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world. One of my English
friends have just come to tell
me that they are waiting
on the hurricane deck to dis-
cuss in a match of pulling
the ropes and they call it which
is a great game with them
and as I am in command
of one of the teams I must
hurry up so bye bye for
the present my darling little
woman, Palace Hotel, Sunday
night half after 12 o'clock
I have been walking all over
the city this evening with
my Botanicum friends, after
that he insisted that I should
go to the Theatre with him
but I positively refused to go
but he begged so hard that I
was induced to go, I was to
see the Comedians Robinson &
Crane. The piece was Cham-
pagne & Oysters I never laughed
so much in my life. If I only
knew as much about the play
as I do now. I would not have gone

P.S. "City of New York"

Sept. 7th 79,

But won't my dear Miss
Bessie be surprised to have
a letter from me written on
the way home. As I know
you will be all anxiety
to know why I am coming,
I am going to gratify your cu-
riosity at once, well! it is
to purchase machinery with
the expectation of returning
to Australia with it, my
reasons for coming so unexpect-
edly I will not be able to
write in a way to make you
understand, but I will see
directly after going to Richmond,
If I followed my own inclina-
tion, it would be to Black-
burgh where my heart is.
I am thankful to say this has
been a perfectly delightful voy-
age every thing has been favor-
able to make it a quick & pleas-

ant
one The company is splendid
we have six mighty nice young
ladies from Victoria who are
on their way to England to
to visit relations, I in Auckland
Mr Campbell & wife joined us,
they have been married about
two years he is twenty five,
but looks as if he was only
eighteen, I don't think she is
any older, they have the sweet-
est little baby I ever saw, ex-
cept my little niece, blepher
little soul, I wonder if she
wants to see Uncle Willie,
half as much as he wants
to see her, In Honolulu I think
about a dozen young ladies
got on, on their way to Cal-
ifornia to go to school & very
lively girls they are, one of
them is right much like you
& of course I couldn't help
being very attentive, she is cer-
tainly the most amiable person
I ever saw, These girls are either
chewing sugar cane or eating cocoa

nuts, & bananas all of the
time, Then we have on several
congressmen, who have been
to the Islands to see some-
thing about the manufacture
of sugar, one of them from
Mississippi has his wife & daugh-
ter, she came up to me the
other day & said, aren't you an
southerner I told her I was
she said, I told them ~~you~~
so, she is as gay as a lark,
she also gave me a very cor-
dial invitation to call on
them next winter in Wash-
ington, A very dense fog has
risen consequently we will
not get into the city
until in the morning & I will
finish this scratchy affair
then, This is an American
ship, & every thing is so much
more convenient than it is
on that English concern that
I came out on, I have come
to the conclusion that the
Yankers can "lick the whole

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Miss Bessie M. Boggs
of General Boggs
Blacksburgh
Virginia.

James Miller Esq
 Cashier of the Union
 Bank. Richmond
 Virginia

Dear Sir I have di-
 rected my niece Mrs Bessie
 Lee Faylor to send you
 a check enclosed to the
 Union Bank of Rich-
 mond for \$200. Please
 put it to the credit of
 Arthur Johnston
 trustee of Mrs Bessie Lee
 Faylor & give me a pos-
 tal card to advise me of it
 your attention will
 much oblige your friend
 Arthur Johnston

White Sulphur Springs West Va
20 July 1880.

Dear Pepie

Yours of the 16th has just come to hand. You date it at "Blackburg" & say you are at home. I hope that Mr. Taylor has not sent you away, with the \$200 for alimony.

As to the disposition of the check.

Write on the back of it -

{ "Pay to the Union Bank of Richmond
" ~~Pepie M. Boggs~~
" Pepie M. Taylor -"

and enclose it along with this note, to "James Miller Esq, Cashier of the Union Bank - Richmond, Virginia."

If you have any other check while I am absent, send it to Mr. Miller in the same way & write to him to credit it in like manner.

