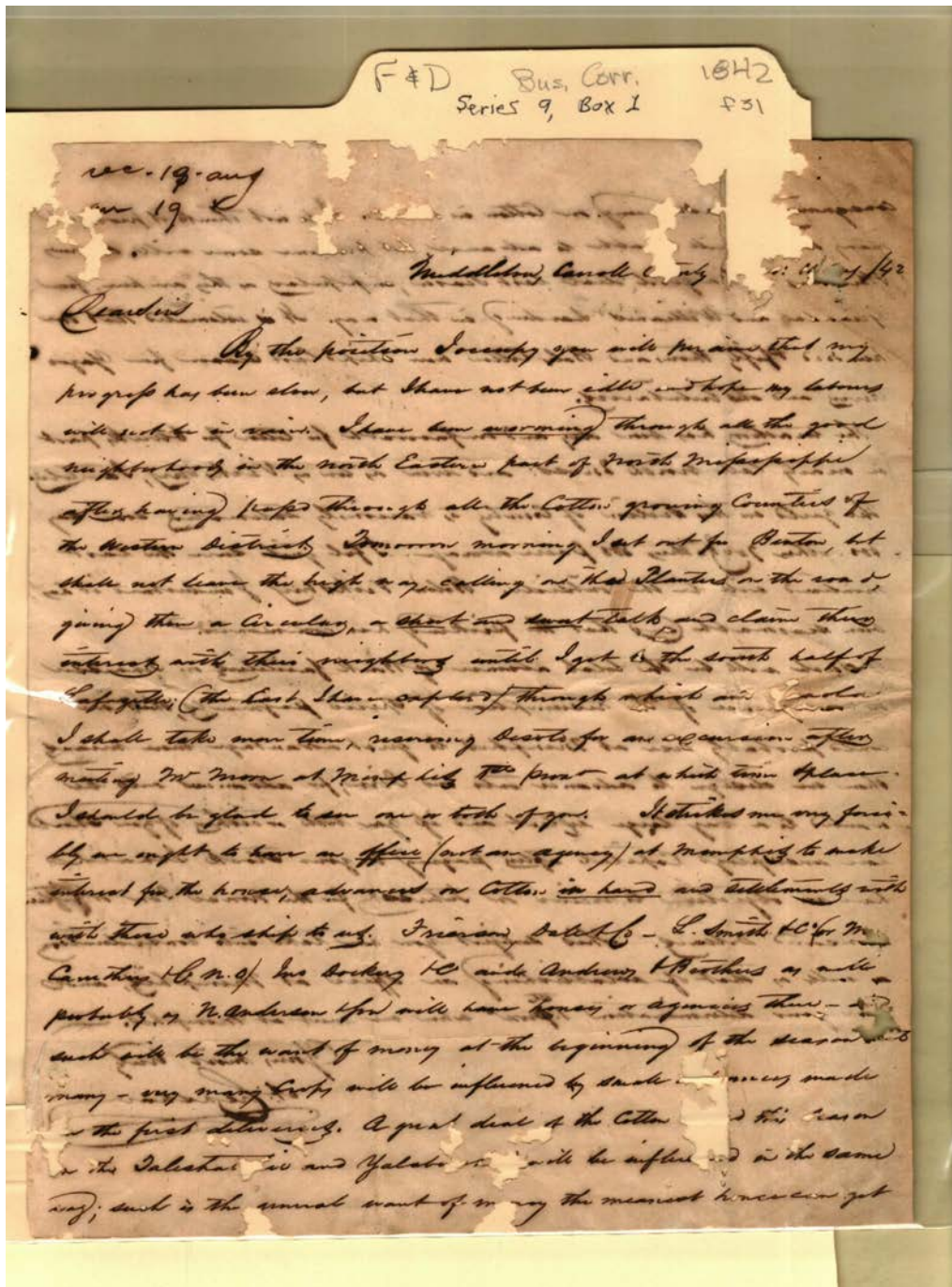


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Andrews & Brothers

Dockery, John & Co.  
Friarson, Dale & Co.

Smith, L. & Co.

**Places:**

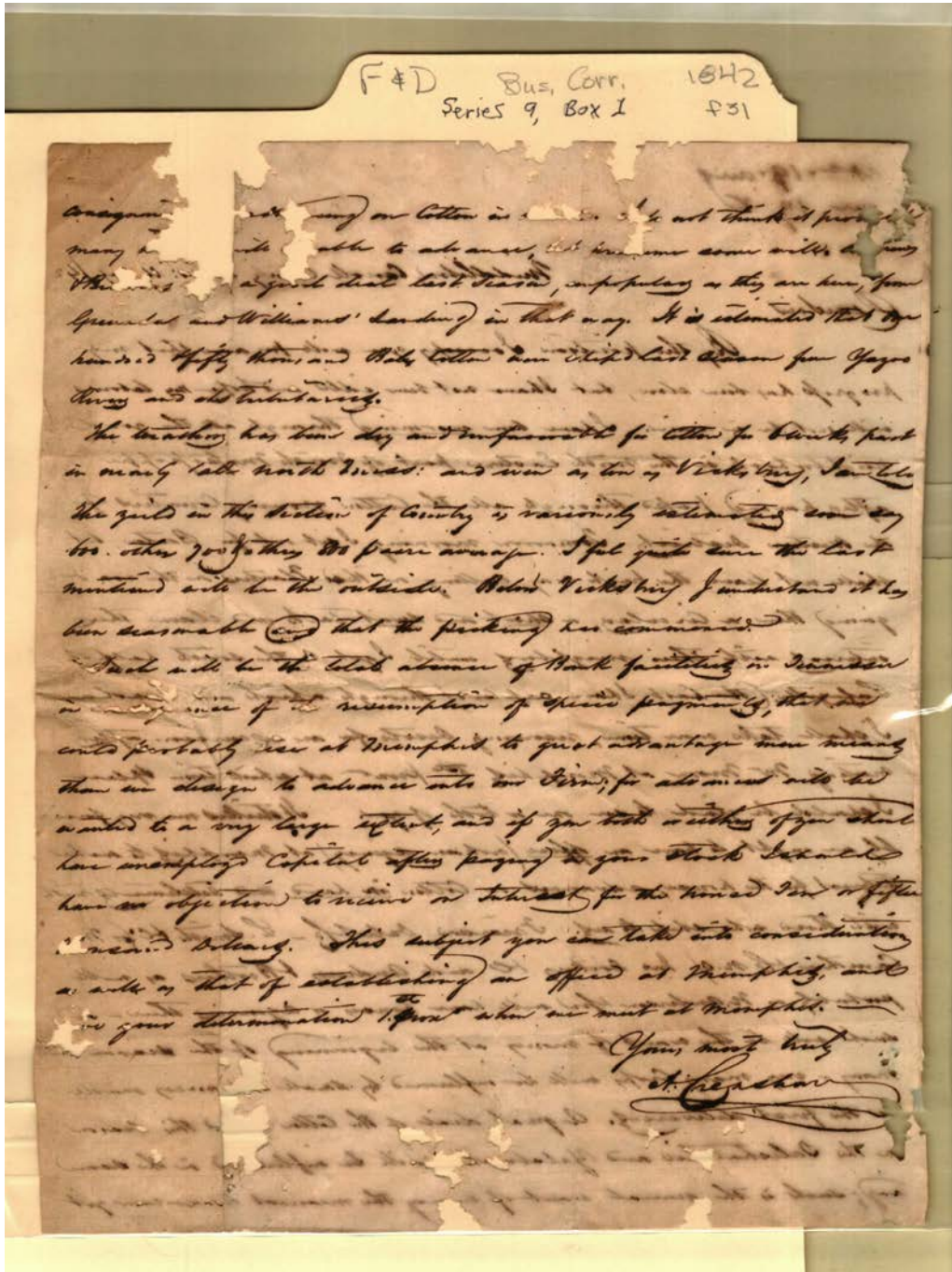
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Co., MS

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

August 1842



**Names:**

Crenshaw, A.

