

Dear July 1st 1858

My dear Mr. Breckinridge.

I arrived at home safely
on Tuesday evening after quite as
pleasant a ride as one could reasonably
expect in this season of almost daily
heat, and after meeting my friends
and receiving their greetings of the loved
one at home my mind runs so often
and with such delight to our recent
visit at your house that I cannot
refrain from expressing to you how
much pleasure it has afforded me —

The heart-trails back unconsciously to
the happy scenes which I have so

recently quitted — and you will recall
the hours which your kind hearted
hospitality rendered as genial and
pleasant. I shall soon cease to
cherish them among the choicest
memories of the year —

Shall I not here am I fortunate
soon to welcome you here and in
a studious effort to render your visit
agreeable make some full return
for the kindness you extended to
me and for which I shall never
fail to be grateful. If you cannot
come sooner I expect you here to
visit us during the fair (the 1st week
in September). My Mother and Father
cordially join in extending the invitation.
Remember me to Mrs. Greeley —

respectfully yours
George Williams



Thru May 29/58.

Not hearing from Dr.
Breakenridge in response
to the amount due us we
have placed the a/c
in hands of P. Swigert
Esq. of Frankfort for
collection which we
presume will meet
your approval, we
however regret the
necessity of so doing -

Respectfully
Accts. 629.50
Interest 28.32
Total 657.82

Yours etc

Mrs. Bailey
Virginia Breakenridge
53rd Street
Daniels R.R.

Dear Augt. 12. 1858

Mrs Dr R. I. Breckinridge

Madam

above you will Please

find Bill of the Articles Ordered yesterday,

I shipped them to day by Car to Nicholasville with
directions to send by Waggon to Danville.

I also sent the whole of 2 Trunks & 2 Carpet bags
& 1 Band Box & 1 Bunch of Junes, for Mrs S. P. G.
all of which I hope will reach you in good Order,

Respectfully

R. Long

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Wednesday night, 24th Aug 1858

Dear Mr Breckinridge

I send by my Son Locklan
the package I brought from N. Orleans
for you, with a letter from Mr Copeland
which I promised to deliver with my
own hands, & I most sincerely regret that
I cannot execute the commission in per-
son, & tell you all the nice things I had
to say to you about your charming lady
friend, who I found so pleasant, kind,
hospitable, & most agreeable — I should
have sent the package long ago, but I
fully expected to have been via Danville
some weeks ago, my friends here urged
me to stay with them till Locklan re-
turned, & believing I should be in d—
the next fall & winter, I continued here,
& now the leading of divine providence
appears to direct our return to Virginia.

while I rejoice in the prospect of returning to my home & friends, I do in sincerely regret leaving the many friends I hope & believe I have made in H^d - & I do assure you there is not one I am yet parting with as much as I do you. However I leave all in the hands of that wise & Benificent Being who ordains all things right, & look forward with the bright & pleasant hope that we shall meet again, if not on earth, in that haven of eternal bliss in the better upper world - My kind regards to Dr Breckinridge, & say to him that he will have to come to Old Va to preach that sermon for me, as he would not like me hear him in H^d - I am very sorry not to have had that pleasure of high gratification - Please give my love to your Daughter Mrs Grigsby and greetings to Mr G - a kiss to Virginia & dear little John, & say something kind to ~~the~~ your many kind neighbors who called on me - - Being late I must say good

night and May God bless you & yours
dear Mrs Breckinridge with every com-
fort, spiritual & temporal which
you need, is the fervent prayer of
Your warmly attached friend

J. B. Vass,

I never tell you
now the loca
tion before
we left Annie
on the water
they do not
go well, though
in our hours
in Louisville
seen her since
& know I will
They go over
& did not see
I come to see
Polly.

It deserves me
so busy since
you to write
is, in the mean
best loves
W^r Green also
home this evening
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but his wife
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Wednesday 24 Aug 1858

My dear Virginia

I rec'd a day or two since your
letter of last Saturday, and glad to hear you
had so pleasant a visit to Gray's. How I
wish I could have seen dear old aunt Hart.
She was always she & uncle both, favorites
of mine. If you ever write to her, or any of the
children, tell them from me, to come & see me
the first time any of them are in Louisville.

So you did not get home at the right time
after all. If you had waited, it would have
been no better. Molly & Rose all the night at
with you & enjoying themselves. The weather
was too hot for William & Francis to travel.

Now it is so pleasant, I am sure they will
visit you. They are gentle lovable people. I
wish they could get a nice good home somewhere
^{in Ky.} for they are too great favorites at home to
^{be} go off amongst strangers. The Monday after we
parted, I got to Harrodsburg. Found them well

Though Susan had her fourth boy that night.

We staid Tuesday, got back on Wednesday for
day in time to join you Susan, William
Hart & Mary, in spending the day at
Franklinheads. I hope sister was pleased to see me, for it was quite an undertaking
for me to make such a trip in such weather
& over such roads, though I stood the trav
-el remarkably well & felt compensated
for the trouble. I am under many obliga
-tions to Mr Grigsby & Susan for their rockaway,
& to Charlie for his horse & services. I don't think
I could have gone the stage route.

I remained at S Hill until the following Monday. In all 3 weeks & three weeks most - time
delightfully spent. Most likely we may
never be there at so favorable a time, ^{again} at any
rate not when Susan can preside & have
her own servants to direct. I was sorry
to part with her the morning we left, for
she was to all appearance quite sick.

I wish whilst she is from home, she would
come down and pay me a visit. I havnt Guy

toy that night much to promise her but a hearty welcome
the on Wednes for our Market is but a poor one & my
son William took a very indifferent one, but such as
we have I would delight to share it with
you. Mr Grisby & the dear little children
was pleased by, How true the saying, that the often
undertaking we see our friends, the more we love them
is such weath stood the trav Surely the often I see my nieces, the
unpensated more I love them.

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When we reached home, we found evry thing covered with dust & dirt, but
had not been disturbed. I spent the two
first days cleaning up, after that Mr Allen
the following and Susan & the baby occupied my en
e weeks most - time time, so that I have paid but few
by we may visits & seen but few acquaintances. Mr Bass
a time, ^{again} I have seen, only for a moment. Hudson took a
side & have long walk with us & afterwards staid to tea.

I was sorry Susan is still with us, & I am looking every
moment for my dear good old man
it's sick. I am likewise looking, or will be on to mor
home, she would now for Aunt Smith & Cecilia W & M's
is it. I havnt Guyon they will have left before I could

I will write them. I know aunt & Lucretia would come directly here, for they know the location of the house, have been here before but I am not so certain about Annie.

I will ask W. G. to be on the watch for them at the Hotels, in case they do not come here first, but I hope they will, though

aunt Polly Hart has never been in our house as often as she has passed through Louisville.

I am not sure that I have seen her since

she had a house, but if I have, I know I invited her to come to it.

Say to W. Gibson & Hart, if they go over to see you, that I was sorry I did not see Hart & that they both must come to see us so soon as they can & bring Lucy.

Mary is sitting by me, and desires me to say to you, she has been so busy since her return, she has not had time to write you, but will in a few days, in the mean time wishes you to accept her best love.

She desires her love to old W. Green also.

I hope Mr. Wallace will reach home this evening.

He writes me there is a great deal of sickness in the Green River country - that John & his wife are both ill at Hopkinsville - all well in Cut

Bellamsburgh August 24th 1858

The Virginia Brickyard
Dear Madam

I have your favour
of the 17th And am truly grateful for the interest
you have shown in my behalf

You ask what position under government
I desire, Any respectable one that will yield
me a reasonable support

Education has fitted me for any Marine App-
pointment, such as the Command of a Revenue
Cuttee etc. — I should prefer one of the Marine
Commodores, and believe in that capacity I should
be able to give to the Administration & to those that
would come or be thrown in contact with me
Entire Satisfaction,

I can and would at your suggestion
forward from my Commercial & other friends
such testimonials as warrant my fitness
for any Station I may assume.

