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Announcement of gift of writing desk, 12 April 1854

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Valley Hill March 4th /53

My dear cousin:

I know that I should have answered your letter before this late period, but for various reasons I have neglected it & if I were to attempt to give you a full detail of my why's and wherefore my paper would be exhausted and your patience would become threadbare before either of us could conclude:

I know Cousin Louisa to be of a very forgiving disposition. (Oh such a pen) and often looks over my negligence with the thought "she has had too much work to do of late or she has no news and is not smart enough to compose a letter without the help of Mr. They Say"; I will acknowledge that some of these conjectures are true at any rate the latter, there once was a time I could write to you without feeling so much ashamed of my ignorance, but since you have become a County Court ^{and} Lawyer I feel a little diffidence in writing to Col. Greendale, not that law has any thing to do with my letter, but I know since you have been reading those big books such as Blackston's Books and others you can see more plainly the weakness and ignorance of the softer sex; it was some time before I could imagine why you do not visit us as often while at Log Town as you did while you were going to school at Chapel Hill and I can think of no other reason than that none of us at Valley Hill are Lawyers, and can't

concern on that subject as flunty as our wife least
cousin Loundes, dont let that thought keep you away, come
our wife try to do our best, dont give you wife get your
superior Court license - Thank you cousin Loundes.

I would like to be present when your first client takes on
you to decide a suit between himself and his neighbours
about some tree cups. I have no doubt but what you will
feel yourself a young Solomon and begin to think you
are quite a businesslike gentleman, we are all
well except Pa he is suffering with Asthma. I have been
quite unwell several days with tooth ache I intend having
it drawn soon - Mr Pemberton left for the North
last Monday, he received a letter from bud Hamet
to day, he is perfectly delighted with Alabama, his
sister Ann is not at all pleased.

She says you must be sure sure to visit us next
summer, if you dont she never can forgive you,
it appears like a life time since you were here. Oh!
cousin Loundes if you only knew how much you are
beloved by us as you would think more of us, or at
least you would come to see us often, do come just
as soon as you can get through and stay a long while
with us, come in June, you havent long to remain
in North Carolina, and might spend some of that
time with your relations at Calley Hill, the
children often ask why cousin Loundes dont come, Little
Loundes always tells them he will, "Turn when foot Turnse
" foot is come and almost gone and he has not arrived
yet. - Mrs Laura says you must be sure to visit us

This summer as she is going south with the Pemberton
next fall and would be exceedingly glad to have you
along as a waitman,

Mamma says tell "Mrs Lounis" she
haint going to send him no big biscuit, but if you
will come she will give him just as many big
biscuit biscuit and black berry tart as he can
eat" now I am sure that is a great recommendation
that is enough to induce you to come if nothing
else. Answer this letter immediately and I
will promise to be more punctual in future
I have written all I can think of at present, it is
getting dark I must close, All ~~my~~ love of us send
much love to you, Write soon and
often to your most affectionate cousin
Mit

P. S.

Pa told me to say to you for him you must not
begin to think, you must not allow such a thought pass
through your mind, as to leave this country without
giving us another cake, The ground is
and the children are perfectly happy, poor me, my
tooth won't allow me to go out, If I have made any
mistakes please look over them.

Mit

Paid 3
March 16th
answered

Mr. Louisa Goodwell.

Richmond Hill.

Luzon Co.
of N.Y.

Kit