henderson, B. H.
 Hobson & Lamb
 Hopkins, Fearn &
 Erskine
 Hubbell & Wheeler
 Jeter, H. M.

Jones, Friley
 Langley, G. W.
 Lanier, W. G.
 Leake, Samuel
 Lenon, J. & J.
 Littlejohn, William
 May, W. M.
 Moore & Wilkerson
 Osbourn, R. M.
 Parker, E. T. & R.
 Parker, R. A. & Co.

Pitman, Henry
Rice, Richard
Richardson & Fearn
Robinson, W. R.,
estate

Rogers, R. R.
Ross & Patton
Shackelford, H. J.
Sullivan & Green
Tatum, H.

Taylor, J.
Taylor, William A.
Watkins, M.
Webber, M. W.
Wells & Hopkins

Wilkerson, D. W.
Williams, T. R.
Winfrey, J. A.
Winston, Edmund

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Miss Sara, New Orleans
New Orleans, 17 Jan'y 1845

We write you last on the 15th inst and have
not since yours of 6th instants duly received.
Your remarks in regard to advancing to Planting in
stead of Mrs. Adams must have been precisely, particularly those
of Mississippi and we wish an way out with a little delay
of that - they are bad cattle to deal in. That State seems likely
to continue to be the best bed of ruin to Commerce in Louisiana and
the Planting part of the Corn mainly, altho' life dangerous, must be
watched with great care & caution. Wilkinson has purchased Moore's
interest and subsequently made a debt to an agent of the Northern
creditors but after having inventoried those the goods he (the agent) found
out that Mr. W. will now do over Mr. T. (got at Jackson 15th inst) and
uncertain. Shackelford continues to ship to us but slowly, probably
today - he is trying to get the letter in upon which he has made
advance before receiving it, as he ought not to have done and if
he sends forward enough while Mr. T. is there to justify it, Mr. W. will
make him a further advance - otherwise he will clear off the best
way he can. We have advanced Mrs. Duncan of \$4500 over the interest
of the property & they write letter cannot be brought except it being
what would leave a heavy loss and tho' the Planting are unwilling
to ship under advance. We are also in advance to R. T. Gatewood
of Hillsborough about \$1000 and he has not shipped us the first bale
of Cotton. We were recommended by Richardson. We would be much
pleased to work our hands of all of them, but from the result.
The view of the case will show you the propriety of taking more
time than you think necessary for the maturity of this which you
may doubt - perhaps it should be best to make them fall due the
second of July - different periods. We by however, and have not
doubt you will, make advances to each extent to be exact parties only
as will certainly meet their engagements. The profits of the bay will
amount to be very little that we wish should be understood - it
is really not worth attending to in without rest.
If the returns we may get of the property last business to be useful to us
in a Master & Brothers (or in quality) we shall have to pay balance of
at Tate & Co. C. C. Clay, King & Caldwell, Cunningham & Weakley about

of Hillsborough

Names:

Clay, C. C.
Cunningham &
Weakley

Duncan, John & Co.
Gatewood, R. T.
King & Caldwell

Mastin & Brothers
Moore,
Richardson,

Shackelford,
Tate, A. & Co.
Wilkinson,

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will be pretty large and affords another reason to take full time in your
 City. You should look to C. C. Clay's movements with his letter on
 a bill of aid for upwards of \$10000000, some time ago presented
 for acceptance & passed - as thought he was working us hard
 enough before.

The steamer Decatur is in today with 1750 bales Cotton
 out on for us, in spite the 21 bales for which you sent us Bill looking
 for amount \$1100000. Mr Wm. J. H. each near 600 bales by his &
 Kirkman near 300, whereas late, but I see you were miserable as
 compared with us. Nelson, about 300. He did not get even a
 letter by his from any loving soul.

Another Bill of Hopkins has been here this month & I am
 in cannot reply to that part of your letter concerning them but will
 have due best respects, the letter market they are doing
 another change, about as much backward as it can I fear and
 before without first cause - and prices are such but still differ
 not from the moment we made our last sale, as we advised you.

If they have received nearly all yesterday & today, and if it
 extend to the upper country we shall have a great deal of Cotton from
 the small rivers that have heretofore been too low, which may continue
 for 6 or 8 weeks and prices during that time may be still lower
 than at present - but we get think the loss will offset the Con-
 sumption which is 2 1/2 millions American consumption, and may
 fall short 100 or 150000 bales, but if it be 2 1/2 millions prices will
 be better in May or perhaps will then be very low - and some of
 the European markets will be found not fully supplied, besides
 it is likely low prices will tend to a clear out of the country that
 some of the home markets will be taken with their "tree they down".
 We are not offering any part of our stock.

Yours truly
 Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Bibb & Hopkins
 Clay, C. C.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Kirkman,
 Nelson,

Steamer Decatur
 Williams,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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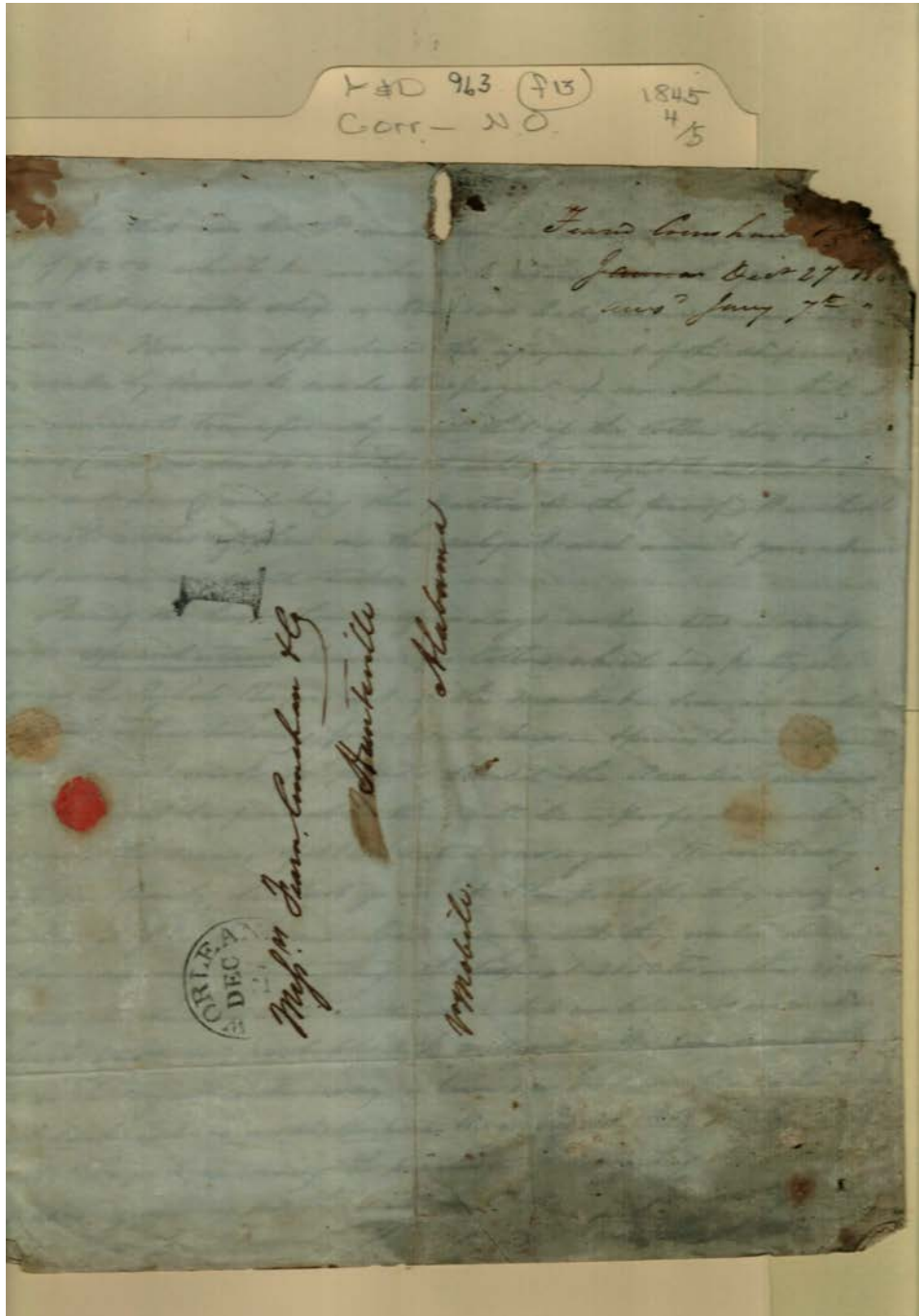
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Types:

