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Dear George,

I have not heard from you for several days but presume you are doing some better business than letter writing. I chafe for more active employment than the Treasury Note Committee whose salaried officer I now am gives me — but I suppose I must play my little part where Providence assigns it to me — Your mother spent a short time in the Bank this morning and I am glad to hear that Alfred is looked for in all this month — Did you see a notice of the surrender in the Herald Saturday or Sunday last in a letter of a private in the Mounted Rifles — Alfred's name is mentioned —

Your mother is very angry at the news that Genl Scott has given a pass for 30 days to go to Virginia and return to Mrs C. M. Fry of this city a daughter of Mrs Watkins Lee or Leigh now living here — Fry I know and I know that before hunter he was understood here to be pretty well over the secession fence — he has since been dangling on both sides I fear — Mrs Lee your mother says is all secest — Fry is a Virginian and one of those