

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861  
Miss D. S. Ireland.

This letter I file  
away as promised  
because the first  
from my daughter.  
I am proud of it:  
think it does our  
young grandchild.  
She lacked at the  
writing 3 months  
day of being 12 yrs  
old. - W. C. Ireland

Greenapsbury N.Y. Feb 3  
1861

My Dear Pa,

I promised to write  
you a letter before you came home  
and I will now try to redeem that  
promise. I will begin by telling  
you that which I know, ~~that~~ you  
most desire to know that is how we  
all are. Ma is not so well as usual  
but is much better to day than she  
was last night, our little sister babe,  
is quite cross but I think it is more the  
result of her great appetite than from  
illness, as she is much stronger than  
children usually are at her age - in  
fact if her strength improves with her  
age she will soon be too strong for  
Ma to do anything with her - we all  
love her very much and think her  
pretty, but Uncle Joe says she is ugly,  
but we know he says it to plague

us. Aunt America is well and  
Cousin Sarah is well so is Fannie -  
I am as well as ~~menal~~ Nancy - and  
Edman & his folks are well - this  
I believe is all the news I have to tell  
of our family - Mr Brown lost his young-  
-est child on Friday - Mrs Brown is quite  
sick - Uncle Robert's family are all  
well except Aunt Eliza and she is  
improving. Mr Ross is walking about  
town. Mr Stark has not yet been  
heard from. There was a great Union  
meeting here on last Thursday - and ev-  
-ery body was in favor of  
A Union of hearts, a  
Union of hands  
A Union that none can sever  
A Union of lakes and a  
Union of lands  
And the American Union for ever  
There is nothing else I believe to  
tell you except that we all send  
our love to you & hope to see you

at home soon.

Your affectionate  
daughters

Louisa

Monday Morning

Mother is better this morning  
but is not well enough to write  
she will write as soon as she  
can. Cousin Sarah will write  
tomorrow

This evening before the Express goes out.  
I do trust and pray that you  
may be well soon.

Wishing soon to join you at  
home, I am  
Your affectionate Husband  
(W. C. Ireland)

P.S. Our thanks to Mrs. Stalleck,  
for her kind letter. (W. C. I.)

Frankfort, Ky.  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1861

My Dear Wife,

I regret very much to learn  
of your illness. I got a letter from Dublin  
yesterday morning, and from Mrs. Stalleck in  
the evening. I was apprehensive that  
you were sick from not getting a letter  
on Saturday. Sarah says that she has  
written the "truth the whole truth, and  
nothing but the truth," and from what  
she writes I hope to hear from  
you under your own dear hand by  
~~Friday~~<sup>Wednesday</sup> ~~next~~<sup>if</sup> however you should not be  
able to write by the "Boston," on Monday.  
You must have some one else to write.  
I am now pretty confident that we shall  
get away from here next week. I am  
now more than anxious on your  
account to get home. I know you  
have kind friends with you, but I know  
I can't wait on you with more acceptability  
than any one else, and wish I was with you

that I might minister to your comfort.  
I am laughing a good deal, but still feel quite well. I got a letter from James M. Moore, a yesterday. He says he has written to you, and you will probably get it before this reaches you. He proposes to come for you and the family at a moment's notice, and insists on your going. I do not think it will be necessary, and if it should be necessary to leave the river, I would prefer your going to Tex. as I do not regard that a safe situation, and then I could look after things. I still have hope that Kentucky may be saved from the calamities of war.

I am now of opinion that no bill will become a law annulling the state. The Unionists will not vote for any bill unless it suits them, and this they will not get. It is said that the Sec's will vote the bill favored by the Union men if this should be done, no bill will pass, and the responsibility of the failure will fall on the Sec's. I am of opinion

that the state must be safe without any arms. I am however willing to vote for arms under proper restrictions as to their distribution.

I am somewhat fearful that there will be a collision, if the Government attempts to march troops through Ky. I have no evidence, or intimations that any attempt will be made to pass troops over Ky. It might not cause any collision, and I do not think the Union men would regard it as cause of war.

