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My dear sis

I take it for granted that you will be pleased to learn that I have reached this place in safety, and still enjoy good health = The session will commence tomorrow, and give promise even now of much interest and some excitement – The members of Congress from all sections of the Union are in attendance and they have brought with them the interests, wants and feelings of the whole country as extended as it now is = and we shall soon see what this assemblage of the peoples Representatives will do for their interest, happiness and prosperity – Heretofore when I have been in? Washington, I have felt a deep-interest in the result of the session = But for the life of me I cannot now feel the least excitement about it = It may be that I do not fear what may take place now and therefore feel no suspense or anxiety = I cannot now see any thing that can be done but hope the usual appropriation Bills for the support of the Government and a special appropriation for carrying on the war against mexico = The effort made to restore the Tariff of 1842. Or? this session will you Rank? at this session be fruitless and unavailing – and the only reason for agitating it all is to influence elections that are to take place hereafter = so nowhere thinks of being able now to change the measures adopted at the last session of Congress – Indeed it is fortunate that such is the case – It is certainly best for all the interests in the country that these measures should remain permanent and a fair test made of their character and their efforts open the business and prosperity of the country = Let the farming, manufacturing and commercial interests of the country be tried by time under the operations of there [their] measures and if they do not benefit the grop [group] and controlling interests in the country, I will then say try others, but untill a fair test is made of their (?), by

their Legitimate effects open business, let no man complain of them = I regretted extremely that I could not accompany my wife to see you at Jacksonville, but my business at Rome prevented me from doing so – And you will please say to Mr. Isbell that sickness alone prevented me from accepting his kind and polite invitation to visit his family =

I have my business in a better condition now than it has ever been since I was a man of a family = Indeed all my business is so well managed that I should not fear any imposition even if I should not be (?) to see my family again – I hope that I shall be (?) to them & they be (?) to me for many years of comfort and happiness = I shall look now to an early and permanent settlement of my self again, and hope that by the time I finish my present publick engagements, I shall not only be free from all liabilities, but settled in comfort with my family, I shall make every thing bear upon that result = This leaves me in good health – your Son in Law

John H. Lumpkin