

Montgomery Ala. Oct 11th 1866.

My dear Mother

I have just received your letter of the
and I hasten to answer it because I do not wish you to
feel dissatisfied about the money. I have left my former
place of business & am about to try something new. When I
left it was almost impossible to get any money. I only got
about \$40.00 which I was obliged to use. but I took two
notes. One of which is for \$135.00. & which I expect to get the
money on as soon as Capt Scott comes to town. which will
be this week. as soon as he comes I will send it to you.

It is useless to think of my going north to settle at present.
if I had ten or twelve thousand dollars, I think Vermillion
is such a place as would suit me. but the facilities for
making money are so much better here than anywhere north
that I feel that I ought to stay here until I have made
enough to make me safe when I settle. I have taken an-
other contract with the Govt. to take charge of another Hos-
pital. The work is little. The responsibility more. The pay
\$100.00 per month. & the other opportunities for private practice
good. The Surgeon who leaves there has done about
\$3500. or business, besides his regular pay. He leaves
because he is obliged to. has allowed things to go to the