Croghan (William) Family papers

William Croghan, Jr.,(1794-1850)
letters to
Feb. 24 1824 to Col. John O'Fallon
1832-35 to C. W. Thruston

George Croghan (1791-1849) letter

14 items

Feb. 16, 1842, Mammoth Cave, Ky. to Col. John O'Fallon, tells of elopement of Mary E. Croghan with Captain Schenley.

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Pittsburgh Pa. Feb: 21- 1824

Dear Col.

My Brother-in-Law, Mr Denny of this place being anxious to send a small box to his brother Lt. N. G. Denny, stationed at The Falls of St. Anthony, I took the liberty of saying, if it were consigned to your care, you would endeavour to have it sent on by the first opportunity, in consequence he has just put the box on board of the Genl Neville, destined for St. Louis to your care. I hope Dear Col. I have not taken too great a liberty- your attention to the transmission of this box will be acknowledged by Mr D, as a great favour & I certainly will feel myself obligated to you for so doing.

I have heard of the marriage of Cousin Ben, to Miss Lee of your City, please offer him my sincere congratulations- I hope his health has improved since I saw him last in Tenn. I was in Louisville a few days since, & was glad to hear so particularly from my relations in St. Louis, by Aunt, she answered us a good deal in speaking of your little daughter Ellen particularly of her riding in the carriage with you & her setting out for Ken, when she thought she had gone far enough from home & began to expostulate with her. "Grandma, Grandma, no body is with little ma, & she will cry" I want to go back"

Give my love to Cousin Harriett- I wish I could see you then at St. Louis- a year or two more & I shall no longer be a resident of my native state, which to say the least of it, has lately legislated itself out of my good graces- I send to Cousin Harriett, one of Mr Cooper's (the author of the Spy & Pioneers) last literary productions The "Pilot"- it takes well in every part of the United States, where it has been read. & I doubt not she will as well as yourself be quite pleased with it-

I regret I am not in Ken: now, that I might send you the "snow Ball" plant I promised — I shall not forget it — & when I return if the season be not too far advanced, I will forward it

This State is all commotion on the subject of the Presidential Election — Buchanan I think will get the vote of Penna — by that means his vote is lost

Please remember me to Mrs Williams, Dr Jones & families

Believe me Dr Cole
Sincerely Yours &c
W. Graham

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Col. John O. Fallon

St. Louis

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Mo. Gen. Meeks

1861

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Pittsburgh May 21. 1832

Dear Charles

When I parted from you I expected ere this to have been in Louisville, but have been detained in order to receive the Dr. Hobarts here, on their way Eastward — I think most apparently they must be here this week & so soon as they take their departure I propose to be —

The mystery of the pictures I presented Cousin Mary is explained — The letter I addressed the individual who had them, directing him to box them & deliver them to the bearer, was left at his house, a day he happened to be out of the City — on receipt of it though, he immediately had them boxed, took them to my house & left them with my housekeeper, who was as ignorant what to do with them as she & so here I found them on my return — Say to Cousin Mary, I will bring them with me — as you will perceive on seeing them, there are some beautiful touches in them —

In an effort I made in the presence of some young ladies to show my youthful activity, in leaping from my carriage, I made an awkard fish of it & sprained my ankle — And as a punishment for my presumption, I have been confined to the sofa three ten days — if your vision could command the distance that now separates us & the identical spot I occupy, you would find me in a most entire position for a scribe — I trust for all you will be able to decypher these my hieroglyphics — I suppose your advice on the occasion would be, don't forget my age again — Every day furnishes me a modest memento of it —

Every thing here goes on smoothly with me, the improvements I am making, will not I precise require my presence — The new Insurance Company of this place in which I am a limited Stockholder has gone into operation under the auspices of a most efficient directory & as good luck would have it, have become tenants for five years, (or rather have obligated to be) of the only vacant house I had in the place —

Owing to your promise & over friendly inclination towards me I make myself easy about my buildings about to be erected in your City — In the progress of the work I hope no time will be lost, — See Graham & urge him on, if the bricks are ready —