Williams, Landing

**Places:**

Middleton, Carroll  
Co., MS

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

August 1842

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Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Thomas

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Middleton, Carroll  
Co., MS

**Types:**

correspondence

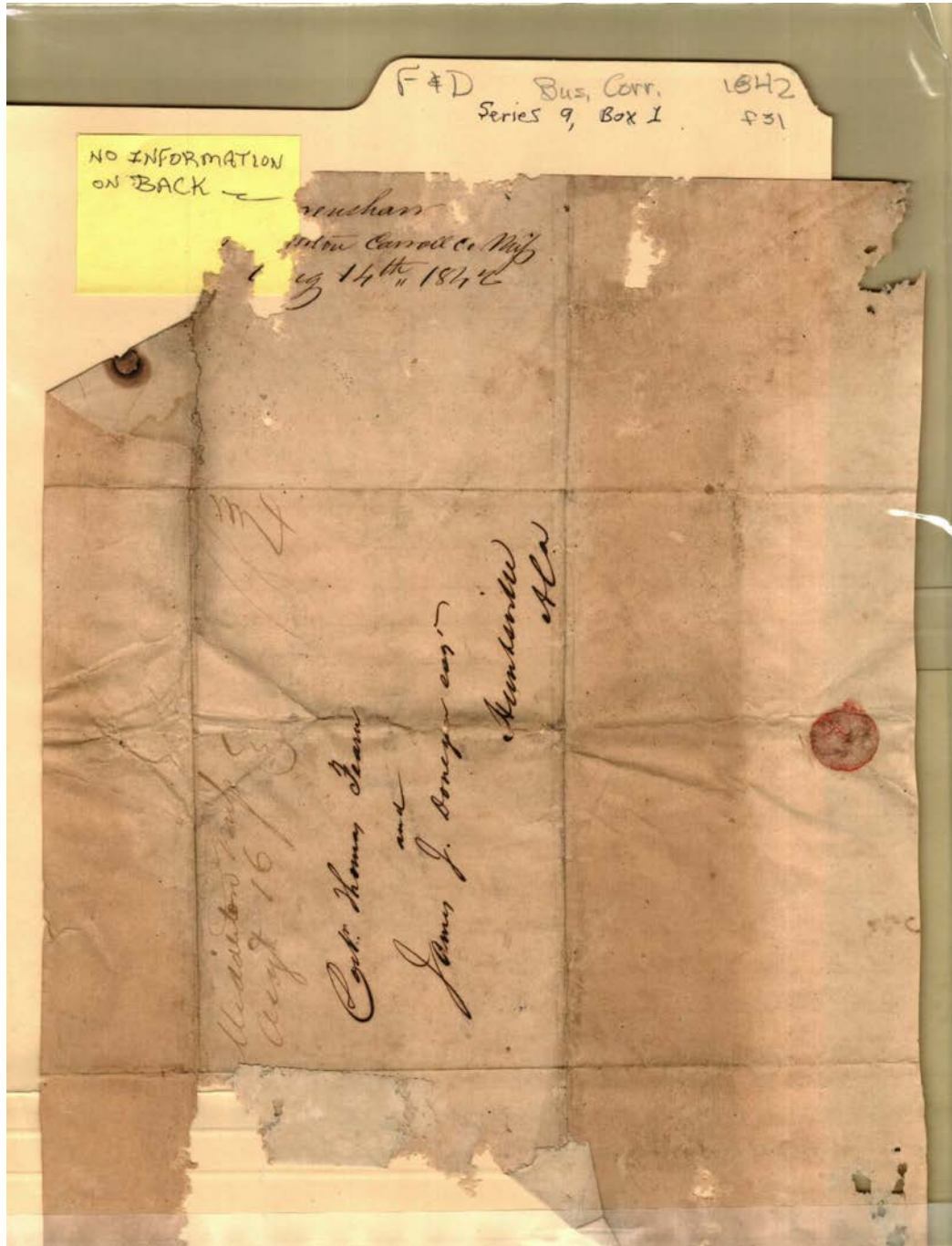
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Donegan, James J.

Fearn, Thomas

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Middleton, Carroll  
Co., MS

**Types:**

correspondence

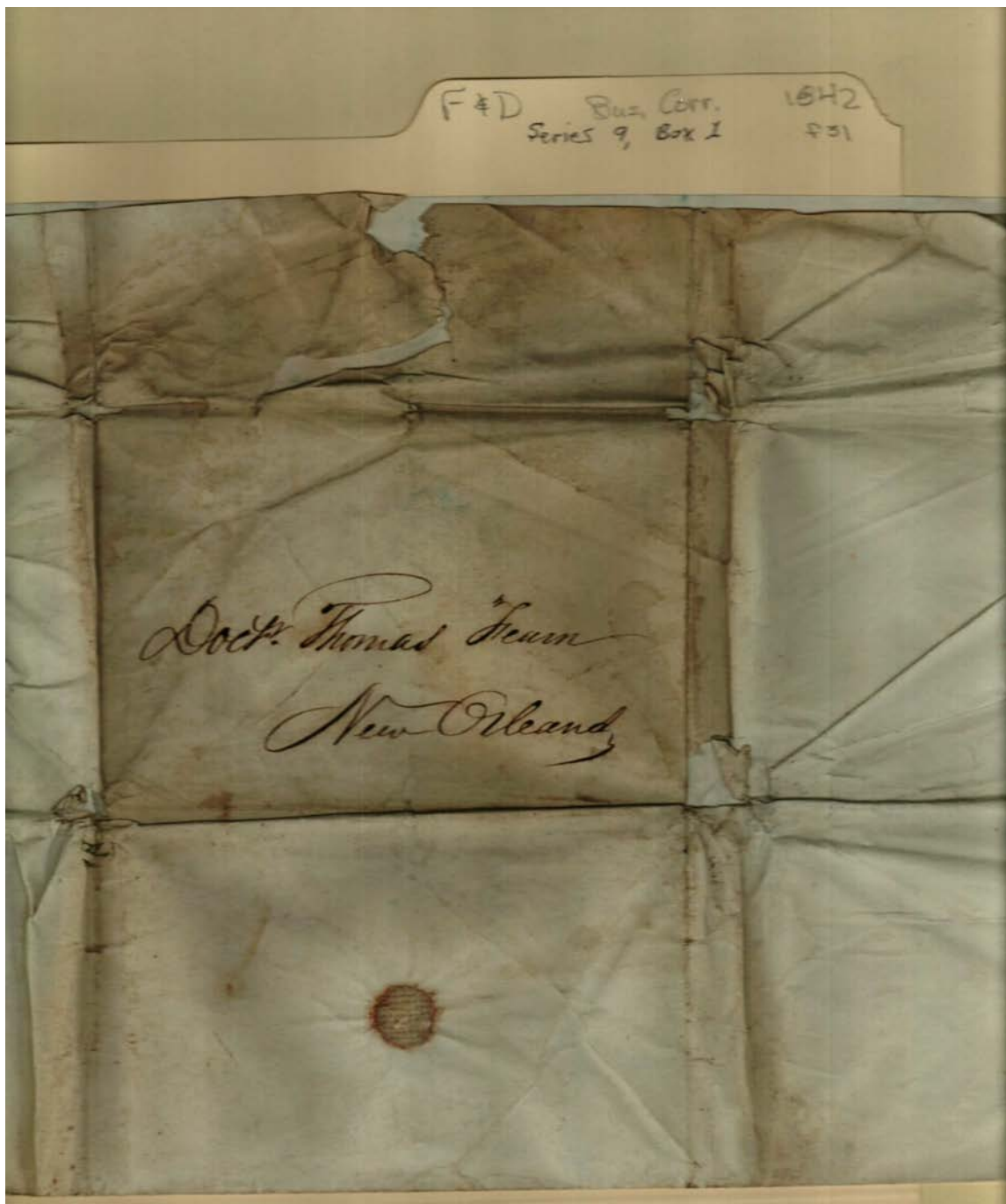
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**Names:**

