

Recd 8th Jan'y 5, 1875

Dear Sir

I have yours of 29 with enclosure from the
Journal. I have been to the Treasury Dept &
ascertained the fact to be that F M
Cockrell was a sub-agent under Agent
Banks in Ala in collecting cotton for
the Government. Whether this F M Cock
rell was Gen Frank M Cockrell now of
Missouri the Dept has no means of knowing.
But as the report has clearly stated in Miss-
souri, it is most probable that he is the
man, because it did not come from the
Dept but from probably from some person
acquainted of the fact in Missouri. If that
be true the records here confirm the 5th
but so far as to show that a person of his
name was actually so employed I thus
have little doubt that the fact -

Yr truly
Wm M Blair

Wash D.C. Jan'y 5 1875

per Wm

Hon J. C. Reynolds
Jefferson City Mo

Blair 5

M. Blair, Washington, D.C.
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City 8 Jan'y. Ans'd Jan'y.

Answering mine of 29
Decr. inquiring truth about
"cotton speculations" of
Gen. Cockrell.