

Copy May 24th/82
Dear Gen^l

Will you pardon me in ask^g yr kind favor, to do a little service for me wh is to send for F A Scratchley when you receive this as he leaves Lex^{g^{tn}} in a few days &ask him in my name as a request from me, to give you the box, with M^r N^s watch &chain& key, wh he has been wear'^g —also Rev D^r F. E. Lawrence^s book of sermons I loan'^d him &had my name in it_all of wh Gen^l you will please keep for me until an oportune moment for you to send all to me.—When I took F A S^{ly} Nov 1st/79 (from wh time I have done everything for him until Dec 21st/81 when he left me with ample means &wrote to me for more money &put his Bro Geo on me) he had no watch. I told him he c'^l^d wear M^r N,^s also gave him the bill &certificate with it, in case anything happened while it was in his possession, to prove the watch & chain by—, but those he writes me he never had. My Southern heart & Sympathy made me give M^{rs} M M Scratchley (as she & her family were entire strangers to me) a 'Scholarship' to (then) "Wash^{g^{tn}} College" for the education of her Sons, all of wh you know. I am pain^d to write you the duplicity &in gratitude of M^{rs} M.M. S^{ly} &her Sons to me, to observe self-respect &christian endurance, forbids my having any further intercourse. —I do hope no one in Va or elsewhere, will ever be treated, or suffer by M^{rs} S^{ly} & herfamily, Gen^l as I have.— But to be comforted, I must rem,^{ber} the words of Peter "if ye suffer at all—it is better to suffer for well doing than for evil doing." —

with best wishes

Jo L N.

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