

This agreement entered into this 2^d day of July 1842 between
Samuel Griswold of Clinton Jones County Georgia & Daniel Pratt
of Prattville Alabama on the one part & H K Carter
of Macon Georgia on the other part Viz: —

The said Griswold & Pratt agree on their
part to employ the said Carter during the next
business season to go to New Orleans to act as their
agent in a general commission business (which com-
mission house they are about to establish in that city)
for which services rendered by the said Carter they agree
to pay him ^{the sum of} fourteen hundred dollars payable
as he may want it to defray his expenses or
at the option of said Carter one third of the net
profits of the business at the close of the season

The said Carter agrees on his part to go
to New Orleans and enter into the employment
of the said Griswold & Pratt, to be engaged in all
the transaction of a general commission business,
take charge of the Books & attend to all business
in that line as may be most to the interest
of the concern & in conformity with the views of said
Griswold & Pratt, for the compensation of fourteen hundred
dollars as above ~~stated~~ stated, or one third of the
profits of the business at the close of the season —
said Griswold & Pratt to advance said Carter one hundred fifty
dollars to defray his expenses going to New Orleans which amount
to be deducted from his salary — said Carter to ^{pay} his own
individual expenses — The season to commence the first

of November andnd by the first of July next

Macon July 29th 1842.

Samuel Arnold
with regards the Dr. & Mrs. A. K. Carter

I have given what I think all persons of taste
will do to make up a more general
and better service stamp is in progress
(I will be added to made as well as all
engraved and printed on cards and books in
a large number and will be used for
as many and varied as the above part and as
difficult to find, as when first so cut off all the
engraved parts all to prevent all for being
so easily recogniz'd and lost

These persons all that are here good & well
known engaged at Dr. & Mrs. A. K. Carter's
and the Dr. & Mrs. A. K. Carter's all
readiness and skill as well as care take in
and from all their friends interested all for
the benefit of society and my Dr. & Mrs. A. K. Carter
all to be had ready, shall make ready as well
as can be done all the persons all for being
engraved and made at Dr. & Mrs. A. K. Carter's
and the Dr. & Mrs. A. K. Carter's all
in great numbers and people of all
ages and classes - great and very elaborate &
of all manner of subjects to be used in

Prattville 27th June 1843

H. Kendall Carter Esq

Dear sir Should you and
the Mysr Popes connect your selves in business
in New Orleans, Should you wish me to do
so I will furnish you with Cotton Gins on the
following terms - I will deliver them at the
Depo in New Orleans the Improved Gin at
\$2.80 two Dollars and eighty cents per saw, The common
Gins at \$2.05 two Dollars and five cents per saw
I will supply or furnish you with all the Gins you
may want Should you give me timely notice
Payment to be made on 1st of June for all Gins
ordered previous to that time and on 1st June
following for all ordered after that time — The
Cash price for the Improved Gins \$3.50 per saw
for the common Gin \$2.75 Twelve and half per
cent may be added for credit. The price is no
instance to exceed the above, Yours Respectfully
Daniel Pratt

H. Kendall Carter Esq

Present

Op. No. 1
July 5th 1843

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140.00	175.00
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This agreement made & executed this
fifth day of March 1852 by & between Stephen R.
Parkhurst of the City & State of New York and
Jonathan H. Hayes & Henry Redfield, constitut-
ing the firm of Hayes & Redfield in said City and
State, parties of the first & Daniel Pratt of
Prattville, & State of Alabama & Henry Kendall Carter,
of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, constituting
the firm of H. Kendall Carter & Co in New Orleans,
and Samuel Grinولد of the State of Georgia,
Elisha C. Grinولد, Amos Smith & Daniel Pratt
of Prattville, Alabama, constituting the firm of
S. Grinولد & Co in said Prattville parties of the
second part

Witnesseth—that whereas the said Ste-
phen R Parkhurst has made a new & useful
invention called & known as "Parkhurst's
Cotton Seed Carding & Batting Machine"
for which Letters Patent were issued to him by
the United States, bearing date the 23rd day of
April 1850, and

Whereas—the said Stephen R. Parkhurst
for a valuable consideration has transferred an
interest in said Patent to said Hayes & Redfield,
constituting the firm aforesaid, and