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Dates:

Dec 27, 1845

Y#D 963 (713) 1845
Corr. - N.O. 4/5

From Crenshaw & Co. New Orleans, 27 Dec 1845

Dear Sirs

We order you last 20th instant & have since received yours of 18th with stated enclosures. Mr Blunt's copy from arrived yesterday in our store - it came by a different route (the bottom) from the others - and will be forwarded via Charleston according to his order with the least possible delay. We have called at your store since we received your letter but he was not in - we have little or no hope he will do any thing - if you will consult Anderson what course we can take to bring him before the Bills of Dr. Wyche will be duly honored as they appear.

We are pleased to learn Mr. B. has reached home without serious injury - we have been so well treated by our success, not having the first complaint the last 12 months, that we do not think we should be doing them or our colors justice by leaving them for some transient reason. We will however look in at Reese & Warren occasionally. Dr. Brown's order will be shipped this evening on Steamer Ward.

We have rec'd Bill Lading dated 29 Nov. 1845 for 40 bales Cotton purporting to have been shipped by Nathl. Green on Steamer Montserrat Lighter - (the afternoon it is stated "Cotton rec'd at the Decatur Depot before signed" / which would show that it was not actually shipped - it is conveyed to us - the Bill has come to hand one of them without any accompanying letter - the other is sent by L. J. Beards to whom it is referred by Green and Blunt, only by under date 4th instant he wishes it sold on arrival - previously remitted in a Bill - 30 or 40 days or more back

Dr. F.

Names:

Anderson,
Banks, S. S.
Blunt,

Evans,
Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Fearn, Dr.
Reese & Warren
Wyche, Dr.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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... that our Mr. P. made him an advance in ...
of \$250 which he wishes us to return at the ...
- and that he will ship us 80 or 100 Bales more during the
season. Now we apprehend the agreement of this shipment
was made by bond to make the payment of our claim - that it
is a nominal transfer only - and that if the Cotton does come
forward (and we doubt whether it will) we ought to attach it
to us and hand over being the parties to the fact. We shall
not write either of them on the subject and await your advice
what course we shall take.

During the last three or four days we have had a very
brisk speculative demand for Cotton which has pretty well
driven the English Buyers out of the market - some are sending
it 1100th others holding for resale here - others have advanced
within the last week 1/4th p/b. Should the Acadia's accounts
to 4th inst not be favorable then will be a perfect market
and the scenes of 1843 acted over again. We are truly
sorry our friends did not go in at 5th perhaps they may do
so when it gets to 6 - and lose money and they would deserve
it. Some are now estimating the crop at 21.50th - others 21.00th
or less and then one two millions - but we believe it will be
at least 22.00 and probably 2 1/4 millions. We have come to the
point in the major controversy when our Government or the British
must back out or we shall have War. Possibly U.S. may acquire
the 10th degree, receiving the privilege of navigating the Columbia,
if she requires more there will be WAR.
Yours truly
Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Evans,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

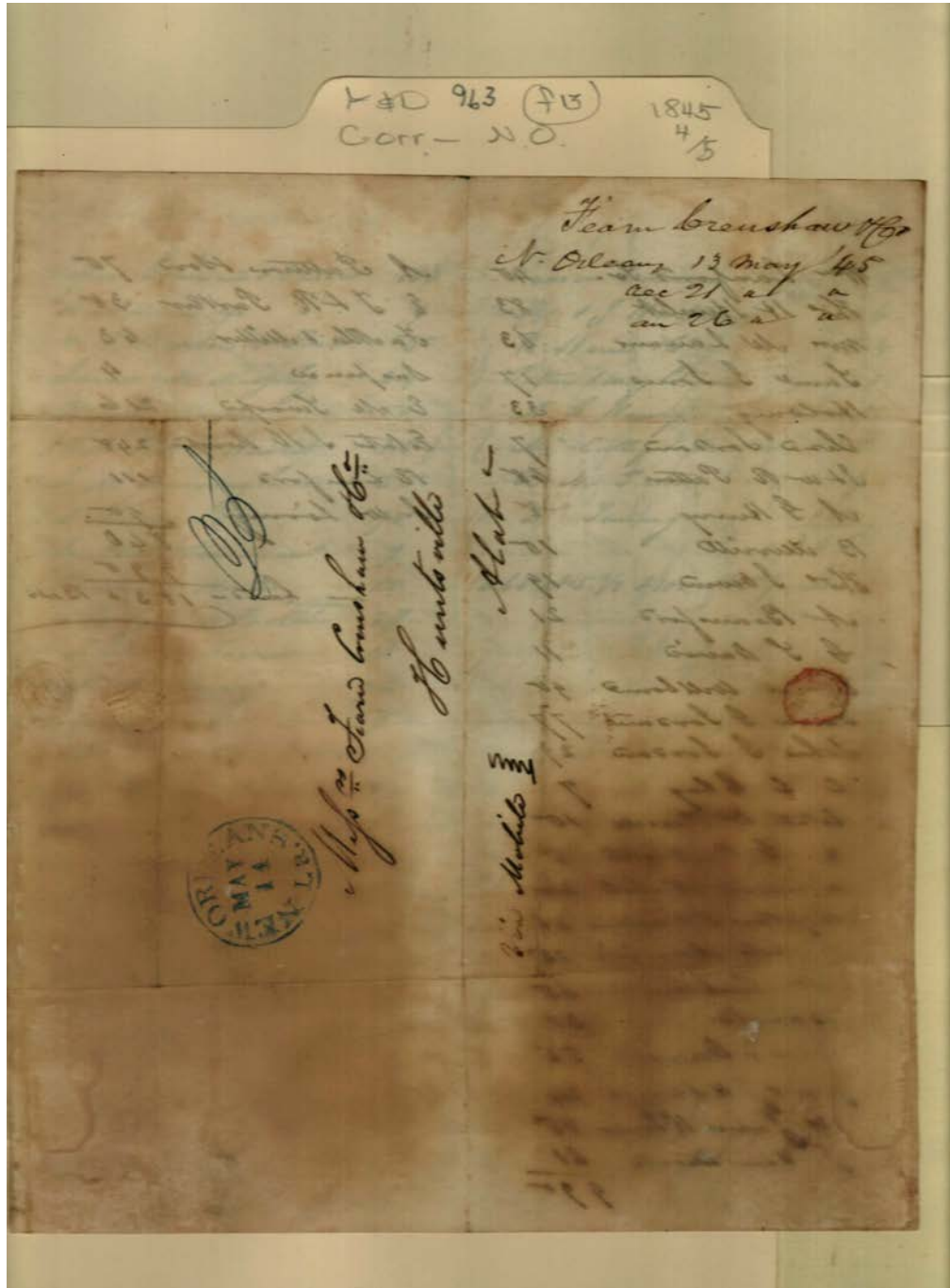
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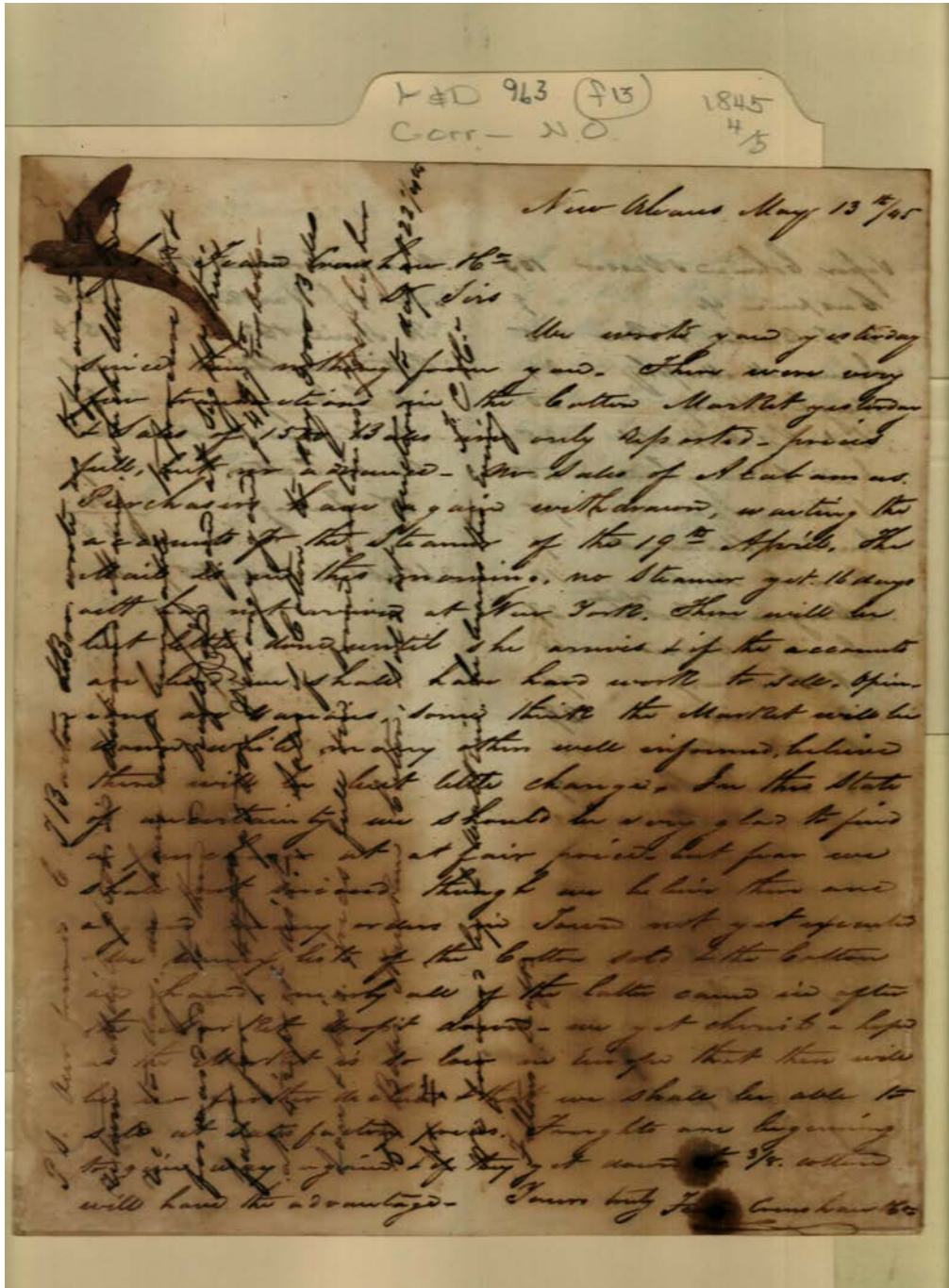
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Names:

