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By Thomas Ege  
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I wrote you by the last mail and gave you all the news in circulation here, but really our seems to be a god forsaken County every thing is at a stand still, The people are all asking what is to become of us, the women & children are all alarmed, & I have a hope that the epidemic will seize half of the men and extinguish their lives. for they are the veriest fools up here about this Convention that your eyes ever beheld. They are running about asking "are you a Union man"? John Staples & Abe made two of the most ridiculous speeches at our last court you ever heard, & they are to blame for all this excitement. They alluded to negro insurrections while we were abroad on in service, and it





has produced alarm with the timid & de-  
fenceless such as women & children &  
they all seem to forget their rights &  
honour are involved & cry out let  
Lincoln take his seat. The disputes  
between you & I have always been a  
curse to Patrick and I could not  
help thinking all the while. About 30  
were speaking against Sam Staples  
of the Sun the old Col made for me  
Sleepy hole ferry on his march to  
Norfolk in 1812.

Will I feel such an interest in the  
prompt & decisive action of my  
State with regard to the impending  
crisis, that I cannot write about  
any thing else, but I write today, &  
request you to forward me the Daily  
Dispatch, during the Session, as it gives  
full proceedings of your body, ask  
the Editor to send me the last number  
to the commencement of the Session if  
he has them. I shall be in Richmond  
in July and will pay you for it - or if





You wish you can call on W<sup>m</sup> P. Burwell  
Esq of Richmond who will pay it—  
Please forward it immediately upon the  
reception of this— Upon the subject of  
a stay law I see no other remedy for  
the pressure upon the people, under  
the present depreciated value of prop-  
erty— The poor people of this country  
are having their property sacrificed  
every day by the officers, bringing a-  
bout one fourth of its value, and I  
trust you will introduce some bill  
for their protection— give my kindest  
regard to Mr Johnson of the Senate  
& ask his concurrence with you &  
his aid— also to Genl Slemmer of the  
House, and ask him to take the sub-  
ject in hand there— Be kind enough  
to send my Journal of last session  
with all the documents reports &c  
which belong to me forward to me, via  
Blairville to the care of Johnston &  
Clark,— If you will but have them





delivered to Lemuel the Conductor on  
the Blawville Train, or to W<sup>r</sup> — whose  
name I have forgotten, but who Conductor  
of United States Mail or rather agent, and who  
was once Editor of the Blawville Republic  
can ask either of them to deliver them  
to Johnston & Clark to be forwarded to me  
I have been strongly solicited to run  
for the Convention, but I have not  
yet consented. I will determine by next  
Court — let me hear from you  
often, either by letter or by a newspaper  
Yours very respectfully  
Wm A Burwell

