Chermont Hill
March 27. 1851

Dear Will

I am once more breathing the pure air of this delightful pine Hill, and although I have been here but a few days, and returned quite sick from the fatigues of the journey, and withall suffering from a sore cough which had greatly annoyed me for the last two months, I am now thank God almost entirely well. So soon as I can look around and arrange my business I shall come up to Tuscaloosa to see "how you come on". - your aunt is in good health. she sends her love to you all. Mary Ann & the Doctor left here on yesterday; Mary fat and hearty but from her own account, unable to eat, unable to sleep and numerous other inabilities, "Thats the fact Truth". The Doctr. and Hiram are both in rather feeble health. Margaret is certainly improving in mind, her father says so, and what he says cannot be questioned. Mr. Cleveland has his three sons Carter

James & Morgan studying law. You must
exert yourself, and give up following the Jenny
Linds, or they will mount the wool sack before
you. I have as yet been no where & consequently
know nothing of the movements of the fire eaters,
except what I saw of the proceedings at Montgomery,
where their open avowal of a determination to
dissolve the Union subjected them to ridicule,
and shocked many who not understanding the
object they had in view, had been acting with
them, so that Yancey George Gayle and Co.
will be reduced to the necessity of seceding
alone; for even S. Carolina is coming to its
senses, and will, I have no doubt, wait for
the action of Virginia, and Virginia has already
decided on occupying the ground which I took
last autumn (Viz) if no further aggression is
committed by the North to acquiesce in what
has been done. and such will be the course
of every Slave holding State, the insane efforts
of broken down Politicians, and unprincipled
political aspirants to the contrary notwithstanding.
Present me affectionately to my Brother and
each member of the Family. not forgetting
Mr. Parish and Richard. Write me on the
receipt of this and let me know how you all
are. Cotton is gradually creeping up: and I shall
wait patiently for the June market. Present me
respectfully to Gov. Collier his Lady and fair
Daughters. God bless you dear Will:

William R King

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P.S. I have addressed a letter to the Hon.
J. J. Ormond if J. J. are not the initials of
of the Judge. Take the letter out of the office
and hand it to him, as it contains a paper
which it is of importance he should have as
soon as practicable. W. R. K.