

Andrew Jackson to John Coffee

Hermitage July 9th. 1830—

My Dr. Genl.

I reached this on Tuesday last, & on last evening recd. 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 of 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 Major had to pass the military academy, & Mrs. Eaton was under engagements to spend some days with her friends Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Sanford & Mrs Swartwout &c &c &c of Newyork, wives of the two Senators & of the collector of Newyork—They first two Ladies having spent the winter in washington—I am tho, expecting to hear of their arrival every hour, at Tyres Springs where I am to send a carriage for them.

I am well advised of the difference that exists between the chiefs of the choctaws, their remonstrance was forwarded to me, & laid before the Senate; we will recognise the chiefs chosen in each Department of the nation, & have invited them thro' their confidential agent to meet us in the neighbourhood of Franklin T. but as yet have not heard from them—I will write Peachlin & Hailey so soon as Major Eaton arrives.

My Dr friend I am anxious to see & converse with you—I have on my mind something, that has filled me with grief, and really what I was not prepared to expect—and since I have reached home, have heard whispers that has filled me, ~~with~~ not only with regret, but amasement—when I see you, I will fully unfold to you all, & council with you as a friend—

Please present me kindly to Polly & all the children—say to her that it will afford me sincere pleasure to have the opportunity, ~~to~~ once more, to shake her by the hand & present her with 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

Polly & all the family—Major Donelson Emily & children together with Mary Easton are in good health & at the old Ladies—in haste

[Andrew Jackson]

P.S. give my respects to Capt Jack & Elisa—& say to them I would be happy to see them A. J.

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