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

address

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Huntsville 22<sup>d</sup> Dec 1842

Wrote, Thomas Fearn  
New Orleans

Dear Sir,

Enclosed  
I hand you all the correspondence,  
or rather copies of all my letters to  
Jas. C. Wilcox Esq. on the subject of  
the acceptance of Wilcox Anderson &  
Co. Geo. Fearn's Bill; with all statements  
he has heretofore furnished, both to Peter  
Anderson Esq. and to Mr. Wilcox.

With these statements before you,  
and in view of all the information  
you may obtain touching the matter  
in your city, I hereby authorize you to  
make the very best promise you can  
so as not to obtain less than one  
thousand dollars for the whole claim,  
in time to pay in part my Bill held  
by your old firm, in liquidation of  
Benjamin & Patterson's Bill. I shall be pleas-  
ed to hear from you on this subject  
at your earliest convenience. Yours truly  
G. M. Fearn

**Names:**

Anderson, Peter  
Fearn, George  
Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Lowe, B. M.  
Patteson, Benjamin

Wilcox, Anderson &  
Co.  
Wilcox, Jacob

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Dec 28, 1842

F&D Bus. Corr. 1842  
Series 9, Box 1 F51

at New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1843  
Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your  
kind letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> ult. in relation to the  
loan of \$1000 to Mr. Willcox in the street  
- I am informed since that he had authority from you  
- to enter a compromise & settle of our claim against  
him on liberal terms; and would be pleased  
- to see him, at our counting room - as I was  
- too lame to move about - at as early a day  
- as he could find convenient - since then  
- I have neither seen or heard of him.

In conversation with P. Anderson Esq.  
he almost ridiculed the idea of my doing  
- any thing, at this time, with Willcox - says  
- he knows he has no money - I think  
- proper to give you this information at once,  
- that you may make other arrangements,  
- so as not to disappoint L. H. D. by relying  
- on this source, for the means of paying

**Names:**

Anderson, P.

Lockhart, Fearn &  
Donegan

Lowe, B. M., Gen'l  
Willcox,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

May 2, 1843

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Series 9, Box 1      F31

Your bills held by them. I shall in the  
 mean time spare no effort to succeed  
 with Willcox. It may be well to advise  
 you that I expect to leave here the last  
 of this or first of next month to take a  
 jaeger of a few weeks at the Hot-  
 springs of Ark. before I return home.  
 So that you may transfer the authority  
 given me to some other person, if you  
 think proper. Very truly yours  
 Thos Fearn

**Names:**

Fearn, Thomas

Willcox,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

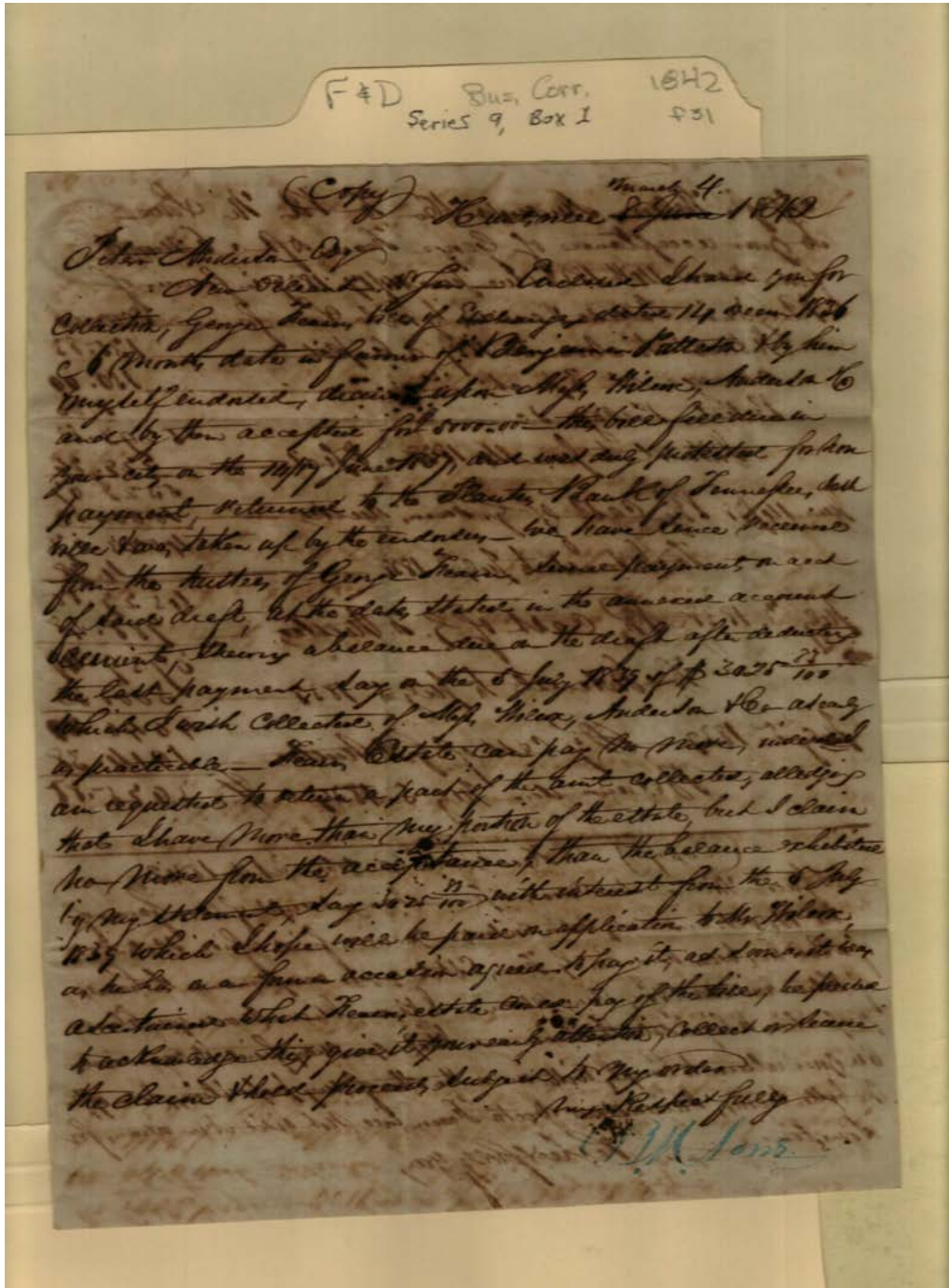
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**Dates:**

