

New York Oct 15th 1838

My dear brother -

I received your last letter
disclaiming all intentional neglect but I
was satisfied of that the day after I wrote you
the one of which this was the reply. the
way the mistake was my letter though written
- according to the date - at the same time did
not arrive until the day after Mr. McLeod's
you know I had not received an answer to
mine written nearly a year ago, and this
I stated to you in the one written in August
and asked particularly for a reply to some
queries which I made and upon the whole
it was a letter that seemed an answer of
some kind or other - at the same time
Mr. McLeod wrote a short note at the end
now supposing that you had a wife - which
it is very probable you may have before long
and supposing you wrote to me a long letter in
which you shewed a very particular desire and a request to hear
from me and supposing your wife wrote a short note, to which

in due time there came a very kind reply in the form
of a letter, but not the least allusion to you or your
letter further than to say that ~~you~~ I replied to the
note in brother's letter - would you not think
it very unaccountable and that something
surely was wrong I did and with reason too
but you cannot appreciate the force of these
remarks because I think at least you would
not feel it a neglect if I should never write
to you at all - and as for disliking or thinking
it neglecting me to write to Mr. Wood. It is not so
nothing could be farther from my thoughts, or
to write me a ~~great~~ piece in his letter at
any time would be sufficient and indeed
more than I did expect - but this was a par-
ticular occasion - and I was too quick in
my reply this time I was sorry I had not
waited until the next day and then I would
have received your very welcome and
satisfactory letter. you will say this so much ado
about nothing perhaps - so I will say no more
than that the forgotten letter was indeed just
such a care as I liked to receive and gave
me great pleasure indeed. I hope you will
~~be able to~~ ^{be able to} have time to make us a visit after this

most important event which is expected to transpire
is over. could you not go home this way as easily as the
other - I will expect to hear from you on your
arrival in Phil. I fear Mr McLeod cannot
go next week as he expects to attend Presbytery the
week after but nothing that I can prevent will
detain me from coming if I knew the time if
I should come alone but I think Mr M will
come if you write to him and you need
not go to the other extreme with formally
and apologies to me if you write to him
it will answer both - This time,
Love to all at home & to dear little
Wylie who it appears has forgotten his
fathers house altogether - I remain

your affectionate and truly attached
sister - Margaret McLeod

P.S. Do you have such a horror of blots
as you had when a little boy
if so I ought not to send you this
letter - written with a pen that will not hold the
ink

I will write your father (whose letter I have just recd) immediately - Ask the if he recd a letter from me, two weeks ago, enclosing \$20 bill of Mississippi money - I am very anxious about it as he has never referred to it -



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Dear Tom: If you are going to give us a frolic I wish you would appoint it the same week next (including it next) (Tuesday 30th) Don't wish to dictate only would like to kill two birds with one stone. I wrote you to Philad: last week. Keep a close mouth about my winter anticipations - Yesterday I recd a letter from Mr. Kell - very kind and cordial. He invites me to Princeton. Let me hear from you as soon as you can. Old Mr. Gibson died yesterday. Mr. & Mrs. M. & Co.