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My Dear Ann

We have so much of mutual suffering in this hateful & unnatural war, that I cannot bear to leave you in error, respecting our condition, as to what ^{many} you to be our threshold in expressing opinions of southern affairs. I assure you no restraint is here necessary. There are so many among us who have sympathies with our rebellious country men & women, that no one who entertains such opinions or feelings are at all embarrassed in expressing them, nor are they at all unsafe for freely indulging that privilege. God only knows what is to be our future.

destiny as a nation - we be
to those who have broken
up the peace and harmony
of our once happy country,
and narrowed down the noble
virtue of Patriotism, into sections
of petty states. could the voice of
Washington be heard he would
surely repeat "United we stand
divided we fall." This fearful
struggle is to test this prophecy.

I believe Horace has written
to my Dear Ben, recently
and given domestic news -
we are all well at home.

Rosa & Miriam Murdoci stay
with us this summer. The
Major is looking for a house
in the City, where he proposes
settling. during the last few
days we have been full of
trouble, his son Alfred was

continue in bon, until
Howard has realized his
expectations of success -
Please present my regards &
condolence to my old friend Mrs
Deotree. I am sorry she has
given up her home! Mrs Johnson
will probably marry again
and then -

I hear from our nieces, frequently
who are doing well. Expresses
go regularly to the South which
enables us to send & receive
letters from Minnie, her son
has enlisted and is stationed
at the fort - I rejoice to hear
that Bernard is well again -

Love to my dear Ann, Horace
joins me in love to your husband
& girls. always believe me yours
& their most affectionate
Rosa send her love. PLS