May 2, 1843





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Anderson, John  
Fearn, George

Lowe, B. M.  
Patteson, Benjamin

Wilcox, Anderson &  
Co.

**Places:**

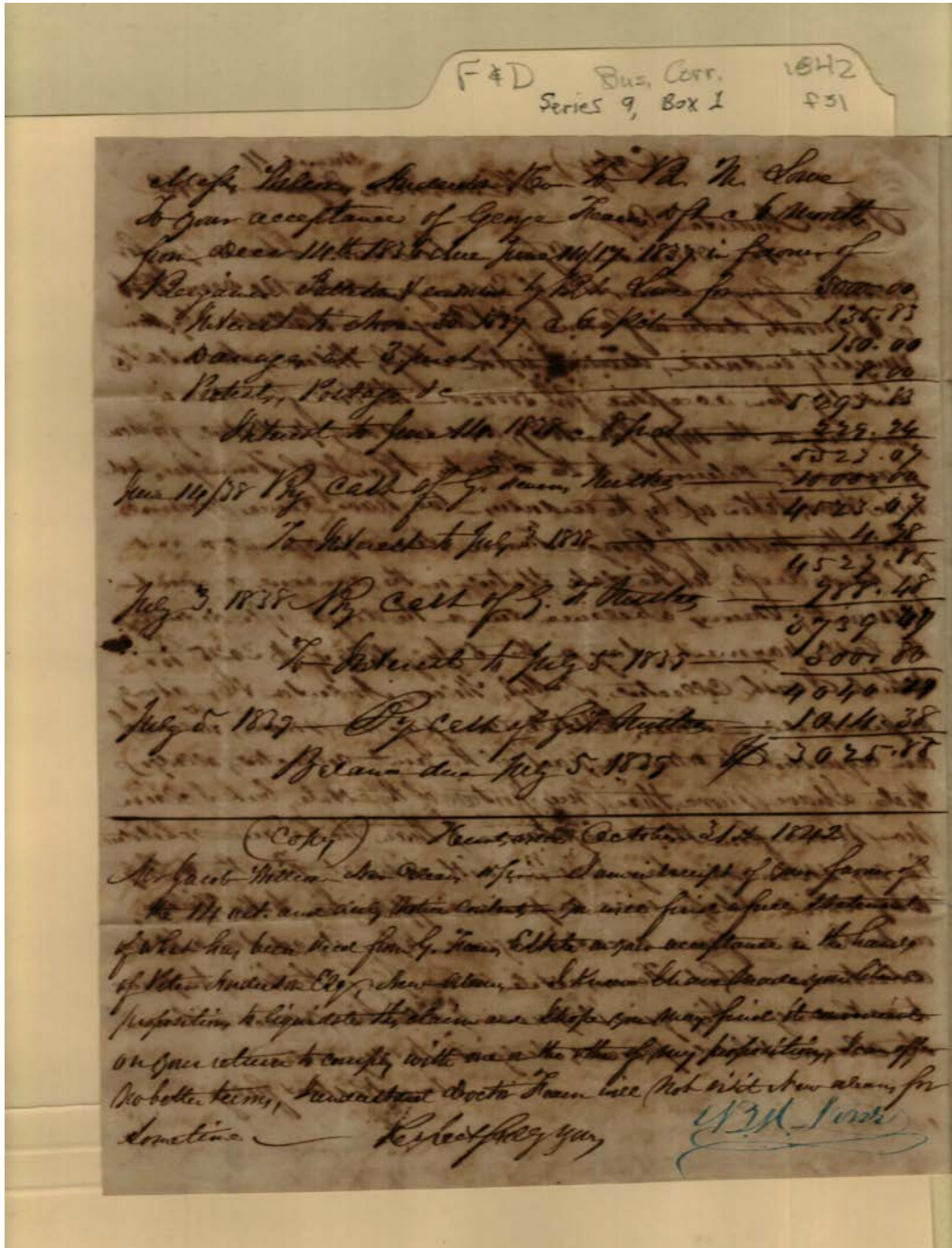
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**Dates:**

June 1, 1842



**Names:**

Fearn, George  
 Lowe, B. M.

