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Brooklyn. Jan^y 18th 1880.

Dear Brother

I have sent to Mr
 Shlegar of Christ Church
 an account of receipts
 and disbursements under
 the will, proper to the
 Executors duties with
 accompanying vouchers,
 and expect him to put
 the acct in proper form
 to be passed by the Court.

I have left the acct
 of Executors ^{Commission} ~~Volume~~,
 mentioning however that

I was told was the proper
figure in Richmond -

I will communicate
further with you when I
learn what the account
becomes under his arrange-
ment, and will see
that the vouchers ac-
company whatever is
sent you to certify.

I therefore will oc-
casionally address you in
fair spirit -

I am affectly
Yours
Wm. H. Livingston

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NEW-YORK
JAN 19
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Genl W. R. Bager.
Blackburg -
Montgomery Co -
Virginia -

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Christiansburg Jan^y 22. 1880

Genl Wm R. Boygs

Dear Sir. Mr Wm Symington has sent me for settlement his & your vouchers and accts as Exrs of Mrs E. Symington. I find the receipt act of Dr Celeste not in proper shape and enclose it that some person not interested in the receipt of the money may make affidavit "that Dr C rendered the service charged and that the acct is believed to be reasonable". Any member of your family except you & your wife will be sufficient. Please attend to this & return to me at your earliest convenience.

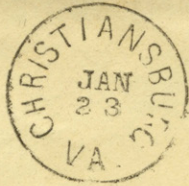
Respectly

Anchor A. H. H. H.

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

P. O. Box 57
Christiansburg
Va.

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Genl Wm R. Boggs.

Blacksburg
Va.



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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

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Genl Wm R Boyce

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Lehigh Jan'y 28/880

Dear Sir.

Your letter recd. enclosing
Dr. Elliotts ac^t as Mrs. S. properly
certified.

Respectly

Arthur A. Heger

P.O. Box 2011. [360]
New York, Jan 28th 1880.

Dear Bro Wm

I enclose you
herewith an inventory
of estate of Mrs E. M.
Lynington dec'd; for you to
sign and send to
Archib. A. Phlegan Esq
Christiansburg. It appears
that it should have been
handed in long since,
so use all possible des-
patch. It is made out
according to draft from
Mr Phlegan, and merely the
list of property inserted, and

the note in relation to the
real Estate, which lying
without the state will be
elsewhere accounted for.
I enclose also for
your own information,
the acct a copy of which
I have forwarded with
vouchers to Mr P. He in-
forms me that the 3^d item
on debit side for Club setting,
will be disallowed as vouchers is
not in order, and that a certi-
ficate from Dr Elliot is neces-
sary for which he had written
to you. I supposed when I
sent the acct to Mr P. that
it and the vouchers should
be sent you for examination
before signing, but as Inventory
is required at once, send you this,
and you can examine vouchers at
Christiansburg. Yours affly.
Wm H. Lynington

P.S. Box 2011.

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New York March 29th 1880.

Genl W.R. Briggs.
Blackburg Va.

Dear Brother.

I have thought it
best to send the ^{enclosed} to you
for you & Mary to execute,
and send to Mr Boulmore
for him to return & finally
to Mr A.A. Phlegor at
Christiansburg for record,
rather than, as I wrote
Mary yesterday, to ^{Mr B.} ~~him~~ first,
as naturally he must
first have Mary's authoriza-
-tion, and sending first to him
would give no time - The
mending of the paper will I
think explain to you its neces-
-sity on all grounds -

Let Mary observe the pencil
note of Mr Phlegor referring
to manner of her acknowl-
-ing, I suppose of course
Mr Boulmore's address.
Cautious notice of your share
to husband & so on, as you,
Mary's & Mr Boulmore's
signatures must be depa-
-rately acknowledged & inti-
-fied to, but care I think
you have done on that
paper -

There is another re-
-lease relating to the Bull
property for her to execute.
I sent it with one for Edith
first to Mr Boulmore on
22nd inst, with the request that
he would after executing send
to each of the sisters for
them to execute, so Mary
will hear of it I presume
shortly. This mention is
made so that she may under-
-stand it when required.
Yours affly
Wm H. Chapman

The Estate of Mrs Elizabeth M. Lynnington dec^d in acc^t with
 F. R. Baggs & Wm. H. Lynnington Executors.

