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appointment rather than leave me
should I be successful I will write
a note or two from town. so me what
I can & if I can keep it for 3 days with
them have enough to go west, where
I think in relation to my children
I am bound to go so far I have left
no stone unturned & tomorrow shall
set out to enlarge my subscription
If the appointment be made by the
advice of the Mercantile community
I have nothing to fear as I have already
obtained the names of some 56 leading
characters & hope still to increase it
but there is so much chicanery in those
matters that really one does not
know on what to rely so far
I have adopted the Worthington cross
the spear, the shield & the bloody field"
Mr Van Bebber is in town & I have
left word for him to come up &
see me which I hope he will
do to morrow — as to McKee's affair
let him send me 25$ & I will undertake
it on a further contingency of 25$
more but a man may as well
be idle as to give his time labour
& expenditure for nothing until I
get that I want none in it I am
charitably disposed but in dealing
with such people I must
have a certainty in hand &
the contingency secured

As soon as I can get Mr V B &
get through with my documents
in relation to this appointment
I will write you in the mean time
from anxiety &c all is confusion
with me

Yrs as ever
C Birnie

Turn over