

Remember me to your wife - I often think of her and wish we could be nearer,

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Dear George,

I feel that I am owing you a letter, but scarcely know how to pen a reply. We are all well again at Home thank God! the cruel Cough having Moderated - We have then for Notwithstanding the troublesome times, Continued to get on regular Meals three times a day, which is more than many poor souls can say and the Number will be increased soon instead of diminished, before the Winter is Out - What in the Name of all that's Good do those stubborn Malicious Black republicans Mean at Washington - sitting still, Making No Move at Compromise, No Effort to re-assure the anxious Country, but quietly suffering state after state

to go out, rather than speak one word
of Comfort. I do Curse them from
my very soul when I contemplate the
awful Crisis they have brought upon
the Country, and are still bringing
by their determined resistance to all
plans of pacification, - There was Mr
Crittenden's Bill for instance - What
could have been fairer? Hundreds of
Conservative Men here in Virginia held
their breath, ~~and~~ waiting to hail the
first glimpse of returning dawn, -
But what was the result, defeated!
What difference did it make to them
how much farther South, Slavery might
be carried, provided their Neighbors were
not offended - No! they have fully
made up their minds to let the Union
slide - and to drive the South to
the only alternative, Secession!



Every day delay widens the breach, and
yet they heed it not: O that the people
might speak again through the ballot
Box. It is too late. - I do
sincerely hope that Senator Biglers
Motion may prevail to refer it back
to the people - While our Negroes are in
the midst of Comfort and plenty, how
many fine honest White Men are at
this very time starving - and starving too
when their representatives at Washington
might by speaking the Word, heal all
our differences, and give peace, restore
Confidence & renew the paleis industry
of the Nation - Curse their Wicked
obstinacy say I. - A fearful reckoning
awaits them. - Perhaps they look
forward to the fourth of March next
when the sword and purse will be at
their Command, and Employ force,



Well, let them try it, & instantly ~~as~~
~~from~~ • Millions of Swords will leap
from their scabbards to welcome the
invaders to Bloody Graves, -

You may perhaps think that I
have lost all love for my Native State
No! No! She can never become the tool
of oppression - We ask only our rights,

We ask that the North cease to
meddle with our social relations -

Slavery to the North is immaterial
to the South it is vital. - Besides the
North has no business to meddle
with it. - In Electing Lincoln, they
have said as much as that Slavery is
to be extinguished and to the end We
have seized on the power to do it -

What difference should the attack
process - does it lessen the force of
the blow that it comes from those who
should be our Brethren?

No more at present - from

Yours affectionately Jacob

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