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Couper Family Papers, 1775-1960

Family papers of the Couper family of St. Simons Island, Ga. Includes Correspondence, Land Grants and Deeds, Genealogical material, Newspapers, Photographs and miscellaneous material.

The family was of the planter class and owned two plantations in Glynn^{Co.} where they were quite prominent in politics and social life around the area. Of special note is a member of the class of 1812 from Yale College at the time of their reunion in 1839.

Families included in the genealogical section are Couper, Laird, Wyly, Armstrong, Bailey and Baldwin.

Correspondence is to and from family members and friends in the early years. After the 1830s the correspondence is to the descendants concerning the ancestors of the family.

Inventory precedes collection.

Approximately 150 items.

See Card Catalogue for earlier papers of this family.

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COUPER FAMILY PAPERS, 1775-1960

1. Correspondence, 1775-1960-- Letters between family members concerning events of interest at that time. After 1930 the letters concern genealogy of the various families descended from the Coupers. Included are some cemetery records and family pedigrees.

2. ~~Legal Papers, 1799-1885---~~
Land Grant, Glynn Co. Aug. 14, 1799.
Memorandum Agreement April 10, 1801 between Hampton McIntosh and John McIntosh
Indenture, Glynn Co. Jan. 1, 1827.
Memorandum Agreement March 1, 1838, James M. Couper and B.W. Corbin.
Complaint of John Couper vs. George Wilson et al. November 1840.
Memorandum Agreement Dec. 19, 1845, James M. Couper and B.W. Corbin.
3. Photograph of the Couper Family n.d.
4. Newsclippings of Obituaries of members of the family.
5. Genealogical material on the Couper, Laird, Wylly, Armstrong, Bailey and Baldwin Families. These include pedigrees and cemetery records.
6. Miscellaneous Papers--- Extracts from the proceedings of the President and Assistants in Council assembled for the Colony of Georgia July 24, 1749.

Reminiscences of R.R. Ward concerning a trip from Brunswick to New York, Aug. 1839.

Reunion of Class of 1812, Yale College Held Aug. 1839.

Certificate of American Ethnological Society Nov. 14, 1842.

Tribute of Respect at death of Hamilton Couper November 12, 1861.

Report of the Trustees of the College of Charleston Nov. 22, 1861.

Invitation to Funeral of Matilda Wylly Couper Sept. 28, 1868.

Miscellaneous Tax Assessment on the Property of the Coupers during and After the War.

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your mother's name is the only one I know of teaching the
 children of my mother I like her very much she has a very good
 Coxhead and as you will be able to see by the account of
 York then Mr. White he has one of the best of the best in the East of
 the world he seems to think it his duty to be accompanied by his wife
 he would be obliged to stay in the East Indies when he is there or to return again in
 the same way as he pleases Mr. Dyer is at home and very contented as also Mr. Kelly and
 Mrs. Kelly are preparing to make a long visit of absence & it is thought that they will
 to Mr. Mackay among the friends of Mr. Dyer your mother hopes her health greatly will
 some time about the change of weather her health will give warning of this change as
 it is to do, I am very well as to my health but we are not at all
 London I am glad to get into the Army as an Ensign in a fine Regiment raised by the
 City of Glasgow called the Glasgow Volunteers & I am present in the health conveying the
 soldier called Mr. Dyer I like him very much he is a very good man & I am sure as
 a person on board of a private ship out from Leamington the ship Mr. Dyer
 is well prepared for compliments to you & has your proposals much at heart
 General Hall in Park Hill is very anxious about her son with whom she
 has the no letters for a long time he went to New York & was dead to a great number
 of his friends in that City Mr. Donaldson's name is also in your letter & I like
 Mr. Donaldson of Carlisle he is a very good man the black had intended to send
 paper about the letters of Mr. Dyer's health on long paper Mr. Donaldson's
 has been near 3 years in a long bad state of health nor is there any likelihood of
 his recovery if it is a great deal better than you see his best requests to me
 should I tell him that I am much obliged to him for his kindness to you all the
 service I can do to him in return is only when I meet his Partner in Glasgow to
 settle it for him against them upon the best knowledge I have of the affair between
 him & them if I have more of the circumstances of that concern I imagine I could
 say more in Mr. Donaldson's favour, some that I know of in this country take his
 part & say I am sure all others should be prejudiced against him but they
 now about to deal for the day as I understand with bringing him only to inquire into
 the concerns of the Company & that is all I can say at present I am sure the
 Circumstances of the concern should not be put in the way to be decided upon
 without some further notice in the name of Mr. Mackay with you for that I think and I
 does it hold at all in your mind? I am glad to hear you will be with at present
 I expect some more letters will come from you in 1775 I am sure that
 sale of money comes to your hand I like you very much & I am sure you

Your affectionate Father
 J. Simpson

MS. A. 1. 1775

Lothwinnoch 22nd of June 1778

Jackie

Upon the 20th ult. I wrote you, & sent the Packet to London by the
common Course of post to go for London by the Packet for St. Aug: I inform you
that I was hazled to write you every month by the Packet which has been informed
from London about the beginning of every month for St. Aug: If you find the
Letters I send by this Conveyance comes well to you - Read at your leisure & shall
continue to send them this way, but if they are not well to hand it would be well to
continue to send them by the common Course of post.

As about the 20th ult. I wrote you, I think I would be well to send you
at St. Aug: only it were in a Ship which I think I would be well to send you
first to go to New York or Philadelphia, & after that to London at the end of the other of
these places (as New York or Philadelphia) to go also to St. Aug: If you or I could
have a passage by New York or Philadelphia, I would be well to send you a man
with like care to have them sent to you at St. Aug: if you could send me
some quantity of some things, which as would make it well to send goods to you,
I would be well to send you some quantity of my curious Lanes and Jewels.

But further to show you that I wish to purchase you as far as I can of you and
as far as I can do it best, I must tell you that upon the 10th ult. I was told
that Mr. Buchanan Senior in this place, the then Commodore that he had
heard the Captain of the ship which was to sail in
about a month for New York, if the cargo was not disposed of that day, then
to go to St. Aug: to dispose of the remainder of it, & then to sail for New York
I would be well to allow you to put on board of her a few goods for you, & I would
be well to send you a man with like care to have them sent to you at St. Aug: if you could send me
some quantity of some things, which as would make it well to send goods to you,
I would be well to send you some quantity of my curious Lanes and Jewels.

It is constant that I can see my mind, & say something in his Defense, but I can
not be accounted only with you, & I do not know of the question, but I know nothing
of the matter. I have nothing to say in Mr. Buchanan's favor, if he or you
will with things, circumstances of the affair as it stands, & I think I think
this would enable me to say something for him, when I shall have time to do so.

