

New. Orleans, June 12. 1842

My dear John

I have been intending for a long time to drop you a line in answer to your letter from Natchez on your way to Fort Covington - but the uncertainty of a letter reaching you, & a hurry of business for the last six weeks, has prevented my attending but I write to my own private correspondence. I was very sorry to hear of your removal from Jeffersons Baracks, & should have liked to have spent a few weeks with you, in such a delightful place as your former St. Louis. For the last two or three weeks we have been in awful confusion regarding money matters, all the Banks but the New Orleans & this circulation is so small, that it does not afford a currency so we are now left without any sort of fixed currency - it has almost entirely put a stop to every kind of business - and the whole community has become paralyzed - I should not now be the least surprised to see a serious mob - raised. I heard from Poplar Grove a few days since Mother & Father were on the eve of leaving for Baltimore - Mother spoke of Father's delicate health which gives her some uneasiness, as you know he has been most of his life healthy - All the rest well & no news - The Adams had gone to Baltimore - I have not seen the result of the races - I shall buy the June No of Inst Regent after reading will send it to you - Write me the moment you get this & say if you get my letters promptly