

Alex Va. Apr 19/01

Dear Bro -

I have your letter - and do not know how to answer it -  
Carroll went to Phil - on Tuesday just in time to avoid the collision likely to occur in Falls Church to day by the passing of troops through that City - I understand that the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment from Wash was badly treated then to day - I fear that an attack will soon be made upon Washington, and we shall just then have a dreadful terror of it - The concentration of troops & the movement toward the City will be here, as the termining of the Virginia road - and we may be bombarded & blown to pieces - I have the mail coming yet, but cannot tell how soon we shall be stopped and perhaps ruined - My trade is

altogether in Patterson just  
now - and if I cannot realize  
upon our production, I shall  
be unable to pay you on

The 20000 note you wrote  
about is due 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan. - I have  
not been able to see the Bank since  
you wrote about the interest, it is in  
the hands of the trustee, and as soon  
as I can I will look at it, and write  
you about the interest

I have had a terrible time to  
keep running this winter, and  
I am compelled to keep my  
accounts with you so as not to show  
any connection at all, and mark  
a few entries explanatory of profits  
What did I send you in February  
for the note due 15<sup>th</sup>? 425 Dollars

-- We expect every day to be in the midst  
of a fight between Cleveland's armies  
- however our packing tents & leaving  
all my work people from Phil<sup>ms</sup>

are packing up & will remove  
tomorrow, that is, the women and  
children will leave, the men  
will remain for the present -  
The tension of the Southern  
people is fiercer than just now, all  
the young men are military  
and are spending for a fight - the  
Southern people are a brave and  
intrepid as any people in the world  
and believe they can beat the world  
in arms - With the spirit and ten-

der at present abroad, it is impossible  
to have the sections meet in a  
friendly Congress, and serious con-  
flict is avoided - I have recently  
National Separation - I have recently  
been found to believe in that but he  
felt during this generation to live to-  
gether again, therefore the true policy  
to keep the peace of the Country is to have  
a speedy arrangement for divorce  
as possible - I am so fully

then trouble, in addition to  
our other business troubles, that  
sometimes I feel I must see  
demented - but I fight against  
all opposing elements, and have  
them far gone ahead -

But I fight business -

Please send me your entries  
of all remittances I have made  
to you since October last - because  
I find my Cash wrong, and I  
shall come in for a personal  
lip to the Company if I cannot  
find my errors - I have been  
so distracted that I am unper-  
truded at it -

In a day or two more I shall be  
alone here, all the boarders, and  
all the family will leave the town  
& leave me alone with the Negro  
servants -

Ever Yours &c

Wm. P. M. M. M.

Killer must show the world's eye  
man to a good doctor - It may require more  
than a liniment

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