

From Henry Van Horn to Robert Van Horn and Adela Van Horn

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Deare Robert and Adela

this dreeded deficulty has caused anxiety amongst us respecting your situation[.] if the safety of Adella and the boys is insecure send them on[,] thel bee gladly recvd[.] our Simpathy for Dulaware[,] Kentucky and Moe. is Strong and [MS. illegible] Mariland and Virginia till the Baltimore Riot and Virginia deception[.] now there so Exasperated theil hardly do whats Right[.]

the North as far as my information extends was indiffent on the subject for the [they] Ware confident of a Compromise satisfactory to both sides[.] now there excitement is such [*text stricken through*] that I beleive very few from 25 to 60 but would go if the [they] Done Could [called][.]

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there is one Ragement Ready to orgenis [organize] [*text stricken through*] and march now and there is part of a second one forming to bee ready when cauld [called][.]

R[.] Brady[,] member of the War department and [Barckly?] came from Waashington yesterday and reports there is one Hundred and eighty five thousen ready to march[.]

How the [they] may End God only knows but end as it may wee will all feel it[,] South as well as north[.]

Our own conection is all in there usual way[,] nothing of consequence to comunicate but friends and neighbours joins in ther congratulations in youre new posision[.] the next anxiety is to [MS. illegible] your sallery and [MS. illegible][.]

I have one thing [*text stricken through*] surious to mention[.] Mr. B[.]M[.] Warin got his death by the explosion

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of a thrashing mechein[.] Hary had been thrashing for him and came home and left a hand to take care of the Horses[.] he had his beasts to atend to before he could star[t][.] the [they] [*text stricken through*] hitched verry early to thrash a fore [shear?] to the hands would gather and he let the power rise to high without cheacking it and the cillender Bursted in the under side and bounst out over feed borde and struck him above the knees and smashed Him from that down[.] he lived about 21 hours[.]

My one [own] health has been verry good this winter but my fisical fauciltys is more feable than ever the [they] ware but still I am able to walk to Tabithas or Logans or the post office occasionly[.] when you receive this wright and let us know[.] wee heare nothing but by Leater[.]

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Robert[,] Since I comenced this Letter I have had the severest spell [of] sickness I had this many years occaisioned by exposure to damp and Cold[.] M. Work took the same from the same cause but through medical aid wee are able to sett up[.] I have awlwais [always] felt a deep interest in the promation & town and pacific Rail road[.] I supose all is over now[.] I have seen nothing since the Report in in Congress last faul[.]

it is with dificulty I can wright any[.] I wish to heare from you frequently[.] all I can do is to Remember you and yours at the throne of grace which I cant neglect[.]

youre Interested father and friend

H. Van Horn

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