Be more generous than I had, & get me opportunity of my ship, which I think I think
I would be well to allow you to put on board of her a few goods for you, & I would
be well to send you a man with like care to have them sent to you at St. Aug: if you could send me
some quantity of some things, which as would make it well to send goods to you,
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And you will be well to hear of them, or if they should again be heard of
New York for St. Aug: this would be well to send you a man with like care to have them sent to you at St. Aug: if you could send me
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By the post Packet
from London to St
Augustine East Florida
Post No

July
1778

for the year, & was to return to Jamaica upon this day (viz. Monday the 1st of June
this year) and upon his return the Particulars of the Company's affairs to be settled
and after that resolution, it was to be determined about the day a ship is to be
or not, Mr. Bushanger Senior promised to send me a copy as soon as the
determination was made, if there such a ship is ordered upon to be sent to St. Aug.
I shall send long good to try what you can make of them at St. Aug. if you
stay there and indeed it is necessary that you let me know whether you are to stay
there or not; for if you are to stay I might get a few good sent you from Jamaica
home, but finally all the Profit arising from the small quantity of Goods I am
to send you shall not be able to maintain you here
I would wish to be able to express such complaints of business Mr. Senior
but as I am ignorant of what he may have to say in his own defence, I can
nothing, but only this, that he cannot be judged in any other way than
but one of the Parties - If Mr. Bushanger's bill be dissolved, I have often
and I desire to see Justice, or you especially to him for your sake, but
as I must be as you are, in the mean time let me know what you
I did in my former Letters keep yourself as free as you can from any
cause of blame upon any side, for this purpose act honestly & fairly, with
 candor & integrity, showing with Mildness but in the fact of every
Right, keeping your own Council, for I shall be soon in
I wish you formally that I had received your bill, I have not had you but
also that I had got your Letters by the King, Baron, & you by the 15th, I have not had
I have received some since, by the Month of July, I have received a Letter, but at
word you I wish you to be at St. Aug. but you do not stay to you at all, but
we know if you have found any connections or engagements there, or if you are
forming any mercantile correspondence any where, you may know what you think
of your time with the company will be depend upon this can reach you
business of this time, & make a
And you, and especially as you cannot depend but I must have to speak
a resolute in order to pay the Goods I send you, the greater part of it, the other
which I will be obliged to take upon me, I have not had any money to pay
for them - & how may I not ask you whether you intend to make returns to me
in Bills of Exchange, or indeed upon or Merchandise as a commodity sent from
the Country where you live to Britain, such Merchandise would afford me a good
upon the Bill of them, but I would like to send a large quantity of Goods to you
afforded, I understand I understand has about some of the Goods of Tobacco
to Liverpool & 1/4 sent to London, could not you also send me some Tobacco
it would meet with an excellent Market here, otherwise I believe
would be a good commodity, let me know what commodities are desired
sent from your Place to Britain, & I shall send afterwards when I have
I should like to know what commodities I would send to you
And now I wish you to see what I have written above & if you are concerned
I believe I have not let you see your mind in the particular that I have
the company & I believe I have sent out to St. Aug. if it is possible to some other
Person & not your self, I will have the management of them
If you will let me a full detail of the company's concerns in London as it will be long you can
write both clear & plain like your ordinary, if you have not opportunities of this
to Britain, might you not write me by the Packet when the Packets for St. Aug.
to Britain? which I suppose will be every month, as the Packet bills from London
to St. Aug. about the beginning of every month, a frequent correspondence will
be necessary to send you to send things to me, and me to you, we are all well
here at present, & have received our health all remarkably well since your Letters
we would wish to hear the same from you this is all at present from
D. Locke
Your affectionate Father
G. Gifford

I do not wish to give you most respectful
compliments to all your Acquaintance here
especially to all the Family at Castle
& to Mr. Park, I believe I have told you that
Mrs. Park had just written

D. Locke
Your affectionate Father
G. Gifford

New York 10 August '38

Dear Sir

I have attempted to put in writing the substance of Mr Cooper's conversations relating to the escape of his party from the wreck of the Pulaski. As I had no opportunity of obtaining his revision these must probably be mistakes & certainly unimprobable. To correct these I wish Mrs. Nightingale to do me the favor to read the enclosed copy & to make such alterations & additions as may appear to her and I would then request you at some time to forward the statement to Mr. Cooper with the request that he will ~~be kind~~ favor me with his own account in lieu of what I have written; considering same as merely a memorandum.

The escape was so wonderful & redounds so much to the honor of the persons principally concerned that a full & accurate account ought to be preserved and amongst other reasons because it will be interesting to your little granddaughter when she is old enough to appreciate the cause of the

King's College

Jamaica

mother & the friend who preserved her
amidst these complicated perils

Very truly Respectfully
your friend &c

R.P. Ward

Mr. King

St. Simon 16 April 1842

My Dear Sir,

Believing it would be acceptable to you to know some particulars respecting that singular kindness of your Capt. Proctor Mcintosh of Malloy. I sit down at the age of 83, to give you my reminiscences: after the lapse of more than half a century, recollections are not to be depended on; yet as my acquaintance with him was principally between 1777 & 1781, being then from 18 to 23 years, and having then been strongly impressed with his character, my recollections are more vivid, than matters of more recent date.

I cannot however give any exact date to Mr. Spalding's connection with him: he was then but a child, yet from his after communication with his grand father, and others of the family; and from his retentive memory, he may correct my mistakes.

Respecting the time of Proctor's emigration to America, and the capacity or relation in which he stood to Captain John Mcintosh the head of the clan in Georgia, I know not. ^{nothing} That he was at the battle of Munsa in Florida, I learned from hearing him say to an officer in St. Augustine. "I am a scoundrel Sir, a Comandante a Captain of Spanish Lancers, was charging at the head of his company: & like a vermin Sir! I lay in the bushes that the gallows fellows

It was my understanding that Proctor while his leaving the Highlands for America, had been secluded in his native Glen

7-1 was strongly in favor of the Stuart family, an attachment
*the name in addressing this individual was asked for by
by J.H.C. & the gentleman addressed

True

Reminiscences of Capt.
Proctor Mcintosh

John Cooper writes
April 1842: at Malloy 83

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that continued to the end of his life.

