

Constitutional Convention of North-Carolina,

Raleigh, March 6 1868.

My dear wife:

Your letter was received this morning and I was very glad to hear from you. You seem to be in very good spirits and really I am rejoiced to know that it is so. Had not circumstances been as they are, I should not have asked, if you wished to come, but would have said - "Come" - "venez", as once before.

I had intended to come home tomorrow evening, but you may not see me, as you seem to think you can get on without me. If I were satisfied that Miss Mary and Sarah could, I guess I would give it up. (H.?)

I am glad that Tom Owens is all right. He is keen enough and honest enough to do the fair thing. Mr. Little is here now and is on my side and will work hard for me. I think I shall get the nomination, but do not count upon it with any certainty. Le bon Dieu, has it all in his hands.

Tell Heurnan that I will try and spend a few days with the people there before entering on the canvass. You probably have seen my list of appointments. You see I am one of Heolden's "body guard," as Pell says, or his "exhorters" as he (Heolden) calls us.

There is no doubt that the Constitution will be ratified by a large majority and a Republican nomination will be very nearly equivalent to an election.

It is a little unfortunate in some respects that you are not a man but on the whole, I am not a little grateful that you are of the feminine gender. Keep them all in good heart and God will be with and help us as I trust and believe.

Yours devotedly

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