Richmond, April 17, 1865,

My dear brother, your very kind and

welcome letter by Dr. Fisher, reached me

yesterday, in the midst of the storm caused

by that act of atrocious crime so fatally

that its thrill has thrilled a continent with

horror. The words can depict the grief and consterna-

tion that this foul murder has produ-

ced here. I was beginning to hope for

speedy tranquillity, and knew that in Mr.

Lincoln we had a man whomApply

it? Certainly, because it, to all classes,

served deadly to bow, and many to indorse

his authority with joy. I felt that in

him we had a wise, true, and beneficent

leader, whom I think trust. And then

in the mysterious providence of God he

is struck down by the hand of the ad-

versary. Oh, it is unspeakably sad

and fearful. We can only gaze in

silence on this new act of horror

and mystery that opens up. I believe that

as his time for two years past by the

assassination of Davis has caused
a hundred the heart of the freed men that
this has done, for he has long been to try
the less confidence of the people. While
Mr. Lincoln was with unprecedented ex-
erting feeling it. What the effect will
be on this awful struggle, God only knows.
Perhaps as a martyr to his principles
it may commence their wisdom the
continuance of his policy, by W.H. Han-
quity be as soon have been restored,
perhaps it may be otherwise, then
who can predict the end. Be it is
a time for good men to pray as they
never prayed before. May God have
mercy on our poor, distracted country.
I wish very much J.C. & you,
some a long talk with you. Can't
you come down & see me? I had
the most dangerous horror of a
speedy settlement until this sad
event happened, & will still cherish
them. Most of the people of Va.
I think regarded the war as ended
with Lee's surrender, & wanted peace.
I was willing to come back on Mr. Lincoln's terms. I hope still that the
policy will be such as to keep up
this feeling, to make Va. once more a
loyal State. But that is yet to be seen.
Me myself I am sick & weary of
war,cession & the result, to lay
for long quiet that when I can
live in peace. Whettn I
can remain here is unfortable as my
congregation isuffered by the fire,
& I fear cannot support me.
I will, if permitted, stay as long as
I can, to shear their straffers in a
few years all will be restored again,
but in the interim there must be
much suffering.

The money
I refered to war this. I have been
for several years in the habit of
doing what I can for the U. S. poor,
men & women, giving & loaning them
money, accumulating in the appeals
to the United States Congress (Capd.)
I took from Officers an obligation.
to referred, at their convenience, in different ways. Some few have them it
I learned from to a Mr. Kloppenberg.
I left, 4th N.Y. Cavalry, a Dane, who
said he was on Sheridan's staff. I told
him to refer to you. I knew not
why he had not, nor do I care much.
I did think acts not on speculation. As
as a XR, believing that my Martin ar
What he. if the prisoners did not,
I don't expect to lose in the long run.
for the Cup of cold water has its reward.
Mr. Rutledge has gone to Wash., I will
tell you about us all. Judg. Scarbrough
is in Halifax Co. I think Judg. Campbell
family here. Bartlet is sick. He has
saw with the fort. Old Mr. Ford is sick
is in Allemand with his friends.
His family are in Laketville S.C. Rush
was with the army, but had seen him
as a friend. I may be there still. Mr.
Langham goes to Wash. forty to Morrow
I may lend that by him. From my
kindred, you eternities to Mrs. Sunday
+ you daughter if with you. I hope
to see to her this year. I live in the same
place (Leigh b. 47 57) if you come
Come right here, I am will find a plan
for you, with a huny or some.
Dr. Emily very true by love,
S. M. Moore.