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Brunswick, Mo, Aug. 6. 1858

Wm B Ford Esq.

Scottsbluff, Mo.

Dear Sir: I have transcripts of the Military
 lands in this District - 500,000 acres granted the
 soldiers in '49, and through their hands have been sold
 by the State for 60¢ per acre. I think the Patent
 claims worth something; I will endeavor to give the
 party 1/3; you 1/3, and myself 1/3. I am myself for
 your procuring me a little with a view of business. I may
 be able to sell some of these lands. If you
 are not satisfied for the speculation, please hand
 this letter over to some one you can recommend.

Here is one letter for you to hunt after: N.E.
 24: 23: 22 William Thompson, Patented, #8270
 New York 17 Feb. 48. John Wright, Allen Co. Ky.
 25 Aug. 19 a. 2 p. B. Charles Logan Co.

Your early attention will much oblige

Yours truly
 J. H. Blue

Brown: 59, 50: Sept. 13, 1858

W. B. Fouch Esq.
Leitchville, Ky.

Dear Sir: The figures, abbreviations and signs
n.e. 24: 53: 22 nearly went to show that
the Patented Mr. Thompson sold his title to
John Bright in whose name it yet re-
mains, but it is claimed by adverse
party for same. Bright's title is not worth
much under the circumstances; and I would
rather promise the heirs $\frac{1}{3}$ the proceeds than
any stipulation now; and then if you
will get me Power Att. or Quit claim deed
from them with their affidavit of iden-
tity and kinship, I will do the best I
can and divide the balance of the
proceeds with me.

Very truly yours
Geo. W. Bliss

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O Texas Gonzales Corner 19th/1859

Mr Ford dear

After my respects
to you I will inform you
that I have seated myself
to drop you a few lines relative
to the land that John
Bright had an interest in
that lies in the state of
Missouri my mother in law says
she was aware that her father
owned land in Missouri
She was also aware that
there could be nothing
done with the land until
the youngest child becom
of age, my mother in laws
name is Louisa Chism, so
far as her interest is concerned
she is not willing to give
two thirds of her interest

I will now proceed to give
you the names of her Brother &
sister Albert Bright lives
in Mississippi Monroe County.

~~And~~ ~~you~~ ~~to~~ ~~her~~ ~~sister~~.

Catharine Newarts is living
there close to Albert Bright
you can find out by
writing to him. I have
before me a letter from Mr
A. M. Johnson on the
same subject, so far
as I am concerned in
the matter ~~we~~ would
be willing to give
half of ~~our~~ ~~any~~ interest
for the recovery of said.

Lana Louisa Chism

pr W. M. Parchman
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Brownsville, Mo. Apr. 24, 1899

W. B. Fooks Esq.

Scottsville, Ky.

Dear Sir: The Bright tract 160 acres
N 24: 53: 22 is rolling prairie and
worth with clear title \$5 an acre. But
the Brights have let their claim lie
dormant since 1820 and have prob-
ably lost their remedy by law except
there have been minor heirs within
the last two years so as to redeem
from the adverse tax title under which
the State of Missouri has held it since
1827. I believe it is in adverse possession
and therefore it will cost more than
it will come to, to oust the local
claimants. At the same time if the
Bright claim was bought by me, or
any party here, in whom the tax title
party had confidence, I could get
considerable for it to perfect the
tax title claim and make it
more valuable - probably \$300 or \$400.

I will work here for whatever
you will work in Ky.; and you may
make the best bargain you can
with the heirs, get them to give
you a Power of Attorney, Compromise
or sell their interest for whatever
you can - in your usual legal form -
and then you convey it to me
and I will then dispose of it to
the best advantage and divide the
profits equally with you after you
have paid the heirs. You should recite
the title from Mr Thompson the Patentee, and
if possible get the old Patent as it will
show better. I gave you the chain of title
in my first letter; and hope you may
make a good thing out of it.

Very truly yours
J. H. Blair

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Barren Circuit Court

D. L. Starks, Adversely Affected

Agst
D. J. Russell vs. Depts of Justice

The defendants for answer to
Petition of Depts in this action say it
is true that they suppose the Depts is
author of James Starks debt, also that
said Depts took on the 1st day of May
1863 - Mortgage to said James Starks his wife
in the name, to wit: Henry Shelly Shary.

They state that at the time said D. J. took Mortgage said
Mortgage to said debt, the Negro Henry Shary ordered
by a judgment of the Allen County Court to
be sold they doubt the question is this can't whether
said D. J. has the right to do Mortgage there being, if
he had no such right as there debt is in said he has

not, then the only subject, answer in said Negroes

by said Mortgage was to effect Shary. They admit
that Mr. Evans stole said Shelly realises the sum of
\$1400 from him that he collected for the debt of a
house that in said Shelly's son & collected from the
debt of of D. J. from 1850 and in said the said
in a house & ground in Keosauqua. They state that
the Negro girl Shary is the wife of said D. J. but
is lying down around "under the idea that the
is free, by which she is or no value but they insist
that she continues at least one third of the interest
of said Mortgage, and that said debt should be
compelled to take in common with the Shellys or others
and the defendants in her value that he has no right

To look alone to said house not for the payment of his debt
saying charge himself that since the purchase of said house
said debt Russell has paid a long long time having
Tendered said property over subject by law to the payment of
it that he has paid by way of necessary repairs to said
property & and he has paid to Mr. George Brown, a free
allotment to him by the other Court. Which allotment is
allotted to said subject from its allotment. He has
also paid the costs of said suit in the other Court to
said said Shilly &c. Which amounted to \$10. The one fifth
& all which should be charged to the interest of said
debt in said mortgage & he did this before any debt
is ordered.

They object to any division of the house
or sale thereof but if any debt be ordered, that
it be only to debt the undersigned interest of whatever
the Court may determine to be of Mr. B. Good in
said property. All the last said mortgage of said
said property, requires or necessary Refers to as
well as Court of said to debt Rogers &c in the
other Court, for to all &c is fully set out
in a paper here filed pursuant to order
of said Court.

Witness my right hand
this 28th day of May 1891.