Whereas—the said H. Kendall Carter & Co
and S. Grinولد & Co parties of the second part
are desirous of acquiring an interest in
said invention in & for the States of Louisiana
and Mississippi

Now—this indenture witnesseth that
said parties of the first part for & in consideration
of the sum of Fifty five thousand dollars to be
paid as hereinafter provided by the said parties

of the second part, said parties of the first
part have assigned, sold & set over, & by these
presents do assign, sell & set over unto said
parties of the second part, their heirs, & assigns
as hereinafter restricted, One undivided
half part of all their right, titles & interest
in & to said Patent, & the rights & privileges
therely secured, in, to & for the States of Lou-
isiana & Mississippi & in, to, & for no other place,
the same to be held & enjoyed by the parties of
the second part to their own use & behoof & to
the use & behoof of their legal representatives
to the full end of the term for which said Letters
Patent have been granted under the following
stipulations & considerations

First - the payment of the hereinbefore
named sum of fifty five thousand dollars
is to be made as follows, twenty seven thousand
five hundred dollars cash & twenty seven
thousand five hundred dollars to be divided
into six promisory notes bearing even date
herewith & payable one in eleven months, one
in twelve months, one in thirteen months, one in
twenty three months, one in twenty four months
and the other in twenty five months, and all
the profits arising from the sales of said ma-
chines shall be divided, one half to the parties
of the first part & the other half to the parties
of the second part

Second - the parties of the second part
hereby agree to make & sell the machines as
above described which shall be required to sup-
ply the demand within the limits of the said
States of Louisiana & Mississippi & to use all

reasonable means to promote the sales of such machines within said limits, and to account to the parties of the first part for the net profits of such sales as agreed in the preceding article of this instrument, but nothing in this instrument shall be so construed as to make it incompetent for the parties of the first part to make & sell machines under the aforesaid Patent within the limits of the said States of Louisiana & Mississippi, provided said parties of the first part no making and selling such machines within the limits of the said States agree to account for the net profits in like manner to the parties of the second part - said machines shall not be sold in or for said states for a less sum than two hundred & sixty dollars cash without the written consent of the parties of the first & the parties of the second part

Third - the aforesaid net profits, shall be understood to mean the entire proceeds of all the above named sales, first deducting the cost of the main or toothed cylinder & fifty dollars for constructing or making each of said machines & delivering them at the shipping point on the river, together with all necessary expenses incurred in transportation thereof, ^{but subject five per cent. to all reasonable charge be allowed} selling & advertising, together with all expenses incurred in defending the rights of the parties hereto against any trespass that may be made upon them within the limits aforesaid, & neither the parties of the first, or the parties of the second part shall sell or otherwise dispose of or have the right or

power to sell or dispose of any part of said Letters Patent, or any right under them in and for said States of Louisiana & Mississippi, or any part thereof without the written consent of the other of said parties

"Fourth - all the machines made this year shall be deemed to cost one hundred dollars each, this sum to cover every expence, the parties of the second part shall pay to the parties of the first part one half the sum received for each & every machine made this year, first deducting from the sum received for each machine one hundred dollars, but on all machines made and sold after 1852 the profit shall be divided as specified in the third article of this agreement

"Fifth - each of said parties shall as often as once in every three months render a true, correct & full account to the other of all of said machines made & sold in & for said states or any part thereof showing the number made & sold, to whom sold, the cost thereof, and the profits, & also that each of said parties shall as often as once in every three months pay to the other one half part of all the net profits which said party shall have realized and received from the manufacture & sale of said machines, & each of said parties shall use his influence & best efforts to prevent said rights being infringed or impaired - & in case either of said parties shall make or cause to be made any improvement on said invention, the same shall belong to said parties equally, in & for said States, one half thereof to said parties of the first

part, & the other half to said parties of the second part, but nothing herein contained shall authorize said parties of the second part, or give them or their legal representatives any right to make, sell, or cause to be made or sold any of said machines to be used or sold in any other place than in said States of Louisiana & Mississippi

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day & year above written & executed two of these indentures, each a copy of the other

In presence of

R. B. Cummings Stephen K. Parkman

Hayes Reedfield

J. Griswold & Co

A. Kendall Carter & Co

New Orleans March 5th 1852 Received the
notes according to the within contract
amounting to twenty seven thousand
five hundred dollars

