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Date: April 3, 1839

Description: K.B. Sewall on settling in Mobile, Alabama

Mobile, Wednesday 3<sup>d</sup> April 1839 –

My Dearest Wife,

To day I start for <u>Montgomery</u> on board the Steam boat <u>Factor</u>, I shall probably return in <u>two wee</u>ks. you can therefore direct all letters after the receipt of this to Mobile care of Gorham Davenport Esq.

My health is pretty good, Still I think improving. The weather is Said to be backward & Cold on Some of the cooler days. I have felt the effect of the weather Slightly. The country looks charmingly. The road from town to Mrs. D's is lined with Cottages & fine gardens. a great deal of the way it is lined on both sides with the Cherokee and Monthly rose, now in bloom. They cover the fences & present a beautiful appearance the Cherokee rose has a beautiful white flower - The monthly rose a red flower - The monthly as you many Suppose from its name, blooms every month – O I would that you were here to enjoy the ride with. Last night there was a Ball in town to the Military. I had an invitation, in fact I have had one to two Balls since I came – [?] ones – but I thought it not prudent to accept – The D's went. Mrs. D's mother lives in town & she stays with her whenever she attends Balls or parties. So last night I rode in alone in the carriage & was Major Domo at the Cottage- I have already told you how

[sideways at left]

I am engaged to dine at Madame Follin's the mother of Mrs. Davenport to =day. she is a very pleasant old lady - Mrs. D. & a cousin will be there - & Dr.

Davees formerly of Philadelphia. Kiss our Darling Eunice – Your KBS

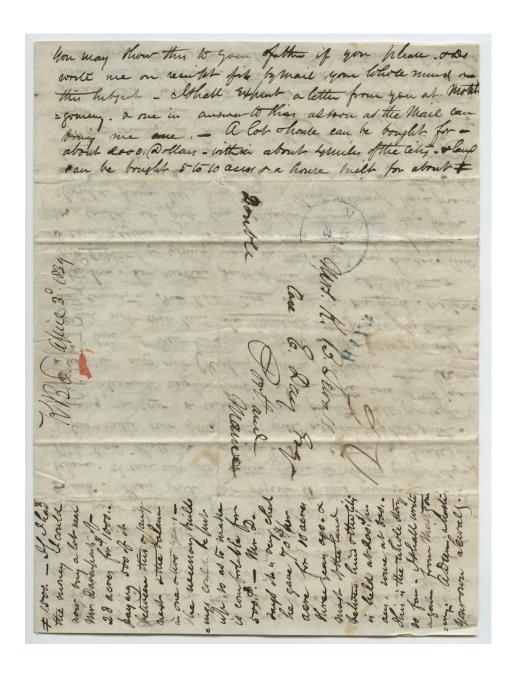
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kind Mr. & Mrs. D. have been to me, and I must again allude to it. I fear I shall never be able to repay them. Mrs. D. is a charming woman I know you will love her if you ever become acquainted. & if she should go north this summer I hope you may become acquainted with her. I wish she could Stop with you a while — if you had were keeping house, I should insist on it — They think some of going north this Summer —

In my last I spoke of our residing here. That letter, however, I have not sent. I will now speak of my prospects. There is a firm here (one of the first in the city) by the name of <u>Stewart Thornton</u> & Easton – Lawyers. Thornton has just retired from the firm. Mr. Stewart & Easton I have Seen. Mr. S. is from Philadelphia. They want Some one to supply the place of Thornton – and there is some pros= =pect that I may have an offer from them, either to come in as partner or at first on a Salery. Mr. Stewart is one of the first Lawyers in the place. He is a gentlemanly and agreeable man – & I understand from Mr. D. that he is pleased with my appearance, if now I can make a favorable arrangement with them, such as will at once give myself & family a Support, will it not be my Duty to accept it – and will not my wife under all the circumstances, judge it best for us both? I have labored to long for nothing that I think I ought not to omit any

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opportunity that will at once reward my labor, with a Support. And on the Score of health I sincerely believe we shall neither of us Suffer by the change. At least will you join me here for next winter on trial -awinter residence here will certainly be good for you. & the next summer you can Spend in Portland with you Parents. They will not object to this arrangement – I believe I can not do better than to Settle in Mobile – But how shall we live here? In a cottage (very Small) at a few miles out of the city, with a garden & potato patch – having a <u>cow</u> & raising our own poultry & all our vegetables in a pleasant neighborhood – I can take care of the garden & ride in and out (Keeping a horse) cheaper than We can live in New York at board – Mr. Davenport says it did not cost him Six hundred – the first year he lived in the country. He had two Servants – one horse – one Cow – Wife, son – her mother part of the time. & his brother & Mr. Tobin (a young man in the Store) every Sunday. And I can assure it to live as they do is very pleasant. We could at first live cheaper than they do - for we should have less company. They always have friends at Dinner once a week – You must not think by living in the country here is meant the same as living in the country in Maine – though you might be four miles from the city the land is all divided with Small lots from 5 to 10 or 20 acres & there is a contin= =uous neighborhood. & the ground being Sandy is always quite dry & the road & walks good. But my paper is full



You may show this to your father is you please. & Do write me on receipt of it by mail your whole mind on this subject – I shall Expect a letter from you at Mont= =gomery - & one in answer to this as soon as the Mail can bring me one. — A lot & house can be bought for – about 2000. Dollars – within about 4 miles of the city – land can be bought 5 to 10 acres & a house built for about =

[Address sideways at center]
Mrs. K. B. Sewall
Care E. Day Esq
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Portland
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[sideways at bottom] = 1,500. - If I hadthe money I could now buy a lot near Mr Davenport of 28 acres for \$1000. paying 500 of it between this & Jany next & the balance in one or two years – The necessary build =ings could be put up so as to make is comfortable for 500.\$. – Mr. D. says it is very cheap