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Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Watkins,

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Vasser Coleman & Vasser	183	- Vasser Coleman & Vasser	54
Suspension of	9	Mr & J Hartman	66
C. T. Barton & Bro	5	R. Hine 165	54
James M. Murphy	34	Patton & Weightman	21
Hugh Henry	50	A. S. Henry	23
Edw. Thos. H. Hewlett	25	McCalley & Drake	38
J. M. Cunningham	55	R. M. Patton	9
J. Hine Co.	98	Dr Young	100
Jenkins & Sturdivant	9		365
Rodiah Horton	10	265 at 5 1/4 + 100 at 5 1/4 etc.	
Morgan & Fackler	27		
Cain & Dorris	18		
A. S. Henry	96		
B. Merrill	28		
W. Brooks	11		
R. Hancock	49		
Mr & J Hartman	23		
A. Patton & Son	9		
W. R. Cobb	13		
J. M. Murphy	4		
Walker & Price	6		
E. T. & R. Parker	4		
	22		
	779	Bales	
	6 etc	at 5 1/4 etc	

bales of cotton sold

Names:

- | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Barton, C. T. & Bro. | Harkins, M. & J. | Jenkins & Sturdivant | Patton & Weightman |
| Brooks, W. | Henry, A. G. | McCalley & Drake | Patton, R. M. |
| Cain & Dorris | Henry, Hugh | Merrill, B. | Vasser, Coleman & |
| Cobb, W. R. | Hewlett, Thomas H. | Murphy, J. M. | Vasser |
| Cunningham, J. M. | Hine, R. & Co. | Murphy, James M. | Walker & Price |
| Fackler & Miller | Hine, S. & Co. | Parker, E. T. & R. | Young, Dr. |
| Hancock, R. | Horton, Rodah | Patteson, A. & Son | |

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Thos H Hewlett	83	E T & R Parker	38
Mrs M Lanman	13	Fackler & Miller	63
Saml S Jones	17	Suspense	4
Holding	33	E de Swoope	216
Elisha Jordan	7	Estate J W Swoope	248
J W R Patton	68	R Lanford	111
A G Henry	8	J. W. Looney	95
B Merrill	10		840
Thos J Davis	19		995
A Bransford	21		1830 Bal
G S Davis	11		
Charles Wellborne	40		
Jesse S Jordan	77		
John S Jordan	29		
C C Clay	7		
Estate to Russell	10		
V G Pruitt Estate	5		
Simeon Nichols	40		
Hopkins F & Erskine	26		
Nichols Adminis ^r	15		
W Crutcher	45		
Breck	35		
Cain & Dorris	55		
J W & H Swoope	24		
St James B Turner	85		
J. Van Dusen	61		
			995

bales of cotton on hand

Names:

Bransford, A.	Holding, (Richard)	Lanman, William, Sr.	Pruit, V. G., estate
Breck,	Hopkins, Fearn &	Looney, J. W.	Russell, Dr., estate
Cain & Dorris	Erskine	Merrill, B.	Scruggs, J. W. & J. H.
Clay, C. C.	Jones, Samuel J.	Nichols, Simeon	Swoope, E. M.
Crutcher, William	Jordan, Elisha	Nichols, admin.	Swoope, J. K., estate
Davie, G. S.	Jordan, Jesse G.	Owen, Thomas J.	Turner, James B., Dr.
Fackler & Miller	Jordan, John G.	Parker, E. T. & R.	Van Dusen, J.
Henry, A. G.	Lanford, R.	Patteson, A. & Son	Wellborne, E.
Hewlett, Thomas H.	Lanier, M., Mrs.	Patton, J. & W. R.	

