

Genl. Andrew Jackson

Et. President of the U. S.

Very Dear Sir, April 21st 1841

It is long since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you. If the fact be true, who has said, "Expectation ~~sweetens~~ sweetens the blessing," then indeed I still hope the more to be entertained by hearing of your health & happiness.

I have nothing interesting to communicate, nor indeed have I the leisure at present to write a long letter - My object is to inquire after your health & that of your dear family, & for our good friends in Israel, Mrs. Denelson & Mrs. Anderson, and all the dear little flock. I had hoped to visit you this summer, & preach for you a few weeks, but the times are so hard, and it is so inconvenient to leave home, that I fear I shall not be able.

Our Legislature is in session -

A pro re nata session, at the call of the Governor to provide for the called session of Congress. There is considerable excitement about the General Ticket Bill, which you know was passed last winter; & which would probably give the Republicans the whole State Representation in Congress. The Whigs are as furious & as unprincipled as ever. They seem resolved to repeal the Genl. Ticket law, or to bully the Democrats into their measures. They have declared they will leave the House as a body, rather than be present when an election will should pass to elect members to Congress by that law. If they leave there is not a quorum of Democrats, & the whole matter may be defeated. Heaven save our Country from the domination of such men. I believe there are many heartily sick of Harrison & Reform. They are beginning to find out their delusion.

We have a cold wet spring. Crops are not promising as yet. Health of the country is good. My own health is as usual. My family are all well.

You have learned now doubt that Genl Harrison
is dead. What is human life, but vanity -
what toil & strife for one month's elevation to
the Chief Magistracy? It is remarkable that
one short month numbered his administra-
tion. I trust this warning voice of Providence
will be heard & heeded by our men in
power - that they will become more pru-
dent, forbearing & goodly. I pray that they
may become more self-sacrificing, pa-
triotic & moral. "Righteousness exalteth a
nation". And now my very dear General,
may Heaven deal very graciously with
your soul. May your days be marked
with Heaven's smiles, & your sun many
days hence, go down amidst that
peaceful cloud of glory, that a long,
laborious & eminently useful life
has thrown over your name & services.
May your health be good - your heart
encouraged, & your soul replenished
with the consolations of the Gospel
of the Grace of God.

My love to all inquirers - especially dear
Mrs Jackson & Adams & little ones -
As ever your most devoted friend -
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21 April. Tuscaloosa Ala. W. A. Scott

The Revd
W. W. Scott
In the
at
around 8. J. Gray
1841.

Jackson
Hermitage
Tenn.