

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, October 19, 1842, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, October 19, 1842.

My dear sir, In my last I advised you that your amiable children had left us, and from not hearing from them we suppose they have heard of your indisposition and hurried home; and I trust, before this reaches you, they are with you in improved health. It was truly a pleasure to us to have your dear children under our Hermitage roof. We had only one regret, and that was the shortness of their stay, and my debility, that I could not attend to them agreeable to my desire. It will be always a pleasure to me and my little family to see you or any of your family under our roof at the Hermitage and I now hope from your promise, we will have that pleasure in the latter end of next march, or early in april.

Miss Elisa shew her fine judgment in the selection she made. Miss Emuckfau is improving finely, and I will have her well attended to this winter, when you arrive here in march or april, I think you will see a fine animal of medium size, and good form. The three year old will be also attended to, and when you see both you will be able to judge of the selection Miss Elisa has made, and should you differ with her, you can select the other, which is a fine filly but I think you will admire the judgment of yr. daughter. I had a few days ago an unfortunate tumble, with some injury by the upsetting of major A. J. Donelson's carriage with him and his lady in it, by a careless driver, from the effects of which I am slowly recovering. There was not much injury, but mine the greatest from my debility. But if the horses had took fright, from the position of the carriage, not one of us could have escaped death, or great injury, so you see that providence still protects me, and if he will

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only preserve me untill I can shake hands with you and Major Lewis at the Hermitage to whom present our kind salutations I will be greatly thankfull. For should I live to then, from the Intelligence from Ohio, and Maryland, I think the Democracy will be a majority in both Houses of congress, when corruption and misrule of modern Wiggery will be rebuked, and stability and endurance given to our true republican system, and the high handed injustice done to you by that greatest of demagogues, Henry Clay, atoned for by restoring to you the benefit of your contract, the printing for the senate. Myself and Houshold salute you and yours affectionately. yr. friend