

Shrewsbury Forest

My Dear Sir,

Nov. 13. 1848

Your letter of Oct. 30. has been duly received. How much pleasure it would give me to visit my old friends in Gloucester and particularly your brother John. I need not attempt to express. To the County and to its people I am most strongly attached - so much so that I find myself, altho' slightly situated here, sometimes regretting that I had not permanently located myself there. The attractions of your Society are so great and its hospitalities so intellectual and refined, as to render Gloucester the most desirable place of residence, in town or country, that I am acquainted with. Formerly, when I wanted to infuse into John Seawell a spirit of adventure, I have ridiculed his attachment to the fish and oysters. but the day for a more serious tone has come, when I must admit his wisdom in making his location where he has - Yes I should be delighted with a visit to Gloucester - and yet great changes have occurred since I was there - Capt. Robins, Tom Smith, Dr. Dabney and many others have passed away, and to look upon their former residences would fill

me with pain. I should no longer be greeted by
the smiles of your dear Mother. or the singular
but always kind and intelligent remarks of
your father. These I should greatly and painfully
miss. but still there are many others who I should
be delighted to see. But I know ^{not} when this will
be. and I must claim the advantage of seniority
at least of you and John and claim a visit
from you. The enclosed letter I received some
time since, and as it relates to one who is
dear to us all, I now read it. You should
file it away as a testimonial which may at
some future day be useful to William. He
has expressed to me a desire to be retained in
the army. but I can take no part in naming
for office any friend, to those who commenced
this administration by a war on all my
friends. I have sustained them as well as I
was able in a quiet way. and I have voted
for Cass. but Mr. Polk inflicted the inmedi-
cabile vulturnus on the Democratic party
in the outset, by rejecting the aid which
had brought him into power. Van Buren
and the men of no principle were ^{courted} ~~granted~~.
and the true men thrown off. Major General
Mr. Hunt Prentiss lost to the Party, 100,000 votes.
Now all things have to become new. The end
we shall probably live long enough to see.

Mrs. Tyler has not yet returned from New York
where she has been to attend upon the sick bed
of her sister. I look for her return now daily
with best love to all of your
Brother's family

Yrs Truly

John Tyler

P.S. Fail not to write to Daniel -

