

from Florence, AL

Names:

Fearn, Crenshaw &
Co.

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Huntsville, AL

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Dec 16, 1844

Florence 16 Dec 1844

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 13th Inst, with its enclosure Hopkins Parsons's draft on James Irvine at one hundred and thirty days from N. Orleans, for one hundred & twenty eight ¹⁰⁰ dollars, was received, by this evening's mail. I will present it for payment when due, if collecting; and you the amount by some safe opportunity.

Immediately after my arrival at home, I went to Judge Posey, on the subject of the case debt; Mr. Irvine had put him in possession of every information before he left. Our Memorials for the last two years are on file at Jackson to what I have referred Posey; they embrace every thing that can be obtained on the subject.

I think Messrs Jenkins, Sturdivant of Rodgersville, may be safely trusted, to arrange for you on Cotton to be shipped to your house. I have made enquiry of several persons here, who all speak well of them. I know Mr. Sturdivant, (who is a brother-in-law of Jonathan M. Cunningham) very well. He is a very worthy, clever man, and his partner is said to be a clever fellow also. We have nothing new here.

Yours truly,
 Jas. H. Weakley

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Names:

Cunningham, Jonathan M.	Hopkins, Irvine, James	Jenkins & Sturdivant Parsons,	Posey, Judge Weakley, James H.
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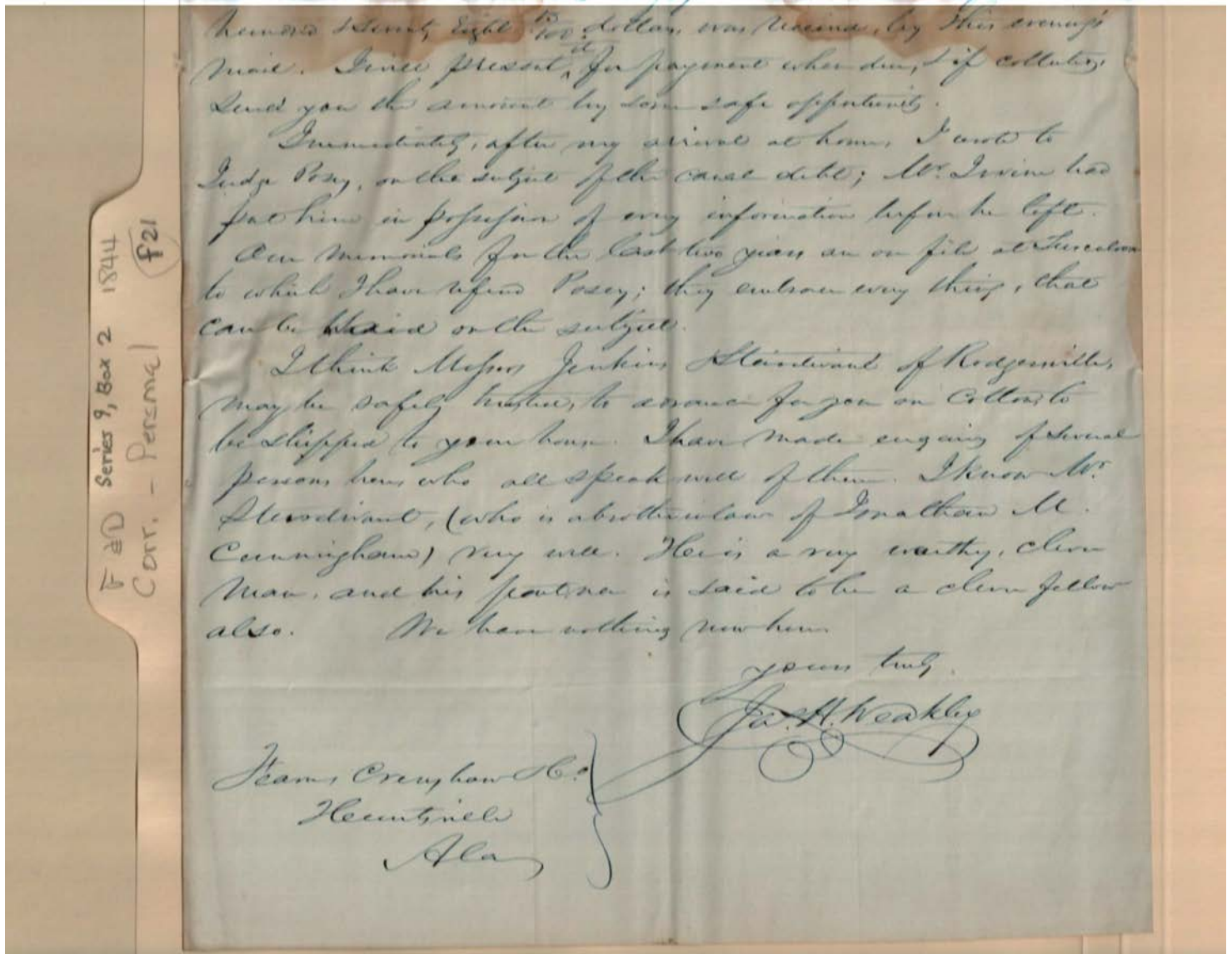
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Irvine, James
Jenkins & Sturdivant

Posey, Judge
Weakley, James H.

