Petit Bois Island  

May 7th, 1865

The present Gov. sent letters forwarded by the Steamer and all mail pitchere but have 
blacked out at the Capt. I sent them to you 
from Montmorency by your friend. The few of your letters I have 
but he informed me that your Steamer [Redacted] and independence might come by a 
long letter here forwards by Capt. of the 
point. He brought us the news of the surrender and 
blue advancing. We now serve near the same home 
In a few short weeks all of our great hopes for 
the future of our country have been blasted, and 
the great struggle of free people for their 
liberty was worse. I crumbled to the dust, burying in the field 
the free and noble. The liberly left their beloved 
country. As a mighty ship with fair winds 
hers, feet steady in sight, her crew filled with hope 
and expectation, set out by a signal, to the battle, 
and for all words let us know one gone down. Liberrty 
may to us with patience and hope, whatever their 
future may bring. May God be with them 
and the world.
support. Although the future is dark, it may not be as dark as we anticipate and should the States be allowed to come back with their sovereignty intact, we have much yet to hope for. Abolish Reconstruction, with many others, thinks there will be the case. He has been among the Yankees and has judged it probably more correct than another years or service. The Yankees have not succeeded the rogue government of Nicola and it is probable that the whole people of the State will be allowed to choose their executive offices. I think in regard to the administration of Lincoln. In the same as years I think that in the present condition of the country it is a once fortune to the South. Though we see the same oil of principle and know and if he is not restrained by the Conservative party at the North, he will not be understood. Next to our being subjugated I regard her being placed in a position to command her greatest enemy. I hope that dear Moira had returned in the if also had not. Do you wish to receive advice for her to return by way of New Orleans. I recently told her I could go the Vector in New Orleans, who would oblige her. She was to go to New Mexico for the purpose of going to New Orleans, who would otherwise have been unable to New Mexico. I have been open to the Yankee. I hope however that
now is now quite well and that their father's health
have been improved by the sea-breeze. If you
see no prospect of Mrs. Cook's return to Houston, do you
not think it better that you should come home
at once? I know things are progressing as
well under the circumstances as you could
wish. If I had more money at my command
I could plant more corn, but at present that
is impossible. Make every effort to get that pow-
der here, there will be great demand for that
this summer. It is now selling for 85 dollars a
bushel in New Orleans. I deposited all the money
I had in hand with Uncle Blount's slave and
the State Money will be redeemed, then I
consider rather doubtful. I undertook to sell
it here, but was unsuccessful. I am much
obliged to you for the flannel and cloth and
sock in the trunk. The flannel will make me
an excellent summer suit. The cotton is
unbleached and is two Coarse I think
for sheeting. Mr. Robinson brought me the
lowest a few days since. Old John had a few
bushels and has planted most of the seed
you sent over. Mrs. Richardson had previously
been kind enough to give me a good supply
seed. Send you by Mr. Weeks a very handsome
pipe that was carved for me by Young Randolph.
Please accept it as a very slight token of the
lose them upon. I shall look for you home very soon, as there had been a great deal of damage near the back water from the Mississippi River before the fishing. The ground level had broken, House Point and the whole southwest country is ruined. Water in the dip and there has been many houses and stores burnt. There is an almost total loss of the Blacks, Indians, many white men burnt. Much loss has been suffered by many good friends, Brothers and yourself.

With devoted love your friend

Dudley