

Fayetteville N. C.

October the 10th 1868

Mr Jos. W. Hollingsworth }
New York N. Y. }

Sir Sir

I

heard from you through Mr Cohen
who gives a glowing account of your
Operations on Wall street, of course
I appeared ignorant & was greatly surpr^{ed}
but he has "let out the cat" as to what
you are doing. Dick Thornton is doing
all the business below the Market his
store is crowded nearly all the time,
I heard he took in between \$400 &
\$500 last Friday I have never been in
to see him and do not expect to as
I hear he keeps a 2 Gallon Jug of Popskull
always full - free for Friends & Customers
If that be the case his prosperity will
soon end. Your Father says he is

doing almost nothing and I know I am dollars.
Sam Phillips and A. S. Newell both cigar
speak of going to New York. around
Shop

Robt Ellis is getting quite anxious to hear
from you so he can order. also your
Father is getting impatient for his sugar
etc. He says he would like to have something
new to look at if he cant sell.

Perhaps you had better send it for him
and if you dont wish to use any of the
money you have with you you can draw
on Jones Lutterloh & Co (P.A.W. & Co) for
\$100 which I have deposited for you &
write to me & I'll have some more.

There is a good deal of Cotton coming
in Bales from 22 to 24 cts New
Orl 100~~100~~ C~~100~~ Okt to 140 C~~150~~ Bales (N.C) 31 C~~25~~ Cotton Yarns &
Sheetings are unchanged yet.

You ought to be here to draw the money
out of the Sampson Yachies when they
get the pay for their cotton, They get a few

Dollars in their Pockets and Stick a cent
Cigar in their Huckleberry traps then strut
around like an "Astor" swearing at the
Shop keepers for offering goods at reasonable
Prices knowing they can buy goods in Clinton
for what is less than N.Y. Whole sale prices

"Well my dear Sir why don't you go to
Clinton?" "Oh they won't give me enough
for my Practice!" I asked a man the question
Myself because he wanted good prints at 10cts
The above was his answer. The Jockey could not
see the mutual benefit that would result in
trading in this place, But I think I
am getting better Some of my old customers
are finding me out. Do one of your regular
customers told me that he that you had left
He thought some new Yankee had got in so
he never stopped. And I've no doubt
that has been the case with many not a
day passes but I see people stop & look in
when I ask them in they go on. For that
reason you ought to have a sign,

over

No doubt you find this dry letter but
I'm getting sleepy. Mr Hollingsworth's
Family were all well yesterday (Saturday)
Miss Fannie Went with them have not
heard from them yet.

The lights brown sugar is out would
have been out before but by accident I
got a little. My health is only tolerable good
though I've not been sick.

John & Jackson has quit & gone to
keeping a bar. He did not stand long
in they way.

No doubt you are tired of this nonsense
so I'll stop & go to bed. I sincerely
hope you are "right side up" and be
spared I shall do the best I can in your
absence. With the highest respect

I am as ever

Yours
J. G. Stearns

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