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Letter from Beverley Tucker to his sister, Brooke, dated January 14, 1843.

Nathaniel Beverley Tucker

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July 14th 1849. Thursday night

My Dear Brooke

Many thanks for your most acceptable and opportune letter. This evening rec^d I had recovered from the gloom created by your previous one & I was, at the time of its arrival in a terrible dilemma about my concerns. The three hundred relieves me for a few days at least and any respite from the racking torture is thankfully hailed. The banker will help me out so that I may weather it until harvest - but if the Bank would still unclutch to the tune of the eight hundred on the pledge of my stock I should be very happy - for that would enable me to pay all my debts with the exception of some that are not & will probably never prep here if I should so to wish it - though I hope to pay by the 1st August to pay every cent I owe. The eight hundred dollars which I now am to receive will pay Rutherford and a slap of his chops to boot - and then if I could get the other negotiations of eight hundred on the stock, it would pay every small debt & then my wheat crop would make me a "Captain Major" - Now this is a very simple process if the Bank would only act honourably by me, to get entirely out of debt - & if so sudden an extraction would not deprive me of reason, for my mind would be left to me desolate, I give you my Bond & approved security that I'll never be caught again. I am glad you were accommodated - Try the Bank still & do what you can - for I languish for one peaceful moment - I sent you the power of attorney to sell the stock because I think you had better keep it by you to provide for accidents - though now of course there is no necessity for it and will not be I suppose. As to the dividend - God be praised - You must try and get it for me also, I have added it to the power of attorney - & if the underlining sh^d make any difference you can show them this as corroboration. The other was prepared before yr letter arrived announcing the div^d?

I have determined to wind up & go to the West - I shall go either in Feb^y or May as Jane's situation will not allow me to go in

& return in any month between the two - I must either go before
in time to return by May or go a May after the affair.
My aim is for a settlement in Missouri. I have de-
termined not to remain here longer than this year at all
counts. Indiana I find won't do to live in -

Kiss Dear Sweet Virginia for me - I love her too
dearly & who can help it? Also your sweet little boys
- May runs about with great facility but is not yet
enough to distinguish between a plain and a
decent - for this evening she made no allowance for
a ^{step} and was a good deal worried. She says more
any thing you tell her when she chooses & Jane thinks
she is the smartest thing alive & so would I
but Fona Rutherford keeps my mind otherwise
occupied with larger game.

God Almighty - Bless you my dear Brooke
& yours, forever & a day, & grant you a safe passage
over the troubled sea of the present awful times is
the hourly prayer of yr very sincerely attached
friend & Brother

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