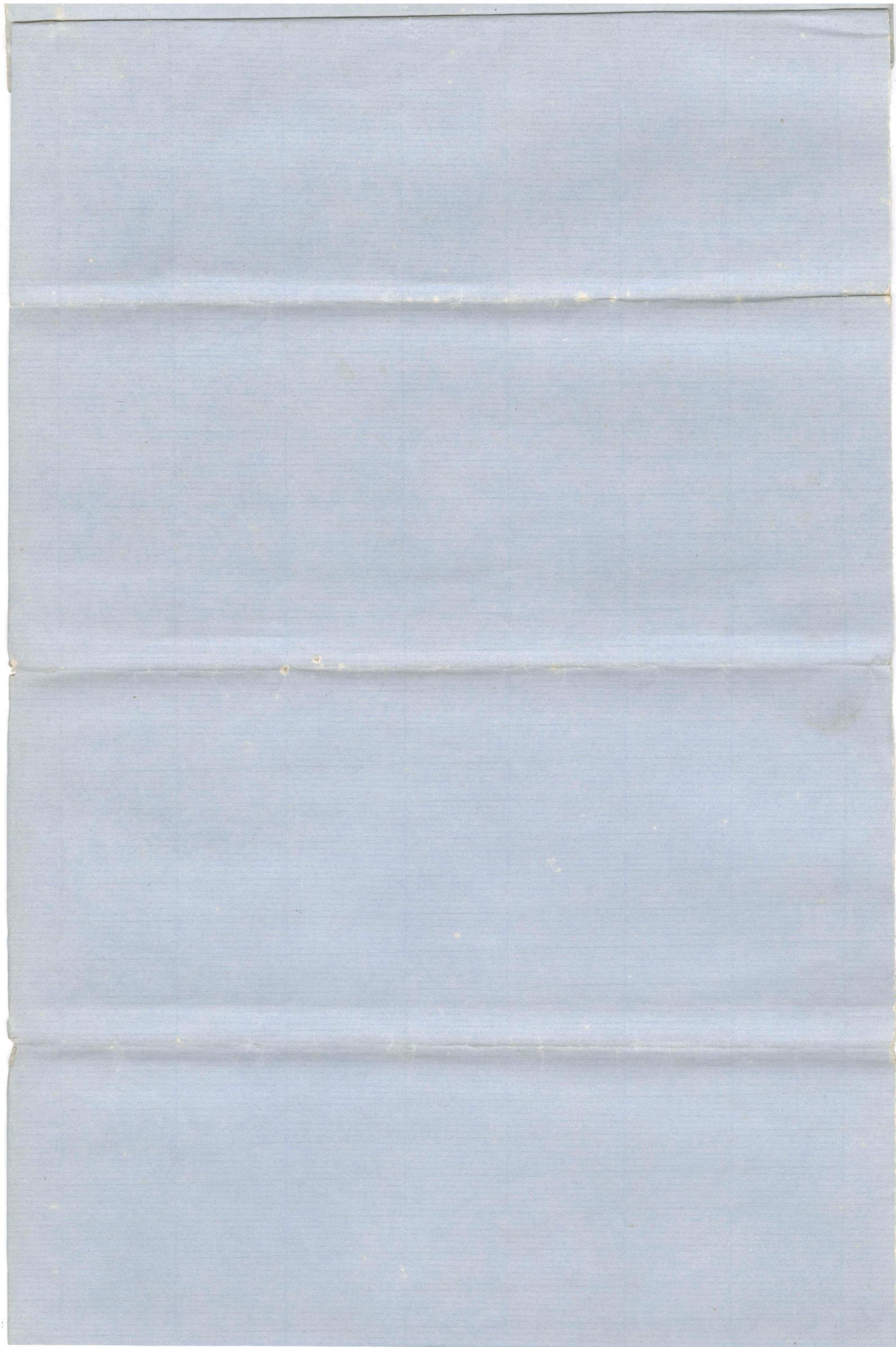
\$ 27,500. -

Hager & Redfield

New Orleans March 6th 1852 Received
from H Kendall Carter &c Eight thousand
seven hundred & fifty dollars cash on
account of the within contract

\$ 8,750. -

Hager & Redfield



John H. French
St. Louis Mo.