I am much obliged to you for

your good wishes & at present I am
in a fair way to realize them, having
improved a good deal in 4 days.

You had better copy my letter
to Mr. Miller & keep it as a guide
hereafter.

What are the prospects about the
College, and your father's remaining
there? I feel much anxiety about
it.

Give my love to your mother
& all the family & believe me

Truly yours
Andrew Johnston

W^m Bessie M Taylor

Blackburg

Virginia

Return to JOHNSTON WILLIAMS & BOULWARE,
1104 Main St., RICHMOND, Va.,
If not delivered within 10 days.

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Ms. Bessie M. Taylor
Care Gen. Wm. R. Boyce
V. Agric. & Mech. College
Blacksburg
Virginia

Richmond Va 9th February 1880

My dear niece

Your letter of the 6th February was duly received, with the check for \$15 inclosed -

I deposited it in the "Union Bank of Richmond, to the credit of Andrew Johnston, trustee of M^{rs} Pessie M Taylor." Keep this letter as a memorandum by which you can identify your money at any time hereafter. I have a Bank Book, showing this deposit, to which I will add whatever you may send me from time to time, and in which will be charged every check which I may draw. It is very little trouble to me, and I will gladly help you in what I think is a very prudent & judicious purpose.

Now pardon me if I give you a little piece of advice. Always date & direct your letters in full - thus -
 "Liberty, Stafford County Virginia - 6th February 1880 -
 and - to "Andrew Johnston, No 311 East Grace Street
 Richmond, Virginia". I can not tell you how many letters I have known to miscarry or be delayed from neglect of a little care & trouble in these things: for the number of places, - cities, towns, Counties &c - of the same name, in different states - is very great. And again the name of the State should always be in full -

ya & y^t — Me, Mi, Ma, Cella, Ark &c. are often mistaken
one for the other — Lastly the direction or address
on the envelope should be more carefully & plainly
written ab than any thing inside — It is the ship which
carries all the cargo, & passengers (so to speak). And if
the ship gets aground, or founders at sea, what hope
of its contents getting to port? Yet three people out of
four are more careless about this than any thing else,
except it be the equally important matter of putting on
the paper stamps & enough of them. — Now the copy is
ended & you may go to your seat — little girl!
It was not prompted by any particular request of yours,
but from general experience.

We are tolerably well here — Olivia had a
letter from your Mother Nile last week — which was
very pleasant & welcome — You can regard to
Mr. Taylor & believe me always lovingly yours
Andrew Johnston

M^{rs} Pessie M Taylor
Liberty Bedford County Virginia

Return to JOHNSTON, WILLIAMS, & BOULWARE,

1104 Main St., RICHMOND, Va.,

If not delivered within 10 days.

acknowled
receipt of check for \$15.
Feb 5th 1880

Mrs. Bessie M. Fay

Care Messrs. Graves & Co.

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Liberty

Bedford County

Virginia

whole affair as I am afraid
her letter to me will be some-
what sugar coated, I have not
heard from her yet on the sub-
ject, but expect a letter this
week.

Now Mother and yourself are
the only members of my family
that know anything of these go-
ings on and with all due res-
pect to the discretion of the others
they are all that I want to
know anything about it, Even
the Leadville business had better
be kept quiet, I may be a
failure.

With love and best wishes to all
I am

Your loving brother
William

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Marion, Ala.

May, 15th. 1881.

Two events have happened,
my dear Betty, since I last
wrote you, I have accepted an
offer from a Leadville man
of a situation in that place
and am now the junior part-
ner in the firm of C. R. Ma-
die & Co, Assayers and Min-
ing Engineers, Leadville, Col.

My new engagement begins on
July 1st, so that I shall not
have the pleasure of seeing how
charmingly you preside over the
mansion of Bro. Wm. S. Taylor
this Summer, that is unless
I make a deplorable failure
in my new business and have
to flee Eastward, to hide my

very much diminished head among my friends and relatives, and much as I would enjoy seeing you, that would take all pleasure out of my visit.

