

Trinity Rectory, Lime Rock Conn

Sept<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>/88

My dear Mrs J,

By Saturdays eve<sup>'s</sup> mail, I received your long sweet letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>, (and the photographs) which was most interesting to me, and had it been twice as long, would have been read, and re-read, with the same interest and pleasure, and the photo's I do enjoy, and do please accept my sincere thanks, for so kindly remembering me. Your picture does not do you justice at all,— at all, as the irish say, still I value it. Miss M Harris I should never have known, but for your placing each one. — The Col<sup>'s</sup> I think excellent, the others are all strangers to me. Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee's

is not as good as what he sent me of himself. The grouping is very fine, which I think was your arrangement. How could Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee, but be 'brightened' in the Society of yourself, the wife of his very dear friend. It is the desolate and alone, my dear Mrs J, that feels and appreciates, the sincerity of congenial companions. I am so glad you are going to make him a visit, which you will truly enjoy, the Gen<sup>'s</sup> house and home, the Mausoleum, the Colleges & [etc.?].— You will also see my dear hus<sup>'s</sup> portrait. Do not write me again here, as I shall return to the city before very long. You must not tire yourself with your house, but take it slowly and easy. With regards to the Col<sup>l</sup>  
Sin<sup>ly</sup> yr friend

Jo.L Newcomb.

[Written vertically along paper fold:]

I have sent this to Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee<sup>s</sup> care to meet you there. —

*Editors' note*

The content of the letter suggests the letter is written to Colonel Johnston's wife.