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Letter from Anna Clemson to Elias Baker, 1863 May 18

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May 18th 1863

My dear sir,

I should have, before answered your kind letter, but have been so much occupied, & had so many letters to write, that I have been prevented.

We regret to hear that Mrs Baker & Anna cannot accompany you on your next visit, but shall look for you to stay longer than you usually do. I should be greatly obliged, if you will get me a washer & wringer, & have them buy, as you say, in time for you to show us how to use it. Mrs. Paul is delighted at the idea of getting rid of the

bother of washing in the old way, & thanks you, as I do, for the suggestion. It was very kind of you to think of it. I hear pretty regularly from Mr. B. He is still at my mother's, & his health is but indifferent. My mother is well, & Calhoun is in excellent health, & daily gaining in his profession, & perfectly well behaved, in every way. Does not even use tobacco. There are no numbers to the boxes of furniture, but when you are ready, the best plan will be to go to N. Y., have the covers taken off, & select yours. When you come on we will talk it over, & I will give you the drop &c. They talk now of sending all

who are southern in their sentiments south, & are stricter than ever. I am however very prudent, & may get on quietly. I have, as I believe I told you, rented my place, on shares, to a very clever, industrious man, which relieves me of much trouble, but I fear neither of us will make anything, for the incessant rains have prevented all work, & we have seen anything in the ground. The weather, however, is now fine, & warm, & I hope we shall do something at last. H. joins me in much love to ^{with me} you, & Anna, & regrets that we shall not see them with you, but later in the season, I hope they can, & will, come.

Yours truly
A. B. Clemon