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Camden N.J.
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My dear Cousin

The receipt of your letter of the 23rd ulto, was delayed a little by my absence from home.

As soon as I returned I addressed our relatives at Rochester Monroe Co, and at Grafton Ohio, requesting them to furnish me with the family statistics (in which I am disgracefully deficient) that I might be enabled to give you a pretty full history of the lineage of those branches of the race, who have resided, or do reside, in those places; - whereof you can see such portions as fall within the purview of your labor of domestic patriotism.

As soon as I get my replies the results shall be transmitted to you.

It was forgiving & magnanimous of you to notice me at all after that shameful neglect of your former kindness. And if I do not, by promptitude in future, manifest my appreciation of such forbearance, I shall prove myself wholly unworthy of a renewal of the like generosity.

I drop this hurried note just to advise you that you may soon expect some branches for your Genealogical tree, which I hope to be able to accompany with something of a letter from myself and wife to you & your lady. The truth is

I have been ^{driven} on a professional & judicial treadmill for years, without a moment's respite for social recreations of any sort.

My office expires with this year, I have refused to take it again and as I have become too deaf to follow my profession, I think I shall have leisure to atone for all past short comings of the claims of friendship and Consanguinity. Nay, I even go so far as to anticipate the pleasure of yet seeing you on the banks of the Missouri, where the shades of "Lindenwood" will doubtless prove far more refreshing to my social than those of the Hudson have to my party spirit.

Mr. Sibley unites with me in assurance of unabated kindness and respect for yourself and beg you will make our best regards, and hope for a future acquaintance, acceptable to you & lady.

Very sincerely,
Yours,
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