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from Huntsville

Names:

Donegan, James J.

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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Dec 2, 1844

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Huntsville Dec. 2nd 1844

Dear Donegan

I write the House by this days mail, at the
I had but little to communicate. Your two fav^{rs} from Robtⁿ
were duly rec^d.

Since you left Tho^s Nation has been over says he is hard
pressed to arrange his bank commitments. Has a claim which he
calculates will certainly be paid soon on a parson every way
responsible, at Huntsville Ala. for \$500. out of which on
other means he will pay you 1/3 of your debt next spring. and
will certainly pay 1/3 on 1st Jan^y. 1846 & the remainder 1st Jan^y '47.
He has an offer for some land, which he will sell pay all at three
times. Wishes you to advise him through me immediately,
whether you will give him this indulgence, upon the payment
being made promptly as above. It will be over about 25th Jan^y
but ^{before or after the 1st Jan^y terms.}

Gov. Clay has made known to me that Mr
accedes to your proposition - payment to be made in good
money. Of course I shall arrange it with him whenever
convenient, and make the best terms I can for your checks or the
money. — Stringfield expects to pay Robinson the balance
due him in a few days - Wishes yours to stand open until Parson
Munger gets here - say 15 or 20 days - when they will sign the
protest for some Cotton you may recollect which was damaged
on a light & the protest not made out embracing all the
facts. This they think will enable them to recover \$500 or \$600
and they will then pay you the balance.

Eldred W. Williams will ship 12,000^{lb} Cotton to G. P. P.
& can pass judgement with stay of expⁿ to March '46 for
the balance. What say you to this? Will not this be
better than sitting here.

Your family are well - so says Kit this morning -
The Lady & family left Friday night -
Hoping soon to hear from you

I am yours truly
Tho. Fearn

Names:

Clay, Gov.
Donegan,

Fearn, Thomas
Munger, Parson

Nation, Thomas
Robinson,

Stringfield,
Williams, Eldred W.

Places:

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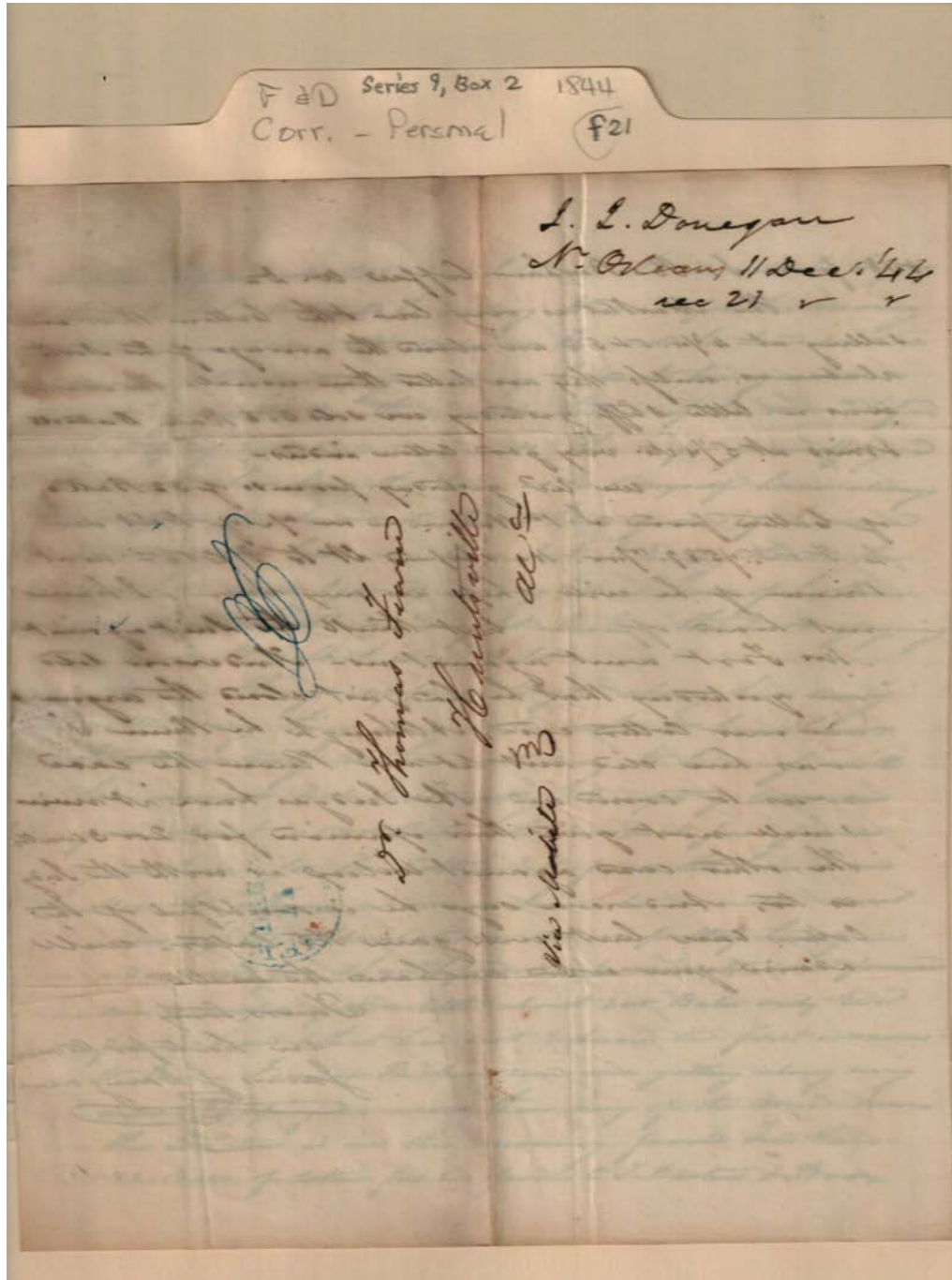
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New Orleans Dec 11th 1844

