

Pulaski, Tennessee June 1st 1872

Dear General,

I regretted my detention in Nashville the morning you left. It was unavoidable. I was scarcely well enough to start. Added to this, there was a troublesome matter of business that I would not very well leave unsettled. I was anxious to have seen & talked more with you. And when you come again, I hope you will make me a visit at my house here, where we can talk as much as we desire.

My health is still bad. I have not been out of my house since I came here a week ago. But I am improving, and hope to get back to my office in a week.

We are likely to have lively times among the aspirants for congress for the state at large. Johnson & Foote already out. Cheatham will be in a day or two. Fleming & Etheridge threatened. It will be the absorbing canvass of the summer, so far as Tennessee is concerned. I fear such a canvass will stir up bad blood and do harm. However, we can only let events take care of Tennessee.

I hope Loony is good spirits – and has a well grounded hope of congressional salvation, and that Marcus has his titles to the Sheriffalty, well secured.

Present me kindly to all my friends

Yours truly,
Jno. A. Brown

To
Genl. Patton Anderson
Memphis

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