My first recollections of Rory were on his arrival in St. Augustine in 1777. His Loyal Character was well known, on parade some of the Officers congratulated him, on making his escape from the Rebels, "My escape Sir! No! I despise them too much to run away, but sent them a message that I would leave Mallon for East Florida at 12 o'clock on the — — day, and to come and stop me if they dared, Rory and his ancient maid or Sister Winnipeg resided together at Mallon. I don't recollect her, coming to St. Augustine, and rather think she remained at Mallon & died there. I am of opinion he was only distantly related to Capt. Dr. McIntosh, & Rory ^{had} some ^{had} a brother ^{or} some where, she was your Maternal Grand Mother — William McIntosh of Mallon who married Mr. Spalding's Aunt must have been your uncle, but these matters are foreign to me, I suppose —

Your Father & Mother settled at Beville soon after the peace at ~~Beville~~ where you must have been born — I can go no farther unless I follow the Genealogy in — Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

To elucidate my Story I must introduce myself — Clair to a Mr. Arch. Dondy in St. Augustine a Gentleman of a most generous and hospitable disposition — He invited Mr. Rory McIntosh to reside with him. at that time I was particularly fond of shooting birds — and I am ashamed to tell — during winter often traps snakes in

in shooting ducks on St. Anastasia Island, opposite to
St. Augustine. My young friend, said Ray to me,
I see you are a sportsman, I love you for it; He often
told me of shooting on Blackband, where the ducks & geese
were so numerous, in a fortnight, morning, "that we could
hardly hear each other speaking".

Having now introduced Capt. Rodenck McIntosh
myself - I shall proceed to relate some anecdotes.

In 1777. He must have been abt 65 years - about
6 foot high; strong built, white powdered bushy hair &
large whiskers (then very common) jizzled fiercely out,
a ruddy McIntosh complexion - handsome large
muscular limbs, in walking a rather striding - his
step must have been 4 feet I have seen him walking
along & a small man trotting by him. one of his
Shoulders was rather deformed. The effects of an inferior
wound - received from a slave.

I think I now see his manly figure strutting
before a battallion of British troops on parade, and
receiving the most pointed attention from the officers.

Plover - was our weather. A few Negroes, and a large
stock of cattle at Mallon made him comfortable
Hunting was his business & amusement. and in the
day supplied a brimful table. While the Spaniards
held E. Florida before 1763. He had carried them a
drive of cattle & received payment in dollars
which

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which he put in a canvas bag - behind him on his horse
in returning home, and near Mallon, the road was then
hog path, - The horses gave way - & part of the dollar
fell out - He secured those left without looking after
them which were lost - Some years after, being in want
of money - He recollected his loss went to the place picked
up as many dollars as he wanted, & returned home -
It is said he never then once, had the same success -

He was fond of dogs - and besides having had
some Sellers - one in particular Quath. whom he had
taught to take his back seat - He laid a considerable
bet he would make a double or 3 miles distance
and that Quath should find it - Quath was off -
on his trail - returned panting his tongue out but
no double - Thear's cup Down - and off he
& Quath went - The log was turned over & the dog had
scratched under - a man appeared at some distance
splitting rails, without ceremony Down chew his
cloth - swore he would put him to instant death -
unless he returned the money - The man gave it up
said he had seen Mr McD took just something
under the log - and - mentioning found the gold
Down took him back the money - take it says he
will catch - It was over the hill, but the honor of
my dog I care for. Some time before the
revolution. Down and Mr Therman Colonel Walker
Mr Dulock

on his home
roads, was then
all of the dollar
looking after
being in want
to place Jack
and home
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McIntosh

Colonel William McIntosh, went on home back to Charleston,
about Jacksonboro. They stop'd some days, their landlord
had a handsome daughter. Roy fell in love
called the Colonel out, saying, my thim man, I am
in love with the young maiden in the home, and you
must ask her father, for his daughter. The Colonel saw
trouble, but complied. The Landlord politely, thank'd
Mr. McIntosh for the honor he did him: but said his
daughter was engaged to a young man in the neighborhood,
no matter says Roy, I will have her, the Colonel remon-
-strated, Roy persisted, saying, I will beat him, & that
on him he intended, but why says the Col. he has not
injured you: no matter says Roy, he is my rival
and I will disgrace him. With much difficulty, the
Colonel got Roy, to proceed on their journey.

Roy, old time had money - when in the ocean
Bouper & Telfer - in law were his partners - Mr. Bouper was
his particular friend - before the revolution Roy came to
Savannah - on his way to Charleston, and apply'd for
money to bear his expenses. Mr. Bouper saw that some
thing extraordinary agitated him, and with despatch
got the secret. "Ther reptile on Charleston has dared
to insult my country - I will put him to death."
What has he done says Mr. Bouper - "Whysay Roy
on being ask'd how he means to fell up her wharf -
Charleston

Charleston. Here they were by impudant Scotchmen who were for
for nothing better. - Mr. Conner prevailed on him to return home

As water was of 20. Gun was fallen out in the August
called the Tanager - Captain Wade. Boring engaged 20
Soldiers from Old North County - as Maines under him
- a report reached Boring that he wanted of some money
which he omitted with great indignation, and made a
to a Mr. Guelms children of all the mischief he could do
on being the Bar the King struck, Boring drew his
saw on the job - said he was bribed by the Rebels -
The King got over - but made no friends.

In 1778 - part of the Garrison of St. Augustine
under General Prevost. marched by land to join a force
from New York - to attack Savannah. Boring accompanied
them and attacked them - particularly to the left
infantry company - 4. batt. Col De commanded by
Capt. Murray - In their advance a part of them
beleaguered - a small post at Fort Mifflin commanded by
Capt. John McIntosh (afterwards Gen. John) - The
British opened fire - in which Capt. Murray's company
was placed - Early one morning when Boring had
made rather peace with the mountain deer. He insisted
on falling out to surrender the fort. to surrender the
French could not contain him, so out he struck
by force in hand - followed by his four Negro Slaves
John

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Don

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 I am, as I approach the fort - Hearing, one, I wonder you are not
 How dare you presume to send Mr Magister
 Capt. McIntosh
 firing - threw open the gate saying walk in Mr McIntosh
 and take possession - No! say Don, I ^{will} ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~
 myself - among such vermin - but I don't want to
 a Rifle was fired - which passed through his face and was
 under his eyes - He stumbled a fell backward but imme-
 -diately recovered collecting backward following his
 sword - He sawed dropping that followed - Don
 called out, Don Mapa, he kill you - Don from How
 (camp Don) then man over but I am of a race that
 never own - in rising from the ground Don climbed to
 one of his marks - first putting his hand to one cheek -
 looking at his bloody hand, and then to the other and
 saw it also bloody - He backed easily into the line.

When the French under de, Esparing landed near
 Bony - was at Mandabot, in the family of Obor Bailler
 The house was surrounded on the night, Don dropped
 out of a back window, and made his way into the woods
 what part he acted down the night. I never heard
 but after the French were repulsed - a hue was made
 to bring Medead, - and several officers went out on the
 battle ground - amongst them Don, who hunted about
 soon - a glorious sight, one Enemy slain in battle!!

