

New Orleans, Sunday, May 10th 1840

To

My Pretty Cousin Polly

Notwithstanding you have not thought it worth while to acknowledge the letter I wrote you and Fanny some months since I have determined to write to you again. I have heard your reasons for not writing, and must beg to be excused for informing you that they are altogether imaginary on your part.

Since the commencement of the great revival in Maysville there had been a wonderful change wrought in my religious opinions. I do not wish to make you believe that either Messrs. Maffatt or Grundy have worked this change - for to Doctor Breckenridge belongs the credit. Knowing that you feel an interest in whatever relates to the conversion of sinners to the doctrines of Christianity, I will, with the assistance of our blessed redeemer, devote a few lines of this letter to an account of my experience in gaining that light which has proved, to my satisfaction, the inspiration of the apostles.

As I do not wish to weary you with the subject, I will make it very brief by only relating a few facts. Soon after doctor Breckenridge arrived here I went to hear him preach, merely from curiosity, and was very much pleased with him.