

Charles Stewart Todd, 1791-1871.

Chronology

- 1791 Born near Danville, Ky., son of Judge Thomas Todd, associate justice of U.S. Supreme Court.
Jan. 22 At Transylvania University.
- 1809 Graduated from College of William and Mary.
- 1811, Feb. 1 Death of his mother.
Studied law with his father in Washington and later with James Gould and Tapping Reeve in Litchfield, Conn.
- 1811 Admitted to the bar; began practice of law in Lexington, Ky.
- 1812, Apr. Father married Lucy (Payne) Washington.
- 1812-1815 Joined Stewart Megowan's Company, Lewis' regiment; appointed U.S. Quartermaster and afterwards Judge Advocate; Captain in regular army and recruiting service; joined General Harrison as aide-de-camp; appointed Inspector General of Military District.
- Resumed practice of law at Frankfort, Ky.
- 1816 Married Letitia Shelby, youngest daughter of Gov. Isaac Shelby.
- 1816 Secretary of State under Gov. George Madison.
- 1817-1818 Represented Franklin County in Kentucky Legislature.
- 1820 Feb. Appointed diplomatic agent in Colombia by President Monroe.
- 1823 Declined appointment as secretary of legation in Colombia.
Retired to a farm in Shelby County, Ky.
- 1837 Sent by Presbytery of Louisville to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Philadelphia.
- 1839 Sent to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Phila.
- 1840 Assumed editorial charge of the Cincinnati Republican.
- 1840 Supported Gen. W. H. Harrison in presidential campaign.
Wrote campaign biography in collaboration with Benjamin Drake, Sketches of the Civil and Military Services of William Henry Harrison, 1840.

- 1841 Appointed Minister to Russia by President Tyler.
Aug. 27 Served throughout the administration until 1846.
- 1846 Retired to his farm in Shelby County, Ky.; raised
blooded stock and contributed to magazines and
newspapers.
- 1848 Refused to become a candidate for governor of Ky.;
took active part in presidential campaign of Gen.
Zachary Taylor. Removed to Cincinnati where he
conducted a political journal.
- 1849 or Went to St. Paul, Minn. where he resided for a time.
1850
- 1850 Todd, Robert P. Campbell and Oliver P. Temple were
Oct. 5 appointed commissioners to treat with Indian tribes
on the Mexican border, namely the Camanches, Apaches,
Utahs and Navajoes. See their report, dated Aug. 23,
1851, in Todd's Scrapbook.
- Became interested in development of Texas resources,
and was for a time a Texas railroad official. Was an
early projector of Southern Pacific Railroad.
- 1854 Sold half of his lots in Marble Falls City, Burnet
County, Texas.
- 1861 Returned from trip to Texas.
May 10
- 1864 Started for Frederick City, Md. to meet son, Charles.
Aug. 6
- 1867 Resigned as editor of Louisville Industrial and Com-
mercial Gazette.
- 1868 Death of wife, Mrs. Letitia Shelby Todd.
July 22
- 1869 Left for Put-in-Bay to attend anniversary celebration
Sept. 3 of Perry's victory. Delivered annual address before
the Perry Monument Association.
- 1871 Died in Baton Rouge, La. at the home of his grand
May 17 son-in-law, Judge Posey.

Justice Thomas Todd

Son of Richard & Elizabeth Richards Todd

Jan. 23, 1765 Feb. 7, 1826.

From Tombstone inscriptions in the cemetery at Frankfort,
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September 28, 1957

~~Desires from
Mr. V.~~ 5 works/hrs.

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My dear Charles, Washington City March 9th 1808

I have received but two letters from you since you left Kentucky, one I received at Chillicothe & the other at this place; I am much gratified that you are so well pleased with your situation at William & Mary, and I shall rest with confidence in your exertions to make the greatest advantage of that preeminent situation. This my dear Son is the golden period for improvement, the succeeding four years, will be the most important to you, in the course of your whole life, you are now laying the foundation on which your future prospects thro' life depend, the more solid the foundation, the greater certainty in supporting & bearing the superstructure - This period is to form your character - habits of industry, ^{study} are now easily acquired & pursued, which will become familiar & easy & last you forever - If on the contrary you now neglect them, you fall into idleness, which begets sloth, that engenders dissipation & finally all energy of thought, of character & of respectability is forever gone, no exertion can produce a reformation and you will sink into contempt & misery.

I do not mention these things from any fears that you will so neglect the present opportunity afforded, but as a caution to you, on the contrary I have the utmost confidence in your diligence & application, I hope to hear that you have signalized yourself, for your genius & rapidity & that you will be your Country's boast in

The Supreme has continued its term, & I have been
Rpt

Kept here so much longer than I had calculated on
that I cannot take Richmond in my trout home ~
I have written to Mr Adams & enclosed him an order
on Col^r. Gamble of Richmond for \$35, which I have
requested him to send you, as soon as he receives it ~
if I can negotiate a Bill here I will send you \$50 more
before I leave this place, if not I shall request Mr
Adams to furnish you with that sum, my stay
here has increased my expences beyond my calcu-
lation & I am fearful I shall not have enough to
take me home ~ write me immediately on the re-
ceipt of this letter & always keep me advised as to
your funds, as I wish you not to be in arrears
direct your letter to Frankfort Kentucky, as I
shall leave this before your answer can reach me

I very much wish that you will study French
I find it spoken by all genteel people & is much used
in commercial Affairs ~ I also wish you to learn
Stenography, it will be of immense importance
to you in your profession, it will enable you to take
notes with facility & correctness ~

You have not informed ^{me} in what grade you matric-
ulated, I am anxious to know your standing in
College & can thereby judge of your improvement

Present my respects to Mr Coleman & family &
give me a sketch of your society & the circle in which
you visit ~

Yr aff^r father
Thomas Todd



Rec'd 10 AM
ans 21 PM

Charles S. Todd Esq.
at the University of
William & Mary

mail

Williamsburg Va

~~ib~~ 22 May 1901

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Mar 9th.

Washington City.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Chas. S. Todd.

Copied from original letter in The Filson Club in the Todd Collection of Manuscripts. Copied February 18, 1949

Woodford June 4th, 1808

My dear Charles,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you one of the 21st of March and the other of the 28th of April last & have observed their contents - Your reflections on the subjects of my letters & admonitions are Just, and if you will carry into practice those principles & morals which you have theorized, I have no doubt you will experience much pleasure & happiness from them.

I was distressed at the information which you gave me of the riot in College, but was much pleased at the part you acted, for however I am attached to liberality & Republicanism yet I am equally so to good order, decorum & a proper degree of subordination. It also gave me great pleasure to here from Mr. George Madison the honorable manner in which his brother (the Bishop) had mentioned the conduct of yourself & young Croghan. I hope you both will persevere in such laudable conduct. I am also pleased with the circle of your acquaintances, it is by associating with the virtuous & respectable part of the community that we learn & imitate laudable actions 'till they become habitual & familiar.

I have made an arrangement with Mr. George Madison to pay him \$50 for his brother & shall be very glad to do so every year as long as you continue at college - Mr Madison will forward to his brother a receipt for his taxes. I now enclose you fifty dollars in Virginia bank notes, amount, Number & description on the other page. I sent you \$50 dollars from the Federal City & drew an Order on Col^o Gamble of Richmond in favor of Mr. Adams for \$35 more which I requested Mr. Adams to send you. In your last you mention that you had rec'd of Mr. Adams \$60 the greater part of which you had spent - I must here remind you of the promise to send me an account of your disbursements, the last seems to be a charge in the lump, without giving the items - this promise I cannot dispense with, because I wish you to be frugal & economical, without being parsimonious or penurious & by keeping an account of the items, which you will frequently review, you will readily discover yourself such as are unnecessary & improper.

