

Middlebury Dec 9 1871 -

My Dear Sir,

I recd yours some time since by
Thos Robinson Esq. - I meant soon to have
answered it, but my time has been un-
usually occupied for several weeks past, &
that in some measure on new objects, for
must know if you dont already that we
have a little son in our family, that we
call Ann, about 4 weeks old, and a fine
little fellow he is, one of the tickleest boys
in the world especially in his parents
opinion - he was born on the 13th of Nov:
Mrs D. is & has been remarkably well, and her
health is apparently nearly reestablished,
the child has not been so well as we could
wish, and has exhibited some unfavorable
symptoms, of which too the Doctor spoke dis-
couragingly - but for the last 3 days he has ap-
peared to be better, nor have we at any
time despaired of raising him, to be sure
parental fondness would be likely to magnify
& cling to every favorable circumstance
Dec 11th Mrs D. continues well, & the little
one appears to be gaining. & seems to give better
evidence of health & growth.

In yours above alluded to you refer me to Mr
R. as to your business - I did not learn much
from him relative to that subject. but the

result of all the information I can get on
the subject is, that you are not doing as well
as you ought, or in other words - that the sphere
in which you move & act is too limited for your
capacities - and I believe you to be possessed of
resources which will qualify you to act in
a more extensive & important sphere - you
however may judge of the case, & of my opinions as
as you please, for you know I have never had,
or at least expressed to you, but one opinion on
this subject, - you will have the goodness to
excuse me for introducing this subject again,
but if your determination is fixed & the resolu-
tion already pass'd, to remain where you are
& take fortune for better or worse, I will no further
intrude by again introducing the subject,
you will, I presume, do me the justice to be-
lieve that in all I have said, your interest
only has been considered -

Four lawyers have settled in Midy since
you left, viz, Turner & Childs, partners, who
occupy the office in the brick building, which
I formerly occupied - B. Parks who read with
Chipman - & W. H. Averest who also read with
C. it is said however that Childs has determin'd
to return to Franklin Co. - Parks & Averest
are clashing away smartly - they were both
admitted at the last Term of our C. C. -
but these things have no interest with you
if you have made up your mind to stay
in Chute - I cannot but think you would
have done well here, Slack is doing consider-
able business - & will undoubtedly get a
living.

When do you calculate to visit Nidry again,
we shall be glad to see you. Long time as to many
things - and I will here ask whether the Judge
has signed a note as was contemplated, &c

There has lately been established in this Town a
Washingtonian Society, so call'd, as to its particular
constitution & character I have not yet learnt
much is said of its benevolent objects, it may be
so, & it may have political objects in view - none
I am told, are admitted except those who are
array'd in hostility to the general & State Government
It may be that its objects are really good. but
as was said of the Grecian horse, instar mentis
which they pretended was a offering to their gods,
as Laocoon said in that case, I fear some mis-
chievous design lurks within it -

I think of no domestic occurrences which
can be interesting to you, you will have
the goodness to write to us frequently - & come
see us as often as possible -

Remind me to the Judge &c -

Mrs D. writes with me in respectful
remembrance to you - J. Doobitt

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