

Alton, Ill., July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Mr M Gapp

Memphis

Dear Sir

I called at Memphis about the 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
and met with your son he  
gave me a short history of what  
had been done of which if approved  
will you please give me a full  
history of the whole transacting  
just as it is at this time and  
if it is consistent ~~of~~ with what  
you think is proper send me the  
Balance of the original Cost  
invested which is \$4,794<sup>00</sup> without  
calculating interest  
As we certainly have a just  
Claim against the Government  
for the proceeds of 14% Bal of  
Customs of which either you and  
Mr Vance have the proper papers  
if you think well of it you  
can send the papers to me and  
I will try what I can do  
The sooner it is attended to the  
better Best yours J D Mitchell  
also answer



arising therefrom, after payment of the purchase money and the other expenses connected therewith, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States; and the accounts of all moneys so received and paid shall be rendered to, and audited by, the proper accounting officers of the Treasury.