I recollect on some public day - on the August 10th of 1780

Prong - Colonel McArthur & Major Imale - Scotch officers present

The Meets in full Highland costume - attended by their pipes

after Charleston fell - Prong was then from Savannah

by land - particularly to visit Major Imale of the 7th Regt

on meeting Prong said - I have known at the crisis

of my life the rebellion & Province of South Carolina to be

my friend the famous Major Imale - Welcome! Welcome!

The brave Colonel McArthur - I have heard you Major

speak with honor & respect of Colonel McArthur -

Thank you! Oh Prong said Prong in majesty is too

good - and they all hugged each other

I can offer you says Colonel Major Imale - on great

mark of my respect, then by ordering my pipes to

attend you whilst in Charleston

The 7th Regiment was at then in Charleston In James McArthur

the chief of the Bowdoinblow was a captain In James was

a slender delicate gentleman - Educated in France

Prong could brook no chief that ever was a powerful

man - was sadly disconcerted - In James pitiable,

asked him to dine with him some where in Calver's head,

Calver's head says Prong - I fed my Negro in Calver's head

Prong never after noticed his chief - but observed he was

of a Spanish race.

Major Trail of the British Artillery was particularly

* Even, McArthur, in the company of Mr. Spalding

attended

during the passage he was confined to the Cabin - The Range
 had been a for water of 16. Lys - The Lys were broken
 & melted except from - on their passage they fell on the
 a ship under American colors - Capt. Mack informed Owen
 that she was bearing down on them - Oh my friend say Owen
 prepare for battle - don't believe them in peace - Mr. May
 would never make peace with the Rebels - Capt. Mack was
 on deck & made some battle - outboard below saying they
 were all prepared - Oh! say Owen how it grieves me to
 lie here like a dog - when brave men are fighting -
 The Romy got safe to London but from the Rebels
 died on board at Graves end.

I find some matters in due time but not hold
 a Gang of Negroes had got arms - some built some kind
 of fort above Sav^e - Romy went with a party attack and
 took them - In this skirmish for the Negroes find Owen
 received the infamous wound on his shoulder - one of his
 party after firing - stepped aside behind a tree - where he
 you do this say Owen - to load my musket and
 can't you like a brave man load your musket with
 O Lord I had this from Major M^r of the party who
 was one of the party -

a black Indian had committed a murder - Romy was sent
 to demand satisfaction - The Indian aware of his danger
 had a jumbled impromptu to Romy - who also knew
 his danger - when boldy in the middle of the Indian
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He seized the fellow with his drawn sword - which so intimidated the
a party, that they agreed to give satisfaction -

Another version of this story is that Perry absolutely killed the
Indian - I know both merely by report -

I was once present in St. Augustine when Perry was introduced
to an elderly Scotch Gentleman (Mr. Morrison) just arrived -

Perry adopted him in Gallies - Mr. Morrison lamented
his ignorance - I put you some Perry - but you may
be an honest man for a letter.

Perry did not like his name in Georgia - He accused
them of attempting to deceive him at the beginning of
the war - by saying their design was to bring on the
young Gentlemen to reign in America.

I have never my beard, I am able to keep a paper
of my own history - you must therefore give
me the best of the two - I can only remark
as Paddy did - that you are a better scholar than
I am - and may read where I can write
as so myself -

I am my dear Sir Respectfully

your most obedt

John Cooper

(Copy of letter addressed to Dr. James Truap)

St. Simons Island,
16th April 1898.

My dear Sir:

Believing it would be acceptable to you to know some particulars respecting that singular heroism of yours, Captain Roderick McIntosh of Mallow, I sit down at the age of eighty-three to give you my reminiscences after the lapse of more than half a century.

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Rory and his ancient maiden sister, Winifred, resided together at Mallow. (I don't recollect her coming to St. Augustine) and rather than she remained at Mallow and died there. I am of

the opinion he was only distantly related to Captain John McIntosh, and they must have had a brother somewhere who was your paternal grandfather.

To elucidate my opinion, I must introduce myself - first to a Mr. Archibald Leamy in St. Augustine; a gentleman of most generous and hospitable disposition, he invited Mr. Levy McIntosh to reside with him.

At that time I was particularly fond of shooting birds, and I am ashamed to tell, during winter passed Sundays in shooting ducks on St. Anastasia Island, opposite St. Augustine.

"My young friend," said Levy to me, "I see you are a sportsman, and I love you for it." He often told me of shooting on Blackbeard "where the ducks and geese were so numerous on a frosty morning that we could hardly hear each other speaking."

Having now introduced Captain Frederick McIntosh, and myself, I will proceed to relate some anecdotes.

In 1777 he must have been about sixty-five years, about six feet high, strong built, white fringed/sleazy-out, a ruddy McIntosh complexion, handsome, large, and muscular limbs. In walking, or rather striding, his step must have been four feet. I have seen him walking along, and a small man trotting by him. One of his shoulders was rather depressed, the effects of an incurious wound received from a slave. I think I now see his manly figure strutting before a battalion of British troops on parade, and receiving the most pointed attention from the officers.

Levy was not wealthy. - a few negroes, and a large stock of cattle at Mallow made him comfortable. Hunting was his business and amusement, and in those days supplied a beautiful table.

Whilst the Spanish held East Florida before 1763, he had carried there a drove of cattle, and received payment in dollars, which he put in a canvas bag behind him on his horse. In returning home, and near Mallow (the roads were hog paths) the canvass gave way and part of the dollars fell out. He secured those left, without looking after those which were dropped. Some years after, being in want of money, he recollected his loss, went to the place, picked up as many dollars as he wanted and returned home. It is said, he more than once had the same resource.

He was fond of dogs, and besides hounds, had some setters; one in particular, Quoth, which he had taught to take his back scent. He laid a considerable bet that he would hide a doubloon at three

*Bushy hair, and large whiskers
(then uncommon) Buzzed fiercely out*

miles distance, and that Quoth should find it. Quoth went off on his trail - returned panting, his tongue out, but no dog. "Treason," cried Rony, and off he and Quoth went. The dog was turned over and the dog had scratched under. A man appeared at some distance spitting rails - without ceremony drew his club; he swore he would put him to instant death unless he returned the money. The man gave it up; said he had seen Mr. McIntosh put something under the leg, and examining, found the gold. Rony tossed him back the money. "Take it," says he, "vile outif, it was not the pelf, but the honor of my dog I cared for."

