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New Orleans Sept. 2. 1810. n^o 11
K. Ch. 100902

My dear Brother:

I have again been very sick.

The fever lasted longer, and has left me in a more weak and languid state, than is usual.

I should not write to you now, on acct. of my debility, were it not for the great anxiety

I have about two things: the first is, the condition in which my poor Mother-in-law is left, by the death of Mr. Fay, my dear wife's father. — I fear her affairs are not the best. —

perhaps extremely indigent. — As I am removed far from her, I pray you to have the good to take my place of duty and affection to this dear woman, and administer to her wants, in g.^d donation of any sums, that your good heart will suggest to you for her convenience & comfort, and for the good education of her two young and lovely boys. All which expenditures shall be most faithfully remunerated to you by me, your loving brother.

The other circumstance, which calls forth my present anxiety, is, that of not having heard from you for so long a time, especially on matters of business, of which I so earnestly address you. —

What can be the matter? — I must believe

that my own or your letters must have
miscarried—and fallen out by the way;—
perhaps both have shared this fate. As to myself,
be assured I have written to you, till I was appa-
rent to trouble you any farther.

I sent you \$300. by a course of exchange I think
Apr. 29th.— Of the fate of this, I have, as yet,
heard nothing: \$100 of it was intended for Mr.
Tay.—

In a letter from some of our friends in your
neighbourhood (you see that the letters of others
reach us while yours remain behind) there seems
to be a report that our dear boys, George &
Philander, are to enter College this fall.—

While I rejoice at their progress in Latin &
Greek sufficient to excite even a conjecture as
to their fitness for such a step in the way
of Science, yet I do hope, that the inten-
tion you have formed by no means
would justify such a report. Their ex-
treme youth forbids such a step, were there
no other reasons, and my opinion as well
that of their mother, is most decidedly against

St.
I have now much exhausted my strength
and must conclude, with my sincere
prayers that God may bless you, yours
and the dear, darling boys! When will
God permit me to see you and them? —
On this subject I would say something if
the path of conjecture as to futurity
had not, already, been strewn
with bitter Disappointment.

My dear wife is better than usual
and sends her love to you & your good
spouse and blessings to her sons. —

I am well dear, dear Brother!

Ever your affectionate

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