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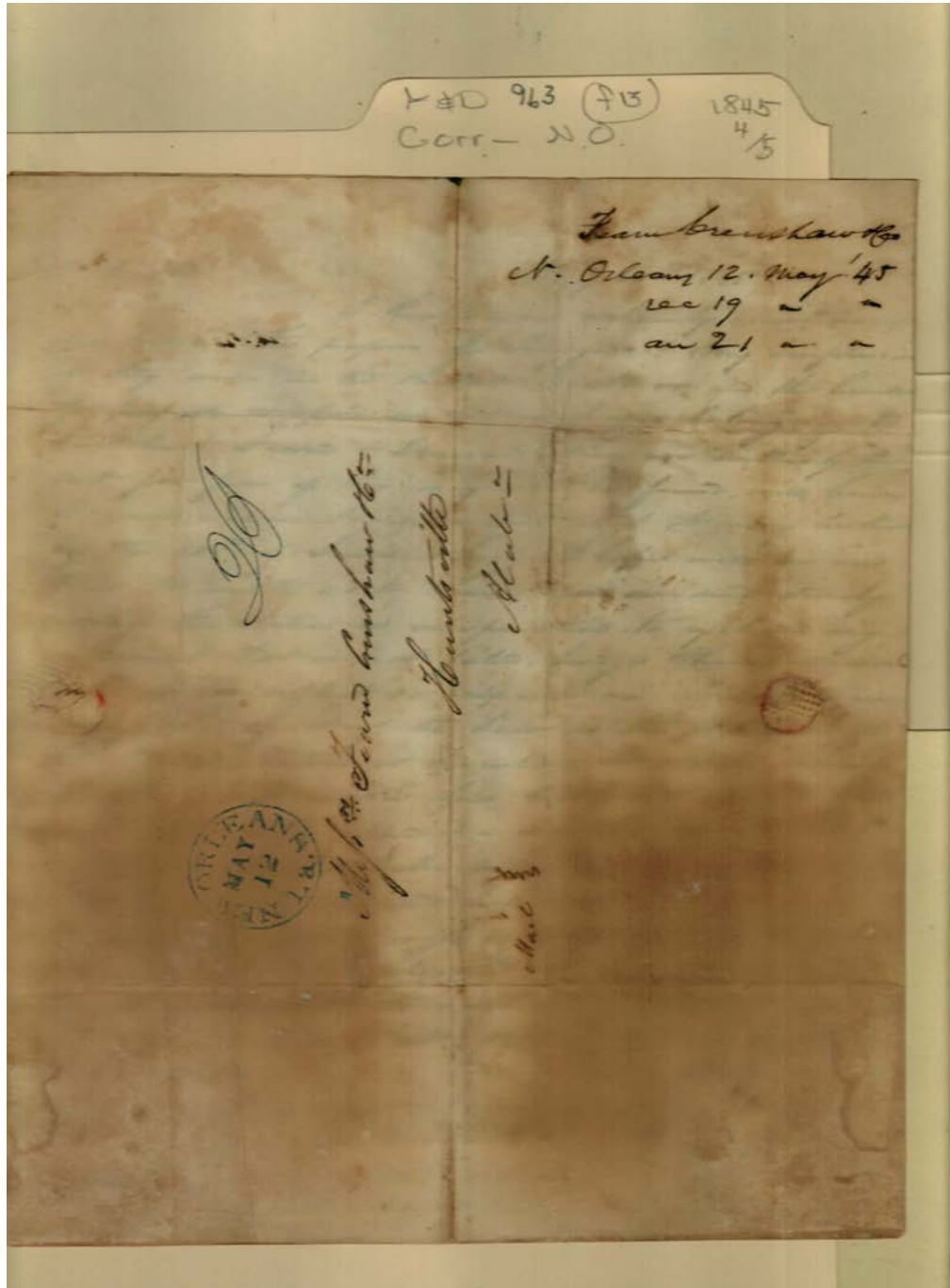
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
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May 12, 1845

Y&D 963 (715) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

New Orleans May 12th 1845

Mr. Fearn Crenshaw & Co
or Sir

We write you on the 9th of Inst. since then have been yours of the 2^d - contents noted.

As Mr. Fearn's instructions have been altered to, so far as to instruct our friend Smith Walker & Co. to purchase the amt due the estate of Mr. Fearn. & to remit exclusively to Mr. Robert Fearn at Natchez, it is long of doubt was forwarded by way of St. Louis some time ago.

13th Inst. Mail will send you list of the sums of the two lists of Alabama Gold. & there is no doubt the character of business have caused the fact that Mr. Fearn should pay the full proceeds of the cotton & that Stringfield Johnson & Co. are liable for the damages for negligence. The award will be made out to amount we have for Bond and \$1000. to enable advise the decision of the character but have our doubts about his paying a share.

There is nothing to report now in the market. The sales and balances are 2000 Bales fully paid. No symptoms of amon. to day so far the week of the 19th April are said to day but have not come to hand. Thoughts are going away a little again & if the next accounts are not decided by hand, we think there will be a good remainder the week.

Yours truly
Fearn Crenshaw & Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Fearn, Robert
Smith, Walker & Co.

Stringfield, Johnson
& Co.

Yeatman & Co.

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Dr Doctor May 12th 1845

I think you certainly must have overlooked the papers of Baggess. My impression is they were in the Pocket Book or in the bundle of papers wrapped in a newspaper belonging to Lockhart Fearn & Donegan. They are certainly there but for fear of they may not be found, will send a new account made out, that it may be there by the 10th of June, which I hope will be in time to enable us to claim our dividend, surely unless the statute is interpreted to exclude any account that is not filed, Judge Thompson would not in his explicit so palpable an injury, to presume the object of the law is the protection of the Administrators or Executors, it would certainly be unjust to make them liable on claims after due notice was given & a dividend made, but as they or one party else is injured by the omission & the claim is presented before a dividend is made it would be making gross injustice to us to require us, the claim was presented to the Administrator regularly & he had the amount of it tho' we were told by the lawyer to stop or of our own best I am well.

James Donagan

Doctor

Names:

Baggess,
Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

Thompson, Judge

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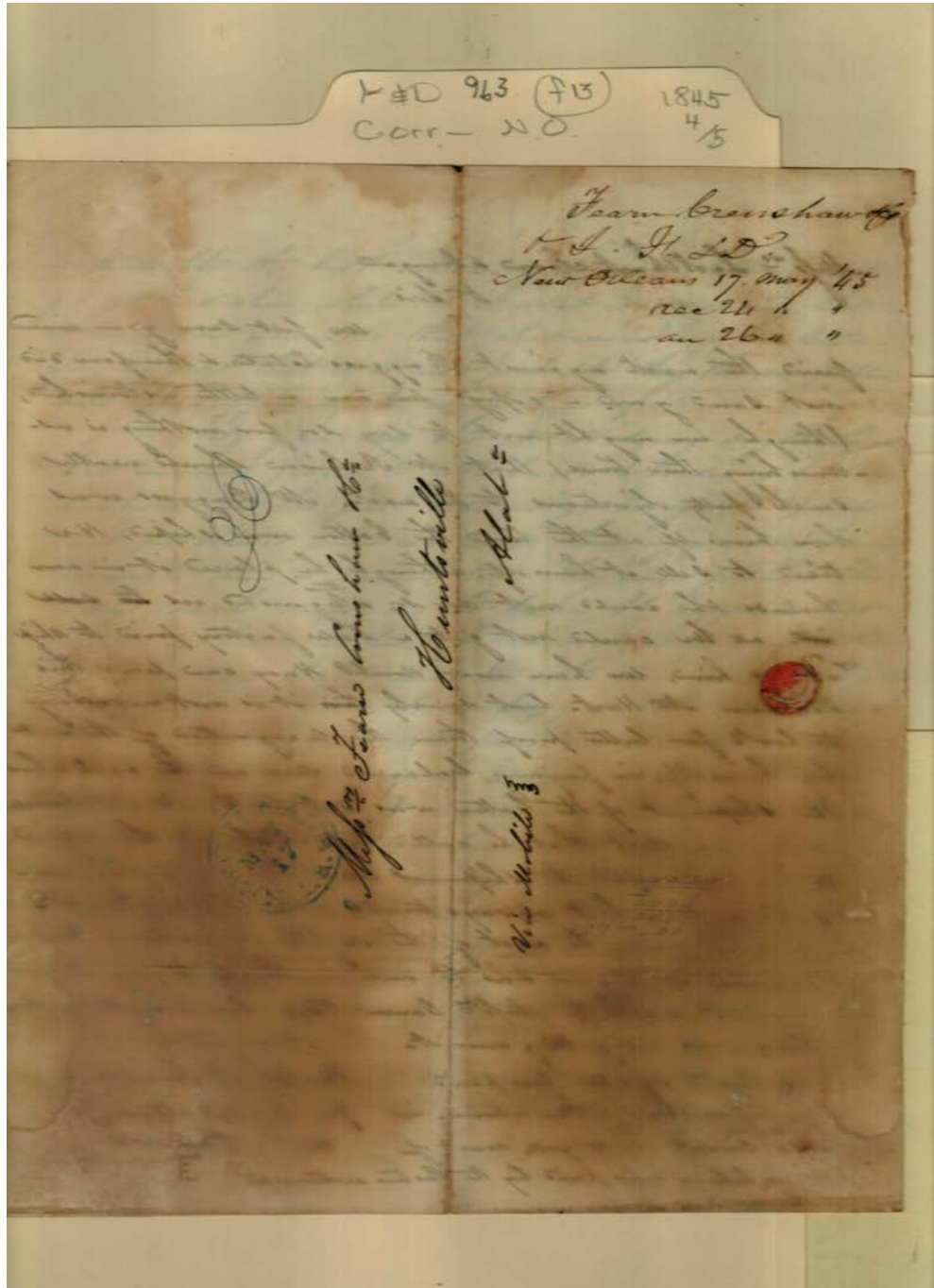
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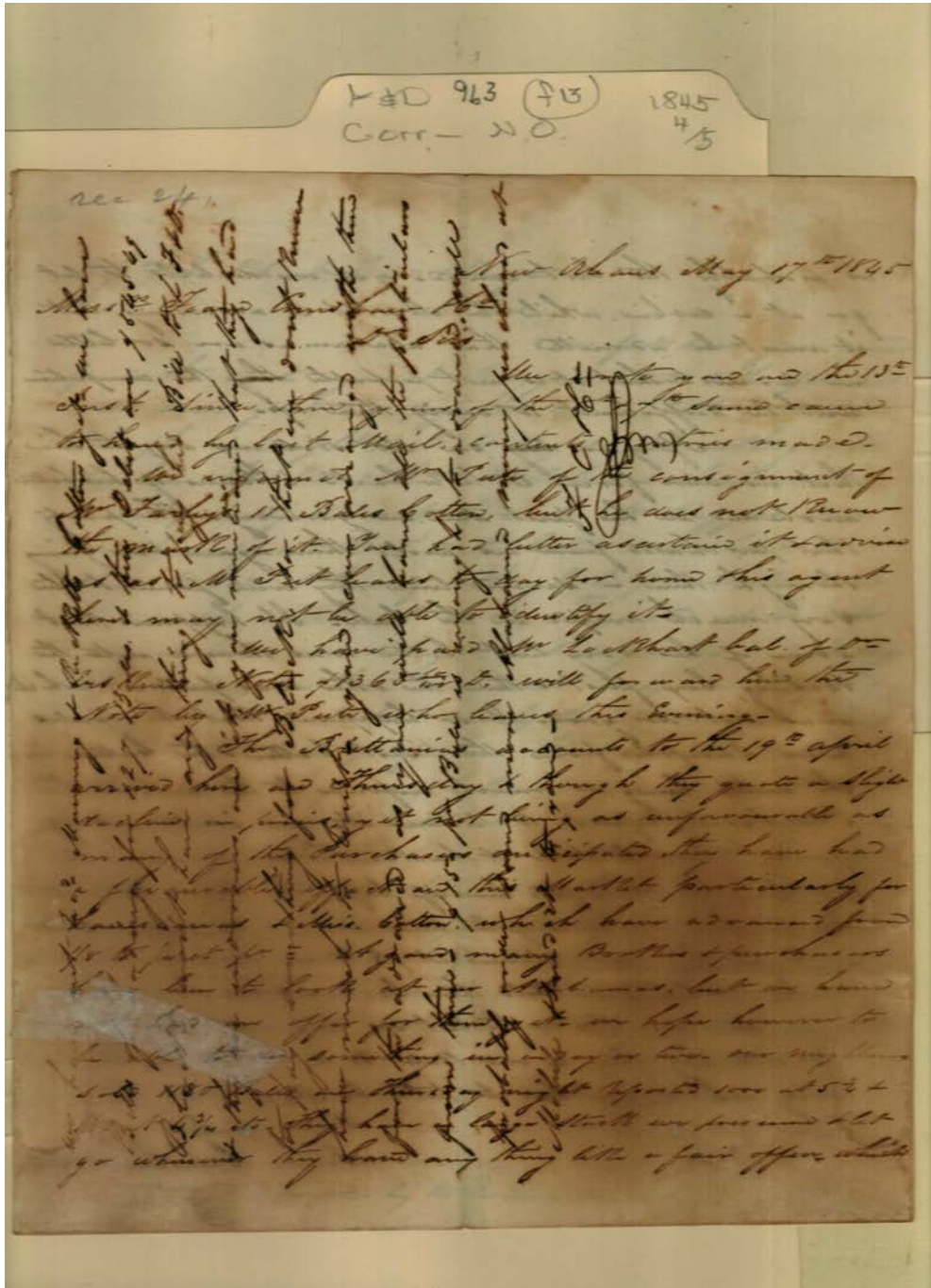
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Names:

Black,
Erskine, Dr.

Farley,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Lockhart,
Peete,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 17, 1845

Y#D 963 (713) 1845
 Corr - N.O. 4/5

is probably the best course. yet we do like to let
 go at a decline, while the market is advancing. but
 it must be admitted that alabamas are so little
 in request that it is not probable the competition
 will be sufficient to carry them up.

If you see Mr. Holsing say to him
 that we were forced to take back 6 Bales of his cotton
 included in his first sale, we yesterday. The party
 that purchased from us took them again & on going
 through them a second time they were found to be
 very much mixed in the bales. It happened that
 some of his very best cotton was thrown into the
 packing bag first & then the other was put in which
 was not so good. It so happened that the Bales
 were samples from the finest cotton & the cotton in
 the center being so much inferior to the outside the
 Purchaser refused to receive it. we came out of
 course before to take it back. The writer examined
 it himself & was fully satisfied he would take it
 back. The numbers of the bales were 79, 87, 90, 102, 105 & 108
 although they were returned at 78 to Mr. Holsing. They were
 made at lot 200 & 201 they back at this price, will
 sell them again & do the best we can with them for
 Mr. Holsing. there is one Bale of No. 100 in the same
 way which we had to take back.

Yours truly
 Fearn & Donegan Co.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
 Co.