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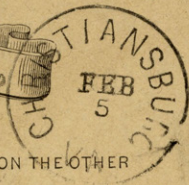
1878.
 July 9th By Bal^{ce} of Andrew Johnson's Estate 200 00
 July 18th By Bal^{ce} of Andrew Johnson's Trust 20 27
 July 12th By semi annual dividend Morris & Co's bond 105 00
 Mar 10th By Bal^{ce} in Union Bond & Redemption 13 00
 Feb 25th By Stocks & bonds from Andrew Johnson's Trust 15850 85
 " 12th By 3 Morris & Co's R.R. 1st mortgage bonds 3630 00
 1880
 Jan 17th By Bal^{ce} due Executors 112 20 19931 32

1878
 July 11th To Funeral Expenses. \$178 30
 " 15th To Dr Seeds. Ball^{ce} Fee 25 00
 " 25th To Setting slab in vault 10 00
 Aug 26th To physician's Bill 61 25
 Sept 24th To Tax fees 15 00
 Oct 1st To Copies of record 4 00
 Nov 6th To Copies of record 6 42
 " " To Counsel fee (Mr Roulson) 10 00
 Dec 6th To Copies of record 4 00
 1879.
 Jan 20th To Expenses of litigation (Belin & Moore) 22 00
 Feb 3rd To Copies of record 5 00
 " 8th To attorney's fees (Strong & Spear) 3 50
 " 12th To Int on U.S. bonds (W.R. Baggs Trust) 105 00
 " 25th To Copies of record - 1 00
 " 25th To Stocks & bonds (A.S. Boulton Trust) 15850 85
 " 12th To 3 Morris & Co's bonds (W.R. Baggs Trust) 3630 00 19931 32

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Genl W^m R Boyce.

Beachburg

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Exby July 6 1880

Dear Sir,

Yours recd with men-
tion of Mrs Symingtons property
which I will file with the
Census of Account

Respectly
Arthur A. Hayes

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Brooklyn, Feb 14th 1880.

Dear Bro Wm.

I write by this mail
to Archy, making a proposi-
-tion to him or rather Eliza,
-appropriations - I am
considerably in doubt as to
whether or no you and Mary
will be pleased with the lat-
-ter one, as it involves a good
deal of hard work, and self-
-denial for the boy, besides
to many people's minds a
quasi sacrifice of social
position, at least for a time,
and a life of isolation during
the week; for I don't fancy
he will find any congenial
appreciates among his com-
-panions at the shops of the

takes that hour of the day.
Lecture. The first sug-
-gestion made be also not
a good one, as it does not
secure for him a full course
of medical instruction, and
he might be in case of my
death or some accident,
interrupted in his studies,
before they were far enough
advanced to secure him an
useful application of them.

I regret that I cannot
make them more secure,
but am not blind to the
possible advantage for the
boy in having his future
not too certain, and, so
much the more, he for his
own moulding. It is hard
training but like other train-
-ing hardens the powers.

At any rate, to that end

Conclusions you and his
parents come, I hope you
will do me the justice to
believe that I see his good,
through the method may not
recommend itself to you.

He can't look into the
future, and neither perhaps
maybe a very flattering
one for him, but on the other
hand unless he by accepting
either forfeits something
better, I see no loss to cause.

With best love to all.

Yours affectionately,

John H. Spurrington

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Genl W. R. Baggs.

Blackberry.

Woolgrove Cr.
Virginia.

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P.O. Box 2011.

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New York, April 5th 1880.

Genl W. L. Boggs.
Blacksburg Va.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 2^d inst enclosing the release I sent you on 29th inst is rec^d this Am. I regret I did not go more into particulars in regard to it, but presumed that what I had previously written to Mary on the subject, and the text of the paper itself would make fully plain to you the object of having you sign & execute the paper, against which I cannot imagine the propriety of an objection on your part. It appears that such a course had overlooked the passage of a statute since his assumption of the trust, which requires trustees to render an account before a court before their responsibility is taken off them. As the propriety of releasing

him from any such onerous piece of work, as to go over the accounts of so many years, during which years, accounts which we have been satisfied to render to the beneficiaries of the trust, I can see no room for question.

