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I really think you had better defer your visit until there is a more settled state of things. Pray my dear Parents that God will save our country in peace.

They tell me the prejudice in is much stronger against Northerners in the country than it is in the cities & towns of the South. I know I have felt it ever since I was in the country, though marrying a Slave-holder ought to free one from the charge of Abolitionism.

But enough of this, I felt it my duty to state things to you as they are, badly I want to see you, I should feel worse to expose you to vexations and troubles, than to deny myself the real pleasure of meeting you. I know not when I may see you again, but will we not all strive by true repentance & faith in the Son of God to live here, so that we may spend Eternity together.

Of the box I can tell nothing until the Dr. comes, so I will detain this till then. I have sent off a load of iron ware since I wrote, so we hope to get up there after a while, I can assure you I shall not be sorry to go. I am glad Hattie visits you, I know of no one who ~~has~~ seems more like a Sister than she.

Nov. 12th

Since writing the above, I have had a call from Mrs. Guerard & daughter who gives me a very different version of the matter, & she has a good opportunity of knowing, she is going to send me a copy of a paper found on the vessel (I suppose) today, the man was exciting some slaves to insurrection & as usual they told their masters. To one boy the Captain was talking & another Captain said don't you listen Boy, they'll get you there & then leave you to starve like rats in their hole." Is hanging any too good for such men?

I understand in case of secession South Carolina puts herself under the protection of the Emperor of France who has promised to send fifty thousand men to her aid; Georgia no doubt will join her if the North may look to England. Thus we may once more have England & France battling on our territory.

Nov 18th

The Dr. came on Saturday, we are making Sugar this week, intend moving the last of this week leaving Lizzie to finish the sugar. Our kitchen will be finished & we move in it, the Dr. thinks I think things are worse than they are (I hope I do) but at any rate I think you had better wait a while. In the meanwhile write often. The Box & barrels had not come when the Dr. left, I will write soon as I can after I get there. The house is raised & the Carpenter is to go to work on it next Monday. I have received yours of Oct 28th. Oct 17th & Nov 4th one with the bill which I sent to the Dr. The Dr. also brought one from you with him. The paper I enclose some think a political maneuver.

Yours in love.

Sarah