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My Dear Niece

I find myself debt  
four letters. One to You Sallie  
Walter and John, and I am not really  
able to fulfil the obligation at this  
time, so will try to cancel them by  
writing to You and getting You to  
make an excuses for me to  
them. I have had the most  
dreadful cold for four weeks  
I ever had in my life. I  
have not left my Room but  
twice in four weeks. I went  
out on Christmas day to see  
Gen Jeff Davis who called to see  
me, so Mary would have to  
to dine and I have not left my  
Room since. It has been colder  
here than it has ever been

Known. I am suffering very much with my throat, but hope when the weather gets better to be able to get out again. The people are still in

a state of great excitement here. The Legislator convenes on the first. The Republicans are determined to Inaugurate Packard they have taken Possession of the State House and don't let any Democrat enter. They have all the Doors and Windows Barricaded, The police are inside and sleep there at night and Soldiers guard the House day and night. The Democrats are just as determined to inaugurate Nichols. Many think they will have some fun if not fighting. I don't really see how the Southern Blood keeps so quiet, it must be

very galling to them and yet  
it will be worse in the end  
for them if they should get in  
a fight with the Federal  
Troops. I have heard many  
of the officers say it is one of  
the greatest frauds ever forced  
on a Civilized Nation.  
Now dear Mary what  
can I say to induce you to  
come and see us this winter Your  
excuse was You could not leave  
John alone. John has promised  
me to come and see us this winter  
and that excuse is removed so  
You can make us doubly  
happy by coming with him  
You will never have a better  
chance. I am looking for  
Walter every day he wrote  
he would come after Christmas  
We will be so disappointed if he  
does not come. Give Sallie

a great deal of love and tell  
her not to wait for me to  
write am sorry she can't come  
with Walter. Love to John  
I shall take no excuse from  
him and that he must bring you  
with him. Love to Eddie  
to come and see me. I shall  
look for You and John in Feb  
The Fare in the R Roads will  
be cheap then as it will be put  
down for all who wish to attend  
the Carnival. Hoping You  
all had a Merry Christmas and  
that you may have a Happy  
New Year, and that the New  
Year may be a happyer and a  
more prosperous one for the  
poor South is the wish of  
Your Affectionate Aunt

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