Agreeably to my data you will be able to realise for me somewhere near $300 from my tenants on 5 street in all this month, which you can apply towards digging the foundation, hauling brick &c — I have now to my credit a few hundred Dollars in the Branch Bank (U S) at Louisville, for which I would now forward you a check to help on, but presume what you will receive for me will pave the way until my arrival which will be in a very short time — I hope you will make (without force) old Lanark square the yards before I come on, or else he will importune the soul out of me to take my rent out in some abominable track that I want not —

Tell "Cousin Abbie", I have heralded her arrival here & the heavens are all upon tiptoes to see her

Remember me kindly to Cousin Mary

Sincerely Wishes

W. Croghan

1832

PITTSBURGH
MAY
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Pa.

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Charles W. Thruston
Merchant
Louisville Ky

1832

Pittsburgh April 2nd 1833

Dear Charles

I have executed a little commission for you — Morgan has agreed to make for me a Mantle glass, five feet in length (which I think is the length of the Mantle in your parlour) proportionate width & frame of the pattern you respected, for Thirty Dollars ($30) The glass he expects in a day or so from the — you may expect it in the whole of next week — I have looked about among the shops here for some parlour ornaments for you but succeeded in getting nothing worth having — of all places this is the last to look for trifles, or fancy articles — but such articles as skill & labour are required to produce, from an Anchor to a Steam Engine, here you can be served — The prosecution of my summer campaign will bring me to New York, where in the selection of articles such as you desire, there is a fine field for the exercise of one's taste, when all I propose that way I will exercise in your behalf with the greatest pleasure —

My dear little daughter I found on my arrival here in robust health, she was quite overjoyed at once more meeting me; her patience had been heavily taxed by my protracted absence — she goes to school & improves very fast, & I have reason to hope from the vivacity of her disposition, she will "reward me for my parental care"

My affairs here, so far as regards the agency of my excellent friend Mr Scully are in thriving condition — But here is there a straggler in whom I confided has "lied me a demed", but "nil desperandum" I put the on the best face & lose nothing by fretting complaints — I have not only much to do, to bring matters straight, but much to undo — For a while I will have my hands full — in a word I am building — not Castles, in the air, I pray you, but with matter

of fact Dick Morton — this gratuitous information is by way of letting you know I have declined all thought this season of building in your City — I should like being engaged there that way, independent of any profits to be derived thereby, for I like seeing the arrangements of life & prosperity of (what I might almost call), my native City — but to undertake what I contemplated there this season — I would find myself accounted of the means — but rest you if all goes right with me, I am down upon you —

A plague on all sorts of stocks say I — none ever prospered with me — Our Insurance Company from which I had such great expectations, has lately had to pocket two heavy losses, by which I am disappointed of my summer pin money —

I trust Dear Charley, my little affairs, as embraced in my written instructions, you will not neglect — I am glad I made good my retreat & left you to battle it out with that fellow McConnel — don't let him out General you — as to the matter of Rent for his part of the lots, just consult your own conscience — I beg you to inspect not the Coffin Smith Barracks — I hope Hancock has done as he promised, pulled down on 1 April, the old stable

My horse is ready & I am going out to "Pic Nic" — to superintend the planting of some trees &c — one I shall plant in your name & trust you may one day pluck its fruit — although the apple, it shall not be your "forbidden fruit" — Poor old Mother Eve, if they had in those days as fine Peaches in Paradise, as we have in Kentucky, I do not think the punishment should have been as great for stealing them as those sour Apples, "which brought death into the world & all our mortal woes" — but if Mr Maffitt were to see those profane words, what would become me? Who knows but now, you are

in each others embrace — I think he had some design against you "Mars gravior sub pace latet" —

I presume Cousin Mary & all are now in St Louis — or I would charge you to shower down my good wishes on them

Peace with you & good luck in every other game you may play —

Yrs Sincerely

W. Crafton

PITTSBURGH
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Pa.

