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remedy in these parts for every com-  
plaint - Even head aches down to the  
neck - and it is sometimes more speedy  
in its effects than "bread-pills"

Art was very much pleased with  
your note - he said he would give you  
a letter this morning - but I told  
him I intended to write and  
that it would be best for him  
to wait a day or two - so that all  
would not reach you at once -  
Lily has just come in and tells  
me to give her love to you -

Lee has moved - everything here -  
where he intends staying for a while -  
I think brother Henry ought to come  
south this winter - I saw Bill  
Minor on the cars - Art has  
come for my letter he joins me in  
much love to all - Mr Gibson  
sends his kind regards to all  
With much love to all I remain  
your affect & devoted daughter  
M. D. G.



Cake Forest  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 1860.

My dearest Mother  
We have just returned  
from New Orleans - where we have  
been since last Thursday - I intended  
writing to you while in the city but  
all my time was occupied in going  
about - I was much pleased with  
all I saw - found New Orleans just  
as I expected - a very dirty place -  
however it is a fine place to pass  
the winter - "Pa" talks of buying a house  
there - which I hope he will - but  
it is yet a matter of "talked about"  
Yell father there was a large <sup>sugar</sup> plan-  
tation fifty miles from New Orleans

on the river: sold the other day for  
five hundred thousand dollars - it  
was bought by ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> same  
man who has the Preston plantation  
his income will now be five hundred  
thousand a year - he is an old "back"  
and has the finest horse in Va. -  
This is certainly the country for making  
money - and that easily - where a man  
gets - 50 per cent on his property - and  
as to slaves - the place is no worse  
to own them than another - you  
must not think I am losing my abolition  
principles - they are the same -  
I forgot to mention a dreadful occur-  
rence which took place at the  
St Charles - while we were there - I  
send you the news paper account  
which you will understand better  
than mine - it was awful - I heard  
the reports of the pistol in my room  
Hart leaves for Gages tomorrow - when  
he will remain a week or more -

I shall not accompany him - as the  
weather is changeable - and from  
the landing to Preston's - is five miles  
and sometimes must be waded -  
I hope Father was able to under-  
stand my letter - I was obliged to  
write in a hurry - as we started  
the same day - & I had but a few  
minutes to write - I wrote what  
Mr Gibson said - as he knew -  
Mr Humphrey and family have not  
arrived yet - they are at old Mr H's  
sister in law's - where they have been  
detained by the children - being  
sick - Catharine sends her love to Miss  
& servant - I found her sick when I  
came (yesterday noon) - on Friday it rained  
and according to her old habit she went  
out & got wet - <sup>& kept on her damp clothes</sup> but she is better this  
morning and I suppose will be up  
tomorrow - Mr Gibson had ammonia  
administered as soon as he found she  
was sick - this is the cure.