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My Dear Wife

I have just returned from a pleasant visit in St. St. having taken my tea with dear Israel & Anna & Eff. & Mr. Buckley & Annie Brot & her father. As I went on to the door Galloway and Hamet joined me, having taken a Sabbath walk to Conn Emily after service. They reported her comfortable as ducks, & I had left her quite so at the time for afternoon service when I left her. She had been to St Marks in the morning, & I advised she should not incur the risk of over exertion by going out this afternoon. – The items above will give you a fair idea of our condition here with the exception of Charles & Hannah & then of course I suggested to Chester this morning the propriety of sending the boys to their grandmother Lyon so soon as Hannah is sick, in order to save the infant from the exposure to whooping cough. He thinks Hannah is taking it herself. They will of course know positively in a few

It is in North Carolina Virginia & Kentucky slave states. They have paid their interest thus far, but the growing dissentions are likely to lead to a suspension if not a repudiation entirely of all the debt held north. We must bear all this heavenly

Mrs Dobson sent just now to ask about Jenny. Israel has just called on his way West & will stop for this or her return & keep it open the day I may possibly receive one for you requiring some answer. Mrs L. leaves here on the 20th. So you must be sure to have a Conveyance for her at the landing on Thursday. You know my infirmity of memory so please fix the latest day, at which it will be safe for me to leave here. You know I mentioned to you that it is important I should remain here as long as possible, as my presence will be required with you a fortnight at least, and with our present plans it is more than ever necessary I should not be away. I am giving attention to the information that I am about to resume my housekeeping here in order to counteract any injurious effect which might be the result of my absence at this season of the year. To be with you a week before hand & then to remain so long as is proper afterward would make an inroad on my practice here which would be disastrous to us

With much love to dear Mary & Harry & the fair one, Chester

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Ellen Sister called at 1929 to enquire for her. I hope all is quiet in her case