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Tell sister Montgomery goes south
with me & we will
come by Lexington within one
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McKINLEY GIBSON.

New Orleans, Sept 3 1874

My Dear Hart,

Kim has received this morning notice of seizure of Pine Oak by the Merchants - the whole of it Sister's half as well as his own. They can now buy it in - subject to the Claims Mortgage & judgment against the Place - and can consume several years collecting these in the Supreme Court. This practically places the Place in their power & possession within thirty days. I hope Cousin Rebecca will notify me after acceptance of the Mortgage to Phelby Lewis - as additional security to the Mortgage on the Chicago property. This step on her part will in no way impair, invalidate or weaken the Chicago Mortgage - but she can accept it - used as say - additional security for the debt due her by Sister. I wrote her to this effect and I hope made the matter plain but you can over it with her. Mortgages & notes are made here to pass by mere delivery. It is not essential that her name should have been used. That is a matter of indifference. If I execute a mortgage on my property & secure notes made by your order and endorsed by me _____ work

the execution of these notes — made by our order and
endorsed by me — whoever becomes the holder of these
notes can invoke the mortgage by which they are
secured — and hold the property for the debt.

In this case, the mortgage was made in favor
of Shelby Lewis — but the notes were made by Josiah
G. Humphreys, McKinley Gibson & their own order &
endorsed by them — so that if they pass into the
hands of Rebecca Hort — they are hers & she can
invoke the mortgage against the property.

Now the understanding was, when I received these notes
that they were held for the benefit of Rebecca
Hort who had really loaned sister (6000^{xx}) so that
if the property was ever seized, I could intervene
for Rebecca & sue her debt. The merchant have
seized and will sell the property. This mortgage
has precedence of theirs (the merchant) and if
Rebecca now accepts these notes & directs me to
intervene on her behalf & to protect her interests,
I can force the merchant — sooner or later — to pay
the amount they represent — say now with
interest \$6000. I will pay over the money to Rebecca.
If this payment equals the full sum of the amount
due her by sister — why then of course, the

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mortgage on Chicago held now by her - is ipso facto cancelled. In other words, she will credit the Chicago mortgage with what she receives, from these notes.

I wish you I came back here in Aug & close this business. I brought up the Reily judgment: I arranged with the Sheriff about the taxes: I arranged with Gorde & took land under two years for all owed him - by Greenwood & mi Oak. I gave McKinley full power of attorney I arranged to borrow the money needed. I employed Gorde because he had promised Sister always to protect her. I let Kim take title out & put it in Cassin Rebecca - Lucy Humphreys - Louf Gibson - so as he seemed best. Went away the last of July - with my claim arranged - the prospect & he sailed in August & advertised she sold the last Saturday in September the highest true for money. The claims I held with Rebecca, would have covered the prospect. The merchant would have been compelled to pay the whole amount of them Cash. That would have been impossible - utterly impossible at that time. The middle of August Gorde met Sister. At that time waiting to me - he cannot consensual with

his obligations & or - institute a garnishment - hostile proceedings - and feels constrained to recede from our understanding and agreements.

That is an end of the matter. Previous to taking the first step I had sent Mr. Kaily & his wife & sister had full concern in my plans. Her conversation with Brode caused him to throw up the case at the 11th of Nov - too late for me to employ anybody else - for now the Sugar Crop being fine & the losses coming in - in thirty days - the law requires 30 days advertisement - by Nov 1st the Merchants will be in funds before foreclosed ^{could} pay the claims & prevent cash down. But by taking the initiative themselves, they can now buy in the property - without paying these claims on the spot cash down - but subject to them and once in possession they may dispute them on every possible ground. I see, therefore, no way now to avoid the loss of this property. And I do hope Cousin Rebecca will accept the note held by me for her benefit - so that the amount of them may be used to pay her debt & her share in that amount the Chicago property will be free. It will be free by the amount realized on these notes and of her debt. If money is made out of them - the Chicago property stands intact. Even now they would not conflict &

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and realize on both — and if the sale of both properties,
produced more than the amount of the debt due her,
the overplus she would be bound, to pay to sister.

