Sherwood Forest  
Feb. 19, 1850

My dear Sir:

My thanks are due to you for the several evidences of continued regard with which you have furnished me during the winter, in your speeches and documents from Harrisburg. Be assured that I shall never fail to read them with the highest respect from yourself with true pleasure, being convinced from my past association with you, that whatever you may utter in debate will always proceed from mature conviction or honest impulse. It was the saying of some one, I forget at the moment, who that language was given us "to conceal our thoughts," but the sentiment is truly worthy of a man intelligent whose whole game is one of deception. You have adopted the opposite rule, and have the boldness to advocate truth for its own sake, and to do it in language too plain to admit of misconception. For myself, I am no longer in any way connected with the busy world, but devote all my energies to the improvement of my lands, which, although originally of good quality, had by a course of injudicious husbandry, continuing for 200 years, been worn down to...
a condition of barrenness, and I already bear the
happiness to see a freer and a brighter smile
enriching the landscape. My youth of the recol-
lection of it is in the mean time restored to me
in the birth since I left Washington. Of two of the
finest boys in creation and now a girl who enjoys
the care of its mother and bears the heart of the Household
You perceive therefore that I have been no idle drone
since I parted with politics and the politicians.
looking out from the shade of my retreat upon
the great world I am by no means unaffected
by passing scenes, and when I see the destruction
consequent upon the game of ambitious and
unprincipled demagogues, I cannot avoid
morning on thine head, the curse of offended
heaven. Hoping however that there is enough
of sound wisdom and patriotism in the
country to battle all evil designing, I go back
with unaltered purpose to my daily practises
and shake off all disagreeable forebodings. Wish
you not have it in your power at some
time or other to pass through my gate-way.
With assurance of constant regard
I am Dr. Sir

Yrs truly

John Taylor

Hon. J. H. Porter
To Mr. John Tyler
Law Officer

Acknowledging receipt of documents

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