

To Rachel Jackson

Staunton Novbr. 28th. 1823

My Love

I reached here at 11 oclock last night in the mail stage in my usual health, I rest here today for my friend Major Eaton who I left yesterday morning he is on horseback, & will take the stage with me here, Genl Call & Colo. Owing is with me¹—If we can procure private Hacks we will go on tomorrow morning—if not we will leave here on sunday in the mail stage for Fredricksburgh where we will take the steam Boat, two days travel will now take us to the steam Boat—& in 14 hours after we will reach the city, I can now say that my fatigue of the Journey is nearly over—we have been blessed with fine weather on our Journey—we have experienced but one inclement day—to avoid which I took the stage & Major Eaton came on horseback.

I have been greeted by the people wherever I have halted, to avoid much of this was one reason why I took the stage, & even then in many places, on the way side were collections who hailed & stopped the stage to shake me by the hand, This through Virginia I did not calculate on—altho tiresome & troublesome still it is gratifying to find that I have triumphed over the machinations of my enemies, & still possess the confidence of the people—were you only with me I could be satisfied—But should providence once more permit us to meet, I am solemnly resolved, with the permission of heaven, never to separate, or be separated from you in this world. Present me to Capt A. J. Donelson say to him I will write him so soon as I reach the city—say to my son & my little ward Hutchings that I expect them to be obedient & attentive to you, bless them for me, & accept of my prayers for your health & happiness untill I return, & believe me to be your affectionate Husband

Andrew Jackson

P.S. Genl Call writes you & Andrew J. D. from here.² A.J.

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1. Probably George Washington Owen (1796–1837; Cumberland College 1815), representative from Alabama.

2. Letters not found.