

Wicksburg May 13th - 1864

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Dear Sir

Several of the Cotton
Cases determined about the time you was,
have been returned, and the Parties have received
their Cotton -

I have seen the Master Capt Finkler
repeatedly, have told him how your Cotton
was marked, and when he declared he
would pay no attention to it - I gave
him formal notice & told him in the
presence of witnesses, I should hold him
responsible for its proper delivery -

He then told me your case had been
decided adversely to you. I demanded to
see the papers - he said they were not yet
returned to him, but would be to day to day
I called, and he says they will be
received this evening -

Admiral Porter has placed a Gunboat at
the mouth of the Yazoo, and refuses to let
any Boat pass up - notwithstanding General

Procurer permit how long this state of things
may continue no one can tell, and
all conjectures are idle -

Most Respectfully
Yours
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