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Biographical Note:

Alexander Stephens (1812-1883) served as the Vice President of the Confederate States of America under Jefferson Davis. He lived in Crawfordville, Georgia, and remained a bachelor. He was admitted to the bar in 1832 and entered politics in 1836 when he was elected as a State Legislator. He represented Georgia in the United States House of Representatives, 1843-1859. He was an outspoken opponent of secession but signed the ordinance of secession in 1861. He represented Georgia at the Provisional Confederate Congress in Montgomery, Alabama, where he was chosen Vice President of the Confederacy, a position he held throughout the war.

After the war ended, Stephens was imprisoned at Boston's Fort Warren for five months. In 1866, he was elected to the United States Senate, but the Republican senators would not let him serve. He wrote a two-volume book entitled "A Constitutional View of the Late War between the States," in which he apologized for the Confederacy. In 1877, he was elected to the House of Representatives, where he served until 1882 when he was elected governor of Georgia. He died in office on March 4, 1883.

Dr. Franklin Thomas Hart was born in Hancock, Georgia on January 10, 1818 to Isaac and Sarah Hart. He married Malissa E. Hart in Morgan, Georgia on May 12, 1844. Dr. Hart moved his family to Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas sometime between 1847 and 1850, where he worked as a physician until his death in 1867.

Scope and Contents:

This letter written by Alexander Stephens concerns a debt that Dr. F.T. Hart owed him.

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