Dr. Doctor

I am in receipt of yours of the 2^d Inst. contents notice. Nature has promised payment to often had not complied, that I think it useless to delay late for an extension to the time asked by him, unless he was to make the punctual payment unless by giving some kind of security. I am not however disposed to press him & if he pays as he promises I shall be willing to wait with him you can do as you think best about it. In arranging the debt with Eldridge you will recollect that I & Co. pay the rest due to it - Bro. I presume Eldridge will give some money I am almost sorry he accepted my proposition, but as it is so I am willing to close it the same with the business. I note the arrangement proposed by Stringfield Johnson & Co. - Hope they may be able to succeed with the underwriters but fear it is a bad chance, as I am not pressed for money any time during the Spring with us now, don't forget to charge the debt & to make them payment New Orleans funds, as I paid them in such funds. Mr. Lockhart has not returned yet. I think the time for staying by water too far off Novr 1845 is long enough, with an understanding that if a satisfactory arrangement is made for payment that no Speculation will be issued. If the Speculation is done until March 1846 the money could not be

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Bass, W. A.
Eldridge

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.
Lockhart,

Nation, Thomas

Stringfield, Johnson
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made before Nov 1846 & I think this would be longer
than Lockhart would be willing to wait for his money
besides your friend Mr. Williams has sold his land & is
moving to Miss. & you may have to bring a new
suit against him then, ~~but~~ that is if he would before
the day of question was out. This is for yourself you
must not show him this letter as he & myself have always
been friendly & he would think less of me if I seemed
to press too hard on him, but I really think he
has had considerably more done in view of his land
not about think on ought to have the rest of going
to Miss. to collect our debt.

Things appear to get along here very
well every thing easy & pleasant Mr. Crenshaw's
health entirely restored & returning to his wife with
his usual zeal & industry. Receipt of letter in
Jan about 45 or 50 Bales & the prospect fair for a
good business. The letter we'd from the house in
Miss. to whom accounts have been made don't
come up to calculations, we are pretty heavy
advanced for Shackelford the farmers to send forward
some crops for a little about 200 Bales only we'd
from him & that has not reduced the first account
to him. Fearn & Richardson are getting along very
well shipping us more than any of the Miss. houses
The Director is in the morning from Geo. Davis
22 Bales of cotton for us from C. T. Barton to Boston

Names:

Barton, C. T. & Bro.
Crenshaw,

Fearn & Richardson
Lockhart,

Shackelford,
Williams,

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18. from J & R Barham Coffee W. D.
The Market is very low & the bottoms that are
selling at $4\frac{3}{4}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ are about the average of the North
Alabama. unless they are better than usual. The market
was a little stiff yesterday we sold 356 Bales District
Linn at $5\frac{1}{4}$ etc very good cotton indeed.
we had yesterday purchase of 32 Bales
of cotton from J. P. Harrison an agent of Debt and
L. # 4587. "Jr. He shipped it to F. C. G. = merit
Planned if he will ship us any more. I have
not heard official but think the suit against
Mrs Fort went against us. Anderson told
me yesterday that he had just closed the argument
on our cotton case, although he knew
was here did not let me know the case
was to come on. The Judges have it now
I will not give their opinion for 2 or 3 weeks.
The other case against Wilcox is with the Judge
as too, Anderson says he is doubtful of the
cotton case but will gain the latter. will
advise you when we have the result
Yours truly
James J. Donegan

Names:

Anderson,
Barham, J. & R.

Coffee, W. D.
Donegan, James J.

Fort, Mrs.
Harrison, J. P.

