

Richmond Nov 7th 1860 -  
Dear George,  
Well the battle is over, and as the smoke  
clears away, we begin to see the results of the conflict.  
Now we have battled manfully - the young men of  
Richmond have spared neither labor nor money - night  
after night, we sat on electrified, protesting masses  
at the Club House, until the morning of yesterday  
when each man went forth to do his duty. We have  
carried the City and I would have hope, the state for  
Bell and Everett, But what avails it all! Every  
succeeding hour brings in the intelligence rapidly  
accumulating that Lincoln is bearing all down before  
him with overwhelming Majorities - including old  
Pennsylvania - our Native State; Against such  
fearful odds, what hope is there for the feeble, divided  
South, at best in the minority, and truly so into  
three separate tickets in the field! We tried all we  
could to bring about a fusion, but in vain: The party  
feelings of the respective claims were too bitter - the  
Whigs feel that they have left the Democrats have  
fully swung for nearly twenty years, and it was  
the turn of the Democracy to yield, particularly  
since they were divided, and we United - And  
Now! what next! I fear troublous times are upon  
us - The South feel cut off as if we were from  
any part in the government, seeing that she  
succumbed to the death the success of Lincoln -  
What hope have we now of any consideration  
at the hands of the Victorious party, flushed



with success, and greedy for spoil? And can it be expected that a whole people will submit to the aggressions of a dominant faction to oppress her with impunity. Virginia will I believe acquiesce quietly in the result and await further developments. Her position as a border state will induce this policy - for in case of capture, upon her soil the first battle would have to be fought. Not so with the states of the South - Massing a camp in Virginia, they will act with less hesitation, and once the sword is drawn God only knows when it will be sheathed. - We here may be dragged into the affair in spite of ourselves because in the event of a civil war, Virginia would I believe ally her destiny with the other slave states. One thing is certain - Mr Lincoln will find it true that "Uneasy rests the Head that wears the Crown." When once the connection between the several states, can only be maintained by the force of compulsion it will cease to be any Union, it will not be worth the trouble of maintaining. -

I await with great anxiety the final result, not knowing what effect it may have against my future destiny. - One thing is certain, so long as the Constitutional authorities wield the sword and administer the laws, I shall stand by the Union, and acknowledge no other flag than "The Star Spangled Banner."

We are all well and hope that you and yours are the same. Remember me to your wife, and to all the other members of our family, while I remain as ever  
Your affectionately  
Jacob

