

Cincinnati O. 22nd April 1860.

Dear Nick

I have your letter of 20th Inst. I am sorry to find you in such a "feefe" about Aunt! You know well enough I wished you to clear her 8 or 10 years ago, but never expect to hear that you are fairly rid of her, unless you adopt canine practice. Turpentine & a tri pan, applied a-posteriore! She will not move under any other treatment. Agnes & William never thought her half as much of an incubus to you & your children as I have done, but you shut my mouth on that subject so effectually once, that I have always kept it shut since till now. She is so utterly selfish that I can scarcely pity her. I tell you "There is a sweet little cherub that sits up aloft. It requires no purgatory to punish badness, this world's stripes come in good time; & I do not believe they ever come without good cause, however much it may be unknown or unacknowledged by outsiders — The poor girls must be unpleasantly situated with such a miss in the house! Would it not be well to send some of them over here? My wife will take good care of them — I am uneasy too about that sale of stock. I do not think you should be dependent for your Presidency on any one; besides the management of the stock might largely effect your income, & whatever you do as to a residence the stock should be kept right. I would like to see you buy as much as necessary & we will raise the funds some way or another. I do not know any thing about Lancaster, & I know Saville could not be much depended upon on a pinch — With D. Bush I suppose you are all safe. I would much rather own Lexington than Vicksburg stock & the next time I write Tappan I will see if it cannot be sold now.