Wilcox,

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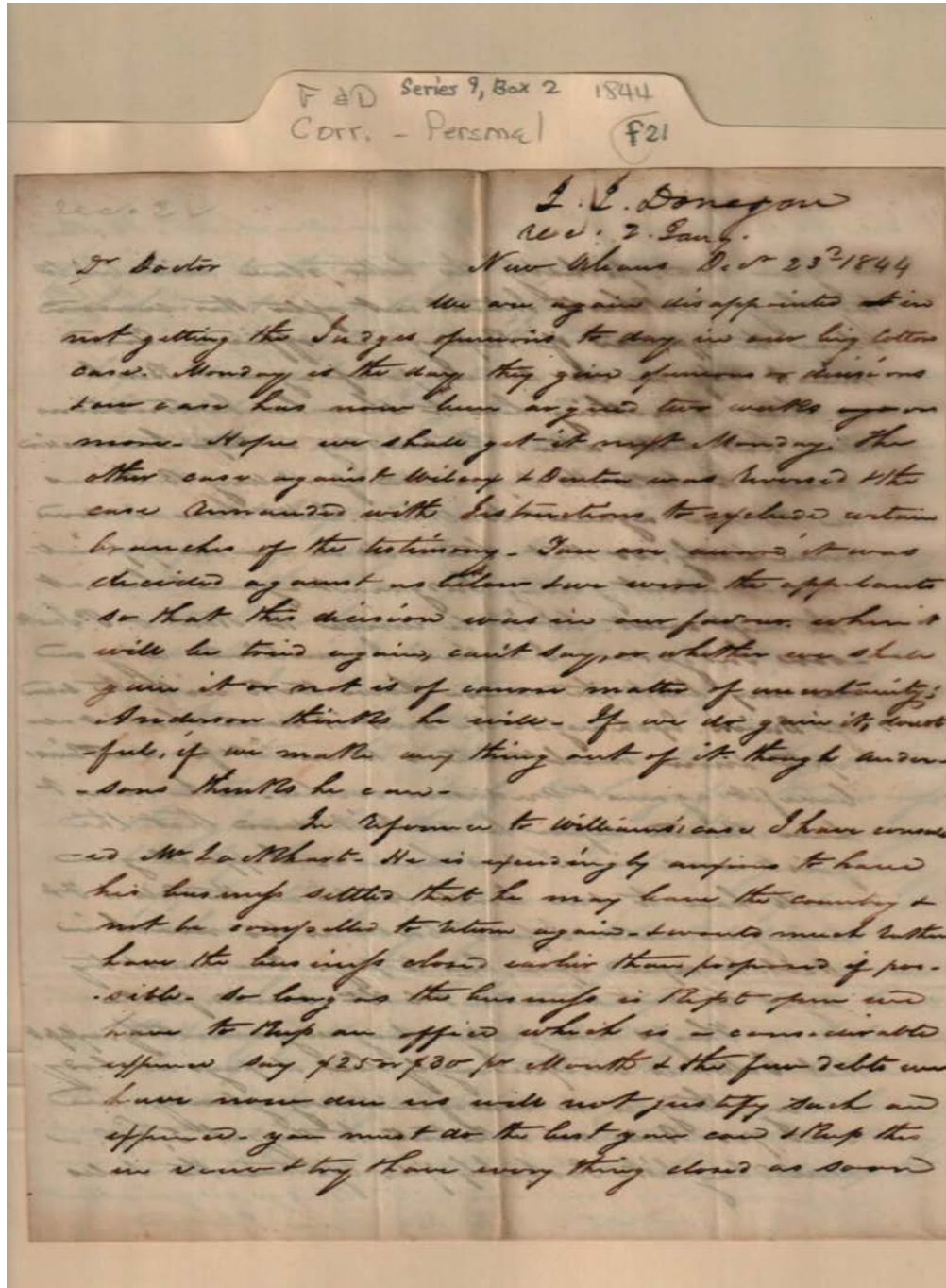
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Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

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Wilcox,

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as you see, probably the better plan will be to
try thing I will be out after this week
I have the opinion of Peapack an officer. I
must rely on the double proof against Bush
as there is nothing less to show his instructions
I have had better attend to sending a paper commission
down to take the deposition of Hillary B. Cenas
in the case against Wattkins. better have it done
immediately, so that there will be no disappoint-
ment about getting Judgment against him at
the next court. let it be directed to Hunt & P. Salt-
-saw Ind. &c. I believe I mentioned to you
in my last: the cause here took with the sum
of Divisor Exchange. He sent it down that it was
to know doubt where to use it for Wattkins
benefit against Andersons wishes. as he must
have known before he sent it down that the
first was in Tabers hands. I expect you
will have to see Cordle there in the case of J. P.
Donegan next. I fear Cordle is too much in
Debt to depend upon him to pay. You must try
to get the suit he never to be sent first.

Things are getting along very smoothly, except
that Cotton is so exceedingly slow it pays nobody
& every thing is in consequence very slow. we
sold you Rube's mill & the tract to day, at 5,000. a
miserable lot. Probably 1/100 life than the sales

Names:

Bush,
Cenas, Hillary B.

