New Elisha P. Lovejoy,

My dear Sir,

I see your paper under date of Feb. 1st, last evening. It was the first I had ever seen; though I had seen many extracts from it, in other papers. I know not, whether I am indebted for it, to your friendship, or that of some other person; but I shall give you credit, till I am informed that it came from some other source.

I can say with you, that "I am not an abolitionist, and never was," that is, in the technical use of that term; and I can add too, in your language; "I am an Emancipationist," that is, an Anti-Slavery man, in the only proper and legitimate sense of the phrase. So far as I have seen, in extracts from your paper, I should be led to believe that you view this exciting subject, somewhat in the light that I do. So that I may pronounce you, quoad hoc, orthodox; as we are apt, you know, to think those in the right, whose opinions accord with our own.

As to your appeal to the public, on the independence of the press, and the right of free discussion, which has been reprinted in all the religious newspapers, and many of the political, in this region—I have heard but one opinion. They all justify you. Indeed, I noticed,
in a late member of the Missouri Republican, that your brother Editor there, bore you out, toto color, in this respect. When I say, you have been justified, I do not express myself strong enough. You have been tasked to the skies. And I can say with them, not that I am "pride," (I do not like the term) but that I am highly gratified, that we can recognize you, as a native of Maine. As, however, free discussion is a right so sacred, and so indispensable to the preservation of our republican institutions, needless provocation to the violation of it should be religiously avoided. Upon this subject, I fear, some of us here at the North, have not been quite so scrupulous, as the law of love might seem to require.

As highly respected and esteemed your late venerable father, so I may justly (and it accords with my strongest inclination) transfer that respect and esteem to his first-born son, now at the far South; and should feel myself honored, in being numbered among his fast friends.

You were undoubtedly right in your conjecture, that poverty was the moving cause of all the ills of wrath that have been poured out upon you. You had assailed the scarlet courteran, in a way not to be pardoned. I know it has been said, that poverty has changed its character altogether.
formerly oppressive and vindictive, now meek and humble. I hope mutauer, semper idem. Give them the same power they once had, and you will soon be blessed with another "St. Bartholomew's Day."

Respectfully and affectionately

Your friend,

E. Gilber
St. Louis Jan. 1836

My Dear Brother, 

I have taken a large sheet and expect to fill it; and if you do not read it through mother I know will. I have thought it would be interesting to you to have a particular account of these things which have lately transpired in this city. One main reason why I write these things, is to enable you to join with me in bleeding that grace which has carried me safely through all my trials.

I need not say that for some time past the "Observer," has been prominent in its attacks upon Slavery and Popery. In a community like this, where those institutions exercise such a control upon Society, it is not at all to be wondered at that a safe and better hostility should come to be fixed upon the Observer and its Editor. This feeling of hostility I knew existed, and it only required some plausible occasion to break out. The Mob in Boston, Philadelphia and N.Y. gave them their pretext. During the Summer an elder in the First Presbyterian Church was frequently coming to me and telling me to beware that I was in danger that the constant talk was about mobbing me. To this I paid no attention, but The first of last Sept. I went to Pittsfield, a town about sixty miles southwest of this, and...
Attended a Camp Meeting. On my way back I heard that two men had waited in that village for half a day for the purpose of tarrying and feasting me. Providentially, I did not come into town till the next morning, and these men tired of waiting went home.

On my return into the city, I found the excitement getting up, and I was informed by the elder above-mentioned, that a hand-bill had been printed to circulate throughout the city, for the purpose of collecting an mob to tear down the office of the Observer. The Missouri Argus freely called upon the newspapers to mob me down. All these things did not change the course of the Observer; and under these circumstances I left the last of September to attend the meeting of our Presbytery and Synod at Union, a place sixty miles west of St. Louis, I expected to be absent about six weeks. We had a most laborious Mission Session and a set of resolutions passed on the subject of slavery. They were of my drafting and passed unanimously. From Union we went to Marion, to the meeting of Synod. Here this same St. Louis elder appeared fresh from St. Louis full of excitement and alarm and facts about slavery. The excitement was rising in St. Louis and he had a thousand frightful things to tell the Synod. According to him, we must observe and denounce abolitionism and every thing like it as the Presbyterian Church would be destroyed in Missouri.
We had a warm debate, a majority of the ministers went with me, but the lay members turned the scale. Two ministers from New England voted against us—a fact as lamentable and disgraceful as it is true. Eastern men when they go over constitute the most active defenders of Slavery. The elder above mentioned, previous to his coming up to Sydney, had written an article published in one of the daily papers of the city, declaring that Slavery had the sanction of the holy Bible. I signed an eldike in the Presbyterian Church.