Mr C. W. Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Ken

John Rogers
Apr. 4th 1833

Pittsburgh April 11 – 1833 –

Dear Charley

When I reached Kentucky last June I was served by Ferguson & Rice (Lumber Merchants) with their bill of lumber &c, for my buildings then erecting on Jefferson street, amounting to $750 – as there was I learned generally a credit of twelve months in such cases, I merely then paid – $450 – Not long after a new bill was made out, crediting the 450 but swelled to the sum of $1002 –, on which I paid them $350 – Since my arrival here, I received, a third bill crediting me $800, but swelling their account, which I hoped was final & in full when presented in the second instance, to the sum of $1191 $\frac{33}{100}$ & remarking, they have a draft to pay on 4th May & hoped I may find it convenient by that time to pay them – In reply – I have said, I had hoped their second bill, embraced all I owed them & had made arrangements by 1 May to pay them – that by their third account (of the correctness of which I have no doubt) I was taken by surprise, however that I would write to you & request by that time 4th May you would pay them – I hope you will find it convenient to do so, what will be due from Goodwin, Knight, Phil Thompson & Market Street tenant, will be about equal to their claim – I think before I left you, I said something to you about Kurtz & Smith's bill of lumber for those same houses, I paid him before I left Ken – I am suffering very dreadfully with an inflamed eye & can scarcely make out to write – I hope you can make out what I have written & won't neglect it –

Accidentally I yesterday met Morgan, who says the

the plate for your mantle glass, has not yet arrived but daily expected, & that when he receives it, he will at once put it in frame & forward it to you — & will pay him his bill & settle with you on my return

Don't forget Ferguson & Rice 4th May —

Yr Faithful Servt

W. Cogshall

The amount remaining unpaid to Ferguson & Rice by this bill rendered up to 4th April is $391 — 33 —

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Mr Charles W. Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Ken

1833

Pittsburgh June 2nd 1833

Dear Charley

All my long cherished plans for this summer, in an instant were subverted, & I felt almost stupid from disappointment, amazement, or what not — my destination, or purpose not being decided, I am not unlike a mariner at sea without chart, or compass — aye more, I might add, or rudder to his craft — I had so far progressed in my schemes for the summer, as to take my passage in the boat, bid adieu to my friends, expecting in an hour to be on my way to Louisville, where I anticipated spending a week or so before visiting White Sulphur &c — In the meantime, arrives a boat fraught with the most awful news as to the health of the country from this to Louisville, beyond, navigating the river, between this & Wheeling three of her passengers died of Cholera — My friends at once laid an injunction on me, & go they were not allow me — among the many who remonstrated with me as to the rashness of the act, was my skillful, attendant physician & to his credit be it said, the very Capt.n in whose boat I had taken passage — So for the present adieu to White Sulphur & all its promised advantages, as to health & enjoyment. Where I shall steer my course, I have not yet decided — but journey somewhere I must — perhaps I may join a party here, destined for Saratoga — Lake &c —

I wished to visit Louisville on this occasion — business required it of me, however it is only a visit defered — if it be prudent to visit there in Sept.r you may expect me — One of the inducements to this visit was to make arrangements for building in Louisville — early in the spring — I wished among other matters to have engag=

=d, the brick, ~~are~~ in order that we might have them early in the spring, which would require, they should be made this season & I would have wished if Col Churchill has the burning carried on & would have no objection to have furnished me, to have engaged them of him — Every other arrangement I have or will make through Graham — See Col Churchill on this subject & let me hear from you — And suffer me here to remark in justice to myself, that one inducement to visit Louisville at this time, was to see the Col.; on the subject of my debt to him for the brick he furnished for the houses I erected last year in Louisville — I merely wished to learn, if it be equally agreeable to him to have the payment deferred a short time & paying the interest thereon, as to have the amount at this time — his wishes on the subject shall be observed — if it be left to my option though I should acknowledge it an accommodation, a little extension of time — I was in truth induced a few days since to make a purchase of a tract of land offered for sale on reasonable terms, adjoining a tract I own in this neighbour=hood, I had rather have defered the purchase, but it was now or never, & so I ventured to take it Run all risks — it will greatly enhance the value of the original purchase & in every point of view a speculation —

