

A
T633
Mr Charles S. Todd

1868
Manchester March 16. 1868

D^r Chas.

I was last night furnished with yours,
I was made happy, by finding you had no
hard on the spot, that took place at the Colley

I made particular enquiry after the names
of those concerned, but to my great satisfaction
never heard yours mentioned, and your agreeable
letter makes me ease on that head. Had it been
otherwise, how unhappy it would have made
your worthy father, as well as your other friends.

I am well pleased, to find you are so well
pleased with your present education, May God
abundantly bless and protect you; with my best
wishes that you may increase in wisdom, knowledge

I am
You will please
Accept of Mr & Mrs
Saunders respectful
compliments, also that
of your cousins, James & Mary
we are all in good health.

D^r Chas

Your most happy friend
James Lyle

1868

Nov. 16th.

Manchester.

From James Lyle to
James?
Chas. S. Todd.



Received
March 10th
N.Y.

Mr Charles S. Todd
on the College

mail

Williamsburg

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

Manchester March 16, 1808

Mr. Charles S. Todd

D^r Cha^s

I was last night favoured with yours, I was made happy,
by finding you had no hand in the Riot, that took place at the College.

I made particular inquiry after the names of those concerned, but to my great satisfaction never heard yours mentioned, and your agreeable letter makes me easee on that head, had it been otherwise, how unhappy it would have made your worthy father, as well as your other friends.

I am well pleased to find you are so well pleased with your present situation, may the Almighty bless and protect you; with my best wishes that you may increase in virtue, & knowledge,

I am,

D^r Cha^s

Your most hu^{le} serv^t

James Eyle

You will please
accept of Mr. & Mrs
Saunders respectful
compliments, also that
of your cousins, James & Mary
we are all in good health.

To Received
Mr. Charles S. Todd March 18th
At the College
Williamsburg
Mail

A
T633
Dear CharlesWoodford August 1st 1810

As you are something of a gallant, I doubt not, but you are acquainted with the Lady, to whom the inclosed letter is addressed. I therefore request that you will deliver it to her, with your own hand.

I hope you will have an agreeable time of it, at the springs; but, I fear that, the volumes of the law, will be thrown pretty much aside, and have leave to grow musty.

I understand that, you have taken both violins with ^{you} (indeed you told me you should), and I expect you will probably practise a good deal with them. If I live till you return, I expect to find you greatly improved, as a musician; and I flatter myself that you will pick up some agreeable tunes to amuse an old friend.

I will not ask you to write to me, as I have reason to expect that, your different avocations & amusements, will not leave you time to write to such an insignificant superannuated being. But I shall hear of you, and that will give me some pleasure, as I doubt not, I shall hear that you are happy.

I am, with affection & esteem
Yours
George Muter

1810

Aug 1st

Woodford.

From Ge. Muter to Col.

Chas S. Todd.

Charles Todd Esq^r
at the

Olympian Springs.

Woodford January 14th 1811

My dear Charles

Your most agreeable letter of the 12th of Nov^r only got to my hands, about two hours ago. The receipt of it however, tho so long delayed, did not lessen its merit; and I assure you, it was with great satisfaction I read it.

I am afraid I shall ^{be} but an indifferent correspondent. Besides my other chronic complaints, I am, if I write even but a short letter, frequently taken with a cramp in my right hand, which makes writing rather irksome to me. But a correspondence with you, will be so agreeable to me, that, I will do all in my power to keep it up.

I have removed lately, and I now live in what was the old office. I am most of my time in the day, at the new house, but, I keep close at home in the evenings, and amuse myself as well as I can. Going out after dark, I dare not venture upon, and my bodily complaints, to which I have got some addition since I saw you, makes it quite necessary to be cautious.

I feel much pleasure on finding that you are fixed so much to your mind. And, I have the clearest conviction, that, your improvements, will gratify your own feelings, and those of your warmest friends. But, in my frail state of health, I feel a wish
40
+ that you would not stay too long away. I
+ doubt; and certainly, cannot remain long
in this world, and I am anxious to see you once more, before
I go hence.