Reports now came up through from St. Louis, that they were whipping men almost to death, that the whole city was in commotion, that no one suspected of abolitionism could live in it. Under these circumstances the synod adjourned, and I started for home. I rode with a good bottle about half the way—seventy miles. We talked the matter over. On the whole she advised one must go into St. Louis. The same advice was given me by other brethren at Marion. I had a wife; any violence done to me of a serious nature, I feared would destroy her. Her health at all times delicate, was precocious. As soon as the brethren told me I had no right to sacrifice her but ever I might do with myself, I was taken exceedingly ill on the road, but managed to get on to St. Charles, a place about twenty miles from St. Louis. I found my wife as I had left her, sick in bed, and myself detained three days by sickness. By this time I had fully made up my mind that duty & fidelity...
to my son and Master, requiring my presence at St. Louis. My friends advised me not to go; all but wife she said go if you think duty calls you.

I accordingly came into St. Louis. I found the community in a state of dread and excitement. The mob was forming the flames then; the papers at the bottom blowing it up. The Observer had been made by the original proprietor. A communication had been sent me signed by them and by my friend Mr. Potts, requesting me to lay one more on the subject of slavery. I was accused by name, in one of the city papers of being an abolitionist in the fullest manner; and the public vengeance visited me upon me. The editor of whom I spoke had come back from Syndso and in an article of the same paper declared that I was acting contrary to the wishes of the Synod and of the Presbyterian Church in the State. This was followed by a declaration of the Editor of that paper, that they would soon free the church of the rotten sheet in it. This very expression used. It was had been passed to tear down the Observer Office; but had concluded after assembling to defer it a little longer. On my arrival, men came to me and told me I could not walk the streets of St. Louis by night or by day. Men's hearts were failing them. I was the only Protestant minister in the city. The question then arose, What must I do? Earnestly I sought to avoid collision with the angry excited and angry community, if that might be consistent with duty and faithfulness to God.
Sunday 31st January 1836

My Dear Son, I feel so sorrowful and I think we have all done wrong that we have not sent you a copy of Parshie letters. The very good reason it was not sent by Mr. Brandel we did not think he would reach Colina. So as I do not feel willing to print the letter. I have now begun to think of writing to you in about the letter Sarah gets alone lonely with her little ones now for the letter.

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leading Johnston politician here and was a member of the Baltimore
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the last of Dec to attend the meeting of our Presbyterian and Synod.