Sometime before the Revolution, Rony and his kinsman, Colonel William McIntosh, went on horseback to Charleston. Above Jacksonville they stopped some days. Their landlord had a handsome daughter. Rony fell in love, called the colonel out, saying: "My kinsman, I am in love with the young maiden in the house, and you must ask her father for his daughter." The colonel saw trouble, but complied. The landlord politely thanked Mr. McIntosh for the honor he did him, but said his daughter was engaged to a young man in the neighborhood. "No matter," says Rony, "I will have her." The colonel remonstrated; Rony persisted, saying, "I will beat him, and spit on her intended." "But why?" says the colonel, "He has not injured you." "No matter," says Rony, "he is my rival, and I will disgrace him." With much difficulty the colonel got Rony to proceed on his journey.

Rony seldom had money - upon extra occasion, Cowper & Telfair of Savannah were his bankers. Mr. Cowper was his particular friend. Before the Revolution Rony came to Savannah, on his way to Charleston, and applied for money to bear his expenses. Mr. Cowper saw that something extraordinary agitated him, and with difficulty got the secret -

"That reptile in Charleston, Gadsden, has insulted my country, and I will put him to death."

"What has he done?" says Mr. Cowper.

"Why," says Rony on being asked, "how he meant to fill up his wharf in Charleston with imported Scotchmen, who were fit for nothing better."

Mr. Cowper prevailed on him to return home.

A privateer ship was fitted out in St. Augustine, which carried 20 guns, called the Young-Captain Waly. Remy engaged 20 Scotch Loyalists from Halifax County, as marines under him. A report reached Remy that he wanted prize money, which he received with great indignation, and made a deed to a Mr. Gordon's children of all he might be entitled to. On crossing the bar, the ship struck; Remy drove his luck on the pilot - said he was bribed by the rebels. The ship got over, but made no prizes.

In 1778 part of the garrison at St. Augustine under Gen. Prevost marched by land to join a force from New York to attack Savannah. Remy accompanied them and attached himself, particularly to the light infantry company, Fourth Battalion, Sixtieth Regiment, commanded by Captain Murray. In the advance a party beleaguered a small fort at Suwanee, commanded by Captain John McIntosh (afterwards General John.) The British spread lines, in which Captain Murray's company was placed. Early one morning, when Remy had made rather free with mountain dew, he insisted on calling out to summons the fort to surrender. His friends could not restrain him, so out he strutted, chimney in hand, followed by his faithful slave, Jim; approached the fort roaring out, -

"Surrender, you miscreants, how dare you presume to resist his Majesty's men."

Captain McIntosh knew him and saw his situation; forbade anyone firing; threw open the gate, saying, "Walk in, Mr. McIntosh, and take possession."

"No," says Remy, "I will not trust myself among such vermin, but I order you to surrender."

A rifle was fired, which passed through his face sideways under his eye; he stumbled or fell backward, but immediately recovered. Retreating backward, flourishing his sword, several dropping shots followed. Jim called out, "Run, massa, they kill you."

"Run, poor slave," says Remy, "thou may run, but I am of a race that never run."

In rising from the ground, (Jim described to me) his master first putting his hand to one cheek, looking at his bloody hand, and then to the other, and saw it also bloody, he backed safely into the lines.

When the French, under De Mordaunt, landed near Savannah, Remy was at Thunderbolt in the family of Robert Bullie; the house was surrounded in the night; Remy dropped out of a back window and made his way into Savannah. That part he acted during the siege, I never heard, but after the French were repulsed, a truce was made to bury the dead, and several officers went out on the battle ground; amongst them Remy, who stratted about and said, "A glorious sight - our enemies slain in battle."

I recollect, on some public day in St. Augustine, of seeing Remy, Colonel McArthur and Major Small, Scotch officers, parading the streets in full Highland costume, attended by their pipers.

After Charleston fell, Remy went there from Savannah, by land, particularly to serve Major Small of the 71st Regiment. On meeting, Remy said, -

"I have traversed, at the risk of my life, the rebellious provinces of South Carolina to see my friend, the famous Major Small."

"Welcome; welcome, the brave Roderick McIntosh. I have heard His Majesty speak with kindness and respect of Roderick McIntosh."

"Spare, oh spare me," says Remy, "His Majesty is too good," and the pair hugged each other.

"I can offer you," says Major Small, "no greater mark of my respect than by ordering my piper to attend you whilst in Charleston."

The 71st Regiment was then in Charleston. Sir James McIntosh, the Chief of the Scotch Clan, was a captain in _____ He was a slender, delicate gentleman, educated in France; - Remy could brook no chief that was not a powerful man - was sadly disconcerted. Sir James politely asked Remy to dine with him tomorrow, on calves head. "Calves head?" said Remy. "I feed my negroes on calves head." Remy never after noticed his chief, but observed "he was of a spurious race."

Major Trail, of the British artillery, was particularly attentive to Remy; had him one day to dinner - when no doubt the company were well informed of his character.

I visited Charleston about this time - a friend of mine, Captain James Wallace and family, from St. Augustine, has removed to Charleston and rented a house in the suburbs, north of Governor's Bridge.

I was there on a visit of an evening, when in came Rory followed by his piper. "I am come, madam," says he to Mrs. Wallace, (who was from the Highlands) "to take a cup of tea, and give you a lark of our country's music; I am just come from dinner with Major Trail, where I spent a most happy day." A toast was given which I had not heard for many years, and which I drank with much glee.

"What was that," says Mrs. Wallace.

"The young gentleman," says Rory. I had not seen Rory since his residence in St. Augustine, and he seemed pleased to see me.

"I was surprised," said he, "at Thunderbolt, by the French, and disgraced by dropping out of a window like a raccoon, Sir; but what grieves me, I left the dirk of my ancestors behind me, - and do you see, Sir, this eye is set in darkness, by the mark I got at Sundry."

At the close of the war in 1763, Rory's health was sadly impaired. He had been appointed Governor of Sundry, with captain's pay. He took a passage on the brig, Ranger, Captain Stuart, from St. Augustine to London. During the passage he was confined to the cabin. The Ranger had been a privateer of 16 guns; her guns were modern swivels, except four. On this passage they fell in with a ship under American colors. Captain Stuart informed Rory that she was bearing down on them. "Oh, my friend, prepare for battle - don't believe there is peace - His Majesty would never make peace with rebels." Captain Stuart went on deck, and made some bustle, returned below, saying they were all prepared. "Oh," says Rory, "how it grieves me to lie here like a dog, when brave men are fighting." The Ranger got safe to London, but poor Roderick died at Gravesend.

I forgot some matters in due turn, but not too late. A gang of negroes had got some arms, and even took some kind of fort above Savannah. Rory went with a party, attacked, and took them; in this skirmish, for the negroes fired, Rory received the incurious wound in the shoulder. One of his party, after firing, slipped aside, behind a tree. "What do you do there," says Rory. "To load my musket." "And can't you, like a brave man, load your musket in the road?" I had this from Major Sundry, who was one of the party.

