

Franklin Co. N. Carolina
May the 15th 1865

Dear Miss

I have been detained a day
longer than I anticipated as I concluded
to go publicly I have sold the buggy for
a bond \$30. & in three or four days will
take one horse I expect the small I expect
to get rid of in the morning if not I will
leave him with Sam Harris to sell at the
first opportunity and will take the train
to-morrow evening. I was at Prof Thomas
today & they told me that Mary Anderson was
not permitted to go home but I don't
believe it. Alas that all the property in the
Co. is being confiscated but I hope it is not
so but if it is so. Up goes this man Bowling
Yours old fellow. I be hanged if I ain't getting
sick fast and no more talk this time. but
have a bully appetite and eat my food all
clean. I will try and have my hands taken
when I get to Gal and send it to you I
want you to do what I told you about the
the Yours I wish you would send Gal
this note as soon as possible if not sooner
as the knicker I am going by way of
Newburn and take to the water. but I
don't talk no more about the trip as it
makes me feel faint about the abdomen
all I can think of now is. Farewell. Your vision shade
Thou phantom of the past -
Thou wert a dream a happy dream
God. sweet & bright - to last -

But you see I fully calculate on
realizing that sort of thing a gain
if possible & if not I will anyway I'll be hang
of I don't mark me well. Tom be sure to
go around and see all the Judges &
sprinkle my animosity among them
and the best where they are the best, and
if there are six in a lump just plaster
it on, unimpaired of the result
well as it is getting late & you know
I am not much of an early riser I
will bid you good night. My kindest
regards to all the family & good luck
to the barment

Your Obedient friend
Bertram