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about 160 miles from Athens one of the most respectable citizens
laid him it should open in that town nothing could stand from
being burned and fester another brother came to me and told me
he was to remove and at Jefferson city the seat of government I learned the next
was not meet him, while there remainest the Synod abandoned and stood
for home grade with a good brother about half the way of 6 miles
we talked the matter over on the whole he advised not to go but the same advice was given me by other brethren also I had a wife and children none of me or other brethren at all had i was in the habit of saying that the brethren that all brethren were especially so now the brethren told me i had no right to remove from where i might do with myself i was myself taken exceedingly anxious on the road but managed to get on to a Chaise a distance about 20 miles from there found my wife as i left her state i had run myself and i was not well enough to travel to that extent and theeland and the idea to my mind required my presence in it and the brethren advised me not to go all but edge the same so i reluctantly came into St Louis there i found the community in state of dreadful alarm and excitement the people was passing themselves at the hollars blowing it up the observer had been smuggled by the original proprietor a communication had been sent me tinged by them and by my friends that Peter was urging me to stay no more on the subject of slavery i was accused by name in one of the city papers of being an abolitionist in the utmost manner and the public vengeance invoked upon me the elders of whom i spoke had come back from Sydney and in a state of some sort of delusion that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by that i was acting contrary to the wishes of the Saints and free by
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to rally and to encourage men who had never taken the observer even
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I know not whether a letter from me will be acceptable to you, dear Elizabeth, but it is so natural for us when we are in affliction to turn to those we love best for sympathy, and seek a relief to our feelings in the face of a beloved one. That I have almost involuntarily taken up my pen to write you at this time, grief and sorrow have passed over my heart since I last saw you; sickness and death has our Heavenly Father visited us with. You, dear Elizabeth, have known what it was to have those who were near and dear to you, suddenly taken from you by the icy hand of death; you too have lost a brother whom you loved, although it was not your painful duty to see by his bedside and watch him as his help was taken away by disease, to witness his sufferings and feel that you could do nothing to relieve him. I hope if it is the will of God you may never feel through such a heartrending scene. Ah! little did I think when I parted from you at your home, what I would see in. I should again see you, but it is all right and I can rejoice that God might I feel for one that I have pleased to be corrected by the chastening hand of a wise and merciful Father. I am so proud to let the thoughts of time and place, stick away those affections which ought to be devoted to God. My heart is to incline to love, to live for, my earthly friends, instead of concentrating all my powers to the service of my heavens, and when I think of my sins, I wonder that the patience and forbearance of God are not exhausted, how much I can see in my conduct last summer as I reflect upon it, and how much my friends must have seen in me that was wrong; how much you must have seen in me, Elizabeth, to condemn. When I reflect upon it, I do not wonder that you have withdrawn your confidence from me at our unworthy of it. I have something to think if there were any excuse for me, it might perhaps be found in the constantly expected state of my feelings, caused by such an overwhelming care, as our numerous family caused one to feel last summer, but I know I can plead no extenuation.
before God; the command is to perform our duty, which we are not able to perform, both our hearts are naturally inclined to do wrong, and we have enough to help us on in that course in the temptations and allurements by which we are enticed, and all we have to trust to or depend upon is the mercy of God in forgiving our manifold transgressions, and His grace in keeping us from sin and leading us to walk in the straight and narrow way. Dear Charles was taken away; he knew many of the trials of life, taken at an age when men and temptations beset us thickly around, when the worst and very prospect before us is fear & twittering, or before the shilly-shallying disappointment, then the blighting influence over the young & tender heart. I pray dear Elizabeth, in his memory, as he took from the evils which would have attended him had he remained on earth—and would that I were with him, then should I be free from every fear and be where the weary are at rest; but we are left, Elizabeth, to tell our children a little longer of sin we are prepared for every thing that awaits us, whether prosperous or adverse, and be prepared to perform our duty, which lies before us. It is a great thing to view every thing in the world, in its true light, and estimate its true value, and all our worldly blessings as they were intended to be used by the Giver, merely as helpers to carry us on in the performance of our duty; it requires continual practice after we do it, to carry it on regularly. I am prepared to tell you every Christian duties. Pray to be wearied from the world, and although we have the trial and the means for God to choose as we do our own, yet when the answer our requests in the way best fitted to our circumstances, & dispositions, we shrink from it, and we feel inclined to say we knew not what we asked, but if we ever reach heaven, we shall not be looking back regret, the deep feeling through which we pass, while on earth. I imagine, if it were the object of purifying and better fitting us for the holy employments of the unspeakable glory of that world, and if by trials and afflictions we are enabled to sing a louder song of praise to Him who carries us through them and led us along from strength to strength, and present us faultless, before the Father's throne—A. Godfrey says I trust; reached that blessed place, where her uncle lies in a grate fire of burning God without sin—what a sudden death, Elizabeth! and what a mournful affliction to her, beloved, and distressed family—I feel for them all—they have lost their dear mother, & such a wife as she was to uncle, who can be made up—Charlotte, poor girl, feels her death deeply, she was very fond of her mother, and now she feels as if there was great responsibility resting upon her as she is the oldest. Uncle will expect a great deal from her, and the others will look up to her— they have always leaned so much upon their mother that unless they have support from an heir, they will feel, as of their mother's
But I trust they will all be sustained & may it lead the family to put their whole trust & confidence upon them who alone deserve our highest love and confidence. I always loved Aunt Godfrey and except the difference in our views and feelings last summer upon a certain subject we have always been on affectionate terms, but I trust you will exercise kind & forgiving feelings and do our duty, I feel confident that all will yet be good. Who has the hearts of all at her disposal can turn them whithersoever he will - whatever takes place, we know God can override it for good, and he will to all those who trust in him.