Patteson, Benjamin

Wilcox, Anderson &  
 Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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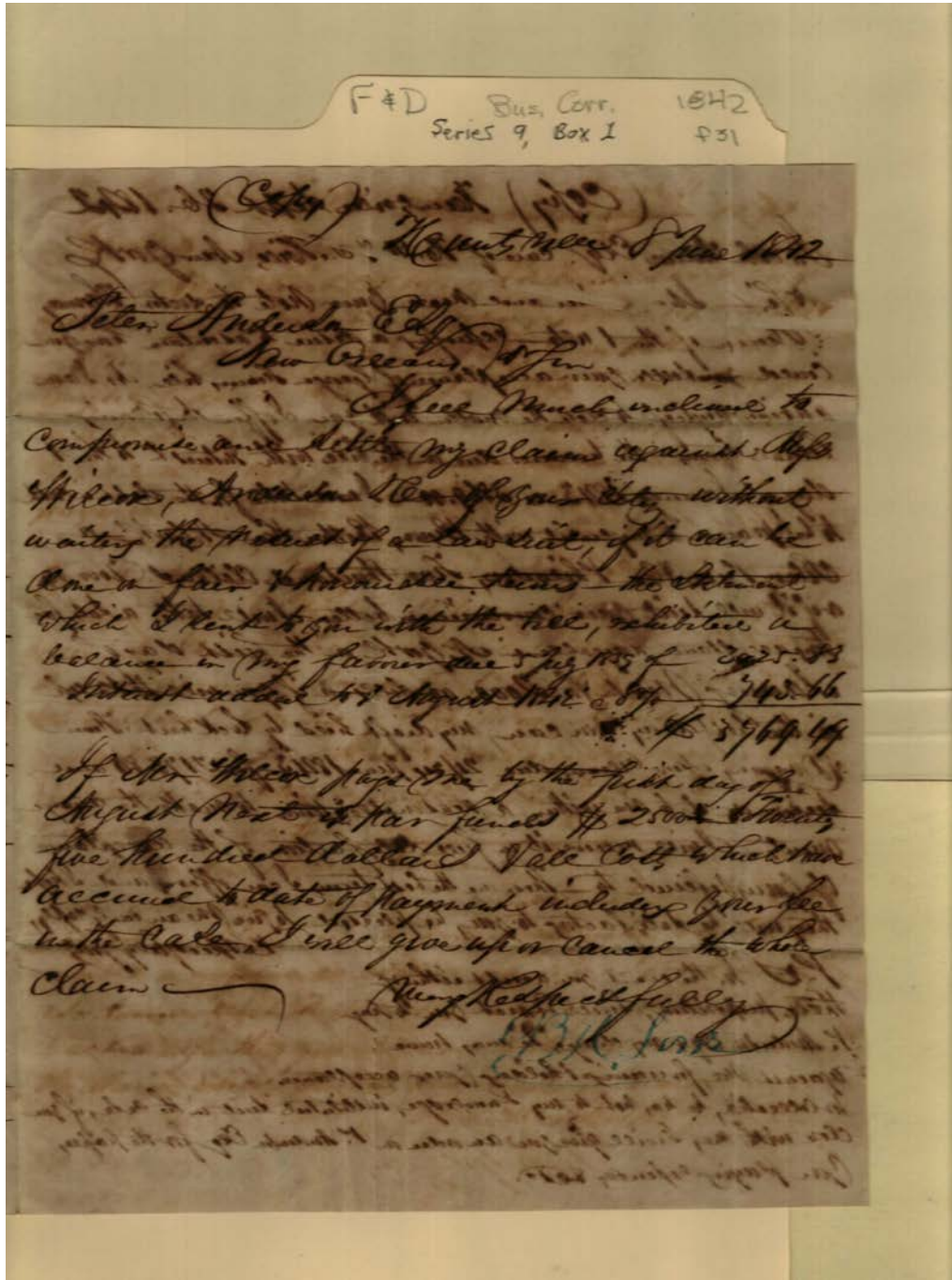
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**Names:**

Anderson, Peter  
Lowe, B. M.

Wilcox,

Wilcox, Anderson &  
Co.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

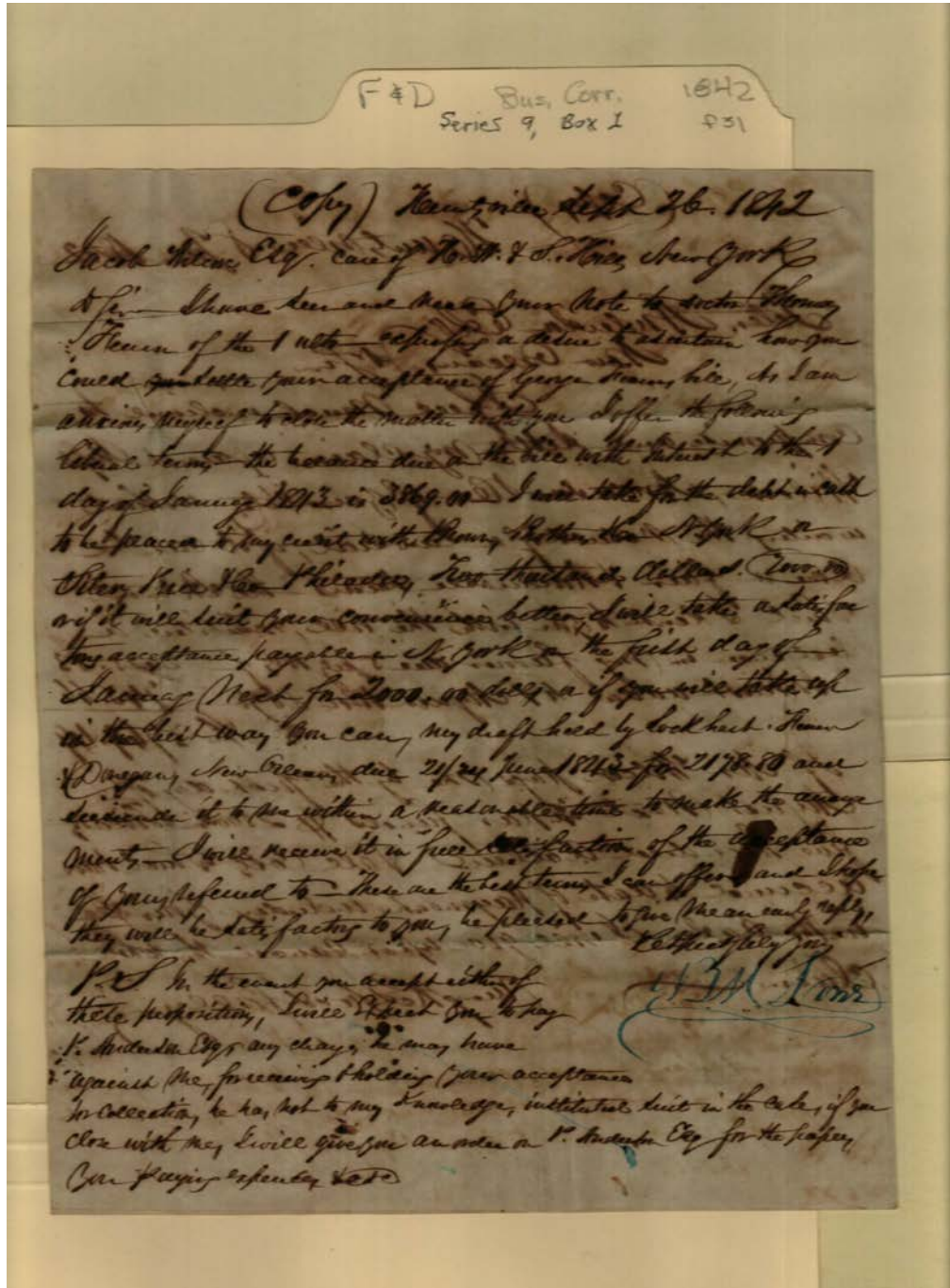
New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

