

Edmund Gray 11/15/59

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Abbeville 11/4/59.

Dear Friend -
G. M. Walker

My brother William & his wife
are going to Louisiana - they go
to see you seem to bring you at
this time close to my remembrance
I desire to write a few lines that with
my father's personal salute may also
be a salute from me through the pen
to the thy wife & family - I feel
much love toward you & in this love
desire to salute you -

I mentioned my intention of writing
to the to Alfred Atkinson - his face
brightened up at the thought - he said
I am so glad - do say I am so
fully engaged - I cannot at present
write myself - but he expressed a
wish that I would write fully to him
He has got a poor substitute

My wife has been very busy for the last week & has had
to go to the office & to the bank & to the
store & to the school & to the
church & to the
meeting & to the
concert & to the
dinner & to the
party & to the
travelling home

merit. I may attempt something
The sent a paper a week ago containing
a report of the final meeting in his
Insolvency - You will see how very
passably it has terminated -

Unpleasant as such a theme as this
would be to dwell upon ordinarily yet
in this instance at least I can say
nothing what has occurred throughout
the whole proceedings has left any
reflection to make me shrink from
the full contemplation of it.

Indeed I can look back upon the
events of the last few weeks with wonder
& admiration - Black & fearfully
glorious in prospect seemed the very
thought of Insolvency & very great
anxiety I may say when poor G. W.
struggled to escape what seemed an
inevitable humiliating a plunge -

He tried arranging with his Creditors
& after he had got thro' the worst of all
this, had opened his mind & his affairs
fully to his Creditors - then he

second I said - the exact what right
I have I to assume that I shall be in a
position to make any definite arrange-
ment with my Creditors - I cannot look
to my business keeping as it has done
we said he I will not take a millstone
around my neck - I will get free of
the part of the feeling free I can
work with renewed energy for myself
& my Creditors - He did so, he
declared himself Insolvent from the
time he came to this resolution he
has been like an altered man - his
mind relieved of a great load, he has
been ever quite joyous -

He surrendered up everything kept
nothing back & concealed nothing, when
failings my poor master may have
he has been to me a most instructive
& animating example of strict integrity
To cease contemplating here for one
his strict unflinching course
fairly breaking down all opposition
by his noble yet candid bearing

has been to me a sight most
pleasing & elevating - He was told
I should he had many enemies who
would have rejoiced in his complete
humiliation - he was watched, charges
were brought against him, but every
fresh attack of this kind only brought
out his true & upright qualities the
more boldly into relief - The report
in the newspapers does not do justice to
the official Spangone for even he (to whom
the most suspicious & inquisitorial in
his disposition) instead of opposing the
granting of a first Class Certificate spoke
most favourably & expressed his full
satisfaction, the Commissioners spoke
most feelingly.

Well I trust - the mingled experiences
of the past year may be of lasting benefit
to our friend G. G. - he certainly has had
most encouraging evidence of late of the value
of simple trust & reliance in God & his blessing
on the upright course - He has been blessed
His business is good, friends innumerable
 rally round him & his prospect seems to me