A back Indian had committed a murder. Rory was sent to demand satisfaction. The Indian, aware of his temper, had assembled his friends to kill Rory, who also knew his danger. Rory went boldly in the middle of the Indians; he seized the fellow, with his drum dirk, which so intimidated the assembly that they agreed to give satisfaction. Another version of this story is, Rory killed the Indian - I know both only by report.

I was once present in St. Augustine when Key was first introduced to an elderly Spanish gentleman (Mr. Norton) just arrived. Key addressed him in Spanish - Mr. Norton lauded his ignorance. "I pity you, says Key, but you may be an honest man for all that."

Key did not like his maneuvers in Georgia; he accused them of attempting to deceive him at the beginning of the war, by saying their design was to bring on the young gentlemen to America.

I am, my dear Sir, respectfully

Your most ob. sr.

John Cooper

West Point Nov. 16th 1856

Mr James M. Comper has pursued under my direction the usual scientific course of studies preparatory to the profession of civil engineering. Mr Comper has attained the requisite degree of proficiency in these branches and is well versed in topographical and other engineering drawings, and the use of the various instruments for surveying, levelling &c.

Whilst under my direction Mr Comper evinced great industry and decided aptitude for the career he had chosen, and in all respects his conduct was unexceptionable and thoroughly gentlemanly.

J. S. Blakely
Professor of Engineering

See James M.
H. Wickham Esq
Nov 16 1856

will allow me to reach Westbury
on Sunday morning and if Dora
could only have just a slight head
-ach just enough to keep her from
church. I would be very certain to
call and prescribe for it and at
the same time if I could not read
I would repeat to her a sermon on
the Sweetest Bond that binds me
to life you know what that Bond
is. Write as soon as you can my dear
Dora and direct your letter to this
place. Believe me Dora in all sincerity
and truth.

Very devotedly
J. Maxwell Cowper

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Magdalen 28th

For the last two or three days I have
promising myself this very
pleasure my own sweet Dora
have the much desired opportunity
and I can now pour forth
to the one I love most on earth
a week of great annoyance and
certainly is a great treat to be able
to devote a few moments to the
thought that which we often
for the first time I believe. I
what it is nearly to love and love
your whole heart. Formerly when
thought of it I would think of
nothing could exceed my love for
brother and Sister. but now I
that it is totally different: how
and advanced seems that love
with that which I now feel. I
them with calmness can I do

comes with you, no, my blood must
start and bound through my veins
when you are occupying my thoughts
I can now imagine what a man's feeling
must be for his wife what pleasure
what satisfaction to think that here
is one to whom I can trust my dearest
and most cherished hopes, every feeling
of my heart, without for an instant
fearing that they will ever be treated
it has always been my cherished idea of
that happiness for which I have so
long worked, am I to have it, when I
sought gain hard I thought that if
gain affections could be gained that
nothing could exist which would prevent
that feeling, Dora the future is glowing
in its brightness God grant that it may
never fade sometimes I have a very
curious feeling a fear that I am again
to pass through a dark period, after that
feeling has passed I am extremely taciturn
and nervous it lasts sometimes for days

then again it passes off in a
during such a spell I have
my future is to be an extreme
one it is a foolish feeling but
first caused by ^{my} engagement to
unfortunate woman as Crystal
I have told you of it, and will
here-after I fear I acted wrong
in that case it was in one of
moments when I could not see
spot in the future for her
that I told her so, and said
that such an unpropitious en-
betroth end, now how different
disappointed the future looks
as foolish, otherwise she is very
and my fears are for an entire
result exactly the opposite, I
with things over on Sunday
November the 4th at half past
if Dora says so shall I
time I think that I will
to leave here on Saturday evening

come with you, no, my blood must
start and bound through my veins
when you are occupying my thoughts
I can now imagine what a man's feeling
must be for his wife what pleasure
what gratification to think that here
is one to whom I can trust my dearest
and most cherished hopes, every feeling
of my heart, without for an instant
feeling that they will ever be betrayed
it has always been my cherished idea of
that happiness for which I have so
long wished, now I to have it, when I
sought your hand I thought that if
your affections could be gained that
nothing could exist which would prevent
that feeling, Ours the future is glowing
in its brightness God grant that it may
never fade sometimes I have a very
curious feeling a fear that I am again
to pass through a dark period, after that
feeling has passed I am extremely taciturn
and nervous it lasts sometimes for days

then again it passes off in a few hours
during such a spell I have a dread that
my future is to be an extremely unhappy
one it is a foolish feeling but it was
first caused by ^{my} engagement with that
unfortunate woman at Crystal Springs
I have told you of it, and will tell you more
here-after I fear I acted very very badly
in that case it was in one of my dark
moments when I could not see a brighter
spot in the future for her or myself
that I told her so, and said that I thought
that such an unpropitious engagement had
better end, now how different if I am
disappointed the future looks as black
as pitch, otherwise it is very bright,
and my fears are for an entirely different
result exactly the opposite, we will
walk things over on Sunday morning
November the 4th at half past 11 o'clock
if Dora says so shall I call at that
time I think that I will be able
to leave here on Saturday evening which

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Jackson March 17th

Until to day I have not
found myself in the mood
to write to my own dear sweet
Dora, you must excuse my very
long delay but being pressed
for time by my duties and
at the same time being
indisposed, I have postponed
from day to day the sacred
and sweet privilege of holding
converse with you in whom
I have placed my implicit
confidence, my whole love and
to whom my future happiness
is to be confided, This evening
my heart thrills with unspeak-
-able emotions at the very thought
of you, what would I not
give to enjoy a few moments

in your presence, I fear
that I will be compelled to
postpone my next visit from
Wednesday the 20th, to Saturday.
Should I fail to call on
Wednesday expect me on
Saturday evening.

This morning
I went to Church actually
went by myself and only from
the promptings of my heart.
I have felt better ever since
more as if I had done my
duty to my God and my
duty to myself as a man.

