

Memphis Dec^r 7th 1835-

My Dearest Martha

I have taken my passage on the Steam Boat Pacific & shall leave in an hour or two. I hope I may say I have drained the cup of sorrow to the very last drop, not on account of any thing so much as leaving you & my Dear little Children in so dependent a situation. It gave me great consolation however to meet with Brother Jack at Bohoas who promised me & he will perform to the best of his ability. I know that he would sustain & try to comfort you while I am absent. I have met in the same Boat a number of acquaintances from Nashville & the District bound for Texas among whom are George C. Childers & his Brother. Childers thinks the fighting will be over before we get there & speaks cheerfully of the prospects. I feel more energy than I ever did on any thing I have undertaken. I am determined to provide for you ^{a home} or Perish.

I am in a great hurry. Tell Mr. Smith that Mr. Roberts who lived at my place in Haystack last year owes for the rent of it \$40. besides for some oat ground which I understood he sowed. I wish him to collect & all the money when he goes up there. Tell Amelia May God prosper her & her little son & My Dearest Martha farewell - farewell Mary - farewell James & fare you all well till you hear from me again perhaps from Natchez
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