Cordle,
Lockhart,

McDowell,
Taber,

Watkins,

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... previous to the receipt of the 19th letter from Liverpool, which is not equal to the difference in the freight the one included 22 Bales C. T. Bartons letter in it & we hope it will be as good as the average - This is in the Alabama as we get these cargoes have arrived & this is all we had. This looks badly for that section, but we must be content. I regret more that I left home so soon; there was no necessity for my coming here, they could get along very well without me for the present & I think I could have been more useful at home. I contemplate a visit to Mississippi after the first of January. I don't like the workings of our arrangements with Shackleford. Moore & Wilkinson - one or two other little concerns there. These accommodations are entirely too heavy for the business they give & there there is danger that we may lose by them in the end. We have a great many applications for admissions of promises of business where we can get good substantial planters who are unquestionably good, for most parts & some we must not let them slip. We trust Genl P. Henry of St. Louis County at the request of Coleman & Crawford. He makes 250 to 300 Bales & wanted an advance of \$1500 - which we agreed to make him. Have not yet heard since we wrote him. Charles Percy was here & I think will ship his next crop to

of Hinds Co., MS

Names:

Barton, C. T.
Coleman & Crawford

Henry, P., Gen'l
Moore & Wilkinson

Percy, Charles
Shackelford,

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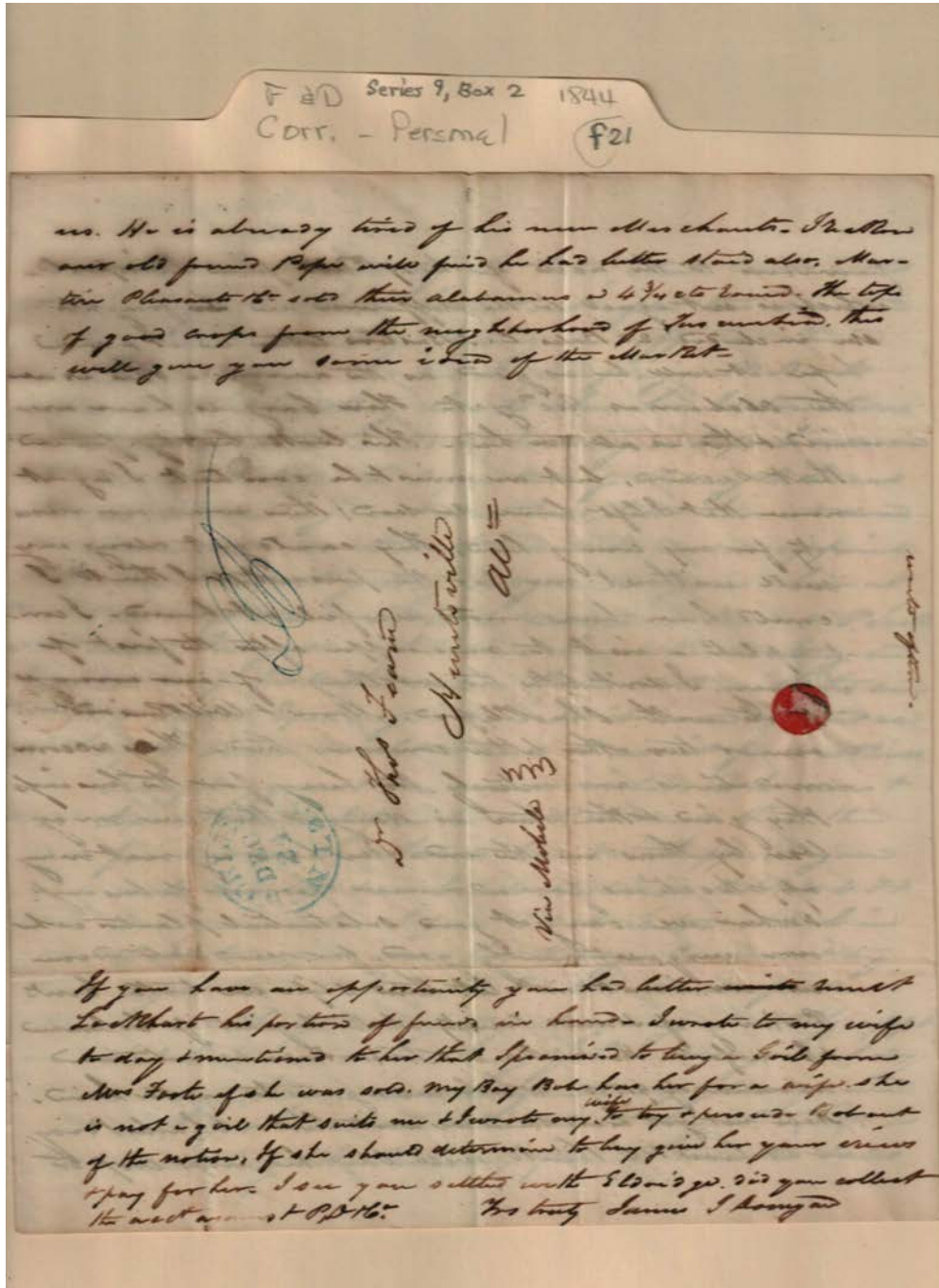
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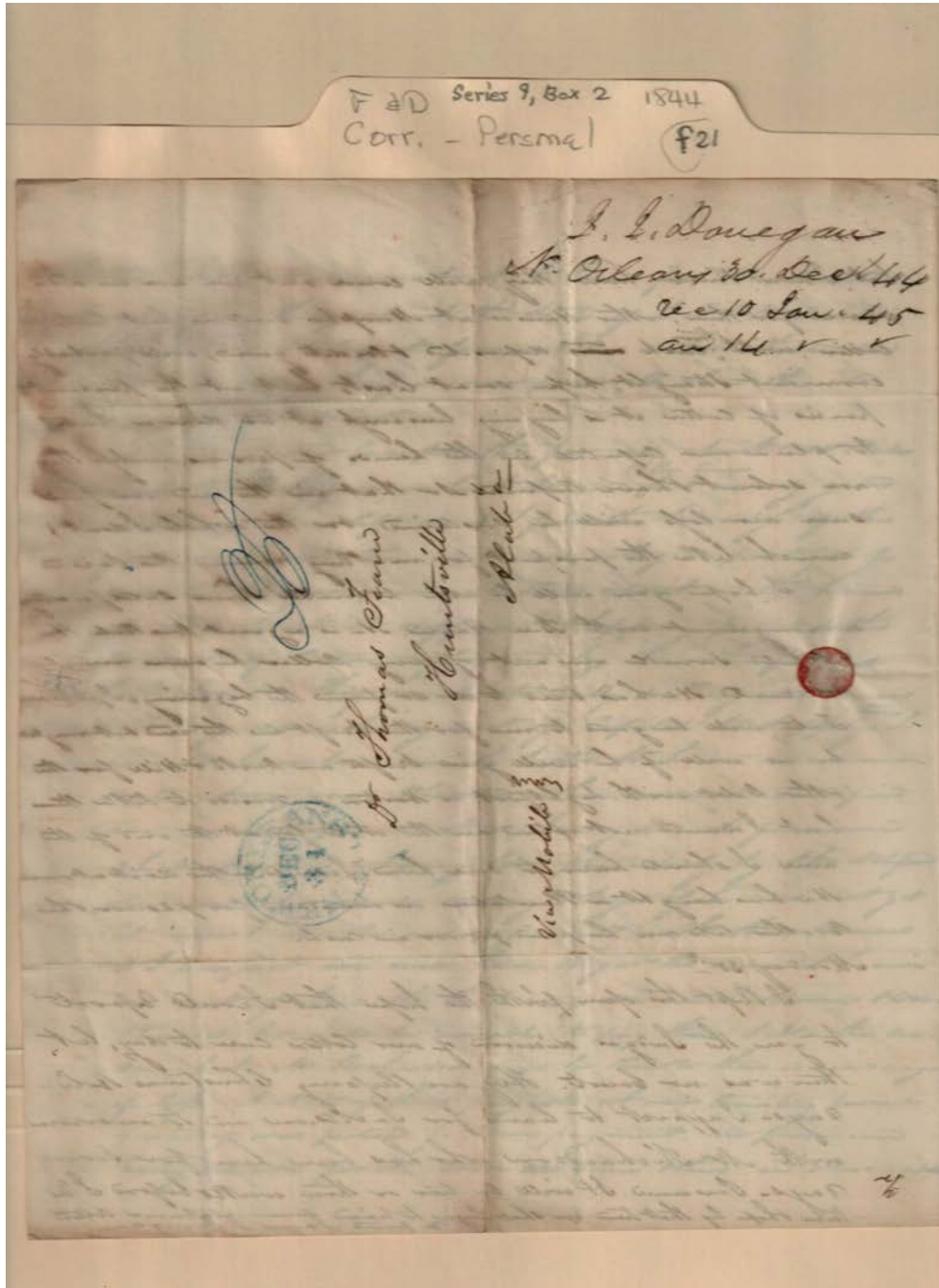
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New Orleans Dec. 28th 1844