Not a word have I heard from you since we parted — Will you oblige me by writing me a detailed account of my little affairs in your City entrusted to your care, as soon as possible — Let me know, have you paid Barnet, the Copper Smith — Ferguson the Lumber Merchant, & Averill, Coach Maker? How did you make out with McConnel — & for what sums did you rent the premises occupied by him & also, Gheens &

Recollect, I will not remain here more than three weeks at furthest — so don't delay —

I forwarded you some time since, a mantel Glass — how did you like it —? My health is improving —

Remember me kindly to your good lady & accept assurances of esteem

of Yr. Friend & Obt Svt

Wm. Craig Lane

P.S. Don't neglect writing home as soon as possible —

PITTSBURGH PA
JUN 3

Mr Charles W Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Ken

Mrs Carlton
Mar. 3 1833

Pittsburgh Sept. 8. 1833

Dear Charley

From my summer excursion, I have returned home only within a day or so — The most important end I sought by this mission, I have in a great measure attained; I refer to my health, which is much improved — My trip to Quebec, I did not make; learning when in New York of the decease of my poor aunt Lisle, my plans were all immediately changed, & forthwith, I hastened to Washington City; feeling a deep anxiety on the occasion for my aged mother — On safe return of the Dr about that time after a protracted voyage & in fine health, had a happy influence & left her, young quite well, & resigned to this heavy affliction —

As you are a Christian, a kind of Father Confessor to me, I make no reserve in my communication to you — I am sure you will be indulgent in your absolution. I must then begin by telling you, my excursion this summer has made a hole in my purse, that you could not stop with less than $2000 — In the indulgence of some of my caprices, I made some purchases, that sober seriousness might condemn — but it is all past & I must make the most of it. The Cholera here the past season, has afforded to many a shuffling wight, a pretext for not paying me my Rents, & thus it is I am compelled to draw on you, to pay off Masons, Carpenters & Lumber Merchants in this place, for their operations this summer. What was accruing to me in Louisville, I meant for Col Churchill; however I must by the time he requires the

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amount I owe him, raise it in some other way — At any time he may require the amount, he shall have it — I feel indebted to him for his indulgence —

I will draw on you at Ninety days —; the last statement, I mean written statement you furnished me, was Aug 1832 — in opening my note book, I can arrive within a fraction, of what may be due by the Maturity of my draft — you will perceive, it falls short of the amount — But in the first place, the draft embraces as much as I want at present, & in the next place it may be well enough to make allowances, for want of punctuality — but considering, the firmness & decision of my Prime Minister & Louisville Tenants, a precaution of the kind was scarcely necessary — But "to make assurance doubly sure", if any thing should occur, by which you could not realize of my tenants as much as the required amount, draw on me for the deficit at Ten days sight — My draft is for 850 $ Taxes & Insurance of my house you will not neglect On receipt of this, please let me hear from you — For the building of my house, I have made no contract, further than with Gealard — There is very probability of my visiting you this fall, if the Rivers admit of navigation,

Cousin Mary I presume is for enquiring of me, what I did, as I promised for "the East Room" when in New York — In Reply, I would observe, that I reserved my reconnoitering & purchases in that famous Mart until my Return from Saratoga — But she will be

indulgent to my omission of it, when I advise him, the first intelligence I got on reaching home, was of the event of so recent & painful occurrence at Louisville — I was disqualified for the office & as I have previously remarked, I immediately left the City —

A letter from my friend Tompkins advising me of the continued good health of your City, in which I rejoice & pray its long continuance

Be sure & write me on receipt of this

Remember me kindly to your good lady & believe me ever yours

W. Crafton

PITTSBURGH
SEP
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1833

Mr Chas. W. Thruston
(Merchant)
Louisville
Ken

1833

Washington Jan 26 1834

Dear Charles

It is quite a damper to me learn that the house recently occupied by Phil Thompson continues vacant — What is the cause? If the rent at 500 be considered, ~~you know~~ too high, you know you have authority to take less — your judgment must regulate in these matters — I hope it will not long remain vacant — first I dislike seeing even so little capital as is there invested, idle — In the second place, being vacant it will be more injured than if occupied — By the way — I beg you to have it regularly aired & occasionally, to prevent the paper falling from the walls, have a fire made in the rooms. May I beg you not to neglect this matter, make sure by employing & paying some one to attend to it.