This is decidedly a bold venture for as timid a man as myself, as all my worldly wealth will be ventured upon it, and, should the play be against me I am "busted" in more senses than one, in addition, following the example set me three Summers ago, with slight variations I have taken it upon myself, tho' penniless and without prospects, to ask a woman to share my life as soon as it is worth sharing, and that woman is Miss Maggie Love, whose photo you may remember seeing last Summer. At times I

consider this performance a very foolish one when I consider my ability to make a living and my prospects in life. Then again, when in hopeful moods, after analysing my wants and wishes and feelings towards Miss Maggie, I believe, indeed I know, I have acted wisely, albeit two years, probably more of waiting lie before me, it will stimulate me to extra exertion, it will render me more prudent, it will make some impression on the amour of selfishness that is encasing me more and more surely every year.

Now all this news is for you and Garrett and no others, you and Mother may correspond on the subject, indeed I would like to have some idea in regard to Mama's honest opinion of the

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Mrs Wm P. Taylor
Care Taylor Gish & Co
Liberty Va

him ill or in any danger
but Sukie said oh no. I
don't want to frighten my husband
"tell your husband that" - so at
last he consented - a dictated
the telegram at 7 P.M. -
"Sukie & in the Dr's hands cannot
come out - come over" - Tom
husband did not receive it -
He had been taking some
powder which nauseated him
and made him throw up
about ten P.M. in throwing
up - he threw up some thing
dark & said Dr. Mr Miller
"What is that like it & the
light & see" - Miller said
a found it was almost clean
blood, but he told Sukie
it was about the same he
had been throwing up, he did
not want to frighten him -
but Sukie felt so very sick
after that hemorrhage that

enclosure from
Dr. Miller
the eye
you wanted

36 East 20th St. [278]
May 27th 1881

Dear Bessie -
Tom's note with en-
closed check reached me last
evening - I am sorry for you
yourself any concern about
it, it could have waited
perfectly well - you still are
in debt to me \$1.00 - but you
can enclose that in a let-
ter - I expect we shall
move on Tuesday or Wednesday
to 280 4th Ave. - where I
think we shall be very com-
fortably fixed -

I suppose by this time all
that remains of dear Sukie
on this earth is wearing su-
garcin - and that ere the sun
goes down he will be laid by
his Grand father whom he sends

to have resembled ~~work~~ in
character - There is not
much to tell, for from all
we can learn - he did not suffer
for very much pain and did
not at all realize that he
was in any way sick -

It seems he had the cold
some three or four weeks but
thought nothing of it - Mr
Esbell - came on the Sunday
after he returned from Richmond
to see Bill, and told him
he thought Archie was looking
pale & ~~thin~~ and that he
had sent him up to Bridge
Port Cour. thinking the change
would do him good - that he
had asked Archie two or three
times if he felt sick - & the
dear boy insisted no - not at all he
had a little cold but that was all

I wrote him a note ^(last week) telling him
to come & spend Sunday, ^{with us}
Mr Esbell has to carry it up to Bridge
port on Monday - On Sunday noon
even Archie came down to see me
and consulted a Dr. but even
let us know at all of his being
even ailing - Monday - Mr Esbell
sent him my note - Archie was
then going about state down to
the shop - & the weather was
perfectly awful - saw a damp
imitating to well down -
On Monday morning the Dr
found Archie sitting up dressed
even to his boots - & told him
he ought to go to bed that he
which he did about midday -
but even then sat up in bed
and laughed & talked -
In the evening Mr Walker his
comrade went into his room
and said Archie you ought
to get from folks Room you are
sick, not that they thought

live a very short time
after the hemorrhage per
se — He had acute
bronchitis. Thus this violent
Coryza in set in very
suddenly & went forward
and the lungs filled so
they could not do their work
and in their effort — a
blood vessel was ruptured
& this heavy hemorrhage took
place under which he
died immediately & no
human power could have
soot him — for after the
first rush of blood — it
ran slowly from the cor-
ners of the mouth until
he died — Had the
hemorrhage not occurred

he could have lived to have
suffered all the agonies
of double pneumonia &
hardly a ray of hope —

