

Alexandria Apl 19/61

Dear Bro.

I have your letter and do not know how to answer it -- Carroll went to Phila yesterday just in time to avoid the collision likely to occur in Baltimore today by the passage of troops through that city. I understand that the 7th Regiment from Nyork (?) was badly treated there today. I fear that an attack will soon be made upon Washington, and we shall just hen? Been? A dreadful time of it. The concentration of troops and the movements towards the city will be here, as the timing of the Virginia roads?. And we may be bombarded and blown to pieces. I have the mill running yet, but cannot tell how soon we shall be stopped and perhaps ruined. My trade is altogether in Baltimore just now and if I cannot realize upon our production, I shall be unable to pay and go on.

The 200Dol note you write about is due 15th June. _I have not been able to see the bend (?) 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 make as few entries and explanations as pofsible. What did I send you in February for the note due 15th ? 425 Dollars -- we expect everyday to be in the midst of a fight between contending armies -- houses are packing trunks and leaving all my junk (?) proper(?) from Phila . Am packing up and will remove tomorrow, that is the house and children will leave the men will remain for the present -- The Temper of the southern people people is fiendish just now, all the young men are military and are spoiling 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 ____? And tem-per (?) at present abroad, it is impossible even to have the sections meet in a friendly Congrefs, and collision cannot be avoided uniefs we have a full national separation. I have recently been found to believe we shall not be fit during this generation to live to-gether again, therefore the (true policy?) to keep the peace of the country is to have as speedy an arrangement for divorce as possible. I am so full of these (?) troubles in addition to our other business troubles that sometimes I feel I must seem demented -- but I fight against all opposing elements and (then for gone ahead.

But I forget business ---

Please send me your entries of all remittances I have made you since October last because I find my cash wrong, and I shall cover in for a personal less(?) to the company if I cannot find my error as I have been so distracted that I am intsen-prised(?) at it.

In a day or two when I shall be alone here, all the boardees, and all the family will leave the town and leave me alone with the negro servants

Ever Your Bro

Jn Rosencrantz

(Killie must show the swelling you name a good doctor. It my region more than a linament?)