

Nekun Creek

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My beloved Brother, it is long
 since we have conferred together
 but I know our thoughts daily
 meet in affectionate & prayerful
 wishes for each other. My dear
 Sister is kind in telling me of you
 and her watchful care over your
 domestic comfort, and I feel grate-
 ful to picture you, at your evening
 fire side with her and your dear
 daughters uniting their efforts to
 cheer you. I trust your fears for
 Kentucky are over, and that the
 recent events of the war put a
 more favorable aspect on the
 preservation of the Union. but we
 can never lay our heads down
 without sad thoughts of our
 suffering friends in field &
 flood, who are exposed to the
 seasons changes, and the unpa-

of bodily & mental sufferings -
our dear Minnie's present
condition gives me great anxiety.
I know not where to address her -
as it is not probable Mr Cohen who
keep his family in panic stricken
Savannah - and I suppose it would
be impossible to get them to come
North - even if the way was open for
them. I was greatly shocked on Friday
to hear of the sudden Death of David
Gray - occasioned by the rupture of
a blood vessel. he died in the night.
Neither his sisters or Physicians
deeming him in immediate danger!
Tho' slightly acquainted with him
personally - the memory of our
brother - and all the sad events
of his history & estrangement
filled my mind with unalloyed
sorrow -

I had a visit yesterday from
Mrs Alexander & her daughter
the old lady has wonderful spirits
for one so long deprived of sight
she spoke of you & Bernard very

The young Morduan girls are
encouraged about their school
they have 11 pupils & are well
liked by them & their parents.
Frank Etting likes his position as
pay master. & his cousin Charles
hopes to pass a good examination
at West Point. Theodore has applied
for a midshipman's warrant. The
hard times, stir up young blood
to military efforts.

Howard sends his best love &
thanks for your letter. I am
thankful that he has not been
called to active employment
away from home.

My last letter from Monheal, was
from the interior of the mansion
As Sarah's family had been sick
herself included. Little Bucky & he
fared well. She tells me Howard
has removed his family to Orange
as Brooklyn did not agree with
Minerva.

Give much love for me, to all your
family, at home & around you
and believe me, my own beloved
brother, with deep affection
yours - May God Bless you
ever - Pety.