

If I were a distinguished
character, I should be inclined
to suspect that your request
was a little ruse to obtain
an autograph, but as I
am only an humble indi-
vidual and it has been
decided by high authority
that you are a genius, I
will not seek for a notation
but merely call it a

him with which I feel
bound to comply, even at the
risk of your denying me all
claim to eloquence in letters.
And now for that over-
word farewell! it is strange
but true that I write it
and shall say it and shall
say it with more satisfied
feelings than I experienced
in our first interview when
rushing down full of sorrowing
I found myself chilled by your
reception that upon reflection

I found I was giving way
to a most ridiculous pique
as it was much more natural
that I should recollect you
than that you should re-
sist. Since then you have allowed
me to hope that you chafe me
among your friends at least
if you deny me that title
I shall always be one of your
admirers and I trust that the
bright example of cheerfulness
and resignation which I
have in you, will not be

lost upon me but that when
disposed to nurse me, I shall
thank of you and be patient.
May every blessing attend you
in your onward course, until
you shall be called to receive
that crown of life promised
to the faithful, in those
bright worlds where sorrow
and sighing shall be no more.

your admiring friend
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