

Transcription

"No more licorice"

Richmond May 18th 1861

B. F. Gravely Esq

Dear Sir

We have just received your favor of the 14th inst and hasten to reply. The best licorice to had here now is the "Estrada" in half cases. It is now selling at 22¢ Cash, as all other is, but what it will be when we hear from you, it is impossible to say. It is scarce and has been on the advance for some weeks. Not a case of Sanford here. Nor G. C. nor J. C. & Co.

Very Truly

S Ayres & Son

There will be no more licorice coming here until the end of the War or the raising of the blockade

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