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New York January 3, 1846

My dear beloved Anonieding, ~~write me soon~~.

Your pistol is now in excellent order & in my possession; but I shall not send it this day week, as I ~~am~~ ^{learn} at Starve's Express Office, that it will cost no more to send a package five times as large as the pistol case. So I shall wait & send some other articles with it. I am endeavoring to procure some Buffalo Tongues for you. At any rate I shall send some books & other articles that will please you & your good service, my dear & well beloved friends, Maria, Maria & all your friends are well. Rosalie appears to me & thinks as much about you as ever. She is now in Philadelphia, in consequence of Mrs. Thomas being at Mr. Hall's. She writes from Philadelphia, that Fort tells her, he sells more of your March than anything else; and that it is the most popular piece of music ever published in this country. Maria has written an article for the Columbian Magazine called "Recollections of Be Bull" calculated to ^{do} you more good than anything I ever read about your own good self. She has also written a mighty funny & interesting article about your childhood, for a book she is publishing. I shall send you all so soon as published.

Mrs. Benson will return from to the city. I shall then make him your present, in your name & get him to move in the matter of the Agricultural Instruments. Excuse the bad appearance of this letter. I have been obliged to write in haste.

Most of the newspapers in the country will copy
the articles, I have no doubt. Your efforts
continue to be much talked about. You
entered the hearts of the American people,
& there you will remain & be kept nice & warm.
God bless you, dear Ole. I am expecting
daily, your box of Mammoth Cave Articles. When it
comes you will get it, never fear; and
you will get your pistol, too, say to Henrich.
You must place the caps on, before you load
the pistol I gave you.

Dokeyer's visit to this country will be a perfect
failure. He pretends he has hurt his hand
badly. I believe the pretense is merely to
cover his failure. He had not 300 persons
the first night he performed in Boston. Master Donke
fails to attract any sort of a house at 50 cts.
Do not forget, dear & honored Ole,
to send me every paper containing ^a notice
of you. Letters & papers will reach me
by being left at the office of Standen's

Express Agency 14 Boulevard Poissoniere
Paris.

I dress up in your dear old clothes occasionally,
dear Cec, & love & think of you very, very
much. God bless you, & cause you
never to forget & think of poor Bona.
Write me often. No one shall see your
letters, if you desire me not show them.
My feelings & friendship for you are sacred.
I never make public my love for & intimacy with
you & never shall. I hope you understand this
& believe it, dear friend. María is doing you
all the good she can, all the time. Write
to & think of her.

There is one favor I will ask of you.
A picture of your wife, & if possible, Alexandre's
likeness. María is keeping your picture for him.
When he is old enough to appreciate it,
she will send it to him. I have an
engraving of Mr King, our Minister which I
shall send by next packet. Please make
my kindest regards to your wife & kiss & bless
your children for me. And believe me,
dearly beloved & honored Cec, your

Sincere & lastingly attached friend

John Clapper
Wall St 38.

Please ask me most freely to see you in any way. I shall
always delight in doing you some. I had a paper
containing a notice of you.

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à Paris France.

From

John Hopper

Jan. 3, 1846

