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My dear Father)

I have been now in this city two days having arrived here on yesterday morning in the warrior - I have 150 bales of cotton now on the boards at T. H. Stewart & Co. They have been very polite & attentive to me - but they do not seem disposed to part with our crop just now - I think I had better get it all down & let it go in Mass - In a conversation with Mr Pratt this morning he expressed the opinion that the crop would yield \$10,000 - I hope he may be correct - I have been engaged in purchasing supplies for the plantation & find prices a little above those of last year - I have determined to return to Greene by the warrior & get all the crop down as soon as I can & take all my articles up with me -

I have been not a little gratified to meet with our friend Judge Caldwell - and passed the last evening with him at Mr's Montross - He is deeply interested in her affair - says her debts are equal to 40,000 dollars - The estate equal to 60,000 He speaks well of those who have her affair in hand -

On board the boat lower here I learnt
for the first time that the wood land
would be sold - about the middle of
January under a decree of the Orphan
court. I had understood otherwise - &
so wrote you - I have no wish on earth
to add another foot to the surface of
our real estate in Greene - but the probability
is that I shall purchase it in the belief
that it may at no very distant day enable me
the better to ^{get} clear of what we now hold -
I should prefer of all other things to add the
160 acres of Sturmerwick - it is now
in market, but he has a bidder for it
& the entire tract of 320 in the person
of Dr. Randolph - a man out of
debt - and with large means - I have
declined the purchase for this year of
the 320 acres of D. & Henry -

I have the gratification to inform you
that I left all well at the plantation
with the exception of Joe & Henderson -
I shall be here again early in the
next month & will then probably
go over to New Orleans & make a
visit to Bishop Polk -

I wrote you the day before I left
the plantation -

I shall write you as often as once a week - from whatever point I may be at. Judge Cabrell is here from N. Olney on his way to-day, to his plantation we are both at this moment engaged in writing you & our letters will be at hand by the same mail -

He has made I think a very thick crop for his force - he has sold it to his satisfaction -

I have Shirley Cain here with me - My thoughts are of Home & all the dear ones - I go about here & attend to my business but I feel no interest either in the people or country. It is a dirty little city with a great many dirty people in it -

I write you in great haste with a great pen - I hope you will be able to read my letter - The market to day is active at $7\frac{1}{4}$ for good middlings - Some opined that it will not decline - I parted with over a quantity a few moments ago: telling them "to do as they thought best: that I wanted all that could be had." - You will please say all that I wish said to my sisters.

Ever your aff. son
H. C. Munroe