Oak Bowery Chambers Co. Ala
Nov. 9th 1853

My Dear Sir — I duly rec'd yr envelope covering yr note of the 4th Inst & my letter to the one contemplated dinner at Robinson's Springs — I thank you for yr prompt attention to my request I assure you I very much dislike to be troublesome — A verbal alteration which I desired to make (my memory was cloudy about it) I find not to be necessary & I return it just as it was at first written, for publication, with the request to you that if it should not be printed to return the manuscript to me as a matter of personal favor. I did intend to have provided against this contingency by copying it now, but I am really too sick & worn by engagements, to do the labor. I have been trying to stir the blood of our people a little lately about the Presidency — party morals — Kansas &c &c — The Spirits seem to be unpropitious in Ala. while our enemies are

active & organizing upon a broader basis than ever — I am alarmed for the result — We ought to enlist our tallest women for the coming fight —

I see our North. friends are not slow to come up to the issue of Non-intervention as made by the Kansas Act; but are we quite cautious enough about the Squatter Sovereignty feature of that Act? — What better will it be for us, if under the specious cry of "popular Sovereignty" the free-soil rabble of New England devotes Kansas & all the territories to free-soil than if Congress shd directly apply the "Wilmot proviso"? While we are for the Kansas Act because of its righteous repeal of the Missouri restriction — our North. friends — the most conservative of them — sustain it because it deprives us of the territories under Squatter Sovereignty — Hence I am for Mr Alice or some sound South-ern man against Judge Douglas — Wise I know is thoroughly with us for South. Rights & against Squatter Sovereignty — I am writing about

it, but with little hope of success—
I want a Convention of the States—want our Cincinatti Convention to recommend it—to supply the lapsus of the Constitution on the general subject of the organization of territorial governments & the admission of States into the Union—our rights in the territories defined—&c &c—with specifications as to time of admission—qualifications of electors &c.
Our destiny is involved in the Kansas trouble.
In various Communications signed "Teno" to the Advertiser—Columbus Times & other papers signed "Cato" & "Yorick" I am "troubling the waters," but I fear there is to be no healing of the leapers—our "bread & butter" patriots—whose "Claims" to office limit their activities & patriotism—
The fever Continues with us—We have lost besides two valuable Servants a bright little son & the world is dark to me; but I hope in God—& wear this sorrow in my heart as a badge of my sympathy with "the son of man"—

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Heartily do I Congratulate you on Yr. escape from the yellow fever — I am

Sincerely Yr. Friend Truly

Wm. F. Samford.

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