Your Mama still suffers much from ill health & I begin to entertain apprehensions that she never will be restored perfectly, she participates in the pleasure which we both anticipate from your exertions & good conduct.

Present my respects to Mr. Madison & Mr. Coleman & family & assure them that I feel very grateful for their friendly attentions to you.

1 Bank Note No. 124 B.)	Y ^r aff ^c	father
dated 2nd Oct ^o 1804) \$10		
1 Do No. 2683 D 14th Nov)		Thomas Todd
1805) \$20	To	Received July 14th
1 D ^o No. 3246 D. 8th Jan ^y)		Answered July 16th
1807) 20	Charles S. Todd, Esq	
	Williamsburg,	
\$ 50	Mail	Virginia

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Charles S. Todd Esqrs

mail 3 Williamsburg
Virginia

1808

Woodford

From Judge Thomas Todd

& Chas. S. Todd.

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T63³ My dear Charles, Woodford Augst 23^d 1808

to my

I wrote just before I set out for Nashville in June last & enclosed fifty dollars in Virginia Bank notes, the receipt of which you have not acknowledged nor have I rec'd. an answer to my letter, I have also paid Mr George Madison fifty dollars ~~on account of the~~ on account of the Bishop these sums when added to those already advanced, your debit will bear follows:

To this sum advanced when setting out ~~for Williamsburg~~ ~~38200.00~~

To an order on Col^r. Gamble (Richmond) — 350.0

To Cash remitted to you from Federal City — 50.0.0

To D^r. settled with Mr Geo. Madison — 50.0.0

To D^r. remitted you in June last — 50.0.0

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from which you will find that you are only \$25 short of your annual allowance, where you have been absent about eight months only. I have stated this once merely to bring to your recollection, how necessary it is to be prudent & economical & that upon an equal dividend of my salary among a

wife & five Children, allowing \$400 to each I shall have but a scanty sum to bear my expences in travelling to & attending the several Courts where Official duty requires me — But I will not be parsimonious in my expenditures on the Education of my children, provided I am assured it is not mispent or applied improperly & therefore was I fully satisfied of their application, & instantly & attention, I should not calculate the Cent which it costs; from the tenor of your letter to me, your Mother states as well as from other sources, I certain fears, that you have not been as studious & attentive to your collegiate duties, as you ought to have been — you say "the last week or two my attention has been so completely monopolized by the Ladies" that I had entirely forgotten the object of my mission here". Surely you have been greatly metamorphosed for not long since, I understood from your letters to some of the family, you were an entire recluse. The fear that you will go from one extreme to the other, has induced me to procure a friend for you, who will by his experience, his reason & judgment be

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be able to advise & correct any errors arising from juvenile propensities — I have solicited the Bishop to take upon himself your entire guardianship & request that you will pay implicit obedience to his commands — This I have done from abundant caution, not that you require it; but as I am at so great a distance & you so young entering on scenes of life new & which may give a cast to the character you may assume during the balance of your life. I thought ^{it} most prudent that should have a friend on whom you could for advice — None more proper than the ~~latter~~ whose character deservedly stands high.

Mr. Morris sets out about the 20th of next month for Virginia, by him I shall write you again & then make you a remittance, which I would now do, if I could procure Virginia Bank notes. It is probable that he will be in Richmond as soon as this reaches you.

Your Mama is still in bad health — the rest of the family are well — Give our love to Mr. Morris Adams & Family — Mr. Coleman & family — Yrs Affec
Thomas Todd

Recd Oct 15th
Ans^o Oct 22nd

Charles S Todd Esq^r
at the University
of
William & Mary
Williamsburg
W Madison

1808

Sept 25th

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Chas. S. Todd.

A
T633

My dear Charles,

Sept. 25th 1808.

THE CIVILIAN CLUB
LOUISVILLE KY.

I wrote you last month by Mr Madison
since which I received your favor by Mr
Southall & regret very much that I missed
the pleasure of seeing him on his way from
Lexington to Louisville, being from home with
your Mama at the Harrodsburg Springs. I
have not heard of his return from Louisville
but will endeavour to see him & show him
that hospitality which congenial to a Vir-
ginian. Your letter by Mr Temple has not
come to hand at the Mrs. Carnal has rec'd
hers, he was at their House.

I am much gratified with the account
of the hospitable reception you have met with
in Virginia, but I'm fearful your attention
will be too much engross'd with it to attend
to your studies - You have not informed
me how you passed the examination at
the July vacation, your silence forebodes

against you, if so my pride will be wounded
& I shall attribute your failure to your inattention, as all accounts from every quarter
speak well of your capacity. Recollect the
honor, the character & reputation of your
Country for talents & Genius is in some mea-
sure resting on you - pride, ambition,
mug duty, demands of you an exertion
~~Shew~~ the proud Virginian that a child
of the forest in the wilds of Kentucky
can vie with him in mental acquirements
that Nature is as fond benders, her sons
of the West, as liberally, as those of the East

In my last I gave you a statement of the
sums advanced you, I have now made fur-
ther remittances to Mr Adams, requesting
him to make you such advances as you
stand in need of, I have not been able to
procure Bank notes, & have imposed on
him the trouble of collecting some drafts

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for, which would be inconvenient to you.

The attention & hospitality of Mr & Mrs Adams
demands your most grateful respect, which
I trust you have always observed & I hope
you have visited your friends in Massachusetts

Your Mama still suffers ill health, she
unites with me in our best wishes for your
progress & welfare - present us affectionately
to Mr Coleman his family I believe

me
your aff.
~~affectionately~~
Thomas Todd



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Mr Charles A. Dodge

Mr Morris & Williamsburg

1808

Nov 15th.

Frankfort.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Chas. S. Todd.

A
J 633My dear Charles Frankfort Nov^r 15th 1808

and will inform you of the like Ultimatum by this post mail, in which you state your regret ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~ ~~are~~ ~~in~~ ~~an~~ ~~unfavourable~~ ~~opinion~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~conduct~~ ~~gathered~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~general~~ ~~tenor~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~letter~~, ~~in~~ ~~which~~ ~~you~~ ~~consider~~ ~~the~~ ~~opinion~~ ~~of~~ ~~another~~ ~~guardian~~ ~~as~~ ~~an~~ ~~indication~~ ~~of~~ ~~disapproba-~~ ~~tion~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~conduct~~. I am sure a second ~~second~~ ~~heard~~ per-
~~usal~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~letter~~ ~~must~~ ~~remove~~ ~~those~~ ~~impressions~~, for if my
memory is correct, I stated to you as a reason for so doing
that it was more from abundant caution, from fears
suggested by parental affection, than from a knowledg^e of
any impropriety of conduct, if I did not so express myself
such were the inducements - You were young then ex-
perienced - at a very considerable distance from me,
of your near relatives - in, ~~on~~ ~~on~~ scenes of life new and
fascinating - to form an acquaintance among strangers
- and in fact at the time when you are to form the Cha-
-racter which is to support you thro life - I should have
been devoid of Affection, nay of common prudence even
as to a ward, had I omitted such precautions - Pre-
vention is greatly preferable to Correction - We had
better use preventives to improper or immoral conduct
than to endeavour to correct it after it has happened
by doing so we avoid repentance & tremorse.