Evidently all in the
house with him were
kind & tender to him & felt
his death keenly — young
Mr Miller — said — I felt
to him like a brother — a truly
he did for him a brother
part — and they were living
hands that waited on him
in those four short hours of
illness — I tell Mr Miller
that we all felt his kind-
ness to our boy so much &
true so grateful to him for
it — "Oh he (he said) that
was nothing it was my pride
& my duty to do all I could
for Archie" —

I had to pass your house
here your immediacy up
to your Mother - In fact Sal-
must counted on it - so I should
have gone to her - It seemed
so terrible for her to be left
with none of her own but
John & Henry -

Tom sent Rebecca -
I go over by Newark to-day
to see how you are - The
person in whose house I
boarded and to thank her
& her son & daughter in law for
all their attention & kindness -

I look anxiously for every
particle of news from your
Mother - I must say you
are now with much love
yours affectionately

Erskine Livingston

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had the Dr sent for, he
could not come immediately
but sent some medicine -
& when he had to take, the
child said - "Mamma I cannot
raise myself to take it - Mamma
said "Oh take up - so I
cannot - Then Mamma raised
you which she did and she
took the medicine and seem-
ed to sleep - he breathed very
quietly for a little time, then
there was some long, long
slow breaths and he opened
his eyes & looked up at
Mamma as though to say
good bye - and then closed
them forever on earth and
passed peacefully away
at thirty five minutes
past Ten P. M. - he only

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Your uncle has telegraphed
to immediately after his
death - & I was telegraphed to -
but - the telegraph people
never delivered the tele-
grams to us until 24 hours
after they were sent - They
were handed to him -
after he had been on
Friday ~~afternoon~~ ^{night} and seen
all that rested on coast
of our light chimney by -
I cannot bear to think
of it - I get out on
Savage road - had they
reached us - your mother
would have had to
read that awful telegram
the grief would have been

the same but not
the shock —

your - E. S.

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Marion, Ala.

June 5th, 1881

My dear Sister

Your letter was received some two weeks ago nearly, and I am very much obliged to you for it. But ah! it did not give me any pleasure to read it for several days, as in the same mail came one from John containing the awfully sudden news of dear Archie's death. It seemed a mockery, a ghastly joke to peruse your congratulations on my good fortune, in the face of those few lines announcing so great a sorrow to the whole family. I folded your letter up after reading the first lines

I could not read it then.

I went on to Augusta as you have probably heard, and there met Father. Together we performed the last sad offices to the departed, Mother's best and brightest boy. The trip was a very unpleasant one, as there was nothing to do but think, but my stay in Augusta was a great comfort and solace to me, as I was among relatives who could feel and sympathize with me. I do not believe I could have stayed here and held out.

Well, the time is drawing nigh for my departure, if I can manage it I shall see Mother before I go. If she should happen to be in Blacksburg, I want you to come up there if Taylor can spare

you. Assuming that nothing interferes, I shall get there Saturday June 18th, and leave for Baltimore on Monday following, so I can look after you as far as Liberty, of course if Mother has left. Oh I fear I cannot manage to see you until I return, either a millionaire or dead broke, from the Rockies.

I am much obliged to you for your interest in Maggie and give you leave to write to her whenever you please.

With love and best wishes to all I am,

Your loving Brother
William

Mary Elzey who is with
us, charges me to send her
sincere love & sympathy
to your mother & all.

She would write herself,
but literally has time for
nothing beyond caring
for her many little people
who she had to carry
out of town with the
not before two of them
felt the effects of the
warm weather.

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Cedar Park
June 13th 1881

My dear Bessie

I don't know
that I ought to intrude
upon you in your great
sorrow. But we feel so
sincerely for you all,
& are so far away, that
I feel I must avail
myself of the only means
of showing our sympathy.

