

Cincinnati O. 20<sup>th</sup> May 1860.

Dear Alick

I have your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> & am sorry to see you so much exercised about Aunt Ross's departure. I had a talk with Adams while he was here, but avoided any private or confidential confab with "the Capt." She evidently expected & wished to stay over here, but the invitation was not forthcoming & she went on, having written to Uncle to persuade him to meet her in Buffalo. She knows that she cannot go to Rochester as she would like, for William feels as savage as I do. I do not see that you or the girls should take to heart any talk among outsiders who know nothing except from her own mis-representations, & who will soon see they were misled, while every member on both sides of your family fully justify you in the course towards her you have taken; the wonder being that you did not sooner do so. Except Jane Stewart, there is not one of us who will listen to her stories, or receive her with any kind of respect.

I have been thinking over the whole ground, & since you were here think my suggestion of your immediately removing to Covington is your best plan. You & I can swap situations for this year at all events without any elections or consulting with any person. You come & take charge of the Covington Gas Works & I can take a run over to Lexington occasionally to solve any knotty point for the Major. You can rent a first rate house in Covington or Newport for \$400. per annum throwing over your furniture without much trouble. The society for yourself & the girls will be good, & it would be a most wonderful

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