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W.C.

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I thank you my beloved brother
for your most kind letter, which
relieved me from much anxiety -
I never for a moment doubted the
good faith of your house hold - but
was under the impression that Mrs.
S. had come to reside with you
and feared you might experience
difficulties & incur responsibilities
which would interfere with the
harmony so essential to domestic
comfort - I trust dear Ann will
pardon me if I grieve her a moment
concern my heart goes with her
in the peculiar interest she has in
this connection where her private
feelings, are so much in conflict
with the condition we most approve
and desire to accomplish - My love
for Minnie & her children makes me
realize all the suffering for those

so near to her - we learned that
Minnie was in Virginia on account
of the illness of her son, whom they
had taken home to Savannah -
but what their present condition
may be, is yet to be determined.
One of Gratz's sons is in Canada
with Saxe, sent there to keep him
out of the way of mischief - but he
seems tainted with the proslavery
of his father, Saxe & her husband
are truly loyal. This it seems the
community in which they live
is full of Southern sympathy
and no doubt ready to adopt
any English measures - I am rejoiced
that Kentucky is ably supported
and I hope will be safe through
the coming time - I speak of the
loyalty of our community - with
the knowledge of Fleets of iron
and steamers preparing abroad
which might enter our rivers

give my dear love to
and the girls, I long to see
their hand writing again. I am
expecting a visit from Becky
Rathen as soon as the weather
becomes settled & warm. it rains
again to day. but fires are still
necessary to our comfort. The trees
begin to bud and the grass is
green tho occasionally covered
with snow.

give my love to your sons
and their families. and believe
me, ever dear & beloved Bea
Your affectionate sister

Becky

Horace sends his love.

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