

Mr Easley

I did not find among our goods any brown sugar. I expect it was forgotten. Please send 20 lbs.[?] & a paper of tacks. You will recollect to send a Bl. Herrings, 12 lbs. rice, a jug molasses, Box Candles & 5 bottles claret. Please also send all our papers received during our absence & 2 pens.

a small box wafers

Very respectfully

E A Bruce

Friday morning

*Elvira Ann Bruce (1788-1858) was the eldest daughter of Col. William Cabell of Union Hill in Nelson County. She first married Patrick Henry, Jr., who died seven months after their marriage. Fifteen years later, she married widower James Bruce. She lived for a while at Woodbourne in Halifax County after James died in Philadelphia in 1837.*

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1844

Mr. Easley

The dress you sent me yesterday does not suite [sic] me it is too corse [sic] stout and heavy it is not like Amanda's dress. I understood you had sold the dress that I requested you to lay by for me but I could not believe it. I think Mr. Easley this is very shabby treatment don't understand from this that I am angry, by no means but I am very much disappointed in not getting of the dress. You will please exchange the buttons for white ones the other articles don't suit you will please take them back. You will send 8 yds of 10cts Cloth unbleached 2 yds of shilling Calico send me a bill of the two last articles mentioned in the note and you will very much oblige me.

Yours very respectfully

M. B. Owen

*Easley receives a complaint from a dissatisfied customer. Maria Beverly (Toot) Owen (1808-1879) married Robertson Owen, Jr. in 1829. She was granted a pension in 1878 for his War of 1812 service.*

June 5, 1844. Sir. Please send me a half yard of the Kentucky Jeans of which I send a sample—Also one yard and a half of white rice cambric. A jug of Molasses & four pounds almonds.—

Mrs McPhail sends a pot of nice fresh butter, which she wishes to dispose of. If not inconvenient to him, Mr. Easley will oblige me by directing my servant where to dispose of it, & weighing it for her.

Resp.

JB McPhail

James S. Easley, Esq.

H. C. House

*John Blair McPhail (1807-1891) was a lawyer and tobacco planter. He attended Hampden-Sidney College at the age of fifteen and at the age of seventeen enrolled at Yale University where he earned his law degree. McPhail married Anne "Nancy" Cabell Carrington. They moved to Oak Hill in Halifax County. After Nancy's father died in 1847, they lived at Mulberry Hill plantation in Charlotte County.*

Mr. John Chapel you will pleas [sic] send me by Moses one gallon of Madarie [sic] wine if you have it if not send me port wine also four pounds of rice and you will much oblige me

December the 20 1823

John Jennings

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Mesr. J Chappell & Co will please send 1 jug rum 1 sack of salt & ½ oz Opium if Mr. Chappell has no Opium in the store please procure me some of Doctr Dunscomb & oblige yours etc

J. H. Wimbish

20 Jany 1824

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Sir pleas [sic] send me a Strong Chamber pot by Bob

Mr. John Chappell      and oblige yrs

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December 6<sup>th</sup> 1823