Mr. Doctor

Since writing you this morning
Mr. Lockhart has been in & requests me to ask you
to make up the accounts above, to the first of January
of next year - a statement of your acct with the office -
& statement of the cash due? Since the books were bal-
anced in June last, a balance sheet & list of bills
receivable, showing a statement of the business above,
charge yourself with the list from Patterson & charge
me with the side of P. & P. from Manning, also each
party with the stock list from Patterson, & then the
office with the amount of each partners acct. It
may be as well to pay your acct & send that
we have the benefit of the exchange as Lockhart
will charge us of course as good money.

Hope you will press collections of Hodges,
Bogges, Fosters & such other debts as you can
collect. Have you heard any thing from the lawyers
in Mississippi relative to Smith & Longstreet's debt.
better write to them, also to Wether & Reynolds about
Ray's debt. The first note is now due, I believe
I mentioned to you that the suit against Mr. Fort
in Mississippi must against us. so much for his
obstinacy he could & should have sold the bottom long
before he did -

Had a letter from Leroy Pope dated

Names:

Bogges,
Dent,
Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Foote, Mrs.
Hodges,
Key,

Lockhart,
Longstreet,
Manning,

Parker,
Patteson,
Pope, Leroy (Jr.)

Places:

New Orleans, LA

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the 20th inst. He was about to leave for Huntsville
He says nothing about the state of L. S. & C. debts
~~but~~ get a statement from him while there, we
must do every thing in our power to close this old
business for season.

