

Hazette county Va

January 31st 1864, at halme

Mr John Guinn Esq

dear all friends I take this opportunity
of writing you a few ^{lines} to let you know
that I am well except a bad cold. hoping
that these few lines when comes to your
hand will find you and the old lady
well. I am sorry to say to you that
I had the opportunity of coming halme
and finding my wife not able to help
her self and it is very uncertain when she
will be able, Mother is about as common.
The hundred dollar note that my wife
got from you to pay James Jarrett
he would not receive the money I tendered
him the full amt of his debt and also the
same to J. W. Davis his lawyer that
is in possession of his papers and he would
not receive the money from the fact that
Jarrett would not receive the money from
him I have been told by different persons

That the tender of money will ^{stop} ~~not~~ the inter-
est on the debt if it dont kill the debt
for ever for he agreed to take the money
from me I will leave the money that
my wife got from you with her and
if you have the opper opportunity of getting it
from her I would be glad but you heart
she will send it to you the first oppertu-
nity that she has that will be safe as
I cant receive the money from you in the
account that I ~~cant~~ want receive it
from me I want you to write to ^{me} the
first opportunity that you have as I would
like to hear from you as soon as you
receive these few lines please destroy them
as we dont know who our friends is these
days

yours respect fully

John Richardson

January 31st 1844