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Letters

Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Stanley

Unit Date 1875 Dec 3

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Says she is recovering from illness; longs for snow while suffering through North Carolina weather; tells him that [Appleton] is clearing woods and trying to repair the yacht in which he was almost wrecked; hopes to escape the fevers next autumn by going away; says she has been elected "Worthy Chief Templar" by the local lodge and she is also superintendent of the Sunday School; describes poverty of the local people; the flag at the lodge is at half-mast because of Vice President Henry Wilson's death; talks about the mischief done by Northern scalawags to the colored people; feels that the colored are seeing through it all; stresses that the colored are in need of schools and instruction of every kind; she and her group are enrolling coloreds in their own lodges; believes that the Negroes are unwilling to work and do so only when driven by necessity.]

Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Stanley

Unit Date 1875 Dec 10

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[Adds to her earlier letter regarding colored people in her vicinity; claims the coloreds are not persecuted by the whites and that they prefer to live close to their old masters; gives examples to prove that the coloreds prefer slavery to liberation; believes and gives examples that because of their tropical blood, coloreds are averse to toil and work only by necessity; tells him that the white lodges are unwilling to

accept the coloreds, who prefer to be among themselves; the Grand Templars have helped to install coloreds into lodges of their own and are not opposed to colored lodges as long as separation is maintained; says that temperance lodges have sprung up all over North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginiaand have tens of thousands of members who do "grand Work" for the colored men like going to them as speakers, etc.; explains that she thought that this clarification of her previous letter was necessary.]