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**Dates:**

June 8, 1842



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**Names:**

Anderson, P.  
Fearn, George

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Lockhart, Fearn &  
Donegan

Lowe, B. M.  
Wilcox, Jacob

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New York, NY

**Types:**

correspondence

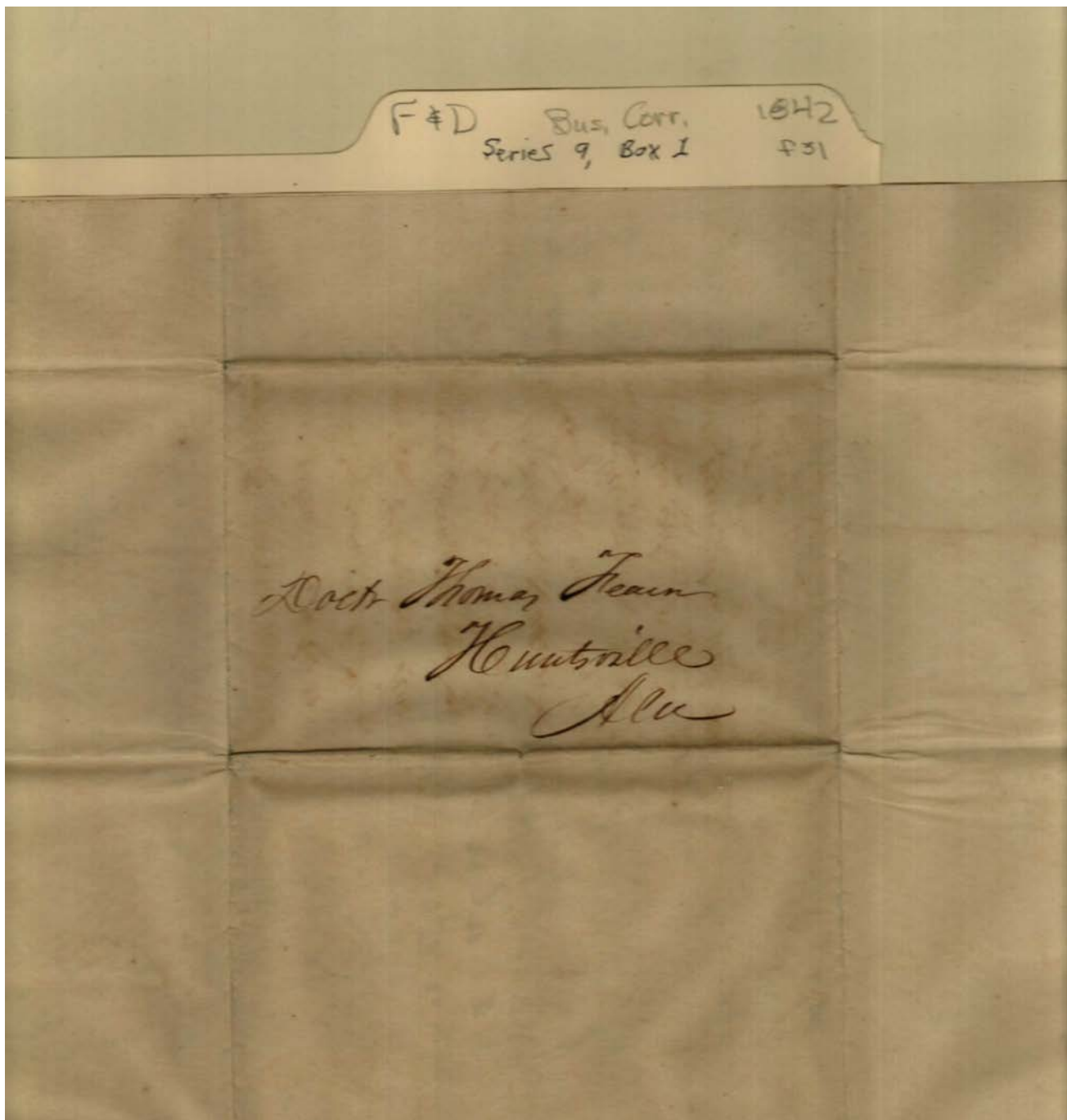
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Sept 26, 1842

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**Names:**

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

correspondence

F&D Bus. Corr. 1842  
Series 9, Box 1 431

Huntsville 13<sup>th</sup> April 1843

Dr. Thomas Fearn  
Dear Sir,

Referring to my  
reports of the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec last, giving  
you full power to compromise my  
claim now in judgment against  
Jacob Wilcox Esq, which I now con-  
firm, I beg to add that Benj<sup>n</sup> Patton  
authorizes me that he will release  
him from one half of his liability  
on a \$1300 taken up at the  
Decatur, by J. J. Pleasants & B. Patton,  
this Bill was predicated on a letter  
of credit granted to Geo. Fearn Esq, &  
filed at the Decatur Bank.

The claim in judgment now against  
Mr Wilcox is about \$500, and all  
I ask him to do in view of all his li-  
abilities to Genl Patton myself,  
is to pay my Bill to your old store  
due with subs for \$2178.80, and the  
cost of the suit including Peter  
Andersons fees, - accomplish this, near  
on all settlement, and I will be ever your  
obedient Servant  
J. J. Pleasants

**Names:**

Anderson, Peter  
Fearn, George

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.  
Lowe, B. M.

Patteson, Benjamin  
Patton, B.

Pleasants, J. J.  
Wilcox, Jacob

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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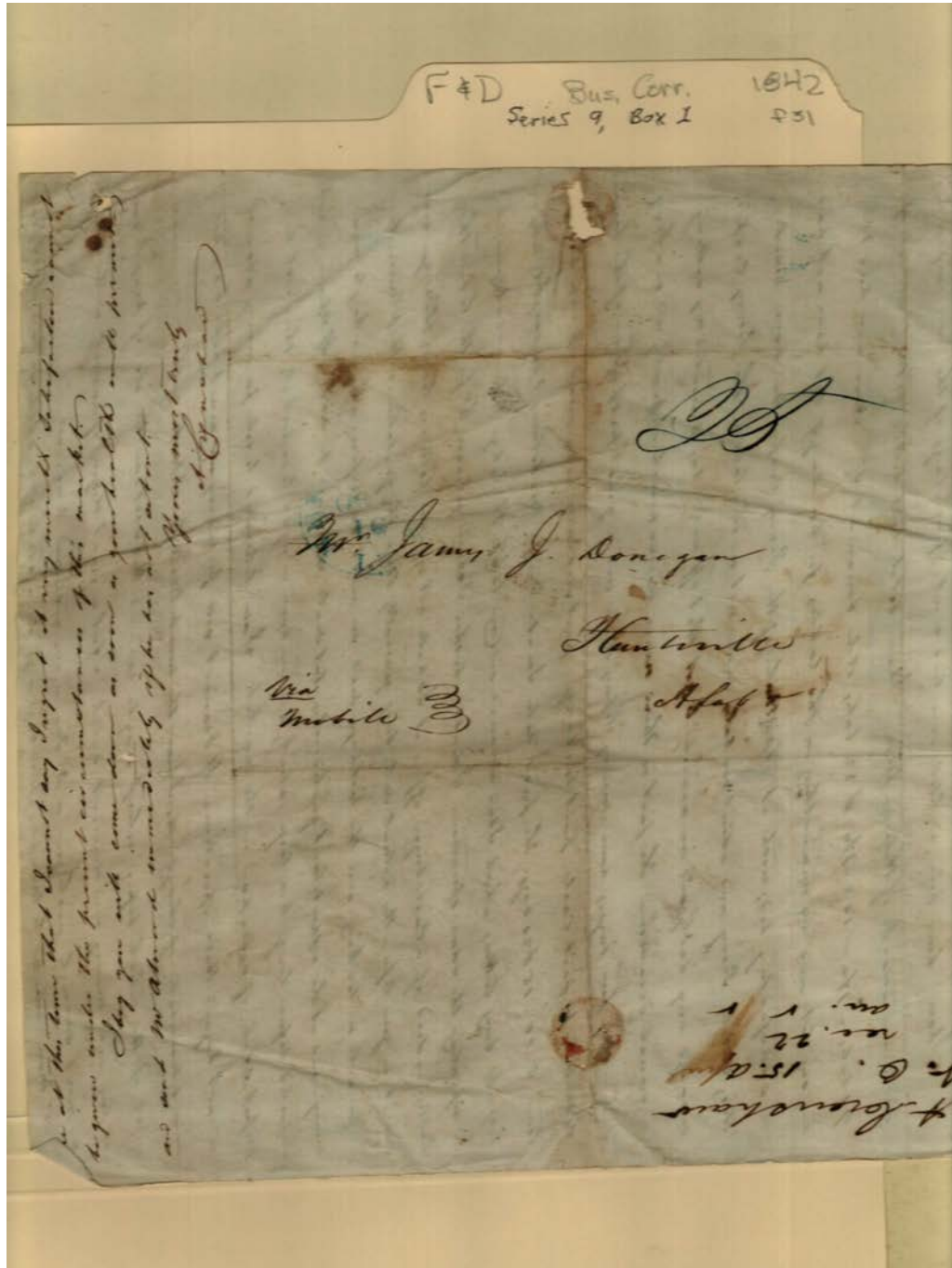
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**Names:**

