

Northumberland March 27. 1830

My dear Andrew,

In the first place I ought to apologize for not writing to you sooner but rest assured it was not want of affection for there is scarcely a day passes without something said about Andrew you are seldom long out of my mind you guessed right when you thought it was my dislike to writing alone was the reason why I did not. I confess I am very negligent & remiss in the duty of writing to my absent friends and about often wound their feelings without intending to do so. I sometimes resolve I will be a more punctual correspondent in future but the next letter I receive lies as long unanswered as the former you that know me so well should not be either surprised or hurt at it.

I was much pleased to receive your letter but was sorry to find you in so dull a mood your letter affected me almost to tears I had not an idea but what you were happy in your situation I think you ought to strive to be so. there is no situation in life however prosperous but has its cares and difficulties and perplexities. You do wrong to always dwell on the dark side of life in a few years your prospects may change materially you are certainly in good & respectable business as much so as any you could engage in some of ^{the} ~~most~~ most distinguished men in the state are merchants & some of them perhaps at your age not any richer than yourself & their education inferior it may be. If there was anything in ^{my} power to do that would contribute to your comfort

on interest I would gladly do it. I am ~~tempt~~ myself to indulge in gloomy reflections
 but I think it not only wrong but sinful I feel thankful I am not as much inclined so
 as I once was I intreat you to dismiss as much as possible those unpleasant feelings
 followers may yet arising up in thy path unlooked for comforts may yet cheer
 thy heart that thou dreamest not of none. acknowledge god in all thy
 ways and he will direct thy paths no one ~~in~~ even trusted him in
 vain - & those that seek him early shall find him and find him a present help
 in time of need - Miss M Jenkins was here yesterday she mentioned Mr Whannan
 having received a letter from you I expect you have received an answer by this time
 he has not been visited in a clock since you left him she said she thought a good offer
 would induce you to come back again at the expiration of the year I'll mention
 what he says to you I think I would not be rash in deciding when I would settle when you en-
 gaged with Mr Lanning I dare say he expected you would continue more than one year
 it would be pleasant to have you near us ~~but~~ I don't think Norton in London will ever be a place
 of business it may perhaps in time but if you don't like Wilkes barre that alters the case I would
 consult on all occasions with James he is a friend ^{you} may confide in and will give the best advice
 in his power - I have enjoyed good health this winter untill last week I was quite unwell again
 in my head it continued for some days but am quite well again. William Hays died suddenly two
 weeks ago he complained a little on Saturday ~~last~~ was up & on Sunday morning was a corpse it was ~~surprised~~
 an always broke. Mrs Logans house was burnt the ground the day before the fire in Wilkes barre if the day had
 not been wet I think the fire would not have stopped when it broke out between 11 & 12 o'clock at night the
 next day the citizens subscribed upwards of 200 hundred letters besides bundles of clothing sent. He received
 the bundle sent by B. M. May a few minutes after he arrived. I sent you of it before I was up in the morning
 we thank you for the present you sent us. I have two shirts made will send them by post chance
 with your pantaloons & stockings there is much in enough left to make some cottons after four shirts
 are made I will make them soon. Foster has sold out to young wither scott has built a store
 on M. Conclins lot opposite For-lis. St Sanders built on M. Clenden do opposite Bayde

It gives me to think of your paying so much postage I think on my part
 sometimes meet with private opposition I have heard of Mr Lanning's being in town
 here this spring why not write to him - do not be backward in speaking of yourself to me
 I would say son for the present & believe at all times & all places your affectionate mother
 M. M. Whitlock

Friendship, an ode. Printed in the Gentlemen's Magazine 1743

Friendship, peculiar boon of heaven;
 The nobles mind's delight and pride,
 To man and angels only given,
 To all the lower world denied.

While love, unknown among the blest,
 Parent of thousand wild diseases
 The savage and the human breast,
 Torment alike with raging fires.

With bright but oft destructive gleams
 Alike o'er all his lightnings fly,
 Thy lambent glories only beam
 Around the favorites of the sky.