Your account of the people among whom you now reside
is

From Geo. Muter (signature cut off) to Chas.
S. Todd.

is agreeable to what I have always understood concerning them. And I am afraid, Religion, is not of that kind, I should like to see prevail.

I wish you would try to write a little plainer. I am often puzzled to make out clearly what you have written. In my early life, I had a great deal of writing to do, and I thought that the greatest merit in writing, was to write fast. Hence, I got into a way of scrawling, so, that I could hardly sometimes, read my own writing. Observing your father's manner of writing corrected me, and I now write more legibly than I did, and nearly, if not quite as fast.

You may remember, I recommended it to you, to procure if you could Thomson's works, as it might furnish you & me, with some agreeable amusement. I now give you the title of it, that you may know it, if you should meet with it: it is entitled "A Select Collection of Original Scottish airs for the voice; to which is added, introductory and concluding Symphonies and Accompaniments, for the Piano Forte and Violin, by Pleyel and Kozeluch. With select and characteristic verses, by the most admired Scottish Poets, &c. - If you can meet with it, I am convinced you will be pleased with the music and most of the poetry. Music that has stood the test of ages must have merit, and will certainly please an undullerated ear.

I have not written so much, at once, thus many a day, and I must now leave off, for the present, with assurances of my most perfect esteem and affection.

supposed author (Cut when purchased)
George Truter LK

Am^l. about
Feb 69. 15th or 20th.

17
Charles S Todd Esq^r
at Litchfield
In
Connecticut

Bedford

October the 23. 1812

Dear father

My letter of Mon-

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

day last, I have no doubt induced you to believe we were, or this, on our journey to Pittsburgh; but my brother not being so well during this last week, prevented our setting out: we are however resolved to set out to-morrow provided it is a good day and he is well enough, if not, the next fair day. He is extremely anxious to get home, and thinks any thing almost, preferable to remaining here all the winter.

Present our respects to the family.

Your aff^r
John H. Todd

B. Ford Pa 23^d Dec

25th

The Honble

Thomas Todd

mail 3

Frankfort
Kentucky

Bedford

October the 26th 1812

My dear father

I am now impregned with a melancholy belief that my brother is destined not to reach home this winter, if ever. I flattered you in my letter of Friday last that we should set out the following day, but capricious fortune, has decreed it otherwise, the fond, but delusive hope, was excited ~~was excited~~ by appearances of returning health, but alas! they have vanished, I fear, never to return. On Saturday morning he was seized with a violent chill which was succeeded by a very high fever and profuse expectoration which from the irritability of his stomach produced a vomiting.

Should it appear in the course of a week
that we shall be unable to leave this place
this winter, I have resolved to send Gloucester
home with two horses and hire a man
here for ~~the~~ \$8 per month, However if any
thing should turn up to prevent my
getting a boy here so as to prevent Gloucester
from leaving I would be glad if you would
write to me immediately giving me
your advice. Love to the family.

Your Aff. son
John H. Todd

B. Ford 16th Oct

25

The Honble

Thomas Todd

mail

{ Frankfort
Kentucky

A
T633
3

Cantonment near Lexington
1. December 1814.

Dear sir,

I presume you are already apprised
that a Court Martial has been in session at
Lexington for several Weeks past, engaged
in the Trial of several persons for military
Offences, amongst which the Trial of Colo.
Owings was one: That trial is now
ended, and I accidentally learned a fact
this day which I deem it my duty
as your friend and as the friend
of your son May Todd to communi-
cate to you in order that all proper
steps may be taken in due season to
prevent mischievous consequences. —
since Colo. Owings arrest he has

1814

Dec 1st.

Lexington.