I deeply regret the loss of her oak. She made
great sacrifices to save it. But poor sister — not
knowingly but directly played into the hands of
her hostile creditors and with a wily lawyer on one
side & merchant on the other — will reap my disappointment
& mourning regrets.

But I assume you think sister's mind upset by the
complications of the past few years; and when the force
of this catastrophe fully developed, Lucy & Lucy ought
to be with her. My fears are allayed at the effort upon
her. There is no doubt but that she would jump into
the Bayou before she would return to Kentucky.
Her children are as nothing. As considerations will
induce her to see things as they are and to act on
the situation.

I did all I could to save her oak & will
continue to do so. But Lucy & Lucy ought to know
something in Kentucky the fact in the case — and

Sisters' true condition. I am alarmed about her &
for her. I hope you will consider these things.
You may read this letter - I tried to write - to
Sister Lucy & Rebecca. I have never had any
concealment. I would love to hear from
little ones. May God bless you all.

Your affectionate brother

R. Liban

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My Dear Aunt,

I came back here in July and perfected arrangements with Goode & Sage to sell Pine Oak on the Kelly judgment, the Th^o Cullom mortgage, & the Lewis mortgage - I did not bring so much as to include the Cotton. After arranging with W^o Cullom for time - and to buy the place in - I came to an understanding with Goode as to the fees due him & money loaned on Greenwood - by which he was to take so much land from Pine Oak, certain stock from Magnolia in settlement in full of his claim against Greenwood & Pine Oak. I sent McKinley to the country & he settled in advance & they agreed to the whole thing. I placed all the papers in Lord's hands with full confidence & specific instructions. I imagine my surprise when in August - too late to proceed with the highest money time - he wrote me that he had seen Mr Humphreys & felt constrained to say he could not bring the suit - absolute suit.

You may see that I am being soundly denounced in Terrebonne & Lafourche among my old friends - for the heartless manner in which I defended Toke and his

Spent the winter in the pt. would be that - Sister's working - all day long
from as if it were a winter. This is really carrying out promises made to her

his property - breaking him up in life and depriving
you and Lou of what sometimes had as you are rich it
didn't matter but it was hard on the & Lou. But the
the climax I had attempted to deprive my widowed sister with
charge of my & Lou's out of her inheritance but I had
been foiled by God. I can see now how Sister really
might have missed you in Kentucky without perhaps
intending it. She must say of her particular friend I feel
like a pick pocket. I imagine they say - there goes that
hard hearted wretch - a man without a soul - who brought
his father & his home and has deprived all his brothers &
Sisters out of every acre in Tennessee.

how am I in a fix! There is John & Mary so there is the
need to sustain him & there is God but the sheep & you
to contain the rumors of the attempt to deprive her & her
children -

but a severe is up & miles & miles have covered in. They
whole country must go under again. I am going to try to
sell all the mules & wagons from Nagastia & Newwood
will get a relief bill for taxes - but the debt due
God's name will swallow up the property. He and
the merchant will get his out; but I am going to try to help
him some by half. I think Lucy & Lou too should not think
of coming South. Give Lou \$20 per month and if she can

and I am paying for them.
Of course he has no business but to
live - and his expenses we can't
get below \$75. - per month.
This added to what I pay Sam - squeezes
me dry. But I hope by this time
my father-in-law will be on his feet.
Kindly my affectionate & kind in
every way & attentive to business.

I am running again for
Congress - my district extends
from India Street to the Gulf.
I address the Free Press this
evening & will be elected. It is
the first district against typhoid.

My family are at High College.
They are all well & heart. My little
child - is in W. St. Croix's trouble.
I will select a lot in the

Historic Cemetery - a new one -
near him & Lexington. He must
rest beside me.

Hope you are getting on fine ground
w/ your own affairs. I am stepping
along only.

Love to all here & Mary, & the children.
I suppose Duncan has become
quite a young man & ready to
be a grown up.

I will be glad to hear from you.

