

Oak Hill. London. July 20<sup>th</sup> 1829.

My dear Sir  
If Antennia had been setting out on Friday last, on a transatlantic expedition, the tears which M<sup>rs</sup> A. then shed, as well as those which have since fallen, might be readily accounted for and excused. In that case my feelings would have been something like her own. But on Friday last, I had no disposition to weep. On the contrary I felt, if not joyous, at least happy. One great cause of my anxiety is removed. When I leave this world, an event which I am sure is not so remote, as persons judging from my exterior might suppose, I shall depart relieved from all care and anxiety on her account. I have entire confidence in your honorable, faithful and affectionate discharge of the trust which we have all reposed in you. It is a fact, which on an occasion like this, I may with propriety state, that the sentiment which bound me to you, grew stronger as my knowledge of you increased.

We received Antennias note, dated a mile on this side of the Court house, and we were very glad to find that you got on so well in the Rating as well as in the travelling department.

We hope to have from you, by the mail of tomorrow, an account of your journey, from the C. Home to Washington, and of your negotiations there. I should be sorry to hear that they had failed. Your character as a negotiator, would in that event, be much impaired in my estimation. I acknowledge that I feel



No inconsiderable anxiety, that Hortemia, if she is to travel to the north, should travel, with some lady, who like Miss C. would be an ornament, and not an incumbrance: whose appearance and manners would command respect, and show at once why she was selected as a companion and a friend to Hortemia.

You will see the Gouverneurs in New York. Hortemia likes them. They have all been kind to her, after their fashion of kindness. But I do not like them. They soon become familiar, and when familiar, they are coarse, especially among themselves. This however is for your eye only.

I forgot to mention to you, that I do not wear rights and lefts. My shoes must be for either foot. I therefore mark on the next page, the exact length of my foot, and the measure of my instep. I want a pair of dress shoes, of the best materials, and of the highest fashion, and a pair of yellowish colored shoes. I know not of what they are made; buckskin, perhaps. Direct the maker to forward the shoes to John Coburn Esq., and his bill to me. — I am a great enemy to giving and receiving Commissions: but I have not hesitated to mention the matter of my shoes to you, because when you <sup>have</sup> said a word to the shoe maker, your business is at an end.

Yours sincerely & affectly

W. Hay