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No my Son. you are mistaken in your impressions.
your conduct has not been made known to me, as
having

having been culpable, don't indemnifications as to bodily or
& vindicative propensities, had alarmed my fears, which backed
by parental affection suggested the measure as cautious
prudential. But why say another guardian who was
the first - Your letter to father in a strain of complaint
anxiety & regret, which the subject & meander rarely do
not justify - Let us drop the subject - as my & my

I have never rec'd your letter by Mr Semple - I presume
ever this you have seen or heard of Mr Morris, by him I
wrote you & made remittances to Mr Adams, with request
to make you the necessary advances.

Your Mama still suffers ill health, she much
wished you had spent the vacation with us, she is anxious
to see you, the rest of the family are usually well.

Present my affectionately to Mr Colman & family &
give my respects to the Bishop - And believe me
and send word - if all my
concerned remain to
old - minded now

Yr affec Father

Thomas Dodd

and all - interested to dispossess a man in
such a situation as suppose it induced an old
coupled and the wife to conceive it will
overcome you when we give you
misgivings as in relation to my and your M.
in law to want company and the old houses were
given

Frankfort R. S.
Nov 16th

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Charles S. Todd Esq^r

at

William & Mary
College

Williamsburg Co

mail

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THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear Charles.

Kentucky May 15th 1809.

I set out last winter for the Federal City, but owing to the extreme high freshes, which had removed every bridge between Lexington & Chillicothe & almost every bridge & causeway between the latter place & Wheelin, I went no farther than to Chillicothe - Your Mama's ill health when I left her had also considerable influence to induce me to return.

I have received several letters from you & should have written long ere this, but I wished to send you a remittance by some safe conveyance, (which I have not been able to meet with) & am now obliged to send by the mail.

The Bishop has drawn an order on me in favor of Mr George Madison for \$50. 33. which I have accepted & will pay when called on, I now enclose you \$150 in Notes on the Bank of Virginia also an order on Col^c Robert Gamble for \$35. these sums amount to \$238. 33. I have not heard the fate of a Bill remitted Mr Adams last fall drawn by Edmund Saunders on Saunders & Saunders for \$100. nor as to sundry other sums mentioned in a former letter. I had supposed them paid & that you were not in want of funds 'till I received your last letter - I should have made this remittance sooner but was afraid to remit by mail as so many degradations have been committed on it. You mention your intention of returning to Kentucky by way of Pittsburg & down the River. If it is your intention to return to Williamsburg I doubt whether the ~~fatigues~~ ^{expenses} will not exceed

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the pleasure of the visit & the route is certainly objectionable at the season of the year in which you contemplate returning, the River will be so low that you cannot pass down by water, & there is no stage that runs from Pittsburg Westwardly - If it is your intention not to return to Wmsburg - you had better travel out by land. If you do intend returning perhaps you had better decline the visit, however I leave the matter to your own choice in either event, your Mama & all the family are anxious to see you.

If the sums now sent are not sufficient to discharge your debts, and purchase a horse & bear your expences, enquire for Mr George Clark in Richmond or its vicinity who generally travels to Kentucky once a year & who is engaged in paying the taxes here for many Nonresidents, apply to him for what further sums you may want for the Journey, shew him this letter & assure him that I will refund the sum he may advance you on sight - I would request you to call on Mr Adams but suppose that the business he is now engaged in requires all his cash & he might want it before I could reimburse him, as the remittance by mail is not always safe, nor can light money be always procured.

Present my respects to the Bishop & affectionately mention me to Mr Coleman & family.

I am Dear Charles
Yr affec.

Thomas Dodd
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X
1809

May 15th.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Chms. S. Todd.

Mr. Charles J. Foddo.

at

To the particular
care of Mrs. { William & Mary
S. G. Adams } College
Richmond } Virginia

1810

Feb 15th.

Washington City.

From Judge Thomas Todd

to Col. Chas . S. Todd.

Regd 5 Six day -
Opposite 4 John Brown
Regd 5 U.S. Bank
on J.

My dear Charles,

Washington City Feb 15th 1810

I arrived here on the 4th Inst. in tolerable good health, without any occurrence on my Journey worth commination, on my arrival I received your letter of the 17th of January last which is the only one I have received from home since my departure from Philadelphia.

I have met with Mr. Biddle, who made many friendly enquiries respecting you, also Mr. Edward Coles, who is now private Secretary to the President & who expressed a great desire to see you in this place.

I received a letter from Harry a few days past, he is in good health - the lectures will close the 11th of next month Harry will arrive at this place about the 10th. I at present calculate that we shall set out for Kentucky about the 15th.

I will thank you to inform Capt. Safford that General Wilkinson, has not arrived at this place, and different opinions are entertained whether he will be here this winter, as I have not had it in my power to do Capt. Safford's business for him.

This City is unusually gay, a great concourse of ladies have visited it, on every Wednesday Mr. President has her Service at which great numbers of both Ladies & Gentlemen attend, every person seems anxious to please, a great ambition prevails who shall be most polite & agreeable, It is said by some to be a mere paradise, & were the dress of the ladies the only thing to be considered, the comparison may be considered a just one.

Give my love to your Mama & the rest of the family.

Yrs affec.

Thomas Ford

P.J.

I do not approve of the offer by Mr Gano for the
Piano, I have too many horses already, my last years
Crop was short, and the horse will be only an expense,
instead of a benefit to me, besides the price which I paid
was all cash, the Gales has better wait, by the time the
house is finished, this piano may be sold to someone
else, which will be soon enough

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Charles S. Todd Esq^r

near

Mail 3

Frankfort (Ky)

1810

Mar 1st.

Washington City.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

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My dear Charles, Washington City March 1st 1810

I received yours of the 4th ultmo. in which you inform me that your Mama had been much indisposed, but was then in a state of convalescence; your letter relieved me in some measure from great anxiety & uneasiness respecting domestic concerns, but at the same time, was not entirely satisfactory, as from the style & manner of your writing I suspected your Mama had been & was then much worse, than you were willing to communicate, and had there been a sufficient number of Judges here to have justified my leaving the Court I should have set out for Kentucky.

I regret that the Carpenters have been delayed for the want of plank, but hope that all difficulties of that kind are removed before this.

Congress are doing very little & I suppose you get the papers which give you their proceedings more in detail than the limits of a letter will permit.

Inform Col^r Muster that I have received his letter, will attend to its contents and that I will write him as soon as I can consult some friends here & can be informed of its result.

Tell old Mr Brown that I have laid his papers before the Secretary at war, but they are defective as the Physician who has examined his wound, did not certify his examination on Oath, that I will by again & will give him further information on my return.

I have recommended James Hunter to the Secretary at war for a Commission as Lieutenant in the army, this is the highest grade that can at present be obtained, I expect an answer in a few days.

I expect Harry & Jack Hanna here in a few days
that we shall set out for Kentucky between the 10th
& 15th Inst.

I have great confidence in your filial

Affection for your Mama, & that you have been very
attentive to her during her illness by which she has
been much relieved

Yr affe father

Thomas Goddard

Feb 17/81
From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

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T633

Woodford February 17th 1811,

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Pardon my dear Charles this seeming neglect, in not answering your two letters from Litchfield (the one from Philadelphia never came to hand) or in not writing to you ~~so~~ this; but when you are informed of the sad & melancholy cause, I am sure that you will forgive it.

