



Went Gibson Esq
Tiptonville
La.

only see us all assembled
together - reading & rereading
her letters - She would make an
effort to try a little of them - &
extend them beyond their pre-
- sent limits

Our plan for you is to spend
the summer with us - all things
will be duly and properly ar-
- ranged for your reception - and
your business at Hartland can
be quite as well conducted
by an occasional visit - and I
promise to write with your uncle
William, as a sort of ^{your} Epistolary
Committee & go down with you after

Remember us most kindly to your
Father, Sisters & family

All join in much love to
yourself & dear Henry

Yrs Affectionately

A. J. Duane

Lexington March 3rd 1840

My Dear Aunt

Yours of the 12th ultimo

was duly received, the servants and
stock were shipped on board the
Deana on last Tuesday for N Orleans
& from thence to Figgoville by tail
three choice hands & 8 mules - all
of which, I presume will have come
safely to hand before this reaches you
I telegraphed you, on the same
evening from Louisville, advising
you of the same,

On yesterday I received from your
Father - his letter of the 24th Jan
where it has been lingering on the
road I cannot conceive - since
it was written - your plans here
all been changed

I regret to hear of your having
so much sickness among you

and trust the disease has sub-
sided entirely

I apprehend that you cannot be too particular in your instructions about the health of the boys. They should be worked very lightly - the first & second season - as I suppose, it will take two seasons to acclimate them, to banish them from lethargy or the enervating effects of the climate - feel disinclined to work. They should be indulged - and upon complaining the least should lay up and have medical attention or good nursing. The greatest possible care should be taken of them during the process of acclimation.

I would advise you for the present to defer upon your return - the idea of improving Scotland expensively - this is that you may more efficiently - write

and concentrate your means in the improvement & proper development of Magnolia - that is to be your reliable resource for income - and to build up your fortune. Now is the time, in early life - to lay deeply and firmly the foundations upon which you are to build - if your property spent in the improvement & union of all your available means at Magnolia - will be the beginning of a fortune that should satisfy - the observance of a proper economy - and the avoidance of all other outside investments - should be strictly adhered to - to insure success

Say to my dear Mary that her letters - though seldom coming to hand - are a source of great gratification. If she could

to hunt a temporary house
for my family - until the
conclusion of this war
and of course - I shall desire
her & the children to be with
us - on every account - so soon

as the war is over, I here for
you ^{both} a delightful home - in
Lexington

But I entreat of you
not to think of any movement
for Mary Smith

The children - are both
well & exceedingly bright and
in good looks - as the jockey says
"hard to beat,"

In conclusion, my Dear Hart
^{say that says to}
I will ^{say that says to} you & your affairs are
a subject of constant solicitude
and anxiety & whatever may
happen - I hope to be in a situa-
tion to make you comfortable
Yrs most affectionately
H. L. Sumner

Lexington May 2nd 1864

My Dear Hart

Your most welcome
letter of the 19th ultimo - I duly recd
But owing to a great press of en-
gagements & looking daily for the
arrival of Mary (who is still
in N. Y.) to hand the funds she
has for you - which she keeps
as a secret - they have not
been forwarded - upon her re-
turn she will, be able to add
to it considerably & do as you
wish - It is a pity she had not
done - in this - what might have
been done - furnished you
with what she could - when
she parted with you at Rich-
mond Ky - some 18 months ago
If all things could be foreseen
how

wisely & judiciously - we should
act in all things - And if prac-
-tically it may yet be done
Letters received since I wrote
to you - from Henry & Luke all
well - Also from your two Sisters
Mrs M. expects to return in July
Luca has changed his school to
one more satisfactory - Your
Father has taken a house in
N O - Your friends here are all
well & take a deep interest
in all that concerns you.

I have as yet had no account
of the arrival of the Old Brandy
hope it has reached in safety

In relation to business - Both
Henry & myself are unavoid-
ably detained his wife is in
the look out for an interesting
event, looked for daily & I am
constantly employed - Can papers
be safely sent to you, for

acknowledgment before a
Commissioner on the applica-
tion of two - contrabands - Though
if I find I can do so - I prefer
to go east - and

Mary & Ell ought to return
home - Mary's presence is need-
ful in account of her own
business - And I do hope in your
correspondence with her you
will feel the absolute necessity
of impressing upon the propriety
of her abandoning all idea of
going South - This was cannot
last, it seems to me much longer
The South cannot meet the ever
whelming force brought to
bear upon them - And in such
a state of things - safety to her
makes any house her appro-
-priate home - I may decide
to ^{move to} N Y or Phil^a or their
neighbourhoods