Orleans as soon as practicable to attend to the city's interest in the McDonogh bequest. He went to New Orleans in the month of April, but found that many of the parties who had purchased the property had left the city, and in most cases but little reliable information could be obtained respecting them; he, however, found several whose notes the city held for large sums which they declared their inability to pay, and asked for further time on account of the total suspension of business, and promised as soon as possible to discharge their obligations. Notes amounting to \$60,104.72 had been placed in the hands of R. Mott, Esq., for collection. The drawers of some of these notes informed Mr. Randolph that they had been paid to Mr. Mott. No information in relation to Mr. Mott could be obtained in New Orleans. The case of Moses Fox against the McDonogh estate for \$300,000, claimed under an alleged codicil to the will of Mr. McDonogh had been placed in the hands of Mr. Mott and Mr. Roselius. Mr. Roselius reported that the case had had been decided upon in one of the Courts against Fox; that his Counsel had appealed to another Court, but Mr. Roselius did not suppose that the case would be brought up again as the claim had been proved fraudulent. The agents had left \$14,000 of the funds of the estate in bank in the year 1861, subject to the decision in this case, which sum still remains in bank in New Orleans. The purchaser of the Orleans property sold for \$52,500, on which their remains unpaid \$34,170, has proposed to give up the property on condition that the amount paid by him be refunded. The proposition was rejected, and as he has declared his inability to pay the balance due it is supposed that this, with other property similarly situated, must be

resold. The Trustees of the McDonogh Fund have no authority to make sales or negotiate in relation to the property, that authority remaining with the agents exclusively. One of the agents, Thos. L. Emory, Esq., died in New Orleans a few months ago, Mr. Peterkin is absent from the city and Mr. Mayer is the only agent remaining here. Besides the property above referred to there are several tracts of land belonging to the city which have never been sold; some of the unsold property has been advertised for sale to pay taxes due since May, 1860: the unsold land is mostly outside the city of New Orleans, and requires attention to prevent it from being sold for taxes. The land in the Parish of Iberville is represented by the agents as being extremely valuable; one half of this tract was sold in the year 1860 for \$65,815.50; the first payment on this sale, amounting to \$13,163.10, is all that has been paid. Another tract of 80 acres in the same parish was sold for \$4,030: on this sale \$1,612 has been paid. The property in the Parish of Iberville is valued by the agents at \$120,000. And a large tract in the Parish of St. James is valued at \$75,000. These tracts with other smaller parcels valued in all at \$200,000 need attention.

The agents first appointed to take charge of this estate seemed to lose all interest in it when their commissions were discontinued. Shortly after that time, in 1860, they handed over voluntarily to John W. Randolph, Esq., the small amount in cash, and the large amount of promissory notes, mentioned in the beginning of this communication. Mr. Randolph managed the affairs of this estate for two years without receiving any compensation. I was convinced, at the time of my communication last