

Southall papers

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George W. Southall, Esq.

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Sent by mail 11 July 1838, and
checked by Bank of Va.
for \$300 to Saml C. W.

Done at Williamsburg
2 July 1838

New York, July 8th, 1838.

My dear Brother,

I suppose you have heard through my last letter to Charissa that I have some intention of visiting my way to the West by the steamer that Mr. De Bree would leave the 19th Inst. for New York on the 1st Louis, and that after completing his business on that point he would return to St. Louis by the Brookfield Steamer. I suggested this as a good opportunity for me to join him in St. Louis, if I felt inclined to do so, and told me if I made up my mind to accompany Mr. De Bree I must apply to you to furnish me with funds sufficient for the trip, and to prepare me for such an expedition. I need not tell you, my dear Brother, that my inclination inclines me strongly to go. My friends here at first deemed it imprudent for me to venture out so far in the West in warm weather, but they have become reconciled to the idea now, having learned from the physicians that Monticola is one of the healthiest places in the world, and this statement is corroborated by the testimonies of several officers who have been on that Station. I am sure but my Husband would not have given me permission to go to Peru. If he had thought I would run any risk in doing so yesterday morning I received a note from Mr. De Bree saying, she had just received a letter from her Husband who requests that he be informed whether I had determined to go or not, at which event of my declining to go, he would change his route, and who advised my Husband obtain by reach New York next Thursday morning and leave it next Saturday for the South. I suppose by the 1st of August, Charleston, and some in all probability to take the steam-boat to Board. However that may be, I did not wish to take the Wilmington Road. However his arrangements, and accordingly, I told Mr. De B. to write me with his arrangements, and accordingly, I told Mr. De B. to write him word these what so much uncertainty about my going with him that he must arrange his trip to suit his own convenience, and that when he came if, after learning his route, I thought I could withstand the fatigue of the journey I would accompany him, and that

P.S. I shall certainly write again previous to my departure.

I should hold myself in readiness to start with him next Saturday day. To this effect, my dear Brother, I shall be much obliged to you if you will let me have three hundred dollars, if convenient, if not I could make two hundred and fifty answer my purpose. It will take, I am told one hundred and over to transport me there with incidental expenses. I have one or two bills I wish to settle here before my departure, and there are several articles I wish to purchase for myself and Alexander which will be serviceable to us for two or more years to come if we remain at the South, and which can be procured on more reasonable terms here than in Florida. I mention these matters as some excuse to you for applying for so large a sum. If you do not find it perfectly convenient, my dear Brother, to comply with my request, do not, I pray you, think of granting it. If I were positive in my determination to go, I would take a run up to the Old City Tuesday and return on Wednesday, to pay you all a farewell visit, but I shall be uncertain until I see Mr De Bree. Should I be prevented from accompanying him, I will certainly place myself under Leroy's protection in the early fall as far as Mobile, provided Alex does not return in the fall. In the event of my going, I shall place the funds for the journey under lock and key until Leroy's departure, about the middle of September. I have received three journalizing letters from Alex since he left Pensa on his present cruise in the Gulf, bearing dates from the 4th to 28th of May. At the last date, he was at Tampico in the enjoyment of good health - the Boston was about to get underweigh for Vera Cruz, where they expected to witness an attack on that city by the French Admiral. - He expected to return to Pensacola by the middle of this month. - We had a letter from Mr Redwood a few days ago, in which he expresses the greatest pleasure at hearing of my intended visit to Florida, and avows as soon as he hears of my arrival in Pensa, he will take a run over to see me, and escort me to his residence near Mobile, which he describes as a very healthy and pleasant location. I have no doubt I should spend my time very charmingly in "the land of flowers." The circumstance which disturbs the pleasure I anticipate at so soon meeting with my Husband, is the pang I feel at the thought of parting with so many dear and kind friends, and leaving them so far behind me. However, I shall only have to put my pen in requisition the more frequently to remind them there is still such a Being in existence as

Your affectionate Sister,
Clara H. Southall.

Received of
Mr De Bree
the sum of
\$300
on the 14th of
May 1845