

I never want any of my friends
to be his friends - or his friends
to be my friends - words are so
vague to express what I think
of him - that I won't say a word.

I had the most delightful
visit to Philadelphia the 1st of July
to the 8th I left so suddenly
that I couldn't write and ask
you to be at the Depot where
I passed - but I anxiously looked
for you at Millersburg and
Harrisburg - I first saw Tom
Moore in the Walnut Street
Theatre - we were mutually delighted
and astonished - shook hands - and
Tom came round to the Continentals
next morning early - and we talked
for 3 or 4 hours about old times -
delightful talk - he looks and is
exactly the same - still always
falling in love - and don't look
a day older - or a bit different -

Now my dear friends - please
don't write me such severe letters
I cannot bear it - don't let the
friendship that began so long
ago - and has never known
a break - know one now -

I'd sink the country if
Hades at the bottom of the
river steps first -

Yours -

Frank

Williamsport Pa

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Dear Simon -

Your letter came along
before you had received my last
note - and positively - Simon - I won't
stand such letters as your last -
You - as much as call me a Traitor -
a Rebel - an Imbecile and everything
else that is detestable - for you call
men such - with whom I agree - and
whose doctrines and actions I endorse.
You take such a bigoted and prejudiced
view of political affairs - that you
forget you are addressing an intimate
personal friend - and not a political
enemy - And I have always - respected
the opinions of my friends whatever
such opinions may have been - And I
claim that the same degree of feeling
shall be extended to me - Your views
politically are entirely different from
mine - but I do not hate - and
aspire to laugh at you for that - Now
is it either kind or friendly to attack
so violently - to me - or assail so vir-
ulently - principles that I uphold - I
tell you that I believe Andrew
Johnson - to be Honest and True - and
you instead of asserting the contrary
as you have a right to do - say
"Any man who believes Andy - to be
any thing else than an idiot or a Traitor
is a fool" Now I tell you I won't
stand it - Talk this way, if you want

To - before a crowd - who cannot see that any part of the land they live in has any rights - save their immediate surroundings - write this way - if you want to in some Paper whose Editor looks out through glasses which only embrace one section of his country to the prejudice of another section - but don't - don't - write it to me - write to me, if you will - about political matters. But do keep in mind that my Principles are continually the opposite and that every harsh epithet ever uncharitably assertions jars terribly - You respect and admire men - that I can see no good in - And yet I will not wound you by animating them - you detest men - whom I think are the embodiment of honor & truth - And yet I will not offend you by lauding these same to the skies - You may think that the position you have chosen - that of being a member of the Radical or Congress Party - needs a defense - or an explanation - No just as one thinks about it - no man need explain his course when he believes it to be the right one - but let the triumph of its Principles and the perseverance of himself - ultimately speak for themselves -

You speak in words - unparalleled in their vituperation of Cowan - a man

who like most all great Statesmen cannot be appreciated by the masses until time shows him to be right - You tell me to "pause and look at the solid phalanx of an untried Congress" - I will merely say - that there is barely a quorum left in the City and by Saturday will be no quorum - Since I don't know what to think - you say if you were made Asst Assen - you would advocate the cause of your whole country - but I doubt it - very much - then you at once propose going West - I don't know when you are in earnest - As for me I am not admitted - but would go - as soon as I was - I began reading in Jan'y '65 - and have been reading a year and half - might be admitted in November - but guess I won't until January - I never did rush things like the rest of you - Your Uncle Salade is living in a handsome house now on the corner of 4th & Mulroy the old Huling House - he has raised it three stories - and fixed all up - If Stephen Wilson runs for Congress in this Dist - and we can get the Democ Candidate to withdraw - I A Mackey of Lock Haven - a strong - good - very rich - republican will run independent against Wilson - and by Jove but we will work him if it's 50 years - from now I'll remember that man - I never never will lose sight of him.



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