Your letter is in mind in its tone that
I am probably taxing your patience & forbearance
too much, but having others depending on me
makes me less diffident than under other circumstances
I should be. I am very much obliged
to Col. Bright, I think you must have met him
at Mr. Peaseys, who was our counsel at Home

at the time you mention, or at Mr Francis Corbin's at Paris a fine specimen of an American gentleman. He with his Sister made a passage with me to France when I commanded a ~~Hove packet~~, and even after was a warm friend Lord Cap. When our Minister to France treated me with great kindness often inviting me to his house in a most friendly way, on one occasion when he came down to Hove on his way to England to be present at the Coronation of Victoria called on board of my ship and invited me to dine with him at his hotel. Such kindness and attention from one so high in office was very gratifying and properly appreciated by your humble Servt.

Mr King of Alabama who was afterwards our Minister to France was extremely kind to me and many pleasant hours I have spent with him in friendly and interesting conversation whose confidence & trust I was proud of possessing in a high degree His death deeply regretted, as he was a true American and a Gentleman of pure & exalted tone of character his memory will always be respected by me.

I mention these incidents Madam that you may know what occasionally in my passage through life have associated with those of your own class who have been pleased to make reputation

the humble individual that you in the goodness
and fullness of your heart are so kind to trust
yourself to,

Please return my most respectful acknowledgements to those distinguished Gentlemen, who have offered their services in assisting you to obtain what will make
me most happy and grateful -

Trusting you will be successful in your
efforts in my behalf and also that you will
feel in your own breast sufficient reward for
your kind actions whether successful or otherwise
and praying for God's blessing upon you

Yours in your affec'td

C. Stoddard

P.S. Please inform me if I

I shall forward to you
testimonials of my character & capability, as
shall be directed entirely by your command.

My address is C. Stoddard No. 99 South 3^d
Street Williamsburgh L. S. New York

C. S.

Hankfort August 25th
1858

My dear Son

I am truly obliged to you
for your kind invitation to meet
bonim William & Frances at your house.
When making the promise to do so, I
did not anticipate any thing that would
prevent, just at this time however my
husband is constantly required to direct
the grading &c of a little yard & garden
attached to our new house. I should cer-
tainly go without him, but for his anxiety
to revisit the place where he finished
his education with Mr. Priestly, more than
half a century ^{ago}. The most interesting of his
youthful reminiscences are connected with
Mr. Fry and his family, and he is very
anxious to see Mr. Bell once more in

This world. There is no additional inconvenience required for us to make the visit, than what your own household offers, and I hope you will permit me to hold your generous invitation in re. The service for another, & I hope, not very distant time. At my age it is not wise to delay any enjoyment I may lawfully accept, with all of us life is rapidly passing and with me, the end will soon be reached -

Please present my love to your husband. I read his book, "The knowledge of God" last winter one chapter each day until through. If I did not understand every thing, there was no substitute for mind and soul good. Boswell, the biographer of Dr. Johnson, advises one to treat the mind, as they do their body when weak and enervated, and minister to it "fask & steel," reading such

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languishingly anxious to see them. The workmen are
rapidly about to deliver the keys of our cottage
and will in it there are four spare bed-rooms
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You very truly & affectionately

Sarah A. Bissell

Halmett Hill. Sept 4th 1858

My Dear Sisters

Excuse me for having delayed so long to fulfil my promise of writing to you - My apology must be that I have been pretty much on the wing ever since I saw you & came home from Woodford quite unwell - (which I did not think worth while to disturb Mally by mentioning, in the note I wrote her, the day I reached here.) I am now quite well again - & attribute my temporary indisposition, to my unsettled mode of life for a week or two past, including my living at Danville & in Woodford.

Will now try & give you an account of our movements since I saw you. We reached this in safety & after a delightful ride, at a quarter to three o'clock the day we left Danville - found them all well, & just going to dinner. We left next morning for Woodford & my old bottimany - wishing to pay our respects to Sam & his family - while stopping at Fergusons for our letters, Will Buckinmore passed - & from him we learned that Sam was in town over at his office chattering with the old Ft. Accordingly we went over there. The old Ft. came out

to the buggy to speak to me - but made me reach so far out
to kiss him that I nearly pitched out. Then wheeled round
on his seat left me without ^{answering}, the enquiry which I made
concerning his health. Not a word did he say to me,
good, bad, or indifferent. Your brother Tom, who went into
the office, says he asked him, "how he left him all at Danville?"

By the way I might as well tell you here - that the suit
which he came over ~~sick~~ in such haste to attend is, as
I learn from John Cabell, postponed until next
Friday week. I suppose that will keep him over here
until after that time - I have not seen or heard from him
or any of the family since. The sale of the Cabells Dale estate
came off on Monday - Sam was the purchaser. He now
owns upwards of two hundred acres, including the spot
where the old house stood - I was truly glad that that
he was able to carry out his wishes on this subject.

But to return to ourselves - we dined at Mrs Castlemay's
and on to your brother for the night - found him & Susan
& the children well & salutary. Mr Gileson & the other friends having
just left - Susan had been to Lexington & spent the night previous
with her friend. She is looking as well as possible & seemed
in comfortable health & good spirits - all of which you
will have learned before this reaches you from Mr
Giggsy - who to our great surprise appeared Sunday morning
to breakfast - after riding all night. We went up to church to

out taking Cousin Will & Charly Woakes along - There
and we found a good congregation including some of
made cousin David's family - but not himself or wife Lucy
re, Alexander, cousin Mary & young Mrs Humphreys the mother
into were there & as affectionate as possible to us - after being in
Dumfries introduced to dozens of ladies being kindly invited by
it many of them to go home with them to dinner we
is, went to Uncle Ned's - next day we spent in visiting several
next families in the neighbourhood - Tuesday went to cousin
here Elizabeth Scotts - Mrs Blackburn went with us - they all
in him seemed greatly delighted - taking it as an evidence that
state the old lady was softening a little towards cousin
now David & his kin - but I must confess I am not much
yest, encouraged on that point myself - The more inter-
course we have had with Uncle Ned & herself - the less
are we able to hope for a reconciliation of that
old quarrel - We are greatly grieved to come to such
a conclusion & your brother Wm says, it will
greatly lessen his interest in going to settle among
us - He intended going to Cousin David before we left
the neighbourhood - but I was so much under the weather
you that we came home Wednesday morning -

Your Br'r Wm has another appointment at Midway
morning for next Sunday - will stay at Cousin David's part
of the time when he goes down - I am not going with

him this trip. but will join him at Midway early next week on our way to Louisville

The Elders of the church I expect to be able to tell him by that time how large a salary they can give him & if it is sufficient to keep soul & body together this winter. I think it is likely we will determine to go there for a time.

Enough of myself for the present - I hope this will find you in more comfortable health than when I left & send you down with young company. Hougham saw Miss Bea in Lexington yesterday & learned from her that the girls were having a gay time. Enclose a letter from Marcus for Alice & don't wait to write to her again perhaps not until after we get to Louisville.

Kip son & Rose for me & beg them not to break themselves down which they seem likely to do before commencement. Tell Virginia I send her Kip's my love your brother Tom writes with me in affectionate remembrances to all.

