



UNION!

Emblem of our Nation's Liberty.

Jan 10th 1863.

Dear Sir,

in accordance with your request, as well as to gratify my own inclinations, I appropriate the present time to drop you a line in answer to the proposition you have made; — which compliment I admit, is quite flattering — yet if a reciprocation of your professed sentiments were sufficient compensation I am aware that you sustain no loss from waste of material

for I am conscious
of a preference for you
which I have never
entertained for another.

And, as you may infer,
my objections to receiving
you in the character to which
you allude, are on the minus
list.

I have been induced to
confide in you by a remark
contained in your last letter
— suggestive of the idea that
wise men were invariably
absurd in their expressions
about such matters. Now I
want you to extend your
generosity sufficiently to

imagine a similar provision
for women o' giant intellects

Accept my thanks for your
Christmas present which is
beautiful and highly
prized as a memento from
you. Please write soon and
tell me how you like that
portion of Dixie

Yours,

Shallie—



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