Prattville Feb 14th 1859

Mr H Kendall Carter
New Orleans

Dr Sir

Your favor of 9th Inst has this day been received & I notice what you say about Mr Bush's health, I am truly sorry to learn that his health does not improve, I have felt a great anxiety about him from the first. These chronic cases are hard to manage, I should advise him to visit Cooper's well at once some similar cases have been much benefited by using the water in relation to Mr Wm Fay. He is permanently engaged here Mr Miss leaves th on rather gives up the Agency of the Prattville Mary Co next July Mr Fay takes his place, I know of no person who would be willing to summer it in New Orleans that could be had to go into your Office, I have no knowledge of how Mr Ford of Mobile is situated If he would be willing to go to New Orleans I suppose he would be reliable, I have not seen him in many years, I will answer your letter more fully in a few days. I intend visiting New Orleans during this Spring My health is not very good

Yours truly
Daniel Pratt

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Mr. Kendall Carter

The same was
over last morn
as it was at the
beginning
and am still
in arrears
and am

Private

Mr. H. Kendall Carter
New Orleans

Aug^o March 28 1859

Prattville Feb 17th 1859

Mr. H. Kendall Carter
New Orleans

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th Inst I answered
in part on receipt, As respects the copartnership
business in New Orleans I have no objections
& its continuance only that I have not
means to spare to keep that amount of
capital in the concern The gin business requires
such a vast amount of Capital to enable the
business to go, It requires more than I am
able to collect from the business, One year ago
I was owing about \$130,000, I am now owing
\$136,000, besides some 15,000 which will have to
come out of the collections to pay Morris and Smith
The proffit of the commission business I use in
my Plantation purchases and expenses

I am paying annually over ten thousand
dollars interest money, The most that I am
owing will not be wanted short of from
one to four years, I suppose it would be hard
for me to convince you of the enormous expenses
attached to the gin business, After this year I
expect Samuel F. Dickey and Merrill Pratt to
take all the selling of gins this side of Tex as Mr
Sawders to take it in Tex as, I shall however
have to furnish a large portion of the capital
I did think I should make collections this year

that would help me out, My collections have
been very good in Ala if they could be as good
most of here I should be encouraged, you
know what they have here and what I have
received, I am now hard pressed every day
for money to meet my New York Bills and
expences of the shop, You are well aware that
the Parkurst gin has been a heavy drag on me
and on top of that ^{I went} ~~goes~~ to the expense of \$40,000
for a gin factory and added to that the old
Griswold business has been a heavy drag on me
If my life and health is spared I expect to work
through, It is however unpleasant to be situated
as I am, If collections could be made to pay
me the amount due for gins in New
Orleans I should be very easy, I have
now stated my situation to you which I have
no doubt surprises you, I have worked hard
all my life, I would now like to make some
change if it could be conveniently done
If necessary I will come over to New Orleans
in March, I would like to hear your views
on this subject.

Yours truly
Daniel Pratt

Prattville Nov 29th 1859

Mr H. Kendall Carter

Dr Sir

In yours of 11th Inst you

remark that some person must have said
something prejudicial to you at the time of our
settlement last Spring. I presume you think
that person was Mr Link. I wish to put you
right as far as Mr Link is concerned. There
were some things that happened at and previous
to that time I did not get exactly right about
which I am ready when we meet to relate to you
should you desire it. As far as Mr Link is concerned
he is clear of any cushion or charge of saying any
thing prejudicial to you. Put it all together I do
not suppose I had ten minutes private talk
with him. At the last interview I had with Mr
Bent he said to me that Mr Link deserved
to get my business should I change it and
said he thought he would answer my purpose
I discovered from your remarks that you
did not wish to keep him another year.