The Secessionists say Ky. will go out of the Union in 30 days. This prediction has been often made heretofore, and the time has passed and it is still in the Union. They do not like the idea of having a fight at home, and they in the minority. If they were in the ascendancy then they would not hesitate to have a fight.

Rock is here today, came down this morning - all well at Versailles.

I have several letters to write

Frankfort Ky  
Sept 26. 1861.

My Dear Wife.

I received your letter of  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. I regret to hear of  
your being unwell from Cato and  
trust that in this you are restored.  
I feel quite well today, have  
just eat the heartiest dinner I have  
indulged since I left home.

I think from present indications  
that we will adjourn early next  
week, but we will not do so until  
the Senate has signed all important  
bills, and the House passed bills  
among them. I expect we will get  
on it this evening.

This being National fast day the  
Senate met and adjourned until  
tomorrow without transacting any  
business. The House took a recess  
until 3 O'Clock P. M. and it is now  
within a few minutes of the time.

I went to Church, and heard an excellent sermon.

The Bank of Kentucky, and the Northern Bank, took each one half million of the state loan. The Farmers Bank will do as much.

The means will be provided for the defence of the state by the Legislature, but the people must themselves, save the state by their own strong arms.

We are surrounded by enemies, who must be repelled. We must conquer them or they will most certainly subjugate us. I am sometimes fearful that the people are not sufficiently aroused to a sense of the danger.

The Confederate army are burning towns, robbing and committing mad destruction of property, where ever they go. I do not think there is any present danger of this place. And I do not think Greensburg, in any danger now, or that it will be.

I cannot see any reason why any attack should be made there; but there are

Many reasons why no considerable movement should be made in that direction; and if we should have any trouble it will be by them in our midst.

I think our recess will be short, not longer than the first of Novr. I am exceedingly anxious to see "all at home".

I have just learned that Jim Delany, has been arrested, and is now in custody at Camp "Dick Robison". I am glad of it.

I think you may look for me next week with some confidence.

I am glad that I have some and Peggy, here. Many others wish they were in the same file.

I am, now as ever, your  
Affectionate Husband -  
(M. G. Ireland)

... Mrs. Horace Norton as at home now she has been there  
for five weeks. We all love her so much.

It is growing very late my eyelids are beginning to feel  
as though they had a twenty pound weight attached  
to them so I will leave my letter and finish it well  
I cannot say when

Sabbath afternoon finds me with a  
few leisure moments which I shall devote in finish-  
ing this letter. We had such a large and interesting  
Sabbath School this morning & then such a good sermon  
from our beloved pastor, Mr. Rogers. I do wish you all knew  
him he is such a good man such a devoted zealous Chris-  
tian. We had such a precious revival in our church  
a few weeks since. A great many persons united with the  
church of the number was thirty or more. When have you pray-  
ing for you now? Do you ever hear from Mrs & Mrs. Stewart? I pre-  
sume that they are at Danville still.

You spoke in your letter  
about being pretty nearly starved. We are not much better  
off. Provision of all kinds is very scarce & high. Butter  
is very scarce at fifteen and twenty cents per pound.  
We do not get so much as we can use by one half. We  
have been a week at home without it. We get as much  
Maple molasses as we can use which I consider quite  
a luxury & delicacy. You also spoke of going to housekeep-  
ing in Charley's father's house, what house & where is it? I  
did not know that he had a house. I presume he & Miss Sal-  
lie Scathers is not married. Joe Blair returned from Nicholas

County Ky yesterday afternoon. He started over there three weeks  
since. Well just as soon as he heard of the rebels coming on  
there. He came down last evening & told us all about his trip.  
He is a pretty fast young man but he is so good natured very  
independent and a strong Union man. He was once a Kentucky  
and had a very large paper in his hand for the old state.  
He assisted in arresting four "rebels" took them to Paris & sent them  
over to Camp Chase. He also helped arrest two or three others  
& had them confined in the county jail.