I must contrive to be in Louisville in March next, to see about erecting those buildings, of which I have heretofore written — But really if tenants are not to be had, what had best do? The profits on buildings at Pittsburgh are nominally less — but of tenants I am sure, & moreover, the job when finished is superior — however I will soon be in Louisville & we will consult on this matter —

I hear you ask the question, what has brought me here? The truth is, I was so much a man of business the past fall, having superintended in person the building of a dwelling house, a barn & stable & sundry minor improvements at "Pie Nic" — that I determined to indemnify myself, for my bills & trouble in some way this winter, & so the job no sooner finished, than I started up the Bastile thro' over the mountains in quest of amusements For the present here I have planted my standard — to one who wants to see the nation in all its bearings compressed into the space of a nut shell, this is the spot — a field it is for speculation

— But into the recipe of this compound I will not dive with you — You take the Intelligencer — "he who runs may read" —
In the Senate there are some choice spirits — It is is the great Forum. Its lobby & gallery is constantly crowded — Clay, Calhoun, Benton, Southard & Preston have passed in review — each has his champion in the audience. Preston was the last heard, but why or wherefore I know not, anxiety & curiosity to hear him was greater, than that of any one that preceded him — He sustained himself this cause well, & the judgment of the audience as to his claims & rank as an Orator is decidedly in his favour — Mr Webster ~~[illegible]~~ is to bring up the rear, but his speech it is anticipated will be preceded by an able Report from him as Chairman of the Committee to whom the resolutions giving rise to this "great debate" as it termed, were referred — In the Senate it cant be disguised "the Administration is used up"
I had the pleasure to hear Mr Binney in the house, on the subject of the removal of the deposits — it is conceded, a more liberal, dignified, able & eloquent speech, was never before pronounced in that body — After it was pronounced for some days, it could not be said how the question would be decided — But is now believed the President's personal popularity, will enable him to sustain this high handed measure — a measure the disgrace of which is only to be measured by the injury it will & is inflicting on the nation.
The fashionables here have their soirees frequently — they are heartless & dull, nothing of the buxom humour & a bore board operation, that characterise ours of the west. I was at one the last evening at Serruriers, the French Minister — The company was not numerous — the style of the entertainment as simple as any Republican could wish, but Madam was at home, which after all is the great fulcrum on such occasions

I may leave this in a day or two for Philad^a. but not to spend more than a week — You must on receipt of this write home — you don't forget, & give us all the news.

Present my best respects to Cousin Mary & to my Cousins Lewis & Abe Clark. my sincerest congratulations

Adieu

Yrs Sincerely

W. Graham

Chas. Preston

WASHINGTON CITY
JAN 8

1834

Mr Charles W. Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Ken

Warbro March 4th 1834

Dear Charles

I have just received your letter of the 22 & thank you for the early answer given to one of mine as well as your frankness on the occasion — If I come I will profit by your advice not to build this summer; in addition to the excellent reasons assigned by you in opposition to the measure, there is this in it — there is on my part, neither for the present or future any necessity at this time for this undertaking — my yearly income exceeds my expenditures & the excess, I think, in improving my real Estate — As the times are, I might be under the necessity of praying my tenants, in order to accomplish this end — & this I do not wish to be subject — Indeed I had rather forego the prospect of the pecuniary reward, than run the risk of having to good them to a payment, if not convenient to them. In moving matters with us, the times require the utmost leniency from creditor to debtor, not only does humanity require it, but his own interest. Immediately on receipt of this see Graham, & tell him to suspend operations until I see him, which will be by 1st April. I told him to dispose of the old buildings on the premises — if he has, well & good — if not let them remain for the present —

As I think in duty bound, I have just exposed to you my situation, it is merely to enable you to judge how I might act on this occasion — after reading this scrawl, throw it in the fire, it is written in great haste & only intended for your eye. You know I always speak to you above board — "telling you of my griefs, & of my joys & all my governing motives, to receive in return your simple nod or shake of the head, which settles all matters" —

