

## Transcription

### Merchants discuss unsettled business conditions

Balto. 29th Decb 1860

Mr. B. F. Gravely

Leatherwood

Va.

Dear Sir

We have your letter of the 25th inst.—The earlier time—say 5th Jany—would suit us much better than the 10th, if you can then manage to obtain the discot. & remit—Inasmuch, as the banks have not had an opportunity to discot. drafts on Tobacco Commission houses for a long time past we think that you will not meet with any difficulty in getting the money on the 5th inst.—

Do not send on the Smoking Tobacco until you hear from us—Capt. Sessions would want it, if it were here & we do not think that he could, at present, make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of it—We cannot reconcile our selves to the belief that matters can long remain in their present unsettled condition

We trust that your apprehensions about collections may not be realized

Yours Very Truly

JOHN P. PLEASANTS & SONS

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