

## Transcription

Saturday, 28 April 1866

Had company last night. Its attention and shopping consumed the day. Enjoyed the company well. Had some little occasion to gather facts touching the general sentiments of the people regarding the war. It is too plain that this people still love Slavery with some blind madness. They have only accepted the result of this war, because they must.

Many hate every measure that is intended to elevate them. Education is their only passport to distinction. Therefore the whites so bitterly oppose it.

A company came at eve to serenade the teachers. Kept a colored boy prisoner for truancy he played last week. Yesterday made two boys fight by urging to do so. While I did not mean that they should fight they became so enraged that I had to separate them by physical force. Mr. Varner, teacher at Liberty, has come this evening on a visit. His stay at Liberty has of later become unpleasant; for his life is sought after. These reconstructed rebels it seems are still thirsting for blood. If President persists in his infamous towards them our stay can not long be prolonged. Had occasion to go down town after night. Since I am acquainted with the treacherousness of the people I don't like to go out at night.

This people as well as the President take every occasion to prove to the colored people that they and not the Northern Radicals are the true friends of the Colored Race. Two kinds of arguments come in to decide this question. Actions and words do not correspond. Their words even are often inconsistent. They frequent say to or of us "Nigger lovers" or "Nigger Friends."

Sin is still a master over me. I have revolted against the despot of Tobacco....

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