The morning I left I asked Mr Link how
he would like to attend to my business the
next year. He replied he would like to do my
business in New Orleans if I arrived it I remark
I should be obliged to have some person and that
I supposed he knew more about it than any
other person. I stated I had rented a room in

private

Mr H. Kendall Carter

Lawrenceburg

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L Pratt

your Building and would give him business
to commence on 1st January 1860 - I supposed
from Mr Bent's statement that I could
only suppose Mr Licks honesty and that he
would be the most suitable person I could obtain.
Mr Lick may not be the right sort of a
man if so I shall regret employing him
but as far as any thing said by him fully
exculcates you I will clear him. I would
have much preferred to have all my business
done through your House but from the manner
I discovered the busness was done I thought
best to have it entirely disconnected with any
other business. I am anxious that our
friendship should continue and as far
as I am concerned I shall do nothing to
intentionally to interrupt it.

Yours Respectfully
Daniel Pratt

Memorandum of an Agreement, made and entered
into this 22nd day of April 1859, between H Kendall
Carter of the City of New Orleans of the first part, and
Daniel Pratt of Autauga County in the State of
Alabama of the second part - Witnesseth that
the said Daniel Pratt, of the County and State aforesaid,
does Covenant and agree, and by these
present do sell to H Kendall Carter of the first part
his heirs &c, all his interest in the concern of H
Kendall Carter & Co, Cotton factor and Commission
Merchants of this City of which concern, I the said
Daniel Pratt am a partner, the said interest consisting
of Merchandise Notes, drafts, accounts, Books, Office
furniture &c and whatever property there may be belonging
to the said firm, to have and to hold the same in his
own right and benefit, for the sum of Fifty Seven Thou-
sand dollars, to be paid as follows, viz. Twenty five
Thousand dollars in Cash, the receipt of which, I
the said Daniel Pratt do hereby acknowledge, and
the said H Kendall ^{Carter} Note for Sixteen thousand dollars
dated the 22nd day of April 1859 and payable in 12 months
from date, with interest from the first day of October
1859 until paid, also said Carter note for Sixteen
thousand dollars, of this date payable in two Years from
from this date, with interest from the first day of October
1859 until paid, which is in full for all my interest
profits &c to the first day of October 1859 and thenceforward,
and I Daniel Pratt of the second part, do by these presents
abandon all claim and demand against the said
concern from this date, as this contract and sale is
final and complete between the parties, but the style
of the said concern is to continue the same, until the
first day of October 1859, altho I the said Daniel Pratt
~~has~~ no interest in the same after this date, and the

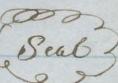
David H Kendall Carter releases said Daniel Pratt
from all claims or debts which may be due by the said
Concern, and holds him in no way responsible for the
same or any loss which may accrue to the said concern
from bad debts, losses &c

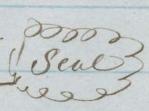
In witness hereof the parties to these
presents set their hands and seals this 22 day of April
1859