Previous to the adjournment of the Federal Court in the latter part of November, your Mama was more than usually unwell, she continued gradually to get worse thro' the month of December, but not in a situation to alarm us - about Christmas she got much worse, we all became alarmed for her situation & I abandoned my trip to Chillicothe & the Federal City, determining to stay wth her, & to afford every aid to alleviate her complaints & if possible effect her recovery - She continued to linger, one day she would appear much better, a ray of hope would flatter & cheer us - another day she would get worse, with all that attention, nursing & medical aid could effect - we were then all in despair. Thus between hope and despair we were agitated during the whole month of January - On the first of February came Death the King of terrors, snatching her from us, & with certainty plunged us into all the agonies of misery & woe. O Charles! Charles, it is impossible to describe the scene - even at the distance which you are from it, your sympathizing & congenial soul can conceive more strongly, than I can now depict it to you - It is yet too fresh & painful to dwell on.

Death seems to have been hovering over our family, snatching

snatching them away one by one - About the first of December
Your Uncle Carnal was taken with a nervous or typhus fever,
he continued very ill the whole month, about Christmas he was
evidently better & he was pronounced by his physician to be
out of danger, he continued to mend very slowly 'till the
20th of January, when he relapsed and on the 22nd expired.
All Oakley, as well as Midway, is in mourning - sadness,
& sorrow, grief & melancholy, has cast a gloomy veil over
us all - Death! cruel death, horrid tyrant, has pierced us
with grief's sharpest thorn - I must stop, to lull my
grief, & steal my heart from woe! the tender tear which
nature sheds o'er those we love, must have vent.

At frequent intervals during your Mama's illness
did I take out your letters to answer them, but was always
prevented, either by the intrusion of company visiting the
sick, or by an alarm from the sick room - indeed the fa-
tigue, loss of rest, anxiety & agitation, which I underwent,
so discomposed my mind, as to render all communica-
tion unpleasant - I did make out to write one (only one)
letter to Harry, & began one to you, but was interrupted
before I finished it.

Mrs. Hanna has been very ill with the same fevers -
her disease has bordered close on insanity - She is now
quite composed, but still confined - the Doctor think her
on the recovery - but I fear she is to be the next victim
to the insatiable tyrant.

My not going to Washington City this winter, ~~s~~
puts it out of my power to make you a remittance
in the mode which you suggested of sending money
by Mr Falmage, & the doubt whether the Charter of

the Bank of the U.S. will be renewed or extended, has produced a serious difficulty in devising a mode by which I can do it. I yet expect that the Charter will be extended, in which event I will send you a draft for a part of my quarters salary which will be due on the first of April, which will be nearly as soon as you would receive it by Mr. Talmage - if this event does not take place, I will endeavour to make an arrangement with the State Bank & get a draft on Philadelphia or New York which I will remit to you in a few weeks.

I wish you to continue at Litchfield until you complete the course which you had prescribed for yourself - the scenes which have passed here cannot be recalled by your presence, however it might have alleviated or mitigated, can at this time render no service - My only anxiety now is for my children - they have my prayers & benedictions for their prosperity & welfare - Diligently continue pursuit after knowledge & science, which you have so zealously & nobly persevered in - The opportunity now afforded, & which you paint in such glowing colors, I know you will improve.

May you be blest with eternal sunshine thro' the storms of life is the fervent prayer of

Yr affec^t father

Thomas, Todd

Frankfort K.Y.

Feb. 20th

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Charles J. Todd Esq

Litchfield

mail

Connecticut

1811

Mar. 26th.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Referring to Connecticut's representation in
the Legislature.

A
T633

Frankfort March 26th 1811.

I wrote you my dear Charly on the 15th ultimo, informing you of the distressing & melancholy scenes which had taken place in our family, since which nothing important has occurred.

I rec'd one letter only from you since I last wrote you, in which you point out the inequality of the Representation in the Legislature of Connecticut. This is one of the steady habits of the East, which it is difficult to change, but is not without precedents to support it. In England the representation from the Burrough's is on similar principles & even in Virginia the representation by Counties is as unequal, for the County of Warwick with only 100 Militia send two representatives while the County of London having upwards of 1700, sends the same number, so that one man in Warwick has as many votes in passing laws as 17 in London.

It gives me great pleasure to find that you are so happily & agreeably situated & that you continue to be pleased with the institution, I trust confident that you will make the most of it & therefore shall not interfere with ^{any} arrangement you may think proper to make as to your continuance at it, but will leave you to pursue your own inclinations respecting it.

I have found considerable difficulty in devising a mode in which I could with safety make you a remittance. I was desirous of getting a draft on some of the Banks of Connecticut or New York, but have found it impracticable, this has

produced delay & I have at last been obliged to take
one on Philadelphia - Inclosed you will re-
ceive a postnote for \$300 payable at the Bank
of Pennsylvania, which I presume you can ne-
gotiate to answer your purpose, if not you will
take a trip to Philadelphia yourself where the
money will be certainly paid to your order, the
one half of this sum you will appropriate to
Mr Taylor, however I suppose this to be unneces-
sary as you will divide the last cent with each other

Your Aunt Hanna is nearly recovered & the
rest of our friends relations are well.

present my respects Yr aff'
to Mr Taylor.

Thomas Dodd

W. 817, 1817, 1818
W. 1117, 1819, 1820

Frankfort K.
March 27th

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Charles S. Todd Esqrs
Litchfield
Mad^z Connecticut

A
T633 My dear Charles, March 29th 1811

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

I wrote you on the 26th Inst. enclosing you a postnote for \$300, and to guard against a miscarriage, or a forgery of your name, so that any other person could receive the money without your order, I send you a description of it, that you may take the proper steps to detect it & prevent the payment of the money.

"It is drawn by the President & Directors of the Bank of Kentucky payable 30 days after date at the Bank of Pennsylvania for \$300 payable to the order of Charles S. Todd. date 26th March 1811. #8.825."

You mention that you have heard of some disturbance in Mr. Heets's school & wish to know where your Sister Ann Maria is - It is true there has been much said about Mr. Heets & his school since you left us - Goodman for improper conduct was dismissed - him & his partizans has circulated more slander against Mr. Heets than you could suppose falsehood could suggest or malice originate. I am thoroughly satisfied it has all originated in the baseless malignity of Goodman & of course I have continued your Sister with

Mary

Mrs Scott, where she is at present. & was well on
yesterday.

Neither of your letter directed to Chil-
licothe or Washington have come to hand.

Yr affe.

Thomas Dodd

1811

May 29th.

Frankfort.

From Judge Thomas Todd

To Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Refereed
Ms. Keets'school.
(Fitzpat.)

Frankfort N.Y.
March 31st

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Charles S. Todd Esqrs
Litchfield
mail^g Connecticut

1812

Jan 15th

From Judge Thomas Tod
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Chillicothe Jan'y 15th 1812

My dear Charley,

I arrived here the Tuesday evening after I parted with you - my health is much as it was before I set out. As I passed thro' Paris I was informed that Mr James Breckinridge had not set out for Woodford & my time would not permit, to call on him from his letter which I received before I left home I presume that he had procured some money for me, if he has I wish you to call on him for it & if your Uncle Jack has not succeeded in obtaining a loan from Capt Rhodes, let your Uncle have \$500 if he wishes it - If he has succeeded, let Mr A. Crawford have \$300, the balance deposit in the Bank in your own name so as to be subject to your Checks - I wish you to write me on this subject & I will give you further instructions after I shall arrive at the City.

