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I will premise, however, that we should greatly regret being called to Florida before frosts, it would, indeed be literally calling us to the grave, for our constitutions could not bear up under the vicissitudes of a climate so entirely variant to the one we have been so long accustomed. The transition from Salubrious mountain air to the damp infected heat of the lowlands from the cool & limpid streams of freestone water of Madison County to the muddy, sluggish limestone pond & morass of Florida would be as certain death to the highlander as that Oseola out-generated both Scott and Gaines.

YOURS, WITH CONSIDERATIONS OF RESPECT & ESTEEM

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