I pray God blesses you my dear Sister & grant you grace & strength for every time of need.
Very Sincere & Affec^{ly} yours

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Edgewood October 7th 1858

My Dear Mrs Breckinridge

Notwithstanding Mollie and I
made an agreement to write to
you every other week, "this week
is half gone", as Mrs LaFonde
used to say, and my letter is not
written. I got home last Wednesday,
just in time for the last two
days of the Fair. Notwithstanding
my former declarations that Fairs
are the greatest bores in the world,
I went as early and staid as late
as you did at the Danville Fair.
I would have written to you much
sooner but since I got home,
I have had a house full of
company. Beck Dixon, Henry Crittenden
and Caleb Wallace have been out

for four or five days. Although we
live just three miles from town, one
we have made ourselves so very
agreeable that the young gentleman
have not been able to tear
themselves away until this morning.
Beck is still with me and sends
her best love to you. She says
that there is not a word of truth
in the report that she is to be
married this fall, as I tell her,
it is the first time I have
ever seen her that she has
not had a marriage on hand.
I have been giving her such
glorious descriptions of my visits
to Danville, that she says she
is almost persuaded to go to
Danville for a day, to see whether
my accounts of "Little Britain" are in
accordance with facts. But I think
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enjoyment are so great, that no
one could possibly have as charming
a time as we had. As Mr. Tracy
told Mr. Hoy "Danville is the only
place where we take", insinuating
that a small town is our proper
sphere. Wasn't it impudent?
Beck and I spent a very pleasant
evening last night at Mr. Joyce's
(Mr. Joyce who, by the way, is
one of the very rapid girls of
Spokane), was married last night,
and as her own house is very
small, the wedding was at her
cousin Pat's, across the street.
decidedly a portable wedding. She
was married at four o'clock and the
reception was from that time until
twelve at night, but in the latter
part of the evening, the reception
was transformed into a regular party.
I have not heard from Mollie

since I left Lexington but hope
she will be with me before very long.
John will be up from New Orleans
in a week, and if Mrs Breckinridge
goes North with him, she will leave
Mollie with us this winter. I wish
you would advise her to go, by all
means. Have you decided yet as to
whether you will go to Lebanon or not?
Pa and Mar both wish very much
that you would come and make
them a visit either before or after
the Synod. & I should love so dearly
for you to come. Have Virginia and
Johnny started to school yet?
I suppose Mrs Green still takes a
supplementary breakfast with you,
you must give my best love to her.
I saw Tom several times at the
Fair and if he was not mortgaged
properly I should certainly "set my
cap" for him. He was still very

much amused at your great distress
that he was not in time for
your party. There has been a duel
on the Tapis for three or four
days between Jamps Johnston and
a Mr. Thomas, but it has been amicably
adjusted I believe. Altogether it was "much
ado about nothing". Beck Dixon was
present when the conversation took place
that was referred to in the papers.
She was quite alarmed for fear her
name might be somewhat implicated.
The idea of old Mr. Breitenden being
called on to settle a quarrel about
nothing between two boys is too amusing.
Jamps Johnston and Mr. Thomas both
have very exalted ideas of their own
intellects, and sarcasm is their
particular forte. Beck says they
were both cutting at each other and
Jamps told Mr. Thomas that he was

uncharitable. Mr. Thomas said that
it was his intention to be so, and
that he would neither retract or apologize.
This was the whole conversation; and for
this they were to take each other's lives.
But a great many think that Mr.
Johnston particularly didn't desire
anything of the kind, and would
quietly have withdrawn. Mary Wallace
was to see me yesterday. She seems very
much opposed to going to Union ^{to live} and
says that just anybody that
will offer her a home in Spencerville,
she will accept with pleasure.

Do you see much of Fannie Elston
I believe she intends acting upon
that suggestion of yours very soon -
the sovereign cure for the nightmare.
How is Fannie Craft. I hope she is
well enough by this time to enjoy
her visit at home. We have just
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is perfectly well but says it is not
the sea voyage that has restored
his health, but attributes his cure
entirely to his giving up Tobacco.
He is so very violent in his abuse
that I think he will be giving
lectures all over the country upon the
bad effects of Tobacco. Really Mrs
Breckinridge, I am so accustomed to
writing long letters to the girls, that
I have inflicted this lengthy epistle
upon you without intending it. I
have not been in town for three or
four days or I would have gathered
up a little news to write. Give my
best love to all of "our set", both
the young gentleman and ladies. Remember
me to D^r Breckinridge. Kiss Virginia
and Johnny. Won't you please write
very soon? With much love, Rosa M^r Knight

P.S.

I told sister Lizzie about your selecting Dr. Basley for her, I don't think his talking through his nose will be the slightest objection, She sends her best love, Rose

Springfield Thursday Morning
October 14th 1858

My Dear Ladies

To night I hope you will be happy, your long lost child with her brood of little ones I hope will be safely returned to you - Your gain is my loss. The more sad & silent silence hangs over my household - I could not thank your dear Sue on leaving for her visit for I did not know then but the sorrow at the separation would overbalance the pleasure of her sojourn - But certainly I ought to thank her for the gentility & comfort she gave to my house & the Kimball circle she gathered around her. It was a delightful season to me; and tho' their government & projected plan of fasting & publick weeping sadly cut short by the sickness & death of one of the highest and most beautiful of the crown - the long to be mourned & lamented Lucy Alexander an ornament to society and an example to her sex. Still I hope a kind providence may spare the rest to meet together the coming season which they rejoice over his beautiful blessings that they may not forget to mourn for her.

I will not tax you time or
patience to read a long letter
from me at this time when you
have so much to listen to and that
will be as much more agreeable
as coming from your dear son.
He will tell you all everything - even
my own honors & offices etc will speak
of them I hear them "Outside Eddie" to
Parson John Breckinridge at Fried - they
adjunct last Mr & Lee - Confidentially I will
say to you that we are growing a little
restive under a suspicion that the church
is inclined to lean a little too heavily
on us - a word to the wise -

Well I understand from Read Remond
that ourkinswoman Mary Hart is certainly
very soon to be married to the quantum
Blackley John Brown - a likely & independent
fellow with some fine traits of character
I hope for the father's sake it may turn out
well speaking of this amiable one of
myself & contemplated trip down to this
winter and desire to escort thither some
fair lady - I hope she will not neglect
to remind you of the many enclosures I sent
by her to your dear Miss Letitia - I frequently
do curious things in a jesting way but especially

so I wish you all to understand
as you both took the liberty of filing a strong
Bill of Exception to some of my previous acts
that now you are both fully empowered with
a Chart Blanch to discuss as you see fit
terms you can to Miss Lilia Miss Baselay
Miss Tifan to any handsome respectable unaccepta-
ble Offer that you may select between this and
the time of my departure South which may be
delayed till Christmas day, in failure
to do which you are both to seal your
lips & keep your peace at whatever I may
choose to do. Amen -

I am fitting my brick kiln & preparing
all my work preparatory for my
Departure South

I close by sending showers of love
cakes & candies to the children for Coonit
& Kincaid love to all

As ever Your
B. D. H.

J. P. Hard

of
Fredericksburg. 23rd Oct. 1858

Dear Mr Breckinridge

I have delayed writing to you intended, but really I have been, & fearing in moving from place to place that I have anti when compelled to wield the pen - gave over begin g affectionate letters, & the very acceptable accompaniment ought to have elicited an earlier response shall take much pleasure in reading your dear D sentiments of feelings the coming Winter when located in the Country - It has been many, many years since I spent the Winter so far from any town or City & I hope I shall profit by so doing - tho' I believe the society is very pleasant & gentle - being quite an aristocratic neighborhood of F. F. V. exceedingly I do assure you, leaving New York no other place but New England should

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returned to spend a few weeks & say good bye to you
& the many kind friends I hope I made while sojour-
ning in your Village - I was not certain that LaSalle
had determined to return to you until he got back
to Louisville, he spoke of doing so a few weeks be-
fore, but only as a probability - & when he did come
I would not admit of my making you a
- but hope I shall, tho' separated maintain a
loving place in one of the warm corners of
my affectionate heart - I had also anticipated
much pleasure & satisfaction in spending the next
Winter in Danville, for I had just become suffi-
ciently acquainted to enjoy the society of the good
people to whom I was introduced & associated with.
However I shall not despair of visiting Old KY
again if life & health is spared - & there is no one I
shall so fondly clasp to my bosom as your dearest
who I should have taken much pleasure in teach-
ing how to manufacture some of my old articles
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as we are in touch
of many who
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little Sophs
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of her - Please give my love to Virginia & tell her
she must accept the man with the strawberry as a mark
of my affection for her - we love to little John, &
very kind regards to the Dr, & tell him it is really
a great shame that I should have spent the Winter
& Summer in Kentucky & returned to Ga without
having heard him preach - I think he ought
next Summer to preach for me, but he can
come with me - My kind love to Mr.
& dear Mrs. Belle when you see them, & my kind
remembrance to all who inquired after me, & say
to each if you please my very sincere regards at a
unseremonious departure - which was so contrary
to my wishes or intentions - I am so much pleased
with Kentucky I should grieve if I thought I should
never return again to visit the pleasant acquaint-
ances I made - besides the warm friends I flattered
myself I gained during my stay in Danville - I was
much pleased with Louisville also - - - Lachlan
has been located at Ft. in Seminary on the 1st of Sept
& is I believe very soon
expecting to leave
a week or two at my
Solwark & be with
I hope to join
Richmond shortly
by New
in Lachlan
to since
some time

Direct to me Hamden Sidney P. Office Please
Edward Co. Ga -- Will you do me the favor to
send to your Post Office & enquire if there are
any letters there for Lachlan or myself & have them
forwarded to Lachlan according to the above
direction (D. B. Vass) -- With my kindest love
to you dear Mr. Breckinridge I remain
of your sincere friend
D. B. Vass.



