

Copy of a Letter to Col. W. H. Emory -

My dear Bro,

I regret that your resignation was sent to me, and that I had not the opportunity of consulting better Men & your friends in Washington, as I wished, before sending it in. At the time I received it, the country was in the greatest ^{state of} confusion, not being able to go from here to Baltimore and return with certainty. The day after I received your note from Washataw C. R. enclosing your resignation, I left for Baltimore, hoping that something would turn up to let me get through to Washington, but was disappointed. After remaining there from Friday until Sunday without seeing able to hear of any one going to Washington that I could trust, to send the package to your wife, who I preferred to take the responsibility, and being obliged to return home on Monday to attend court, I consulted the most discreet persons I could find, as to what I