He has several letters that he looks  
forward to which are very  
interesting. The whole of what  
the instructions are to be  
more books this summer than  
ever before every person here.  
What is so, you and it  
seems so though we have  
been giving. Has there  
in Ohio? I presume you  
have an account of the  
Daily what the Ballentine  
Chambers, have been about  
out in Lawrence & North  
County. I think it is  
perfectly outrageous. I hope  
I think that it is proth  
nearly as bad as any  
thing I have heard of  
yet. I have heard of  
nearly as much money  
or especially for these  
delectable Northern  
traitors as I have for  
the Southern. I wish  
they were all in the States  
- like the beam or some other  
- Well I have nearly filled  
my paper I don't think  
a sign of more that  
with the paper than you will  
wish to read it - almost  
Chambers time

Your good long letter was  
sent me and I read it with  
interest. I don't think I  
can read it longer. I feel  
that I must stop for this  
time. I will write you  
again in a few days. I  
am well. I hope you are  
the same. I love you all.

We have been having  
beautiful spring days the past  
week. I appreciate the weather.  
I became very tired going to  
school. The sidewalks in our village are very "faw and far  
between" and the road to the school house is perfectly  
awful. Had yet the mud afforded us a great deal of  
amusement. One week we had three or four essays on the  
subject written by the sons of the young ladies of our  
school. But now the mud has all disappeared and we  
have every appearance of a pleasant spring. Mother has been  
making garden today. she is sitting here complaining of  
being very tired but will not go to bed as we are expect-

Last Monday morning, went east to purchase his spring  
 and summer goods. A box of his goods arrived last week  
 he bought them in Philadelphia and started from home  
 went on to New York. We have had two or three letters  
 from him he says that goods are very tight & that he  
 will not purchase as many as he expected.

It seems so long since Father went the longest that he  
 has been away from home for a number of years.

Helen and Ella are sitting here puzzling their brains  
 deciding how to help them with their Debates. They  
 with two other girls - have to write a debate and conduct  
 it for the exhibition at the close of the school, two weeks  
 from next Tuesday night. Jimmie Norton promised to come  
 in and assist them but has not come yet. Oh! you here he  
 comes. I will now quit writing awhile.

Father has not arrived yet. Ella, Jim & Heelen have  
 retired to the parlor. We have had a perfect "light" since  
 wrote the above. After Jim came Heelen went into the parlor  
 to start a fire. She & Ella were going to take Jim in there  
 and write as they said they could not write and listen  
 to our "gibberish". She had just got the fire made and  
 the lamp lighted, when there was a knock at the door.  
 She opened it, two gentlemen came in and inquired  
 for "Leyde and Tede", so we retired to the parlor & left  
 them with Jim in the sitting room. Oh! how it did tease  
 them to think that they had prepared the parlor for our

nearly there is scarcely an evening but that we have  
 company. Ella seems to enjoy being here very much. I never  
 hear her speak of going home. She studies very hard scarcely  
 ever has an imperfect lesson. She remains at school next term  
 if Mr. McCollough concludes to remain & keep the school. He  
 has not decided yet whether he will or not. He is look-  
 ing very thin & is not at all well. He thinks perhaps 'twould  
 be better for his own good to rest awhile.

We anticipate having a good exhibition. I have been  
 very busy the past week drilling my little ones and forgetting  
 myself that I am succeeding finely. Oh! dear it is  
 hard work. I have a class of fourteen little boys and  
 one girl from the ages of four to seven practicing a little  
 song & a speech in concert. It is the hardest thing that  
 I have undertaken, & sometimes become very much discourag-  
 ed and lose all patience with them but Mrs. Watts will  
 not let me give it up; he thinks that they will perform  
 very creditably on that night.

Aunt Susie's health has been very good all winter. She  
 does not live alone. Has quite a large family living in  
 part of her house. She stays at home as above as if she had  
 the whole care of that family.