She had a beautiful visit from your kind & excellent mother, only it was not satisfactory enough, but we were truly grateful for a short one when our hearts are breaking with sorrow how grateful is the sympathy of a true friend and the interest and sympathy of each one as your mother at that time was particularly grateful and companionable. It really did my heart good to see your mother & I may often enjoy them together, they could enter into each other's feeling I thought their joys & sorrows together, for they both had the brawny hand of affliction laid heavily upon them and their sorrow a traitor has not been altogether fulsome. I have sat and looked at him many times & thought if I could love be as good as Abigail that I should be calling to live as long as the 4th is not over yet you know I wrote along just as I think without any prejudice to pride (what shall I call it) which would force me to conceal these feelings entirely even to their most intimate associates. But I am very apt with a speak from the abundance of my heart, although I would not be so impudent as to let out every thing there is in it & every cule be felt anxious about the day she left for she was very unhappy when she started from here - I hope she would call when the return though the same as be encouraged that the world.

Sam & Abby have been journeying this summer for their healths - Abby to New York - Pauline returned yesterday much benefited by it, but concluded to have Abby a while longer at the Shaws in Providence to attend to his music. I hope now her health will permit her to return to the - is able to write letters entirely with her own hand. She sends unceasing love for her. Every now or then she would send us a few lines from her new abode. We were all very much pleased with her, especially with her letters.

Dear Brothers & Sisters, I was reminded one of you this spring & summer, I generally go up earlier, before then I go to the cousins, alas as I am going I think of these ideas when you & I walk it together, thus as I come in sight of the house you used to occupy, now become it looking it to me, yet there is a charm this linger around it, for it peculiarly many pleasant associations, but where are the loved ones who once possessed them? do they still retain one half the affection for me that I do for them? Then as the evening of some pleasant day approaches my feeling would lead me to walk out & talk to the family of some dear friend, I am reminded of the like feelings last year though more joyous which led me as once to walk up to the ferry, but now who is there to file her place? no one - and I play at home and recall these delightful hours, I have written with you & sometimes get your notes & letters I read them all over. Shall you not spend time to come to Bangor this summer? What is going to take place with you in the fall, I feel it is something special why cannot you and Cynthia take your brother's horse & chair and ride down to us it would gratify us much - do think of this dear & come -
The forenoon Mr. Walker is to deliver an address before the League companies; the citizens in general, which they are all calculating domestocks on. I in the afternoon, Mr. Yapman (Henry) will hold forth before all the Sabbath Schools. So we shall quell up.

This day, how interesting I know not, or profitable. I hope it may be both. How I hate to look for you strongly. I arrive in the evening. I guess the good people can dispose with you one day. Please give my affectionate regards to your sister, & my respects. My reverence & love to be, to your Mother. And believe me to be yours truly,

as ever, Isabella.
Calais, May 23, 1836

My dear Sister Elizabeth,

I was this morning at 6 o'clock, and said "Hopp, hop, hooray, they're through!"