Read this if you can - I can't - write
again - two inch overalls Soilly & Sinsin, the next
a picking off. Spring Hill Sunday
W.W. 11th October P.M.

My dear Lint

Oct 24th 1858

Do not be alarmed by the date
of this letter I think it will be Monday by the
time it is finished. I am burning a Bush
kiln & consequently keep bad hours
As Stephen & George Tuckhins (who are here
& I hope both long since asleep) are going
up to Lexington early in the morning I thought
before I wrote that I would by way of
variety send you a prompt reply to your
last letter which I rec'd yesterday & read with
great satisfaction & thank you for it and
have copied the promises one from him
to be written in good plain English -

I have nothing of special interest to
communicate to you as outside Elder
to Mr Breckinridge at Midway I was at
my past to day, a free house but on preaching
I learned in Lexington on Friday pm Dr Desha
that Mr H. Francis had a day or two before made
a narrow escape of losing life The Revd Mr
Duglas horse which Mr was driving in his own
buggy took fight at a drunkard in the pike
near Walnut Hill whaled suddenly around up
setting & emptying out the contents of the buggy

with various little bruises only tearing the
wheel to pieces but being stopped without
any injury to himself by the reins being entan-
gled in the wheels & winding him up which of
course I suppose was the cause of his non
attendance to day - You think in all probability
his ministerial services at Miss they will be
of but short duration for the want of ready
sufficient to support him according to his
wishes He quitted a large congregation in a
large city with a large salary as he
said to one to seek a small congregation
in a quiet healthy country who would
require very slight labour of their pastor
only one short sermon (an old one at that)
a week - on Sabbath day - I found just
such a place & congregation at Middle
recommended him to them & then to him
a small church with not members enough
to keep up its organization of officers
without borrowing and also ~~do~~ was design
amongst themselves, discord in the mi-
toborough Campbellism towering high
& smoothing out the waning Freshly born
in that was left - a field worthy of the
most eminent divine of the creed His congre-
gation for years in the habit of promising
some two or three hundred dollars to their pastor
overjoyed at the prospect of getting William

Buckingham receives him with outstretched arms, enquiring of him again & again, without any answer what will be sufficient to maintain his family, strain a poissit by laying on the neighbourhood, pledge themselves to pay him a thousand dollars in cash after his a great & comfortable home to live in his present threadbare resources beside But still he is not satisfied - I shall be - ay. more than ever find - disgusted at the want of purity & the amorality of the mercenary Motteux - Can it be that he also respects this bandfull of credulous people to educate his darling boy in some foreign land & portion off his daughter - If he faints I shall apologise to these people for the misperrepresentations I have to them of his purity & piety, virtue & quiet the creeds, & look for something that is reliable in the established church of England the religion of my forefathers - Amen to this

Will now to a more agreeable subject I send a letter from Mr Grisby a lawyer (which I will enclose next Thursday) in which he informed me of his safe arrival with wife children baggage and you all assure that he said nothing of that repudiating lady your Presidents daughter the fair very adorable & adored Miss Julia

to whom I sent as many messages
by See them children - Well it seems that
the only pay I am ever to get for the long
looked for socks & comfort is to know
Kips & they paid by proxy - cold comfort
of a stormy night (now threatening to snow
or rain) notes exactly with, for you
suggest now that the lion has left his
lair that I might risk myself in New York
salem with the hope of getting a glimpse
at my godself that old Mr Green will
will pilot me to the sanctuary. I
thank him for his kindness; but say
to him "Times & seasons at dono' feruntis" -
Expect me when you see one
Lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from sin & Lord

Monday Morning 2 o'clock -

just returned from Brick Kiln, i feel blest - we
- the hokey wind from North east quite cold
Till I shall expect a pair of socks
from him - Say to Johnny I wish he was here
to eat sweet potatoe as butter milk & to
hunt the foxes with my new pack of hounds
for besides George & Dick old Flora has
six beautiful pups running after her "Tiptoe
Turk and Tar - Music & Table off W.H.

Frankfort Nov. 8th 1858

My Dear Aunt

I have been in-
-tending for sometime to write
to you, but waiting for an an-
-swer to my letter, but have
not found the time. I was
away for a week before
I left Lexington, getting ready
to come to Frankfort, where
~~we~~ have been for two
weeks. We find our re-
-lations very kind and
are enjoying our visit very

much. We will probably be
here a week longer. I was
at Miss Page's wedding, they
are plain Purby towels and
couldn't have dancing, but
had a very handsome supper.
Sallie Jackson is in Seven-
ton paying a little visit,
I saw her several times be-
fore she went and hope
she will be back before
we leave. She expects
Beck Duxon up this week,
I believe. I hear that
Frances Colton is certain by
to be married the 2d of
December, I suppose
she will be married
in Passaville. From me
and I are much obliged
to you for your kind

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invitation to be with you
when Janie Young is
married, and if he can
go over will certainly stay
with you. What a lovely
girl she is; I did not
see very much of her when
I was in Danville, but
learned to love her dearly
when she was at Walnut
Hill. How is dear ^{my} Fanny?
Please give best love to them
all for her & on our behalf.
I hear from Rose very
often, she always speaks
of our visit to you with
the greatest pleasure.
I'd am planning another
visit to you next summer,
according to your kind
invitation. I believe Johnny

is still in Louisville though he
I have not heard from some
little time. He spoke of
going to New York, but
I'd hope he has not gone.
One I am afraid has
given out his trip. I
am sorry I have no
news to tell you.

Stanard and Cabell left
for Louisville last Monday.
I suppose you have
seen them before this.
I will write again soon.

I sent to Uncle Robert
and the children, and
all "engaging friends".