Yours affly brother

R. Hibson

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New Orleans, Oct 17th 1874

My Dear Hart,

I regret the tone of your letter but I know you are greatly harassed and it is natural that you should be quickly irritated. I have made no conveyance to Lobe but I never mentioned in a letter, a statement that I did not myself own an acre of the property, that my heirs had no interest in it. but that I held it in trust for you & Lobe to bear Gibson subject to the claims against the property. Sister had been saying that it was doubtful what would do with this property and felt pardoning lest I should appropriate it myself. Lobe had also expressed this intention & I never intended to give up the property. Well it is a long story. But to save myself from this acknowledgement to Lobe - but reminded him of your debt against the property & his promise to pay it & to give up his interest. This paper declaring the property not to be mine I supposed should

surprised Sister. And thence the whole of it.
I had to sail me. I had had enough of it from about
Lenebome. I bought this Place in with money I intended
to pay the interest my House with and my notes
out now, in this bill at 20 per cent. discount for
the £500 paid out by me. There are now about
£300 one for taxes on Green Road and £200 on Magnolia
both seized & sold for taxes? Which the one?

I thought I had written to you on this & other matters in
Lenebome so you would understand them.

If Rebecca declines to accept the notes that were
made actually & secures her debt, then she will
never be able to recover it. — I wish her before she
declines to receive additional security for a
debt due them why she should decline, possess
ing Comprehension. Say this to her from me,
I am busy at my law preparing Codes for Courts
at my Cousins. Write me all the while.
Yr affected brother R. + Libson.

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I want to say a word to you about your own affairs. In the first place a man need not buy himself until he is dead nor salute the devil until he meets ruin. If in your place I could exorcise myself and you can do the same. You must meet and control events not remain passive.

You ought immediately to arrange to foreclose on that Depl loan - sell yourself out - that may be the proper time and assume the loan & then that would cut out all others & settle title I believe you.

Because a man can't pay his debt in these times or is involved - he must give up life why the idea is absurd. In politics there is more sympathy for a broken man.

John Ellis beat Jim Gustis - Col Wagonman beat Frank Jones - why should a financial distress - is a trump Card.

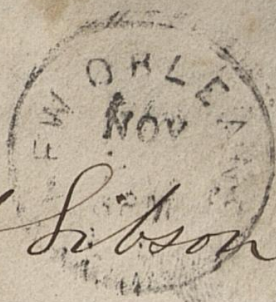
Now you have given me some advice - take some from me. Invite me up when you do come so I can see how if it can be done - and

Alfred H. ... said the secret of success in life was in having the hide of a rhinoceros - I can't speak the word - that is what you want - You must be as thick as a rhinoceros - to be successful.

advise with me about your pecuniary troubles.
 Let us get them settled. You think you have such
 abundant time. Oh, God! I have been a bubble
 afloat — playing a mere bluff game all my
 life: but I have the nerve to strike. Never write.
 Your diffidence — is sensitiveness — which leads
 to recklessness. You want quiet, working, healthy thoughts.
 Put your House in order by cutting out — by offensive
 measures — actual surgery — your Creditors — all
 the world & then you will have Peace of Mind,
 no man can force besieged. You cannot live on the
 defensive while your enemies are gathering around
 & day by day are plotting for your capture. A year
 would die of such a strain. Do not sit like a man
 with a stone a blow. Disperse the mob of plunderers.
 The close & snap your fingers in their faces though
 you stand on the outer wall. Let not your bottom
 men who have no sense or who have prospered & be
 seized but when you prosper is safe — do not bother
 make yourself miserable. Do talk about lost credit,
 lost aspirations! lost hope — all that
 is cowardice. As I have told you so often advise
 with me & arrange to take active measures, to
 get out of the defensive attitude — an attitude

You will be cheerful & happy & the money. In fact & the other
 of the day in the afternoon — and in the afternoon the appearance

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by Dr. Hart. Your letter is the first definite intelligence I have had of Lobe's marriage needs. I have had no letter nor telegram from him. Kai telegraphed today for him & you for him & drew upon us for \$50 fifty-dollars. But Kai after Lobe left to write to him not to draw on me - that my circumstances would not admit of it. but to write me and I would help him to the extent of my ability. I wrote to him several weeks ago when I heard of his intended marriage that he must pause & reflect before taking the step - that if the lady did not have ready money enough to support for some & a support for both - it was simple madness. I thought that warning ample & necessary.

