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Dear Carrie:

Your letter inclosing additional propositions from Trout & Co. for monuments was received several days ago, and I have waited for Curbow & Clapp to send in their offers before replying. I will send you by this mail their offers and some designs furnished by them - You will see that they offer to furnish the "Richmond" design $500.00 cheaper than Trout & Co. and the "Key" design about $425.00 cheaper. I think all their prices are better than Trout & Co. - Of course I have told them nothing of Trout & Co's offers except that they had made offers.

These offers all include the lettering as well as the slabs and fencing.

I told them we wanted the names of our deceased brothers and sisters with dates of birth and death on the monument besides the epitaph proper. - Look over all the designs carefully and decide which you like best, every thing, especially price, taken into consideration. Then you can send on to Joe and Frank and tell them

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your preference and get them to send back to me. I am satisfied now from the figures already given by Curlow & Clapp that they can do better than the Chattanooga firm. They said from the first that they knew they could save us money on any design we might decide upon as it would necessarily cost a Chattanooga firm a good deal more to put up every thing down here than it would them.

Montgomery is now in the midst of her street fair and I believe it is even a bigger success than the citizens anticipated. From ten a.m. till into the night there are thousands and thousands of people on the streets. Dexter Av. from the P.O. down by the Square half way down Commerce and parts of Court and Monroe are jammed all the time. I will take Louisa Laura and Frances over tomorrow and let them stay over until Saturday. They are very anxious to see the Queen arrayed in her royal paraphanalia.

You know Bam Brown was elected Queen and all the children were very much interested

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in the election, and saved up all the advertiser's ballots and voted them for Bass.

My Crop is turning out very short both Corn and Cotton, though the increased price of cotton is a great help. You ask what I would be willing to give for your land here. I hardly think I ought to buy as I have so much unproductive property already. And the plantation has been paying me nothing.

I have just read your letter to Mary in which you say you will move Tuesday the 24th to Philadelphia. I can most heartily sympathize with you. But I hope you are already located in your new home and that you find it a pleasant place. I will not send this letter until I hear from you in in your new home, but will write you a card.

Yours &c
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