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**MC073: Folder 33: William Joseph Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1860 November 30**

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Dear Tom

Yours of the 13 came to hand today. We arrived safe on the 17th I started a few days before Kate with my horses and Charley came as far as Philadelphia with her. She stood the journey remarkably well.

We found all very glad to see us. Some of the niggers had been very sick but all are doing well.

Our Federal officers have not all resigned yet but some of them have, the only officers of importance that have not resigned are the PMs and Collector of our Port. We consider them necessary for our own purpose at present, but they will all resign in a little while and the State will quietly WALK OUT, peacably if we can, boisterously if we must, but go out we will, that you can depend on. So you see this little Republic will not last much longer, notwithstanding the fine weather in Iowa.

I am really surprised at a person of your sense talking in the way you do. Dont talk to me of retribution, punishment and destruction being meted out to the South and that it will be terrible. It may to to frighten old women and little children in your part, but it wont even do that here. I want you and the Almighty NorthWest that you talk so much of, to understand we have counted the cost and we intend to go in and Win and if your Hundreds without distinction of party are so keen to take up arms and fight up, tell them to come along, pitch in and lay on Mc Duff and cursed be he who first cries enough. The Great NorthWest are terribly incensed, are they.? Well, tell them if they had any sense they would not be so incensed. After nullifying every law either by their legislature or their people that Congress has passed for our protection and trampling the Constitution under their feet, then if the South sees fit to protect herself by forming a Southern Confederacy, then you become incensed. Well, I hope you will have a good time over it. Let me tell you this, Those the North has done this by their intermeddling with what did not concern them and upon them rests the responsibility and a fearful one it is. Already there has been over 40,000 hands discharged at the North and they will soon be in a

starving condition. The cry will then be Bread or Blood from New York, Phila and Boston, they commence shipping them to the South to get them off their hands but the South returned them. We intend to take care of our own poor but not the North's. If you recollect I told you in the summer this would be the result if you elected the Rail Splitter and now he is splitting with a vengeance. You need not be uneasy about the South resisting the inauguration of Lincoln. They never said they would and never had any idea about it. They can inaugurate him fifty times if they want to, but several of the Southern States have made up their minds not to have this man Lincoln to reign over them, and I am with them to the last extremity. If necessary my little all is at her service, and proud am I that I now write under the graceful waving of a beautiful Palmetto Flag, for in the name of our God we have hung out our Banner, humbling looking to him for guidance and protection. Call us Rebels, traitors if you will, for that was the name they gave the Patriots in the Revolution. Our cause is just and I believe God will prosper us.

Kate is still weak but is gaining flesh rapidly, the children are both well and fleshy. The weather is warm and pleasant and our little garden is full of roses but still I dont think it any indication that this little Republic (as you call it) is going to stand much longer.

Give my love to Nancy and the children, John and Family. Kate joins in love to all.

Truly your brother

WJ Palmer

P.S. As an offset to the hundreds you speakk of who are anxioys to fight us I might tell you hundreds from the North have offered their services to our Governor in case of coercion by the Government.

W J P