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Prof Baird

Dear Sir

Yours dated July 12<sup>th</sup> have just arrived and we are all glad to hear from you and family all here is well - many have been much frightened at the annual visit of the Rebels to their friends at Maryland, but we are told that the Johnny Rebs are returning home with lots of presents including money from their pay entertainers, we are also told <sup>that</sup> among many other funny things they performed <sup>that</sup> they knocked but the door of Washington was not opened unto them - they being a set of high broad gentlemen concluded not to come in with us, some of civil treatment, so they marched off much to the joy (and comfort) of a greatly excited populace of this City, but your words really feel secure were you here just now.

particular when the Report come in that the  
Rebels had left for the South, to see the great number  
of brave fighting men that come out from their  
hiding places and paraded through streets in search  
of arms to meet the Rebels. but they was ordered  
out. to return to their several dens. I.E. the counting  
Saloons, gambling halls and other low places. to fight among  
them selves; for it was impossible for decently disposed persons  
to pass certain localities without be interfered with  
by this brave men who wanted to fight when the Rebels  
had gone, But now one groined in the Roof of your  
very pleasant home has been misplaced, the Democrats  
have much frightened the poor I deny refusing all  
consultation, but glad to say on my visit this deny  
found them <sup>very</sup> ~~happy~~ <sup>Parlours</sup> ~~and~~ of food which contain life and  
do at least afford consultation to the hungry. Mr. Vander  
desires to be remembered to you and says that up to this  
time nothing have come & with<sup>the</sup> exception of one "Hügel But  
(14) Breads which Prof. H. had me (Salomon) to open an  
mission to enter and aff. your Clerk, James & I  
shall be get ready to day (and) sent of to E. Town. My  
the work of rearranging books on hand progresses but

Slowly, The Good Nat. Part. 1. of Melos results is being delivered Bound in cloth.

The Building is very slowly attended by visitors scarcely one person to be seen in Museum at any one time in the day.

Mary, & Sarah desire me to remember their kindly to you Mrs Baird & Miss Lucy.

And I would say that I may also be remembered to Mr Paul Harg & family, Mr Meek, Mrs Hill, Mrs Banister, Mr Reese Mr. ~~Force~~ & Miss Sumner is still here also Mr Hunt, Mr Scipp, Mr Sullivan, & Mr DeBarat and accounting Mr Brown is also here.

all able to be at their several past & duty so that no dissatisfaction seems to exist. all is harmonious. The market here have taken a London rise so that the cost of living since Saturday last is awful in the extreme. flour \$20 @ 25. Butter 50 @ 75. Eggs 35 @ 40. Moulding 30 @ 35. Shoulder Bacon 25 @ 30. per lb. (and I learned this moment that they are yet going up in price. Should you go to Philadelphia send me word what terms can be brought for them with the address of the Parties, and Bremen Sugar is 35 & 40 here with no upward tendency, now what people here is to

do is a question remaining to be solved.

I will not write home here with love for letter  
from you.

I send on to day another batch  
of papers to the care of your Brother Mr. Wm. Ound

if your mother is <sup>as ready</sup> ~~soon~~ Be kind enough to give  
regards to her -

Yours Very Respectfully,

Salomon J. Brown

P.S. I had proposed a place in centre of the cable cellar  
under South tower under stone floor for the deposition of  
a box of Valuable committed to my care should any  
thing suddenly turn up to prevent their being shipped  
to a place of safety - East side of tower.

This you will remember should any thing turn

up - but at present they remain where

you have seen them

Yours very truly

Salomon