Please don't say at 6 o'clock for the purpose of writing to you, a saucy and wicked letter, considering the fact as you are a very great sacrifice to be as you are. I say, but you must remember that I don't want you to be as bold as you are after this morning. And, as it was this morning, you know, after twelve last night, don't. Don't your health? I want unusually well for me this morning, not well. I am glad you do. — This is a very foolish letter, I know it is, and what should I write, knowing that I already used my to write as much as it is to bear in mind. Do you? How many letters from E.P. have you read? Two papers from Alton, or the same date by the very last, and one account of the two who the one hostile in Alton, and the other I gather from the public meeting in Alton. Methinks their Judges and the rest of them are of the same. I am, I thank them for that name, do you ever see Shakespeare? no, well no matter. The epistle is very oppo...
This proceeding are making more proselytes than all that has ever been done in our sect and every lynching party, with which they regard themselves converts thousands. What do you think of my proposition in self with them? I have been as soon as may be. I shall not remain there a great while longer. I have not fully determined where I shall go when I leave them although I have thoughts of going to New York. We have had and still do hear of an old friend of yours, Mr. Hamilton, appear in your city this spring. I have heard of his success there and the means by which he has. Again, have taken a trip to New York. Is there any news there? His name: Mr. Pokier? Has his health improved? I hope so. He has visited recently. That is a great pity, but no matter. What you can under the doctor's hands have it to be? If you can escape the eloquence of a person and the owing to nostrums of a physician, why really? I think you could be badly if you come to unhealth. I presume that the usual rapid increase of your school is going to many popular talents of the Abiel Act. How is that? I'll see by the papers that the Eder, head of the 30th. Fourth at your...
and get quite a puff from some one.

We are out of ministrations just now. They have written to a man Phillips not the right of the others which I know not. They are quite famous here for frightening their ministrations. Although the movement was certainly in the former case in the part of the person himself who is to be my successor. The school before my coming had been in the clutches of the dear Dr. The same man as every where, and they aptly the same man as every where, and they

are that they will be his appendage. That he will be his appendage.

How is Mrs. Reed? Tell her we love her dearly.

Now be certain whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the opportunity shall be forthcoming whenever the 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quite obliged for the invitation, which was very cordially and kindly given. It is nice to know what that means well enough.

Yours affectionately,

Henry Clay
Dear Mother,

I have been so busy of late giving matters and things, that I have not found time to answer your last letter before now. I do not think it a hard matter to write two or three letters at one time that will take the trouble to give me an answer once in a while. I know not what the rest of the family thinks of me, for I have not had a letter from any one but you for about a year. You may just tell them if you please that they need not take the trouble to write to me hereafter, for they may be assured that I shall never trouble my brain to contrive an answer to them. This is the last time I shall write.

I have, as you know, are this left the wicked city of St. Louis. But I do not know as this place is much better. The whole country seems to be falling to pieces. But I think...
there will be a calm after the Presidential election is over.

The remarks of Mr. Burchard I believe to be wholly correct, and moreover I have been and have been so much impressed with the unrest among professors of religion and so much hypocrisy among preachers and the minister, that I have at times begun to doubt the reality of religion at all. You say that you can hardly think of such a thing as a real religious Christian. Very as much light as we have. The majority of the abolitionists may be honest in their intentions of liberating the slaves, but that some of the leaders are I do not believe. I do not believe that if you would learn all the penitentiaries, state prisons, and every other place where the perprirteed are held, or even if you would learn the names of the friends below, that you could find two such arrant traitors, such heartless Leonards, such ignominious villains, and such contemptible professors as William C. Garrison and George Thompson. And I am satisfied that you should join their standard. They would delight in nothing so much as to see the whole nation drowning in blood.
might, like Nero, fiddle over its ruin. That is my opinion of the leaders and a goodly number of their followers are no better than they.

The country is all peaceful about here now, although it has been a good deal excited of late. Business is very brisk in this place; more so than in any place I have seen of its size. We shall love the Observer in operation again this week. I think, having procured an entire new office from Cincinnati. I shall watch it now, and the first person that attempts to come to harm it, they will expect a small piece of lead to be lodged in their, for it is of no use to tangle with these 200 men.