You can form no idea of the consternation in the land — the Administration, notwithstanding her admirably disciplined & loyal force, cant hold out — the voice of the Country in this all absorbing question of the Removal of the deposits is against them, upon principle & expediency — I send by this Mail to Col Churchill, a speech of Mr Huntington on the subject — he is an old friend of mine & a most worthy member of Society — & hope the Col^o will read it, if for no other reason as a compliment to me — I wish he (the Col^o) were a member of that body — I have that much confidence in him to believe he would always prefer his Country to his party — my conscience would chide me, if I were to assert as much for some of that body — No act of an executive could produce more frightful consequences, than has this act of usurpation in the matter of the deposits — but to all the remonstrances petitions & prayers of an unoffending, insulted & injured people, we have a deaf ear & calous heart — it is too bad! I write, to the advisers & abettors of the measure —

Give my love to Cousin Mary & Boy now Cousin Abby & her "Lord Master" —

Adieu

Yrs Sincerely

M. Ciosland

1834

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Mr Charles W. Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Ky

Pittsburgh July 22 1854

Dear Charley

At Forsythes you will find a Bird Cage, which I this day sent by the Steam Boat Hunter a present to Cousin Mary — It is the handsomest (Canary Cage) I could find

I am somewhat unwell & shall soon betake myself to some watering place

My best Respects to Cousin Mary Col McClanahan & family

Yrs Sincerely

W. Coghan

P.S. Dont forget to save me some Asparagus seed & should you, as you thought probably you might, dig up one of your beds, save me a few roots

1834

Mr Charles W. Thruston
Louisville
care of
Mr W. Riddle
Kentucky

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Pittsburgh Sept 21 1834

Dear Charles

A day or so since I received a letter from Mr Caldwell in behalf of Mrs Barney requesting I would allow her to surrender her lease at the end of the current quarter &c — I have written in answer to him & have in a measure reasoned with him on the unreasonableness of asking so sudden a surrender — in all human probability the house would be vacant for three months, I have proposed that Mrs Barney remain until the end of the ensuing quarter 1 Jan 1835 & the rent be reduced to $400 per year or 100$ for that quarter — after which whoever occupies, it shall at a Rent of $400 — I hope she will consent to this proposition, for, reasonable notice ought always be given the landlord, by the tenant, of his intention to vacate — but in this case, it is a "word & a blow" — the lease you know does not expire until 1 Jan 1836 — Adjust the matter in whatever way you may deem best & don't let the house be vacant if you can help it — I am afraid there is but little encouragement for my building in Louisiana this coming spring — However we will see more into it, when the time arrives —

I have been quite unwell throughout the whole of the past summer — I am now quite well, & amused & occupied with my improvements at my farm near this — I have lately enlarged it by the purchase of nearly 100 additional acres I begin now to talk very big of my farming operations — I am erecting a dwelling on it for myself & flatter myself the plan of the building would very please my Cousin Lewis Clark who I was anxious should furnish me a design —

Did Cousin Mary get the Cage I sent her? I hope it answered
I learn Lewis Clark is with you — please present my best respects
to him & my Cousin Abbe — I wish St Louis was a little nearer
Pittsburgh —
My little daughter enjoys good health, & since her return from
the East, is devoted to her books; she is taking lessons on the piano
& promises to be a musician —
Gather me any quantity of Asparagus seed & if you
hear of any bids being dug up, dont forget you have a
friend & Cousin named Croghan, just about commencing
life — Yes you will forget, but my Cousin Mary will not & then
— please present my respects to her

Adieu Yrs Sincerely

W. Croghan

"Cant you spare time, just to write me a line

PITTSBURGH Pa.
SEP 23

1834

Mr Charles W. Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Ken

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Pittsburgh Oct. 24, 1834

Dear Charly

Immediately on the receipt of your letter I went to work to investigate the causes of the miscarriage of the Cage I sent as a present to Cousin Mary — The facts are these, It was shipped on board the Steam Boat "Hunter" Capt. Stone on the 22 July — directed "Ch: W Thruston Care of Forsythe &c — I saw it put on board myself, put it in charge of the Steward & particularly charged the Clerk not to let him neglect it, which he promised — at the same time I addressed you a letter, stating, it was the prettiest cage to be found in Pittsburgh &c — Neither Capt, Clerk, or Steward are now in the City, or I would prosecute the matter further — So soon as I see either, I will enquire fully into the matter — in the mean time enquire at Forsythe, — the boat reached Louisville on that occasion; & perhaps she may be there, if so make enquiry about it of the Clerk or Steward —

