

D. desires me to thank you for your letter to her. I hope the meeting of the Company will bring things into some intelligible order. I do wish you could have a share of the land to yourself, dis connected with any Company, or any partners, and under the care of some honest and good manager, so that you could devote most of your time to your divine Art. Pardon me if I give too much advice. It is because I have your welfare truly at heart.

When I returned from N. Y. I found a kind good letter from dear Rosa, and three from John. Two of them were in answer to my letter advising an amicable and honorable separation from your affairs. They were in the same spirit, as those that came while you were here, but such expostions have lost their power either to pain or astonish me. He strangely misunderstands my character, attributing to me motives and plans, the mere imagination of which is perfectly shocking to my feelings. The third letter, written only one day later, is excessively affectionate, from the first to the last word. I shall keep silence; because that is the only safe course.

Burn this!

West Newton, Aug. 1st. 1853.

Dear Ole,

I am sorry to trouble you with another letter, so soon after the one I addressed to you from N. York; but my anxiety concerning — induces me to make a few suggestions, by way of precaution.

I am glad I did not see Rosa when I called; for if we had discussed nothing but the latest fashions, I suppose my remarks would have somehow been twisted into treason. But not seeing her, I deemed it absolutely necessary to write, and explain to her why I had made such a sudden visit to New York. I gave only the general features of the affair, and if you are questioned, I wish you would have the goodness to say no more than I have said.

I told her that you met — in New Orleans; that you were kind, cordial and sympathizing with him, and

Dear and properly to with you. Sincerely your friend So. C. C.

liberal in assisting him; that you encouraged him with the hope that an arrangement could be made with his creditor, and some employment obtained, by means of which he would be enabled to repay. I did not state what this employment was, or where it was to be obtained. I told her that he, very imprudently, came to N. York, before any arrangement had been attempted, but I did not allude to any companions, with him. I wrote that I sent for him to come here; that he intended to wait here, until he could go with you to the Colony, there to wait till some employment could be obtained, in case of a favorable negotiation with his creditor. That he received a letter informing him you were too ill to go to the Colony, in consequence of which I urged you to come here.

That my efforts by letter with the creditor proved unavailing; in consequence of which it became necessary that — should be removed to a safe distance, with all speed and secrecy. That my visit to N. Y. had been for the purpose of personal negotiations with the creditor, with the hope of obtaining terms sufficiently favorable to make it safe for him to pursue an employment in the U. S. which I hoped to obtain for him. That I failed in my mission, and came home. I left everything very vague, on purpose. These are two points I particularly wish to guard. I do not wish to have it supposed that you ever entertained the idea of employing him, in any way; and I do not wish any clue given to his having had a companion. God grant that my present plans may work well, and that he may be enabled to prove the sincerity of his professions. I pity him deeply.

Please don't forget to inform me, when you have decided on your plans for the winter.