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"I fear Secession in all its forms"

Louisville Feb 20th 1860

Cos Callie

Your very kind letter of 4th was duly recd on yesterday & Contens noted. Was much pleased to hear from you & friends of Va. I regreted very much I could not pay you visit while North. Shall be a good as my word this Summer unless war prevents me

Cos Cassie has been in the City for some time. She is now out in Ky some forty miles with Cos Mollie Weathers. She has spent good deal of her time with Ma I believe she is having very nice time. She speaks of paying her Sister visit at Easton Pa first March to remain until Summer at which time her sister will return home with her

There is no news in Ky axcept political news. We are all for the Union. I must beg leave to differ with you very much upon that subject I can not see why it is that you & so many others of Va are for Secession

Never Never could I vote to dissolve this great & glorious Union until every hope is lost for adjustment of our difficulties. Ky can not but feel deep interest in all that concerns the interest of the South. What ever affects Southern prosperity must directly or indirectly affect her. I fear Secession in all its forms. It has now caused much distress in the South & no doubt it is felt in the old Dominion

In some parts Ky it is said that men ride horseback with Union bags mounted upon the heads of their horses and disunion cockades tied on their tails.

This is the feeling of Old Ky. Yes Ky will stand firm for the Union until every hope of peace is lost

I paid my Ma visit a few days since Ma still enjoys very good health My Ma is now getting old 66 years old. Pretty good old age Remember me kindly & affec to each & all of family Would be pleased to hear from you often

Your Cos

CHARLIE

[A fourth page is interleaved with this letter, but it is probably from a separate letter to a different family member.]

I am still in hopes that you & the Genl will deside to make the trip. I am sure the Genl will need some one to go with him take care of him. Old age must be well nursed. Should you conclude



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not to visit the North this summer I shall go to Boston first, & return by way of N. Y. Phila Balt Norfolk Richmond Petersburg & Lynchburg. I shall spend some 3 or 4 days in each one of those places, which will bring me in Campbell Co about the last of August.

I saw my dear old Ma a few days since She still enjoys very good health & weighs 200 too Ma is now 68 years old. Pretty good old age. She sais she would like very much to see you & visit Va but thinks she is getting [*the page ends here*]

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