From A. Butler to
Judge Thomas Todd.

taken it into his head to fancy that many
Gentlemen of the army through personal motives
have been instrumental in procuring what he
calls a persecution of him; — amongst those
he includes your son, and I am this day
informed that he is so violently hostile towards
May. Todd that he means to proceed (as soon
as he shall be permitted) to Washington City
and effect in some way if possible the injury
and dismissal of the Major from service. The
gentleman from whom I obtained the information
has already written you on the subject, but
inasmuch as an attempt may be made ^{against}
him by letter (indeed I understand it has ^{already} ^{been}
done) I thought it best to advise you on the
matter that such letters might be written your
friends at Washington as would preclude the
formation of a prejudice against him. —

Don't treat this affair as light rumour for
my informants had these ~~information~~ ^{facts} from Col.
Twins himself, and you know well enough
his violent and prejudiced mind to be sure
that whatever he meditates of this character,
he will pursue to consummation if possible.

Your son is now at a distance, the letter ad-
-ressed to him may not reach him for weeks,
and moreover when it does so, he may have
it less in his power to counteract the
influence of machinations against
him than you have. I therefore

determined on the instant of obtaining
a knowledge of what was going forward
to notify you — I have had but 10 min
-utes to write, the Mail is about to close,
— tomorrow morning I leave Lexington for
20 days, and on my return may see you
at Frankfurt.

with great respect I remain
Yours most obed^t Serv^t
A. Butler

? Enclosed in 1814 Dec. 18

Thomas Todd To
C. S. Todd
E. M.

The Honorable
Thomas Todd Esq.
Frankfort
Kentucky



He can stop

injury
The

A
T633
13
Extract to Judge Todd. 14 Sept 1815.

competency acquired by an honorable pursuit has always been my chief
desire and I am satisfied that my ideas of a decent competency do
not exceed yours - to succeed in any pursuit, exertion is absolutely
necessary - I have a deep sense of the obligation produced by your
kindness to me in every period of my existence. for the innumerable
instances of your regard. I trust I always have been and ever shall
be profoundly grateful - If I am not all that a kind father
would desire, I hope it cannot be ascribed to any unworthy conduct
on my part. - I have endeavored to deserve your good opinion by a
deportment not yet aspersed and by an effort to discharge the
duties due you and my country. it is my determination to devote
myself to my profession and upon every occasion to evince my
gratitude for your goodness - With that view I would more
particularly desire you to procure the D. Judge ship be
when better opportunities would be

presented me and then let my conduct
prove the sincerity of the determination - I have been led to these
remarks by a belief that some part of my conduct has met
your displeasure - what part I know not - of intention I
cannot. I have therefore to ask your confidence and beg to know
the precise state of your feelings that I may so regulate my
conduct as to produce the first wish of my soul - your
approbation.

Wm. A. Smith

[CST]

4031
benefit of
public services

Miscellanies.

Letters from J. J. Crittenden,
James Munroe. Henry Clay,
Albert Pike.

1819

Aug 13th.

Russellsville.

From John J. Crittenden
to Pres. Jas. Monroe
recommending Col. Chas.
S. Todd for the office of
Register, Receiver of
Public Money & Commis-
sioner to settle land
claims in Arkansas ter-
ritory.

A
T633

Pupellsville Augst: 13th 1819

Dr Sir

A letter from my friend Col^l Charles
S. Todd has just informed me that he is desirous
of obtaining an office in the Arkansas Territory.
An appointment to the office of Register, Receiver
of public money, or commissioner to settle land
claims, in that Territory, would be very accepta-
ble to him - He would however greatly prefer
the office of Register, & particularly that, which
he understands is proposed to be established at
Mount Prairie, on the little Missouri, a branch
of the Washita, between the Arkansas & Red ri-
vers - Col^l Todd will be best & most
strongly recommended to your favour by his pub-
lic reputation & his public services - His con-
duct through life, has been public spirited &
honorable - And throughout the late war
his services were active, zealous, & distinguisht
- He is the son of the Honble. Judge Todd of
the Supreme Court, & the son in law of the venera-
ble

= ble Shelby. — His capacity & integrity will
insure to the government the able & faithful
discharge of the duties of either of the above-
mentioned offices which may be confided to him

And in this full confidence I join most cor-
dially in recommending him to your favour-
able patronage — I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect & consideration

Y^{rs} Obedt. Servt.

