

Washington - January 24th 1833 - Thursday -

I write you thus early, my dear Will - to remind you of the money I want you to send me, if you can, and charge it as borrowed by me from father - do not in writing home mention that I have borrowed of you as before you return I may make arrangements for repaying it - I want it now as the old woman has drawn me down to the last shilling and I shall not be able to supply her next demand until I hear from you - if Jenkins is coming on in a day or so you might lend it by him -

Between you and myself my dear Will, I shrewdly suspect I was a ~~little~~ ^{little} left the night of your departure, for some young ladies who say they were there say I never once spoke to them - and I do not recollect being particularly attentive to Sarah DePryster that evening so that when we meet she will doubtless play the dignified game, but with her penchant for me I will soon bring her in turn again - you know it will not do to encourage these uncertain fortunes

I expected to go to the Fair's last evening and hear an account of the ball and how they were pleased, but I was prevented by Bob McLane's calling on me with an invite to a small tea fight at their house - so that I have not seen them since the evening - I wish you could have been with us last evening you would have enjoyed it - I was quite the belle - several devilish pretty girls were there - I played quite a diplomatic game - my friend Woodbury and his lady were there and I breezed the latter very strongly - the girls from the palace

also were present and I had a regular flirtation with them - and promised to make them a visit one evening this week - I have really determined to push desperately for the purchase, for I have been a little indifferent about it lately from the plan I have fixed upon of marrying some southern fortune - but I have reflected that should I not succeed in that I shall be thrown upon the world, absolutely penniless and on the other hand the purchase will by no means interfere with my obtaining myself to a fortune, on the contrary it will rather aid me as having the means of support will prove my disinterestedness in marrying a rich wife -

And if I become wearied of the purchase and your business should flourish and Edgar retire on his wife and fortune, I can throw up my commission and hitch horses with you - for I should like amazingly that we could scramble along in the world together for I do think our tastes accord better than most peoples - especially our mutual capability of getting gently drunk when others are lying under the table -

Don't forget our Virginia plantations and if you meet any in the shape of a pretty girl, fail not to write me and whether it would be worth while to go on after it - I shall sound Virginia perhaps tomorrow night and in my next tell you what I think of her and her dowry -

You must try and arrange it, to return by the way of Washington, probably then there may be some parties underway and we will have a nice time - but don't forget business -

I received a letter from Frio which I answered last evening, by which

he says he is quite ill - of course you will find him out and take good care of him - be careful how you mention any thing I have said to you about him and Matilda M - it is a delicate subject for him and he might think I treated his confidence lightly in telling you - tho' I would not on any account mention it to any one else -

After to night - you don't laugh at me - for you know I must go this evening to talk about the party and conciliate Sarah who I have reason to suppose is a little ruffled at me - I will keep aloof from the land - and convince Uncle that there is nothing in the report of my attention to Matilda - I know that is easier said than done, and it is hard work to absent myself from those by whom I am esteemed and who I highly esteem - from Matilda I learnt they think you a d-d fine fellow and if you remained here a week longer you would have been as bad as myself - for I know that you like myself act more from impulse than interest - but I will assuredly conquer my feeling in this case at least till Uncle has gone -

Nothing from home since you left - I shall send Parris a document to day to ask about Sarah - write me immediately and let me know all that passes and who you see worth mentioning -

Tell Frio that Seldon has taken Johnsons sword - I forgot to mention it when writing him -

Come true yours
Thos -



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