I shall expect that you will write more often while I am at the City, not only as to yourself, & your prospects but as to passing occurrences & events in my absence

Yr affec

Thomas Todd

Chillicothe O.
Aug⁹ 18^t 1812}

Rec'd Aug. 20^t 1812
Ans'd Aug. 22nd 1812

Charles S. Todd Esqrs

Att^t at law

mail^t Lexington Ky

1812

Feb 5th.

Washington City.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Congress' attitude as
to the War of 1812 is
mentioned.

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T633

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear Charles, Washington City Feb 5th 1812.

Arrived here on the 2^d much fatigued having rode from Wheeling to this place in eight days, averaging more than thirtyfive miles a day - I caught a severe cold the night after I left Chillicothe, which produced an inveterate cough that pestered me very much my whole Journey, nor am I yet free from it - We made a Court on Monday, Judges Washington, Livingston Duvall, Story & myself being present - The Chief Justice on his way to this place was overset in the stage near Fredericksburgh, his collar bone broken & he is now confined to his bed at that place, I think it doubtful whether he will attend during the term - We have heard nothing from Judge Johnson, from which we calculate he is coming on. We calculate on a very long term, there are 120 causes now on the docket & new ones coming in every day -

I have not been here long enough, nor mixed sufficiently among the Members of Congress, to gain much information as to politics, I find various opinions exist as to War, some think War will be declared, others not - certain it is Congress are pursuing measures preparatory for War, all of which are detailed more fully in the New papers than I can give you by letter - in my next I will endeavor to be more full on this subject.

Yours of the 22nd ultimo has just come to hand, it gives me great pleasure to be informed that you have made your debut in the two Courts where you intend to practice & altho you have not succeeded as an Advocate in the Acquittal of your Clients, yet I entertain a fond hope, that

you

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you acquitted yourself with credit as to talents & legal knowledge and that this essay will be an introduction to more important business - at all events that it will be a stimulus to exertion & attention to the pursuit of your profession - I will cherish the hope, that the first essay of the father & son, witnessed by Mr. Jos. Kennedy has, preponderated in public Opinion, in favor of the son as the latter is just entering on the career, & the former is in the decline, of life - Public Opinion has great influence on the conduct of men & he who is regardless of it, will sooner or later sink into disgrace and contempt or into vice & immorality - It is the standard by which men are generally measured & altho it sometimes happens to be imposed on by demagogues, their true measure will at last be obtained, & their merit or demerit properly appreciated or depreciated, it ought therefore rather to be sought for & desired, than contemned & despised.

I approve of Crockett's keeping his Office with you, I think him a deserving well disposed, friendly man, whose acquaintance & that of his friends, is worthy of cultivation, as well as that he will be serviceable to you in your professional pursuits -

I am sorry your succ^r for Mr. Harris has turned out so unfavorable, yet hope your exertions will be continued so as to prevent his suffering -

I wish you to write me every week while I am here which I expect will be till the 20th of March - Give my love to Mrs. Bodley & Mr. Coleman

Yr affec
Thomas J. Foddy

Rec'd Feb 21. 95
Ans March 185

Charles S. Todd's Eggs

Atto at dawn

via
Marietta 3 Lexington Ky.

Rec. March 9th
Ans. March 15th 50

Charles S. Todd Esq:

Att ad Laws

Marietta
mail

Lexington 50

1812

Feb 18th.

Washington City.

From Judge Thomas
Todd to Col. Chas. S.

Todd.

The War of 1812
is mentioned.

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T633

Washington City Feb^ry. 18th 1812THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

The account which I have received my dear Charles, both from yourself & others, as to your exertions & prospects, has been highly gratifying - attention, activity, perseverance are the sure conductors to respectability, eminence & fame - Your own reasoning & reflections will convince you of this truth & your pride & ambition will stimulate to excel.

The account which you have given me of your occasional or accidental meetings with the person who was once the object of your affection - that you are fast forgetting it & reasoning on the subject like yourself, gives me much pleasure, but I am afraid that the contempt, which is succeeding or supplanting your affection, may rise to the same pitch & carry you beyond the bounds of discretion & propriety - to treat her with silence & indifference is proper, & altho' you may feel contempt it should not be shewn or discovered - her connections & friends with whom you are in habits of intimacy will feel hurt at it & in the end destroy all social intercourse between you & them - I have no doubt that my predictions as to her situation will be fully verified

From some confidential communications I have no doubt there will be a declaration of war on the return of the Hornet unless the orders in Council are revoked - The Com^{tee} of ways & means on yesterday made

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a report on the subject of taxes, which I presume
will reach you in the public prints as soon as
this letter - this report is expected to produce much
animated discussion & to enlist the talents of all
parties either for or against it.

I am sent for to Court & must conclude

Yr affe.

Thomas Dodge

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April 19th

Pittsburgh.

From Judge Thomas

Todd to Col. Chas. S.

Todd.

Second marriage

m. v.

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T633

Pittsburgh Apr. 19th 1812.

My dear Charles,

My matrimonial conjectures, were realized according to my anticipations & wishes - We arrived here on ~~yesterday~~, having experienced fine weather & good roads on our Journey except part of the two last days - The River is now in excellent order for descending & we expect to commence our voyage in the course of tomorrow, in which case we shall arrive at Limestone on Saturday the 25th Inst. (Accidents excepted) and in three days more will be with our friends, in Lexington on our way home - Should this reach you in time, You will inform me by communicating our approach to Elizabeth that she may be prepared to give us that cordial & affectionate reception which I wish & anticipate -

Harry left me & went on to Phila with the intention of joining us here, in which he has been prevented by indisposition - I hourly expect the arrival of Mr. Fogg & probably Harry with him, if not, certain intelligence as to his health, - I will probably write you on my arrival at Limestone if any thing should occur to retard us in pursuing our Journey - Present us affectionately to Mrs. & Mrs. Bodley & our other friends.

Cyrus
Thomas Dodds



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Charles A. Todd Esqrs
att^r. at Law

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Lexington (Mass.)

1812

May 16th

Frankfort.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

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T633

My Dear Charles,

Frankfort. May 16th 1872.

The Magⁿ price for his carriage is out of all bounds, — he having agreed to pay for it in hand, they must have charged him two prices, or in other words double what it ought to have been in Cash. I have no idea of giving any thing like that price for it — I will pay the order for the horse &c I wish you to get Barstow to drive them every day & have them as well broke as possible by the time I set out for Nashville — As soon as I can make some arrangements now progressing I will furnish you with the sum you require —

Yr affe.

Thomas Todd

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Charles J. Todd Esqrs

McCrockitt Lexington

Refugee in Pogue's Reg. &
Longfellow, & Sunnallis
Candy - I am in a
major bind to get well
m.v.

1812

Aug 28th.

From Judge Thomas Tod
to Col Chas. S. Todd.

A number of re-
ferences made to the
War of 1812.

My dear Charley,

Augst 28th 1812.

