Lookout Valley, Tenn. April 17, 1864

My dearest Lis,

Yours of the 10th inst. is just received. I don't think I want anything to do with that E. Gon matter you speak of for several reasons. The 1st is E. Gon is a dishonest tricky villain and I feel no desire to aid him. It might be paid when due and it might not and the title to any place he has had in his hands lately will be very questionable if not doubtful. There are so many judgments against him and what the lawyers call "Lespendurs, etc. etc. . Centur Outque shop

In the next place I do not care to place the money where it has too long to run for when the war does terminate it will be sudden and unexpected and there will be an awful collapse dreamt of

Here are hundreds of thousands of people who are now in Government employ will be thrown at once upon their own resources and nearly the whole manufacturing interests of the country, both operatives and machinare now employed upon Government contracts for army purposes and their "occupation" will be gone at once and the manufacturers will have to construct new machinery to be able to meet the new and changed demands and instead of having the nation for