Mr. McCollough came down <sup>last Saturday</sup> for me to go out to Dr. Norton's  
 to spend the day. We had such a pleasant visit. I always  
 enjoy visiting there. It was the second day that I have  
 spent there since Aunt Pamela rose here. He went out there  
 one Friday night from school & spent the next day.



Dear Will This will be handed to you  
by Mr W H Graddy a Brother of George  
Graddy who has a runaway Negro in  
your Day. He does not take any inter-  
est with him but any thing he says  
you can rely on. and if necessary to  
give any Bond his name is abundantly  
sufficient. do any thing you can  
to aid him in getting the boy. My  
Compliments to all. Very Truly

Versailles Ky  
Apr 23 1863

David P Robb

April 23/63  
D. P. Robb.

Jan 10/64  
"Venezia"

Stammingoburg.

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Darling Pa

I received your letter written at Cincinnati day before yesterday. I suppose the over was the cause of its delay.

The river is nearly closed so that no boats are running and Mother Peter can not get home. Cousin Mary is very anxious for her to come home on account of her lessons. I miss her very much.

I received Ma's letter wednesday. I was so glad to know that she was well enough to write. I expected that her trip, together with the sudden change in the weather would be very apt to make her sick. But her disappointment at Midway was enough to make her sick. If you went to the same Hotel I did I feel for you. It was bad enough in the summer. And I know it would be worse in the winter.

I do not recollect of any winter in my life as cold as this. It has been fine sleeping here.

There were two young ladies visiting Mr Stock-  
wells last week. Several parties were given them  
One was about three miles from town. They had  
a very nice sleigh ride. Two or three turned over which  
was fine fun for them. That of getting up out of  
the snow. I had a ride the other day went about  
a mile. it was the first sleigh ride I ever remember  
of taking.

As I am ashamed of the way  
I played for you. I did not do myself or Miss  
Rebecca either justice. This week I have been play-  
ing better than I ever have. For when ever I get  
homesome. I go to the piano. It makes a great  
deal of difference if I feel like play<sup>ing</sup>. I had  
lost a great deal of sleep which did not agree  
with me. Cousin Mary says I love to sleep  
better than any one she ever saw. I never wake  
until day light. You said you hoped I  
was cheerful when you wrote. It seemed like  
a very short week to me but it is best that you  
visit when you did. If it is convenient you  
must stop as you go back. Although Sallie is  
so headless it is perfectly natural. and she

seems to have made a great many friends.  
I wish I was more of her disposition, although  
I do not think I have any enemies I might make  
more friends. Mr Blissell said he liked to  
converse with you better than any one he had meet-  
ed lately. Mrs Blissell told me I might con-  
sider that a compliment. You seemed to like his  
company and I thought it might be considered  
a compliment the other way. Several of the  
school girls sent their love to Sallie, Lizzie and  
Kate Burns in particular. Cousin Mary laugh-  
ed when I read where you said no better place  
could have been found in America.

All joins with me to air much love to you all  
and a hundred kisses to Ma Sallie and your  
self from me. Write very soon.

Yours Aff Daughter

Estie

gave any thing to the library she can send to  
this. You will wonder at the appearance of  
my paper on the other side. I went to hold  
it over the lamp to dry and soaked it.

All send much love to you  
all. and accept much very much from  
Your Aff Daughter

Lottie

Shenningburg  
January 24<sup>th</sup> 1862

My Dear Pa

I received yours of the  
17<sup>th</sup> Friday. And was glad to hear Ma and  
Lottie had arrived safely at Frankfort. You  
said if you could have me with you for a few  
days your happiness would be complete. That  
can not be. I would love to be with you. I  
know I would enjoy a visit to Frankfort. But I  
am thankful for the great privilege of attending  
school. Which so many are deprived of. I am  
just beginning to appreciate a good education.  
And am determined to improve my time while  
I have an opportunity. After I have finished my  
education I hope to be able to travel.

Miss Rebecca says I am improving in my manner.  
I hope you will see a vast improvement. When next

you hear me today.