Affectionately your nice
Mollie Breckinridge.

firstly wrote & brought the documents
to see his wife - & I have
not seen Billie or anyone - & after
various refusals these documents
is making - & pointing a pistol at
it seems to be his idea to murder
and the baby & he would do
this in your hearing whenever
he - Do you see the fact in it
not however, one who thinks
not in the open - and the
most - of Louisiana juries have
been swayed this season. Then
the following day - Billie came in
& brought documents & he had written
him - on in some many ways
to this effect - and said - Mrs Rogers
will be here to get him & if you don't
allow me to go - & I will see
you - we have his name & the
baggage - of his wife - you can
see - I have written so hurriedly &
my busy - think of you to other towns

Laurelton Nov 1867

De Many - You are a
tardy lover, but truly and most
that I have to tell you I want
know that I ought to find time
to answer your note so promptly
I am doing, intend to be by you
very positive - with a second and
intimating a move as soon as I shall
get to speak a few days longer but
I have you will done by noon & I
begin to find you don't adapt you
to the place - and for myself
you are a foolish little
girl - you will be well - &
what makes his mother's life to
leave him - good and very
soon you will want the attention
having his mother die at home &
for sorrow on - best understand
you are done - I have not
seen you since the fall & the

and went down town with
the men for it - but there was a
long walk out to him so we
had better make another visit
to you - We just had you on
our minds but as you are
not in town I am sure
you will be soon - We are
going to have a party
at the fair Saturday evening at
the Hotel - (James daughter to
Benjamin Philby) - We have
just been to see him - He is
in town now - We are going to
see him Saturday evening at
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just been to see him - He is

apt to Revd Mr. Ladd - he is
a man of great energy and
apt to Revd Mr. Philby -
all these men speak a little - They
are all now quite older men -
but the wedding amongst the best.
The Hart - (James daughter to
Benjamin Philby) - We have
just been to see him - He is
in town now - We are going
to see him Saturday evening at
the Hotel - (James daughter to
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Dyersburg Tenn Nov 11th 1858

Mrs Virginia Breckinridge

Danville Ky

Dear Madam

Your letter of the 28th Oct is to hand. in reply I would say that I am of opinion you could not sell a portion of your Land to pay taxes without materially damaging the balance of the tract. and should you offer a portion for sale for this purpose it would not command as much per acre by considerable as the whole tract together would. I do not wish to purchase at as high figures as \$10 per acre. the only inducement I had in offering to buy was to improve the Land and sell again for the profit. I find however that I can sell the land for \$10⁰⁰ per acre to a gentleman whose Land yours joins. he is willing to pay \$10⁰⁰ per acre one half the 1st of June next, and the other half twelve months from that time paying the incumbrances of Taxes &c out of the first payment. this I believe is as much as the Land will bring. if you wish to sell at that price and terms I will take pleasure in rendering you whatever service I may be able to do in the transaction. the Gentleman is able & punctual

and would give you no trouble in collecting the money - if however you prefer not to sell at that price I would respectfully urge you to clear up the incumbrances in the way of Taxes - as the Gentleman (Mr Mop) who holds the Tax Sale deeds may & no doubt will give you some trouble in future - I think his intention has been to get some person to lease the land in order to hold by right of possession - Mr Mop told me - and I think I so wrote you in my last letter that he would relinquish all claim for \$75⁰⁰ Whether it would be best to pay that or not I am unable to say as I have not consulted a Lawyer to know if his claim is good - but I presume the Tax sale is a good one for which he has a deed - if you prefer to keep your Land & wish me to redeem and clear up the Taxes for you - I will upon the receipt of funds necessary cheerfully serve you - Should you prefer to sell you could make a deed and have it duly probated for registration and forward to me and I can take the notes & forward you - a lien can be retained on the land to secure the payment of purchase money This course could be pursued - or the business can be transacted by power of Attorney - in this of course ~~exercising~~ your own choice - I would for your protection and as to what I have said in

regard to the taxes price of Land &c refer
you to - Rev R M Tarrant Clerk of the County Court
of Dyer Co - Henderson Clark Esq Chairman of said
County Court - John W Hassell Sheriff of Dyer County
Col Isaac Sampson Atty at Law Dr Thos H Benton
Clerk of the Circuit Court - Hoping this satisfactory
and to hear from you soon I am

Your obt Servt
I D Whitten

Spring Hill Monday
Nov 29th 1838

My Dear List

I was a little surprised
on Saturday evening after dark to meet your
carriage driven by two riding one leading the other at
the two old carriage horses - I mean the
browns - he bore an note but said he had
been arrested by his master to say to me "that
he had sold off the horse which you
got of our grandfather I think you call him" but
that he had been unable to dispose of him
in anything like fair terms had therefore
sent him to me & that he would put his
match in the plough - In next morning Carroll
examined the horses pronounced ^a good &
blind of an eye and lame, his master
to permanently crippled with an enlarged
pastern joint - I wrote to Dr a respected
orthopedist I had no earthly use for the
donk that he was worn out with old age
shades service, that it would be a pity
to separate & break off the attachment of
two brutes unmented by six or 7 years of
intimate association that he labored, that he
had better use them as a slow plough team
as he had done their predecessor to

That he had positively refused when you
had matched his horse with mine to let
you use them until it was distinctly under-
stood upon what terms you were to give mine
Whereupon it was settled that the old boys then
were much in the condition that these are now
should be sold and I paid out of
the proceeds; or that he would give me
a horse of equal value with mine
of any one that I would fancy off of his farm
that my horse at the time was valued at
£150 & his matched the inferior of the two & after-
wards sold by valuation at £150 or 170 L I do not
now recollect That I have at all times
and still was ready to receive payment
that the old boys had been sent to me to sell
& pay myself out of the proceeds the receipt if
any to be handed over to him But when they
came to me I was satisfied they could not
be sold except at a great sacrifice & therefore
at times then to him & advised him as they
were too unsound to be sold that he
had better use as to plough horses which
I understood he was still doing profitably
In the same note I wished to be excused
for commanding him that he had failed to make
me a bed for your portion of Spring Hill
to which I have entited upon the payment
of my last note & hoped he would think fit

All this I wrote upon the fact of
Abraham bringing the horse & questioning
the omphage he said he was instructed
to deliver to me

Yesterday being a gloomy dreary
day I did not leave the house but
Abraham was sent with my letter and
the horses to go thru the main way by Bath
& Garsdale to Bredalbarn & was admitted
thru the gates - This morning in driving up
my road stuck Turrell says Postford
was driven up with them - Of course Abraham
has turned back & led him into my pasture
thus his own insolence and laziness to lead
him or in obedience to his master's directions
Now I write this in haste to you as you
perceive, to sake nothing all other themes
have been exhausted and the poor
old horse the only thing left to quarrel
over - has he been the subject of an altercation
or is it surely hoped he will answer for
me. Or what is the meaning of it?

I had written you a long letter & this
I send by Stephen to be mailed at Langthwaite

My love to all Skipton to the children

It will be impossible as ever again off
for me to go over this with brother J. J. Stenly
I must see & kiss my dogs
before I leave home -

Louisville Dec 26th 1858.

My dear Hunt.

I have received your kind letter several days ago, and it ought to have been answered sooner, but I have been getting ready for Christmas, making new dresses, and changing servants, and my time has been entirely taken up in getting ready for, and going to parties, and seeing beauty. Louisville has been very gay for the last month, parties, concerts, the theatre, & the evening of the 21st. The two last parties were very brilliant and delightful. I danced till after four o'clock at both, danced out of my stockings, and blistered my feet. Yesterday was a day to receive visitors. Fortunately, it was a beautiful day, almost like spring. Ellen and Amrita Alexander arrived with me. The gentlemen commenced calling early in the morning and the parties were full till nearly eleven at night, we had a glorious time. From this on till March our life will be very gay indeed, an endless round of weddings and parties. It was very ungenerous to accept your very kind invitation to spend this week with you, but I must

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no escort, could hear of no one going up and Tom
had promised a friend to go to the country and
pay him a visit. I wanted to go to Lexington by
myself and walk to Danville to meet her
at the depot, and as they were going to go over with
her, but mother insisted to my going alone to
Lexington. My friends said it was outrageous for
me to leave Consuelo now, when I was having such
a delightful time, but I thought she would enjoy myself
just as much in Danville. I am anxious to pay
you a visit some time this winter, and if I can
get permission I shall certainly do so, none or
suggestions but visit to you and Consuelo, summer
before last. Wish I could be with you while so
many of you are together. Give my very best love
to all you have with you and hope you will have
a very merry Christmas. I wanted to have George
and Charlie to spend their Christmas with us, but
mother said as she had to change all of her arrangements
it would be a very inconvenient time, and she
was afraid they would not enjoy themselves. Good
old Billie health now! he is such a favorite with
all of us down here, we lose more & more

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a you wife and
have George
with us, but
of her servants
and she
themselves. How
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Father is still in Gullenden, though he ex-
pects to come up this week, his face has been
very painful worse than it has been for several
years. Mr Alexander was in a day or two ago.
sister did not come she won't be in till March, when
she expects to stay some time. Mr James Alexander
family are all going to St Louis to live. I am
going to spend next winter with them. Cousin Myra
was here a few weeks ago. - What a gloomy
day we are having. The pain is coming down, every
body that goes by looks so uncomfortable and drugged,
none of us venture to church, except Tom, he has a
little infection. No one anxious to see. He is quite a
fright among the girls. Have you heard of
Miss Foss' sickness, and that the family had written
to cousin Sarah! I feel so sorry for her. I don't know
what she would do if she should be left a widow with
all of her little girls.