Thy gentle flows of guiltless joys -
 On fools and billions never descend;
 In vain for thee the tyrant sighs,
 And hugs a flatterer for a friend.

Discreets of the brawn & just,
 O guide us through life's darksome way,
 And let the tortures of mistrust
 On selfish bosoms only prey.

Nor shall thine ardours cease to glow,
 When souls to peaceful climes remove;
 What raised our virtues here below,
 Shall ^{aid} our happiness above -

Samuel Johnson L.L.D.

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 which I am not so much inclined to
 as possible these unpleasant feelings
 looked for comfort may yet cheer
 us acknowledge god in all things
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 I find him and find him a parent
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 him she said she thought a good offer
 expiration of the year I let me know
 leading when I would settle when you in
 we would continue more than six years
 I think North-western will ever be a place
 like Wilkes barre that across the case I would
 by confide in and will give the best advice
 on until last week I was quite well again
 well again. William has died Sunday too,
 on Sunday morning was a corpse it was very
 day before the fire in Wilkes barre the day had
 broke out between 11 & 12 o'clock at night the
 these kind's bundles of clothing sent. He owned
 I think took it before I was up in the morning
 a shirt made well and then by post came
 A left to make some cottons after four shirts
 sent to young's with a sock his built a store
 on the other side of the road

It grieves me to think of your trying so much for me I think I thank you much
 sometimes meet with friends after many I have heard of Mr. Johnson's being in town
 these two spring why not write by him - do not be backward in speaking of your own
 I would pay for the present & send it at all times & all places your affectionate mother
 M. M. Clutch

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Mr Hobert is building an apothecary's shop on Mrs. Wall's lot along side of
 arunde. James Stoughton is building a store opposite wallis near Joseph's
 his father has purchased the lot William Lyscombing has built on the same lot with
 took a better shop John Wheatty has built a shop & store house for grow. I have
 not heard from Lyscombing since you left us I had a letter from your grandfather Todd
 this week with a ham and sundry other articles. I still have a some money and

would
 what he says

For the 2nd of May

Andrew J. McIntosh

Wilkes-Barre
 Penna

Received of
 \$1.00
 May 1850

have been very comfortable this winter I have wood enough for all summer. have
 you seen Mrs Murray I thank you for that excellent sermon you sent me I think
 it must be a very pleasant thing to have two such excellent men as Mr Murray &
 May settled in a little village - I hope James is well do you think he is courting anyone
 give my love to him. Cousin d Wallace has quit his trade finds it does not agree with
 him. James is well desires to be remembered to you he is steady & kind to me I think he will
 write soon to you. I had written to you when I received yours & sent it over to the post
 office last week Cousin d sent it back with yours to me. Mrs Leland desires
 to be remembered to ^{you} Mrs Galt & if ~~also~~ your friends here often enquire for you

Mrs. McIntosh is building on at the same shop on the water lot along side of
around. James Stoughton is building a stone shop with a window near Joseph's
his father too has ordered the lot William Spinning has built on the same lot with
took a kitchen shop. John Mackay has built a shop & stone house for pork. I have
not heard from Spinning since you left. I had a letter from your grandfather (old)
this week with a long and interesting letter. I still have a some money and

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Andrew T. McIntosh
Wilkes-Barre
Penn^a

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For M. B. 29th Mar

My dear
Mrs. McIntosh

have been very comfortable this winter. I have wood enough for all summer. have
you seen the money I thank you for that excellent dinner you sent me. I think
it must be a very pleasant thing to have two such excellent men as Mr. Murray &
Mr. Platt in a little village. I hope James is well at present. He is coming to you
give my love to him. Consider of Walter. He put his trade aside it does not agree with
him. James is well. He is recommended to you. He is doing well. I think he will
write soon to you. I had written to you when I received yours & sent it over to the post
office last week. Could not get it back with yours to me. Mrs. McIntosh desires
to be remembered to you. But I will not say your friends have often enjoyed you.