

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Dec 30, 1875.

My Dear Bart, I enclose you Tobe's third letter re Greenwood. He insists - that you must have her money. Of course, if she forecloses, she cuts out, the amount I advanced in cash two years ago \$600⁰⁰ to pay taxes, expenses of Paul's foreclosure & to settle for me. While it is true, that Grant has no right to demand you \$1700 - and that she & Tobe need this money, I hope she will not insist upon immediate payment. So long as you insist that the plantation is bound for the whole debt due you - a sum now largely in excess of the present & prospective value of the plantation - it is effect simply makes the plantation yours - subject only to the claims due to you. The plantation under your view - then being yours, to the exclusion of Tobe & Bond - in other words, the debt due you being largely in excess of any value the plantation can ever have - does in effect, merge the plantation in your exclusive ownership. I repeat then, the plantation being under your view, hopelessly lost to Tobe & Bond, why should you expect Grant to tie up all her money, & enable you to hold on to your plantation. It is too much to ask from her. My position was that you should claim only 1/3 clean - in full simple of the plantation and in consideration of the amount paid by her, relinquish 1/3 to her, and 1/3 to bond for the amount I had paid or you require 1/2 give Tobe 1/4 & bond 1/4.

May had had a terrible spell - occasioned by a violent miscarriage & done up so much so much exhausted, that it brought on one of my attacks & I am propped up. May God bless you & your children.

Your affectionate Brother
R. P. Gibson.

Col Hart Gibson

Versailles

Woodford County

Kentucky



1325 K Street
House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Jan^y 30th, 1877.

Dear Brother, Heath

I am
glad to see by Lee's letter
to you that he feels so
certain of Mr. Selden's
inauguration, though my
own convictions have been
to the contrary - but there
are so many wise heads
here, they must know, &
I hope they are right.
I have just returned
from an examination at
Montgomery & Lula's School

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., July 30, 1877.

My dear Hort,

I think it somewhat speaking certain that Tilden will go in & that you ought to try to get some good office. You can get the L^a & by delegation those of several other states - if we only move in time. Applications are pouring in & it may be that I will have a good deal of influence so that I can serve you. Under a certain state of fact I may be elected Senator for long term from L^a & it may be that I shall be member of the Cabinet. My friends are moving

~~nothing of consequence~~
now in these directions with
fair prospect of success: but
of course if failure come I shall
be disappointed. My place in the
House will enable me to do a
good deal. I have labored under
great disadvantages owing to the
condition of my state having no
friends to show me forward - no
men who had been long & acquired
influence to be thrown in my favor
but with time - all will come
right.

I do not know what places there
are in Ky but there must be
some that pay handsomely. We ought
to go for the paying places. We must
get all the friends we can & push
them for one of them.
We are all well. I was down two

weeks but am about again feeling very well. May from New London & Sunday & the school

Col Hart Gibson
Versailles Woodford County
- Kentucky -

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House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Feb 4th, 1877.

My dear Hort - It is of the utmost
importance that we should not
lose the opportunities that may
come with the Lildens success.

A departure will be taken that
shall direct affairs for years,
a movement that will carry
us you done forward and
unfettered if we act with
discretion. Would you to come

on here stay with me. Come
immediately. The instructions
all need today House - are
my friends - Panton, Beck,
Waterson, Johnston, Blackburn
& Henry - all friends.

We can get anything you

want. There are hundreds of
good paying offices to be disposed
of. I shall be in a way to help
you - all these persons were
with me to day - have just
left. I can do nothing I am

persuaded unless you come
here but you ought not to let
slip the occasion on account
not of yourself but your wife &
children. I have room for you
& Mary - Will Johnston leaves
Monday - he has his place
picked & guaranteed in Virginia.
Should you need funds I will gladly
supply you for I know I will
be helping you to the highway
where you can help yourself.

P.S. Your affectionate Brother
You can draw on me at sight for the
expenses of the trip the incidental

R. L. Titson
I will pay the
I will pay the
as the necessary expenses.

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Feb 9, 1879.

My Dear Sir, I have your letter & thank you for it. I have of this mail written to Hort to come here. Should Tilden go in, I would like to see him on the spot. I can & will get him a fine office - a paying office but he must come immediately, as all can be arranged with my Kentucky friends. I wish you would urge him to come on. I have written him to draw upon me for this purpose. I will raise the money for this part, it will enable Hort to get out of the rat he is in and make a "new departure". My House is headquarters for

Kentuckians — all were
here today, Preston, Beck,
Blackburn, Robinson,
McHenry, Johnston. We can
get anything for Hunt if he
will only come here in time.
His presence is necessary — that
is the way for politics. There
is not a moment to lose.
Try to persuade him to come.
Don't put him in a position
to help himself and I can do more
for him in the House of Commons
but he must be willing for me
to do it — that is help me to do it
of coming directly by House.
Yours truly
R. L. Gibson

WASHIN.
7AM
U. S.



Mrs D. D. Corbett
Parisville
Woodford County
Kentucky.

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., May 30, 1877.

My Dear Hart. I see Hartland is blessed
on June 27th. I presume on the basis you
spoke of, leaving 30,000 for Mary & the
children yourself —

I think if you could have made up your
mind when I first wrote you & quit
by it would have been a godsend to you
& your family. Had my long absence from my
law office & my ill health — render me less
able to help you in New Orleans — but all
things are improving there & Kim says he
has been kept busy in making this year
something more than a living.

If I were in health I would not give up
law office & its opportunities & associations
& possible income & estate — for the whole
of Woodford County. I am utterly amazed
at the reasoning of my. With Dear Wood

my law office now - You might at once
already enjoy independence in a very few
short years, fortune & reputation.

I have been confined to my room more than
half the time since you left and been a
very great sufferer. I have racked & scraped &
paid for my passage & Colbad & of course
my expenses are increased I have been heavy
since I saw you, by reason of my constant
sickness & utter incapacity to go to the Court,
the in New Orleans - as word & so my
business. I have no money on hand but
I send by this mail my note to Mr Bailey
asking him to endorse it & to have it
discounted, in the event, you should write

to him, that you will require the
money - ($500 \frac{4}{11}$) five hundred dollars.
The later in the season it is used the better
for him & I can not begin well to make any
payment on it until after January
next.

Your affectionate Brother
R. L. Gibson

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., April 8, 1878.

My Dear Sir,

I was grieved & then of the death of little Daniel & poor Mary seemed almost as much overwhelmed as if one of her own children had been taken from us - for your affliction recalls vividly the death of our own dear little Ronald Lee.

There is a mystery in death as well as in life - imperceptible but true has taught me that there can be no safety, no solid happiness and no balm for disappointment & grief, outside of the clearly defined lines and well regulated discipline of Religion. I go with my wife & children to Church every Sunday. I feel the responsibility of life as my children get old enough to take on impressions of me & of their

duties of life. It has a good
effect upon me & upon them
teaching kindness, sobriety,
self-restraint & obedience.

I hope you will resolve to go to
Church regularly with your
wife & children - it will do you
all good and bring you more
consolation than all else in
life.

I shall look for you here & see
after yr claim in a few days. This
I am sure, will be yr best chance
for Proctor Knott will strain
points for you but can do nothing
without you.

My warm & true sympathy
for you & Mary. Yr brother
R. L. Gibson.