

## Transcription

### Virginia Convention at work

Richmond April 1st 1861

Dear nephew

Your much esteemed favour of march the 25 was duly recived which brought to me the gratifying intelgence ~~wh~~ that all was at that time well at home

On friday last resolutions were introduced in the convention to terminate debate in the committee of the whol after tuesday nexte which resolutions meet with Strong oposition from the ~~Seessi~~ Secession Side of the house the resolutions was amended by Substituting thursday in the place of tuesday nexte and has Since been adopted in that Shape by a large majority

Tim Rives Spoke on friday last Seven hours in favor of the Union and it was a very able Speech Mr. Flournoy ~~to~~ Spoke on Saturday a bout one houer and a half in favor of the union his Speech was a well timed and very Abel and gives general Satisfaction to the party

Jim Barbour next took the floore and made a very ~~Seession~~ dry and uninteresting Secession Speech of a bout half an oure in lenth. Mr Goggin nexte in turn took the flore and Spoke foure hours aparte of which was in favor of Secession and part in favor of union Goggin and Barbour are boath instructed deligates

Baldwin Preston and Flornoy have all made very able Speeches on the Side of union

I now think the convention will adopt for its ultimatum the reporte of the committee on federal relations at this time if the vote could be taken it would be adoped by a very large majority (There is not much differince) between the reporte of the committee on federal relations and the reporte of the peace conference what will be the result when the vote is taken I am at this tim unable to Say

We have in Richmond a ~~Strong~~ Strong out Side pressure the [*one word cancelled and illegible*] publick presses are all against us but the whig and that will go in a few days, if I have not been misinformed upon the Subject You nead have no fears a bout Sutherlin nor Tredway they will be kept Strate by there constituents So will Flornoy Bruce and ohers Wm Martin lefte here on Saturday morning I think he has Som idea of Runig for congress in



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oposition to Mr Boccock Majr Early would be a sutable candidate if he could compeat with  
Boccock on the Stump

I think the convention will adjourn by the 15 of April if not before that time

I am glad to hear that you have Set a resolution to write y me onst a week during the  
Siting of the convention

My Kind regards to  
Julia and the Children  
And accept the Same for  
for your Self from  
PEYTON GRAVELY

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