

Philadelphia Jan. 15th 1830.

Dear & Honoured Sir,

Your favour of the 12th instant has just arrived. It would have given me pleasure with it to have received your son also: and I have only to regret that you were under the necessity of writing on a painful subject.

My letters to yourself I considered so entirely confidential that I did not take a copy of them, & therefore cannot recollect what were the words I used concerning Mr. John E. Hyde, merchant of New York. I think you will find, dear Sir, by a reference to my letters that I have given him as the person who told me that some men at Gadsby's public table on the morning after Mr. Vaughan's last public

entertainment which preceded your inauguration, had said, ~~as was reported~~
"that Mrs. E. brushed by him last night & pretended not to know him: that she had forgotten the time when he had slept with her."

He did tell me that some one had thus spoken, in Gadsby's public eating room. He did not assert any thing more than this: & appeared to regret that such disgraceful things should be thus publicly spoken against the wife of one who was expected to be a member of the cabinet.

The Mr. Hyde to whom your last letter refers I should presume must be some other man, than the one of whom I wrote. It is true that Mr. John E. Hyde brought no charge of any kind against Maj. Eaton or his lady. A third person was present when Mr. John E. Hyde told me of

this shameful speech of some fellow, & if he has not gone to France I shall endeavour get his statement. If Mr. Hyde is in N. York, I shall expect he will do me the justice to tell the truth. I shall write him.

With the Rev. J. A. Campbell I have not had the least intercourse or communication since I left your truly republican palace. I have designed not to meddle with the character & conduct of Mrs. Eaton unless I should be compelled in my own defence. Every thing which I have done in relation to her, or said, will have my leave to be forgotten as soon as possible.

I know nothing of Mr. Campbell's designs at present. Of her I should be glad to hear that she makes Major Eaton a good wife, & gives you no trouble.

Since my letters may be important to refresh my own memory, I should

be glad to copy them, or to obtain a copy
were it not too great a tax upon
your private Secretary.

I beg you to look at them again,
Dear Sir, & I think you will find that
Mr. Hyde is charged with nothing
but telling me what some one has
said at table. He did not tell
me that he heard the shameful
speech; nor did he name, if he knew,
the person who uttered it.

You will pardon me, I trust, Sir,
for having sent you many papers of
late on the Indian Question. They
are intended for Mr. Donelson to
hand to one of your friends, for the
public good.

Be assured, Venerable Chief, of the
sincere & ardent friendship of your much
obliged fellow citizen. E. P. C.

Jan 15th 1830

P. S. Mrs. Ely & myself present our
kind regards to your son Andrew,
& desire him to come & lodge with
us, at 144 South Second Street.

We should be well pleased to
make him at home with us.

He may visit & be visited just
as much, & just as little as he may
please. Our kind respects also we
would present to Mr. & Mrs. Donel-
son, & Miss Eastern. We should
give them all a right Tennessee
welcome.

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Mr Clay letter
15th January 1830

enclosed a note
to have a copy
of his letter of the
18th of March 1829
as requested -

Copy of
Washington.

Residence of the
United States,

Henry

Eaton
papers

Office.

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