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Mrs. Mary Meredith,

My Dear Friend,

Your most gratifying letter of the 1st inst. has been received, and I feel rich in the possession of such generous affections as yours. If anything could increase the sensibility with which your expressions were received, it would be found in the declaration that you are uttering the wishes of our dear departed Pinnie, who always remains to me the memory of a lovely and beloved child. In regard to the material point presented in your letter, you will have no difficulty in understanding me when I say I am too poor in worldly goods to receive valuable presents. I honor and confide in the People of Texas to the fullest extent, but my Dear Madam, your suggestion is based on the feeling of liberality of individuals responding to such notices as articulate you. I have received many wounds

in the day of my adversity, they have
not all healed, yet I walk erect in the
face of my fellowmen. To be the contri-
bution party would cause me to hang
my head and render impossible the
happiness you portray. Let the prospect
you contemplate remain buried in your
own kind heart, so that there shall be
no hindrance to the fulfilment of the
purpose I had cherished of visiting you
in the beautiful country in which you live.
My wife would be delighted to
see you as she has no doubt informed
you, and kind fortune permitting
we may have that pleasure at some
future day. Please let the matter
remain as if it had never been sug-
gested and

Believe me ever

with faithful affections

Your friend,
Jefferson Davis

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