

Marianna, Dec. 31st/57

Col. J. P. Anderson

Dear Sir

We arrived here safely about an hour since. A tremendous squall came down upon us yesterday, about two hours before we reached Quincy, but I put Rebecca in the carriage, donned my "India Rubber," and kept dry as did of course your aunt in the carriage. We were agreeably surprised to find the hotel in Q. quite comfortable. It has passed out of the hands of old Maj. Nathans, into those of Mr. Fall who appears as tho' he might continue to keep a tolerable house.

We got gold in Tallahassee for two of the \$100 drafts, deducting interest & 2 percent for premium on gold, & netting 193.00 which, I was told, was getting off remarkably well. Mrs. Beatty is quite pleased with the looks of the hotel here, & I think will be comfortable.

I inquired about the direction to be put on my boxes &c, & if they are directed to me here, "care of T.H. Austin & Co. Apalachicola," they will reach me. I will write them to forward the packages, pay charges &c, & send me their bill or have it presented by their agent here; so if you will be kind enough to mark the boxes as above & send them to Newport with orders to ship, there will be no further trouble.

Mrs. Beatty mentioned to me on the way over that you had been kind enough to order a Sulkey [two-wheel buggy] for me, which you were in expectation of speedily receiving. I need not say how highly I appreciate the friendly interest in my welfare, that prompted this kindness on your part, nor express in words my gratification at the knowledge of it, but this favor, as a token of your friendship, will greatly increase the feelings of sincere respect and esteem, already strong, with which I regard you. And I need not say that my best wishes & prayers for your welfare, spiritual & temporal, will always be heartily yours.

Your Aunt will send a note by Charles also, and give further information of her welfare – We found Mr. Henry Brown in Tallahassee, waiting further light. His prospects at Madison are gone, the church there having offered him but \$600.00 per annum, far too little for him to live on, or be offered a man of his age & standing. I fear we shall lose him from Florida after all. – Love to Mrs. Anderson and Millie

Truly yours &c

A.W. Clisby

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