

New York July 15th/90

Col W^m P. Johnston

Dear Col,

I should have replied to your two last letters and truly thank you for the paper containing your address in St. Louis, ^{had I been able} that I did indeed enjoy, as I do all your writings being so very able. After perusing it carefully, I sent it to our mutual friend Mr B.C. W. Mrs Alfred Tucker (whose son A. B. Tucker M. D. is one of our guests) has asked me, for a copy of your address in St. Louis, if it had been published in pamphlets, — as she is so anxious to show it to the German Gen'^{tlm} Mr Gossner, whose daugh'^{rs} she matronizes.

I told Mrs T, if it had not, she should have mine after Mr W. returned it. You will see by the heading of this letter, I am still in N. York, for the reason, begin entirely alone, and my three last Sum'^{rs} so uncomfortable and unpleasant, that with so little strength, I thought it wiser to remain where I had some comforts and quiet, so necessary to the weak, yet as long as I can help myself, — I will never murmur. Mr H. K. P— and wife sail on the 19th in the S'te Gascogne for Havre, and expect to return the last of Aug'st. I had a long letter from Mrs D^r R— from W. S. S'^{pgs}, she is so grateful and happy, her dear husband can enjoy himself in the open air.

I have directed this Col to Staunton Va, where I thought it would find Mrs J, and yourself. We have had some cool days, but our weather is again sultry and oppressive, not conducive to giving me any strength. with love to Mrs J, and best wishes for your happiness and good health.

Very sin^{ly}. Jo. L Newcomb

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