During service I could
almost fancy myself at
home in our little Church
and surrounded by old
friends it could not be
realized, with you and
surrounded by your friends

as my friends
look for the real
such feelings, and
that my future is
more than every
a thing is possible
of Mother of Christ
in picturing my
see but one bright
are to be to me all
are to occupy my
for you I am to
mention in life and
my objects to be attained
are to participate
Arise that after
love me love me
whole heart and
forever devotedly

Amas

in your presence, I fear
that I will be compelled to
postpone my next visit from
Wednesday the 20th to Saturday.
Should I fail to call on
Wednesday expect me on
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erect in life and
my objects to be at
are to participate
wishes that all
love me love me
whole heart and
forever devotedly
Yours

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friends it could not be
realized, with you and
surrounded by your friends

as my friends I can only
look for the realization of
such feelings, it is my hope
that my future wife will
more than occupy (if such
a thing is possible) the place
of Mother of Sisters of all,
in picturing my future I can
see but one bright part, you
are to be to me all in all you
are to occupy my whole heart
for you I mean to make every
ambition in life and should
my objects be attained, you
are to participate in all the
pleasures that attend, I don't
love me love me with your
whole heart and I remain
forever devotedly yours

Maxwell Camp

is to be our Captain, no other
than our little friend John D.
Coveter, he is a graduate of the
South Carolina military institute
and is thoroughly competent to
take command. he has entirely
stoped his allowance of Whiskey
and now looks much better

Cornway was here a few days
since looking very well he will
return again in a week or two.

I saw Dr. Hemingway here two
days since but could not learn what
became of him is it possible he is
in Becksburg I hope not,

Write soon and excuse me for not
keeping my promise of writing early
in the week, I hope my next visit
will be as pleasant as my last, kindest
regards to all

Sincerely and devotedly

Your
J. Maxwell Couper

Jackson April 25, 1864

The whole evening I have been seated
at my window reading at intervals
I would place my book aside and
compare the ideal world of that book
with the every day actual existence of
life how does it happen that no picture
can be drawn but you my own darling
Dora must always appear. Again
my book is aside I look out the sun
is just setting the sky refulgent in
its brightness is before me what comes
has that gorgeous sky with you I know
not but in looking at that sky you
rush to my mind, that sky
promises well for the future, its
blue when blue is visible is mild
and settled the evening is truly fair
and soft, to-morrow must be a
bright day God in his mighty works

promises it. Can you not see what
my comparison must be. Can you
not understand why in looking at
such a scene you must come to my
mind. I will tell you. My last visit
to you has revealed to me a purity
of heart and depth of character which
I had no idea you possessed. Although
I came but once to see you that visit
has more than tenfold repayed me
it has revealed to me what promises
a brighter a fairer future than
~~your~~ ^{the} own promises of a bright
narrow ~~you~~ ^{idea} ~~in~~ ^{possessing} ~~the~~
sincere affection of such a heart
as yours I think that, indeed I
am certain of at least a happy
future. I trust that the evening
of our lives may be ~~an~~ made as
glorious by a trust in God as this

evening is made glorious by one of
his mightiest works. I feel anxious
to hear from you to hear how your
much esteemed Mother is. After
what you told me I almost feel to
ask, this morning I received a
letter from my Mother now that
the time of trial is at hand she
shows that anxiety for the safety
and welfare of her son which every
true and devoted mother must. I
have yet to inform her of my
intention to go to the wars. but now
I am ~~in a better~~ ^{to know} ~~situated~~ ^{as} I am offered
a first Lieutenancy in a company
which is now being organized. as I
have not been mustered into the
service of Miss - I am get free to act
as I think best. The great objection
is that I will be delayed at least
a month longer. (Who do you think

Jackson Miss - May 6th
1864

I have not had the heart to write
to you my own dear dear Dove
until today. I know and feel
what gain sufferings must
be the loss of a Mother is
indeed one of the severest
benevolences that we are allowed
to know of earthly suffering is
then at the summit. We can
then have but one consolation
and that must be derived from
an implicit trust in God, he
orders all, and our reason
teaches us that everything is
ordered for the best. we must
patiently wait until time the
great consover pour his healing
balm on the wound that has

been given, now that you are
in distress I long to be with
you I could show that my heart
is full to overflowing with love
and sympathy for you, your
affliction shows me how dear
you are, you are all in all to me.

Remember my dear Dora that
your Father now requires your
assistance and comfort and
that you will be doing your
first and greatest duty to God
and man when you give that
comfort, make an effort to regain
yourself for the fulfilment of
that duty, I will in all
probability be here for weeks
yet, and will anxiously wait
a summons from you, My
best wishes and kindest regards
to all with you, my darling Dora
I remain sincerely and most devotedly
attached to you Edmund Couper

yesterday on Sunday we will
 go out to Lake Umbagog on the
 Southern M. where Conner
 has his men engaged and see
 what he is doing and how
 he is progressing then return
 and immediately come up to
 see you, Conway has almost
 promised to come with me,
 He says to be remembered
 to Mr's Will Buckett, most
 particularly to Miss Anna,
 you may expect us up a
 late next week I hope he
 will accompany me.
 You asked me whether I
 was going home or not before
 leaving for the war and
 to do so if but to get the
 blessing of a Father and

I have written this letter in haste
 and in haste I have not had time
 to say more than I have said
 I am your friend
 Wm. C. Pillsbury June 1st
 1864

On my return to Jackson
 the day before yesterday I found
 your letter written from
 Canton and the two letters
 for which I am truly obliged,
 Not having any leisure time
 in Jackson and unwilling to
 write you a long letter I delayed
 writing until I reached this
 place when I would find
 time to do so. I can not
 think any one so dear as
 Anna that you could have been
 more deeply disappointed
 at not seeing me at the cars
 the evening you passed through
 Jackson than I was to learn
 that you had gone to the

Springs and I not to have
seen you. After reading
your letter the first question
that arose in my mind was
how soon I to reach you for
see you I must see what
time it may, you know
when there is a will there is
always a way. Some evening
you will see me riding up.
I will try and bring a Buggy
that we may together visit
the scene of my exertions on
the Railroad and recall the
scenes of our lives as we picture
them at that time how little
we know of the future. We
will ride over these lonely roads
which in former times
made me melancholy. They
will have no such power

when you are with me, for
with those we love the skies are
more blue and the air more
fragrant. I will find that it
is not affliction, but the absence
of it that makes me melancholy.
I will show you the only points
of beauty in the whole country
such as it is, where I can see
nothing to prevent our passing
a day or two most delightfully,
let us appropriate our thoughts
and give vent to those feelings
which by considering are con-
ducive to nothing so conducive
of happiness. The very circum-
stances that we looked upon
as a source of disappointment
may yet afford us much
happiness. I will return with
Comyns to see how he

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supplication and prayer. You will now have a fine opportunity of exercising the duties of a wife. You will join your sister in her house and believe me of the attending labors you will find a course of reading and improve you already strong and vigorous mind. After you have recovered somewhat from your present depression you can commence your studies. I have a perfect motive in recommending the last as I look forward to deriving much pleasure from it.