signed sealed and

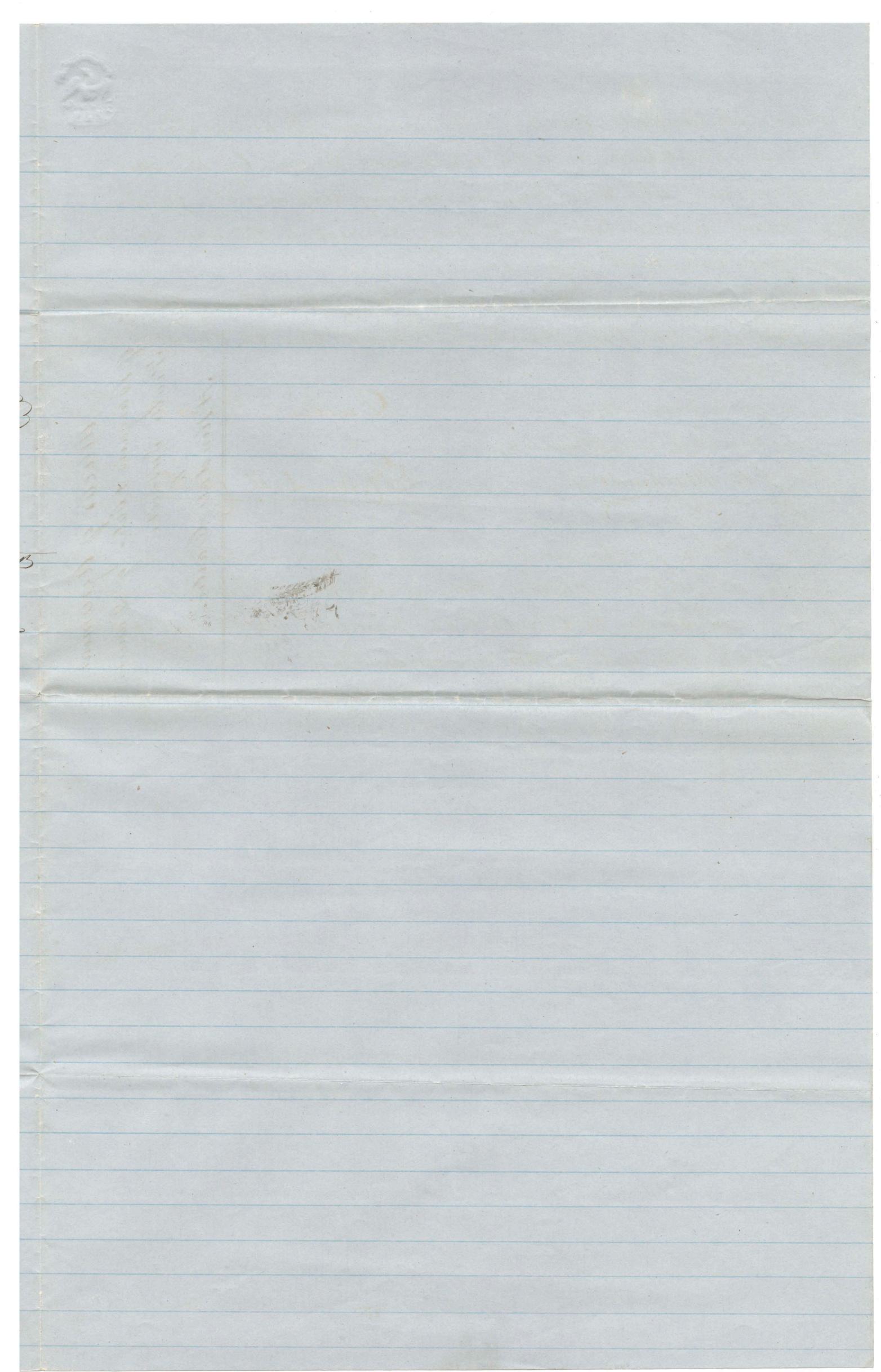
acknowledged in the presence of

J A Mackinder

Daniel, Pratt 

H. Kendall Carter 

It is further understood and agreed that the interest
on the above named note of Sixteen Thousand dollars
each shall be computed from the 22nd day of April
1859 the date of this instrument



Collector of Agreements
of Parcans & Sales of Bonds
of Puerto Rico
to
Hundale Carter