Hine, R. & Co.
 Holding,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 17, 1845

L&D 963 (913) 1845
 Corr - N.O. 4/5

Miss Lockhart Fearn & Donegan
 & Co

We just saw your account
 paid the acct against Baggess Estate & therefore did
 not send you a copy, we are a little astonished,
 (though we ought not to say so for nothing is un-
 -towardly these times) that Mr Robinson should make
 such petty objections to the acct. Mr Baggess was
 here himself at the time the Cotton was shipped, He
 tried to sell it himself, although he placed it in our
 hands he could not do so, & requested us to sell
 it, as he could not get a sales factory paid to ship
 it, for him, we have now doubtless may have done this
 for him Mr Hurt, but surely this it is not necessary
 to look for better proof than the recognition of the acct
 by himself, in paying balances due and the acct when
 the shipment of the Cotton was set forth, Mr W. Smith
 will recollect that he called repeatedly at the office
 to enquire after the shipment because of some
 -one's conduct but always treated it as his own acct.
 We will have the acct of the Miss^{es} Dennistown
 forwarded it to you & as to our authority to pay it, our
 contract with the Miss^{es} Dennistown bound us to do so
 & there was no getting over it. You may truly
 be collected 450.00. You paid Lockhart Fearn & Donegan
 on our behalf as above. in for signatures
 we believe was paid by the Cotton contractors
 Thomas Ross

in liquidation

Names:

Baggess estate
Dennistown,

Henry,
Hurt,

Lockhart, Fearn &
Donegan

McDowell,
Robinson,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

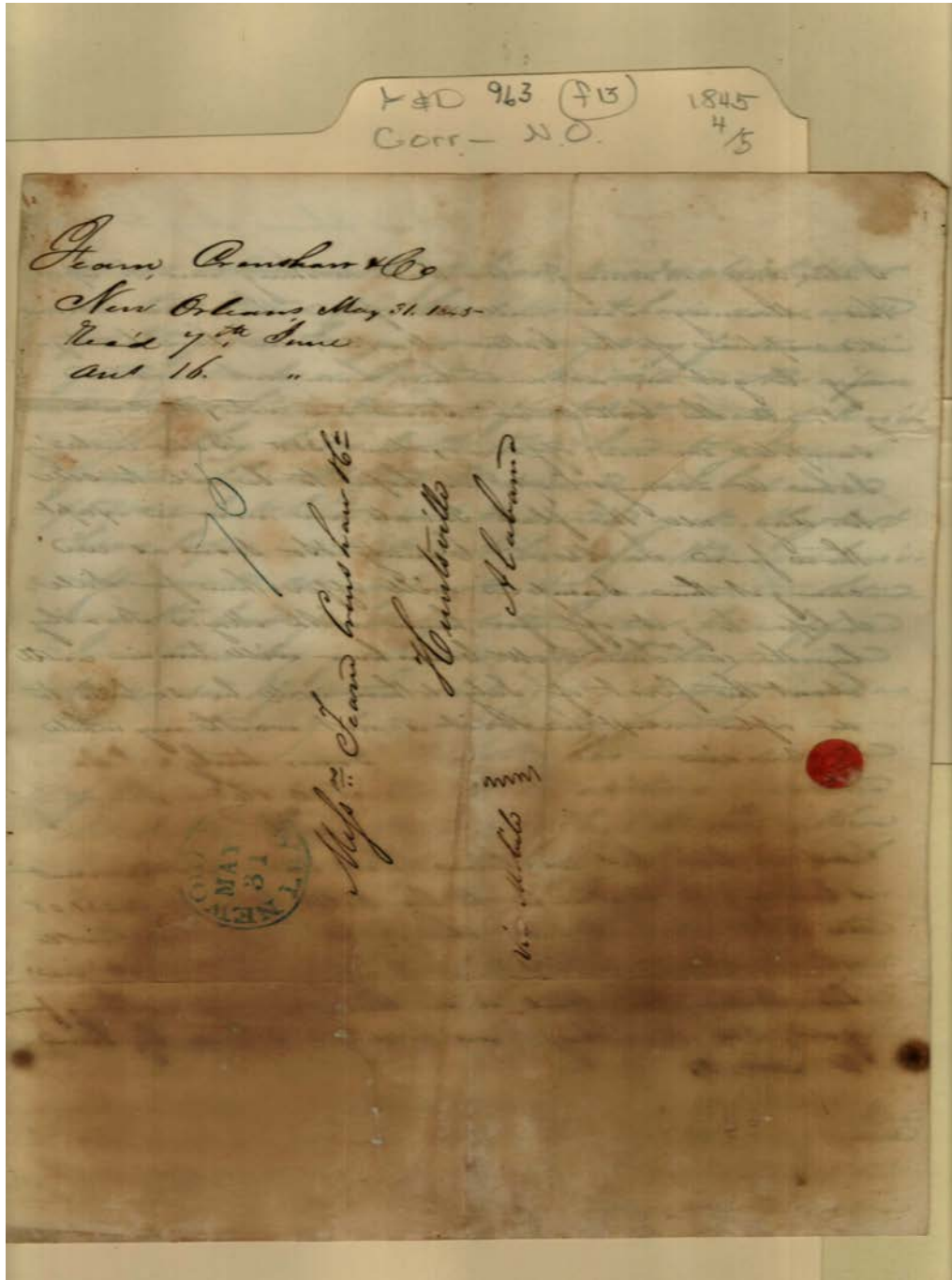
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Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 31, 1845

Y 963 (95) 1845
Corr. - No. 45

New Orleans May 31st 1845

My dear Sir

We had this pleasure on the 27th & 28th Inst. since then yours of the 21st is taken
The Bill of exchange by Mr. Colley & Drake on yr. Mr. Robert Fearn with his paid to the amt placed to his credit of 2188³⁴ per bill. we have not advised from them to pay it, but presume if ordered it will be all right.

We put Mrs. Fearn's subscription to the N. O. Merc. Journal. In payment I sent you 25 stamps of both amounts promised to pay the State Bonds has sent us 20 Boxes of cotton by the Sarah Blaine yesterday.

We are sending off our acct. Sales Facets current as fast as we can get them ready. I will endeavor to do so as fast as they can be got ready. As soon as we are through what we have told the writer hopes to leave for home and thus will be much to do & will leave here with family until the first of Sep. when our hope over business will be closed. Hope to get off by the 10th Proximo in company with Major Drake. George Fearn left on wednesday for Mississippi on his ranch. & Mr. Richardson left for the at as the yesterday. He took with him about \$10,000 in cash to buy his land. They

Names:

Bradford, Col.
Bradley, Major
Crenshaw,

Erskine, Dr.
Evans,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.
Fearn, George

Fearn, Robert
McCalley & Drake
Richardson,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 31, 1845

Y&D 963 (713) 1845
 Corr - N.O. 4/5

1000
 47,000 Dollars worth of Goods made about 4000
 in their cotton purchases must have done well
 for the year, George was very very fortunate in
 getting such a Partner. He will make a few
 -tens for him. He is a first rate man of busi-
 ness. They have both tried hard to get our
 friend Shackelford to secure our balance
 of 5000 - but have not succeeded yet. They both
 have hopes, Had it not been for this our busi-
 ness would do very well this year notwithstanding
 the low price of cotton - we have offered
 him time by giving security he has promised
 to us so. If so we shall get out pretty well, as
 this is the only bad business we have.

Our friend Bradley has never spotted
 of business difficulties to the writer & of course
 he has not mentioned any thing to him. There
 can be no doubt of its being a bad fact but
 fear he will let our friend George suffer as
 they first proposed to go and his paper for more than
 they were already out. Every promise he seem to
 have all about it. Found that their friends had
 performed them. We find some of our old friend
 Shambles letter had found Elbe River damaged and
 the interior of the State, shall have it all through
 of course must wait the report particularly with
 the samples to his son some than this which is hard
 say how it occurred, whether from a paper used or being out in
 packing

Names:

Bradley,

Ewing, Provence &
 Co.

Hamblin, John
 Scruggs,

Shackelford,

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 31, 1845

Y#D 963 (75) 1845
 Corr - N.O. 45

Saturday morning, we have nothing more to report
 this morning. I am well & find the price seems
 the expectations of the cotton market, we have been try-
 ing to get an advance but have not succeeded
 yet, all the cotton we saw we sold, that and
 samples we are offering, about 350 Bales including
 John W Looney's crop. we hope to be able to sell
 to day. all the flat boats are now in except
 those from Jackson County. As soon as we
 can get these samples will offer them for sale.
 I hope to get off for home with Major Bradley
 by the 15th Sunday. Mr Green's house will remain until
 about the first of July & there will be so little to
 do after next week it is not worth my while
 to remain

Yours truly
 J. C. Fearn

We inclose to Mr Looney a set of bills to set current
 & bearing a balance to his debit of \$331.05
 we think there is of 100. charged him on your books
 which should be added, unless you include it in
 his Bill. The mail is out this morning nothing from
 you. See Bradley leaves to day & I send by hand
 to Mrs B.

