Macon Dec 4th 1857

Dear Howell

The bearer Mr Freeman furnishes the cake, fruits &c for the Levee. Would it not be best to let Howell understand that Mr Freeman has sole charge of the arranging the cake table? I suggest this as Howell may feel that he has charge of the cake doings as well as the meats &c 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 four instruments. viz 2 violins, 1 bass viol 1 clarionet & 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 at all there?

Yours truly
John B. Lamar

P.S. I feel very anxious to hear

Sister & the baby come on. Please write me every day how they are, if you have time. If you have not time, get some of the family to write, if it is only two lines.

I sold 196 bales fine cotton & 184 bales mine to day at 7 cents, & will send the $1000 over as soon as returns are made of proceeds