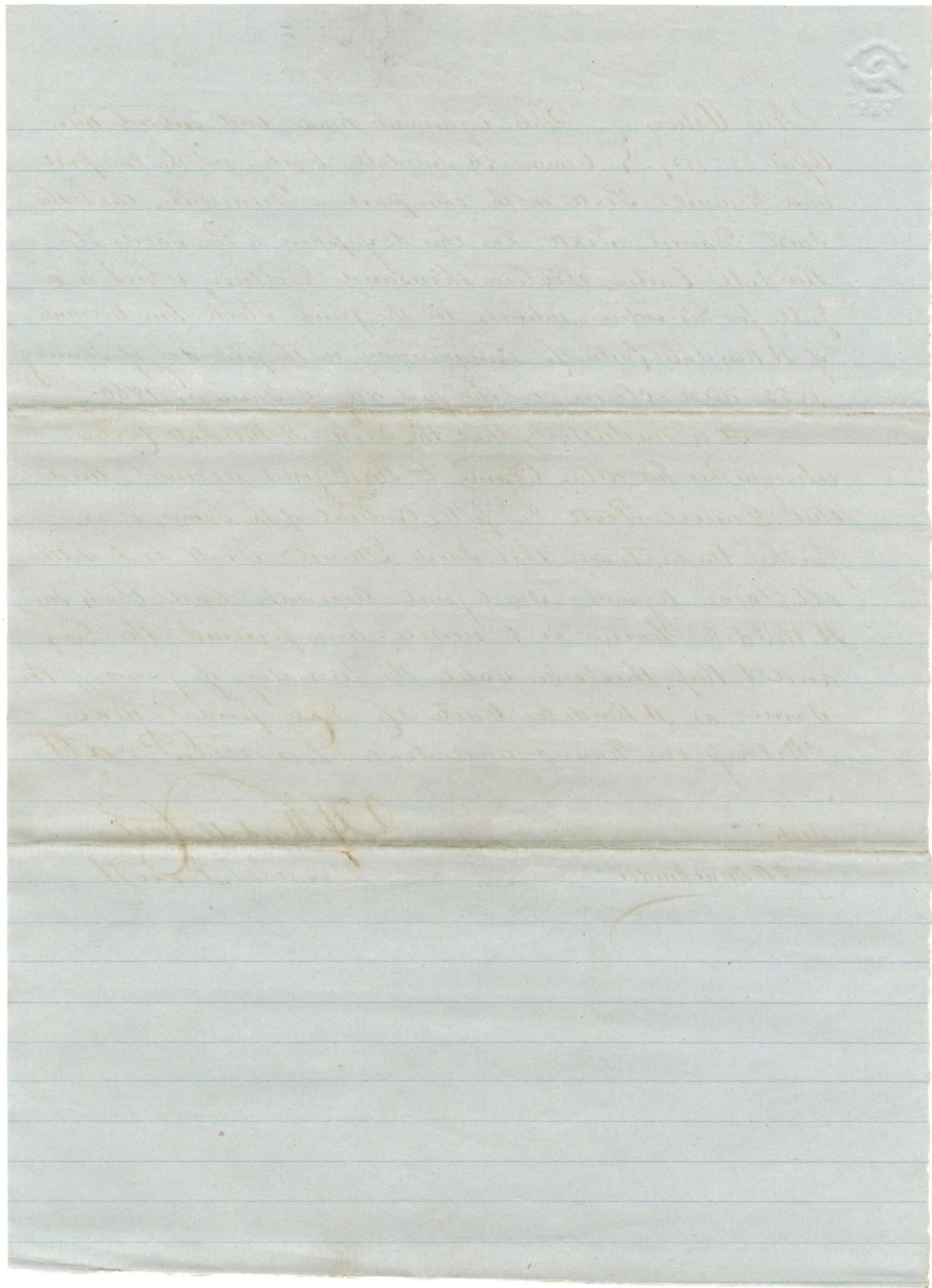
New Orleans } This Agreement made and entered into
April 22nd 1859 } between H Kendall Carter on the one part
and Daniel Pratt on the other part - Witnesseth, that the
said Daniel Pratt has this day paid to the said H
Kendall Carter Sixteen thousand Dollars, which is in
full for his entire interest, in the joint Stock Govt Accounts
of H Kendall Carter & Co. commencing on the first day of January
1855 and closing on the first day of January 1860 -

It is understood that the said H Kendall Carter
extinguishes his entire Claim to said joint account, and
that Daniel Pratt has full control of the same, it is
further understood that said Daniel Pratt is to settle
all claims against said joint account and that said
H Kendall Carter is to receive and forward the Govts
and to keep the Books until the first day of January, the
same as H Kendall Carter & Co have formerly done
Witness our hands and seals Daniel, Pratt

Teste

J A Mackinder

H. Kendall Carter
Daniel, Pratt



Commission Profits to Oct 1 st 1858	137,135.00
Add for the year ending 1859 (Supposed profits)	45,063.00
off for bad debts & collecting 10% 346.664 - 34.666.00	182,198.00
Paid Mr Bent in Settlement	38,680.00
	73,346.00
	2) 108,852.00
	54,426.00
Add Mr Pratt's Capital	70,000.00
	124,426.00
Deduct D Pratt, Acc ^t	57,426.00
" Paid H K Carter Gm Profits	16,000.00
	69,426.00
	\$ 57,000.00
Cash	25,000.00
Note at 12 May Int from Oct 1 st 1859	16,000.00
Note at 24 " " " " "	16,000.00
	\$ 57,000.00

Daniel Pratt Gm Acc^t to D Pratt Special Acc^t
for this am't transf' being wrong Ent \$ 16,921.91

The above Settlement made with D Pratt
Friday the 22nd day of April 1859. —

the new house. I will call that enough
for all you want to know about it.