There is nothing here - no earthly opening for him. He was out - at the end in Lenebome with no practice & no prospects & no credit. The times are down & nothing can be done in Lenebome. I am loaded down to the ground

+ shipping water every minute and work on
the pumps & keep my head up so as to breathe.
I have exhausted my last dollar of help.
He ought to be on a Farm. To set up anywhere will
exhaust any money the lady has.
He must stay with her and love where he is
married. If he goes to prospecting - & going
here & there - he will get off the deck into
the deep sea & there is no hand to touch him.
Mark my words - he must go on this Farm -
any venture will bring certain ruin. And
his hands & little down about his waist
one or two & sold on Dec 5th. What the upshot
will be nobody can tell. The Folsom estate will have
to pay in cash \$10,000 & cover all anterior &
superior claims - & get the whole property.
If they can pay \$10,000 the whole place is theirs.
They knew this before seising - why seise if they
can't buy. By bidding the place in, by paying
\$10,000 cash, they secure their whole debt
about \$18,000. If they fail now, they can
continue suits, get judgments, and hold on until
property takes value.
If Sister had not after agreeing to my plan -

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after I went away last Summer — resumed
 it and prevented the sale by instructing Goode
 to the effect that my link was "hostile" —
 I could have bought in the whole property on
 the Rely Judgment & cut out Lewis's mortgage
 and had everything for the sale, would have
 taken place in the very crisis of the Sep-
 -tember Revolution when nobody here could
 have raised a dollar. Injunctions may
 give temporary relief — but the Securities
 Minor & Cullom will have their claims
 in the event that the Injunctions be ultimately
 set aside they are held in damages.
 Extra expense & complications will be load down
 the Property & Lawyers' fees consume heavily.
 I had arranged to pay Goode any dollar Greenwood
 & his ork owed him with money & movable
 from Major's ho' & all the places & having
 bought the Rely Judgment — we had
 touched the whole Estate mentioned.
 all agreed to on a defined basis & agreement

plain & explicit. How Trade holds his mortgage
a Greenwood & his oak with interest running
at 8 per cent & taxes are going unpaid & costs of
every kind accumulating & lawsuit interminable.
John Under Trade are his sole advisers.
In King instructed & Lane completely retraced &
looked upon with distrust by my brother & Leeborne
& Laforce that is over old family friends.
Therefore can neither give advice nor is it
sought.

Fact & being I be sold the Pump for Greenwood for
\$150 Cash. Raised a great row about it went
so far as to institute suit in Court against the
Purchasers - the Woods who bought W. Under's
Place - first recovery alleging that it had been
taken without my consent & by illegal means & soon
that I was the owner. I felt too greatly incensed to
say anything about it to you - but it appears
that suit has been dropped on & show that I
intended to defraud I be & that I was in fact
charging him with that. I could not do
that & finally withdrew it. The pressure was
too great on me. The fact is Lane used up in
reputation in Leeborne in the attempt

From the fact of the same & filed the same myself -

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Dear my Brothers & Sisters.

I am going to have a sale of all movables on
Greenwood & Magazine after rolling in
my things and pay off, what is due and to
Compromise with Sordé & clear Greenwood.
If Lobe comes to Greenwood & his work —
there will be an end of all things there — with
you, brother & I say.

But I will do all that can be done to settle
Sordé's mortgage & the taxes & disencumber
the property.

Kim sends a kinship to Sister but needs
her further. Her serious consequence
further depression of spirit, & extraordinary
suspicious and long isolation & exclusion.

Do not mention these things to Lobe.

The poor fellow was desperate. Do pity him.
I hope to pray he has found relief. He needs it.
He has been living under a state of daily trials
greater than he could bear.

He must all try to be charitable. My God how

The six hundred dollars each paid me to try it in — 4 cancelled.
My wife & I give a clear acquittance & there is no evidence of any claim of mine
in existence. I do say as this.

little we know of life! how little of money
matters! What children!

