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My little
 son, the other all seem
 applications to our dear
 John Scott in St. Louis.
 Now it will have to see
 them & they will report
 to us. They are on the
 spot & will do what is
 right.

Please show this to
 Mr. May.
 John Scott will be here
 in two weeks & we will
 consult him. In the
 meantime you can ap-
 ply by letter to St. Louis
 friends. My p. A. L. King
 Baltimore, 1861.

Nicholas P. R.
 Dear friend,
 The 11th will
 aid Mr. Thompson in his
 to return to St. Louis. I
 he is entitled to it. He is a
 stranger to us & perhaps of a
 judge of his claim upon the
 & poorly & of character. He
 desire to replace all our
 expenses who are in a strange
 land, helpless & unable to
 mind & means to begin the
 world again.

Please inform us what will be
 the plan of the family to let
 to what part of St. Louis he goes,
 as that will determine his
 wife's expenses from home. How
 can you buy books? I wish
 for Wash. the fountain the bottle
 (over) of friend A. L. King