The other clause referring to the Inventory is made necessary for the protection of the Executors by the neglect of Mr Ronalds, the carrier we employed, to instruct us in time that such an Inventory was necessary, and because such a course was approved as the prudent course by the Trustees of the Trust, and of course Mr R. had attended to so vital a matter. The distribution of the personal property having been effected before the absence of that form had been discovered by competent counsel, makes it impossible to comply with the forms of the law, and hence a release from the liability of the Executors -

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If I have been to blame
in anything as regards you
I should like to know what
it is, as of course of its jus-
-tice, I shall be glad to make
reparation if possible.

I am sorry to have had
to visit you with so long
a letter, but do not get
worr I could have said what
I had to say in less space.

With kindest regards and
love to all.

Yours sincerely
Geo. V. Huntington.

P. O. Box 2011.

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New York, April 12th 1880.

Dear Bro. Jm.

Yours of 8th inst reached me duly, but I have been delayed partly by the presence of the Cousins from Ball in the City, and partly by Dickups, from acknowledging it sooner -

I am glad you have at last made a statement of a grievance, of which I have seen the signs a long time, and only wish you had chosen an earlier moment, had so, that thus various delays, and ^{some} confusion might have been avoided -

I gather that you have several causes of complaint against me - first - that I did not refer to you when my sister was hurried to make her choice of her trustee - So that I dare to say as to the "hurrying" - that the step was necessary as a prelude to other, an unavoidable one under the will, and that it was a matter for her to refer - not for me -

I recall no opinion which you volunteered to me, as to the person she should choose - I seem that through - out as manifestly no affair of mine.

Next - You say when you informed

me of your appointment as trustee for your children, "my reply indicated disappointment," and that it appears that I am not willing to trust their securities in your hands -

As to this I say - If my reply expressed disappointment it helio me - If I remember correctly, you requested me yourself to act for Anstee, & he would retain custody of the bonds, and he said he was willing to do so, provided no trusteeship was required - He expressed himself as declining, to do so as a matter of accommodation to you, and I certainly intended to convey that impression to you, and under the circumstances, I could not well see who else but you should have been their trustee - I gave the trustees of the registry to your name myself, and they are now practically & legally in your hands -

The next matter is that it appears that I was in extra hurry to get Mary's securities out of your hands - You must be aware that

under the terms of the will she could not enjoy a penny of the proceeds until they were in the hands of her trustee -

You would rather have had a lame complaint, if I had not done what I could to put them in the trustee's hands -

But further, you yourself were so much a party to the matter as to

Everyone of these supposed offences of mine is without other foundation than

force, and I will say now, that in almost any case but yours, I should have declined any denial or explanation for those same pride, and feelings to be hurt as well as yourself -

But I realize that your life is full of care, as is my own. And I know that an imaginary slight is as great a crop, as a real trouble, especially when brooded on.

I think some of the same sort of feeling is observable, in what you say about signing the paper I sent. What is a mere legal form, you seem to think implies abnegation to you.

I am usually a touchy person, but I fail altogether to see anything of the sort in this. As you have made no objection to your wife's choice of a trustee, I can't think it is very dignified to wallow any resentment to be apparent in connection with the matter.

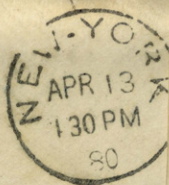
It is now too late to settle the affair previous to my going West, as I had hoped would be the case, and I am not particularly now as to despatch in the affair.

There is no doubt that such an erasure, as you suggest would invalidate all the signatures now on the instrument, but of course you

should take any legal advice you think proper, but I can't too strongly deprecate, for your own sake especially, any admission that outsiders of injured feeling on your part -

With best love to all
I am Sincerely Yours -
John St. Cypriano.