Names:

Bradley, Major
Crenshaw,

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Looney, John W.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

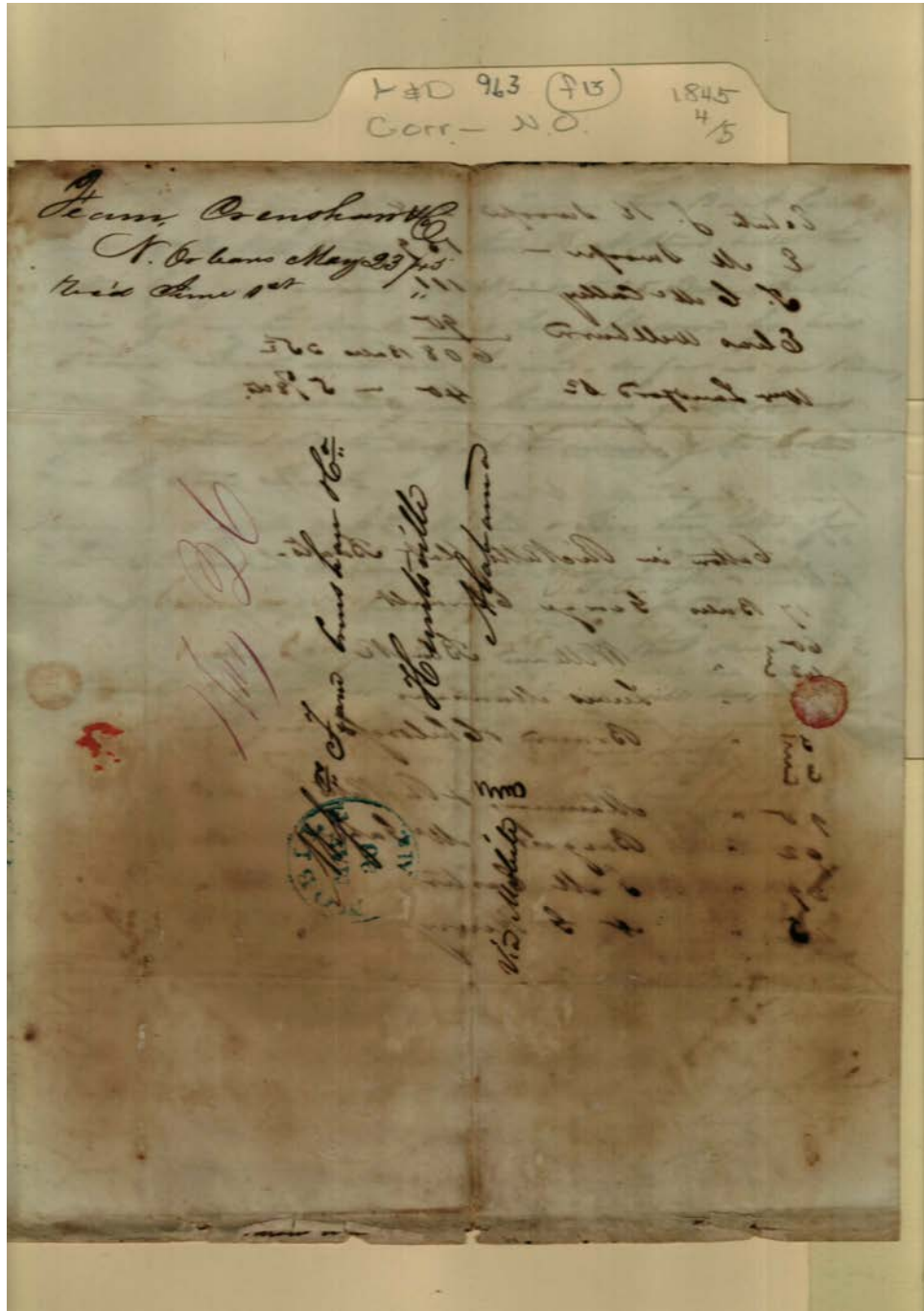
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 23, 1845

Y#D 963 (713) 1845
Corr - N.O. 4/5

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd of May 1845
in relation to the purchase of the cotton of the 20th inst. I have the pleasure
of informing you that the cotton of the 20th inst. has been sold to
the Messrs Jones & Friley, but that it is not yet
from New Orleans to any of our places to be sold to
them. It is however in the hands of the Messrs Jones & Friley
followed by the Messrs Jones & Friley. You have access
to write to the Messrs Jones & Friley with reference to the purchase of
for me his agents. During the early part of the month
the demand for cotton was quite small, sales of small quantities
were reported on the 10th inst. Yesterday & today the
demand was better & prices fell. We sold 498 Bales
low country cotton at 5 1/4 cts. 608 Alabama at 5 1/2
& 400 at 5 3/4 cts. please us now with a stock of
Alabama of 245 Bales, which we are trying very
hard to sell & hope to be able to do so before the
arrival of the next steamer, which we shall have
next week. We fear the accounts that reached us
of lower prices to the last steamer, having been of
the large receipts of cotton in our ports, may induce
that Market to have a decline there of 1/10 to 1/12
1/10. If so it will be hard work to get off our stock

Names:

Breck, Dr.

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Jones, Friley

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 23, 1845

YED 963 (715) 1845
Corr - NO. 4/5

Dear Mr. Garrett being 16th are delivering two Boat loads
more to Ricketts & Son, had two Boat loads full the
letter has just arrived except 20 to 25 Bales which
was left in the Boat. It is being let down by two
Steamer Boats, one to one side and so far as we know,
on the other side regarding the success of the success
of the bottom side to drag out the success of the bottom
in the Boat.

Say to Mr. Mastin & Sons that their letter of
the 18th has been received & that Mr. Mastin & Sons
draft for \$20,000.00 has been accepted.

Say to Mr. Calley & Drake that their Mr.
Donald Prop is just in & that we will respond of
it the first good opportunity.

Yours truly
Fearn & Donegan

Saturday Morning, nothing new this morning. The
sale of 1200 Bales for the morning in the Bond
market was made last evening by your agents
at 5 1/2 cts. We have the samples of the bottom
of 100 Bales and the other 200 Bales will
be delivered the 12th Bales can be let to day.
Say to Mr. Drake, that Dick's Boat must off without
talking the letter evening his Note will be sent by
first opportunity.

F. & D.

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Garrett, Ewing & Co.
Mastin & Brothers

McCalley & Drake
McDonald,

Ragland,
Ricketts, D. & Son

Places:

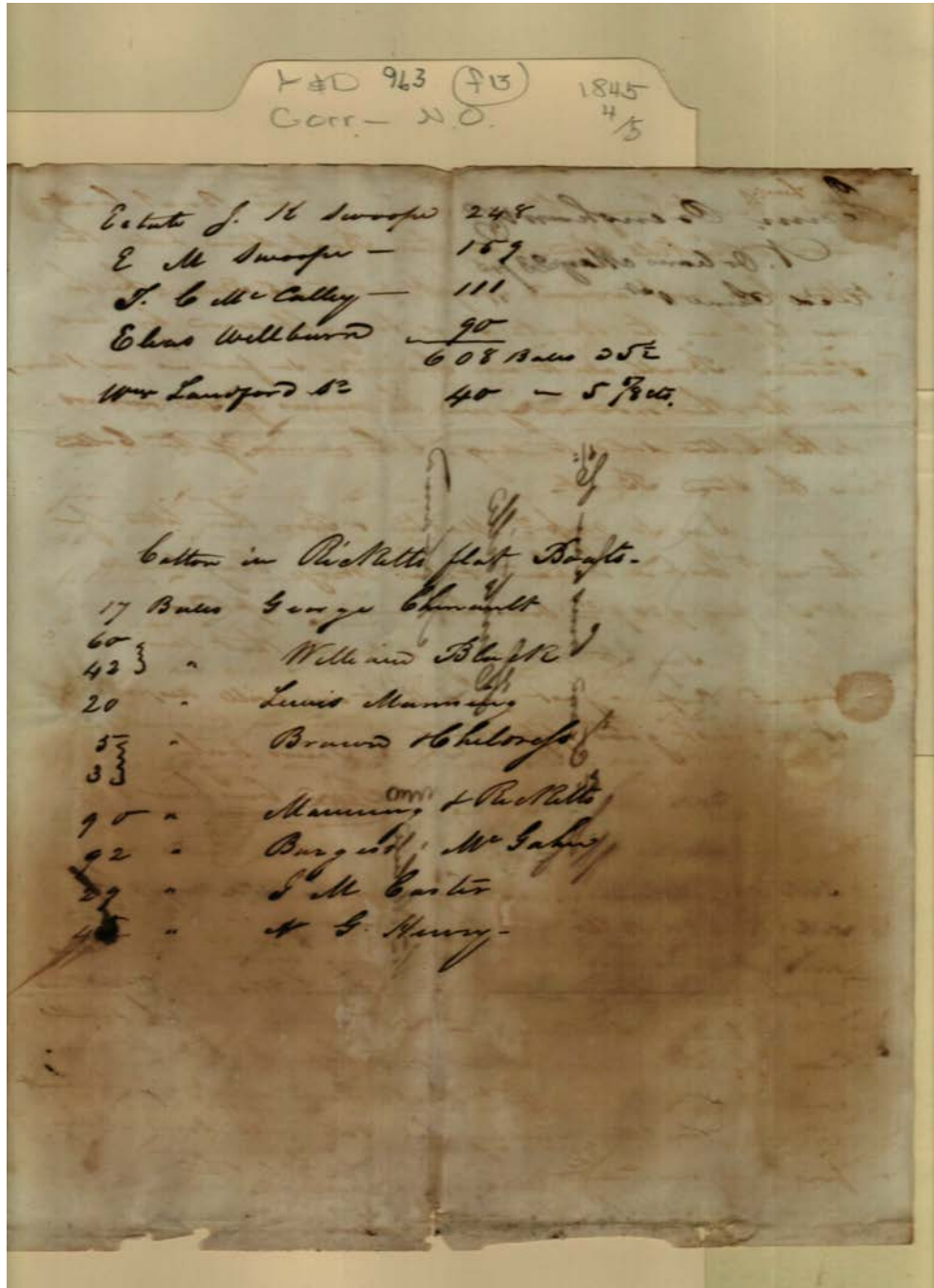
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Topics:

bales of cotton received

bales of cotton sold

Names:

Black, William
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Carter, J. M.
Chenault, George

Henry, A. G.
Lanford, William, Sr. (Lanford)
Manning & Ricketts

Manning, Lewis
McCalley, T. C.
McGahee, Burgess
Swoope, E. M.

Swoope, J. K., estate
Wellburn, Elias

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

list

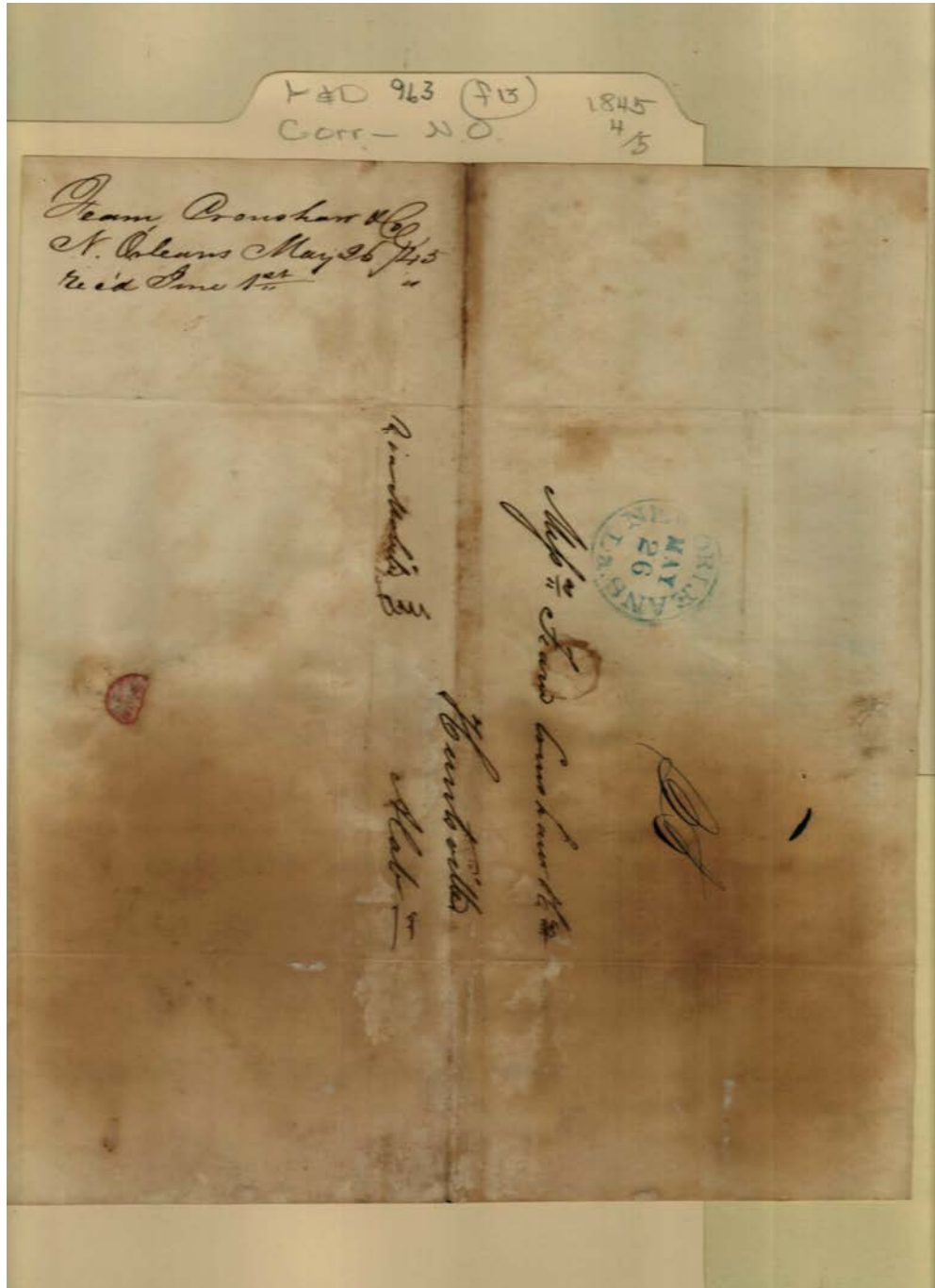
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Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

Types:

letter

memo

Dates:

May 26, 1845

LAD 963 (715) 1845
 Corr. - N.O. 4/5

Dear Sir

New Orleans May 26th 1845

Mr. Fearn Crenshaw & Co
 Sirs

After closing our letter of the 23^d on Saturday the 24th yours of the 16th just came to hand. contents noted. we have nothing new to advise this morning, except that we have just sold 1213 Bales Cotton at New Orleans at 25 3/4 cts per lb. This embraced all we have had up to the date of receipt. Brought up. Mr. Bynum & the damaged cotton 200 of Ricketts & Sons Brought, we tried hard for the 1/4 but could not get it. Hearing the firm news which will be here to morrow, we concluded to sell.

Yours truly
 Fearn Crenshaw & Co

Names:

Bynum,

Fearn, Crenshaw & Co.

Ricketts & Sons

Places:

New Orleans, LA

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

May 26, 1845

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