Do not let us quarrel. There is time to reform
somewhat. Let Fob be on a Tour where it will
not cost him anything to live. If his wife has
a few thousand dollars - just enough for
him to go somewhere abroad in his Profession -
he will consume the last dollar in travelling
efforts, in going from one venture to another -
in coming down here for his health or some
other pretext of going west - all will
be frittered away - and his doom sealed.
Let him settle down to manage the Farm or in some
way that living may be secure.

But enough. I am working as no man works
here right today. If I have time I will make
a landing and get him a practice too. He
promises well.

Expecting Fanny this week. Do write
me something about poor Fob's prospects &
chances. For God's sake do be kind & get
him settled.

My warmest love to Fanny & the children. May
God bless & support you in the constant progress
of your ever devoted Brother R. L. Sibson.

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New Orleans, Nov 28th 1874

My Dear Hart,

I have received your kind letter and am touched by your efforts in my behalf and in your aspirations for me; but really when you reflect soberly upon the matter, you will see that these obstacles in my way are very great - insurmountable. Against that fatal fate that attends the Sibans - counting one dollar good for ten - I have got to contend and to contend with of others who copy the same inherent weakness I do myself. I am loaded down with debts, liabilities. I have no time for politics. My time is not my own. I have given hostages to fortune. I must first give to my wife & children a decent support & then try to keep Louie & Kin afloat - and then I can give a little time & attention to Politics. But the struggle for the above named objects in the face of the national bank & extravagance and profligacy for money matters - is a Titanic struggle. If I had the resources of steel and a resolution firm as rock, the responsibilities, difficulties, suffering, ill health & abuse from my own

Longwood should have broken me down utterly.

And now no man can go into politics with the hope of success - who lives in a life - and has neither time or money.

If my family were like yours on a farm and I had a considerable population & a central position like yours, I might aspire - but it is folly for me to think of it and I mean to keep on quietly struggling for personal emancipation from debt. I had life as repulsive as Father ever did.

Some two of my friends joined the Temperance Pledge - and while never drank anyhow - could not - I think this fact has strengthened my purposes & plans.

I wish you would join too. I don't like the way you write about your affairs. Commitment and assurances of independence from you & me, do us sound healthy.

I think I fear you have gotten in the trap and are so entangled that you prefer to be quiet rather than proclaim the state of siege in which your creditors have driven you. Your timidity - can never save you. It will drive you to desperation - a loss of temper, a loss of dignity - a loss of ambition - a loss of self respect and to drink. Now if you are involved why not communicate with me. Your troubles come from mistakes of judgment - investing money here in dry or planting which you could not attend to and

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turn and find resolution of in despair. Ball
comes naturally upon you then — better if you
knew the world more ever in it — or can appreciate
it. Have Day consult with me. I know you must be
involved else you would fix up New Wood & Day
Trade & try of his money, pay taxes & pay me
for the help in the way of blood money each advances
by me to some job — Why you tell me you cannot
be helped, that you are not embarrassed — it is
madness. But enough. Think on these things kind.
You see how I am concerned. I do not express myself
Day body but to you so take what Day in good part & write
me all about your business.

Lobe arrived with his bride Lucy & Sally
yesterday at St Charles but called last evening at
my house & we all went to the Opera & they left
this morning. Had everything ready to receive them
but was at Court & did not know they were in
the city until 5 P.M.

Of course the trip South is the beginning of the
reckless Policy which will result in Lobe's ruin.
She told me Sister had insisted on their spending

My wife & I know, she has promised a promise in business before she leaves in the family history with her last dollar before she leaves in the future.

