

Washington N.C. Sept 10/67
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Sparta.

Dear Sir,

Yr favor of 5th inst at hand, & noted.
We hand you statement of expenses paid on
Cotton Gin, and add our charges, as you
may desire it, making amt, - \$16.⁹⁹

If the full Barrel Molasses is spoiled
we feel quite confident that it was not good
when shipped, - The Bots we do not think
were tampered with, ^{while} on the vessel from New York,
as it would be difficult to do so, and would
hardly be done, while so many other goods, of
more value were alongside of it. It is a
very common occurrence, for molasses to be ruined
when taken in at the West Indies, by having salt
water put in it, - It is carried on board the vessel
by hose, thereby giving oppy for adding water.
The molasses will bear considerable quantity of
water, but it is sometimes "over done", and does not
show itself until sometime afterwards, as might
have been the case with this. - We exceedingly
regret that the molasses was damaged, and are very
sorry that you were not at the Landing when

the 'Cotton Plant' delivered it, as your rejection of it, might have caused an investigation that would have lead to putting the responsibility on the proper parties. — The Steamer, recd the Molasses without any objection being offered about its condition,

Referring to our letter of 18th July we propose paying such amt on the Molasses as you think we should, after viewing the case in all its bearings, and in proposing to do so, it is because we omitted to examine the packages, thoroughly, though at same time, the fact of the 'Cotton Plant' receiving them without objection is evidence of their being in 'good order', — The vessel's responsibility extends only so far as the condition of the packages containing goods is concerned. The ^{7 vessels} cannot be held liable for the contents, if the condition of the packages is good. —

Please inform us amount of your claim, that we may pay to your credit. —

There are some Shingles coming in market now, and selling at \$6.⁰⁰ per M. — We can