Mrs. Shepherd wrote

me of the sad circumstances your mother as we
attending your loss. It seems all do. There is a little
Strange that you should we can say a comfort
have been denied the the. Nothing God found
comfort of being with & Him whose promises
him. & yet we know never fail. & who has
our loving Father has some said He would comfort
all in a season for all all who mourn.
He does, & we cannot
doubt it here.

We have known what it
is & we are dear ones
Beside, & can fully
sympathize with you.
The grief especially for

I hope your health
is much better than
when I last saw you.
Kind love to your Mother &
Edith, as well as yourself.
I remain sincerely yours.
Margaret C. Murray



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Mr B. Taylor
Mr Taylor
Liberty
Bedford County Va

Gabriel, 24
July 10th, 1887.

in that time; I have still from the life
far from unpleasant. I have many friends
in Southern cities; and some very dear
ones in the North; but after all, I have
never forgotten the old home friends, and
would like very much to be amongst
them again. If I ever come back to old
Virginia, and of course I shall, I shall
most certainly accept your invitation
and visit you in Liberty - if only for an
hour or two. I have a faint idea of the
town - gotten from a short stop there, once - but
I should like to see some of it; and to see
you in your capacity of wife and home-
keeper, I would take a much longer
journey. Did your husband ever see you
on the canal? Did you ever tell him of
your Trip from Norfolk, the time you
came near going to Williamsburg? I have
had many a laugh over that affair.

I am well aware, my dear Min
Bessie, - for so I must still call you -
that by this time you are fully convinced
that I had forgotten our agreement of
five years ago; but you are mistaken - for
I wrote Maria early in June asking
for your address, and was just in the act
of writing Maria - upbraiding her for
their neglect to furnish it - when your
letter arrived. I had been speculating
about my chance of receiving a letter,
and had about come to the conclusion
that I alone remembered our promise, and
that the other two promises had quite
forgotten all about the silly affair. So I
will not call it silly, for it has served
to revive some of the pleasant recollection
of my life - the summer of '76. I have
reason to believe that not alone remember the
company, and I can tell you that I am

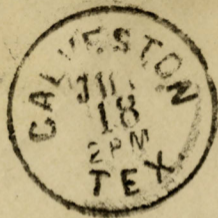
very much flattered that you, with a
husband to demand all your time and
attention, should have remembered an
old bachelor, and thought of cheering
him up by such a kindly letter. We had
had a death to chronicle in our letter, and,
although your love came clear home, I still
feel very keenly the loss of my favorite
uncle. The one for whom I always had
the greatest admiration and affection, and
whom I had not seen for a good many years.
I have one fault to find in your letter,
and that is you do not tell enough about
yourself - imagining, I suppose, that I
was kept posted by letters from home - but
perhaps you think a good husband is
sufficient for any woman, ^{and} any details
of life beyond this are not worthy of mention.
Well, you have gotten ahead of me - for
I have no wife, and - I am sorry to say -
no chance of getting one. But I am not
availing myself of what you once told

me was every one's privilege under such
circumstances; but am telling the story
trite - Your old friend in without a "sweet-
heart". That summer of '76 I seemed to
fall between two girls - you thought me in love
with someone else, and someone else was equally
positive that you had made a conquest. Perhaps
such was right - I can tell you this now, can't
I - and in my inability to come to "definite
conclusion I lay still. I certainly got the
"written" from me, and you alone can tell
how I ^{was taken} fared with the other. Of course I
have had some little fluttering since, but
none have left quite the impression of those
little attachments of the old days. I have
met some lovely women, too, as I have said,
and still in the market.
Since I saw you in Norfolk, I have
been in the Service 2 years, and it has
just happened that I have spent one
year on the Gulf, and one on the Great Lakes,
and - although I have been at home only once