From the intelligence received as to the critical situation of Hull's army, it was deemed expedient that Gov^r Garrison should have the command of the troops, who are on their march to reinforce Hull, and on their arrival at Detroit that Garrison should command the whole army. A caucus was held at the Government House & it was unanimously determined that the Governor should appoint Garrison a Major General, which has been done - He has gone on to Cincinnati where Poque's Regt. of infantry & Simmerell's Cavalry will unite & pursue your detachment. Garrison's presence will give confidence to the Army & I am in hopes that he will lead them on to victory and conquest - Wm S. Hunter is a Volunteer aid to the Gen^r. & will be in his family - I mentioned you to Garrison & requested him to take a fatherly care of you, - he desired me to write to you to apply to him should you stand in need of any thing & that he would provide for you - Your Uncle Innes also mentioned you to him in high terms, through W. S. H. you can procure an introduction & access to the Gen^r. - I have no doubt he will confirm any appointment you now hold or give you any that offers, consistent with propriety - I rest confident that your conduct will be such (in every situation in which the fortune of War may place you) as will reflect honor on yourself & afford pleasure and satisfaction to your friends — Jack

with Gloucester has set out to meet Harry at
Wheelin & with directions to go on to Bedford
in case Harry's health or other circumstances
should prevent his setting out & meeting them at
Wheelin -

I shall write Col^r James Taylor &
request him to make you any advances, or ren-
der you any service, you may stand in need
of

Yr aff^r Father

Thomas Dodd

Charles A. Todd Esq^r
with the Army
destined for
W.S. Hunter Esq^r Detroit

1812

Nov 8th.

From Judge Thomas Todd

To Col. Chas .S Todd.

Nov^r. 8th 1812.

I presume my dear Charles that ere this you have made a sufficient experiment in Campaigning - that you have experienced something of the hardships of famine if not of battle, so that you can decide whether you prefer a Military career to the dull pursuits of civil life. If you intend continuing in the Army, you had better procure certificates from Officers of high grade as to your qualifications & deportment since you have been with the army & forward them to me state the appointment you wish, I will then take the proper measures to procure it. If you intend staying no longer than ^{or even longer} to perform the tour for which you volunteered, I have no doubt that both Gen^t. Harrison & Gen^t. Morrison will give you any Office in their power which you wish & are qualified to execute - there are certain circumstances as to these Gent. which I will at some other time communicate to you, that make me confident they will render you every service which gratitude or friendship can dictate. I have conversed with Col^o. M. who will communicate with Gen^t. H. - I know they will foster & cherish you as their own son. I had intended to provide

forward you some additional cloathing suitable
to the approaching season, but on conversing with
Mr Carnal he informed me that he had direc-
tions from you to procure every thing
necessary.

The Horses which you took
with you are at home, the black entirely worn
down, the Prince in good condition tho' a
little lame when he returned - he is now quite
well - if you want a fresh horse write me
& I will endeavour to send one to you.

Knowing the particularity of Accounting
Officers & the difficulty in getting accounts al-
lowed at the War department, I caution
you to be very particular as to your disburse-
ments, taking care always to have proper
Vouchers for every thing however minute.

I inclose you the two last letters rec'd from
your brother - in addition to which I have con-
versed with Mr Gray who saw Harry about 11.
days ago, he gives a melancholly account as
to his health, doubtful his recovery - he is
certain he will not be able to get out this
winter, if ^{he} ever does. I shall write by this day's
mail, directing Gloucester to return with the
horses & Jack to go to school at the Academy
& to hire an attentive nurse for Harry -

W Payne is just setting out to join the army - I
have got him under Col^o M's wing hope he will
conduct himself with propriety, ~~-----~~
I hope you will give him every aid you can.

We are all well send you our love & best
wishes -

Yr affe

Thomas Todd Jr

Charles A. Todd Esqrs

with the

N. Western Army

1812

Dec 25th

From Judge Thomas Todd

to Col. Chas. S. Todd

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T633.

My dear Charles,

Dec^rm 25th 1812.

Your two letters, one of the 26th Dec^r
& the other of the 29th ultim, came to hand.

I was much gratified with your details as to the strength & movements of the left wing of the army as well as your visions as to the little spot occupied by your tent - time alone can realize them, what period will be necessary, is altogether conjectural, there is much pleasure to be derived from exercising our minds & displaying our fancy even on phantoms; but much more in anticipating the revolutions which are to convert a howling wilderness into a delightfully cultivated country and he who shall act a conspicuous & noble ^{part} in bringing ^{them} about & rendering the abode & haunt of the savage barbarian, the seat of security where the blessings of liberty, ease & every luxury can be enjoyed, will perhaps enjoy the retrospect with still more pleasure.

You state an intention of applying for the Office of Regular Aid to the Govt. I apprehend the regular aid must be taken from the line of regulars & to secure that appointment, a commission in the line is necessary, if it is your wish to do so, write me & I will endeavor to procure it; but if you do not intend continuing in the Army longer than the period for which you volunteered, I should suppose the application

application unnecessary. The prospects as to the
Law are much as you left them, if any change,
it is for the worse; and as to the prospect which
glimmered last spring, I am fearful it is extinguished.
You will recollect that it appeared or presented itself
under the expectation that Mr C. would marry Miss
H. & retire to private life enjoying all the sweets of
connubial bliss - but he (like some others of my ac-
quaintance) has been jilted, and I suppose he
concludes that the mortification will be sooner
more easily effaced in the hurry & bustle of public
life, than it would be by brooding over it in retire-
ment. When he retires, your promotion is pretty
certain; but I hope, nay I am sure, it is not your
wish, that he should be dismissed without fault
or even without knowing or suspecting that you
wished to be his successor. Whether he wishes or intends
to continue the next four years I have not learn'd
the last intelligence on this subject, was that he had
not signified or hinted at, an intention of leaving them
that when he did, you would be provided for.
Under the expectation that we were on the road to
the City, Your Mama did not receive a letter for
the last four weeks, 'til last mail & nothing is
said on the subject. I think it improper to press
this subject too often or too far, we must wait events
In the mean time should you think proper to
open

open a correspondence with M.C. on the subjects presenting themselves in the army or any other & occasionally hint at his illegible situation for acquiring information how desirable it must be to a young man anxious in the pursuit of knowledge, or if you should wish to visit the City this winter & make an acquaintance in the family, could you not procure a furlow, if no active operations in the army required your attention or get to be the bearer of dispatches from the Govt to the Sects at War - At all events, should the Army go into Winter Quarters, I should advise your returning home as soon as that is determined on, unless you are desirous of continuing in the army longer than you have mentioned. You can then equip yourself, get a fresh horse & visit the City, you can reach there before the inauguration & probably form some opinion while there as to the prospect & if there is none, ~~so~~ you can return with the Members of Congress & we can then consider on further measures.

My mind for some ^{time} past has been filled with melancholy, my spirits greatly depressed by my whole powers energies absorbed at the distressing accounts & finally the intelligence of Harry's death - he died on the 29th ultmo. A very friendly, benevolent & pious letter from a Mr Wilson, principal teacher at the Academy at Bedford was handed me by your brother J. who returned the day before yesterday - This letter afforded me great consolation, it contained a very minute detail of every circumstance from Harry's first arrival at Bedford, the nature of his disease, its progress

8th 1812

its changes & variations, the exertions of medical aid
the hospitality, benevolence, & philanthropy of the
the Citizens of that place - the firmness, composure
designation of your departed brother & finally of the
decent, respectful & pious manner in which he
was consigned to the grave - Thus has death snatched'd
him away in the bloom of youth - blasted the high
expectations of his family - robb'd society of one who
promised fair to have been one of its brightest or= =
-nament's - the idol & pride of his friends & acquain-
-tances - But he is gone & we must submit to the
divine will of the Almighty.

You complain of the neglect of your friends
in not writing to you more frequently, I will answer
for myself that I have embraced every opportunity
that I have known of & that it is the want of
opportunity & not inclination that has prevented
me from writing often - You mention to have
received only three letters from Kentucky since
your departure, I have written that number
which you have certainly received - I now send
you some of the latest papers & would regularly
forward them & other things which would add to
your comfort could I meet with a conveyance
We all unite in prayers for your health, safety &
return to us.

