

"Sick Room" July 8 1872
Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Uncle Hugh

Your very kind and interesting letter of yesterday has just been handed me by the A. P. Door Keeper. You will be surprised to learn that my illness has resulted in Rheumatism - locating itself in my left foot. A description of my sufferings is doubtless unnecessary to one who like yourself has passed through a much severer ordeal of tortures with the same indelible disease - suffice to say that I am flat on my back to day - having ventured out yesterday to my post of duty - in the Senate Chamber. My foot is very much swollen and inflamed - but in all other respects I am very well - Only I feel like a baby because I can not discharge my duties.

The bill Amending the Charter of your town so as to authorize the Citizens (voters) to purchase the "Female College" passed the Senate, Mr. Sumner

prepared

it. I was not well enough to stand up or
I would have defended it. I was taken
by surprise not being aware that the
bill was before the Senate. I voted
against it. You remember. That you
attempted yourself in Opposition to it in
my presence some time ago.

As to the prohibitory law, I regard such
acts as unconstitutional. I shall
make no objection to the State, with bills
I know and fully realize the abuse of
-tion resulting from the "Wag Shops," but the
Remedy is not in the Legislative Constitu-
-tionally. We have no right to prescribe res-
-trictions for one town or section that does
not operate in like manner upon all
other Communities. Yet it is not probable
that any person will risk the matter.
At all events, Circumstances preclude
my having anything to do with the matter.

I am sorry of Maggie's
disappointment, tho' I am sure the death-
-stroke falls with equal might upon me
I am certainly in a condition to appreciate her

Solicitude.

Mr Martin. Representation
from my County - met with a similar
disappointment in his arrangements for
getting up home, and I supposing that
my telegram would get through in time
had invited him to go up with me,
I will leave here tomorrow night or to-
-day night if able to travel - would rather
leave tomorrow night on account of
travelling & staying without detention at
Salisbury, tho' you need not look for
me unless you see me. If upon the recep-
-tion of the telegram - Messrs Conduley
to send Dickson over again Saturday
Rush him unless Monday morning.

I am glad to hear that Sister
Belle improves ^{every} slowly - upon the principle
of the old Aphorism, "Better late than never"
I think she and I would make good
companions, tho' I doubt my being able
to make an agreeable one, as I am
full of "grump" and complaining - I never
before have had even an indication of them -
-matism

Well! I have written a long letter with
very little in it - and for fear I weary
you will bring it to an abrupt close
My fraternal regards already that I hardly
know what I have written.

With love to all

I am affectionately
Andrew G. Bowler

P.S.

I regret that Mr League and
Sipry could not have awaited my
return

You will see our action in regard to the
Senatorial and Congressional districts
It is believed here that as soon as the
legislature adjourns Congress will
declare Van Ness's vacant and
Coldwell will appoint Phillips. It
is thought they are waiting for our
advice.