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Genl W. R. Boggs
Blacksherry
Montgomery Co
Virginia

Christiansburg April 12/1880

Genl W R Boyce

Dear Sir. Your letter & the release left in Clerk's Office received this morning. I do not see the force of your objection to signing as it certainly releases you as much as it does Mr Symington. Nor do I see the difference in effect so far as you are concerned ~~between~~ as a releasor between your being named a party of the first part or of the second part.

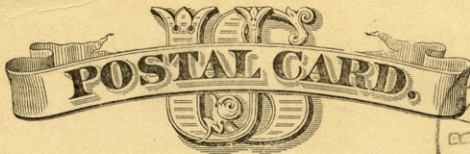
The reason you are named of the first part is this - a married woman cannot make a deed of her separate estate unless her husband joins her in the deed or the instrument creating the estate gives her the right to deed separately. You are in no way bound for anything by signing this paper - but rather released. The execution of this paper avoids the trouble & expense of attempting an inventory which will be almost impossible to take now & which ought to have been taken when the will was probated - and may prevent a costly chancery suit to settle Mr Johnston's

accounts as Justice. Either this paper or a
similar one must be executed - or the apprais-
ment attempted & they sent brought or
your accounts will not be definitely settled,
for no one can tell how long, certainly not
in 20 years, but will be liable to be over-
hauled & you put to trouble & expense.

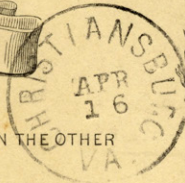
Yours Truly

Arthur Whaley

Please sign & return to me at your earliest convenience



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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

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Genl W. D. Boyce

Blacksburg
Va

Chby. Cpl 1378^v

Dear Sir,

Your Your letter
recd. Please return the

release. Maybe I can re-

draft it so as to meet your
views and serve the purposes

desired by Mr Youngton & which
is as much for your protection as
his. The matter should not be allowed
to fall through without strong reasons
Respectfully
Arthur A. Hays

on the subject before committing
 myself to a deliberate annulling
 of the provisions of the will as
 understood them. I therefore
 consulted Nucle Anderson, told
 him as well as I could what Mr
 Ronalds interpretation of the will
 was, and put him in communica-
 -tion with him, and advised
 you, both before hand and after-
 -wards, of my proceedings.

Several other counsel have
 seen the will - all have taken
 the view of Nucle Anderson as
 to the inviolability of its provisions
 and in view of the fact that
 Mr Ronalds omitted also to ad-
 -vise us in regard to an inven-
 -tory which was required by
 law. I see no escape for him
 from correction of neglect or
 incompetence or both, notwith-
 -standing the deep interest he
 took in the case as you say.

Did him I still feel indig-
 -nant whenever I think of the
 expense he has put me to which
 has been considerable, the
 amount of correspondence it has
 necessitated for me, which has been
 great, but worse than all, that
 nearly he committed us to a course

which would have been illegal,
 and would have been perhaps
 interpreted grievously to our
 injury, not alone as to the
 but character -

I can consider it no discount
 to a man who has shown himself
 a failure in his own profession,
 to pay his bill, and seek other
 advice and assistance. Were
 it otherwise there would be
 no refuge from the unmer-
 -ited jack-leg workmen
 who seek employment -

If you have read so
 far be this through this
 long letter. I will say that
 I hope you will continue
 this correspondence until
 you are satisfied as to any
 doubts you may have about
 my conduct to you, and in
 future write on the subject
 if you feel yourself aggrieved
 by me, as I do not consider
 it fair to say one to another
 hard thoughts for many months
 and then seek explanation
 when forgetfulness on one side may
 have made explanation very difficult
 I remain yours. Wm. M. Huntington

was resident, because previously by request of some one of you, I had approached him on the subject, or the matter had been alluded to in a letter to Mrs Weston, and we had a conversation on the subject. He deprecated assuming the charge, as he did later but not so decidedly as later, I believe also at the time I spoke to him after the impediment that it was not announced as a fixed fact but as an opinion, and I encouraged it to him. Now he is an extremely sensitive man, and while I don't suppose it wounded him at all, it hurted it an awful piece of spirit for me to do, and wished that the matter had not been broached at all until the legal rights and wrongs had been settled. As you insist upon some expression in my letter of disapproval or annoyance, I can find no better that it must have been due to this feeling in my mind, as I never remember being vexed about it.

