

Please direct to me to "39 Broad St."—

New York Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup>/88.

Col<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> P. Johnston

Dear Col,<sup>l</sup>

Your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> has just come, telling me of the happy event to occur with yourself in the Spring. I do trust, all you so beautifully expressed of Miss Avery's character may be more than realized, in the plentitude of happiness that is to follow. Will I astonish you, —to tell you it was not a surprise to me, as I heard of it before Christmas, but was silent until it came from you. I do hope if health and strength is my portion <sup>^then</sup> to be with you all at that time.

I shall be so glad if all the boxes with their contents went safe and in good order. God's richest blessings, health & happiness be ever yours

from very sin<sup>l</sup>y. Jo. L Newcomb.