

Greensboro N.C.

Sept. 13th 1875

My Darling Wife:

It is getting well into the night and I ought to be getting to bed but I cannot write you a few lines, just to let you know that I do not forget you entirely. I have been on the wing all the time since I wrote you and have spoken every day except Sunday. I get along very well but I find that I have right enough of the old poor white cowardice and shamefacedness about me. I think every one but me is quite discouraged by the Maine election. Somehow, it does not disturb me so much now. I cannot help a vague notion that it will help me. I go to Zaneesville in the morning and shall return tomorrow night. I will write you a good long letter on

surprised. I think she thought I
had got used to living on nothing
and would like it all my life -

The idea of Lottie's sitting with a
colored girl I am surprised at her doing
so. I have been afraid she was getting
demoralized on that head. The first
you know she will be laughed at on
something for it and she will be -
grieved and you will be mad. A
carpet-bagger's daughter had better
not sit with a colored girl un-
less she is thicker-skinned than
Lottie - I am afraid it would be
a mistake to let her ~~do so~~

I'm tired - God bless you Darling
and good night.

Yours truly
Aunt Louisa

Sunday - The fact is, I cannot
well bear to write you much for
it is almost sure to make me
feel badly to attempt it -

I shall discharge Fanny after this
week, I think. Your mother will not let
her do anything only just as she says, so
that the bread is like tombstones and
the meatt soap and cold leather. I
have not been able to eat anything
here for the last two times I have been
at home - I think I shall go down to
Dublett's to board ^{at} (Perhaps I can get
lodgings near there) I have tried every way
to get her to let my food alone. She don't
make any fuss, but a rule is a pattern
for complacency here. I tried to
make her let me cook my own steak
but I might as well ask the Sphinx
to grant a reasonable request -

I will see, however. I told her tonight that
I did not see any use in trying it
any longer - She seemed very much

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