Our receipts this far are about 10000 Dollars
more than they were last season ^{to the time} but many good
customers have left us & I fear the business of the
year will not turn out well. A good portion of
our Cash means are scattered about in the hands
of merchants at different shipping points & the
amount of Cotton influenced by them this far is
but small. They are continually asking advances
& it requires a heavy out of Capital to supply it.
It would have been much better to have accom-
modated some good Planters, when we were satisfied
we were safe. as it is, I very much fear we
shall sustain a heavy loss, particularly by Shackleford
He writes for more money & says if he does not get
it must make arrangements with other Houses
& I suspect we will have to get the amount from
us out of him the best way we can. Moore & Hill
Pissers too will be unable to pay their debts this sea-
son, but Mr. Richardson says he thinks there is no danger
of loss. A note of this payable at our Country house
yesterday was protested for non payment, no provision
being made for it. There are some others in Mississippi

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Moore & Wilkinson

Richardson,

Shackelford,

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that I don't know how they will come out, we are in a
-war for them, other names at Memphis send us but little
letter, with ^{the} cash ~~was~~ deposited & credit given, will probably
come out straight, hope so at least, but at the present
price of cotton it is buying business at too dear a rate
to place our capital in the hands of persons, unless they
are solvent & have capital, so that in the end we feel
sure no loss will be sustained. on the whole I don't
much like the prospect for making money this year.

I hope you will be able to make some satisfactory
arrangement with Ben Harris. He is a great loss to the
country & would be out of every dollar he owes me
he could. He has tried to do so from the beginning. I
-John will be gone to me for the draft in the end but may
be as well if he will give draft on Wells & Hill for the
other debt with Lightfoot or Horton endorses to tell them
but I would not expect on the whole for at the end of the
time I should have to see him. I would rather do it at once
He has bought a plantation in Louisiana for \$20,000. This
-Another lot may be paid \$10,000 in cash.

Monday 30th

I kept this open with the hope that I could report
to you the Surgeon division of our letter came today, but
there was no boat. They are preparing Christmas heli-
-days. I expect to leave for Jackson and to enclose
with Mr Richardson's one who has been here for several
days. I presume it will be two or three weeks before I be-
-take this by that time we shall begin to hear from James & Henry again.

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Dick & Hill
Donegan, James J.

Harris, Ben
Horton,

Lightfoot,
Richardson,

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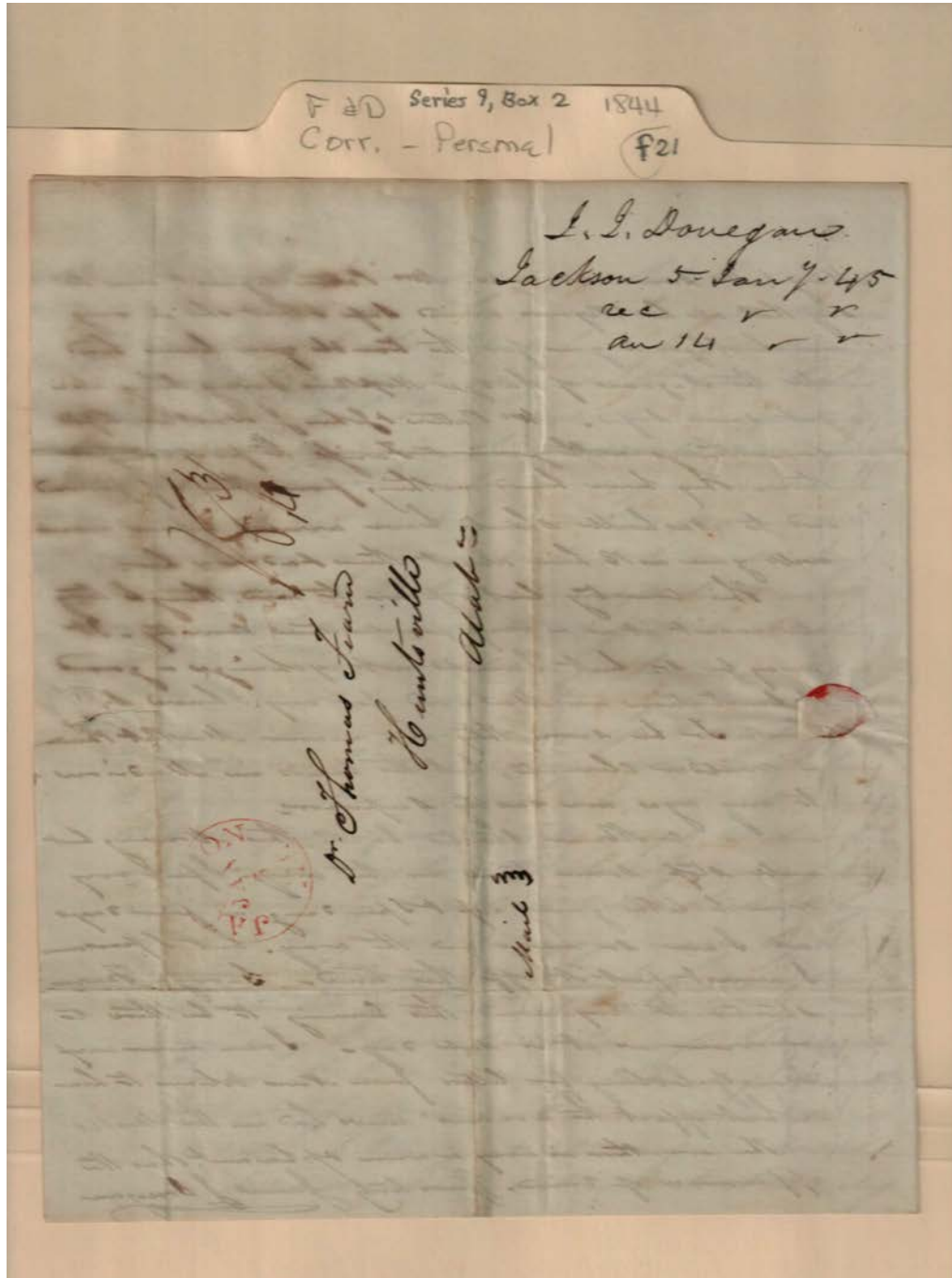
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Jackson Miss. January 5th 1844

