

Harrisburg
10th mo 30th, 1837

Dear ~~Z.~~ Alfred

I wrote to Henry yesterday & in the evening rec
thine of the 28th.

The still absorbing topic is the Ship & those
on board- it is difficult to discharge the subject from the ~~my~~
mind however useless it may be to indulge in speculation & con-
jecture. Time will bring all things to light & we must patiently
wait the event trusting in Providence that whatever that result
may be, whether according to our conceptions for good or for
ill, it will nevertheless be right.

Henry mentioned in one of his letters the subject of the
railing & that Caleb wd write to me abt it. In my reply I sd I
wd give it my attention when I heard from C.

As to Barton, I wish Hy to give him a ck for the \$50. he
needs. Thou hast not said yet whether Mother recd one or two
Letters from me. I shd like to know. I am glad to learn that ~~E~~
E. W. intends coming to the City. The air of the country wd I
think be too sharp for her during the winter & in the City
she will be nearer to medical aid.

The discussion on the Judiciary is proceeding. Judge H.
has just closed a very lucid & argumenatative & powerful address.
Woodward has risen in reply. He will be wily, but he will not
refute his antagonist. The issue is uncertain. So much will be
sacrificed to ambition, party views & popular prejudice. Should
the radicals succeed in prostrating the Judiciary by rendering
them subservient to the Legislature, farewell to liberty & secu-
rity. Indeed, under the garb of democracy & feeling for the
people, this republic seems fast travelling towards a despo-
tism & it is of little importance to our security whether it be
the despotism of the rabble or the despotism of a single tyrant.
The latter would probably be the least exceptionable- but if the
first happen, the latter will not be slow to follow. Ingersoll
will soon follow Woodward.

I wish our friends, that is the Conservatives, wd permit
the disorganizers to vent themselves fully, before they reply.
This will probably not happen, & I cannot say when the debate
will terminate - certainly not this week- at least I fear not.

I have just been informed that Caleb passed through
Harrisburg yesterday. I recd a bundle of phamplets wh no doubt
came ~~from~~ him. I suppose he could not delay long enough to
call on me.

I have become accustomed to listen & to write at the same
time. Still, I may & do often commit errors of commission &
ommission which wd have been avoided under a more abstracted
condition - but if at any time I omit noticing matters to wh my
attention should be given, I hope to be reminded of my deficiency

I wished Mother to inform me whether the Garden plot was completed- whether the Carpenters had finished their work- whether C. H. Canby was ~~done~~ done. This I think was in my last Letter to her. I want her to be reminded of my wish to hear ~~from~~ from her.

The Mail hour is at hand & I must close.

Farewell

Thos. P.. Cope

I have just been shewn a Letter from the City stating that the Susqa was seen on first day 12 leagues from the Capes of the Delaware by the Steam Boat from N.Y. to Charleston.