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Dear Father

I dont know what is the matter with Tom and all of them at home. I thought they certainly would have written and told me something about the fair. Tom has written since the fair but told me nothing of it, not even who he saw there But I reckon there is something of more importance to be thought of about this time than the fair The ~~safety~~ safety of the south I heard to day that the latest telegraphic news was, that Gov Wise had been assassinated Cobb had been taken prisoner for

I got a letter from Sister yesterday, she was well

moving the money of the U.S. to
Charleston S.C. and that 7000
abolitionists were marching
against Washington to take it
This was said to be true. If this
is so I think a fight is inevitable.
The people are preparing for it
every where. There is to be a meeting
here tomorrow evening of the citizens
of and about this place to consult
and see what shall be done
I think it is time Gov Moore was
having something done
S.C. I believe is doing her part
What do you think of the present
prospects for a fight? Do you
think Alabama will secede?
Dont you think it the duty of
every slave state to secede?
If we dont fight now, when shall
shall we fight? Shall we wait

until the North has us completely in her power? No: now is the time to act. I think every Southern State should be preparing to defend her self. Every much about here is strong for secession. There will soon be a strong company of minute men here. How do things stand in our neighborhood? I reck cousin J Reuse is a hot secessionist. Uncle W. Sasnett is one.

I am looking for a letter from you every day. I wish you would write and give me your opinion about these things. It would do me good to hear your opinion. I am getting on very well now I have not had the tooth ache in two or three weeks. All well.

Yours &c J E Hall