How please don't treat me as I deserve, but write very
soon, and if you have no time, get one of the boys to
write. I would like so much to get a letter from them.
With much love to all in which Mother grooms me. I remain

Yours truly D. A. -

for you and sends love to you - she
has a beautiful house and is fixed
nicely in it -

Sallie paper is so small
that I must conclude - will you write -
very soon - remember me affectionately
to Busan - and a kiss for the little
children - Good bye - sincerely yours

Mary L Jackson

Jan 5th 1854

My Dear Pugma

It has been a long
long time since I have either written to you
or received a line from you - and I cannot
now tell which of us wrote last - but
I am anxious to hear from you and
write that I may expect a letter in return.
Cousin Juliet and I were very anxious to
have you with us at Christmas - and in
tended writing - hoping that we could
fluence you to come - as we heard through
Sallie I believe - that Dr B would be
from home at that time - but before
the time arrived to write - Sallie re
ceived a letter saying that Mary Lafa
would be here by that time - and you
know that my little abode will
hold but few in comfort - so we had to
give it up - Cousin J left the saturday
after Christmas - hurriedly - with sad news

from home - of Lucy's and John's bad health and the death of Lucy's infant - I have had a few lines from her saying it was all worse even than they had let her know - Lucy with a dreadful cough and quite confined to her bed - and John gone south before she arrived -

I hope Jo & Mary - has not been as daudy & uncomfortable a month to you as it has been to me - I took influenza the first of the month and have been very unwell and quite confinings and longing of home - and wanted ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ever since for though the house has been quite full of young people they have been taken up with themselves and their pleasure - and as I have not the gift of being so agreeable to them as you are - I cannot expect them to stay much with me - Still I find it far more cheerful than the same time of year at liberty to leave home - which time sever miles in the country - for we have very near neighbours and very pleasant calls out here - and a day walk to town

Virginia is very well again - her child thriving and the other children unusually well Ballie so much taken up with parties and weddings and Mary and the Beaux that she hasn't time to write to you - or any body else, at present - I think two of Becca's letters await an answer - now for you as I have little else to write about - I have bound you with the say How are you - how is your Virginia and Susan and Mr. Griggs by - by the way Mary told us that ~~he~~ ^{Mr. Griggs} had been quite ill - tell me all about them - And when you can come and make me a visit - or when you will be free at liberty to leave home - which time the girls and myself want to see you very much - Mrs. Bibb always enquires

Millwood - Jan 10th 1877

I must thank you my dear Cousin for your letter
by Mr. Briggs - and the accounts shall be attended to
soon - I have intended writing to you for two weeks,
or more but really I had nothing to write and
I knew your time was occupied with your
Husband that was sick and with your dear
Cousin Mattie - whose sufferings have been great
indeed & it has been spend a little longer
How good God is to him - Oh my dear Cousin
you and Mr. P. ought to talk to him -
while it is yet time and get him to think
seriously of his condition - Our Cousin Wm -
I know he feels for him - last summer
he talked to me about him - my but
how to them both when you see them -
and to Cousin Mary L. and Fatty Ward
I have only had one letter from my dear
Sister Susan - they had their bark two
weeks on the river - and were only at
Dickson kept by the extreme low
condition of the Miss river - they were all
well - I hope to hear of their arrival
soon in Texas - a letter from Sarah a few

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weeks ago - all very well - we have heard
nothing from Mr C and Taylor since they
left Louisville which has been two weeks.
I am very sorry to hear Mr Breckinridge has
been so unwell - hope he will soon be well
enough to return to his duties. my respects to
him tell him I thought of him very often
while I was reading the papers he gave me
my love to Maril - and tell her if she
has any thing good to read that this is
done while. Please send me something over
when you come, which I hope you will
with Mr B. Many thanks - I would love to
make you a visit but really the family
is so small now - that I should be better to
leave - I am - in quite poor just now - I
think his stomach is a little deranged - he
joins me in much love to you - you hear
from Susan very often I suppose it was
little more difficult for me to stay with the dear
and Virginia for me - kiss Henry
Yours affly - I can't write
Mrs. Bellson

Dyersburg Tenn
January 10th 1859

Mrs Virginia Breckinridge

Dear Madam

I wrote you some month or more ago in regard to your Land in this County - Submitting at that time a proposition of Mr Joseph Smith of this County to purchase the same - I have heard nothing from you since that time - Mr Smith desires to know as early as possible whether you desire to sell or not - Will you please answer at your earliest convenience - if you prefer not to sell I would urge upon you the necessity of getting the land unencumbered from the Taxes - and of making an Agent here to look after your interest
Hoping to hear from you soon

I am Very Respectfully
J. D. Whitten

Springfield 10th May 1859

My Dear Sister

A bright & beautiful day
this - I hope that your feelings are in unison
with it. No not one word have I heard from
Travellers Rest since I left you all - Why
such protracted silence - The last Friday I
understand there was a letter for me in the Office
but it was lost, for whom it was of course I
have no idea but as you & Sue both promised
to write me I take it for granted it was from
one or the other of you. You may imagine my
surprise with if but a line & silence
one - Daily expecting to hear from you I have
postponed writing - I returned this afternoon
was more than kindly received by Susan Vane who
met me half way from the Hotel to the house with
outstretched arms & an affectionate embrace
with compliments & congratulations All I fear
ominous of a future denunciation - Morgan was
as respectfully & usually polite - Sister poor woman my
heart was overflowing with sympathy for her sorrow
when I met her, she looked well to me and
was quite cheerful, but I could not shake off any
sadness during my stay which was all right and
until after breakfast the next day. Poor Mary's
five sons were there all cheerful & happy but they seemed

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out to add to my depression - the time I
cannot very exactly say, but my South Side
if the river trip was painfully gratifying to me -
Perhaps the bad roads & my own indisposition had
much to do with it. Since my return home
I have been confined pretty much to the house
partly in consequence of the bad weather and
partly by the state of my own health but to day
I am feeling as well as usual - I have
been to New-Bevy once to church & spent the
night at Summer-Home by special invitation
with our cousin Mary, John Alexander & Sir Robert.
It is superfluous to say to me an exceedingly
agreeable company - Joe was looking thin
but judging from the quantity he eat in fine
health, if he would only take exercise in prop-
ortion to his appetite - He expector Sarah back
last week & was going to Leamington to meet her. —
John Alexander seems entirely to have recovered
Robert cheerful & companionable - Cousin Mary's time was
taken up in housekeeping & cooking, judging from her
complexion, consequently I saw but little of her.
She was looking quite well along the gentle
modest smiling lady - Gammie & Anna spent the last
day of the holidays at Somer-House. Cousin Elizabeth and
the three youngest children only at home - all well -
Cousin Mrs L Breckinridge who I last saw for many
last a week was still invalided herself, tho in beauty
for the Ricketts place the handsomest & the most statly

for him in the neighbourhood - I hope he may
get it still - I will go to Louisville & Madison in a few
days to see if possible any wheat & Barley but it
think I shall wait till I hear from you

