

COPY OF A LETTER

FROM: JOHN M. G. EMORY

TO: His Father-in-law,

COL. CALEB NORTH
No. 179 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

(Col. North was an
aide to Washington.
He arranged a Phila.
reception for Lafayette
referred to below as
the "Nation's Guest")

Fav'd. by
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The letter now (1910) in the possession of Miss Alice Cheezum,
granddaughter of J. M. G. Emory.

Easton, Md., Nov. 26, 1824

My dear Sir,

As the health and happiness of all those we heartily esteem are amongst the uppermost thoughts of our hearts, so in this instance I take the earliest opportunity of sincere wishing that both yourself and all of the family at large possess them both in the best degree, - and as I am fully aware that reciprocal feelings exist on your part, am pleased to inform you, that we all, from the greatest to the least, possess them in a reasonable way - cheerfulness being pretty much the attendant of those of mature years and wildness with noise of almost every kind, the constant rattling of the younger ones.

I now have to regret that it was out of my power to accept of your kind invitation to be present at the entre' of the Nation's Guest in your brilliant city. It would have afforded me a pleasure that would have lasted my life, but certain circumstances occurred to prevent and as it is all passed and gone, content myself with the happy reflection, that my country in that instance has behaved with gratitude, has and still is showing, one of the heroes of our revolution, that attention, his services, his character and his station in society so amply called for. I have yet some hope of seeing him, before he takes his final leave of us, for I am told, he cannot think of relinquishing his native country, and is determined to return. Let him stay or go, my warmest wishes for his happiness shall attend him.

Our elections for the present season are at an end. We have had a siege of them, first our state delegation, then our congressman and last, an election of the president. At present, we are all rather in the dark who will succeed Mr. Munroe. It is supposed at this time Mr. Clay will. I have only to say, I trust the wisdom of the people will place the best man in that distinguished station and I will be content. Ann received a letter from our good mother, stating you were all well, and that she with some of the children and hoping also yourself would visit us in the spring. Could you consider the pleasure it would give us, think you would make a great exertion, - and I here most anxiously solicit you. Mr. Benson wrote me a few days since. I