Every thing is

brother, no more, never. It would truly be cruelty of the most refined nature to return it open a wound which already exists. A return would not do. Adieu. Goodbye perhaps for ever would only mean that wound and make it bleed afresh. I am absent and the first and truest pang has been removed by Providence. I am confident that if a prayer from a brother for his dear can be regarded in Heaven we are now enjoying that blessing and what better could we wish. All as my dear sister, that were I could never neglect on my dear

brother. When I again
asked Mother and Mother God
grant that my heart may be
filled with peace and the sweet
time of a lifetime, I must
see here today be come to
-mumms and dine with us

I must give you my
advice try and sleep some
first I must say and certain
you will do all you can
unpleasantly feeling as you
partly in your letter do
remain in your heart
without a struggle to throw
them off. You have nothing
to complain of God was most
merciful with you, he gave
the guiding hand of your
brother until you could
well appreciate the position

you were to occupy in life
and the path you were to
follow. Remember that
you have my love and
promise to see my exertion
and obtain my name for
your happiness. Although
we may be separated for
months it will only seem
as if I appreciate your light
and union when it is
consummated. Remember
that my life is as safe as
the battle field so it is love
God and God alone deprecates the
death of his children when
he orders me to appear in
matters little where I am
or under what circumstances
I am placed. Think of all
and fortify your heart

Savannah November 13th 1861
Hon. Jas Hamilton Cooper. Dear Sir

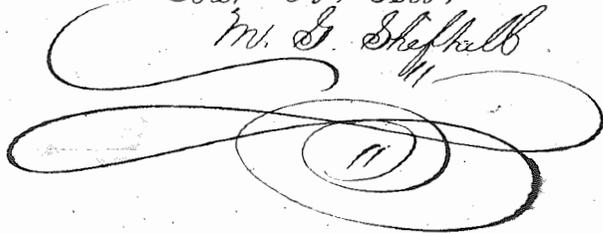
Accompanying this communication, you will receive a tribute of respect passed by the Bar of Savannah in memory of their late brother, your son, Hamilton Cooper. This tribute is a poor reflection of the feelings of the Bar towards the late Mr Cooper, to whom he was bound by those kindly ties and affections that are woven with our existence, and cheer life's thorny path.

I am Dear Sir,

With sentiments of esteem

Your Obedt Servant

M. S. Sheffield



as the 6th of this month the letter
was from my poor mother her
sufferings are intense I have never
received a letter which pained me
more than that which informed me
that your father had removed his
regiment a point further in the
interior of the state and one which
affords safety to himself family &
property which the exposed position
of his place on the coast did not
they urge me to return I will not do
so unless I can render them some
aid and comfort. The order sending
us to Dublin Bowling Green Kentucky
has been countermanded and we
are now uncertain where we will
next go to. We may remain here
for the winter should we move I
will write to you immediately and
inform you of the fact and where
we go to. Write over direct your letters
to the care of Col Russell 20th Regt
Art at this place. The articles you propose

nothing will be more acceptable than to hear from you
I have not time to write more than this
I must close
I am your affectionate son
John

Do please Dora write to me

Dublin Depot Va & Tennessee
Rich Coast December 15th 1781

I will try and answer your two last
letters my own dear sweet Dora. I can
view now calmly the event which
deprived me of my much loved brother
the first anguish and terrible pangs of
sorrow have passed and reason has
mastered my heart it is folly to give
way to immoderate grief and I begin
to see that it is the certain fate of all it
is only a matter of time when God
shall call us.

You say that you can echo
back the sentiments that I expressed
in my letters believe me my own dear
Dora that the feelings I express are
sincere. at this moment I can say
that my affection for you is greater
than it has ever been. Time or absence
does not diminish it in the least

I believe as a general thing that a soldier does become demoralized and more sinful in camp. but you must remember that I seldom or never come in contact with them I never associate with them and believe as far as I am ~~individually~~ concerned that my morals have been improved. I am thrown entirely with the officers and they are very different from the common soldier. During my late illness Conway came to me and cheered me up when I was very low he walked 35 miles to come to me when he heard that I was not expected to live. Since returning to Camp we have arranged our trief so as to allow him to come in he is now in my tent and stays with me I have abandoned my old trief and established a new one it now consists of Capt: Patterson Capt: Barnes Conway and myself quite respectable is it not

Col Russell always had a number of his old company about his tent I soon became very tired of them and the first opportunity that offered I left him and his trief.

You can not imagine or conceive of our sufferings think of our Regt of 889 men sending out 230 men on active duty, mine was intense I never imagined that I could stand as much as I did one night. I rode 26 miles through the rain with a high fever on arrived in a little village at 2 o'clock at night found ~~and~~ ~~old~~ ~~house~~ with some straw and a fire place in it Col R had gone a'head and had a good fire burning I threw myself on the straw in my wet coat and slept until 9 o'clock next morning when I woke very ill. I then was two weeks with a high fever no intermissions.

I have heard from home as late

I think the statement about
the army moving from Tripoli
will not be in the kind as
usual a report of the state
of things passing in
all things very much
but our days. I think that our
Government will be very
of success, & think they are
of our Government. I think
the conduct of the attack, it really
is strange they have not
attacked us before this time
I am sure to see the day
he says that provisions are
very scarce, and that if in
the day I fear what if we
do not have some in a

The Springs
June 22/64

I have just finished
reading my Bible and Prayer
book, and my next study
shall be devoted to my
study of the Bible, and I
think in my mind, that
I shall be very much
disappointed to see that there
is so much uncertainty about
your coming to see me, and
I am anxious to see you, and
I am sure you will be glad
I am perfectly convinced that
each day, & that you are
more than ever, the best of spirits

All the times, if I allowed
myself to be, I had your being
absent from me, I had noticed
before I married you that my
affection could be so materially
strengthened even strengthened
if you do not find in me a good
wife you will always find me
a loving & devoted wife, though
I do not carry in a good wife
you find the moral standard
in me. The first two months
were hard I would not you
come all the time when in
your presence and when things
just beginning to be life in a
very few my treatment was
not so good as you wish
It seems I feel you said
you left. I feel I am not
tired to do just my further
own love & things you will
I am a great deal in little too
much of the day" as I

for him.
You did not believe your
presence, & I would not have
felt so necessary to have
seeing you a little from you. When
I returned from Canada, I told
you I had "to come to pick" with
mine, he looked quite astonished
and said after a long pause,
"all I did not did he tell you
what I said in modestly something
was on hand, so I thought
would be a little coming to
know what it was you would
have told me, you say, "I see
he is aascal, he told me I would
not see another woman
I think after a long time he
told me all about his trouble
I feel it to much, I do not
say any he should have been
so you told. he was very indignant
when we changed him, so he
lost the money.

