

Every stranger
is an officer &
the oligarchists
are dodging.
to keep out of ~~debt~~

marriage
planned for
fall

Smithfield Afton

March 27th 1830

My dear Friend Sam

How mad don't have time
to think that I have forgotten to
write to you I have written
you once since having
and have failed to get an ans.
which I believe is my fault as
I am changing my address
I have not been so well as feel
the trip for some time
I am well and I could not
I would have written you but don't
I could be in L. before the 15th
I can get them now before the
And I shall have to get some more
from you My plan was not to
be killed up since business has
taken such a change but for some time

I am stopping at Mr
Wm. H. Russell's house
respecting. I should consider
what would be best for me to do
Am thinking of going back
as soon as I get my crop in
I am a little bothered as to
what would be best to do I will
will soon be here and our wedding
must not be put off. Will I'll
find some way out of the difficulty
(have you still teaching? or have they
closed your school? I was told that
they closed it for you I will
try to get your head from
P.L. I have it but I'll let you know
All the trouble to get there is the very
strange is an office and the politicians
are holding down of our right
which is quite laughable in some
instances and in others quite
serious I have several small

to find an old acquaintance
and time when I would meet men
would ask them questions when I
knew as much as they did I did it
only to hear what they would say
some concealed but would make
quite laughable sport - Others
would tell quite nice & interesting ones.
I was taken for an officer by all
that did not know me and of course
business was dull.

Will Howard you must excuse
this badly written letter I have some
sores on the eye it aches it makes it
look very bad I could write another if I
had time but the train will be
here soon so I will send this
I have had some very bad news about
you on this trip I will then to you when
I come down -
Ever Yours
With respect D.D.