John C. Crittenden

James Monroe Esq^r

President of the U. States

Enclosed in 1819 Aug. 14 Crittenden to
C. S. Todd.

Esq^r

James Monroe

President of the U. States

Washington City

A
T633

Muskegonville August 14th 1819

Dr Sir

I have received your letter of the 29th of July, & have just written to Mr. Monro, Mr. Crawford & Mr. Meigs soliciting for you the office you wish to obtain in the Arkansas Territory - I enclose you the letter to the President, the other two are substantially the same, & I shall send them on direct to the City of Washington - After seeing how far my letter to the President meets your views, you can forward it from Frankfort -

It will always afford me great pleasure to have it in my power to promote in any way your wishes or your happiness - If the service I could render you was proportioned to the satisfaction I feel in attempting ^{it} your success would be very certain - The associate & school-fellow of my boyish days, & the friend of my whole life, could not I hope considerate as "pre-

"surrendering" too much upon my friendship, to ask,
& to expect with perfect confidence all the aid
I could give in the project stated in his letter.

I am pleased to hear that you are
like to extricate yourself so fortunately & so
successfully from the difficulties & embarrass-
ments that have fallen so heavily upon you
& many of my nearest & best friends -

I shall be with you in about one
month - There to enter upon a new career -
where it may lead me, I know not - But this
I feel, & feel with much anxiety, that much of
my happiness & wellfare in life, depends upon
the issue. -

With the best wishes for your pros-
perity, I remain

Yr Friend

John Britten den

Col^l Charles S. Todd

P.S. Ask Mr Bible if he has yet an-
swered my letter, & if not, I pray you urge him
to do it immediately, or to instruct you how to
do it L. J. C.

Put back Todd paper

1819

Aug 14th.

Russellsville.

From John J. Crittenden
to Col. Chas S. Todd re-
fering to the request of
Col. Todd.

Enclosing 1819 Aug 13

Attended to Jas. Moore

on
enc

Wm. J. Moore

Russellville Aug 11

37

Col^d Charles, S. Todd

Frankfort

Kentucky

Mail $\frac{3}{4}$

1819

Aug 13th.

Oct.?

From Pres. Jas. Monroe
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

Referring to Col. Todd
& Col. Nicholas.

The Filson Historical Society

Dear Sir

You have the promised letter
enclosed - See that you & Co. Nicholas
fall not out by the way - assist each
other, and may you both succeed on
living terms - is the truly tho' sincere
wish of your friend.

James Monroey
13th Oct. 1819

Co. L. L. Todd

Washington
Oct. 14 75

Col. Charles S. Todd

of Kentucky now at

via Monrovia Washington City

(Copy)

1819

Nov 3rd.

Washington.

From Pr s. Jas. Monroe
to Col. R. Johnson as to
Col. Chas. S. Todd.

(Copy)

Washington 3 Nov. 1819.

Dear Sir,

In favor of Col Todd, we had every disposition which could arise, from a just sense of his real merit & patriotism in the late war and his excellent understanding & amiable qualities - We had also an earnest desire to promote his views, so far as it could be done, consistently with our duty to our Country. - He was however underbid considerably and by men, who were so well supported, that we were forced to give them the Contract. - Can you not engage him in yours? His talents and youthful activity may be of great service to you & to the Country - This is merely a suggestion which you will weigh and act on as you both may find proper - I know well your attachment to him and the interest you take in his welfare - With my best wishes for the success of you both and of your brother, in whatever you undertake,

I am dear Sir, very sincerely

Yours,

James Monroe

Col Rich & Johnson

Letter from Col
Monroe to Col R
Johnson - as to

C. S. J.

Political.

1840

Dec 19th.

Washington City.

From ~~Pres~~ Jas. Monroe
(1799-1870)
to Col. Chas. S. Todd.

