

A Letter from Home

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Rev. Dr. Edwin Emerson to George W. Ziegler

April 23, 1861

Trenton, New Jersey

My dear friend,

With affectionate regards to your family, and yourself, I enclose Two-hundred and thirty dollars, Maryland money, which I found it impossible to use here without a heavy discount. Mrs. Emerson and the children will go with me to Troy tomorrow or the next day.

As I have a note falling due in a few weeks at the Waynesboro Fairing Fund. I would be much obliged to you if you would forward this money to Mr. John Phillips, the cashier at Waynesboro, and request him to credit me with payment to this amount on my note. I enclose a stamp that you may drop me a line, directed to Troy letting me know if you have received the enclosure safely.

I suppose Greencastle and the adjacent region has been greatly excited by the near approach of a border war, and from the course of events of late I do not wonder or any alarm they may have shown. But though the danger may have seemed very near I am fully persuaded that no harm will come upon you. The secessionists of Virginia will never get north of the Potomac, and those in Maryland, especially those in Baltimore, had better be making a final disposition of their estates if they have any - as in less then ten days from this date the state of Maryland will have no further power to do any harm to anybody while the contest lasts. Virginia will have her turn next.

There is a wonderful excitement here and throughout the commonwealth and indeed over the whole north- and yet in my opinion it is only the beginning of the Northern storm. It has been remarkably slow to rise- but it will be far slower to go down. While every outrage and insult of the crazy South will but make their retribution and overthrow the more complete. Death to all Traitors

I am, as ever, yours.

Edwin Emerson

