

July 31, 1863

Williamstown

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Dear Ireland:

Having heard nothing from you since the 17th of April when I rec'd your letter of the 10th of that month I concluded that my answer to it written on the 27th of April has not reached you and lest your "recollection of a friend," who has "spent many pleasant moments" with you should grow dim, I write you again to ship that this may be more fortunate. I was greatly gratified to hear from you & heartily reciprocate the desire ^{to} express that "my recollection of a friend with whom I have spent so many pleasant moments may not grow dim" - In our ever affectionate

~~have~~ ^{have} such that we never can
forget or become indifferent as to
each other. I shall ever feel a
deep interest in the Union members
of the past Legislature who have
stood firm amid all the storms
& the trials that have beset them
neither swerving to the right hand
nor to the left - to the North nor to the
South but marching straight for-
ward to the rescue of the Consti-
tution & the Union have proven
themselves the friends of the Govern-
ment "in its extremest perils" - but
never a deeper interest in any
one than yourself. I was sadly
disappointed at your not being
the nominee for Congress in your
District. I am satisfied that
you are the decided choice of
the loyal men of the District.
I fear that you are somewhat
to blame for it yourself. I wanted
in you & so told the people of my

County - I would you from
your district. Burnham from
his & Brutus being from his,
but was disappointed in all until
the death of the venerable Britton
has resulted in the nomination of
M. W. King. But I very much fear
that dividing & dissenting will
hurt Brainerd. We will beat
Mungus in this district. I have
been anxiously looking to see that
you are a candidate for reelection
to the Legislature but have been
doubting upon the subject. We will
send a good member from Grant
Mr. Smith. Brainerd will
make us a good governor -
a better relation could not
have been made. Don't you
think that the Union is ~~being~~
"becoming gradually smaller
by degrees beautifully less?" I
don't believe I have the evolution
just right but if not you will

commit it for me in compensation
for the lives on readiness - I think
it is for me. The last two months
have sealed its fate. The future
trouble will be to keep down
political demagogues at home &
make the victories of the army
unappreciated. I found them far more
than what in army & "their name
is legion" truly - You say you have
been anxiously looking for the 50
copies of my speech for which you
subscribed. Really I have been so
constantly engaged since my return
home that I have never had time
to compare the proof sheets until
some two weeks since I took the
manuscript to the only printer in
Leaving the who said he could not get
the work up before the election & I
had not time to attend to it in Lein
& brought it home & laid it away
for my Biographer. I really suppose it
is not worth printing now although I think
I have improved it some. Indeed I do not
know that it could be in very good
taste to print it at this late day - I fear it
would look egotistic. But for this reason
of the matter I wanted not hunt it &
donate it to my friends - Write to me
soon & often. Yours friend
H. H. H. H. H.

" Modesty the faintest earliest
flower that bloomed in ~~paradise~~
and first that died

And the rarely flourished series
on mortal soil

Is so faint, so delicate a step
to some if it but look upon its
self

And they who venture to believe
it theirs

Prove by that single thought they
have it not"

Commonwealth of Kentucky,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Frankfort, Sept 12th 1863.

W. G. Ireland,

The Mustering
Officers are under Orders
not to Muster any one
under 18 without the
Consent of the parent
or guardian.

I will have the
Order republished; but
I suppose they all
understand their duty,
and will not violate
the law. +

If the Citizens will
form State Guard
Companies and report
under our present

laws, I will have them
armed and called out
when necessary and
when needed for
defense. - I am trying
to have this done. But
to do it they must put
their "own shoulder
to the wheel". I will aid
all in my power to
put them in defensive
condition. Companies
are being formed in
many places for this
purpose.

Yours truly

Thos E Bramlette

Thursday Morning Decr 10th 86.

My Dear Wife,

I am very well - and have been feeling unusually well since I left home.

If any letter should come to me from Cicero Collins, please forward it to me at once. Open my letters & forward any that you may think requires immediate attention, or that should be answered at once.

If you have time I would like to have you make me an undershirt out of that heavy brown Muslin, I also need another pair of drawers, but you can bring a pair of my old ones if they will do. I may, & probably will be at home. I left my briefs for Cases in Court of Appeals, and must come home and get them, or send you the Key of the office so that you can get them. Don't undertake to make me a pair of drawers, as I can buy a pair about as cheap - and I know you will be hurried

in getting yourself & Sallie
ready for the trip.

I have on one of my new shirts &
it fits finely. Dan, has been down.
All well. Lucy & Joe, has been at
Versailles. were there (Tuesday) out in
the Country. I have not heard from
you. I am anxious to hear how
you are - and how you like your
new bonnet. to

Your aff Husband

M. C. Ireland.

Tell Sallie, that my letters to you, are
for her also, and she must so regard
them, and not feel slighted if I
should at any time fail to mention
her.

M. C. I.