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Description: K.B. Sewall to Somers Sewall on escape from Mobile

## National Hotel Washington Oct 4./64

My Dear Somers,

I thought when I wrote before that I should leave here in a day or two – I have been here now 8 days & dont know when I can leave, but hope to know to morrow.

I recd your letter yesterday - I can well imagine your feelings & shall be delighted to see you & explain all – I left home the 8 Aug. by rail to Okolona – in the vicinity of which place I remained till the 10. Sept. That morning I left mule back & made my way into Tenn. & then to Memphis – which I reached Monday forenoon the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – then by Steamer to Cairo – & from Cairo, by rail via Indianop olis, Crestline, & Pittsburg to Phila. the cause of my leaving was a musket

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I was arrested the day I left by an armed squad because I would not join a Military Company – It is the Second time I have been arrested for the same cause within the last 2 1/2 years -

They would not let me remain quiet attending to my family & my own affairs – but compelled me to take sides –

They will rue the day – I was not of a revengeful disposition - but I can never forget the injuries which I & other northern born citizens have received at their hands – and It will yet be in my power, perhaps, to heap coals of fire upon their heads.

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or injured by the infernal rebels -

I hope, however, to be with you in a few days – & can more fully relate all & advise as to the future – Give my regards to John, Sarah & the family – & Henry & his wife if you see them - but let them understand they are not to speak of me to others – If you write again, address as before –

Truly & affectionately you father

K.B. S ——