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Isaac Cohen

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suffering with severe colds. Gratz & Bell returned from
Charleston last Sunday with their Father, & they
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you my darling Aunt & may it bring to us
all peace & tranquillity. Josephine Myers thanks
you for your kind wishes. We all love & admire her.
I hope that she has secured her happiness. Give our love to Grace
& Julia & believe me truly & devotedly your own Isaac Cohen

of affairs - For the first time in the history of the
 Republic has the president & vice president
 been taken from the same section - They were
 nominated by a Convention in which the non
 slave holding States were alone represented;
 (for the few delegates from Maryland and Missouri
 were not representatives of those States) and in
 their election the very existence of the fifteen
 slave holding States has been ignored -
 If sectional party has triumphed, and that triumph
 was based upon principles, as I have shown
 you, deadly hostile to our feelings, our interests &
 our existence - W. Lincoln, himself, has said
 that the slavery question is an "inescapable
 conflict" which can never end until slave
 labor, or free labor, is established in every State
 in this Union - On this point I will not
 amplify - Now ^{we of} the South, seeing that public
 opinion, and the law of the land, at the North
 are against all that we hold valuable -
 seeing that in a sectional conflict, and on
 a sectional issue, ~~for~~ ^{our} enemies have triumphed,
 and that the government is about to pass into
 the hands of those who hate us, and our in-
 stitutions, feels that prudence, and self
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