Yr aff. Father
Thomas Dodge

Capt Charles S. Todd

By Charles S. Todd
Newport, R. I.

1813

June 8th.

From Judge Thomas
Todd to Col Chas S.

Todd.

Mention is made of
Gen. Harrison.

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T633

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Dear Charles,

June 8th 1813.

We set out for Nashville & proceeded across the Kentucky River, when we found our little daughter so restless & fretful, it was concluded to return & not endanger her health if not her life by the trip. I set out alone this morning.

Your intelligence as to Mr. Gray's intention of commencing a School in Danville, was very pleasing & I shall endeavour to place your sister with him.

If your information as to the conduct of General Harrison is correct, I shall suspect him of either wanting candid sincerity or going with the current - Should the Senate not approve of the Appointments, I advise you to relinquish all idea of military tactics & resume the dull pursuits of civil life.

Inclose you \$600 which is as much as I can conveniently spare at present - your statement as to advances is erroneous, ~~to~~ the items of two or three horses & some other things you have omitted now of this hereafter.

In haste
Yrs affectionately

Thomas Judd

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U.S. Naval force - Retires
Ship Madison. 24. 32lb Carronades
Brig. Meade. 18. 24lb do.
9 Schooners, long 32's & 24's both waist
2 frigates taken at York carrying 20 guns.
new ship, 32 guns to be ready June 10.
expected to be called "Gen. Pike"

British force declared.

New frigate at Kingston. 36. 32lb Carr.
Sir Royal George 22. 32lb
Prince Regent 16. 24lb
Earl Mount 12
3 Schooners 8 or 8 guns
4 - D. 4

Extract of a from Cap. Woolsey
of the Meade brig

Chesapeake Bay

Chesapeake

Not known

Madison C.H.

Frye's school

Marion -

W.V.

1813

Aug 1st.

From Judge Thomas

Todd t Col. Chas. S.

Todd.

A
T633

My dear Charles. Augt. 1st. 1813

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

I rec'd a letter from you while I was in Tennessee, also one wrote from Lexington since my return and one since your arrival at Newport. The delay at the War department I fear augurs ill, as to the staff appointment, and the factiousness of the Senate produces some doubts as to your appointment in the line - Was it to rest on reason alone, I should not care a quid about it, but feelings will in some degree obtrude. However these things may terminate, you still have the resource of applying to your profession - I am anxious to have them decided - From the enclosed handbill you will see the course the Governor is taking - it is supposed that a great number will turn out, if so the measure will be decisive & energetic, which is devoutly to be wished -

I send Charles with your postmantleas as you requested and as he was here on foot I have sent you Osage at \$150. I suppose from the profit which you made on the sale of Flash you will not consider the prices fixed on the different horses too high (ie) Flash \$80. Trafalgar \$70. Osage \$150. I
had

had some doubt whether to send Osage, The Prince or an indifferent horse, but McHanna supposed that you wished Osage, if you do not chuse to keep him send him back as soon as possible that he may be fit in order for sale - The old mare came home very poor, I shall let your Uncle Jack take her -

The responsibility of your present situation is really great, I hope that you will keep it constantly in view - let nothing be wanting that attention & industry can perform & let no money pass thro' your hands without proper authority & receiving vouchay which will be passed to your credit - Drop me a line occasionally how you progress & let me know as soon as you hear from the War dep't. or from the Senate.

Yr affectionate

Thomas Goddard

Price
was sum of horses - $\frac{1}{2}$
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1814

Dec 18th.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Refugee to war years who
comes - a nervous wife
any - Criticism of a state
M. V.

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Frankfort Decr. 18th 1814.

I received my dear Charles, your letter by Doct Turner, tho' I had not the pleasure of seeing him. The general order issued at Detroit after your return to that place relieved us from great anxiety respecting the fate of your late excursion into Canada. The elements, if not the god of battles, were in your favour - the rise in the Grand River saved your army, for had you crossed it attempted to make your way to Erie you must inevitably have been cut off. Maj. Dudley & McPendleton informed me of your health & exertions during the Campaign & I long give you the credit of preserving the Army. Until the evening before the receipt of your letter I was at a loss where to address a letter to you or I should have written to you immediately after receiving the enclosed. I wrote to a friend in Washington stating the information I had received & requested him to shield you from this malvolent attempt till you had an opportunity of meeting it, & as he was intimate with those to whom I supposed he had written & had frequent intercourse with the War department, to use his endeavours to find out & communicate to me, the charges alleged against you if specific or if by innuendo or insinuation only, the substance of them, an answer can't be expected 'till sometime next month. I had once determined to write to the Secretary of War on the subject, but on reflection deemed it prudent not to do so.

However anxious I have been that you should resign, I cannot now won consent to it 'till you can do it without reproach - if the charges are specific they must be met & refuted, if only insinuation, continue in service & let your conduct & assertions give them the lie direct. Do not therefore retire, even if the malignant efforts of contemptible Officers should for a while succeed in producing a momentary injury, the Official letter of the Gen^o. will at least paralyze their attempts, even should it not be published.

I think the sale of the 30 acre tract at Columbus a premature, if not an injudicious, one - so soon as the seat of Government is removed to Columbus, that property will command more than double what you have sold it for, your payments are too distant, the second payment for the purchase will be due before the first in the sale which you have made, besides the remaining 80 acres will not singly command more than you gave for it - The 5 acres on the street in 18 months will sell for as much as you get for the whole. I am apprehensive you are too much like the boy who had a goose that laid golden eggs - You are too anxious to be a good speculator -

I wish you to call & settle my A/c for the ~~Advertiser~~ & discontinue my subscription, I must curtail my expences in this way -

Let me hear from you when you expect to be over. I shall not go to the City this winter -

Yrs affec.
Thomas Dodd

? Inclosure: + 1814 Dec. 1 A. Butler to Thomas Todd,

The Elson Historical Society



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Charles A. Todd Esq^r

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Chillicothe O

1814

August 10th.

Frankfort.

From Judge Thomas
Todd to Col. Chas. S.

Todd.

Reference is made of
a purchase of 3000 assel

4 miles below Columbus.

Signature of Judge
Todd has been cut
from letter.

My dear Charles,

Frankfort Augt 10th 1814.

I have received two letters from you, since you left us & should have answered them sooner; but having rec'd. a message from Mr A. McDowell as he passed thro' Frankfort on his way to Louisville that he would give me a call on his return I wished to see me respecting some Ohio speculations, I supposed that they related to those of which we had been speaking & that his communications would enable me to write you more fully & explicitly.

I have today seen Mr McFind that he wishes me to unite with him in purchasing a tract of 3000 acres about four miles below Columbus & nearly on the Scioto at \$ 3. per acre one third down & the balance in one or two years without interest. I think it a good spec if I can raise the sum for the first payment will unite in the purchase, but I am fearful it will not be in my power to do so till I have a sum sufficient to meet the contract with Judge Morrison which I prefer doing & shall go to Chillicothe prepared to comply with it. The change in the lots & prices will make no difference, those which you may choose will be acceptable, you will therefore exercise your discretion as to situation & price not doubting that you will exercise it for the benefit of those concerned. I hope that I shall find you

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at Chillicote when arrive there, I do not see the necessity of your going on either in a subordinate capacity or to play the deputy - I should remain where you are, unless positively ordered on or you are promoted either in the Staff or line. Besides if the brilliant success of Gen^t Brown continues, he will leave no laurels to be gathered, & you will be exposed to fatiguing marches, unwholesome climate, & camp fare, (perhaps more dangerous than battle) without sharing any glory which may attend the campaign.

