

Richmond April 1st 1861

Dear Nephew

Your much esteemed favour
of march the 25th was duly received
which brought to me the gratify-
ing intelligence ~~at~~ that all was
at that ^{time} well at home

On Friday last resolutions
were introduced in the convention
to terminate debate in the committee
of the whole after Tuesday next
which resolutions met with strong
opposition from the ~~seces~~ Secession
side of the house the resolutions
was amended by substituting
Thursday in the place of Tuesday
next and ^{has} since been adopted in
that shape by a large majority

Tim Rives spoke on Friday last
seven hours in favor of the Union
and it was a very able speech



Mr Flournoy spoke on Saturday
a bout one hour and a half in
favor of the union his speech
was a well timed and very able
and gave general satisfaction to
the party

Jim Barbour, ^{next} took the floor
and made a very ~~successful~~ dry
and uninteresting secession
speech of a bout half an hour
in length. Mr Goggin next in turn
took the floor and spoke four
hours a part of which was in
favor of secession and part in
favor of union Goggin and Barbour
are both instructed delegates

Baldwin Preston and
Flornoy have all made very
able speeches on the side of union

I now think the convention
will adopt for its ultimatum
the reports of the committee on



federal relations at this
time if the vote could be
taken it would be adopted by
a very large majority there
is not much ~~difference~~
between the reports of the
Committee ^{on} federal relations
and the reports of the peace
conference what will be the
result when the vote is taken
I am at this ^{time} unable to say
we have in Richmond a ~~strong~~
strong out side pressure the
publick presses are all against
us but the whig and that will
go in a few days, if I have not
been mis informed upon the
subject you need have no
fears about Sutherland nor
Tredway they will ^{be} kept strate
by there constituents so will
Glornoy Bruce and others.



Wm Martin leftt here on
Saturday morning I think
he has som idea of Runig
for congres in oposition to
Mr Bocock. Mafn Early
would be a sutable candidate
if he could compeat with
Bocock on The Stump

I think The convention
will adjourn by the 15 of April
if not before that time

I am glad to hear that you
have set a resolution to write
me ont a week during the
siting of the convention

My kind regards to
Julia and the Children
and accept the same
for your Self from
Peyton Gravely