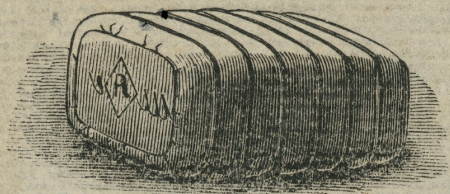


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Dear Bro Carr.

I regret that I did not have an opportunity of meeting you again before your return home and having a good private chat with you. The clouds are thickening around us and what is to be the outcome God only knows. Steady nerves and "strong arms" we need more than ever. Occasionally I get real heartsick over the situation of our people and our country. Every method possible is being made by the enemies of the order to separate and destroy the order which ~~is~~ having the opposite effect but may eventually destroy it but ^{it will be the} breaking up the democratic party with it. The slurs and ^{contemptible} insinuations against our officers is driving the masses to extreme action I fear. The people will not submit to dictation of party bosses longer. As I wish to use Capt Alexander's letter which I handed you. please send me by return mail and oblige. Yrs faithfully
W. S. Barnes.