Parish has written you the news of his son. I suppose, if not it is Edward Teghorns. He is quite a good looking little fellow. J. and his wife are very well now. Parish has been quite sick lately but is pretty much recovered his health. I am well and in fine spirits. Teachers are right and I wish you were here to eat some. Give my love to all that desire it, and to no others. Take as much as you please yourself.

Your son

John B. Bojers
Old Town, Aug. 9, 1830.

My dear Brother, Owen,

Your letters all came to hand a day or two since and were eagerly desired. I assure you, I am about to try to retrieve my character by being the first to acknowledge your favors. I am happy to know by your manner of writing that your health and spirits are much improved. Also congratulate you on the improvement of your penmanship. I could read your letters without the least difficulty.

I am not engaged in school this term, my health is not very fine and we could not secure any help readily and I concluded to give it up though it would be some cases for me. Elizabeth has about twenty-five scholars. She had a letter from B.P.L. not long since his paper will probably be out again shortly. He seems in very good spirits and the persecution not cast down in the least.

This strong confidence in God, that He will not leave nor forsake her has removed
to Alton, Illinois and then will probably remain; no dangers of them driving him.
John advises all young men who are doing any thing here to stay by all means
for the man property is safe in fact nothing
is safe. He says he hates the Methodists. He
is tempted to be one out of spirit. Bishop
Pamish has a dose for them that will
physick them for one while. Will administer
soon! I am glad to know you are not going
West for you are better off here. You had better
join in to some good old orthodox Seminary
and finish your course and be a good studen
that congregational, away with your Episcopal,
Bishops and all that kind of stuff.
You must come home as soon as your school
is done. Sarah sends her best love and says
she is sorry you have grown so unrespectful not to be able to make us a visit.
As to my being under the Doctor's Land is
all a fable. Thin 'modestums and Drugs' have
no charms for me. Same thing for come off
without and 'unsodden' and hope to to remain
for a while at least. But you need not
feel any alarm about 'Sissy Nelson's fever'
Mrs. US likes her new farm much. She is a fool and is a disappointment. I guess they go it. Little James is the prettiest fellow you can dare look like you try say. Mary is little slender bright as a bee. How do you like Miss Hill? What is the name of that certain lady friend of your hostess.

You need not get Hannah's shoes yet for the hos nor prospects in view. China folks are all well. She can't spare you now. Oldtown Elder I can tell you for this is none like unto him in these parts. There have not I write you a good long letter your sister.
Alton, April 30, 1853

Dear mother:

You must not think hard of me that I have not answered any of your letters sooner than I have. The only reason that I had for not writing was that I wrote to you, as the family, as a matter of course, would see it in the letters, and they have been so remiss in writing to you, that I do not care much whether they read from me or not as it is evident that they do not care much themselves. I am in a rage that the time has come where I should be thought differently by the family than I have been heretofore, and until I think that time has come, you must not expect to see me in New England. I know as well as any one, that I was quite unjustifiable in many instances and in some things; but I am satisfied that I have been enough of the evil ways, even to be quite justified again. I do not feel if you frankly and truly that I think I have had justification of one man by from that ought not to have done it, and that while there is some sort of scolding blood currents in my veins, and I cannot endure it without feeling and expressing it. I have a spirit within me that will not brook an injury as well as my heart and soul, and when it is once or twice it requires considerable time to expel the desire. Those who know me in this chamber world will confirm this, and others may find it to be the case in the course of time. I do not wish you to understand that any of this refers to you. For it from me to cost any implication of injustice to me upon you. I believe that, had I followed your counsels, I should have been spared many bitter thoughts now, and I even done you any wrong. I know that it has been for you, and I have no reason to believe that you ever did me any wrong. You pray your other remarks uncalled for, but I thought that you would like to know the state of my feelings, and I have given them to you calmly and dispassionately and not the true sentiments of my heart, long felt, but not until now discovered. It is much for the motherly and affectionate train of thought, and now I will give you something of the Horrible.
I will give it to you in a piecemeal style.

