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Font Herberce, Cherokee Co. N. C.
Feb. 4th 1852.

Dear Fred,

I have passed the Rubicon and arrived at the end of my intended journey. After going to Raleigh and passing for license, I returned to Morganton, attended Bunker, Caldwell & McDowell Courts, and then proceeded to this, my Father's residence.

The particulars of my trip to and from the Capitol, and the manner in which I spent my time while there, you have doubtless, ere this, been informed of, by the fellows who accompanied me. At a party given by Hon. W. H. Haywood, which I had the exquisite pleasure of attending, I formed the acquaintance of several of the Raleigh ladies with whom I was very well pleased — Miss Jane Haywood is in fact a sherry lass, — more so than I could have anticipated. I met with several of your acquaintances on my way —

and without flattery, must say that
you sustain a pretty fair moral Character
I saw your signature typed at J. P. Hiden but
would not have known it for your likeness
had I not been so informed.

I saw Rufus Patterson at Caldwell Court
- it is said that he is to be married in
April next. J. C. Barringer arrived in our
town as soon as I did, and went by way
of Charlotte, I presume he will take
the Trip Massy in May. James Patton
is now in Charleston.

The examination of the Superior Court
Class this winter was exceedingly light
- two or three of the Methuen got licenses
graciously, without having to answer
questions. I missed one questioned in
relation to devises of lands; - proposed
by Father Nash. I was satisfied with
my examination, notwithstanding this.
For strictly speaking, it was a County
Court question, as were nearly all others
put by Judge Nash.

During my sojourn at Morgan town
I attended a wedding and a fancy party;

Geithen was also in attendance and
can give you a sketch of the different
characters. I appeared as a Farmer. The
scene was for a while amusing, but
towards the last I began to think that
it seemed rather ridiculous to see men
and women acting so.

The weather has been so exceedingly
cold in these regions that but little business
could be done at Coverts. The thermometer
at Asheville, Buncombe Co, has been
at ten degrees below zero. - at Caldwell
one degree below. I have made but one
speech and that was a charge to
the Grand Jury of McDowell. There
was a full attendance of the Bar
Bynum, Geithen, Aving et al, and of
course I felt more agitated than I have
ever been on a similar occasion.

I shall return to Morgantown about the
12th of next month and shall locate there
for the purpose of accepting of all
the fees that ^{may} be tendered to me as an
Attorney. I am not of the opinion that
a lawyer's location affects materially

Almon Brockwell

his prospects for success at the Bar?
- if it has a hearing. I think it better
to be in a town of some size, where
there is good society, than in a secluded
rustic spot. Well then, I have said
more perhaps concerning myself ~~than~~
this hastily written scrawl than you
may think was at all necessary -
but as I had little else to write about
I hope you will not at least think
me an egotist. What are you doing?
When did you return to Dartmouth
and what sort of an aspect do
things present there? I presume you
are studying closely and looking for
the time when you will have to attend
lectures again. I will expect to hear
from you soon and to have an account
of your stewardship. Perhaps you had
better direct your letter to Wargantow.
Give my respects to all the fellows
in the Seminary, with whom I was
acquainted & to Bob Williams & Quine.
Also remember me to Cloud Brook &
Alison in Roxford. I hope you
will come to Wargantow to get
devised and bring as many fellows with
you as you can.

I am your friend &c
W. Lucas, Fals

W. Saunders Broadwell
doctour etc.