The writer and his oak & the other relatives were coming. I have been starting myself to make kin & send on the place & the place & the place on 4th Dec: and if the sales defeated by injunction mortgage will hold, interest accumulate, could follow and rising claims of \$15,000 run into judgment & become judicial mortgages so the longer the place held the more impossible for Sister & kin to hold it. — See the bull & the truth in it! But John Winder & Sister for it. So do they do much proper she has pretty much put law & law to John. When kin writes to John — he replies, he prefers not to discuss but this business. So kin has to go out tomorrow & Hanna to find out about Sister's doing. I think their idea is to let kin's help & to save Sister. What an absurdity! Still you have done me all wrong and I think you & Sister are almost beyond recovery though I believe she is better gone than any will wind up by interdiction. If you & she had been interdicted at the end of the war — you would both have been rich — rich — rich. We must all try and come down sooner. It's not too late. There is time a plenty.

Somebody ought to get hold of Lobe. I don't suppose

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 in a newspaper venture for which if you ever profited
 for anything — it was for that.

There are the two errors. I will not do & blame others
 & send all them to the world nor to blame yourself and
 get despondent.

The errors are potent and the result potent & painful.

But can there be no amendment? I think a full
 discussion with me would do you good. Striking your
 such discussion and imagining yourself in the
 errors are greater than others — is the worst
 sort of Cowardice. I would rather see you prosperous
 & happy in life in any way than to be President & get
 while you are ready to do anything & promote me in
 Public life — You are unwilling for me to help you
 to emerge from the deep pond & discomfort in which
 you find yourself and I think you can be
 extracted. Made like Felix, Sister hides away from
 the world on pine oak & enjoys the friendly floods that
 cut her off from the sight & contact of the world —
 and when I came forward to rescue her from the walls
 from walls — of destiny closing in upon her —
 she cried out — that her Brother would depend on her

that the world was against her - that she could trust
no one - that I had defrauded you, Toke & Lang -
and that she would prefer quietly to submit
& destroy whatever it might be rather than
permit me to stretch out the saving hand & rescue.
So she turns upon me as the source of her misfor-
tunes & Father & her Brothers & Sisters & after them
the world. If she could only climb a tree & quit the
world she would do it but not being able to do this
she clings to her oak which is the next thing to it.
& thus she can abuse everybody for her bad luck & quit
herself before her own misfortune.

You are a boy too far from your creditors & of the world but
thank God you do not blame me. But you would
counsel with me. Why if you don't, you will be
driven shall you & ruin. Come out. Let us talk.
There is hope in life. Some Courage. That is all you want.
You & Sister are both downright Cowards - that is what
is the matter. You have got us fight in you - mean no
cheerful - healthy fight. and a ~~diffuse~~ gay & spirited fight
meeting the world cap in hand & the devil in the eye
& the cry of victory in the heart - but you permit
yourself to be driven and driven & you retreat and
retreat - and lose heart & lose hope and then

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New Orleans, Dec 2nd 1874

My Dear Hart.

Cox had already written to me informing me there was a Candidate & Kern wrote me along letter rec'd on yesterday. I had my colleagues - Levy, Spencer Ellis, Williams on yesterday - they are all aspiring freshmen - and for Cox and anxious to get in within and to happen not to be carried in my hands. You know what I mean. They are men of ability & are jealous of my prestige and reputation and so careful that they are the oldest right left by me. It is all natural & proper. They will come out of that after awhile but will take time. I have written to Kern in reply and you copy of my letter to him. My colleagues are all friends - very with me & respectful - but they are not ready to be called Gibson's men. You understand. Levy is a Universal of the man - a native of Va - accomplished - fluent, gold speckled, & par virginia manners rich. Made money & law & cotton - a strong man - posades well. Spencer is clean cut - never out of the state - an able man than Levy - very industrious - very able. I had I know a man superior to him - quick, clear, incisive, deep - a good thinker & first class speaker. Ellis was Captain in my Brigade - and is a natural orator - a sharp spoke unimpaired. So you see I can't make such men sneeze when I take snuff. It is confessed of the ablest delusion the state ever had. I send you paper with your piece. It will distribute for support. Kern is in the

County. I have no energy & I have not the time
for politics. It is money that gives time. I am
worked to death. How can I stop with such
expenses. I have my certificate all right will
Sutherland's name is on roll. The pay you can
well imagine is discounted. Would not be you
Brother or sister if I had not anticipated that
at least once.

I will have the Bulletin bring me out anyhow &
write a letter declining. It will do no harm & may
secure me a good place on the Committee.

