

Louisville Oct 15th 1829

Dear Charles

Yours of the 5th Inst was received
this morning. I do not remember, that so long
a period has elapsed since the commencement
of epistolary Correspondence between us, without
my having received some communication from
your pen. But while I have frequently ^{wondered}
~~wondered~~ at your long silence, I have ever been
ready to find your excuse in devotion to her
who deserves as she receives your best affections.

I had heard from other sources, of the unpromis-
ing state of your Business at the Bar. And believe
me my dear Brother this subject has been with
me a theme of much and painful consideration.

Often and ardently have I wished that I could
suggest some favorable change in your Location
or Views. But my enquiries and reflections have
been utterly vain. I rejoice at your determination
to settle in Malborough, for independent of the
greater amount of Business at the Bar of that place

it is a fact notorious, that in Maryland, the
Professions are greatly more respected, and
more liberally rewarded, than in the part of
Virginia in which you live. I find much cause
of gratulation in the happy temper of you in London,
it is a pearl of great price, more precious than
rubies, yea more to be desired than fine gold.

Tho' a dark gloom has hitherto settled upon
your Professional pathway, I trust that you
do not encourage a feeling of Despair. Remember
that you possess talents, a thirst for Knowledge, the
power of application, and are under the impulse of
powerful incentives. and more especially remember
that your interests are associated with those of a Child
of God, who will not fail to protect his own.
But does it not become you my Dear Brother as a rational
and reflecting Being, to secure the countenance and
favour of Him who orders all things, and orders
them aright. Looking as I do with the eye of Faith,
upon the promises and threatenings of that God, who
governs the destiny of worlds, of nations, and individ-
uals, ^{and} who has identified his own Glory with the happi-
ness of his Creatures, can I refrain from urging upon
you most serious and patient consideration, that
Religion, whose charms are but dimly reflected from

the bright Loveliness of her, who I can but hope is
destined, to lead you by the gentle influence of her
example into the way everlasting?

I suppose you will not be married for some
time, and since by your new location you will
be brought within half a days ride of Alex^a.
and thus afforded opportunity of frequent inter-
course with Selina, that will be less need of
travelling in the matter. Permit me to preface a
virtue which I did not practice, viz Patience
under circumstances, which make it a Penance.
You deserve credit for the fortitude with which
you have endured so long.

With regard to myself, I may say that I am
well satisfied with my Lot at present. I may be hard
run for a year or so, but I think that I shall
ultimately do well.

B and you refresh with well the former
getting very fat, and the latter very smart.
C. writes with me in love to yourself and all
friends collectively and individually. Tell Marg^a
I shall do myself the pleasure of writing to her
shortly. - Farewell and believe me as ever
Your affectionately brother
Jewell^l Rowe

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