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My dear son.

I left Washington the 30th Inst, and reached here safely the 22nd. So day is Commencement of the Female College here. I shall take your sister to Virginia Female Institute at Staunton Va, and let her remain there till I feel it to be my duty to take her home. It is a good place for her, I think. Your Uncle Samuel has not yet arrived here. He wrote me that he would be here to meet me. I cant wait for him longer than till tomorrow. Lizzie will have to remain here till he comes for her. Mary Wilson will spend the vacation with Col Gaulding's family near Griffin in this State. Gaulding is one of the big Masons in the land - has a daughter here in the same class with Mary - and thinks a great deal of Mary - Griffin is a healthy place. Mary will be well taken care of.

The Choctaw Claim - which the late

Treaty provides shall be settled by the Senate will come up before that body in a very short time, I am therefore compelled to return to Washington as soon as possible.

In regard to your difficulties I have to state from all that expresses an opinion respecting the ~~Amendment~~ provision in the Treaty, that it can not include cases happen since the date of the Treaty. I advise you ~~to~~ not to leave the Country - but manage out of your difficulties. There are but one witness against you, and he you say has the Consumption. The Man you shot may be brought out, die or leave the Country before long.

It would be an ~~unwise~~ matter it seems to me for you to keep out of the way - till favourable Circumstances occur.

I shall not return home till fall. I dread going home during the Warm Season.

I will write you again soon

I will let you know what is done
so soon as the Senate acts upon the
Charters claims.

Let me know all the news of
the Nation - and tell me how you
are all getting along.

Yr Father
W Pittsford