I have written to Beckin reply to what I saw in
meeting by Nashville speech. My letter declining
may bring me before the County & do me good.

Kim is in County. Fern will be
Judge & Geo Poston Clerk of the US. Court
undesoly me I saw Grant - I will resign
this morning.

Your aff. brother
R. T. Wilson

May I all left New York
Tuesday night - Wednesday night

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New Orleans, Dec 2nd 1874

Hon. M. C. Kerr New Albany Indiana
Dear Sir

On yesterday
the members elect from the State dined with me
Col. Levy, Wap Spencer and Capt Ellis and I
think I may say to you, that your Candidacy is
just as favorably considered by them as you could
wish at this time. There are a great many
questions of first importance to this City and the
Valley which we all naturally feel very much
interested in and I have no doubt you will fully
appreciate our difficulties and needs.

Yours faithfully
R. L. Gibson

Copy of my letter in reply to his holding me
of his election and asking my "favorable
consideration of his Candidacy".
Keep this.

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New Orleans, Dec 3rd 1874

My dear Bart. I have yours of the 28th
wrote me she had not thought of coming
South but that Liten had invited & insisted
she call the morning & should pass the winter
at Pine oak. I was "mum" but told me he
had drawn the \$5000 note - I was glad it was
not drawn. Long advanced it for fear of open disagree
on your letter. If I had known it was to have been
used on a pleasure trip he would not have
had a dollar of it: not a dollar. I do not know
what to make of Sandy. She does not write to me.
Pine oak is to be sold on Saturday. I shall be damned
right & left for permitting a poor widowed Sister to
leave home & to be sold out of house & home - and to be
pauers on the road & the cold chills of the world -
I a Millionaire Brother - rolling in riches & wealth,
Member of Congress & prospective Candidate for the
Presidency - and a tentless water bottom!
Such is life! I observe what you say about Greenwood
but why don't you act on business principles. Never

saw such a man — outside of the Liberos.
Where is the evidence of their indebtedness to you?
Where the acknowledged accounts? Where the notes?
Where the mortgage? You write & act as if this were a
World of presentment. They think you are address
deans in all your business & they might as well as not
some something for themselves from the week as to let
it go to selfish Creditors who have preyed upon your
errors & sentiment. I believe I will slap a mortgage
on the place. But I shall see & there is one
fortunes that comes first. how if I put one mil.
say for \$2500 — it will be a second mortgage.
What will become of it but why don't you get yourself
straight. Arrange your affairs. See where you stand.
You continue an eternal siege — attacking & besieging
inferred your Creditors. Come forth & fight the
Lord your Battle. Go into Bankruptcy & lose
the title of Holland. Act. You cannot live as you
live. You must go to pieces. You must give way & break
down. Look at this mess of business! Why you
write about Bonds & Debt & the debt for taxes &
your claims against the State — as if they were
all insolvent — not realities. What are you
doing — what do you propose to do & pay.

Good, & sorry with Good, & compromise
 with him in some way. A bit of temper will not
 arrange with him - His childishness & folly. What are
 you doing to pay taxes? What are you doing to settle,
 & arrange with Bob & Sandy? What are you doing
 to put yourself in position so as to receive what they
 owe you? Absolutely nothing. You are trying to put
 out of yourself and of life - there is an impersonal
 existence. One down to the earth & realities.
 Clear up your feelings, mind. Think about yourself &
 your affairs quietly & soberly like a man.
 You need counsel - You need assistance. I have
 seen all the serious phases of life - seen all its
 aspects. For ease and so bad I can't look a bit,
 into it & through it. Pull you through this
 dark night into the clear morning light.
 Now this is to the point. Let us consult together.

Your affairs here indicate dry mind and reckless
 & desperate they must also be in Kentucky.
 Sensory violence will only spoil your temper -
 soon or forever - destroy your hopes & ruin
 substantially make you feel like flying from

the insight & presence of those you would
most love & cherish. "Such is life."