Crenshaw, A.

Donegan, James J.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

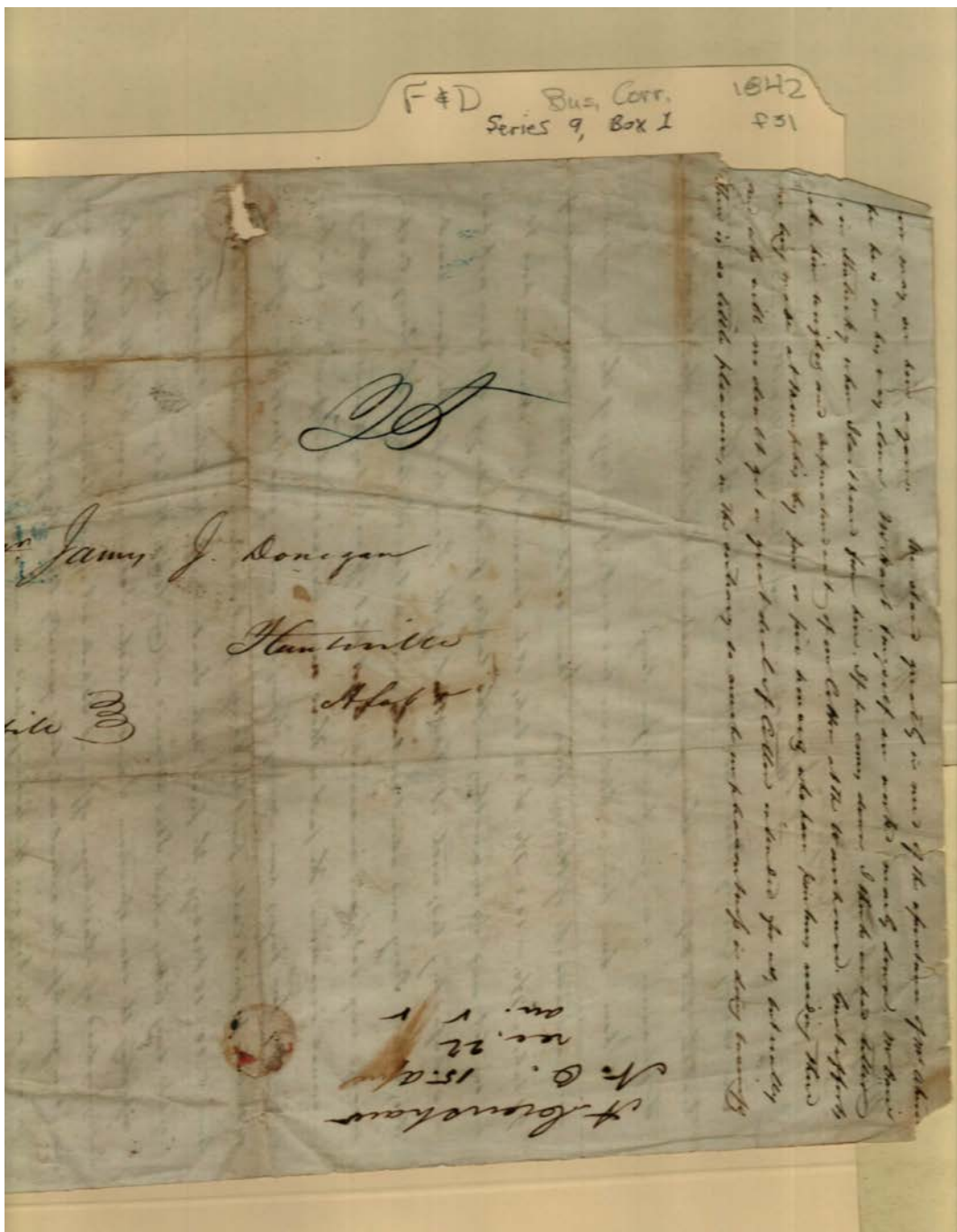
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**Names:**

Crenshaw, A.

Donegan, James J.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence



New Orleans 15 October 1844.

Mr James J Donegan

Dear Sir

This day recd your favor of 24 ult<sup>o</sup> directed to Messrs  
 Sen Shelby County Tenn and am sorry to hear of the bad state of your  
 health, but hope as that you are restored to health and that I shall have  
 the pleasure to see you here before long.

I have been here a little over two weeks, four days of the time consumed  
 with an attack of Malaria fever. I have sold but little Cotton - one lot of  
 96 bales @ 7/4 - 108 @ 7/4 & 32 bales old Louisiana @ 5/4. Have now had 215  
 in my lot and 64 in another on the table for two days but have not had  
 a satisfactory bid; with it 100 bales of the Percy Crop for which I have  
 this, 66 bales Percy and about 400 bales more not on the table. The Percy Crop  
 engaged very badly and an anxiety to get that off will has prevented my selling  
 on several occasions. The fact is there never was so much difficulty in making  
 sales - very few buyers have money left over and a great proportion of the business  
 done here for part Cash - part Exchange - part Treasury notes, mixed up with  
 time 5 - 10 - 15 days long. The first sale I made was for Nicholsons 120000 lbs of  
 12/10 being Cotton, which I had advanced on (and took the 1/2% to be paid at Memphis  
 in repeating the same operation. I don't whether I shall get over 6/4 for the lot on the  
 table; indeed if a Cash buyer offers it I shall not refuse. Cotton is lower than you ever  
 saw it in your life - the actual sales being generally below the quotations with pleasure to  
 the buyers and the Exchange had so what sacrifices are making to secure

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**Names:**

Crenshaw, A.

Donegan, James J.

