

Lexington VA: 6 July 1869

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Although I have had to decline requests for the use of my name as a reference in consequence of the numerous applications as to my inability to reply to inquiries, I cannot refuse it to a firm, one of whose members is my old friend and classmate, Judge Charles Mason.

It is therefore at your service if you desire it.

Very respy your obtservt

R E Lee

Messrs Mason, Fenwick & Lawrence