

I went to see Mrs Vestee, who looks
well and seems in good spirits
she spoke of the burning of Rosa's
cotton, of her intention to sell her house
but, having changed her mind, would
rent it, & proposed entire satisfaction
in Rosa's second choice. That they were
a very happy family she informed
paying her visit to Maria, before
going to Canadaigua & would probably
remain here some time. I found her
very Southern in her opinions, but she
practised so much forbearance &
moderation in expressing her self, that
I was ashamed of putting her to the
test. she left the impression on me
that she did not feel any pecuniary
difficulty. I hope Sarah Ann that
Kentucky is now safe, with a loyal
Governor, brave officers and a strong
re-inforcement of troops. your noble
State, will never be the seat of war
whatever, her recreant sons may
hold I swear.

I had a letter from Lizzie Lee, dated
19. from which I copy the following—
"I have just parted with Genl Wright
"Who is this day ordered to take charge

"of Kentucky, I had no time to write to
"Uncle Ben about time, but as he asked
"me for a list of reliable men I put
"my Uncle's name at the head of the list.
"Genl W. thinks of making Lexington
"his headquarters. He is a young man
"I have won his spurs. & is one of the
"finest characters in the Army. With a
"natural fire at mine. so I don't see
"him with my illuminated spectacles."

Lizzie knows I make great allowance
for her judgment of her friends. My
brother & her wife form one over opinions.
Mr Lee is at Washington & I see is promoted
his wife did not know of his recall un-
til he arrived, and does not know what he
may be next appointed to do.

our family circle is very much
thinned just now, the Ettings are all
scattered, except those who cannot go.
Edward appears more comfortable.

Rosa Mordine reports herself much
improved & will be home next week.

Bucky frequently mentions Howard in her
letters. Sam saw him at Long Branch, for
the first time in many years, she could
scarcely realize the change in his appearance
he must be much concerned about
his wife & family. but I believe could
not afford to keep them in N. York
where his business detains him.

He is probably more indulgent in Wash-
ington than he would be in Mo. where
his connections would most likely
molest him in their own selfishness.
I am really sorry for Miss. her own
opinions are in unison with their pro-
secution views. I hope Laura is as yet
as our family ought to be. Give
my dear love to your children, and
their brave brothers. I hope the girls
are both well. Anna's photograph
presents her as grown & improved
in loveliness. Tell dear Minnie if she
has been taken, to send me a copy.
if not, when she comes here, she shall
send you one. Sally Hays is in a
happier state, we hope she will escape
her usual attack. She has suffered so
much for years, that she ought not to have
any other evil to contend with. Isaac
sends his best love to his dear Nephew
and you. if he were here, would say
something to his bright cousins. He is
very busy at Richmond. our city much
deserted citizens out for pleasure
or country residences. and others on
sickening or hospital duties. God bless
you my beloved Brother & Sister, yours
& hoping you are ever in my kindest
thoughts, your devoted Bro