

Republico Lanes Co. Ohio
Oct. 20. 1861

My friend Mary

Yours of the 8th Inst. written at Washington and mailed on the 13th St. Columbus has been duly received & I do so afford me unfeigned pleasure that I have the happiness to acknowledge you in terms of reciprocated friendship

The coolness & apparent neglect of which you speak in relation to myself and for which I am desired to excuse & accept as a friend your apology is most cheerfully perceived to be inevitable on your part & is acceptable

I should be doing great injustice to not readily perceive the utter inability on your part to reply to either of my Epistles much more from the probable debilitated state of your person after such lamentable protraction of disease and consequent frame of mind, for that is no less effectual which is an ultimate sequence from that affinity that mind bears to the physical system

And again I was not altogether ignorant that doubt might arise with you as to the propriety of noticing my communications from apparent discrepancy in the mode of my introductions, which would seem greatly to contrast with elegant parlance

in thus presuming without a formal introduction
But having from my earliest recollection been governed
by lofty and honorable motives of intention, purpose, and
design in whatever a virtuous and laudable ambition
might seem to invite I can assure you in sentiments
of profound regard the confidence you trust yourself
with in supposing from the tenor of my epistles
- and in regarding them you are dealing with a gentleman
shall never be impaired. But we have alike the
pleasures of each others acquaintance, incidentally brought
about - the common occurrence without the means of
further introduction than the narrow confines of
of a Stage coach and the promptings of common civi-
ties, when all are strangers. Though between us appa-
rently nothing did pass but a word or so, and nothing
would be likely to call to your recollection my person, or
that I regarded you with more than ordinary interest
after the passing moment. Yet my pen is circumscribed
from feelings of delicacy for the present - but hope to merit
your continued confidence as a favored friend.

Let me ask, if in your late trip to
the Lake you passed in your outward or homeward tour
through this Town? I am of the opinion you did

as the Rail Road connects so favorably the Columbus line of stages
through Tiffin with the Lake at Sandusky City

I close for the present in asking a continuation
of your kind and acceptable favors - adding a renewal
of my estimations and regard for yourself and unaltered
sentiments of honor, friendship - Please let me hear from

You soon

Your true friend &c

Miss Mary Shuman

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