

London 16th May 1845

My dear Gen^l.

I should have long ago done myself
the pleasure of writing to you - but I imagined my
letters would be but a trouble to you, as you had
other things to think of - I suppose by this time you
have become Benedict and just as happy as it
is possible to be - How I envy you my dear Sir,
and how different of situation to mine at present
I have been here ever since you left Washington
and am now under close arrest to the Tower -
and had to give security otherwise Mr. M. would
have had me under close confinement -
I am permitted however sometimes to visit the
Gentlemen in the neighborhood, whom I am
really much pleased with, and I consider
myself very fortunate in having been sent to so
hospitable a part of the world - Col^l Barclay

apply through every channel that he thought
would be most successful, to obtain me permission
to return home but the Gov^t will not hear of it, and
it would appear that they are anxious to keep me here
during the war. This you will admit is a hard
case, but it cannot be helped.

It is now drawing near the season that the
Senate & Congress will again assemble at Washington
I am extremely anxious to obtain leave for a
week or so, to see my friends in the city once more,
I understand the Dear Maria is to be there, they
have been much alarm'd on the Eastern shore
by the Admiral Warrens squadron - and no
doubt are the more anxious on that account
to visit the city -

By a letter from our friend Hastings the other
day, I learn that the Gov^t have opened some of
my letters to him - and he sends me a correspondence

between John Graham in the State Department, and
Mr. Gannett, respecting some they had opened, they first
Harrison wrote to him to obtain his consent to open
them, & then they forwarded them, with the following
remarks, "that they found their contents perfectly
innocent."

There is little or nothing new here but
what I suppose you have already seen in the
papers. It is said at this time that the Crowned
Cartel the Barossa had arrived with despatches
& the mail from England at Annapolis - and
that the Act respecting the Seamen's bill which
passed in Congress last session - was considered
as a measure towards Peace by the British
Gov^t. and that something favorable was expected
from these Despatches that have just arrived -
The Elections are all over in Virginia - and you
will already have perceived that our much

beloved and respected friend John Randolph is
left out - This will be a severe mortifying
stroke to him - and to all his acquaintances,
but I believe there were an equal proportion
of Federalists elected from that state to what
they had in the last session -

Mr. Rhca passed through here of Friday last on his
way to the city - I had a ft mind several times
to have ~~tried~~ on his ~~foot~~ - and had it not been
for some of my friends, I would have been tempted
to have ~~sent~~ him in the ~~pond~~ -

I shall be pleased to hear from you my dear
Sir whenever "and as often as you can make it
convenient to write" to me - let me know how
you are pleased with the matrimonial state
You must not be astonished if you should hear
very soon that I have planned again example
adieu & believe me my sincerely yours
J. C. Cunningham