



FATE OF TRAITORS!

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Miss Mollie

Yours of the 10th came
safely to hand this morning and was
one of the most interesting that I have
had the pleasure to peruse for many
days. for which I feel myself greatly
indebted to you. It seems perfectly
natural for one to be interested in
corresponding with a friend - and more
with some than others. Truly I congrat-
ulate ^{myself} in having such a pleasant-
and interesting correspondent - as you
have proved to be. As I expected.
And very naturally too

It must be very gloomy since Mr. J. has taken his exit. I can sympathize
for greatly in such hours of loneliness. Notwithstanding I am happy to think
such a devoted friend near me. Undoubtedly I will be moved with a visit by him.
Really I am very sorry that I was so thoughtless as not to secure an exclusive
right to the improved style of balancing. Though that would have been
somewhat selfish - feel much better in being philanthropic.
As usual I can't think of any thing interesting to write. There is nothing
to think of hear excepting military matters all of which are perfectly
stale. The 28. regiment left here last week it was a grand
affair though a very affecting one. There was some talking on
then and very fully too since that time every thing
has been gloomy. I suppose you learned what was
instored in the future. This undoubtedly ^{would} be elegant and
could full perfectly reconciled. This thing of being in
suspense is very unpleasant. Know this from experience.
Knowing the future one could be perfectly prepared to
meet their fate. Let it be fortune smile or adversity
frown. Presume yours to be the fairer. Justly it could not
be other wise. I expect to leave here next week I am going
home to spend a few weeks. To enjoy the pleasures of a rural
life. Please direct your answer to Fredonia Ind.
I hope you will be kind enough to forgive this excessive letter.
I close with my best wishes for your future happiness. And remain yours
Henry



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