Cahaba / Alabama / Aug 20th 1820.

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than Alabama. The country is yet new, its internal resources are daily developing themselves, and presenting to the eye of the adventurer a boundless field of speculation. When we take into consideration the immense quantity of cotton which in a few years will be made in this state, the facilities of transporting it to market, together with the readiness with which it will always command cash, we may reasonably infer that a large quantity of Northern manufactured articles will meet a constant demand and profitable sales. There is now no price for cotton as there is none in Market. We have bid 15 for the finest of prime quality in Market. The country is generally healthy. We have never enjoyed better health than during our residence here. It is with pleasure we observe that manufactures in New England, are fast recovering the shock they have received and which at one time bid fair to prove fatal. A fire broke out in Mobile Friday night Aug 14th which consumed the buildings on both sides Dauphin Street from Water to Royal Street.

Yours Respectfully

Mason & Sister

Miss Victoria Simms

Cumberland

Mason & Dexter

Cahaba Aug 20th 1820

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Mrs. Richards & Simmons
Cumberland near
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