

think me all wrong - I have always
feared he would resign & it is
only an affair of a week or two
after all - I distrust my own judgment
because as you know, so many things
influence a woman - rank money, family
feeling - but all would give way to the
preservation of your brother's honor - Now
that the resignation is accepted, I dare
say it is the best - I thought it would
do no harm for me to ask the delay
of its acceptance till we reached
Leavenworth - That has failed - I feel
the natural regret of all persons who
even an old tie - The same that Gen: Johnston
& his wife experienced - but you know it is
my way to make the best of every thing &
look on the bright side - Tom is studying
hard & hopes to be received as hospital
surgeon in the Southern Confed. - He can
well decide for himself as soon as he comes
home - It is very kind of you to ask me
to take the children & stay with you - but I