I think Cousin Mary for the trouble she is taking in having the Asparagus tied & gathered for me — I hope the first chance you will forward them & all you can conveniently spare — the eight of the shoot which I have pickled, has brought down upon me hundreds of petitions for seeds — I will try to be generous on the occasion — It is known here as the "Thruston Asparagus" — If you could the honour, I will have you made an honorary Member of our "Pittsburgh Horticultural Society" — There is amongst us a decided "Fanciant" for Horticulture We have Sundry Public & private Green Houses, boasting of a vast variety of exotic, from far & near — We anticipate some public good & much pleasure from our

an association "The Pittsburgh Horticultural Society" – It embraces the "elite" of the land – I will send you, our last Report –

Apropos – as I like to trouble my friends – will you have gathered for me any quantity of the little red berry, you will find on your Honey Suckle vines – put them in a box, mixed with a little earth, which you will keep a little moist & in a situation where it will not freeze & send it home at the same time with the asparagus seed

All my leisure time I devote to my little farm – the buildings & arrangement of the grounds I think you would approve of – but the view afforded from the piazza of the dwelling, is admitted to be the most magnificent in the land – I will not attempt to describe it, for I could not do it justice Moreover, I will not resign the hope, you will be there, one day to judge for yourself

As Mrs Barney has gone from our house all I can say is, let her go – in my day, I have had the luck of getting brown tenants – I hope she may from my last – I am satisfied with the terms with which you have united the house vacated by her – I am not yet determined about building in the spring – the fear of not getting tenants will alone prevent – I think though I will run the risk – in the mean time, give notice to the tenants at the corner, that the house he occupies will not be for rent at the end of his year – You may tell him, this notice is merely provisional, if I do not build, he shall not be molested – What think, could I get tenants, say $400 each, for such houses as are now erected –?

Probably I may visit Louisville this fall — Where I will winter I have not yet determined — if there be any thing to do here in my line, I will remain — otherwise I must be off — Life is short & we ought to make the most of it —

I assure you I reciprocate the kind sentiments Lewis & Cousin Abby are pleased to express towards me.

Poor Tompkins — poor Tompkins — what can I say of him or for him —

Please present my respects to Cousin Mary & Clark —

Yrs Lincoln

W.

C. W. Thruston Esq

Mr [illegible]ston

(Merchant)

Louisville

Kentucky

Pittsburgh Aug 1st 1855

Dear Charley

My draft for $1,500 drawn on you will soon be due, you are not forgetful I presume of the arrangement we made for taking it up — I left in your hands a certain sum to be applied towards its payment, being as well as I remember rather more than one half of the amount (the account is with S Croghan) for the remainder, you will draw on me at Sixty or Ninety days as may be most convenient — I hope this matter will be attended to with your usual business punctuality

It has been some years since I have been so much occupied as the past spring & present summer — My operations though have been principally confined to my farm, which is my present hobby — I am in the City a visitor — From the Portico of my Country house I can see what is going on in the City

Already I feel compensated for my trouble & the expence to which I have been subjected in its improvement, in my improved health, which is now even Robust — I can undergo as much fatigue & labour as previous to my late awful illness — There is a great rage here for County seats, & already we have some beautiful ones & many more projected & mean may — its tendency has been to increase the price of Real estate wonderfully about the suburbs of our City —

Our City is dull, all the fashionables having gone to the watering places — I was sorely tempted to join some of the parties, but apprehended some of my important operations at the farm might suffer — If you or Cousin Mary &

been going. I would have joined you & left the farm to Law taken care of itself. I do not yet despair of a visit from you & a trip together to Buford

My little daughter is quite well & gets along surprisingly in her studies — Tell Cousin Fanny, she is learning French Music & Drawing — I listen with pleasure at her attempts on the Piano —

For a Composition gitting on? badly I fear —

I hope you will write soon & let me know all the news in the land.

