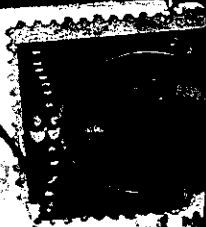


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No. 9 MAHLER BUILDING,

Raleigh, N. C.,

Jan 24th 1879

VS.

My dear wife: How a wonder, I am content to  
you before my days work begins. I don't know  
why, unless it is because the weather is so  
mild and bright - that beautiful balmy  
weather which you love so well - and  
because I was dreaming of you all  
night - It does not seem as if I could  
have slept at all, though I feel as fresh  
and bright as one could wish, this  
morning - I am sure I must have  
dreamed most of the time but I sleep  
fine, as they were happy dreams of you  
they must have been restful and  
refreshing - I have been in the Supreme  
court for the past few days and have  
to go there today - I am getting along  
very well with the book and do most  
sincerely hope that things may turn  
so that I may come and see you  
and perhaps stay with you - just go  
right on and enter such home as you  
want - I am fully assured that  
I shall have money enough for  
you to live comfortably at least -  
which will be our great consolation  
anyhow - I do not blame you dear  
that I am alone. I know I am  
quite responsible for it all - But  
I do not think it possible that

it should be otherwise now. You  
know very well what an ~~it~~ af-  
fection it is to me - or you should  
know - but I cannot neglect your  
ultimate interest even for my own  
present happiness, united to your  
entirely - If I can get money -  
enough, when, in any way, I  
will come up and see you,  
but if I cannot you must not  
blame me. You are not more  
anxious for my coming than I am  
to go; but both of us must yield  
to the inevitable - I would have you  
come back this summer. Indeed this  
would have been my plan, but I saw  
that you were anxious to stay there and  
so arranged for another to board  
with Mrs. Sampson. This provides for  
her - comfortably and well. Of course,  
I cannot pretend to direct your movements  
there. You must arrange them - I think  
however, you had better conclude to stay  
there this year, at least - If I can come  
on and arrange for a business there,  
without injury to my matters here, I  
will do so, and perhaps remove  
there during the year - If you should  
come here we should have to board at  
Leah's - If it becomes necessary for  
me to stay we can arrange, either to  
occupy Augie's house next year, or to  
build - My notion is, that if we stay,  
it would be better to use Augie's house for  
a year, fix it up and sell it and then  
~~to~~ build in our old favorite location -  
But for this year, I see no way but  
for us to remain, as we are -  
Yours truly  
Allouez