

Copy of letter from Aunt Sally Doorn to
my father.
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My dear Union loving Brother

I received your unaccountable desertation on politics yesterday, thanks to dear Uncle Sam (U. S.) For indeed it is unaccountable to me how a son of my father can entertain such opinions. My Brother you have the talk all on your side, in your letter. If understood just as you say, without a remedy all you say would be just so. But I think we have untried remedies.

And, I cannot think otherwise than that it is criminal to throw away the many privilagees we have enjoyed and are enjoying under the Federal Government without an effort to save them. I think the farewell address of the greatest and best of men should be remembered. We ought to weigh the thing better than we have. Could I believe the South were actuated by noble feelings, I could sympathize with them. But the grand moving object of "our noble progenitors" is the survival of the African slave trade, and a prime one with her sister Mississippi, in my opinion the most degrading, despicable occupation a people could engage in. Uncle says he has no doubt of that being the principal object, some of the leading men in both states say now that disunion or revolution has been the prime object of their life and desire of their hearts for twenty years. I cannot of course, hearing these things and feeling they are true, look upon the disruption of the most glorious Government that man ever saw, with any sympathy or pleasure. And when will it end? and what will be gained.

If it is the privilege of South Carolina to secede, wont it be the privilege of all to secede into innumerable petty states which can and will be overthrown and enslaved by any Foreign power that may desire it? Do we gain any of the Territory we claimed? Are we to be freed from John Brown raids, or servile insurrections? I cant see how we will be protected out of the Union as we could have been in the Union. Our Constitution was almost complete. we could have had our rights, had we the energy and determination to have tested it. I dont think, and neither do you, for an instant, that Lincoln would perse the policy you speak of in your letter. I think we had as well try him, then we can go out as well as now. "The South together" Fudge Charlie! you dont believe all you said, I am a Southern man when the South does her duty; but I am loyal to the Union as long as possible. I am very green to try to talk politics. I believe if I were a man I would devote myself to my Country (if I had the sense) I am not suffering from

Neuralgia now, but from my lungs more than usual, I cough a good deal, and am much oppressed, which makes talking a labor. Tell your old Oman she must not let you monopolize her time, but talk enough to keep her jaws loose; I hope she is better; tell her to take a small portion of Calomel, and after it Quinine. Uncle (Martin Hardin Ewing) has gone to New Orleans, all are well except a black child who is very ill with inflammation of the bowels. Bob and Pynnum are as busy as bees.

Ask my husband to have Charlie's and --- sicknesses taken and send me, I want to see them so much. Logan treats your compliment to him with contempt. You know one of your faults is to make your criticisms so sharp that I can't see the point. Kiss the old Oman and the dear little fellows, I hope they will enjoy the country, after a short while it will be so beautiful. Kiss my old man for me. Kiss - Nourse. I enclose a letter ~~to~~ Aunt Charity, ask Mary to read it for her.

Sally D.