Nicholson,

Percy,

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

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 Series 9, Box 1  
 F&D

I have been here a little over two weeks, four days of the same week  
 with an attack of Rheumatism. I have sold but little Cotton - one lot of  
 7 1/2 bales, 2 1/4 - 10 1/2 - 7 1/4 & 32 bales, old to mean at 5¢. Have now had 315  
 in my lot and 64 in another on the tables for ten days but have not had  
 a satisfactory bid; with it that of the Percy Cask. You have besides  
 this, 60 bales Percy and about 400 bales more not on the tables. The Percy Cask is  
 engaged very badly and an anxiety to get that off will be prevented my selling  
 on several occasions. The fact is there never was so much difficulty in making  
 sales - very few buyers have money to pay down and a great proportion of the business  
 have been for part Cash - part Exchange - part Treasury notes, most of which  
 time 5 - 10 - 15 days. The first sale I made was for New Orleans 1 day's sight  
 24 1/2 bales being Cotton, which I had advanced on and took the 1/2% to be used at Memphis  
 in repeating the same operation. I don't whether I shall get over 6¢ for the lot on the  
 tables; indeed if a Cash buyer offers it I shall not refuse. Cotton is lower than you  
 saw it in your life - the actual sales being generally below the quotations with the exception  
 You will be looking over the Exchange and see what sacrifices are making to raise  
 money - and at the other hand quoted rates, but small sums can be sold. If specie is not  
 imported before long to a large extent, and we have a right to expect it, there will be  
 perfect state of collapse in the market. I am determined to sell for money alone  
 and not hazard these operations. If I cannot sell for money we must hold & hope  
 for a better state of things, tho' I fear the market will be supplied with an immense  
 cargo of the article before relief may be expected. But what can we do - if people can  
 not buy with money we cannot sell. I feel a great degree of anxiety on this point  
 and most sincerely wish you or Dr. Fearn was with me to advise.  
 Mr. Moon returned to Memphis, four days ago in a state of health so bad that I fear

**Names:**

Fearn, Dr.

Moon,

Nicholson,

Percy,

**Places:**

New Orleans, LA

**Types:**

correspondence

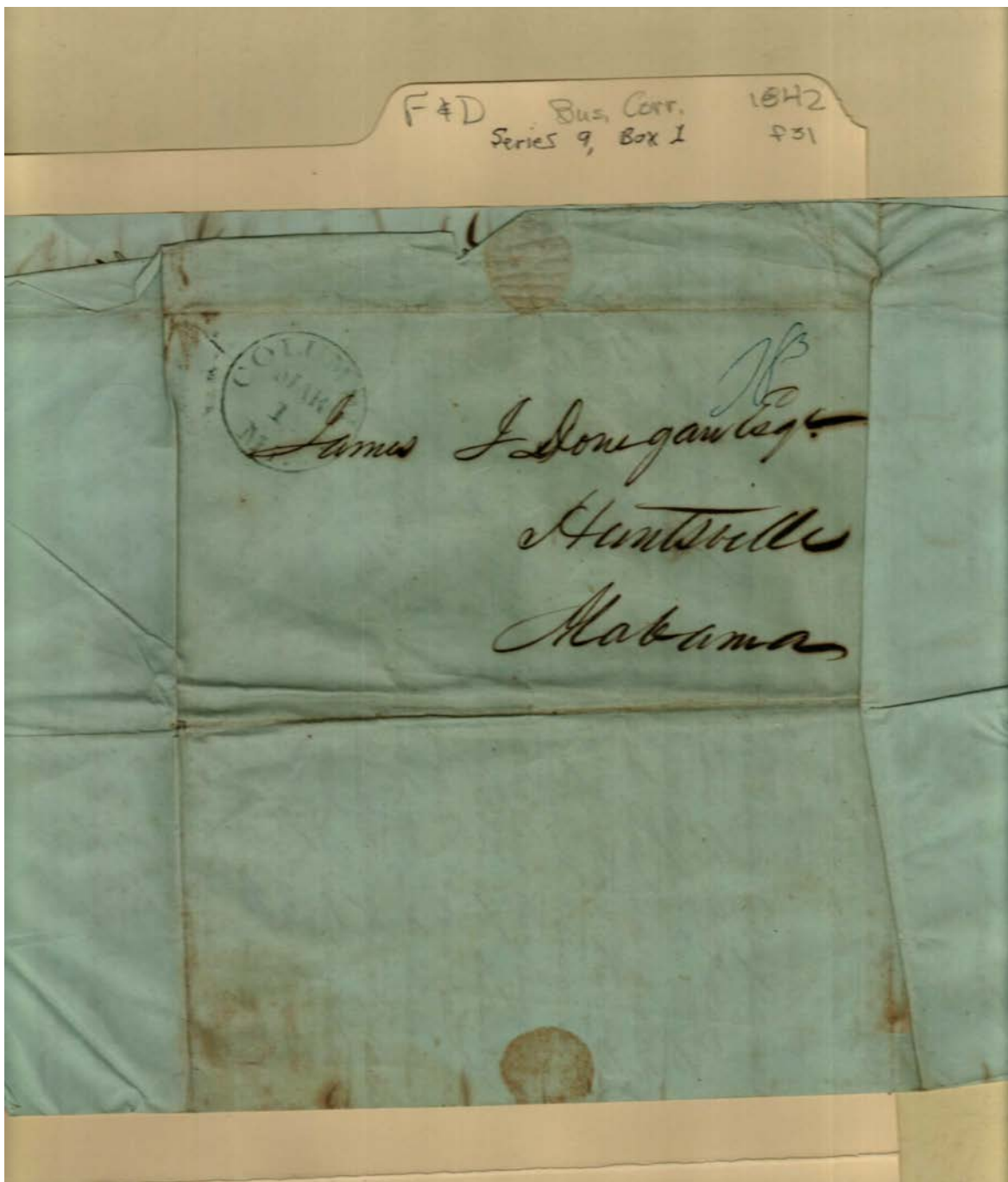
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**Names:**

Donegan, James J.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

address



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will be coming on his share - the said has  
 no his full portion of said, and in addition  
 to the surplus he is advanced as much as any  
 other member of the company & at an earlier  
 date -  
 with regard to the I wish only claim or other  
 matters I know I am Mr Harris, Mr Evans  
 is not here at this time but I understand  
 has been engaged in the case -  
 Harris in unknown I have been Confirmed  
 states that such as the state of affairs  
 that nothing can be done except by suit  
 in Chancery, to do which certain facts  
 & for motions are necessary, that the plain-  
 tiff or some one for him must attend to  
 getting - he seems to be satisfied the property  
 was all sold, nothing could be made by  
 suing the Secretary - the said was bought  
 by Mr Withers of Tuscaloosa & since  
 sold to Judge Asha & all other of that place  
 I would advise you to get Judge Martin  
 to take the matter in hand, if any body  
 can make you money he will -  
 I would have told you sooner, but am hardly  
 able now to get up after the hardest of  
 sickness I am here.

Very Respectfully  
 Rufin Coleman

**Names:**

Coleman, Rufin  
 Evans,

Lockhart,

Martin, Joshua S.,  
 Judge

Mason, Mrs.  
 Withers,

**Places:**

Tuscaloosa, AL

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Feb 28, 1842

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