Nothing important has occurred since you left us in this quarter - The Elections throughout the State have not been generally heard from - In Franklin.

Richard Taylor Jr Senator.

GEO. Adams Representative
Woodford.

Herman Bowmar Senator.

Wm B. Blackburn Repre.
Wm S. Hunter Repre.

Fayette. Wm J. Barry
Henry Payne Rep.
J. Crittenden

I send a Palladium containing the balances for Congress it is stated that Ormsby has beaten Doell Moore, Paul has shut out Montgomery - Hardin has beaten Walton. No other districts are heard from.

The ill health of your Sister Elizabeth distresses me very much, I fear her destiny is irrevocably fixed - she has returned to Town & is with your aunt, she recanted a little while at your Uncle Innes's, but is still extremely weak, feeble & emaciated - some days a little better, then worse - My hopes of her recovery are much diminished, not to say given up -

Good nursing & kind attentions may prolong & protract her decline, but, I am fearful, may almost certain that nothing can effect her recovery. Melancholly & distressing thought - I must conclude

campaign.

Nothing
since you left us in the
throughout the State

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Charles &

Main ^{avenue}

Chillicothe (Ohio)



1816

* Jan 2nd.

Chillicothe

From Judge Thomas

Todd to Col Chas. S. Todd

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T633Chillicothe Jan'y 2^d 1816

We arrived here on Sunday evening, having a more pleasant trip than usual at this season -

After parting with you at Versailles I had an interview with Clay respecting Mitchum's claim, I found that from the manner in which Breckinridge &c had confessed the Judgement in the Ejectment, not even reserving the right of resorting to Equity, that they were misled & improvid or they were combining to defeat my lien & that Clay was apprized of the advantage which he had gained by the confession of the Judgement & would not agree upon any terms to convey the legal title to me, for that part which Breckinridge had sold to Sheets, so that I was compelled to file a bill & sue out the Inj^o which I had taken the precaution to obtain

When Clay discovered that I had sued out the Inj^o, he was much irritated & prov'd & seemed resolv'd to defeat it in any way he could devise & I have no doubt he will attempt to have it discharged at the March Court. I wish you to be prepared to resist his attempts & that you will write Mr Pope & engage him to appear with you in this suit if he is already engaged on the other side employ some other able attorney. I am now

now satisfied that Clays object has been to secure
this claim by management, or exact his own
price for it & on such terms as he choose to dic-
tate & if I had not pursued the measures
which I have & the statute had taken effect
he would have held the whole interference
from us all — Breckinridge may suppose that
I have acted harshly, but it was the only course
left me to pursue & I have no doubt the best
for both of us —

I have received no letters since
my arrival here — You shall hear from me
again before I leave this place. I am quite
anxious to hear from your Aunt Tunita
as well as to your success in Garrard.

Yrs Affecly.

Thomas Dodd



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you

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Charles L. Todd Esqrs

Att at Law

Mailed Frankfort (Ky.)

1816

Jan 10th.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Chillicothe Jan'y 10th 1816

I have this moment received yours of the 4th your success in Lyndon is satisfactory, I have no doubt of establishing my claim, I saw Woodson here & he promised to attend to it, yet I wish you to retain Letcher also & pay him a fee, request his particular attention to the suit - Joseph Kennedy, S. do Kennedy, John Bruce, Wm Miller & a number of others can prove the names of Back creek & Long Branch I wish him (Letcher) to attend to taking depositions & preparing the cause for trial as early as possible, when I return I will converse with him on the merits of the respective claims & shall rest with confidence on the result,

I wrote you since my arrival at this place if you come anxiety on the score of my claim vs Breckinridge & the claim of Mitchell I have fear as to Clays intentions & nothing but the strictest attention will defeat his machinations I have no confidence in his integrity or proferson as be on your guard & attend to my letter on this subject. I will write you more fully on my arrival at the City.

I now send you a check for the amount of my dividend, this sum & what Mr Hart will pay you will afford funds for the payment of the A.P.'s mentioned. In case Breckinridge does not furnish meat for the Negroes, get old Gloucester to purchase it at market & send it over to them by Wootton, I wish

wish you to keep a particular ac^t of the ex-
penditure of this money & render it to me on
my return -

I shall expect a letter from Jack
giving me a particular ac^t of the hiring of the
boys.

I shall leave here this evening, or early
in the morning, an accusation against
a post rider for robbing the mail has detained
the court for several days - the difficulty of
procuring the attendance of witnesses has been
considerable - The grand jury are now out &
I have no doubt will soon return into Court
with a true bill - the trial will be postponed
till next Court.

Wishing you success in the
election of directorship

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Feb. 16th.

Washington City.

From Judge Thomas Todd
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

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My dear Charles,

I have defer'd writing for a variety of reasons, I fail'd in seeing Mr Henry as I pass'd at Harewood & therefore cou'd not ascertain what collections he had made - Mr Long has not return'd to that neighbourhood, therefore the sum he was to pay has not been received - On my arrival here I found the Bankstock paper of the district greatly depreciated, the exchange between this place & Phil^a 10 pCent below par, New York 15 pCent - On conversing with our friends here they unanimously agree in opinion, that it is imprudent to embark in merchandizing at this time - the law has pass'd continuing the double duties till the 30th of June, after which goods will fall considerably those who purchase after that time, will undersell those who purchase before. Again the loss of 10 or 15 pCent on the money together with the interest, is equal to the ~~for~~ profit that can be fairly calculated, it is more than prudent men ought to give, nor ought it to consent to loose it, unless therefore some plan is adopted to make it equal to par, I will not receive the principal sum that we calculated on - The day before yesterday only did I receive a letter from Mr Henry enclosing about one third of the sum which I expected & the greater part of that in notes of unchartered banks in Virginia which will not pass even here - these circumstances have

have determined me to postpone (if not abandon altogether) the project till we meet -

I delivered your A/c's to Genl. Parker who promised very politely to attend to their adjustment - I also spoke to Mr Cutts on the subject, he informs me that the rule is to charge for deficiency but not to credit for excess in articles - a rigid unjust rule - A Bill is now before Congress which if pass'd will remove many difficulties & facilitate the adjustment; but I was much alarmed by Mr Cutts on yesterday when he informed me, that after giving your A/c credit for all excess, there remained a balance against you for deficiencies of £. or 7,000/- He has promised me a statement to enclose to you - He says you have a warm friendable advocate in Genl Parker & probably all may yet be set right.

It was expected when I came here that the Bill to establish a National bank would pass, but it seems now to be well ascertained that it will not - We shall have no national medium & the operations of Government will probably be carried on with Treasury notes.

The Rep^s are much divided as to the next President I am astonished at information that a majority of the N.Y representation are in favour of Crawford, while they acknowledge that 9/10. of their constituents are in favour of Monroe, & it seems to be clearly ascertained that the Feds will support C. this support will expect its remuneration in some way and he will go over to that party in the same way that Cheves did when they elected him Gp. of the

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I have not as yet had an opportunity of conversing with Miss^m Clay & Clark respecting the resolution proposing gold medals to our friends but I do it in a few days.

Your reflections & feelings as to the result of the election for directors, are pretty much the same as mine were on former occasions when a candidate for Governor - numbery will prevail against talent & respectability & the electioneering intriguer supplant & undermine the independent & honest statesman.

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