

Hermitage July 9th 1830 -

My D. Genl.

I reached this on Sunday last, &
on last evening rec^d. yours of the 5th
instant & hasten to reply to it.

I sincerely regret your sudden
indisposition which has prevented
your journey hither, but rejoice
to hear of your fair prospects of
returning health, & still ~~hope to~~ have
the pleasure of seeing you, and
your family, before I leave
this ^{section} ~~country~~ for the city, and will,
with Judge Overton, meet you at
Franklin if advised of your coming.

I cannot precisely say how long
I may remain, as it will depend
on the movements of the Indians,
with whom I will communicate,
so soon as Major Eaton arrives,
who I expect every hour. He was to
have met me at Cincinnati, but
I suppose has been retarded in his
movements, by the indisposition

Judge Rowan of Ky. and also that of Mrs
Eaton who I learn was not in good
health when she left Philadelphia
The Mayor had to pass the military
academy, & Mrs Eaton was under
engagements to spend some day,
with her friends Mrs Dudley, Mr. Son-
ford & Mrs Swanton ^{and} of New York, wives
of the two Senators & of the collection
of New York. They first two ladies
having spent the winter in Washing-
ton. I am tho, expecting to hear of
their ^{arrival} every hour, at Cypress Springs
where I am to send a carriage
for them.

I am well advised of the difference
that exists between the chiefs of the
chaplains, their narrowness was
forwarded to me, a laid before the
Senate; we will recognize the chiefs
chosen in each Department of
the nation, & have invited them
thru, their confidential agent to
meet us in the rough barhood
of Franklin J. but as yet have
not heard from them, I will write
Duckham & Harley so soon as
Major Eaton arrives.

My friend I am anxious

to see & converse with you - I have
on my mind something, that has
told me with grief, and wolly what
I was not prepared to expect. & some
I have received home, have heard
whispers, that has told me, ~~with~~
not only, ^{with} regret, but ~~astonishment~~
When I see you, I will fully unfold
to you all, & counsel with you as
a friend -

Please present me kindly to
Dolly & all the children - say to her
that it will afford me sincere pleasure
- sure to have the opportunity to come
more, to shake her by the hand, ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
my most friendly greetings - I would
rejoice to see Andrew J. Coffee.

Judge Overton is now with me
& joins me in kind salutations to
you Dolly & all the family - Hope
Donelson Emily & children together
with Mary Estlin are in good
health & all the old ladies - in haste

Yours John Coffee
P.S. give my respects to Capt. Jack & Mrs.
& say to them I would be happy to see them
A.S.

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Genl John Coffee
near Florence
Alabama