The other point that I thought you an unfit person to be trusted with your children's securities certainly was not there.

While we are on the subject I will state what my experience with Mr Ronalds was, altho' I don't feel at all that you and he are bound up at all in our broaches as regards me, but it may serve to explain my bearing towards you partially at least.

I was utterly ignorant of the date of an execution, and I could not make out that you were much better posted. I had a copy of the will, and a general letter from Uncle Andrew touching the duties, but counselling the employment of Counsel in Mount St. Maryland, I Missouri. I tried long in vain to get through you a memorandum of guidance for the necessary proceedings in Mount St. and made arrangements for a stay of several days longer at Mt St when I went down to qualify in order to get such a chart for our proceedings. I made an appointment with the Donalds the day previous to Christmasburg, and they did not keep it. Finally I managed to get an interview with him, and he he illustrated the will to me, these whole business of trustees was unnecessary, and he advised us as Executors (for you were present part of the time at least) to deliver the property to the beneficiaries themselves, or to let them be sold or spend their own trustees, or disperse with the trustees.

There was a person in existence at that time of whom I had considerable doubt, since fully justified, (not yourself), but of whom I could not properly express any doubts.

That circumstance, moreover, quieted my perceptions and by my understanding of the English language, and Uncle Andrew's knowledge of drawing legal papers, I concluded that I must have more legal rights

P. O. Box 2011.

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New York, April 17th 1880.

Dear Bro Wm

Yours of 15th inst is rec'd today - I am glad you write fully as you do, as, like you, I desire to see matters straightened between us -

You seem slightly to have mistaken the idea meant in the clause of my last letter in which I say that Maria's choice of a trustee, as "manifestly no affair of mine", I did not mean that it was an affair between her & myself, but simply what the words imply in their simplest rendering - I do not consider myself as the adviser either of herself or Edith on that point, and have in general studiously avoided such a part - I do not remember any reference to Dilly as Maria's trustee, nor to have expressed an opinion on the subject while it was pending, but think it may be possible that I have been allowed to be seen later when I heard of it, that it was perhaps a heavy responsibility to lay on his shoulders, and one that might interfere with his freedom in seeking employment at remote points - Such as I said is my idea at present looking backward.

I remember using the expression about "all eggs in one basket" and as I remember it, it was with reference to the question as to whether the trustee under the special legacy clause, would also act merely as trustee for the real estate interests of the two sisters

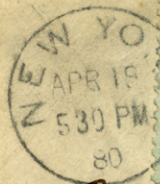
through the same idea presented itself also to my mind when the question of the same person being selected as trustee for both sisters came up - These instances, and a more recent one, when I happened to remark, when Mr. Pollard's name came up, ~~then it being pronounced~~ by me to be necessary for a trustee to be appointed for Wisconsin, that I thought a business man preferable to a purely professional one like the Doctor, are, I think, the only expressions of opinion which I have given out to in Mary's case, and about the first, that concerning Dilly, I am sure - With Edith I have had even less to do in this matter. Some time since, having suggested Stuart's name to her as a good trustee, she gave me to understand that she had objections to a relative acting in that capacity.

As I said before, I remember nothing of any discussion as to the rights of married women (or others) under the law of you, and do not think it a possibility, from what I afterwards know, that any discussion took place and that results of which were either injurious to, or reflecting upon you, could have been considered, and I am at a loss to guess how you can deliberately hold such an opinion -

Depend upon it your first formed opinion on the matter was the correct one -

Now as to the matter of the trusteeship for your daughters, I very well recall that I was annoyed at being obliged to tell Mr. Annett that the judge would not appoint a

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Genl W. R. Boggs,
Blacksburg -
Montgomery Co.,
Virginia.