A
T633

Washington Dec. 19th /40.

My dear Sir

I received in due course of
mail, your letter, with one for Genl Cass, which
I forwarded immediately to New York for Paris.

We have much talk here as
the future; who is to compose the Cabinet
here, &c. - All seems to be in doubt - We
expect that Mr. Webster will go into the State
Dept. - & Crittenden Attorney General - I
feel the deepest interest in the success
of Genl. Harisons Administration, both
for his reputation and the good of the
Country - personally; I have nothing
to ask, or expect - I wish that every
one was as ready disposed of to their satis-
faction - We must do what is right,
and hope for the best - I hope

that Genl. Harrison will come here
as soon as he can conveniently, that
he may have the opportunity to hear
the views of the friends - after a
week or ten days in Washington, he
can go to Virginia, till about
the 15th or 20th of July.

Shall we not
see you here before the 4th of July?
- How is our friend Combs?

Nothing new - your truly

Lo Monroe

Col. C. S. Todd.

Leary

(Probably the nephew of
President Monroe,
b. 1799 - 1870. Member
of Congress 1839-40)

For James Monroe Jr.



for
Jas. Monroe
My
FREE

Col. C. S. Todd
Cincinnati
~~Lexington~~ Ohio
~~Kentucky~~

1819

Oct. 7th.

Lexington

From Henry Clay to Col.

Chas. S. Todd refering to

letters of introduction to

Sec. of War and Mr. Calhou

^A
T633
Dr. Todd

Sept. 7. Oct. 1849.

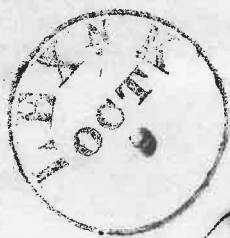
I send you according to promise a letter
to the Secy of War or to the Comptroller respecting your
proposed contract. I also send you an introductory
letter to Mr. Calhoun. I hope they will come in time.
And I wish you much success.

Yrs. friend

W. Clay

THE FILSON CLUB
LOUISVILLE, KY.

4031



18

Col. Charles Todd

Frankfort

(K)



Political.

1840

Dec 20th.

From Albert Pike to Col.

Chas. S. Todd.

Dec 30th

1840

A
T633

Chae Rock

Dec 20 1840

Dear Sir:

As I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, my apology for addressing you must be, that having been myself a warm advocate for the Whig cause during the past election, and knowing you to be a serious and efficient friend of General Harrison, I feel great anxiety to bespeak your influence in matters of great importance to the Whig party in this State.

I hope you will think me neither presumptuous nor impertinent when I remark that we have gained a great victory, and rescued the government from the hands of those harpies and vultures that have administered it solely for their own aggrandizement, and for satiating their own gluttonous appetites for office and money. It now devolves upon us to exercise the power we have gained, as to perpetuate it; and avoid the danger of losing it within four years. In this State we are still in a minority. Here, as every where else, the Whigs have interposed against the pernicious principle of conferring office as a reward for mere partisan services; and cashiering honest and faithful public servants for principles sake. It is necessary for us, now, and here, as well as even where else, to show to the world that these professions were not mere declamation for the sake of political effect, but

honest expressions of firm and abiding principle. Among the Public Officers in this State, some are honest, capable and correct; others, incompetent and perhaps dishonest.

It is principally because I understand that numerous applications for office in this State will be made to General Harrison, that I have been induced by this letter to trespass on your patience. I am anxious that none should be removed but the incompetent and dishonest - not appointed, but responsible, honest, upright men - against whom no charge can be brought by any party. There are men in this State who ought to be removed. There are others who ought not. In addressing you I am actuated by no private or personal motive; for a successful practice in my profession relieves me from all desire of office; and I have no relatives to recommend. But I have fought with the minority here for more than seven years; and mean to fight on until victory greets us: and I am anxious to see office so bestowed as to aid the good cause, not to injure it.

