

Mobile. Dec 30th 1846.

My dear Father,

I write you to day chiefly to say that I have nearly brought to a close all the matters of business connected with my visit to this place. It is likely that I shall leave this place on Saturday on board of the Steamer "Montgomery". I should be prepared to go sooner, but I wait a day for this boat by the advice of friends as they represent it as the best boat on the Alabama River.

I hope you have received my letters informing you that Sewellyn will remain with us the next year - and of the general health of the negroes. My time here has been beelily employed in the purchase of clothing and provisions all of which I shipped last night by the "Noxabee" to "Candy Landing". The samples of our Cotton Crop will not be placed on the boards until some time in February - it is all up the River and is to be held at order of Messrs Partt. Stewart & Co. they will not have it shipped until a 1st Class boat is on the lower River - it will then come down in lots of 50 bays.

and so soon as stored here insured against fire - Our
agents have very promptly supplied all my wants in the
money line, which I have used as sparingly as I could.
I have told them that we had no need of the money
from the crops and that we were disposed to hold the crops



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until the Receipts at the ports should be fully known - They
say "this is the correct course for those free from debt
that it is certain it cannot decline in price and they
believe the short crops and all other elements in the
Cotton Trade will carry it up" - I shall be at Home
in 7 or 8 days after my departure from this - say about
the 10th of Jan. I wish if the weather and roads should
be such as to permit it that Anne and the little ones could
meet me in Raleigh or I wish to pop a few days with you and
my sisters and then home to work your off son A. L. Lumsden