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not go to you - Galloway Chester thinks you are as well off where you are as any where - I have now for the first time in my life learned to distrust his judgment He has been overanxious about this said trouble he has been so far in some other mistaken judgments and is still. My own judgment is that we have only seen the commencement and I shall feel that dear Mary and yourself are better off here than where you are. You know my views on public affairs and that I have been long apprehensive that we were drifting into Civil War and you know what efforts I have made, and what sacrifices to avert it. - Now it is upon us and we must abide the results leaving them in the hands of that God who made heaven and earth & governs it and who alone can still the madness of the people -

I do not believe dear Harry will be made any more comfortable by the presence of Mary & the children & yourself. He has his sister at Hawthorne Ridge & I learn that of the troubles in Greene & Make them uncomfortable near Baltimore Wm Worthington will go to West River & the Cove you know is at Your hand if he deserves it. But as Sister you & I am so distrustful of my own judgment that I can not direct I can only refer to the deep impression on my mind which would induce me to keep dear Mary here - I must leave the decision with her and I pray God she may be guided by the Spirit of wisdom and mercy. Harry D. & Chester and I agree with Galloway in opinion as I have given above - When I think of the beauty of every thing God has made around you and contrast it with the misery which man sin has introduced, I am overwhelmed with the contrast - Tell Henry Wilson his money is quite safe There has been no suspicion even of the security of the institution or what it is. I will take care of that & of Richards Mortgage for him - I wish you and Mary & the children were at my side. We should have fewer comforts & at times but we should be together - The feeling here of determination to support the government is universal - all old party lines are broken up entirely. Unless God interfere miraculously we are entering upon a long & awful struggle - Pestilence & famine will follow war. We must get ourselves right humbly to God & seek for his salvation - Earthly things are of no value - Let not him that is on the housetop go down into