Of the Public Officers in this State David Fulton Surveyor General at Dutch Rock, is grossly incompetent - so much so, that when appointed by the influence of his former Senator, the appointment disgusted even the Democrats at Dutch Rock. He is glaringly ignorant and stupid, and perfectly unable to perform a single duty devolving upon him. W. M. Stevenson, Register of the Land Office at Dutch Rock, is -

preacher, who has soiled the sacred gown by meddling in politics and finally got his office as a bribe, when about deserting the party, for some supposed personal wrongs. Abraham C Howell, Receiver, and John G. Freed, Register, at Clarksville, Johnson Co. are both grossly incompetent - Howell especially, for he can hardly write his own name. Moreover, it was with great difficulty that he obtained security; nor do I believe his security is now sufficient. It would be well to examine his accounts. As an event they are both most ridiculously incompetent, and it is a disgrace to the Country that they were appointed.

Should a vacancy occur in any of those offices, I hope it may be filled with a proper man. For Surveyor General I would recommend Charles P. Bertrand, of Little Rock, who has been for many years a citizen of this Country - even from early boyhood, and is every way competent, responsible and honest. For Receiver at Clarksville, Col. Lorenzo H. Clarke of Johnson Co. a man of unimpeachable honor, integrity and responsibility - long a citizen of the Country, and against whose character every voice has nothing to say. For the office of Register at Clarksville, Col. John Howell, an old, reputable, intelligent, responsible and honest citizen, living in Johnson County.

It is such men as these whom I desire to see attain office. If they do so, our enemies can only say that we have rewarded our friends - but will be compelled to allow, that these

turned out are incompetent, and the offices better filled.
There are certain officers, as I remarked, who I hope may not
be disturbed. Among these are the Postmaster at Salt Lake,
who is a faithful and honest officer; and Major Armstrong,
who is Indian Agent here. There is no officer in any place
more faithful, honest and vigilant than Major Armstrong,
and to remove him would vitally injure us. Moreover I am
informed that a certain Major Davis has proceeded Enid
to obtain office - probably Armstrong's office. It is my duty to say
to you, and through you to General Harrison, that Davis' rep-
utation is bad - his character not free from stain. He has
for many years stained his Army in an equivocal manner,
and it is currently reported and publicly asserted, that not
long since - he wrote to the Indian Bureau at Washington
charging Glasgow & Harrison, Indian Contractors, with using
false weights and measures, for corn and beef, whereby they
had gained over one hundred thousand dollars; and that his
silence was bought by them, with the sum of thirteen thousand
dollars, paid to him in hand. Of this I have no doubt. To
opposite him to office would ruin us in this State. I hope
may be excused for asking you and in preventing such an
event.

There is also a gentleman in Salt Lake, Mr. Thos.
M. Newton, who is, I know, an applicant for the office of
Marshal. His wife is the daughter of Col. Allen who fell at
the River Raisin.

In behalf of these gentlemen, especially of Col. Clarke

Mr. Bertrand and Mr. Newton, I feel no hesitation in writing I know them to be among the very first men in the State, and their honor and integrity, capacity and industry, have never been questioned by any one. Either of them will do credit to any office conferred upon them.

May I beg you, my dear Sir, to lay before General Harrison, or communicate to him, the contents of this letter. It is written with a sincere desire for the glory of his administration; by one whose name may perhaps not be entirely unknown to you. If however you should not recognize it, I beg leave to refer you to the Hon. Mr. Cushing of Mass. and Mr. Benton of Knoxville.

With the hope Sir that you will not consider this an impertinent intrusion

I am very truly

Yours most etc

Albert Pike

P.S. I neglected to mention that Howell and Sneed, the Register and Recorder, insulted a Whig meeting this summer by dropping an effigy of General Harrison with a petticoat, parading the streets of Clarksville with it, and then burning it: and that during the whole summer they grossly prostituted their offices to electioneering.

A. P.

Col. C. S. Todd.



PAID paid - Double

Ch. Box No. 11.

37

Mr C. S. Todd

Cincinnati

Ohio