Mr Blairdell will have a class in French. It is composed of several young ladies (who do not attend school) together with Nellie and myself. We expect to commence tomorrow.

Tell Sallie she must write and give me description in full of the Penitentiary and all the curiosities of Hartford.

Ma said Sallie had received a present of stationery. I wish she would send me some. I have but this one left.

I spent the day yesterday at Mr Blairdell's with Cousin Mary, Nellie and Miss Louie Willson. We were making aprons for Fannie. He has not been very well. He looks cold and has something like croup.

We were spending the evening at Mr Smith's Friday about eight o'clock. Some Judge Andrews sent for Mr S. to come immediately and he would be received at the back entrance. In about 30 minutes he returned

with the news that another rebel raid was expected. We were very much frightened but remained a while longer and spent a very pleasant evening. The rebels are not here yet. It is reported they are in force at West Liberty.

Nellie says she was very sorry she did not get to see you. It rained so that she could not get over to the City. She went to the Spencer House in the evening but you were not there. Cousin Phoebe says she will write to Ma soon.

I have just returned from hearing one of Mr. Northcutt's best sermons. It does me more good to hear one of his sermons than six such as we have at home. We had an excellent sabbath school this morning. The superintendent proposed that the children bring as much as they could from sabbath to sabbath for <sup>the</sup> missionary <sup>cause</sup> and at conference what ever they had collected he would add the same amount. Tell Sallie as she did not

I will write upon our  
arrival at Frankfurt.  
May God bless, and preserve  
you all, and permit us  
to join you soon at home.  
Yours aff. & affectionate  
Wm. Co. Ireland.

Cincinnati O.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866.

My Dear Wife.

Lutie & I, arrived here  
last night on "Bostonia No 3"  
We had an exceedingly disagreeable  
day yesterday, but got down pretty  
comfortably. The "Bus", called at  
the "House" for Lutie, and Miss R.  
had a warm buck for her. We  
were at Mayville but a little  
while, and I had not time to  
write you from there. We go to  
Louisville at 4 O'clk this evening.  
I had to get Lutie, a new dress.  
New styles of goods. "Henrietta Cloth"  
Silk Worsted. Color given to  
match trimming of her bonnet.  
It will be made by tomorrow  
evening & forwarded Saturday by  
Express. I bought a fur cape  
that matches the Muff exactly.  
Cost \$55.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Jennie's Clark fits

Leticia my mother and she  
think it nice. She is now  
making her own. I did  
not send Leticia's fur, and  
the jewelry up from Mayville,  
because I did not know  
how I could. The Telegraph  
was up. and I would have  
had to leave them in care  
of the Goddard House, and  
trusted to them and the boat.  
Miss Bell Donaldson came  
down to Mayville, from Ft  
with us.

Miss R. requested that  
Leticia, should stop off, as  
she goes home later at her  
wedding. I was inclined to  
refuse. But she insisted with  
so much of pleading earnestness  
that I had to consent. She  
said. "I can't do without her,  
she must be with me. and

if she is not I will be  
not only greatly disappointed  
but feel hurt." and much  
more of the like. She seemed  
to feel, and talk, as though  
she would love some cherished  
object of her heart, by not  
having her with her. She  
will not have to stay but  
a few days. I told her if  
all was well at home she  
should stop off.

She looks for Mrs Prof. &  
Chopra she will go down.  
Leticia, has evidently many  
friends at Ft who are both  
to go with her up.

Mrs Fountain & family  
are all well. Wrote by  
"Telegraph" to Frankfurt on  
Monday. I am anxious to  
know how you are all standing  
this terrible sort of weather.