Now we have a new house to live in
and we are very happy. We have a
large room with a fireplace and a
small room with a fireplace and a
kitchen and a dining room and a
living room and a bedroom and a
bathroom. We have a garage and a
driveway. The house is very nice and
we are very happy with it.

Hartford Augst 31 1859.

Mr I A Mackendre

Copy

Doris

The time is close at hand when the Partnership between myself and Mr Pratt expires by limitation. Say on the first of Oct: 1859, when the dissolution ~~must~~ must be advertised, the form of which I herewith enclose - As to my future arrangements with regard to the business ^{I have} ~~not~~ yet decided upon, ~~I cannot tell till I return~~, but in any event it will be for the intent of the Concern to continue the same firm of A Kendall Carter & Co. Now, to do this I will make this proposition for one year, from Oct: 1859 to Oct 18th 1860. and in the mean time a ~~permanant~~ permanent arrangement ^{may} be made -

Agreeable to the settlement made with Mr Pratt it left me in the Concern profits & Capital to the Am^t of 135,000.00 thus add to this amount 31,000, as due Mr Pratt & Mr Bird payable in 1861 - will be 166,000.00 which amount will be in the Concern ~~as~~ Capital Oct 1 1859
Mr Ross put down the gross profits for next year ending Oct 1, 1869
~~at~~ ^{at} 40.000 - deduct therefrom say his out capital at 8% on 150.000 - is 12.000 also expenses of office &c. 8.000. 20.000 - leaving 20.000 - as nett profits $\frac{1}{8}$ of which I propose for your part in the business which would be \$25.00 - it may be more or less ^{dependent on circumstances} I will then purchase

your 1/8 interest in the business for the one
year ending Oct 1st 1860 and will give
you three thousand dollars for the
same, which will secure to you in any
event the full amount that would be made
under the most favorable circumstances -

I do this in view of a permanent arrangement
which may go into effect before Oct
1860 - If this proposition meets your
views please ~~apply~~ ^{let me know} immediately

I shall send Mr Pratt ^{for him to sign} a copy of the
Notice of the dissolution, but not of the
new arrangement I propose to you -
he will sign it no doubt and forward the same
to you

Send Mr Pratt this day a copy of the disso-
lution to be advertised to sign & send the
same to Orleans to insert in the paper

I don't wish you to make any mention
of the new arrangement only let it be
known that you are a partner

Copied

The following entries must be made on
Carter & Pratt books so as to conform with the
Books of Daniel Pratt & Co

Gins Sales joint Account to
Daniel Pratt for Gins returned to
Factory as per Schedule

1595 Saws at 81⁹

1020 " " 100

1276 "

1020 " 2296

For 25 Gins on hand in country

525 Saws at 81⁹

810 " " 100

420 "

810 " 1230

Difference between the price charged
at the Factory and the price credited
the Factory in New Orleans on Gins
received between the 1st Jan'y 1850 }
and the 30th April 1853 as per
statement of Mr Fay }

2) 3526

1763 "

1325 " 1325 "

3088 "

4851 "

Daniel Pratt Dr to Gin Sales
joint ac/c for 44 Gins returned
to the Factory as per Schedule

2115 Saws 26

679.90

4191.10

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1148.00

1325

24,73.00

137 135 00
50 100 "
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Commission Profits to Oct: 1st 1858 137,135.17
 ditto add for year " 1 1859 \$6,000. add. 4,000. 40,000.00
 \$177,135.17

10% off for bad debt, & collecting on 346,664.58 . 34,666.45

Paid Mr Bent in Settlement	38,680.68	73,347.13
	2) 103,788.04	
	51,894.02	

Capital D Pratt	70,000.00
	\$121,894.02
	500
	129,394.02
	500
	129,394.02

Gin profits to Jan: 1 1860 }
 as per Statement }

25% off

4) 123,146.11	
	30,786.52
	7,699.39
	\$23,087.39

HKC Comm. profit	51,894.02
Gin do	23,087.39
	\$74,981.41

Actual am't of Gin Profits	123,146.11
deduct HKC prof.	23,087.39
D Pratt	100,058.42
add D Pratt Comm. Profits	51,894.02
	\$151,952.94