I was in N. Y. for a few days last
 December, and if I had known "Dythe"
 was there, I should certainly have visited
 her. I am still the same old fellow, and
 I know Edist and I could have some jolly
 times together, even now to meet. You must
 give my love to her in your letter, and
 tell her I shall search for her on my next
 visit to Gotham. No, no! I am afraid I
 am brooder for three years here, and my
 six months of it are behind me. There is
 no talking business, and I may find myself
 short at any time. An Edist would say -
 Queen's sake! Ma writes me that Anna
 has been quite sick, and I am very
 much pleased to hear that she intends
 visiting you. There is nothing like our
 bracing mountain air - for sick people;
 and I sometimes almost wish I owned
 a corner of this sort of treatment myself;

but you know I never am sick, so this
will never change for me in that direction.
I have been interrupted so many times,
while writing this letter, that I must
give up, and bring it to a close; - hoping
that I may find time to write you again
in the future. I must thank you for
your kind invitation; and again tell you
how highly I appreciate the fact of your
having remembered me after so long a time.
You will please give my love to your mother
and Dyke, and introduce to your
husband or one of your most sincere
friends - W. P. Locke.

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Mrs. Bessie M. C. Taylor
Liberty
Virginia

main 10 days, to be r

Union Bank of Richmond

6 June 1882

W^m Bessie M Taylor

Liberty Va

Dr Madam

Your requested letter of the 2nd inst with enclosures has been received, and your account credited by \$40 - There is no need of sending your pass book when you make a deposit only when you wish your interest credited at other times I will send you a receipt for any deposits you make, and enter them in the book when you send it to have interest credited. The loss of the book will not effect your account more than the trouble it would give to make out a new one.

Yours very respectfully
Geo Miller

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

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POST OFFICE
JUN 5
4PM
1862
VA.

Wm. Bessie M
of Messrs Taylor
Libe

Richmond 7th June 81

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My dear Papa

I wrote a few lines to you before
your marriage as my daughter
expected, daring to presume that you
would appreciate my interest in your
anticipated happiness. I now with
well expressed confidence presume
to offer you my paternal condolence
in your sorrowful bereavement.
So I write sorrowful bereavement
that is not the true word to use
in this event. It is indeed grievous
to you to lose such a brother -
so radiant with homely joys
and already developed, + so full
of future promise. But the word
sorrowful may not suit to be ap-
plied to the death of your brother - to
the loss of his presence with you

2 / on the Earth, as he is still in near
vicinity as present with ^{you} in heaven as he
was in New York. It is true that he
may not come to you from heaven, as
he might have come at any time from
Brooklyn - but you can go to him
+ that at any time that it is the plea-
sure of your mutual Father in Hea-
=ven that you should do so. And
indeed it is no idle word of the
apostle commanding Phil. 4:4. "Re-
=joice in the Lord alway + again I
say Rejoice". Emboldened with the im-
age of God with whom "one day is as
a thousand years + a thousand years
as one day", we may sustain ourselves
in all our labors with the re-
=fection that the time is short. The
time is short that will bring you

3) to your brother again in insipid
the bliss. Oh what a blissful red-
-emption is ours through our Lord
Jesus Christ. How complete is our
victory over all the evils of our pre-
sent state through Him. I love all
my children: but Oh how great is my
pleasure in her who is in Heaven - it
is without any alloy, without any
clogging earthly drawback, save
only the wiping away of my foul
-ting tears. Oh the Swiftness of Heaven!
I know not by His sight the loveliness
of the Saviour of my Daughter: but
I am overcome overwhelmed as it were
whenever I dwell upon it, with the
hast away loveliness, reflected
loveliness, of my sainted child -
How much more shall I be with

4) His: Oh my child may the
God who has ever comforted me
in the untimely and so very prema-
ture death of my daughter so
dearly loved comfort you with
a like comfort in the early death
of yr loved + cherished Brother.

We have a sweet letter this
morning announcing the birth of
little Mary Douglas Graybill. God
bless the little one with the inheritance
of the blessedness of the
middle ^{name} by which she is to be known
ly called. Dr Wharton spent
Saturday + Sunday night with us
on ~~at~~ a trip of business. for a few
days returning probably on Thursday
or Friday. I wish I could see my way
clear to see you + my dear boy in yr own
home. yr affectionate Father A. P. Taylor.



