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Green to Ala Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1845.

My dear Father,

Your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> being rec<sup>d</sup> & was received on yesterday - with letters from Anne & Uncle - & I need hardly assure you - that they were all read with no little pleasure with nothing to mar the the joy of their reception except that I looked in vain for some report of improvement in the condition of my much loved sister. God bless the dear one - I long to be at her side - if for nothing else - but to bid her be of good cheer - as I never have questioned her certain and ultimate recovery -

I can't tell why my letters are not received - this is my 7<sup>th</sup> to you. My last letter according to my memory were of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Nov - the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of Dec. - I had not intended writing you again - but I will try one more from Athol - and thought I would write you early in the next week from Mobile - I take the Steam boat Warrior tomorrow morning early - at Sunday Landing - I have that 50- bales of goods was shipped on the Alabama on Wednesday & 50 on the Clermont - & the Warrior will take 50 tomorrow & I shall have orders for the remainder to be sent off as fast as good health allow - preferring to give it to the Warrior as she is said to be the last boat on the River -

Pieces of cotton have stiffened up since the suspension caused by the intelligence by the last steamer at Boston -

Prices now range from  $8\frac{1}{4}$  to 9 cents - & the intention is  
they will be better towards spring & planters are now  
debt 1 of which there are a very few / are holding  
their crops back - to get the benefit of a supposed  
short crop - We cant wait for any such develop-  
-ment - & in my last letter to our agents - I told <sup>them</sup> that  
tho' I should not need the proceeds of the crop before  
the 1st of March, yet that I merely said so <sup>to</sup> prevent  
any haste - that I should confide to their better inform-  
-ation the disposal of the crop - fully satisfied that they would  
do their very best <sup>for</sup> us - and that I should hardly ever send  
them a crop, in the sale of which I should feel more  
interest, for satisfactory returns - I will act under their advice  
if nothing else breaks in upon my present notions -

I hope all the crop will be down by the 1st week in January  
but we can do but little just now in consequence of the cold-  
-drouth - I shall return here until it is all down or I feel  
disposed to go over to New Orleans & not unlikely to pick  
-up Polk, ~~by~~ by which time the messenger thinks he will have  
it all in Mobile - But I will write you from Mobile of  
what disposition I make of myself - If I go to N. Orleans  
shall be there on + day - I shall have every body here  
well with the exception of Joe & Henderson, they are  
I think somewhat better - they certainly have a good  
relish for "the fish" -

I see no one hardly but my messengers; I feel much  
the want of society - I think I may safely say no one

here feels much interest in one - Mr R - has visited me once  
since my arrival and staying here twice - it is  
likely <sup>that</sup> he will meet me at Ancester & go with me to  
Mobile - Tho' not certain - I met Mr Dyer in the road  
last week for a moment - I see & hear nothing of either  
of the Joneses -

I am anxious to go to Mobile to purchase some  
clothing for the negro women as I mentioned in my letter / I think  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> / that the plaid sent by Mr Kenner would not do.  
The weather here is as cold as I ever wish to see it in any  
country for comfort - The negroes will make an effort to  
get out the crop by the 25<sup>th</sup> if the weather will permit  
it being done - but I fear they will not do so - indeed  
I hope we have more cotton than they can pick in the  
time - they look forward to a holiday with a little  
more anxiety than they did in N. C. not with a view  
to a frolic but to rest: tho' they say they want a big  
sinners & frolics which the overseer will be certain to give  
when the crop is completed.

I am quite well as regards my health - our work  
being provided - crop sold - & all the plantation wants & bills  
being provided & paid - I see nothing to keep me here more  
than would be found any day in the year - & I will get  
back to kindred & friends - I hope early in the winter or  
before it is gone - Love to all - your son

With the steadiest affection.

P. C. Cameron -