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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Genl G. H. Briggs
Beverly

Mass Co

H. C.

Train left
left Liberty yesterday morning
had pleasant trip. The time
+ up the road saw
M. on P. today I lunched
with her. I. Chapman with
all the crew. We to the
York. York. L. B.

her Grandmother.
After all Mother
did not see Aunt
Buckley, who will be
up tomorrow I es-
pect, it is too bad
as Mother gave up
her Richmond visit
for that purpose, but
Aunt B. evidently
did not get Mother's
letter, asking her to
come a few days
sooner, because she
says she hopes to
find her here.

Baby Mary grows
more & more interest-
ing every day, now
laughs and cries,
and by the time
I bring her to see

you and the un-
cles, she will enjoy
a good play, and
could even now re-
mind you of your
babies by pulling your
beard & good fashion,
she almost make
her Y. cry some
times. I think it
is pretty certain
that we will go
to Lynchburg,
much to Mother's
satisfaction, she de-
spises Liberty, I am
glad too, not that
I despise Liberty,
for I do not, but like
it very well, still I
think Lynchburg
the better place.

In Ret. in a busi-
ness point of view.

I think I hear the
Baby making so will

come to a hasty
stop.

And by give
lots of love to the
boys. From Baby
& myself. can't
believe me al-
ways

Your loving daught-
er

Bessie.

Liberty ^[2347]

Sept 8th
1882

Dear Father,
Mother, Edith and
the chickens left yes-
terday. and I hope you
will find express
receipt for the latter.

We all miss Mother
and Dytha so much
the baby does, as much
as the rest of us. Mo-
ther always sat by
me and talked to
the little lady while
I dressed her; so yes-
terday morning her
little head kept turn-
ing from side to
side, and I know
she was wanting for

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Genl Wm K Byrnes
Bivouac
Farms Co
North Carolina

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Indian Spring
Sept 12th
1882

board made was ever so pretty and
 just as white as it could be and
 it would run over the other
 water as tho' the other water
 had been glass good it spill
 on it. And saw a light house
 made of stone like you see pic-
 tures, not like those at Norfolk
 we had a delicious supper
 and after was at we went on deck
 and I saw that phosphorus
 down in the water and it cer-
 tainly does seem funny to think
 of how things they are and I ain
 say fast I turned about them
 last winter and the light
 houses looked so pretty in the
 dark and I want to bed at eight but
 did not go to sleep for some time
 and when I was dressing I saw an old
 rigged schooner and I'm going to try
 and find her a picture of one and I want
 you to tell us what kind of rigg

Dear Daffy

I have not written
 to you for a long time have I?
 well it is because I heard you
 say once that you would rather
 have no letter at all then
 a letter with nothing in it so
 as I had nothing to say I
 did not write

I have saved the trip up
 the bay to describe to you es-
 pecially. you know we left
 Liberty Thursday morning
 we got to Norfolk about half
 past four and Mamma bought
 some delicious grapes on the
 way there. I heard a gentle near
 just behind me say as we enter

land Norfolk. "The mountains
are all very well for a little time
but for a constancy give me the
flat country where you can
see all around you" and another
gentleman agreed with him
I must say I think they both
have very poor taste, I do not
agree with them at all.

We boarded the boat "right off
the station and then I
felt that my trip had really
begun. The steamer boat was named
the Florida and there was
a little girl on board who had
been up and down the bay
do not know how many times
and always in the Florida.
Going out from Norfolk was just
lovely watching the town fade
out of sight and "all the boats"
from the biggest to the small

est did not "have their fling
at our boat then" but rocketed
gracefully back and forth as
they bowed in a stately manner
to tell us good bye, and then
the funny little light houses
perched on stilts just outside
of Norfolk and the boys duck-
ing and dodging about in the
water and I saw the great re-
volving light with its red side
Is it on Cape Charles or Cape
Henry? Mamma did not know
and I saw the naval yard
and is not it? Fortress Monroe
we passed that and Old Point
Comfort before dark and there
was the biggest hotel I
ever saw at Old Point Comfort
and mamma said it had
changed very much since she
was there and the foam the

Liberly
July 21rd
1882

Mrs. Bowyer and then I will not
have to talk much. Did
you miss Betty Travis when
you were here? She came round to
call this evening and to tell
us goodbye as she goes to the Room
old reel tomorrow to be gone two
weeks may be longer.

