

If Col. Russell shall have left Harrisburg
before this letter reaches the Postmaster
will please forward it to Washington, D.C.

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Col. Wm Henry Russell

Harrisburg

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Clifton 5th Decr. 1839.

Dear William

I have this moment received your letter post-
-marked "Wheeling" the 30th ult. - on your way to the Harrisburg conven-
-tion. I have to regret a second time, that your previous en-
-gagements with great men as travelling companions have
prevented your calling at Clifton - & little out of your course -
You say that you have spent a day or two at Ashland
& your Mother's. I am happy to learn that your Mother & his
family are in good health - but I do not care a damn
about all the folks of Ashland -

I would be quite glad to see you very facetious & delight-
ful travelling companion, the Old Stone Mason. But I
have no job on hand in his line, at present. I expect
to build a large stone barn next summer - but I suppose
the time is too distant to sent him. You can mention the
subject to him, however; & if he should be inclined to under-
-take the job, at your recommendation, he shall have it.

You kindly invited me to meet you at Harrisburg, or at any
rate at Washington by the 12th inst. - when you expect to remain
4 or 5 days - Alas! Sir, I am now too old & too much oc-
-cupied by engagements & duties that are indispensable, to make
any trip of mere pleasure or amusement - It so happens
however, that I shall probably be at Washington about