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what will it all
be if you were
robbed out of
all your life - don't
need health
I never when you
retire and life
you will have
enough rested both
for it comes
Mr. Hodgins is doing
his best to benefit
the poor. Has heard
since he got lost
in the mountains, he does
not know what
to do with the
other you + God bless you
I hear you have
been speaking
of the
I cannot write to you I so much
to see you this morning.
I am alarmed I am at your illness
you may imagine. I pray God you
may speedily be restored in health
and safety to my arms. Your entire
ignorance of the storm brewing here
which has increased increased from a
cloud no bigger than a man's hand
to a perfect hurricane of indignation
and falsehood seems strange enough
The Editor of the Patriot I cannot like
you alone but every week his paper is
filled with all the meanest low-lived
falsehoods that can be thought of against
your character. Low speech in the Con-
vention at Phil. seems to be rather more
than he can endure and that is his
particular point of attack. Some one
kind enough to send us the papers -
such notes as these in pencil mark on
the margin "The nasty dog! He never
lived when he said this. He had better
look out! Beware! &c &c"

The firm has dropped your name
from their card and their letters
come directed to "Kuhn & Pittengill"
and they make it known abroad
that such an obnoxious individual
as yourself are no longer connected with
them in business and I am politely
informed when I send down for potatoes
that I have no right to them and
nothing else likewise. You are needed
here my dear Husband more than I
can begin to write you. James went
home prepared to inform you of all
these things and after going so far out
of his way to find you was informed
when he arrived at Pittsburg that you
had left two hours before. He took your
revolver for you, for though there may
be no occasion for using it yet it is
best to be prepared for an emergency
Here I will state a few things which
not trouble me so much but as it
is telling sadly upon my nervous
system and I cannot leave here
Duty forbids that I should leave our
folks in this uncertain, unsettled state
when if I were away I should not be

I should not be surprised if they were
turned out of doors by my Good Husband
or Lady P. The boys too look upon me
as the only protector of their rights and
you are away. They have had but half
rations for sometime and not a cent
of money and some of them are getting
bravefoot and the cold weather coming
on they need their winter clothing
money nor no promise of any thing
distributed over ten dollars a month
and feed them time and again when
they had no rations. They had no rations
last Monday morning for breakfast
because when Mrs Hardy and Abram came
up here and we gave them some breakfast
the firm swore so mad that they threatened
to turn them off the place. You know
almost all of them will have worked
their year the last of this week and
are so anxious you should be here
soon and if possible Abram do come
Dealing justly and honorably by these men
who have toiled faithfully for you will
be a great thing for you in counteracting
the vile falsehoods of the rebels of this place
by the Editor. There is not a colored
man on the place who will stay another year
you sell out. They have all (I believe)
except Buck and Tom and as you

Mr. said ~~me~~ the other day when he came
 hungry and barefoot. "We never would have
 known who was our friend here if Mr. Louque
 had ^{not} gone away". He wanted some shoes
 and needed two dollars more than he had
 to get them and had been refused by Mr. P.
 who said his money was all in large bills and
 could not get them changed. I could not
 assist him I know you do not wish
 to invest any more money here but I think
 you could do no better thing under present cir-
 cumstances than to do well for these boys. And
 you must sell you may have put in enough
 to buy your library again. As near as I can
 know there will be about three hundred
 dollars due ^{the type} by the middle of this month.
 I do not know whether they are destitute of money
 at the other house or whether it is just meanness
 in them. Mr. P. told me when he just came home
 that if things turned out as he anticipated each
 one of you would make a snug little fortune
 by that railroad speculation. He said the course
 you had taken would almost ruin their business
 here and perhaps to avoid this they have concluded
 to drop you off their books. I have seen none
 of the family since a few days after Mr. P. returns
 when I sent for him to tell him that he knew about
 those anonymous letters I had received threatening
 your life &c. if you dared show yourself in
 Andover again & James took them to give you but
 I presume carried them home with him not giving
 in. Gladly Darling would I leave all these
 fearsome vexations behind me and come to you
 and risk with you for I think you need it
 as much as I but I cannot do it. I have prayerfully
 considered the matter and this is the result.
 - I know you are working hard to do
 right for us and your country but dear Mother