

I know this to be true because
I saw the letter he wrote

I swallowed my pride and wrote
to him saying that whatever our
differences may have been we should
always have a common interest in Vera
and that a young man frivolous and
flirtatious and much less inferior
wanted to marry her but that he would
ruin her life - I asked him to work
with me and that I would send her
abroad for her music and that if
it were postponed for a time, Vera
would change her mind as she had
several times before - He did not answer
me, but wrote this letter urging her to marry
whomever she wanted to and to come
straight to Ft. Smith and marry him
there, if she wished etc. -

I have never failed her, Collier-Charlie,
and I bought all her clothes and the children
Vera said the other day if my head is
she would have gone naked. I've left
this house many times in 15 min pursuant
to Vera's telephone call or wire to come
oh well if any one were ill -