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Mr; Henry Whittemore
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Pearl St.
New York City

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My very estimable friend,

Agreeable to our mutual desire
as expressed at our separation, I have now commenced
a correspondence; which, I pray, maybe cherished through
life with as much cheerfulness as it begins – there are, most
surely , many advantages to be derived from an epistolary con-
ference, on what ever we would choose for a subject; but in
our present situation, being at a long distance from each oth-
er, and probably on account of that distance,& the considerable
interval of time which would elapse, before we would
be able to obtain the objections XC of our several propositions,

If not more

I think that we would gain as much ^ pleasure by relating
the circumstances, & occurrences of our mutual welfare,
& that of our friends, as we would from long discussions
on particular themes – however I will wave them for
present whatever be your opinions

My visit at New York was to me highly grat-
ifying. It was to me a real source of pleasure: for till that
time, allow me to say, I never knew how to appreciate your
character; although there had been an acquaintance for a long
time. Yet I regret to say, that it never had been of that
familiar kind, as to enable to know each other's feelings.
With the heartfelt satisfaction I shall ever reflect on
~~my~~ the kind reception I met with at NY and shall ever

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consider the few hours I spent there, as a happy era in my life. My tour up the Hudson was delightful, although I have never seen but little of the world, yet from the ideas I have conceived more variegated scenery, than does the Hudson- at one time, you are stuck with admiration at the elegance art has offered, at another with astonishment at the beauties & sublimates of nature- I arrived at Albany on the 4th of July a day which at once, enkindled within me pleasure & pain – The reflection of that inestimable boon (liberty) which we are proud to commemorate, gave me pleasure, which on the other hand it was painful to reflect on the distance I was from those dear friends, whom on that day for years before, I had met at the festive board – from Troy I proceeded on business for the US Land Agent to Cazenovia 130 ms. W. from thence I returned to this place – I have everything now to encourage me in my present pursuits (the proposition of law) which in this section promise a sure passport to wealth, yet I have seen & experienced so many of fortunes freaks that I do not flatter myself in ~~being~~ of success yet my chance appears now to be good – I could write you a volume on the beauties, fertility XC, of the section but I forbear, suffice it to say, this town is for elegance far beyond any town in N. England any country town I ever saw there – it has a street 1 ½ mile in length of a perfect levels, X in a direct line, beautifully adorned with trees on each side, & handsome buildings a court houses goal, academy & two meeting houses ~~and~~ the society is admirable - ladies who would not give the palm of accomplishments to any

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in N. E. the great canal which is to connect the waters of Erie & Hudson will pass through here. I have an uncle, Dr. Putnam who resides 15 ms. from here he has made himself independent since his arrival 12 ys I shall get my profession for a mere song – I am reading in the Messers. Gold & Sills Office two of the most eminent attorneys in this section, Gold is a member of congress – I was very unhappy to learn that WM Jones has been unfortunate in trade, I saw him at Albany he is a worthy young man – if I knew your views I think

I would be able to give you some information how
you could succeed XC in this part if I can be [damaged](#)
service in any manner to you inform me [letter](#)
I will with the greatest satisfaction attend to your wishes –
my schemes were wild & enterprising at Albany
I was remunerated for my journey – there I was enable
to learn that my projects wouldn't be too hazardous and ac
cordingly my desire for embracing the cause of the para
zits embrided & with that, it seems her hope of liberty
~~hath~~ fled – I am now fixed & determined & I feel that
my fortune is to be made here rather than at N. E. or
South America – please speak of me to Mr. & Mrs Roby
as entertaining a high regard for their worth excellence
and also of my other friends there, your father-Mr & Mrs
Parker – I trust you will write me soon should you
write to Gershom remember me to him with esteem
write me of W Cambridge affairs & XC have written to James
I shall expect a letter from him soon. Believe me dear sir to entertain a high
sense of your genera disposition manifested toward
me while in N.Y. & between me and further to be your
Increases pride C Thompson for
Mr. Henry Whittemore -