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Background:  
Importer and wholesale dry goods merchant with offices located at 28 East Bay Street, in Charleston, S.C.; Archibald Simpson Johnston was married to Agnes Bolton Ewing.

Summary:  
Abbreviations / Legend

**ADS** = autographed document signed

**ALS** = autographed letter signed

**ALS(T)** = typed copy of autographed letter signed

**LS** = letter signed

**n.d.** = undated

ALS, 10 February 1837, Charleston, South Carolina
Alexander [Johnston] to Mr. Archibald S. Johnston, Kippan and Lindsay, Greenock, [Scotland] (re: his arrival in Charleston, a tour of the city including a visit to “the reading room and Library” and conveying news of relatives living in America.)

ALS, 29 June 1837, Augusta, [Georgia]
“Adam” to Mr. Archibald S. Johnston, care of Kippan and Lindsay, Greenock, [Scotland] (re: family matters.)

ALS, 30 January 1839, Charleston, South Carolina
Archibald S. Johnston to Alexander R. Johnston Esq., care of Messrs. Andrew Stewart and Company, Greenock, [Scotland] (re: the deaths of their Aunt Margaret and Cousin George and conveying news of relatives in America.)

ALS, 23 April 1842, Charleston, South Carolina
Archibald [S. Johnston] to Mr. Alexander R. Johnston, Greenock, [Scotland] (re: rumors of an upcoming war with England and his poor shipping prospects.)

ALS, 25 August 1842, Charleston, South Carolina
Archibald [S. Johnston] to Mr. Alexander R. Johnston, Greenock, [Scotland] (re: the prospects of a “a very large crop of every article grown here,” the end of the First Opium War (1840-1842) – “There is some appearance of the China War being ended – if so, it will tend much to improve business, and shipping must consequently also advance…,” the improved health of the residents of
Charleston – “…precautions now used are much greater than formerly and I am in hopes that we will have it very mild should sickness even break out – formerly…the streets after rain were like a sheet of water, which acted upon by the sun caused a complete steam bath, and sickness followed, but now nothing almost of that kind is to be seen…,” the declining “spirit trade” in Charleston – “that business has no chance here now, nothing but temperance meetings night after night, and thousands signing the pledge,” his desire that Alexander bring “a full suit of tartan made in the true highland costume for a child about 2 years old” on his return to Charleston, conveying news of family members living in America, and inquiring about acquaintances living in Greenock.)

ALS, 26 Oct[ober] 1842, Charleston, [South Carolina]
(re: shipping prospects, the settlement of their Uncle Walter’s estate, and conveying news of relatives living in America.)

AL, 2 December 1842, Greenock, [Scotland]

ALS, 10 Oct[ober] 1843, Charleston, [South Carolina]

ALS, 20 Dec[ember] 1843, Charleston, S[outh] C[arolina]
Archibald [S. Johnston] to Alexander R. Johnston Esq., Greenock, [Scotland] (re: cotton and shipping prospects, the settlement of their Uncle Walter’s estate, and conveying news of relatives living in America.)

ALS, 11 June 1844, Charleston, S[outh] C[arolina]
Archibald S. Johnston to “My Dear Brother” [Alexander R. Johnston] (conveying news of relative living in America and noting “Texas is all the rage.”)

ALS, 27 July 1844, Charleston, [South Carolina]
Archibald S. Johnston to Mr. Alexander R. Johnston, Greenock, [Scotland] (commenting on Alexander’s guano speculation and notifying him of a change in Archibald’s co-partnership.) Attached is a circular letter, 1 July 1844, Charleston, S[outh] C[arolina], announcing the change of the co-partnership once known as

ALS, 25 Feb[ruary], 1845, Charleston, [South Carolina]
(re: the arrival of the Charlotte Harrison in New Orleans and shipping prospects in Charleston.)

ALS, 26 Sept[ember], 1845, Charleston, [South Carolina]
Archibald [S. Johnston] to Alex[ander] R. Johnston (conveying news of relatives living in America and commenting that “We have now delightful weather, and have passed the healthiest summer ever known, tho’ at the same time the hottest.”)

ALS, 11 Dec[ember] 1847, Charleston, [South Carolina]
(re: the lack of shipping due to depressed cotton prices and conveying news of relatives living in America.)