

Macon, Dec 4th, 1851

Dear Howell,

The ba[k]er Mr. Freeman furnishes the cake, fruits &c for the Levee. Would it not be best to let Hansel understand that Mr. Freeman has sole charge of the arranging the cake table? I suggest this as Hansel may feel that he has charge of the cake design as well as the meals & so produce a collision.

Mr. Freeman will require a room in the basement to prepare his pyramids of grapes & oranges & to ice his cakes.

With reference to music if you wish it from here, let me know as soon as possible. I can get a band of five instruments [viz? vig???] 2 violins, 1 bass viol 1 clarinet & 1 tambourine for \$60 (sixty dollars) – If a suitable band can be had in Milledgeville it can be got for much less of course. The question is can a good one be got out there?

Yours truly,

John B. Lamar

P.S. I feel very anxious to hear how Sister & the baby [come? Came?] on. Please write me every day how they are. If you have not [tried?], get some of the family to write, if its only two lines.

I sold 19[6?5?] bales [your? Farm?] cotton & 186 bales [mine?] today at [y? z? ???] county & will send the \$1000 over as soon as returns are made of proceeds