Several of the young ladies of
town have called on me and have
returned most of their visits, I have
still one or two to pay however.
I am sorry I cannot write longer
but it is getting late and besides
I have told you all the
news. Give my love to the boys
and tell John I have a green and
gold bug I am going to send him
soon. Did Leary like his eggs?
Remember me at the house please
and tell the "Babies" I hope
Lakes pear's woman will be a
success. I send this love to

Dear Father

The baby is doing well
well so far sleeps all day and
night and only cries when it is
hungry, I suppose mother has
told you how pretty every one
considers her and she is for her
age and right sweet looking she
is too. Brother Scott has had
her laid in his arms twice
and this evening while he
was holding her she went to
sleep I was the only person in
the room who was not busy so
I undertook to put her in the
crib, I have had her several times
carrying her from the cradle to
and from ^{sister} sister back to crib but
mamma did not give me half so

many instructions the first time
I had her at all, as Brother Pett
gave me this evening, however I sup-
pose one must ~~allow~~ allowances for
the first baby, but Brother Pett
is very absurd about her, he really
forgets sometimes to feed the pi-
geon, nothing before Mary came
could make him do that.

I have been having a very pleasant
time doing nothing but, I tell you,
since the baby came I have been kept
pretty busy, Mother spends all her
time waiting on Sister so I have to
do the housekeeping and as Sister
has no garden and every thing but
cucumbers and lettuce has to be
bought and as Mary the cook for-
gets what she is told to get
while going from the house to the
kitchen and, as you know, I am
not gifted with a good memory I find
that housekeeping is not an easy
business. Brother Pett said the

other day that he thought he
would be quite willing to recom-
mend me at any time I called
on him. I told him very well when-
ever I found it ^{necessary} ~~necessary~~ to accept
the situation of house keeper to any
one I should be very glad of his rec-
ommendation, that was not the way
he intended me to take his words
but that was the only way I
could make him be have himself
for we were at the table and Mo-
ther evidently did not like having
such notions put into my head even
by my brother-in-law.

I received an invitation this evening
the 24th to a basket pic-nic on the 28th
it has not been decided yet whether
I can go or not I am in hopes I can
except when I think of all the stran-
gers I may have to meet, if I go that
I expect I will go with the Bourgers
and then I can keep close to

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Gen Wm. B. Boggs.

Brevard
Transylvania County.
North Carolina

at the Hotel. I can
neither of my self I
think until the middle
of October, but I have
been away so long that
I should prefer that
staying as long as that
I have not heard from
the Taylors or Joseph
if they are at home &
wish a visit. I shall
return by the Bay route
of course by rail to Ketchikan
I had not see Beck
but have heard from
her she wants me to
come on to N. York &
see her but that I
cannot do. I have
written to that effect. as
far as I can see there
is not the slightest

use in getting any
thing except some
calico & muslin for
furniture covering
chairs. The extra bed-
steads & mattresses
that we shall need
can be gotten in Ken
nermore & Wash House,
Journals etc. I can
make frames & cover
them. I think I
prefer Hans Co. li. for
bed for a home. I see
as many independent
there here if a boy plays
etc he has called &
given folks visit
like that our old
ones either. I take
care of Juggles & Miss
get back I like a

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Genl Jm R. Fogg
Beverly
Mass Co
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To W R Baggs

Winston

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W R Baggs J

Genl Bogy

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New York July 12 1841

My dear sir, I have had it in mind for some time to write you, but have been prevented; firstly by press of work, & secondly by the reflection that I am comparatively a stranger and therefore not entitled to express my sympathy with you, as fully as might an old friend, in the great affliction that has befallen your family in the death of your son. I feel however as a Father, & as Archie's friend & employer, that I can not allow the pen to pass away without some expression of regret for your loss & mind, & some tribute to his worth & merits. I had great hopes for Archie, it is not often in these latter days that a young American of good family & education can be induced to enter upon mechanical pursuits, in my judgement it is the very thing needed, that more of them should do so, for their own, & the best interests of mechanical, & manufacturing business in this country. Therefore when we see a young man of Archie's ability, that would distinguish him in any calling, willing to take off coat, & learn our business practically, we conclude he is made up in the right manner, & has a good future of usefulness, & prosperity. In addition to this he was impressed

