Herrwood Forest

April 15, 1852

My Dear Sir,

A letter received from Mr. Corcoran on yesterday will relieve you from any fear this annoyance relative to the note executed by Alexander to Corcoran and Pegg. The mode in which the transaction originated was this. C. P. R. on being informed of the vileness of conduct of my agents, they having extortingly taken a 1/3 of the land, manifested a desire to part with their interest for three thousand dollars, and Alexander agreed to take it at that price. In the course of a correspondence between us about it, I wrote to C. P. R. about it, and the bargain was made. B. gave his note payable in one year and three years with interest, and I became the endorser. Before the first note fell due however he entered a desire to have the transaction changed, and I agreed to take the purchase on myself and become the paymaster, and placed in his hands the money to redeem the two first notes. When the back note was falling due I wrote to C. P. R. for indulgence until I could sell the land and they readily granted it. Mr. Corcoran says in his letter of yesterday that
he and his partners had purchased their arrangements. I think the note would be immediately recalled. In order to avoid any such mistake in future, I propose to withdraw that note and substitute my own. To those things readily accorded, and if I have to trouble you at all about it, it will be to gain me the use of your name as security, which will in no degree affect you. In the meantime, I wish to report to every maker, merchant to take the land. It is able to hold it. So that if I cannot sell it for one price, I shall be willing to do it for another. I fear that the speculators have annihilated the country for the mountains of Virginia to New Orleans. I see accounts of immense destruction on the Monongahela, and that a portion of Cincinnati had been overflowed. The coal lands are never affected by these overflows, and they fortunately come when there are new crops on the bottom. So that the farming interest is but little injured. They wash off in a few days.

We have had a poor and backward spring; but nevertheless, the potato are getting into leaf. The gardens are giving promises of early vegetables. The trees getting into bloom and the fields putting on their emblems of spring. After a hard night's rain, the weather is very
warm this morning. I hope that the winter
and all its accompaniments of cold misty
and frosty mornings are now fairly past.
Oh, how I have been quite sick in recovering
Quickly, and I am able now to ride out and
to walk short distances. I have passed a few
trials and trying winters. I trust that your
mother and Margaret, after getting located on
the Island will feel all the advantages of
pure air and contented minds. From the
description of their future home, it must be
delightful. Julia does not write to say
having nothing special to communicate.
We received the cards which indicate the after
promoting wedding of the 20th. Oct. Stetson
and all.

With affectionate regards to all

Yours truly

[Signature]

No letter reached us from any of you yesterday.

Capt. D. L. Sanderson