

Transcription

"We are now short of Cash"

Duplicate

Balto 13th: May 1861.

Mr. B. F. Gravely
Leatherwood
Henry Co
Va

Dear Sir,

We have not heard from you since you left Balto. A few days since, we learned from Mr. S. R. Aterell, that he had ordered some Smoking Tobacco from you to be sent to Winchester.— He is responsible, please send it. During the last week, we have had an active demand for black, sweet Tobacco—Such as is made in Richmond and Petersburg, and sold in the North and West.

For such as you make, there is no demand—The blockade of the Southern Ports has cut off the outlet for it—

Inasmuch as there will be very little Tobacco made in Virginia and North Carolina this Season, we think that by holding what we have, that we can in the course of two or three months, find some way to work it off at better rates than it would now bring.

Please draw and remit a check on Baltimore or New York for the amount of your draft, say \$3000—

By paying out pretty freely, and getting very little back, we are now short of Cash—

Yours Truly

Signed

Jno P Pleasants & Sons

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