with the idea that ~~that~~ by means of turning the use of different tools, that was a great field of knowledge, & he was ambitious to seek in this direction, so that his influence upon his companions, in the shop was excellent. They saw that they were deficient, & through his teaching & example were trying to improve their hours of leisure. They miss him very much, & will long remember Archie. I have no doubt he would have been to them of great benefit, for myself, I hoped the day was not distant when he would take up a portion of my work, & I think he would have done it well. His death was so entirely unexpected, that even yet I have not accustomed myself to think of him without a sharp pang of regret. For the loss to your and his mother, I dare not attempt to write. There is only one source of consolation for such sorrow. I can only permit you to think, & hope that the Lord who gave & who hath taken away your son, may grant you strength & consolation. Please convey to your wife from my wife & myself, the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy, in your great sorrow & bereavement.

Yours truly
Chas W. Estell.

them until they
have fallen to pieces
Mr Taylor, the sep
agent, has enj' yo
Uncle Robert's sketches
I have been reading
them aloud to the
people here. You
really must excuse
my letter but my
pen is vile and I have
no blotter. I am glad
to hear the little
man is all right
again. give my love
to Sis and the children
Ask Henry please to
send me a teacher's
Assistant when he
sends my lesson paper
If he can get one

for me and how do you
and I have
nothing to
fill in
sheet I
will rid
your good
night with
love to all
your loving
daughter
E. A. M.

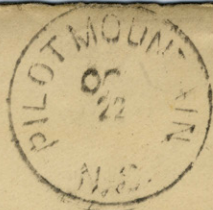
you write like crossed letters
and I have
nothing to
fill in
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will rid
your good
night with
love to all
your loving
daughter
E. A. M.

I am very kind of
lonesome to night.
Every one has gone to
meeting tonight and left
me here alone except
Becky, the cook, whose
company I could just
as well dispense with
I have only had time
to read two of Uncle Robert's
stories but they are very
pleasent I will try and
be careful of them.
My first week of
school is over. On the
whole it is not so

has as I expected
but to morrow will
probably be my worst
day as the older
scholars will be com-
ing in. or rather the
bigger ones I don't
mind their age as
much as I do their
size I am told I shall
have no more trouble
with the big ones
than I have hitherto
had with the small
which is none. Is
Mother sick that
I have not heard
from her all week
I have looked every
day and every day
disappointment.

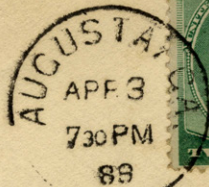
I am to begin three scholars
in history to morrow. That was
the reason the boys did not come
up on Friday? I suppose John's
factory did not close. Tell Mother
I wish she would send me a lit-
tle box of Cherry cantharum and as
soon as they come in show
those I brought up with me and
literally worn out I have worn

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Gen. Wm. R. Boggs.
Winston
Forsythe County
North Carolina.

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Gen. William R. Boggs
Winston
N. C.

Rebecca went out to Miss
Sue's sister; she enjoyed
her visit & - them very much -
My love to each and all
of your home - brood, also to
Dessie - With love -
Your aff - sister
Fanny -

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Augusta Ga.
April 2nd / 89.

My dear Brother

I was indeed
surprised to get the
picture of yourself
and our dear mother -
I can hardly ju-
stify that you have
so many grey hairs -
When I saw you last
you had not that

write in Augusta: she is at
present with the youngest boy
Lewis, in Baltimore, D. C. - How
is your little son? I suppose
those little Grand children keep
you wide awake - Kate is
with us with her little boy: they
up to 8 - leave us next week
for Richmond, we shall miss
them sadly. I must bend what
John will do, without the boy -

Matthys heard
you was here,
which allows you
a good deal -
I suppose you know
we have had a
visit from Rebecca
this winter: we all
enjoyed seeing her,
and ^{she} seemed to me
joy being with us:
she seems much
better than when
we last saw her. Pamela
has also spent the