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Letter, from George Potts, in Natchez, Mississippi to Rev. James Smylie in Liberty, Amite County, Mississippi, August 31, 1829

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Rev^d James Smylie.
Centerville -

New Orleans May 23 1832.

Dear Sir,

With the present we beg to forward
you enclosed, sales of 35 Bales of Cotton rec^d of Laf
Lake and Columbia in your account Net Proceeds \$1355.69
to your credit with our Natchez house. — The same
parcel now, would not bring as much by $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ at least,
so that we may consider ourselves fortunate in having
disposed of it when we did.)

Our Cotton market is as dull as it is possible
to be, & altho' prices have already declined $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ under
what they were some days back, Purchasers ask
a further similar decline, and we fear it must be
submitted to before much business can be done. — In
the meanwhile prices are nominal at 8 @ 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢
for the extreme qualities —

The Draft of W^m Hazard for \$400 was duly
paid. — and trusting that this may find you safely
arrived & in good health — We remain
Yours very truly
Wm. W. B.

Sales of Thirty-five Bales Cotton, raised for Steamers
Lady of the Lake & Columbia, freight of Rev. Dr. Smylie

May 21 Isaac Ogden & Co Cash
35 Bales Cotton in

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| <u>Smylie</u> | 4524011 | 46416 | 28407 |
| | 35389 | 37128 | 31409 |
| | 49403 | 45140 | |
| | 40427 | 33406 | |
| | 42444 | 27437 | |
| | 47382 | 32409 | |
| | 69408 | 29418 | |
| | 48419 | 36426 | |
| | 34421 | 30408 | |
| | <u>3697</u> | <u>3788</u> | <u>816</u> |

Wt 8301¹⁰ 10^{1/2} 87160

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| * | 54398 | 33396 | 57445 |
| | 41403 | 38416 | 53403 |
| | 43393 | 51445 | 36388 |
| | 50469 | 36438 | 39386 |
| | 60409 | 44420 | 55407 |
| | <u>2072</u> | <u>2115</u> | <u>2029</u> |

Wt 6216¹⁰ 9^{1/4} 57498

The above Cotton is weighed by a sworn P^l 144658

Charges

Freight on 8 Bales @ 1⁰⁰ per Bale 8 -

Do 27 " 4⁷⁵ " 20 25

Trayage 4²⁷ Labor 4³⁸ Wt 3⁵⁰ 12 25

Storage 7 -

Insurance down the River right & return of 7 23

Commission on each bale @ 2^{1/2} 36 16 90 89

W^h Messrs a Post Bank & Co New York 135569

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New Orleans 23rd May 1832
a Post Bank & Co
per William Lewis