My love to all

As ever your brother

J.T. Hart

Springfield May 12th 59

My dear Sister

Yours of the 6th I rec'd yesterday
Thank you for it - I am just starting to think
to try to sell my crop of wheat & while they are selling
my horse with you a dozen or two - George Foothills
the uncle Loomis send me last the letter
has come up to buy Mr Foothills property all
of those at Blanton's ~~for~~ is over. George will
go down with him Saturday the Spring field may he says
when has just returned from Louisville, he
says Lucia wants to sell her farm again & one
that she has been offered \$75 per acre for it -
certainly a very low price and ought not to hesitate
to take it. I do not know who the bidders are
William Beckwith I understand was sick
at Frank Hinckley on Sunday & could not prove
I shall make him an offer for his property
that I may have one under my own control
the sides of the mountain all of course
of application - Frank Hinckley & Co have
bought the property for Blanton at
\$4,000 and he is in it - I hope he will purify
the town & had three drunks shot (killed) and
a lot of Susan Bulls poisoned while I was
over the river they were in my pasture on the Rice
Crackin Roads - I failed to ride my old mare

by Terrell's mismanagement - See Ashby Lamp
this Christmas night my hands are bare the last time
I have nothing of interest to write. They
have to Grizzly holes & Kipper for the old
Lick Lorry my Pond would soon be Elephant
& I am fitting to build a Mill below it where
the alluvial Mucova Drift can take good
shower baths -

As ever Affectionately yours

W. W. Hay

ting the chuk with
shame and goad the
conscience with remorse -
Heart is spending some
time with me, visiting
and I suppose telling
his tale of love to the
fair idol of his heart.

I hope that the shadowy
visions of female loveli-
ness that have long been
brooding in the still
depths of his mighty spirit
may be fully swallowed up
in the glorious realization
of a positive entity -

All my well include!
My love to your cousin Lu
and the children our love
to yourself -

affectionately
Charlie

Lexington Ky

Jan 19th/89

Dear Aunt

I received
your kind letter some time
since and would have
answered it sooner but
our house has been so full
of company that I have
had no leisure time.

Uncle Cornelius Voorheis
has spent some days with
us; he came up for the pur-
pose of purchasing some
slaves but did not suc-
ceed. George has gone to La
with him and expects to
remain until some time in May

Hart, Cousin Sarah and the
children arrived last Saturday
looking very well, they dined
with Aunt W in Louisville
and left all well Cousin
Sarah's trip seems to have been
very beneficial to her. She is
looking better than she has
since her marriage. On
our return from Daniels we
spent two days with Aunt J.
and Cousin Dr. V. and prevailed
on Uncle Will to dine with
them, and he also remained all
night. We found Aunt looking
very well indeed. I heard
the best part of the wars discussed.
Aunt, I think, is getting
heartily disgusted with
the whole concern and
speaks of selling out
her life estate and
getting clear of the whole

thing. I wish she would
but can see no happiness
when the mother and daugh-
ter are continually at war
with each other. What a
forlorn hope the mother has
for happiness in this world.
Life has been robbed of all
that makes it pleasant
and interesting, but what
a still fainter has the daugh-
ter for happiness in the
world to come. She is
spending her youth in
vituperating and abusing her
mother, and when the
frost of age gathers around
her brow, and her cheek
wrinkled with the furrows
of time nothing will
present itself to the mind
but the recollections
of those deeds which

Ms. A. 1. 1 v. 125.

Dear Mr. Bucknidge
I have been looking out
anxiously for weeks past in expectation of
receiving a letter from you in reply to my last
written shortly after my return to V.
I hope
you rec'd. it with my sincere thanks for your
very acceptable present of the 1st Vol. of the Dr.
Master's work on Theology, which no doubt will
live, not only to enlighten the present genera-
tion, but unborn generations for ages to come.
It is so natural, that you must feel an honest
pride in these efforts of his great mind.—
I presume Virginia rec'd. the Mammoth Strawberry
I left with her about in Louisville long since &
shall be pleased if she liked it.— I trust you
& other friends in Danville will not fulfil the
old adage "out of sight out of mind"— I really

Hampden Sidney
Prince Edward Co. Va.
29th Jan 1859-

Dear Mr. Bucknidge

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last can be said in conclusion I am strongly
of the Seminary & told him I am strongly

formed a strong attachment for many but for
none so warm as for yourself - Your feelings
seemed to be so congenial with my own. I should
regret to be forgotten by any, but especially
by you - How is our dear kind friend Mrs. Bell?
I understood from Mrs. Bullet that her health
was very delicate. Mrs. Buckley, how is she &
her numerous progeny? Mrs. Green & her favorite
Theologs? I presume all going on in their usual
routine. I sometimes imagine I can see the Old
lady moving along almost out of breath to see the
Dr. that he may expand certain movements
in the Seminary - & then an coming back &
relating some good joke, set us all to laughing
& none engage in it more heartily than herself.
Your young favorite Locklan is very closely en-
gaged in the various branches of his Theological
course, & also in his preparation for his
examination before Presbytery in April next,
at which time he expects to be licensed -
His health continues good notwithstanding

his close application to books &c - While I was
always desirous that he should pursue his Theological studies in his native
State (which you know was quite natural) yet
so far from regretting that he went to Danville
& rejoiced that he went through part of his stu-
dies there, as I feel persuaded that the infor-
mation he obtained will be of incalcula-
ble advantage to him, tho' we have a very
able Faculty at Hampden Sidney, & the Sen-
ior Theologs in their preaching give good evidence
of the soundness & thoroughness of their in-
structions - I think also, that some of the
most able Divines in our church in the past
& present generation, have gone through their
Theological course in this Seminary; which
encourages me to hope that Locklan will
suffer nothing by the change - - -
I am exceedingly comfortable here, have a
large airy room, a first rate chamber maid,
an abundant supply of wood, water, &c &c -
And above all, excellent sound practical, &

Springfield Monday Aug 30th 59

My Dear List

I returned home yesterday after several days absence, found a letter from you & one from Mr Grisby. As usual all complaining. See disgracefully sick again. Grisby slowly convalescing, you in bed, and poor old Isaac departed, little Virginia with a bad cold & Ishma suffering for a whipping, old Mrs Green declining the high honor offered to her by fair Julia still flirting with foreign beans - A delightful novel for a time sick man. Well I have taken such so long that I am used to them. You ask me to write often but really unless it were to repeat I have nothing to say. Hart Gibson was here in my absence, he & Charley came down in a buggy dinner returned the same day. Haven't yet seen Sarah & can't say when I will, perhaps long go than this week if tempted by a fine day & feel like riding. Dined with Robert Scott on my return home an extremely all well cheerful affectionate Mary & Ella still absent. Here has a meeting of Anti Slave this folks lately. Went to church at Miss May yesterday, Cousin William with his baby Cabell had called by on Saturday before my return intending to stay all night but went on to Frankfort. I am pleased he had a good audience & preached them a short sermon. We dined together at big Bill Hayes, a good dinner too much for one - I had but little opportunity for private talk with him. Asked him about going South in February but he spoke very indifferently - He said he & family were very

not much to Danville. He has no horses
apt & I think does not feel himself permanently
located at least such are my feelings - Frank Parker
is rather inclined to censure Mr. Alder for a want
of sufficient energy in not preventing him a suitable
dwelling than inclination to see that I might
refit & re-establish the Old Woodford Church
I have spoken to my right hand Mr. McRae on
the subject he is ready willing to do his part so
also is Robert Alexander willing to give efficient aid
& advice (the Charles Alexander dwelling) garden & yard
with a liberal subscription for salary, Bernard
Graz will also contribute. Now if Canon David
the Household will stand up to us according to his
means we will be able to accomplish the offer.
If able I propose holding a Council on Canon
David one night this week by surrounding him
with Graz Mrs. & Robt Alexander. But all this
is confidential & do not speak of it even to Canon
William, least it should fail.

Tuesday noon

Interrupted in the above & laid aside till now
A pretty day & balmy air. Some weeks elapsed at
work - all hands out but one. More work to be
done then can possibly be accomplished by any
force. Am sorry I neglected to fire at Christmas
four or five efficient hands. I am afraid by the time
it comes I will need the help of the old horse
team - been selling everything on time to get it off my

Some preparation to my visit South which I am
still leaving in hope of making. But who will
go with me? If all decline then I must go alone.
Look for some one to come home with me. You
know I am certain of one on the way.