Richmond June 12

My dear Bessie,

I have thought so much about you since I heard that your heavenly Father, had called your dear brother to be with Him; for while it was such a blessed exchange for him, yet I well know what an aching void was left in your heart; & that of your dear Mother, & others to whom he was so near and dear -

I think it makes Heaven so much more of a reality, so much nearer to us, when our we love has gone there, I and how fast the links of that golden chain, which binds leads us to that mansion prepared for us and all who love our dear Saviour are being found and added to, - until, sometimes it seems as if it were right at hand - Pray you my dear Bessie when your great loss seems too great to bear, be comforted by God, and enabled to think of the happiness & safety of your dear brother, & feel that your heavenly Father knew what was best - and that he did it

I sincerely trust - that Friend
who is ever a present help in
time of trouble, & who doth not
willingly afflict those who
love Him, has been very near
to you, & your dear ones, comfort-
ing, and sustaining, as He alone
can!

What a sweet-comforting
thought it is, that our Heavenly
Father knows just what is
best for us, and those we
love! and what big drop of com-
fort are mingled with our cup
of sorrow here, from what
Emily told me, of your dear

brother, it seemed almost a
translation from the trials
& sufferings of this world, into
the blissful presence of that
Saviour, whom he loved, and
served so faithfully here,
where there are pleasures for
evermore - And when you and
your dear Mother remember
the trial, and temptations
which await all of us here,
is it not a comfort to feel that
he is safe at home, where
he will be ready to welcome
you, when your summons
comes.

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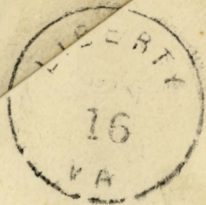
Mrs William B. Taylor

Liberty

Bedford Co

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Mr. Bessie M. Taylor
Richmond No. 24. July 1882 [52]

My dear Bessie

Your suggestion as to transferring the ac-
count to yourself was very welcome to me -
After depositing the check yesterday, I had
the whole balance, which includes interest
to this month, and amount to \$411.20,
transferred to your own name. The book
is inclosed, showing that balance to
your credit - You can draw checks in
your own name, payable as you please,
which will be paid - You had better write
to Mr. James Miller Cashier of the Union
Bank of Richmond, sending him a
specimen of your handwriting and your
signature in that way, so that he may
be able to recognize it - When you want
to make a deposit, send the check payable
to his order and enclosed to him*. It is
not necessary to send your book, either
to draw or to deposit money. But
in the latter case it is desirable, if

* and direct him to deposit it to your credit

The note of interest is 5 for each 100 amount of
the deposit remaining over 40 days - 1/2
then will begin till 10 days after deposit made

convenient, to send it that the deposit
may be credited on your book - You
must in no case write any thing
in it yourself. But keep your own
account outside of the book.

W. Taylor can give you any advice
& instructions that you may need.

The form of a check will be -

\$26.00 Liberty Bedford Co - Virginia
24 July 1882.

Of the Cashier of the Union Bank of Richmond
[enc] Pay to the order of A. B. Twenty
Dollars ~~Properly~~
Properly W. Taylor.

don't forget a 2 cent revenue stamp, not
postage - Excuse me for stopping now
I am not very well & am busy - All the
is well - Jerry Abbott - so are the others
Yours Truly
Andrew Johnston

You are coming down
Aunt E. writes you & Flo-
rence will take to me another
while I think too tired
to write you - & wait in a bit
for Jane about water
& slops - & I groan in the
spirit - still I am very
glad your uncle is coming
& of course Madame comes
in as adjunct but I should
like to share out & have her
quarters of the "Dry goods
boy" - little child God
night. I am tired & cross
Bless my baby wouldnt
leave like to feel the little
soft hands on her face & see
the innocency look in those
precious eyes - Kiss her
& lots of love for you & Pet
Ever your loving Aunt

