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My Dear Sir,

Saml Chapm sent me with impetuosity in thus addressing you after my long, incessant silence. I have no apology to offer you except the old worn out one of bodily care and every thing else being engrossed, taken up by business and other worldly cares and occupation - I kept your last letter lying in my drawer where it met my eye each morning, and each day at its close saw the revolution broken that had been formed to remove the cause of that silent reproach - One becomes callous after such repeated training, and the thought came that you could care very little for my disquiet that and so the matter slept. Not I suppose you that I have ever forgotten you and yours, or lost any portion of my interest in your welfare. I have occasionally marked a paper that it to you, wherein I have changed to meet your name. A month or two since I proposed you for Election as an honorary Member of our N. Y. Historical Society of which Albert Gallatin is President & some of the first men in the Country Associates. You were unanimously elected & if you have not already rec^d the diploma, it will shortly reach you. The society stands by to hear of I trust your resignation or other fine occasion to send us a tract on the

subject of our former history. When you next visit us
you will find the rooms of our establishment worth
a call - I told Susan today that I meant to
write you soon & she handed me your last letter.
I see you write me down as a close friend - I trust
you may find I am not wholly a Castaway - You
speak of an Oration let me - I did not receive it -
I notice with regret your withdrawal from
the Magnolia - The Magazine being at the North
is overdone & begins to run down - I am told a
sargeant will have to pick up & others drag
heavily - Literature does not thrive here -
It had become a mere hot bed of vicious
journal production - The cheap press flooded
our cities with trash - & there was already
commenced a reaction - I sincerely hope
you may be successful in your contemplated
enterprise of a series of tales - I am to mail
one of the world of letters that I know not
what prospect there may be of a favorable reception.

I have not seen Mr May and being in London
we doubt not he made you a visit - I read often
of his letters which were very agreeably written.

I hope to hear by Mr. Brewster that Mr. May
is in improved health & that you have
a little change to supply one of the vacancies previously
made in your little flock - I also hope to hear
that my young friend Augusta is well - I would

afford my young ladies great pleasure to receive their
acquaintance with her in this City. Will not Mr. May
& family bear you company on your next visit - It
seems an age since you were here - An age of care
& anxiety to us miserable traders - I trust the time may
now pass with you pleasantly - I can by mail
express my feelings with interest happy to mail
any portion of yours - Susan is again fairly
installed in a successful institution - Organizes thro'
her sole, unaided exertions - but he unfortunately
carries only a small share of the advantages - Still he
unites a support - and is still contented.

We have just heard of the sudden
& lamented death of poor Sagare's. He
died at Boston after two days illness - inflamed
of the bowels on Tuesday morning 20th inst. His
corpse is now deposited - This catastrophe will break
up the Presidential tour & send the whole back
at once to Washⁿ - The whole party it is said are ill,
indeed our whole population here is afflicted
with the influenza - It spans no one

Give me credit my dear for a letter,
though it be a meagre one - I wish you had
time & disposition let me know that you have
not ~~entirely~~ erased me from your list of friends.

With best regards to Mr. May, I remain
believe me ever your faithfully

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General Brother M. Wilmot of
New York, an amiable gentleman
& leading politician (local force)
of that city. The author of Lexington
a prize poem, and other poems -
a man of taste, judgment & much
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