

And say nothing about it. I do not know how much the office at your place is worth, but think you ought to make it pay. Let me hear from you soon. The Col has got the appointment of Post Master at this place. the present P.M. was this morning notified from Head Quarters that he had been removed. he will soon have to pack up his kits and vacate. I am glad the Col got the appointment. then as a matter of course I will have a clerkship again, when I can manage to live on the salary I shall get. wish that I had some of the money I left in Washington. had some better had I thrown it away.

Simon by all means come and see us. and be sure and bring Annie along. if you do not you will get your — kicked and sent back for her. come and see us and you will be treated as well as we know how. — all hands wish to be remembered and all wish you all the happiness this world can give. Mollie is not here now. but as soon as she learned you was married wished me to tender you her congratulations. My Regards to Mrs B. Write me soon.

Very truly yours
H. T. Sallader



Col S. S. Bowman

My Dear Simon

Your very kind and welcome letter has just been received. and I hasten to reply. for I am satisfied that delays are dangerous. I intended to answer your previous letter as much as I do this one. and in fact had once commenced it. but quit until after breakfast and the consequence was that it was never answered, but I shall make amends by writing you a good long letter this time. Simon, I am really pleased to hear that you have united yourself to the fair one whom you loved, and before I proceed any farther allow me to congratulate you very sincerely. I do this not as a mere matter of form. but I do it because my heart dictates it, that your future life may be happy and prosperous I need scarcely say is my heart's felt wish and my most earnest desire. and at the same time hoping you may be blest with plenty of little B's; and I set the least doubt but what such will be the case, as Annie sleeps at her Ma's. and you do the very same thing to say nothing of the things you do and do not

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do. but rich is life. Yes, Simon, I am fully aware that married life is very pleasant, and the sleeping part is decidedly very very pleasant. You know, I know, and we both know, and the only reason why we do know is because we are married, further more this deponent saith not. But laying all jokes aside and being serious married life is pleasant. What is there is this could siver than a nice little wife. Sam Slaps. Stock Ole can't surpass it. I still think a great deal of my Mollie, and it is a mystery to me how I managed to live so long without her. Oh! she is a bid of a wife. I think as much of her as you do of Annie. I often think of our bachelor life at the Fifty-gild thousand. how we used to sit and shiver over a few coals, smoke our love jack and think of Annie ^{and} Mollie. Oh, jeshow, a man that don't get married ought to be banished to some lonely Island of the sea, then to be tormented by sand flies and mosquitoes, and just here let me add before it escapes my memory, Lord Emerson is married, to whom I know and care not, but presume if you were to hear him talk it would be to some rich Bankers daughter: this marrying for money is a grand humbug, there is (according to my opinion) but very little love in it. Marry for love and work for riches is an old adage, but never-

theless I believe it to be a good one. You would not give Annie for all the Greenbacks in Uncle Sam's Treasury. I know you would not. I would not exchange my Mollie for it and clerkship for life throw in it, no guess I would not. ^{Aug 21.} Mollie, I am sorry to say has not enjoyed very good health for some time, her sickness appears to hang to her. She went to see her Ma last Saturday. I had intended to have went for her to-day but fear I shall be compelled to sleep alone one night more, as it is now raining and has every appearance to keep at it all day. I miss her a great deal and every time I come in the house I expect to hear her call Totuel. I may manage to get along without her to-day but to-morrow she must come home, can stand it no longer. I spoke to the Col about getting you an appointment he wished to know what you wanted, a question I could not answer, but told him I supposed any thing at which you could make money. He says he can get you the appointment of Post Master at Millersburg, if you wish to have the appointment with me soon, I have no doubt but what he could get it for you, as he has great influence with the powers that be (at Washington &c.) if however you do not want the appointment, keep mum and



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