Let me suggest that you sit down & send me as your
Confidential Lawyer - a statement showing
all your debts principle & interest - a list of the
names & residence of your Creditors & the nature &
character of their claims, a list of all suits
instituted & the progress made and answers and
defenses.

Then a list of assets - my point is to see in what
direction to move - whether for you to go into
Bankruptcy, or for Knapp del Valle to go to
or for both: & let matters remain in status quo
in N.Y. and for you to move here - but your family
in New York then take proceedings here.

The object being to save Portland less the Knapp del
& New York. What this is done - when we reach
clear ground - the clearing & get out of the wilderness
in which you are wandering about - You will be a
better & stronger & happier man in my way.
Are you to for me to undertake this. If you will
ask me, I will be much obliged. How do you work
quietly & confidentially together.

Your Affectionate Brother R.D.S.

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My Dear Hort. I have yours of the — and note all you say. I think you like myself are prone to overestimate our very chances. I am on a small boat launched on a wide sea. If getting deluged and if you observe my note closed you will see all expressed views favorable considered "thoroughly as committal." I had just written to reply that I would not stand committed to any gentleman after the South had been so long excluded and after seeing the strong & unqualified bond of my colleagues I thought it better to express ideas than to waste as I did for their purpose — speak for them. He had written to them and I put myself in position of answering for them — with all the reasonable — in view of what I knew from them, they had written. I shall henceforth say nothing on the subject & write no letters anyway about the matter. I will quietly cultivate the newspapers, and try to influence by important, bring myself before the public in that way as it is the only way open. I will keep you posted. I observe "The Spy" of Lincoln Nebraska, in a Review of the 44th Congress speaks of me as leader of the L.A. Delegation & explains me as "gradualist of type, a free scholar and a statesman. He is not — (but I send you) a noisy braggart in style of man but quiet, conscientious gentleman and in an unassuming man with leading Delegation". The point must be made gradually. With the matter of departing & simple some need spring & summer and will build up as I go. Did you see the Herald of the 4th Dec? It puts us down very keen but not committed. Send back the enclosed letters. Kim was drawn down in Kenosha where Billie says he will do in Leflore. I can get the Memphis Paper & me in Texas. It helps a man at home to be spoken of away for it looks as if he did not inspire it & will reconcile my colleagues & accept the situation. I am glad to hear you will run for the Sul Assembly. Your prospects are better than mine if you will manage as I do. You had only to keep steady on the track — but I think you would

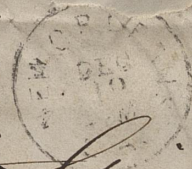
Presume I will & I am extremely & devoted forever.

exaggerate mere personal sociability. - These are even
 themselves out. Human nature is the same everywhere.
 all you want is the Leader of the County. I wish you would make
 up your mind as to touch liquor under any circumstances.
 I would feel better satisfied. If you are my best friend draw on
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 a time. This will be between us and you can return it some of these
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New Orleans, Dec 19th 1874

My Dear Hart. Yours of the 20th with enclosures recd
I send you copy of my letter to Monmouth Club —
write me what you think of it. If deemed worthy
I have an idea it may be published if so
then will be the time to say something for
me in the Somerville Journal.

That paper has great influence all over the
Country & large circulation here. Another
big paper is ever seen here if seen is not felt.

If you could get the Cornier Journal & Cin
Impresser to notice this letter if published
I will & suggest matters, I could have what
they say echoed here strongly and in Memphis,
in Texas & Ala. Needs a sort of ball and
do for me I see setting the ball motion.
I would be best to have the starting place
away from here.

Sign write that he has suffered greatly and

wishes to place herself under treatment of Dr
Hulce in Louisville & wants the means to go
there. Kin advises she answered her letter ^{1/4}
sending her some money. She spoke very
kindly of her visit to Portland. Wish she
had been there more. She never writes me
about anything or anybody — never mentioning
even where she is staying so I am in
the dark.

Tell me candidly what you think of my
letter. Even if the world should not
publish it on the morning of the 30 Dec —
the day after the Reception — perhaps
it would not be amiss to publish
it anyhow.

We are all well. Love to Mary & your
children.

Yours affectionately
Brother R. S.