Valley Forge April 23rd 1850

Dear Friend,

I received the Catalogue sent by you, and was much pleased to see your name with several other of my Old friends names in it. I dont see Tom. Spottswood. I want you to write and let me know what has become of him and how you are all getting along at Old Dickinson. I was within twenty miles of Carlisle last Summer. I was at Harrisburg; I went from their up to the Juniata River, out the Ju. to Hollidaysburg, from their to Pittsburg, from Pts. to Cincinnati, Ohio. from Cin. back to Wheeling from their to Cumberland Md. from Cum. to Baltimore, and from their to Phila. So you see I had quite a round. I want to see old Carlisle once more and then I will be satisfied for a while.

Give my respects to all my Old friends, Harry, Tom, Blake, McCarty &c.

Excuse my brevity I will write a longer letter next time.

I remain as ever, your Sincere friend
S. Shropp

Write Soon.

Christian P. Humerick

My respects to all

I have not written to you for a long long time. I am well aware of the neglect but may College duties will intervene sometimes and prevent my following my own inclination in every respect. What surprises me more is that you have not written for a much longer time. I more than half believe that you have forgotten us all - you neither write to find out how we are or to tell us how you are getting along manifesting the greatest kind of indifference. Ah. your time must be spent very pleasantly indeed, when home is not worth remembering. I judge some of those old prophesies (who had made out among them the length of your stay) are a little surprised at your determination of making a short visit at least - I wonder ~~how~~ if some of them have not been looking for your return, for some time back. I would like to slip out into the country for a few days, and hear the conjectures & opinions expressed ~~about~~ you ~~that~~ having fulfilled their predictions. If then to put them on paper ~~to~~ that you could see them yourself. Your not coming home in a couple of weeks, will make those who did believe that they were real, down right prophets, think that they know nothing at all. People that think that every body must do as they do I have a poor opinion of. Nothing shows your strength of mind better that this trip. ~~Many~~ Many a one had they been advised & counselled as you ~~would never have begun~~ it. Many a one about beginning a journey had they listened to what you did would have abandoned it at once. But you have shown what can be done. I would not be surprised if you did not return for six month or more

Nothing shows your strength of mind better than this trip. Many a one, about to leaving home for the first, had they listened to what you did would have abandoned the visit at once. But it was not so with you. Your answer to their questions - that they would see you when you came home, satisfied me at once. I see that the right spirit was there and that ~~is~~ has all that is necessary was I am proud of having a cousin, that can act so independently ~~of others~~ and yet such manifest good sense, and womanly dignity.

Last Saturday I saw Montgomery in Carlisle. I believe he brought Sophia and Sarah along with him intending to visit David Carmony. This may be all true enough but I think there was some other inducement for a drive up there. I suppose as a matter for course he did not go near Fishburns.

I am much pleased to learn that there will be no necessity for my consulting Doctor Rodgers and also that ~~there will be no~~ it is not likely that the remedy I proposed to your aunt will required

It gives me much pleasure to learn that there will be no necessity for my consulting Dr Rodgers. ~~or that~~ that there is any probability that your aunt will have to make an application of the Remedy I recommend.

Write soon

I had written the above when I received your letter of October 18th. It just came in time to remove the impression that you had forgotten us altogether or that you had run off with some of those young fellows and were determined not to write so that your parents could not find you out. But I find that you are still there though I dare say that young man in the store ~~who I saw you~~ that was looking at you all the time, will not only know you when he gets sight of you again, but will want to become acquainted with you. You must set your cap, if he is worth catching.

Your letter has afforded me much pleasure I will excuse you for not writing sooner. But I know that if you are a very poor hand at writing it is for want of practice, and that is what I want you to do — to practice writing. They say practice makes perfect, and so will it be in this case. With a little exercise you will soon be able to write a very fine letter — and then if you should fall in love, ~~and you know~~ it will be just the thing you want. You have so much to write about — every thing you can say will be interesting. An account of any visit, you may make any party you may attend &c &c. When you sit down to write a letter do not go about it as you would a task, be cheerful plain & easy and in a short time you will acquire a habit of writing which will make all the R R Monday Tuesday R R Returns

that if there is any one among your female acquaintance ~~that~~ whose you think would please me, remember that I am rather hard to please, to her you shall assure her that I am well, & likewise feel interested in her health & happiness. If there are none such (remember you are to be the judge) they ~~that~~ message, returns my best respects.

It is one, two, three weeks I believe since I last wrote to you. A long, long time indeed. I am aware of the neglect but my College duties will intervene to prevent my following my inclinations in my respect. Political excitement has been very high for some time past, and as a matter of course I must share in it. When Politics take hold of a mans mind, he thinks of little else, cares for little else than the advancement of his party. Although I do not have a vote yet my mind has been so taken up that I have not even attended to my studies. I have befor this attempted to write you a line, but it was in vain. The excitement is now over and the Whig Candidate for Governor will probably be defeated. I am able to bear the defeat & withstand its effects, that the excitement before the election.

My worthy friend that you invited me to call there letters a day to let its contents, that you did not like the place. That not pleased you, that you wrote out to be pleased, that you wanted to come home. Every thing has done gone, repulsive that the inhabitants of there were different race, that they were continually grumbling about some thing, that you were confined some eight or nine months to come home that the only request that you had to make in this world was that your parents would send some one to bring you permit you to come home your self, but I have been a little displeased haven't I be to pacified.

Allow me assure you much pleasure you may find upon a very pleasant meeting. Hand us a little epistle that is ideal and y

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