Montgomery Republic of Alabama
Jan 11th 1861 12 Oclock

Mr Kerr

Dear Sir by some means or other I only recieved yours a few days ago and have been very buisey My things all arrived safe and I thank you for your trouble till you are better paid which will be before long I had intended to send it as a christmas present but could not on account of haveing to use a great deal of money in the last 2 or 3 weeks — the freight &c on the things was $12,50
We here in Alabama are now in a new Republic a foreign country from you Kentuckians this State seceded from the Unided States a 12 Oclock to day and there is the greatest kind of excitement all over town amid the firing of cannon, and firecracker by the packs, ringing of bells all over town, and whistles on the steamboats blowing and the flag of Alabama is floating from the tops of the State Capitol and the Military (2 compays) started on wednesday to take posession of the forts on the coast of Florida and the forts of this State was taken last week — I dont know how this will all end but I am afraid in war but I hope not I want to see W S Yancey join the ranks as a common soldier before I help them fight if we do have war for he is

generaly believed to be the leader of the secession movement in the South
The theatre has not been doing much for the last few weeks until this week Miss McarthY & Vincent played here two weeks and last wednesday The Malacks opend here in Macbeth, last night they played Lesvie to night, they play Hamlet and to-morow night Richard the 3 times
I will send you some of my Recipes for fires I have lost my reciepe for white & blue (that is the best one) but the red & green. I can recomend as I send you those I hope you will not let any would be property men have them or any one else I only send them for you a lone and no one else
If you see an opening there for me next season let me know for I like Kentucky better than I do this State
Let me hear from you and let me know how things are going there

Yours very Respectfully
E Lewis

P S The first gun fired here to day for Secesion was touched of by a lady of Montgomery So you see not only the men here are for Secesion but the Ladys