I hope my Terrier dog is doing well — don't neglect him

I am hurried

My love to Cousin Fanny & the children

Sincerely
Yours &c
W Croghan

PITTSBURGH PA. AUG 2

1835

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Mr Chas W Thruston
Merchant
Louisville
Kentucky

Mammoth Cave 16th Feby. 1842

My Dear Sir

I entreat of you as a friend and relation to take your Daughter away from the Brighton school as you would save her from the contaminating influence of its directress Mrs McLeod than whom, a more artful, intriguing and base woman does not exist – You will have heard that my Brother William has been robbed of his Daughter a child of 14 years old – Yes seduced by the wheedling artifices of that vile woman she has eloped (perhaps forced away) & sailed for England with a Mr Schenley a man of 56 and brother in law to Mrs McLeod, who has for a length of time been aiding & abetting with fiend like appetite his worthy accomplice in crime in the nefarious scheme of robbing a Father of his child, that they may secure to themselves a portion at least of his immense estate –

Mrs McLeod will attempt to exonerate herself from all blame, & may succeed with some for she has the talents, deceit & cunning of the Devil himself, but listen not to her – Facts are so strong against her that nothing ought to restrain my Brother from arraigning her before the Courts as the kidnapper of his child.

Two years ago if not more the Dr implored Wm not to intrust his Daughter to the care of Mrs McLeod as she was unworthy – had the Dr prevailed what agony would have been avoided.

I have received two letters from Mr Croghan upon this distressing subject, filled with details of the cool calculating schemes and artifices resorted to by the vile woman to effect her nefarious end – Wm is half distracted – Let him rouse himself and pursue to the rescue of his child, even through to effect it he have to blow the vile robbers brains out –

I write in haste & in great distress

My love to your family

Yours affectionately

Croghan

Col. O'Fallon
St Louis

P.S. My Wife & Mrs Jaques express great anxiety on the subject of y. Daughter & hope that you will remove her forthwith, and should neither you nor Judge Wash be enabled

to have home, then instruct some friend to take them your children on to Washington & entrust them to the care of those who would gladly receive them — Mrs Jerry & my Wife

This given to Benj. O'Fallon [son of Colo. John O'Fallon]
& his cousin Mrs. Fanny Thruston Ballard 1826-1876
I dont recall the year but about 1892-1894
R. W. Ballard Thruston

Chrochan
Frs. P. Lyon

2-15-1842

Col: O'Fallon

St. Louis

Mo.

Wm Crafton's
Act to
the 10th of April
1852
$553.80

C. W. Thruston in Act with W. Coughran

Contra

1832	Cash of Thom. Mooney from Nov. 1st 1830 to Nov. 1 1832 (in full)	28	1830 75	1830 Sept 12	To Cash pd Kaye & Lacus Act	15 —
				Oct 14	To Cash pd James Griffith Act	22 —
	Cash of Mr. Duff from April 1st 1831 to April 1st 1832 (in full)	100	—		" Cash pd for filling up pond Cash of Mr. Duff —	3 75
					" Cash pd Freeman Rile --	31 —
April 9	Cash of John McCalister from ~~June 1st 1831 to this day~~	76		Nov 2	Cash pd City tax for 1832 -	75 —
				Feb 9	" Cash pd your Draft --	300 —
	Cash of A Jardel ---	100		1831	" Cash your —	120 —
				March 26	" Cash in your hand — —	24 —
	Cash of Baum & Knight from May 4th 1831 to ~~Feb~~ 4th 1832 in full	150	—			590 75
	Cash of Mr. Connel & Gaines from April 1st 1831 to April 1st 1832 (in full)	300				
	Cash of S. S. Goodman from May 1st 1831 to May 1 1832 (in full)	450	—			
		$	1204	75		
	To 5 pct Commission		60	20		
			1144	55		
	By amount Brought		590	75		
	Balance due Mr. W. Coughran	$	553	80		

This account is settled up to the 10th of April 1832

Settled April 10 - 1832

W. Coughran