My love to all Shipes & the children. I will
answer Priestly's letter the first lesson day
Write as often as you can. I do more
staying when I can't -

As ever Your Brother

W.P. Hart

in my ways by
of all our efforts and
the way and tomorrow
we will begin to feel
as if we had won (soon)
Now as always the
belief in me - and now
I am following - as I am
you is - because of it has
now become - with the
most of us - the best
way, and every time -
& every day - we are
in a bind - but the
most of us are very well -
and the rest - and so
long as this may be the
way we will work
hard

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impressions -
I was this - with my
face red - and my
eyes big - and
my face red - and
the eyes bright - and
now soft and full of love -
and now I am not
but my - one concern - was
ways by myself now - but
it's - now - with the
best - but - now -
and - you know up - and
you know - up - now
I work hard - and when
you know - of the
young driftwood to
and of the -

followed by the same dangerous
symptoms & I used to wait for
about four - when he used to go
to Coast or back - he can't take
strong medicine & that water is
very unpleasing to him - I am glad
you Dan is at home - write to me
& you know where we are - when
I come to see you - Weddings
& funerals - alternately - last
night we were all at the
Lester wedding - tomorrow Mrs
John Troy's funeral - Sally Troy
the mother - by the way of
tonight I got invitation to Dr.
Daniel Thompson's wedding
to young lady in Padua - I
missed some of our dances just
last night - the Miss Coopers &
Mary Bradley - was told they
were on a visit to Mr. Bullock &
to Louisville - I suppose Mollie

Brookhaven will pass most of
her time with Rose & Kings - dear
you see Miss Diana - she wrote me
a passing invitation to visit them
in Henderson & one of the Henderson
ladies is now to see Sally Troy
Tucker - probably she is not there - the
little talk that Mr. Mat felt very
much in his heart with Miss Julian
green - I don't know - she is quite
a little - Miss Hannah Davis was
at the wedding last night - looking
beautifully - and I think the
water of attraction - the young
bride is very pretty - only seventeen -
they had sumptuous & beautiful
party - 570 persons invited - house
full - the ladies are to have
grand old fashioned Fair on the
22 - when you won't come in -
I was surprised to see that Miss
Gibson had taken law office in

Springfield February
February 17th 1859

My dear Sister

Yours of the 11th I rec'd on Tuesday
night the 15th I had gone up to Lexington on Sunday
evening to attend Court on Monday & did not get back till
Tuesday night in consequence of the illness of my
friend Mr. Mc Kee, who was taken on the Street Friday
with a violent palpitation of the heart, which prostrated
him during the day - he was too lame to walk home
on the cars the same day I left. I have not seen
nor heard from him since.

The boys & Mr. Tooker were all well, had just
heard from George in New Orleans - well - Joe
Sarah little child Anna the latter requiring
medical advice were there, - See Dr. Hart Gibbs
for the first time since his return, located with
a suit of rooms and I think decidedly in love
with Miss D.... - He is to be down the first fair day
& make a confession in full - Of course this
is confidential - Cousin Lydia was there also
but too busy to talk, wearing my hat which
was having a wonderful effect on him, not only
in his appearance but in his acts - a decided
improvement - I cannot comprehend how
how you can appropriate to yourself the sentence
which you quote from my letter - "I won't go to
see her, till she comes to see me" I meant in

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calling and staying all night at Harrodsburg
(whose house I do not know) to see Sister
was complying with her last requisition as
announced to Letitia Wallace when we forced
her to make her flying visit last summer -
I had previously gone by Sister's invitation to
Shawnee Springs to see her & when I sent
word by William Gibson that I was through
declining coming over to see one. Now
I have made my last effort to keep up
an intercourse with her if she declines
it - amen - I can't help it - If she requires
me to adopt the Vanes or either branch of them
I shan't do it - If they will permit me and will
treat them with civility & if they chand come
to my house I would give them its hospita-
lity. But if I keep my senses I will never ask
them - As I told you in a previous letter tho kindly
ne'er treated by ~~see~~ at Harrodsburg I left without
receiving or giving any intimation for further
visiting - As to what impressions they or their
influence may make on Doctor Brackenridge
it is a matter of moon shine to me - if he
loves or relishes the foul food of misrepres-
entation he can feed on it to his heart's
content, at whatever expense it may be
furnished - And now for one for all
as I wrote to Sister shortly after old Mr Thompsons
death but which letter I understand she says

she run or' the others mailed at the same
time by my own hand went safely) I will
say My Honor & Name & Praise shall
be at her command during my life
whatever she will put those Friends & come
to it - As for what you & Letitia Wallace
can or will do It is to keep up in spite
of every difficulty a kind intercourse
with your sister In a passing point
of view with you could buy her a
loaf of bread without the consent of
your husband. You could not buy a
clout for your own child - and
it is strange to me that women with
the sense that you both have
done not long since learnt this

As for William Beckenridge & his
final location I shall say but little more
I had hoped to have settled him permanently
& satisfactorily in the Free City neighbourhood. But
if he can do better let him do so at Danville or any
where else - Certainly Danville would furnish a better
society for himself & family and a better market for his
daughter - Tho' a pure goad man I think he is
a load on his friends & decidedly a man of diffi-
culty. He cannot do a great deal of good here
to society generally & to his Church especially but
I fear he wants more pray for it than can be
readily squeezed out of the community -

Your comments upon the death
of my old friend Bassald and the
dependency of his family, were in perfect
keeping with my own calm affliction and
determination previous to your letter. Your
judge Kirkheads letter as you said, is decidedly
arrogant; I did not even reply to it.

How is Sue, Grisly, & the children?
Neither of them can take time to write me.
Tom is the Boizader Gen getting on with
the preparations for the Mt Vernon Fair.
The Virgin Gen Sarah Heske is stirring up all Lawyer
What part does the Repudiator Miss Julia
play in the grand Opera - If she is to be among
the Articles to be wended - I am in the
Games - and all my side shall be in the
name of "Desdredd" - the unknown knight -

I am trying to get out & deliver my grain crop
but the weather & the roads are awful. The
latter part of next week or the week after I shall
go to Cedar Lock to get a cargo of forest trees
& set out in my ground. My idea is to put them
in the boat bring them to the Woodford Landing
where my teams that are hauling grain will
meet them & bring them home
Thursday noon & will it save of M. Hay

she has very much to
have her husband taken and
ried for insuper without her
knowing what he was subjected
to be insuper. Dear Cousin Anna
this may better inform you about
go by to day early Grandpa
and her husband get up and eat
the other day we were all
there and we all

to go to the meeting
Eugene Wright

Leyington Park St. Fabian's

Dear Cousin Virginia

I fear from
what you wrote that
you are far from well.
Anna Grandma and Grandpa
both want that you
come over and spend a
few days with them. They
are anxious that you
should still have a comfortable
room prepared for you
and try to make your
visit as pleasant as possible
as soon as Cousin Anna
is making like changes

of you and others where we
are not well and I think
you would enjoy yourself
after the long gloomy
winter & get away from
home. It would be
wonderful for there would be
so much to do. I
present Miss Weston returning
with us and will go
possibly p over before the
first of next month at least
as we don't wish her to
travel so far. Some time yet
the Mrs. Johnsons expect to be
here in the season you about
the first of next month
I am now looking forward
with very great interest
to the effects, very important,
I suppose, the friends who will

Julia will make up quite
a handsome contribution from
their fair. We said the fair
Julia has made a conquest
of one of our Washingtons for
William Lee will I have heard
that he is very clever and
very well off. Dick young Drury
so you call him comes over
with his wife. He spent several
days with us. I have William
Faulkner with Lucy Dr. Donisthorpe
and Mr. W. who we thought
he was going to bring also Mr.
Woodhouse and several
have said very much to have
them in many give a neighbour
I suppose you have heard of
the late Boston troubles when
was the sympathy of all
our friends it must have