We will be glad to have you sell the produce you may have remaining on hand on our account, at any price it will command. it is pretty clear to us that we must lose on it yet it is better that we should have the proceeds invested in something that we may be able to sell or consume.

It seems somewhat strange and unaccountable to us here that your Federal forces are so frequently discomfited by the Confederates, every advantage as regards numbers, means and material are on your side, and yet we have the account of your defeat at Bulls Run, and Springfield. Why the devil can't the government take lessons from the Rebels — hang all spies and traitors, and be in earnest! — make use of all the means and instrumentalities within your reach to cripple your enemies — they hesitate at nothing, whilst the Federals are vacillating in pursuing a temporising policy. Fremont promises well in proclaiming the freedom of all slaves belonging to Secessionist within his military command; it only remains to arm them, and drill them as guerillas — when this is done it will materially diminish the troubles and the dangers of your Northern troops. It will not surprise me to hear that the Confederates have made a dash and carried the City of Washington, the boldness of such an undertaking would ensure its success. Your recent success on the sea board of North Carolina will not be of much service unless followed by attacks on other points — Why not New Orleans, from sea and by the river, attack them every where so as to prevent their too formidable concentration in Virginia! — Your war is to me a greater source of solicitude than our private business — You war to save your Union, your government; my view of it is only in its relations to Slavery. — If your glorious Union must be dissolved on account of human Slavery, why not peril all in the effort to abolish the infamous institution? We are yet on the look out for the Spaniards, yet hoping that they may keep away — however let them come in any numbers it will not be possible for them to make slaves of us again.

Love to your Father who I trust is improving — respects to your lady and sister — Let assure that we feel deeply for you in your troubles and distresses pecuniary and otherwise as much.

Truly yours
Wm. Gill Bro
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