Frankfort Ky Dec 5<sup>th</sup> / 65

Dear Will

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> was received, and according to your suggestion I about faced and become a Candidate for ast CLK in the Senate, which place I got without opposition I say without opposition because Deaton did not amount to that in the race as but few of his friends supported him he received the votes of Hoggins, W D Worthington, Patrick, Morrow and one other. The Ald. Dr put me through in good style he has been sick since Friday and has not yet been able to go to the Senate Chamber however he is much better to day and says he will go up tomorrow, we are at Mr D Swigerts have a good room, The Dr sends much love to Pamela and all of you,

We have five Contested Cases in the Senate,, Boards consisting of the usual number

were appointed today and will go into  
an investigation at once. I think Mr  
Well did himself harm in the Caucus  
Yesterday. The town is full of Candid-  
-ates for Deputee, and for Keeper of Peace

I was pleased to see two of  
your Greenup girls here yesterday they  
appeared delighted that Deaton was Deputee  
I refer to Miss Komus & Miss Wynn, they  
are pleasant girls and I should have  
been pleased if they had staid longer

Write soon, and excuse this as  
I have written the most of it in the  
dark, love to all

Yours Truly  
David P. Robb

D. P. Robb  
Dec 24 1863

Agreement between W. C. Ireland of  
Greensburgh Ky. and William Henderson,  
of Mason County Ky. as follows-

Ireland sells to Henderson a tract of land  
situate on the waters of Cabin Creek, in  
the Counties of Mason & Lewis, being the  
land owned by S. D. Ireland, before his  
decease - and adjoining the lands of  
David Mc <sup>John Garrett</sup> Deubar, Charles King,  
Joseph Garvin, James Tully, and  
William Trench. Together with all  
the improvements & appurtenances to the  
same in any wise belonging. There is excepted  
from this Sale and Conveyance the grave  
yard - not exceeding twenty five feet square  
containing the graves and stone from the  
land of sufficient to build a stone wall  
around the same.

The Consideration of this Sale is the  
sum of <sup>dollars</sup> Three thousand five hundred  
(\$3,500.<sup>00</sup>), to be paid as follows: viz:  
Five hundred (\$500.<sup>00</sup>) first of Decr  
next - One thousand first of March  
1867. and the balance in four equal  
payments of five hundred dollars  
each, and at mid, tw, thr and four  
years from the first of March 1867.  
and to bear interest from March 1<sup>st</sup> 1867

at the rate of three percent per annum.  
 Henderson, is hereby ministered with thought  
 resides in the lease of Ireland, to John  
 J. Gillaspie, to enter for the purpose  
 of sowing small grain this <sup>coming</sup> fall, he  
 to pay Gillaspie the damage if any  
 occasioned thereby. The lease of  
 Gillaspie, expires 1<sup>st</sup> March 1867 at  
 which time Henderson, is to have  
 possession, and make the second  
 payment - Ireland, vice then, as  
 soon as convenient thereafter, make a  
 deed of Conveyance for the land  
 with general Warranty - Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 1866 signed in duplicate -

Attest: F. D. Russell,



William<sup>ms</sup> Henderson  
 W. J. Ireland<sup>mark</sup>

W. J. Ireland

F. D. Russell

W. Henderson

this place several miles further, and  
take a private conveyance and go in to  
country ten miles to where his land  
is. We are stopping at a very good house  
the land lady is very kind indeed.  
My Pa and Sam started for the land  
bright and early this morning Sammie  
has a very bad cold, and cough he has  
very much he will be worse by the trip  
I can't tell exactly when we will leave  
here. Sam inclined to travel to night  
as we could reach. She intended  
to add Reshuk. but got sleepy, and  
went to bed. I now take up at  
Peoria Ill. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1868.

We remained at Lexington till yesterday  
morning. I got caught in a rain with  
Sammie, I had a blanket and an  
oil cloth, and succeeded in keeping  
him dry, but breathing the cold  
damp atmosphere, menaced his

Lexington, Ill

Sept 30, 1868.