One of the most horrid scenes that ever occurred in this county took place on Thursday night last at St. Louis. The particulars are these:

On Thursday last two white sailors were taken up by the Deputy Sheriff, Mr. Hammond, and the Deputy Constable in St. Louis, for breaching the peace. While engaged in assaulting them, a man named McIntosh, of Petersburg, Va., interfered and in the course of that ensued the two white sailors succeeded in making their escape. For this, Mr. McIntosh was taken into custody, carried before a Justice of the Peace, and a warrant of commitment issued against him; whereupon he was taken to the jail. On his way thither he inquired of the officers what his punishment would probably be. As we were on our way through the whipping post just as soon as he saw that he was about to be released himself from the officers, and made a run at Mr. Justice with his dirk, which missed him. The second attempt to strike was successful, and inflicted a deep wound in his right side. The Justice fell him again near by in the same place, when the he was设计ly Hammond. The third time upon the latter gentleman, and struck him a blow with his dirk, which struck him first upon the skin and passing down through the main arteries of the neck, to the bone, etc. It staggered a few paces and immediately expired. The murder was witnessed by Mr. Muth, but owing to his weakness he did not hear the cries, though he was unable to overtake him. All this occurred around the New Orleans and he was in a short time taken; carried out just at the edge of the town, chained to a tree, and burned to death. Several thousand people witnessed the revolting spectacle, and riot and individual tried to interfere to prevent it, and for this act of brutality the two immediately hanged and shot. It is not probable that anything will be done with the murder of Mr. Muth.
Dear Sir,
prior, and there is no doubt but that he is a notorious villain.
Scores of these scoundrels inhabit the neighborhood of our town, and they are most likely to be found in the vicinity of the place, together with a short description of the incident, but I have not had the time to write it down. Have you heard from the family of this gentleman? They are all in the best of health, and they send their love and regards to you and your family. My own regards to you and your family.

Your loving servant,

John M. Brown.
Dear Mother,

I have so many things to write about, or rather, my head is so full of them that I hardly know where to begin, or hardly know what to say. I have been working hard, and I suppose that Paris has not worn you out, so you understand the particulars of the recent transactions in St. Louis.

If you have not, you will find them in the letter which accompanies this letter. All that I have done was my travel with all my clothes in it, and about seven dollars in money. You will also find in the paper an account of similar proceeding in the United States. There is not to come so great a degree as at the former place.

Now, in view of these things, what are our civilizing, friendly, and dangerous is certain. That they are rapidly increasing. That the whole head is zealous in relation to this matter, and if it is not soon stopped in its frightful manner, it will, in time, result in anarchy and disaster. Being the order of the day, the doctrine of Abolition is in its place. The opponents of the doctrine are almost destitute of any aid.
are meeting themselves so perfectly established that it is enough to disgust every person who has the remotest feeling of honor or justice, or, in fact, of God's bidding. I have become so completely disgusted with the West, on account of the War, and their ruthless course in destroying persons' property, that were I able, I would instantly leave the country, and go back to the seat of steady habits and temperance, that I think I shall stay until a better man offer himself.

Tell all the good people in that section of the country who are doing a good business, not to leave it and come here. Their property is not safe, their lives are not safe, and in fact, nothing is safe. Stay wherever you are, and live honestly and happily.

They shall probably have a new office in a few weeks, and shall proceed with the Observer at the same

Telegraph office, and you may expect some severe articles one of these days. They people here deserve it, and I think they will get it, for you know, that Parish is perfectly able to give them a dose that will maybe them for some time to come.
And now I come to know what else to write. Blackberries and cherries are ripe, and peaches are almost so. Some few watermelons have come to market, and green corn is out of date. Every thing looks nice and happy except the weather.

Parish is well, and in fine spirits. Not the least depressed but rather elevated by recent occurrences. His wife and child are at St. Charles, and are well. I am as happy and contented as I can be, in this country. I cannot express to you how much I long to get back to the land of my fathers.

Give my love to all the wish it, and those that don't, I don't want to have it. I have nothing further to prove. You were my two or three letters White Room.

Geo. Don

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