D. Doxter

I arrived here on Friday night & on yesterday made my respects to the several persons with whom we have business intercourse. Now as our New Orleans the business men are complaining, too our Merchants & you for the times, all who have traded Cotton have lost money by it, though I believe not enough to do them injury, as five of them have lost very much. But friends W & F have done pretty well they have sold a good many goods & provisions have collected pretty well, they have shipped already about 1000 Bales of Cotton & they expect to ship as much more. Moore & Wilkinson have shipped enough to pay all they owe but about \$1000 - which I hope they will provide for I think it probable they have sold out their stock to an agent for their Eastern creditors, I am sure too they were in treaty with him last night & were determined to sell us they found themselves unable to pay for their stock. Langley made his engagements. He will Ross & Patton we have two acts due by Merchants being in Hillsborough Scott County who owe us one about \$1000 & the other 500 if I find they have Cotton I am sending it forward now, but have not been able to ascertain whether to us or not. If I had an idea of going to see them it is about 50 miles from here in Scott County. & will do so if my

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Langley,

Moore & Wilkinson
Richardson & Fearn

Ross & Patton

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he will permit to be sent satisfied that the letter is
going forward to me. I have not been able to satis-
fy myself about the matter has info yet. He owes
me about 5000 after crediting all the letters I has
shipped. He says he has 100 Bales that he expects to
forward in a few days, this at 420.00 per Bale would
be worth it to 42000.00 He has some goods don't know
how much but can't be more than 4200 to 1500.00
after reflecting a good deal about the matter, my
conclusion is, the best plan will be to work
along with him until the end of the season the
best way we can trust let him get his own debt
there he is at present in this way we can ship
his own goods to carry on his own risk, that is to receive
an cotton has he sends forward letters don't him
the value of it, or as much as he needs, not receiving
the value of it. If we were to attempt to close him
up now we may lose the whole, by pursuing this
course we may be able to secure the Debt by
the end of the season. He enjoys a very high
reputation for integrity by reason of his disposition to
but I doubt if he is not too visionary and
confiding to do - credit has info. I will do
however the best I can to get it out of it with
the best hope. It was - had consigned to the it
all & all. I have just returned from Mr. Hobson
a state out of hand. Met with Mrs. Patton. Miss

Names:

Hobson,

Patton, Mrs.

Shackelford,

Places:

Jackson, MS

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I don't know how long John & Maria has, if he is
 probably in with it, but I don't know

My letter to Mrs. Swan. all well. Mrs. Patton requests me to
 say that all the St. Johns arrived safe & that she is very
 much obliged to you for the trouble you have been
 all the St. Johns of La. & the St. Johns & every thing else
 got over safe. Mrs. Patton & John & Walker left
 some things with friend & I wish to forward for
 them. They have heard nothing from them & I fear
 - and to Washville should have arrived before now
 will you write him about them & advise him.

This country looks fine to me, though they
 all insist it is a very productive country. It
 may be so, but I would not exchange - good
 plantations in Maryland for any I could see
 here. To be sure they are more beautiful than
 - milder climate, but the lands in Maryland
 to my eyes are vastly superior.

Mr. Stone started back this morning but
 made stop some time on the way. I feel very
 much like going up to Spang - four days
 as I am so near on the way, but I presume
 I must put it off this time. George Fearn
 started to Raymond this morning to be there to
 receive us it is but 2 days. I am now very
 anxiously looking for letters from Mrs. Swan to know
 what effect the "accident" news had on the children.

The weather is very warm & pleasant - has the
 appearance of rain. Yours truly James J. Donegan

Names:

Donegan, James J.
 Fariss, Dr.

Fearn, George
 Hopkins, Judge

Patton, Mrs.
 Swan, Mary, Miss

Swan, Mrs.
 Walker, John J.

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