My Dear Children

I will give  
you a partial account of our travel  
to this place. We left Cincinnati  
Saturday morning, got to Indianapolis  
half past eleven we had given us a  
delightful suit of rooms at the Bates  
House. I dined for dinner while  
my Pa brushed and fixed himself and  
Sammie. immediately after dinner the  
servant came to tell us there was two  
ladies in the parlor who wanted to  
speak we found Miss Eliza and  
Laura Ford. we telegraphed to them  
on Friday, so they were on the track out  
for us. Miss E said we must go to the  
Academy of Music a beautiful building  
just finished the entertainment was  
very good. The young ladies were

very long they could not entertain us  
during our stay in the city, but they  
were horse cleaning and was expecting  
Capt Ogden that night. Laura took  
tea with us, after tea Eliza, Willie and  
Capt C. <sup>(who came during the evening)</sup> and wife came down and  
spent the evening. Sarah and Mary  
rider came on the seven o'clock train  
from Louisville - so you see we had  
plenty of company. I went with E  
to the Episcopal Church Sunday morn  
Laura took care of Sammie and after  
Church we dined with the Fords had  
a splendid dinner. I must give you some  
of Sam's talk of course - but it would  
take a dozen sheets of paper to give any  
thing like all he has said that would  
be funny - and Sarah was in my room  
Sunday morn'g admiring my new  
dress and saying a good deal about it  
and about the Greenup folks not think  
ing she was noticing what we said

so after I was dressed for church he  
looked at me and said, "Ma you look  
like good society now" I suppose he got  
the idea from what Sarah had said.  
He is not one bit of bubble whilst we are  
traveling. He has a cry every time we stop  
he never ~~shows~~ shows any disposition to make  
the acquaintance of children, but  
will talk with Gentlemen on all  
occasions. We will have to leave the  
most of our trip to talk over when we  
get home. We left Indianapolis  
Monday 9 o'clock reached Bloomington  
Monday 10 o'clock that eve, a distance of two hundred  
and thirty miles just imagine me with  
sick headache all that time - but as  
good luck had it I did not get to vomit  
about more. The Hotel  
at Box is not good at all. I was glad  
to leave it. your Pa found upon arriv  
ing there he would have to come to

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

FRANKFORT, *August 25*, 187*4*.

The undersigned, a Board for Examining the Returns of the Election held the *25th* day of *August*, 187*4*, hereby certify that *W. C. Inman* received a majority of the votes given for the office of *Judge of the Circuit Court*

*In the Sixth Judicial District of Kentucky*

and is, therefore, duly and regularly elected to that office for the term prescribed by the Constitution.

*P. W. Leslie*, Governor.

*W. C. Inman*, Attorney General.

*G. W. Branch*, Secretary of State.

Hear the Cause between your  
brethren and judge righteously  
between every man and his brother  
-er, and the stranger that is with  
him.

Ye shall not respect per-  
sons in judgement; but ye shall  
hear the small as well as the  
great; ye shall not be afraid  
of the face of man; for the  
judgement is Gods: and  
the Cause that is too hard  
for you, bring it unto me,  
and I will hear it.

16. 17. Verses.  
1st Chapt. Deuteronomy.

Judge W. G. Ireland,  
16. Dist. Dist. Kentucky  
Commissioned & Qualified Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874



J. PROCTOR KNOTT,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Lebanon, Ky., May 28<sup>th</sup> 1883

My dear Judge:

Among the many hundreds of congratulatory letters and telegrams I have received since my recent nomination no one has afforded me greater gratification than your own. I have not only renewed a thousand times to our brief but pleasant acquaintance of thirty three years ago, but from that time to the present have sustained for you sentiments of the sincerest friendship. You can readily see therefore why the kind expressions contained in your letter possess far more than ordinary value in my estimation. I feel that I cannot thank you for them in appropriate terms, and will only say that as I prize the good opinion of friends like yourself "above rubies," I will never intentionally do anything to forfeit it.

It was my intention even before I received your letter to visit your place during the summer, but presently when I can do so I am not now able to say. With best wishes for your continued prosperity and happiness, I am very truly & sincerely

Your grateful friend

J. Proctor Knott

Hon. H. C. Ireland

May 28/83,  
J. Proctor Knott.