

Postage Home, Jan 21st 1861.

My very dear friends,

Your kind letter was received in due time, and would have been replied to immediately, but I have had nothing worth three cents to communicate, don't think from this that I have anything worth telling you, if you do, you will be disappointed. I have just come up from listening to papa read the letter of ex-President Tyler, it is very patriotic, but will do no good, the A. Republicans will not listen to reason. I am a secessionist per se, and as you are tired of hearing them talk about "trying Lincoln", to wait for "some overt act!" So. Hayes editor of the Southern Literary Messenger says "there will be no overt act, Will Lincoln be so fool-hardy, as to insult an already engaged people?" By the way have you read his two last editorials, if you have not I recommend you to do so by all means. So. Br. is one of the bright stars of the Old Dominion, Virginia must and will be proud of him, he thinks and speaks, as each and all of her sons should think and speak, as every true Virginian will. He gives it to the submissionists, he says, "every appeal of it will not any submissionists - Virginians do not submit - they who do use bastard dastards, every appeal of the delegates has been addressed not to the average and honor of Virginians, but to their fears, their love of money, Good, isn't it? Have you read the most stirring and patriotic letter of ex-Governor Wise? I think Virginia has only two sons, who are worthy of her, and they are So. Br. and the ex-Governor. So tell me what you think of Virginia's position, I think she is acting shamefully, being disgracefully - the old blood has utterly died out.