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The Farm
April 21st

My dear daughter
I read yours
of 16th yesterday. I went
to bed on the afternoon
as I feel much better than
I had done for some
time. To-day though he
has many duties has
fagged me out again
Jane is like Tree says
the Chinese are never
gets beyond a certain
point. just now it is
fire. She cannot get
the stove to burn it is
partly the wood I believe
but any way it is trying
she'll wait here this
day. & told me I had

promised to increase
Janie's wages when the
days got longer. I told
her I had done so such that
I had promised when
she was worth it. I had
learned how to do but that
I still had to be with her
all the time could not
leave her to get breakfast
she forgets the salt. forgets
to put on half the breakfast
unless I am there to re-
mind her she did very well
for 13. but for 18. she is very
lacking I told her she
had overreached herself when
she made her so much too
young. Janie is willing
but she is exceedingly child
ish & ignorant.

I have just written to

Edith & told her to send
you the \$10 she had
the money before Easter
but she has acted as if
she had not good sense
I have written her & over
again but my letters
don't seem to make any
impression on her at
all.

I am almost used
up tonight I was up
a little after 5. & was in
the go until after 12 sitting
down for breakfast of
course so when I got
through, the water found
me. I collapsed & have
only recovered a little
since tea. Bless my
child this is a wearing
life. I believe Mr. & Mrs.

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Mrs Jm B

603 Federal St
Lynchburg
Va

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Liberty Hall

July 25th 1884

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My dear Mrs. Taylor,

Your kind sympathetic letter has been received & touched & gratified me very much. I can never forget how kind you were to us, all during my dear child's sickness & suffering, & how ready both you Mr. Taylor were to do anything that could help & comfort us. Oh! my dear Mrs. Taylor you are indeed right in calling my sorrow an undying one, as the days & weeks roll on & realize on me more that my dear child is gone from earth forever and that for me, all the brightness & hope, & happiness of life has departed. She was my all, & in losing her, there

lost everything. I have thought very
often of you & of Mrs. Williamson
& felt anxious to hear that you have
both passed safely through your
time of trouble & suffering - & hope
that for you both there may be in store
many years of happiness. I am so glad
that your mother is with you - of course
nothing could add so much to your
comfort & satisfaction as having her
with you. My recollections of Winston
must always be full of sorrow but
at the same time I shall always gratefully
remember the kindness & attention which
my dear child received there, and
feel drawn to those, who showed
us sympathy in our great trial.

Please give my love to Mrs. Williamson
& her family. Give little Mary a
kiss for me. I hope she has finished
cutting & may keep well
through the summer - with

love & good wishes for yourself &
kind regards for your husband.

Yours sincerely
W. W. Pugh

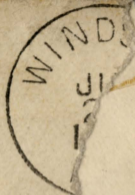
Mrs Pugh.

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Mrs. W. B. Gayle

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N. C.





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The wedding comes by Wednesday - Friday
I shall go to N. Y. - and be ready to leave
of the 4th or 5th as usual - Truly best -
as yet I do not know what route we
will take - I have all that to him - or as I
have him for an escort - I shall not at
all mind taking an entirely different route
from that I have gone before -

Did you know Mary Lay Mrs Childers? She is ex-
pecting daily I believe a fine house for her self
officers if he can be secured - she is in Al-
buquerque - but Mr C. is an influential man
in A. & John in N. Y. that you know would
operates on the R. R. etc -

How much I enjoyed this letter visit & how
so much - Elizabeth seems to have quite taken
him - he says she is just like what you used
to be at her age only not quite so fat - you were
a regular letter woly fog -

I suppose you have been very busy getting all
the summer fittings ready for three children
must take a heap of clothes a they lots of alterations
I am growing so large I shall be fat any in -
I saw in New York the children wearing white
sugar cloaks handed in color - brown especially
they were very pretty - I do not know whether
it was cotton or merino hair, will try & find
out - here it is time to dress for Church or Juice
I am over for with - here to see at both houses

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For Mrs Taylor

Care Mr Wm Barrett Taylor

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