

**A. T. BRUCE & CO.**  
**COMMISSION MERCHANTS**  
FOR THE SALE OF COTTON & SOUTHERN PRODUCE.  
166 PEARL ST.

New York, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1869

Elias Carr Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5<sup>th</sup> mailed 8<sup>th</sup> at Greenville rec<sup>d</sup>. this day acknowledging sale of 25 Bales and we regret to hear "there seems something always to mar a good thing the lot lost just 561 lbs" - this is some thing we cannot account for, your Cotton has always been weighed here by the same weigher, a very careful man, and we know you likewise to be a careful man, It is no uncommon thing to have Cotton lose 5 to 8 lbs, for sale, indeed we some times have them over-run, In making up a sale yesterday of 3 Bales the Excep<sup>n</sup> here was 80 lbs, the same shipper wrote us he lost 100 lbs on 2 Bales previously sold, this if carefully weighed by him at home we cannot understand - Are you aware that Cotton, altho under cover, will absorb moist atmosphere and thereby increase in weight - to show you the loss has not all accrued at this end, we beg to say that when shipped from Washington according to the Bill Lading by which we p<sup>d</sup>. freight it weighed there 11.142

The Cotton weighed here when sold 10.950  
Loss after leaving Washington          192 lbs