

Wickham January 2. 1828.

Dear Anne

Since the rec^d of your letter, I have called on
Major Haff Scott. They say they will not want you before
April next; and indeed, if the canal should not be
extended it seems doubtful whether they will want you
at all; as in that case, there will be less inducement for
the opening of an other establishment. When I first
addressed you, they supposed the extension of the canal
to be an event admitting of no doubt whatever; but the
late aspect of affairs at Harrisburg has in some measure
alarmed them; and they will not enlarge their business
until all apprehension is at rest. Meanwhile, if you
think proper to continue with Mr. Shannon until spring, I
will take care that he have notice in time to procure
an other clerk, if necessary.

Judge Scott is well pleased with the character
he rec^d of you, as well as regards your morals, as in respect to
your qualifications for business. Believe me, I hope with
all sincerity that you may never lose the respectability of
character which you now possess. It were useless for me
to assure you, how important it is, to be held in honorable
estimation by the good world; without it, life would be a
cheerless journey; and death, if one could dare to die, "a
consummation devoutly to be wished." But I have no comments
to give which the kind heart of your mother has not
already anticipated.

Affectionately

James M. Clomborn

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